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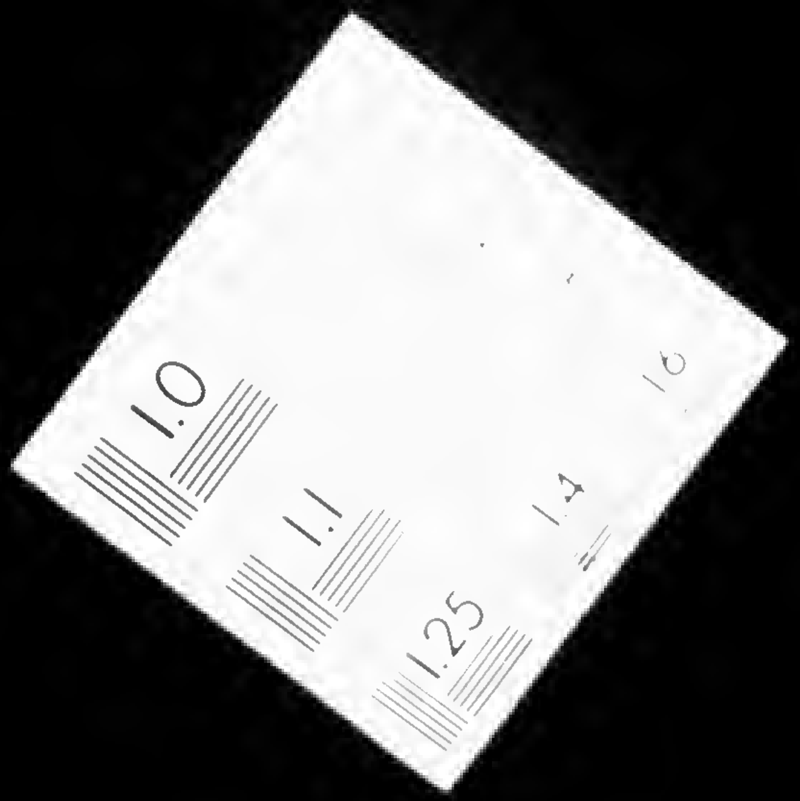
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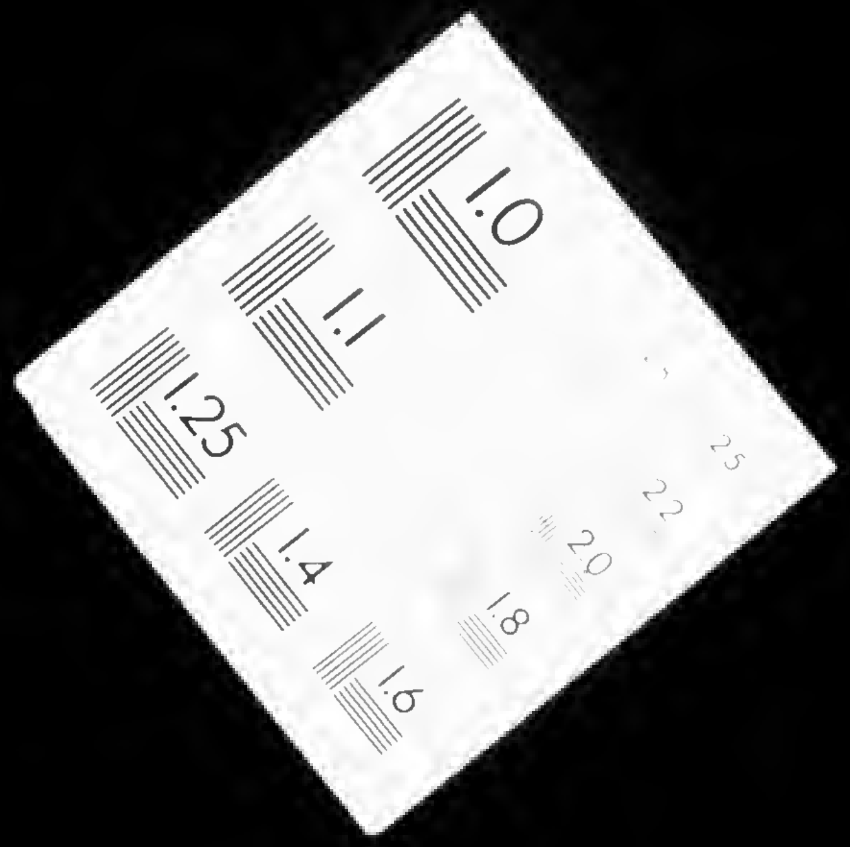
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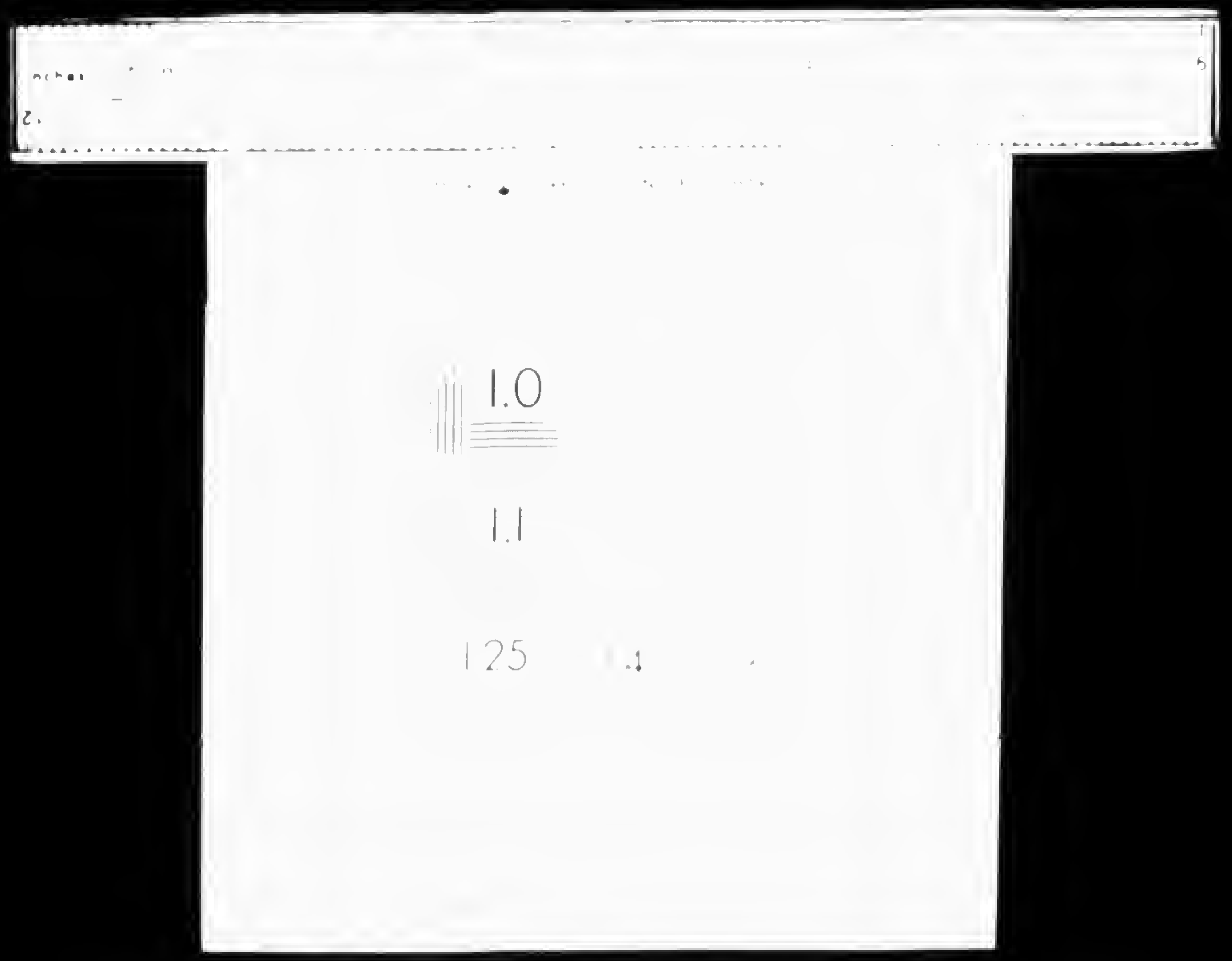
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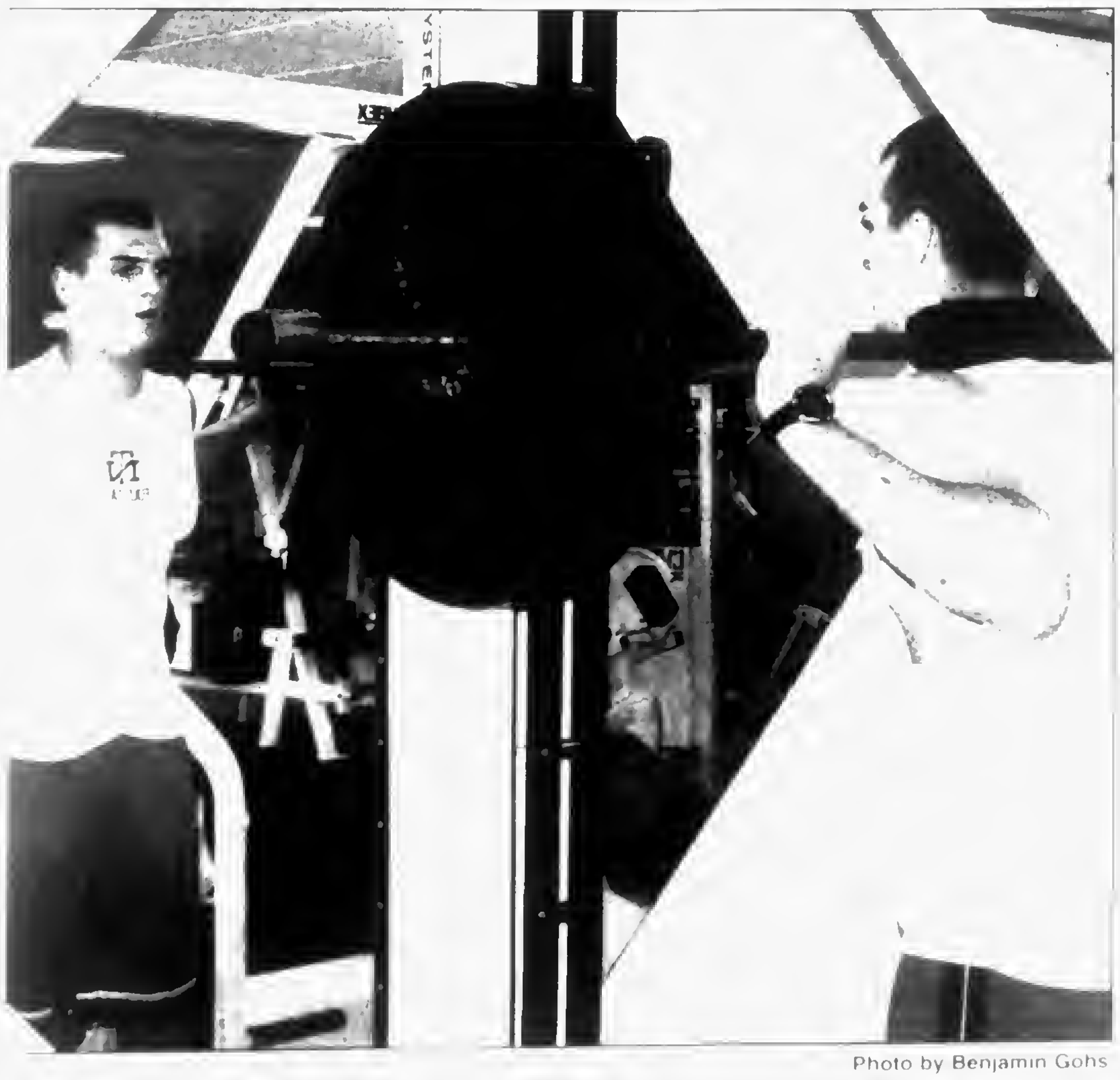

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

R J Winter of Chicago, Ill. lifts weights in the free weight section of Harbor Health and Fitness. Winter said he exercises to keep in shape during football's off season. Local experts offered their advice for keeping challenging New Year's resolutions like fitness commitments and quitting smoking.

Keeping tough New Year's resolutions

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

While improving yourself mentally and physically can be a lifelong process, some local health and financial experts say it's never too late to start.

FITNESS

According to Candy Smith, manager of Harbor Health and Fitness, anyone from 14 to 108 can benefit from a good, safe workout at Harbor.

"There is not an age where you would not be trying to be a little bit healthier," she said. "And we [illegible] work at whatever [illegible] people want to do."

She added, "W[illegible] [illegible] workout [illegible] Safety [illegible] workout [illegible]"

Harbor has free weights, strength and cardio machines and variety of classes.

"We have classes that include everything from cardio to hi-lo step to yoga and pilates," Smith said. "We have strength classes and sculpting classes and we even have one called 'Booty Blast' that emphasizes extra work for the gluteus maximus."

She added, "But there are all kinds of classes, like calming yoga where you get strength and ability to connect the mind and body so you can keep those resolutions and future plans."

Smith's tips for sticking to those resolutions:

- Remain consistent [illegible] every day [illegible] better than [illegible] a marathon once a year.
- [illegible] from exer[illegible] [illegible]

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix Ace Hardware was one of the many Charlevoix businesses which would have seen higher profits if not for a lack of snow. (Above) Clerk, Breanne Dawson, helps Sarah Givens of Charlevoix with a return on an item.

Merchants: Lack of snow slowed holiday sales

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

From B[illegible] Christmas [illegible] on the [illegible] of the [illegible] season.

Local restaurants [illegible] and hardware stores [illegible]

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We saw a lot of both locals and summer residents. They don't want to mess their kitchens up

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Weather

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Dec 25	41	34	–
Dec 26	38	32	
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on the RECORD

DISTRICT COURT

The following case was recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Sheehan David Brier, 37, Charlevoix. Disorderly person/drunk. Fines and costs totaling $300.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office.

Boyne Precision Die & Engineering LLC, 200 Indiana Drive, Boyne City, by Gilbert C. Redmer Sr.

Pooltime, P.O. Box 273, Boyne City, by Jefferey A. Shiers and Jamie B. Shiers.

MARRIAGE

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office.

Robert Gordon Hammontree Jr., 54 and Karen Louise Wilson, 42, both of Boyne City.

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgements of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County.

Micheal Ellwanger vs. Catherine Ellwanger.

Larry Roland Ward vs. Michelle Elaine Ward.

Suzanne Alma Price vs. Scott Michael Price.

Randall DeYoung vs. Renee DeYoung.

Barbara Lynn Mitts vs. David William Mitts.

Chris Bussey vs. Debbie Rosemary Bussey.

BIRTHS

Tallulah Paige Sweet weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces was born on Dec. 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Megan Sweet of Boyne City. Her grandparents are Kay Sweet of Boyne City and Mel Sweet of Bellaire.

Keira Nicolle Luke weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces was born on Dec. 13 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jessica Reiser and Timothy Luke of Petoskey. Her sibling is Nadia Luke. Her grandparents are Chris Reiser and Doug Reiser of Petoskey, and Mike Luke and Sharon Luke of California.

Jonathan Earl Watson weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces was born on Dec. 16 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Paige Watson of East Jordan. His grandparents are Dale and Linda Watson of East Jordan. His great grandparent is Ardis Watson of Kalkaska.

Sophia Merris Ploe weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces was born on Dec. 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kirt Ploe and Renee McCall of East Jordan. Her sister is Cayden. Her grandparents are Beatrice Russell and David Russel and Salli and Jose Encarnacion, all of East Jordan.

Renne John Okkonen II weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces was born on Dec. 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Renne Okkonen and Shawna Stephens of East Jordan. His siblings are Exodus Gocha and Alyssa Okkonen. His grandparents are Martha Okkonen of Pontiac, Ellix Okkonen of Holly, Cheryl Stephens of East Jordan and Stuart Stephens of Pioneer Town, Calif. His great-grandparents are Emo Okkonen and Edwarda Okkonen, both of Pontiac.

Elise Alahna Robertson weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces was born on Dec. 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kirby and Jill Robertson of Gaylord. Her siblings are Hannah and Quentin. Her grandparents are Rob and Elsie Robertson of Gaylord and Dan and Marybeth Zimmerman of Muskegon. Her great grandparents are Garnet and Maggie Zimmerman of Big Rapids and Jewel Norrot of Midland.

Akira Noelle Purdy weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces was born on Dec. 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Anora and Jon Purdy of Charlevoix. Her sibling is Westley Purdy. Her grandparents are Linda and Bill Purdy of Charlevoix, Gary and Brenda Ruehle of Bay City, and Bobbie and Gary Powell of Brisbane, Australia.

Brenden Michael Aenis weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce was born on Dec. 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Michael and Jennifer Aenis of Ellsworth. His grandparents are Peter and Judy VandeArt of Ellsworth and Dennis and Jerolyn Aenis of Central Lake. His great-grandparents are Ken and Jacqueline Watson and Ken and Kathlene Aenis all of Central Lake.

Scammers don't take a break during holidays

Sheriff George T. Lasater would like to remind citizens that the holidays do not stop scam artists.

Lasater warns that Christmas is prime time for Internet scammers aiming to take advantage of unsuspecting citizens.

Lasater would like to remind citizens that any e-mail correspondence asking for or promising money should immediately be treated as a scam. The most common scam that the sheriff's office sees are e-mails from an individual in a foreign country wanting to become a partner in business with the citizen. These e-mails are easily identified as they always ask you to be a sort of middleman and they will give you a certain percentage of their profits.

Lasater reminds citizens to be wary of any offer that seems too good to be true and to use the utmost caution when giving out personal information especially during the busy holiday season.

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Warm weather melts hopes of shopping rush

SHOP

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mation, due to a lack of snow.

Owner of Charlevoix Wear, Kirby Dipert, said his holiday business was good, but the post-Christmas rush he generally sees hasn't been there this year.

"There doesn't seem to be as many folks in town, but all in all we had a good year and a good season," he said. "We feel very fortunate that we are supported by the locals and thank everybody for shopping with us all year long."

Bridge Street Book Shop owner, Jim Berlage, said business is, "Usually pretty good," and blames the lack of snow for the lack of people buying his books this holiday season.

Other Charlevoix restaurants also did well this holiday season.

"We were way up this year," said Scott Forreider, owner and operator of Scovie's Gourmet.

Forreider credits the local population with the increase of business this year.

"We did a ton of gift certificates this year," he said. "We probably tripled the amount of gift certificates this year over previous years."

Forreider said Scovie's gift baskets were also in high demand this season.

"The local support and second homeowners are what really carry us through nine months of the year," he said.

Owner and operator of Charlevoix Ace Hardware, Mark Greyerbiehl, said sales were good, but they could have been better.

"The best way to describe it is mediocre. Folks were just not up here as much because they could look at mud down state or in Chicago or wherever," he said. "Comparatively speaking we were up because of the addition. If we would have had normal weather, business would have been up five to seven percent over last year — not taking into account the addition."

But, he added, "It's not all doom and gloom. We opened up at midnight after Thanksgiving. It was very cool. I think people appreciated the fact that we were open first...and a lot of people came from different areas for that. We stayed busy until about 3:30 in the morning and then things picked back up around 5 a.m."

Greyerbiehl attributed lack of snow and warmer than average temperatures for preventing what would have been a season of record sales.

"We are a seasonal business more so than anybody in this area as far as the greater Charlevoix area," he said. "We do a lot of heating stuff and furnace stuff so that was down."

He added, "When you look at the fact that locals (business owners) shop with us, but the folks are not here because there's no snow, so the shop owners are not coming in — it's a black snowball on business."

Emergency food and shelter funds allocated to Charlevoix

Congressman Bart Stupak announced that 25 counties in Michigan's 1st Congressional District have been awarded $493,000 by the Emergency Food and Shelter (EFS) Program.

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program is a federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency. The program supplements and expands ongoing efforts to provide shelter, food and supportive services.

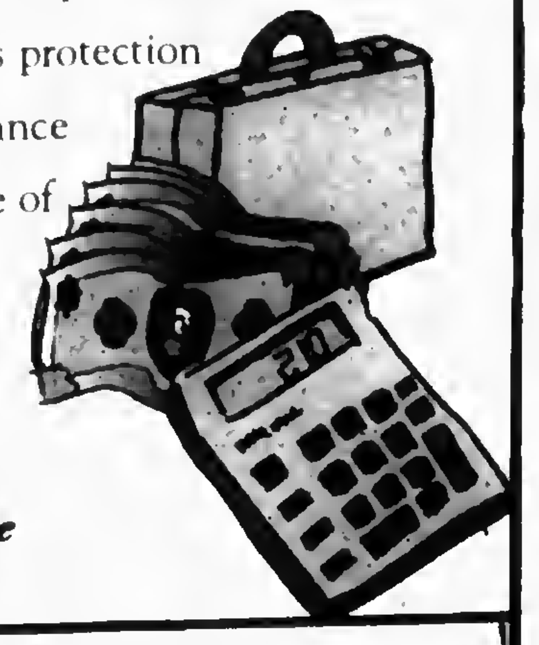
"These federal dollars will help support worthwhile community and service agencies throughout my district," Stupak said. "I am pleased to see this funding come through to benefit northern Michigan residents when they are most in need."

In each funded county, including Charlevoix County, a local board advertises the availability of the funds, establishes local priorities, selects local non-profit and government agencies to receive supplemental funding, and monitors program compliance.

The following northern Michigan counties will receive funds under the most recent allocation: Alcona; Alger; Alpena; Antrim; Arenac; Baraga; Bay; Charlevoix; Cheboygan; Chippewa; Crawford; Delta; Emmet; Gladwin; Gogebic; Houghton; Iosco; Iron; Mackinac; Menominee; Montmorency; Oscoda; Otsego; Presque Isle and Schoolcraft.

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program National Board provides supplemental funding to shelters, soup kitchens and food banks. One-month awards for rent, mortgage and utility assistance are also available. The funds are used to help individuals and families with non-disaster, temporary emergency needs.

The Emergency Food and Shelter Program has been in existence since 1983 and was authorized under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987. The program has distributed more than $2.952 billion to communities nationwide and has accounted for millions of additional meals and nights of shelter to the hungry and homeless most in need across the nation.



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Top 10 resolutions of local movers and shakers

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Whether it's weight loss, quitting smoking, cutting stress, spending more time with the family, doing more volunteer work or going further in your career, you will likely be one of the thousands of northern Michiganders planning to make at least one resolution this year — I know, I never fail to state the obvious.

This time of year people are bombarded by magazines, TV networks and company newsletters with tips on how to keep those New Year's resolutions — even a few insidious newspapers jump on the blasé bandwagon. And, since I'm sure you've already been beaten up one side and down the other with ideas on how to improve yourself, I'll save my annoying tips, tricks and hints for another time.

While the following predictions may be destined for the "Not so much" bin, my vaticinations (the wife got me a new thesaurus for Christmas) on the top 10 '07 New Year's resolutions of Charlevoix's movers and shakers stands — just to be safe, I consulted my doubly dependable slander and libel manual before delving into the realm of make-believe—so here goes:

10. Charlevoix Elementary School Principal, Dick Swenor, resolves to take his antics to the next level by donning a gorilla suit while skydiving blindfolded over a pool of hungry piranha after his students collectively read 1,000 books during the school year.

9. Judges May and Pajtas resolve to increase the "Fun" quotient in their courtrooms by allowing those convicted of minor crimes to choose their punishment, ranging in severity from appropriate to ludicrous, by spinning a large multicolored wheel.

8. To improve the image of the local municipality, City manager, Mike Wiesner, resolves to smile more and work the words, "Delightful, nifty," and "Bling" into his everyday vocabulary, while simultaneously eliminating the words, "Humbug, balderdash," and "Phooey."

7. Local clergy resolve to increase church attendance with the new 5 p.m. "Men's only" services every Friday by including beer and peanuts while sermonizing using only sports analogies.

6. After decades of living a lie, Mayor Norman (Boogie) Carlson resolves to take at least one dance lesson or change his nickname to something more suitable like Norm or Mayor.

5. For the betterment of harmony in City Hall, Third Ward Council member, Shirley Gibson, resolves next month to make Wiesner her valentine, affectionately referring to him as, "The Weez."

4. Bipartisan relations will get a boost when chair of the local republican party, John Haggard, resolves to take a wayward democrat under his right wing. In a shocking twist, green party organizer, Ellis Boal, resolves to say 15 positive things about President George W. Bush without becoming physically ill.

3. In an attempt to improve civilian-authority relations, Charlevoix Chief of Police, Gerard Doan, resolves that his officers will sing Miranda rights to the tune of, "If I were a rich man," from the stage production "Fiddler on the Roof," to perps before they are placed under arrest.

Not to be outdone, Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater, resolves to instate, "Breakfast in Bed Sundays" with a complimentary copy of the New York Times and pulp-free orange juice.

2. Having gone eight consecutive years with never having a bad hair day, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarema, resolves to teach comb and styling techniques for those with bad hairdos down at the local learning annex.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Courier staff writer Benjamin Gohs resolves to lose 65 pounds if Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon kicks cigarettes for one year.

1. While we're in the realm of fiction, the author of The Crying Towel resolves to lose 65 pounds if Charlevoix County Clerk, Jane Brannon, quits smoking for a year.

Thanks for putting up with "The Crying Towel" throughout 2006. Join me this year when I elevate the discourse by discussing misunderstood dictators, fashion for the obese and the positives of polygamy.

Time permitting I'll give cat lovers, orphans and whoever invented handicapped parking spaces a piece of my mind — good thing my publisher has the company's lawyer on speed dial.

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WORD on the street

Charlevoixans voice their opinions ...What's your New Year's resolution?

Theresa Maurer

"Quit smoking. I've said it a million times, but it's happening. There are more reasons to quit than to smoke."

Bryan Eggers

"I don't have one. It's easier to stay happy when you don't set goals you can't complete."

Drew Matthews

"To get out of debt."

Angela Browe

"To focus on the positive things in life and not the negative."

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It's warm but it's not global warming

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

That our winter to this date has been unseasonably warm is no surprise to anyone. I usually depend on clearing the driveway of snow for my winter exercise plan, but this year I need long walks and calisthenics.

One of the fascinations with out-of-season weather is the way those organisms with millions of more years experience of weather variation respond. With no snow cover the deer have stopped coming every night to our bird-squirrel-deer feeder. I suppose that's because there's abundant, easily available food elsewhere. Those organisms without a brain, but millions of years of weather experience, are to me even more interesting. How does a plant, with no good way of keeping track of what is happening weather-wise, behave when the seasons are confounded?

In the week before Dec. 25, and on that Christmas day, I walked around looking for examples of plant behavior. Between our home on Burns Street and downtown, I was able to collect five different plants that were in bloom — flowers, right here in late December.

Given even a few warm days at almost any time of year there will be dandelion blooms, and the English daisies and primroses in our yard are probably more tuned to the winter climate of northern Europe than they are to ours. Although Michigan botanist Ed Voss says that the English daises have been thriving in Michigan since 1897. The cultivated primrose escape from cultivation and manage to establish themselves. Ours have invaded the shady part of our lawn.

One of the blooming floral surprises next to the sidewalk was a plant that travels under the name pineapple weed, since the crushed blooms give off a distinct pineapple odor. It is not a pineapple relative, but is more closely related to thistles, and has moved into Michigan from the Rocky Mountains. The fifth winter bloomer is a tiny mustard relative, probably whitlow grass. It too is an immigrant, this time from Europe.

It makes sense that the out-of-season bloomers are not native to our usual climate. They are not as well adjusted to what happens here as those who have been in Michigan for thousands of seasons.

Finally, does our unusual winter have something to do with global warming? Probably not. The phenomenon is called global warming, not Michigan warming, and as the earth altogether warms up Michigan may be either warmer or cooler, wetter or dryer. The world is genuinely warming up, but what that might do to our local climate or the blooming of our flowers is not so easy to predict. This has been, up to now, a warm winter. Enjoy it as much as possible, but it is not good evidence of anything grander. That evidence comes from worldwide measurements and it is most convincing.

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LETTER to the editor

CHARLEVOIX'S PRECIOUS JEWEL

Editor:

We have a precious jewel in the midst of our town. The Friends of the Library and Charlevoix voters, through the millage, had foresight and wisdom to use the empty (former Charlevoix) Middle School building on Clinton for the new library. The interior was completely rebuilt including an addition. The interior space is used so judiciously with many large wide open, high ceiling rooms, where all can be viewed with a sweep of our eyes, and then zeroing in on all the individual delights of a large variety of books.

There are larger computer areas, a delightful, well-stocked children's room, a teen lounge with comfortable seating, books and magazines. These are all the components of a well stocked library. However, the difference here lies in the grace and extraordinary beauty of this library.

The architecture, design, décor and furnishings are all in the Mission style. The high ceilings are coffered in many areas with understated lighting, the fireplace areas have beautiful Pewabic-like tiles surrounding them. The color schemes are tasteful in quiet, but rich tones of beige, cocoa, orange, brown, blue and turquoise.

There is a historical Michigan room with information and repositories of rare and historic books regarding our northern Michigan treasure. If we were visiting here to view wonderful and unusual sights, this library would be on the top of the list. As a little boy of about 6 came through the doors with his family, I heard him exclaim, "Look mom, it's so beautiful." How true.

Bring your friends and family to view and enjoy our wonderful library.

Irene Stein Garon
Charlevoix

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Guild donates $9,500 to PT department

As a final contribution in 2006, Chris Unbehaun, president of Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild and treasurer, JoAnne Friedman, recently presented a check to Lyn Jenks, director of the hospital foundation, in the amount of $9,500.

The contribution will cover the cost of the recently purchased elliptical machine and a NU-Step machine for use in the Charlevoix Area Hospital Physical Therapy Department.

The guild conducted numerous fund-raising events in 2006, the proceeds from which have been used to purchase equipment and services for Charlevoix Area Hospital. The hospital gift shop, run by guild members and volunteers, is a year-round contributor to the funds raised by the guild and this year, had sales in excess of $45,000.

As this year ends, Unbehaun will also be closing a chapter with the guild. She has served the guild for the past two years as president and turned over the gavel to Cass Williamson on Jan. 1. Unbehaun has assumed new responsibilities as presidential council to the guild.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Steve Paterka, a Charlevoix Area Hospital patient and guild member, stands on the new elliptical machine purchased with a $9,500 donation members of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild presented to Lyn Jenks, director of the hospital foundation for the physical therapy department. Pictured with Jenks are (above, from left) Chris Unbehaun, guild treasurer, JoAnne Friedman and Charlevoix Area Hospital physical therapist, Shannon Pemble.

Seven-week program to help smokers quit starts on Jan. 9

Charlevoix Area Hospital along with the American Lung Association wants to help you quit smoking.

This program will provide support, guidance and advice to those who are ready to quit.

The free, eight session, seven-week program, starts Jan. 9 and ends Feb. 27 and will be conducted at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Sessions will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 1, 6, 13 and 27.

To register, call (231) 547-8672 or send an e-mail to potterm@cah.org.

County Republican delegates meet Jan. 16

A meeting of the elected precinct delegates and the at-large delegates to the Republican Charlevoix County Convention will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16 in the Charlevoix County Commissioners' Room at 203 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates and alternates to attend the Feb. 9 and 10 state convention to be held at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.

Harsha House closed this month

The Charlevoix Historical Society Harsha House Museum will be closed in January.

Museum directors will be in the office from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The museum will reopen from 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays beginning in February.

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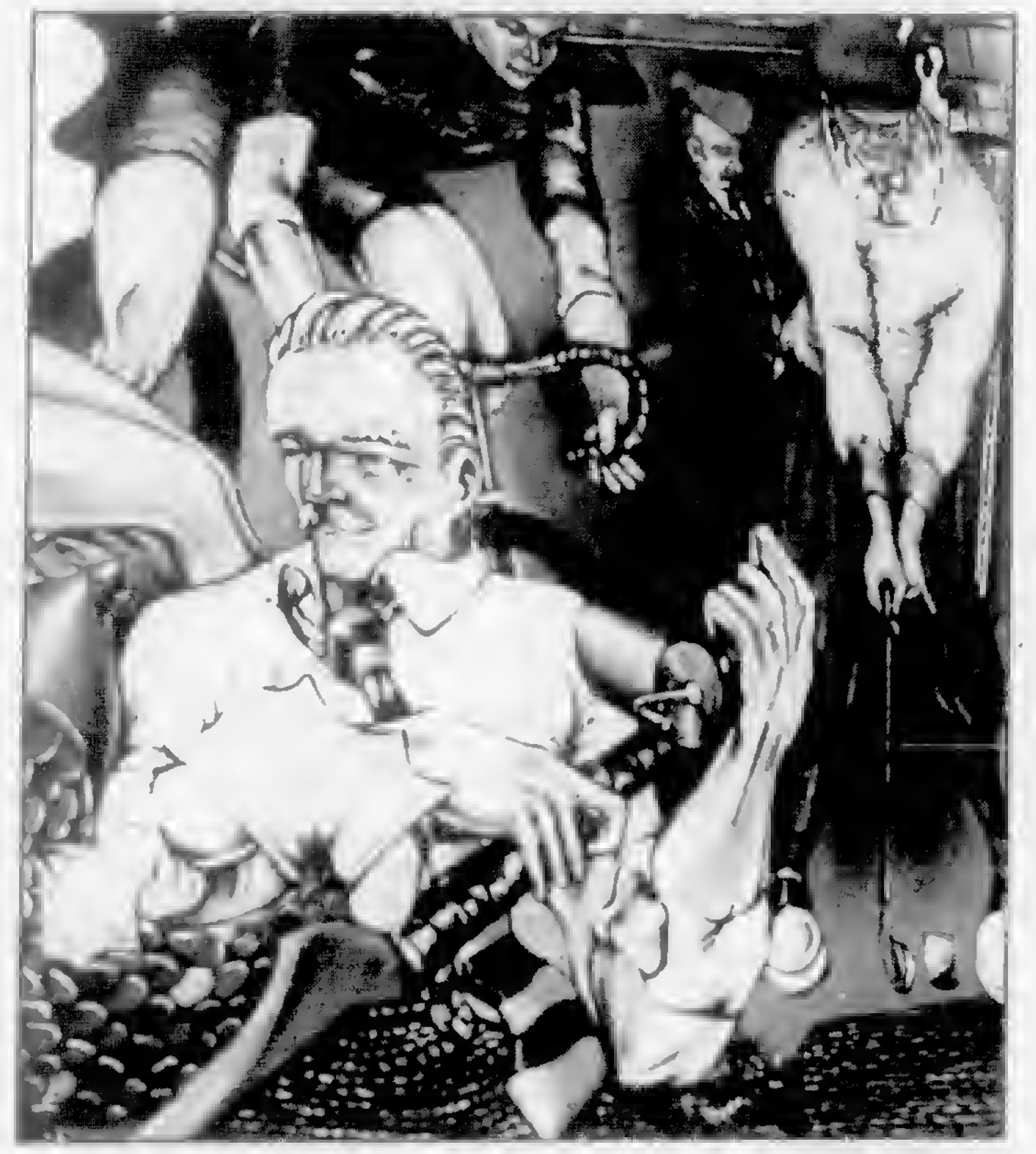
Library mural artist to present program on Jan. 9



Courtesy photo

Charles Thompson, an artist and painter chosen to create the curved mural in the entryway to the new Charlevoix Public Library, will present a program at 7 p.m. on Jan. 9 at the library.

Charles Thompson, an artist and painter, will be the honored guest at the annual gathering of the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9 in the community room at the library, located at 220 Clinton St.

Thompson, born in Cadillac, and raised in Hawaii and California, graduated from the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, attended Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, and graduated from The Academy of Art in San Francisco, Calif. Having returned to Michigan in 2004 with plans to commit himself to painting, he entered the competition for the creation of a mural for the new Charlevoix Public Library and won.

Thompson will describe how he developed the design and then painted the curved entry wall.

The public is invited to the presentation. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

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Who: Library mural artist, Charles Thompson
What: Presentation at Friends of the Library meeting
When: 7 p.m. on Jan. 9
Where: Community room at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

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The Courier welcomes submissions for the Community Calendar for non-profit groups or events. Items are run at no charge on a space-available basis. Deadline is noon Friday for the following Wednesday's paper.

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OBITUARIES

Rev. Albert Mansen: May 13, 1913 - Dec. 19, 2006

Rev. Albert F. Mansen, 93, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Forest Grove, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A funeral took place on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. Rev. Larry Grooters officiated. Burial will take place in the spring in Barnard Cemetery.

Rev. Mansen was born May 13, 1913, in Eddyville, Iowa, the son of F.B. and Johanna (TeStrake) Mansen. He graduated from Hope College, Western Theological Seminary in Holland. On July 12, 1939, he married Donna N. Hendrickson in Grand Rapids. Rev. Mansen served churches in Michigan and Wisconsin, including, Martin, Bentheim, Jamestown and Friesland, retiring in 1976, from the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. After retiring, he and Donna moved to Forest Grove, where Rev. Mansen worked as assistant pastor and together they served the Forest Grove Reformed Church. They returned to Charlevoix in June of 2006, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 4, 2006. He was a member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

Rev. Mansen is survived by his children, A. James (Cindy) Mansen; and Julaine (Sam) VanderHeide, all of Charlevoix, Dr. Thom J. (Cheryl) Mansen of Salt Lake City, Utah; grandchildren, Jana Mueller, Steven Mansen, Heidi Wilkinson, Brett VanderHeide and Cameron Mansen; seven great-grandchildren. Albert's sister, Alyce Wolf and brothers, Rev. Theodore Mansen, and B.H. "Red" Mansen preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix, or to the Forest Grove Reformed Church in Hudsonville.

Gladys Denny: May 22, 1923 - Dec. 21, 2006

Gladys Helen Denny, 83, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A funeral took place on Thursday, Dec. 28, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Rev. Nancy Rhode officiated. Burial followed in Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte.

Helen was born May 22, 1923, in Colorado Springs, Colo., the daughter of Roland and Gladys (Sheldon) Roberts. She graduated from Petoskey High School in 1941. Helen married Jack W. Cribb on May 16, 1947, in Charlotte. They made their home there, and Helen worked as a bookkeeper for the Eaton County Health Department, Curtis Buick and the GM Proving Grounds in Milford. Jack preceded her in death on Jan. 17, 1962.

Helen later married John H. Denny in 1963, in Charlotte. They moved to Charlevoix in 1974, and John preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 1990. Helen worked at the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix until retiring.

She is survived by her sons, Robert S. Cribb of Charlevoix, and Gordon K. (Frances M.) Cribb of Boyne City; grandchildren, Laura M. (John) Sanford of Saugatuck, Dr. Jack (Stephanie) Cribb of Charlotte, John G. Cribb of Petoskey, Jessica M. Cribb, and Ryan D. Cribb of Boyne City; great-grandchildren, Kaylea W. and Clayton E. Sanford, Garrett T., Sophia A.E., and Jacob Ryan Cribb, Preston Hughey; sister, Kathryn Zirkle of Truckee, Nev.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix.

BretRaya Blanchard-Knapp: Died Dec. 23, 2006

BretRaya Blanchard-Knapp

BretRaya Aryanna Blanchard-Knapp, infant daughter of Benjamin D. Knapp and Sarah L. Blanchard of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006, at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

She was born on Oct. 25, 2006, in Charlevoix. BretRaya is survived by her parents; maternal grandmother, Tammy (Jeffrey) Hart of East Jordan; maternal grandfather, Owen T. Blanchard of Charlevoix; paternal grandparents, Mark and Connie Knapp of Charlevoix; maternal great-grandparents, Burr Blanchard of Charlevoix, Loretta and Robert Urvina of Rochester, Wash., Theodore and Verna Spires of Mancelona; paternal great-grandparents, William and Linda Knapp of Pittsburgh, Pa., Patricia and Paul Frisbey of Alanson; paternal great-great-grandmother, Sarah Kalkofen of Alanson; immediate aunts and uncles, Jeffrey, Shannon, Laurie and Tasha Hart, Samantha and Michael Knapp, aunt and Godmother, Laurie Hart all of Charlevoix; and many other loving aunts and uncles.

A funeral took place on Thursday, Dec. 28, at the Assembly of God Church in Charlevoix, Pastor Rip Hankins officiating. Burial will be in Barnard Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family or to your favorite charity.

Alice Dearing: Sept. 20, 1921 - Dec. 24, 2006

Alice Jane Lewis Dearing, 85, of Suttons Bay, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2006 at Tendercare of Leelanau.

Alice was born on Sept. 20, 1921 on High Island, the daughter of Harry and Josephine Wabaninkee Lewis. She married Paul Dearing on March 4, 1978 in Pullman.

Alice had been employed by the Heinz Company in Holland for 28 years prior to her retirement. She was very artistic and enjoyed doing all kinds of craft and art projects. She enjoyed being in the outdoors, and loved to fish and camp.

Survivors include her sisters, Lucille McSauby of Suttons Bay, Dorothy (John) Gee of Benzonia and her very special friend, Rosalind Jackson of Rockford. Alice is also survived by a very large extended family. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and 13 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services took place on Friday, Dec. 29, 2006 at the Kateri Tekakwitha Church in Peshawbestown. Rev. Andy Buvala, officiated. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Kateri Tekawitha Church.

The family is being served by The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home in Traverse City.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	**547-6430**

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	During Worship
Pastor: Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -5168**

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	**547-6322**

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	**547-2875**

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH of Charlevoix
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Sunday Services 8 a.m., 9:10 a.m., 11:00 a.m.	
Church Office	**547-9482**

ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	**588-7805**

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4221**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times
Pastor: Michael Dennis	**547-4121**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9122**

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**237-0800**

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	**582-9262**

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-3008**
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	**599-2321**

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill	**231-347-6651**

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	**547-6283**

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Father Jerry Hunko	**547-6652**

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Establishment of Zones for Bovine Tuberculosis

(Identification, Testing, Permitting, and Movement Requirements)

Proposed Effective Date: March 1, 2007

All Zones within Michigan

Animal Identification

Effective March 1, 2007, all cattle must be identified with RFID Electronic identification eartags prior to movement from a premises within Michigan. Initial identification of cattle must utilize an RFID Electronic identification eartag issued by the Michigan Department of Agriculture to the premises at which the identification occurs. Official identification tags may not be transferred between premises or used on animals not included in the herd on the premises to which the tags were issued.

Livestock Inspection Check-Points

Any vehicle that may contain livestock must stop at any posted Livestock and Plant Inspection Point. Upon stopping of the vehicle, a person transporting the livestock shall produce documentation that contains the origin of shipment, official identification of livestock, any documentation required to move livestock, and the direct shipping destination of the livestock.

Modified Accredited Zone - includes the entirety of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties, and those portions of Iosco and Ogemaw counties that are north of the southernmost boundaries of the Huron National Forest and the Au Sable State Forest.

Surveillance Testing Requirements

All cattle herds must complete an annual whole herd bovine tuberculosis test of all cattle 12 months of age and older, and all goats, bison, or privately owned cervids 6 months of age or older in contact with the herd. Retesting of herds must be done within 9-15 months of the anniversary date of the initial whole herd test. Registered terminal operations or USDA approved feedlots are exempt from the annual whole herd testing requirement.

Movement Testing Requirements

Movement within the Modified Accredited Zone

- Cattle must comply with one of the following prior to movement:
  - a) Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or,
  - b) Originate from a herd which has received a whole herd test within 60 days prior to movement, or,
  - c) Receive a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement.
- Calves less than 2 months of age may be moved if they originate from a herd that has completed a whole herd test within 12 months prior to movement.
- Steers or spayed heifers may be moved to a registered terminal operation, or between registered terminal operations without meeting tuberculosis testing requirements.
- Cattle may be moved to an FSIS approved slaughter plant, or through one concentration point to an FSIS approved slaughter plant, without meeting tuberculosis testing requirements.

Movement into another Zone within Michigan

- Cattle 2 months of age and older must comply with one of the following prior to movement:
  - a) Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or,
  - b) Originate from a herd that has received a negative whole herd bovine tuberculosis test within 12 months prior to movement, and receive a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement (steers or spayed heifers do not need to meet the whole herd testing requirement).
- Cattle less than 2 months of age may be moved if they originate from a herd that has completed a whole herd test within 12 months prior to movement.
- Cattle may be moved to an FSIS approved slaughter plant, or through one concentration point to an FSIS approved slaughter plant, without meeting tuberculosis testing requirements.

Movement Permit Requirements

A Movement Permit from MDA is required to be obtained prior to movement of any cattle from a premises within the zone. All cattle with a destination of a concentration point must receive a new permit that identifies the final destination of movement, prior to leaving the concentration point facility. Cattle do not need to be re-permitted from the concentration point if they are moved directly to a slaughter facility that maintains a RFID Electronic eartag tracking system.

Modified Accredited Advanced Zone – includes the remainder of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan.

Surveillance Testing Requirements

All herds must obtain a premises identification number, and be placed into a database from which herds will be randomly selected for whole herd testing. Proportional samples of beef and dairy farms will be selected from each Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service agriculture district based upon the total number of farms in that district. Selection will occur on a two-year cycle.

Selected herds, or herds selected as a replacement for herds determined ineligible for testing, shall be subject to whole herd testing of all cattle in the herd 18 months of age and older, and all bison, goats, and privately owned cervids 6 months of age or older in contact with the herd. This testing must occur within 90 days after the person responsible for herd management receives notification that a whole herd test under this surveillance program is due and necessary.

Movement Testing Requirements

Movement into another Zone within Michigan

- Sexually intact cattle 6 months of age or older must meet one of the following prior to movement:

a) Originate directly from a bovine tuberculosis accredited free herd, or,

b) Be included in a whole herd bovine tuberculosis test at the premises of origin within 6 months prior to movement, or,

c) Receive a negative bovine tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to movement.

- Cattle less than 6 months of age, steers and spayed heifers of any age, or cattle moving to an FSIS approved slaughter plant or through one livestock concentration point prior to an FIS approved slaughter plant, do not need to meet tuberculosis testing requirements prior to movement.
- Sexually intact heifers that are moving to an USDA approved feedlot, or that are moving in approved feeder channels do not need to meet tuberculosis testing requirement prior to movement.

Movement within the Modified Accredited Advanced Zone

- No tuberculosis testing is required for movement of cattle within the zone, or through a livestock concentration point to a final destination within the zone.

Movement Certification Requirements

All cattle, unless moved directly to an FSIS approved slaughter plant, or through one livestock collection point directly to an FSIS approved slaughter plant, must receive an official movement certification prior to movement to any other zone within Michigan, and a copy of the certification must accompany the animals during movement.

Bovine Tuberculosis Free Zone - includes the entirety of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Surveillance Testing Requirements

All herds must obtain a premises identification number, and be placed into a database from which herds will be randomly selected for whole herd testing. Proportional samples of beef and dairy farms will be selected from each Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service agriculture district based upon the total number of farms in that district. Selection will occur on a two-year cycle.

Selected herds, or herds selected as a replacement for herds determined ineligible for testing, shall be subject to whole herd testing of all cattle in the herd 18 months of age and older, and all bison, goats, and privately owned cervids 6 months of age or older in contact with the herd. This testing must occur within 90 days after the person responsible for herd management receives notification that a whole herd test under this surveillance program is due and necessary.

Movement Testing and Certification Requirements

All cattle, unless moved directly to an FSIS approved slaughter plant, or through one livestock collection point directly to an FSIS approved slaughter plant, must receive an official movement certification prior to movement to any other zone within Michigan, and a copy of the certification must accompany the animals during movement.

No tuberculosis testing is required to move within the bovine tuberculosis free zone, or to other zones within Michigan.

This order revises the order that established zones effective June 1, 2004.

Mitch Irwin, Director
Michigan Department of Agriculture

Proposed November 9, 2006

Public hearings on this issue will be held at the following locations:

Wednesday, January 17, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.
MSU Cooperative Extension Office
2840 College Avenue
Escanaba, Michigan

Thursday, January 25, 2007 – 12:00 P.M. (Noon)
Fraternal Order of Eagles
515 South Wisconsin
Gaylord, Michigan

Monday, January 29, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.
Michigan Library and Historical Center
702 West Kalamazoo Street
Lansing, Michigan

JAN 2007

Two programs aim to line city streets in trees

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The City of Charlevoix Shade Tree Commission is on a beautifying mission.

The commission recently announced two new programs, Adopt-a-tree and the Memorial Tree Project, that aim to line the city streets in trees.

"If we want to keep Charlevoix beautiful, we have to maintain our trees. Part of Charlevoix's charm can be attributed to our trees," said Shade Tree Commission member, Ken Polakowski.

This fall, the commission, through the Champion Tree Project, headed up a city-wide survey to locate areas where street-side trees can be planted. It included an evaluation of the condition, age and species of existing trees as well as vacant locations. Of the property owners who responded to the survey, 60 percent of those with eligible sites expressed an interest in having a tree located there.

"People value the trees," Polakowski said.

In all, the study targeted 1,400 places in the city's right-of-way where trees could be planted. This number doesn't include other city properties or parks.

The commission estimated it will take about 14 years to meet the 1,400 tree goal.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The Charlevoix Shade Tree Commission recently announced two new programs, Adopt-a-tree and the Memorial Tree Project, that aim to line the city streets with trees like those pictured above.

Peggy Brennan

"If we could plant 500 trees in the first year, it would be fabulous. Can we do that? That's up to the public," said Shade Tree Commission member, Peggy Brennan.

Each year the city pays for new trees to be planted. In 2006, 106 new trees were added along Mason and Antrim streets in the valley. The plan for 2007 is to pepper Hurlbut and Upright streets with new trees.

However, the project is bigger than the city's budget and the Shade Tree Commission hopes the Adopt-a-tree and Memorial Tree Project will help ease the financial burden, expedite the project and involve the community.

Under both programs, trees are purchased for $150 each. The owner can then choose a location for their tree. The adopted tree owner also accepts nurturing responsibilities, like watering. The memorial program is being marketed as a way to not only help beautify the city but to mark a special occasion, or as Brennan put it, to be a "living legacy." Trees are planted and maintained by the City of Charlevoix Street Department.

Tree owners are registered at city hall along with the location of their tree.

Brennan said the benefits of the commission's tree planting efforts include improved property values and aesthetics as well as providing an environmental boost as trees provide shade and cleanse the air and ground water.

Information about both the Adopt-a-tree and Memorial Tree Project is included in a flyer enclosed in this week's Courier.

For more information, contact Peggy Brennan at (231) 237-0368.

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ISD special ed director wins prestigious award

Diane Heinzelman, director of special education for the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District (Char-Em ISD), received the state's most prestigious award for special education professionals in a recent surprise ceremony.

Heinzelman was honored by her statewide peers with the Murray O. Batten Humanitarian Award, sponsored by the Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education. The Batten Award was initiated in 1984 in honor of Murray "Bud" Batten, former state director of special education, who devoted his entire professional career to persons with disabilities.

The award is given to a practicing special education administrator who emulates the qualities of honesty, integrity, trust and compassion that were exemplified by Murray throughout his lifetime.

Heinzelman received the honor on Dec. 13, 2006 in a surprise ceremony in Lansing attended by her family and many colleagues from Char-Em Intermediate School District. As a recipient of the award, she received a specially designed, solid gold, commemorative ring.

In a letter nominating Heinzelman for the award, a co-worker cited "Diane's personal and professional ethics."

"I have heard many people from the health department, the local districts, Charlevoix-Emmet ISD, and others in the community say, 'My goal is to be like Diane Heinzelman,'" wrote Elaine Smiley, supervisor of the Intermediate School District's special education programs. "Diane is always there to do the right thing. As one colleague stated, Diane 'exhibits an extremely high sense of duty along with the ability to inspire an elevated work ethic in others.'"

Courtesy photo

Diane Heinzelman hugs her father, Dan Eskin, after receiving the news that she received the prestigious statewide Murray O. Batten Humanitarian Award. Looking on in the background is her daughter, Madison, and husband, John.

In his letter of nomination, Char-Em Intermediate School District Superintendent, Mark Eckhardt, called Heinzelman a true leader in every sense of the word.

"She makes decisions that are in the best interest of kids," Eckhardt wrote. "Diane has the respect of her colleagues both within the ISD and throughout the state. She is a tenacious fighter for the well-being of all children."

Others cited Heinzelman's work on statewide legislation and other issues impacting students with disabilities as reasons she deserved the award.

"Ms. Heinzelman is not one to sit behind her desk or hide herself in her office," wrote Kathi Clancy, director of special education with the Public Schools of Petoskey. "She is a woman admired and respected by her staff and colleagues and family. I believe she deserves this award for all the wonderful things she has given to those of us who work directly with students, families and staff because these precious bits of information and direction have helped to make the difference in many a student's life," Clancy stated.

A graduate of Armada High School, Heinzelman obtained her bachelor's degree in education and teacher certificate as well as her master's degree in education administration from Grand Valley State University. She joined the Char-Em Intermediate School District in 1985 as a teacher of students with learning disabilities and moved up the rank to her current position of director of special education — a position she has held since 1997.

Diane is married to John Heinzelman and has a daughter, Madison. They reside in Petoskey.

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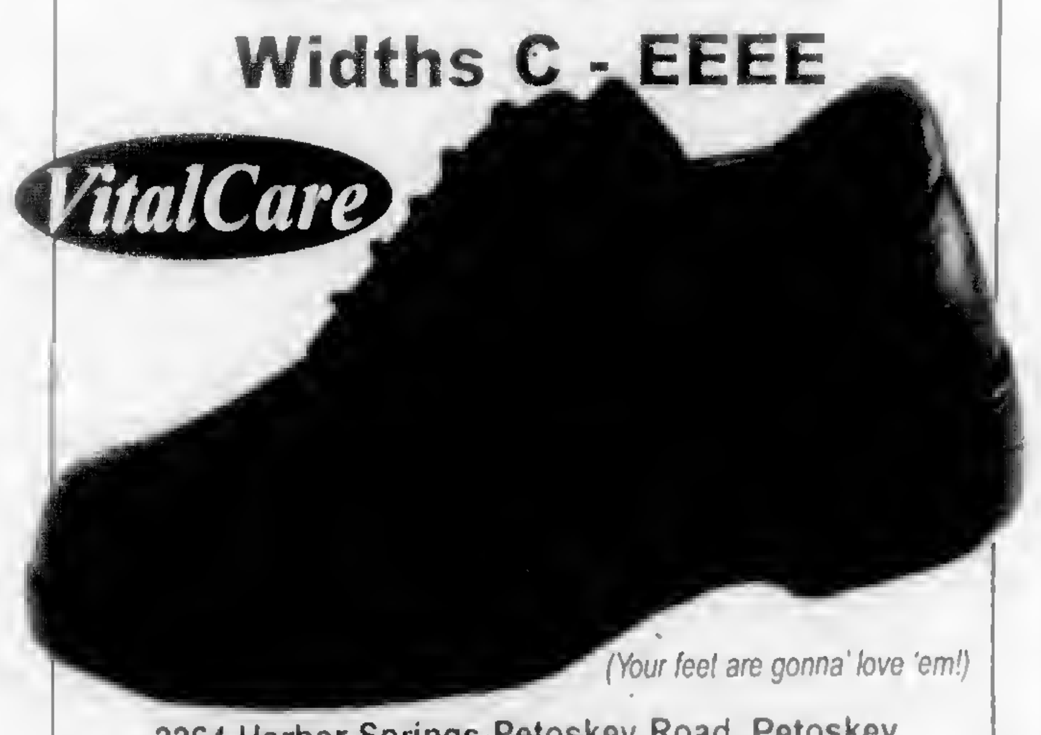

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PARENTING expert help

During the school year, the Charlevoix Courier publishes a Parenting page that runs the first Wednesday of the month. Headlining the section is a column written by area health practitioners and other kid experts. Also included are book picks for all ages. Send events and column ideas to news@charlevoixcourier.com or mail then to Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117 Charlevoix, MI 49720

Study underscores need for tobacco initiatives

KIDS CORNER

Molly Cotant

A new study of youth smoking underscores the need to help teenage smokers quit and prevent non-smokers from starting to smoke.

■ The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is addressing this issue through tobacco prevention classes in schools, and tobacco cessation efforts at the Mancelona Ironmen Health Center.

"This new study from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) shows that youth who are Native American or white have the highest smoking rates," said Molly Cotant, Family and Community Health Supervisor for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Nearly all of the students in our counties fall into one of these high-risk categories."

The study, "Racial/Ethnic Difference in Prevalence of Cigarette Use by Youth and Susceptibility to Start Smoking," analyzed racial and ethnic group differences among youth who smoke, and identified Native American/Alaska Natives and non-Hispanic youth with the highest tobacco use rates of 12 to 17 year olds in the U.S. Rates of cigarette smoking varied widely among racial/ethnic groups from 23 percent of American Indian/Alaska Native youth to 4 percent of Asian youth. Non-Hispanic white youth smoking rate was 15 percent. The study also suggests that approximately one in five nonsmokers ages 12 to 17 years is susceptible to start smoking.

Cotant said the health department's Teen Health Project works with students in Antrim County through classroom and school-related activities. "We have had tremendous support from Antrim County schools to provide classes about the harmful effects of smoking and secondhand smoke," she said. "Our health educators and prevention specialists teach classes in middle schools and high schools that are well-received from students, and that help them develop skills needed to avoid tobacco use."

At the Ironmen Health Center, which serves youth aged 10-21 from Mancelona and the surrounding areas, a tobacco reduction initiative is underway, coordinating a variety of tobacco prevention and smoking cessation resources for students.

Tammy Hickman, the nurse practitioner at the Ironmen Health Center, talks to every student visiting the center about tobacco use.

"If a student is smoking, but not ready to quit, Ironmen Health Center staff work with the student to help him or her move to the next stage of 'readiness.' And for those students who want to quit smoking or quit using spit tobacco, we offer one-on-one counseling," Hickman said.

In addition to the prevention curriculum offered to youth in Antrim County, health educators and substance abuse prevention specialists from the health department offer prevention curriculum to students in Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties as well. The Tobacco Reduction Coalition continues to work with the community to implement smoke-free policies in bars and restaurants. Smoke-free policies not only protect residents from the health dangers associated with secondhand smoke exposure, but they also decrease rates of tobacco use among youth and adults.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is committed to promoting wellness, preventing disease, providing health care, and protecting the environment for residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. For additional information about tobacco reduction efforts in Charlevoix County, call Molly Cotant at (231) 547-6523.

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'Must reads' from library director Valerie Meyerson

The following is a list of age specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for January reading.

ANDREW CLEMENTS, "BECAUSE YOUR DADDY LOVES YOU"
PRE-K TO SECOND-GRADE

A dad and his little girl spend the entire day together from packing up the car in the morning, to wiping sticky fingers, washing the dishes and reading a favorite story. After a full day, daddy can be counted on to carry his tired child up to bed and tuck her in. Here is a warm story of all the little things a parent does for their child.

BABY SIGNS FAVORITES
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Communicating with babies has always been a guessing game. With the expanding interest in using simplified American Sign Language (ASL) with babies, this is rapidly changing. Baby Signs Favorites DVD teaches baby and parent simple signs for everyday use. Included are "Mealtime" and "Bedtime" baby board books and a quick reference chart of commonly used baby signs. Here is a simple start to understanding what signing with your baby can do.

PATRICIA REILLY GIFF, "WATER STREET"
MIDDLE SCHOOL AND UP

Set in 1870's Brooklyn, Water Street tells the story of immigrant families in the shadow of the newly constructed tower of the Brooklyn Bridge. A warm tale of friendship and family, this is set against the struggle when times are harsh, money tight and the lack of a doctor often meant death. Birdy helps her mother nurse the sick until a seriously ill child makes her question her path. Thomas, who moves often with his gentle drunk of a father, writes stories to ease his loneliness. Both face their last year of school relying on their friendship to find their way in the world.

Winter Activities at the Library

The New Year is starting with a bang at the Charlevoix Public Library. There are new programs as well as the tried and true favorites. Back by popular demand, the **Paws for a Story** program will kick off its second session on January 6th. This popular reading with a dog program allows new or hesitant readers to practice reading aloud to an always friendly, furry companion. The dog teams include certified therapy dogs trained to listen and enjoy. "Reading to a dog allows children to practice reading in a non-threatening, welcoming environment," states Chris Hauke, Youth Librarian. The Paws for a Story program takes place each Saturday in January from 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Registration is recommended, but drop-ins are welcome if a slot opens up.

Two new programs will begin in January: ***Movies at 2*** and ***Game Nights***. Movies at 2 will take place on the first Saturday of the winter months at 2 p.m. The first showing will be Lassie on January 6th. This 1994 remake of one of America's most beloved pets, Lassie, will make the audience cheer for the courage shown by this fearless dog. Bring the whole family for this classic, fun, free program. Game nights are happening the 2nd Thursday of each month, beginning with January 11th, from 5:30-7:30 pm. Games for all ages, Clue, Scrabble, Boggle, Hi-Ho Cherry-O, Twister and more, will be available in the youth department. Bring the whole family for some fun and games!

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Twelfth Night will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 12 and 19 at the Terrace Inn/Bay View Woods in Petoskey. Families will meet at the Terrace Inn, ride a horse-drawn sleigh to the trail head, and venture into the forest to meet the animals.

Those with young children may bring a small sled. Everyone should come dressed for a hike outdoors. SEE-North will provide snacks, hot beverages, face-painting and mask-making indoors.

Tickets are required. To register, call SEE-North at (231) 348-9700. No refunds will be issued unless the event is canceled due to bad weather.

Tickets for Twelfth Night are $7 per person, which includes the sleigh ride. Children under 3 are admitted free.

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SEE-North's animals will be in the woods waiting to tell their stories, Jan. 12 and 19 at the Terrace Inn and Bay View Woods. For tickets, call SEE-North, at (231) 348-9700.

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In an effort to capture a sampling of New Year's Eve fun in Charlevoix, the Charlevoix Courier placed disposable cameras in three downtown bars that night: the Villager Pub, the Weathervane Restaurant and Grey Gables. People taking part in New Year's festivities at those businesses were invited to take random pictures of the evening as it unfolded. Page 14 of this week's edition of the Courier features some of those pictures. Since the Courier staff was not in attendance, all of the names of the people in the photos are not known. Therefor, the pictures are printed without cutlines. From the looks of things people at all three hot spots had a great New Year's Eve. All photos were taken by unknown photographers.

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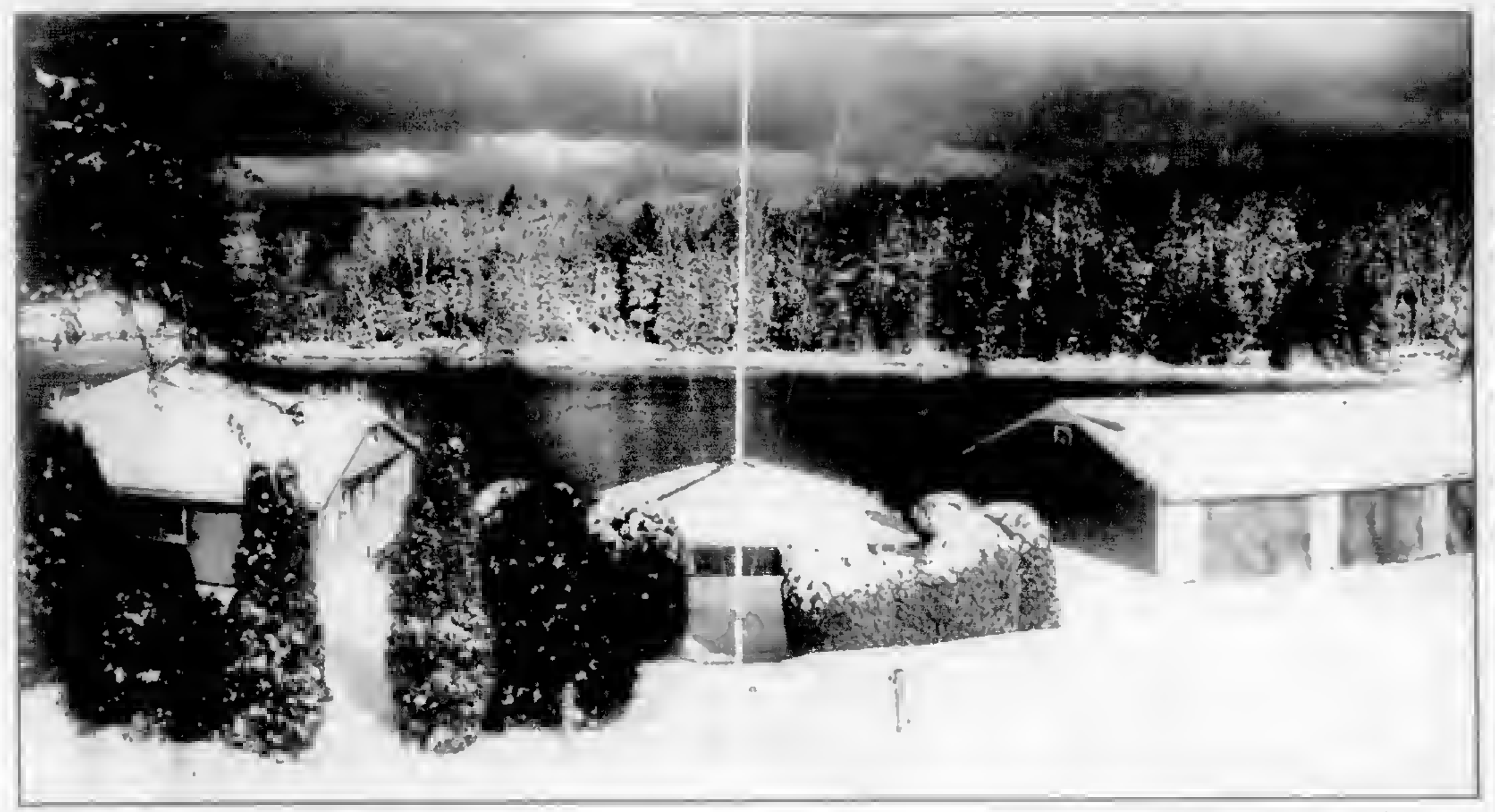
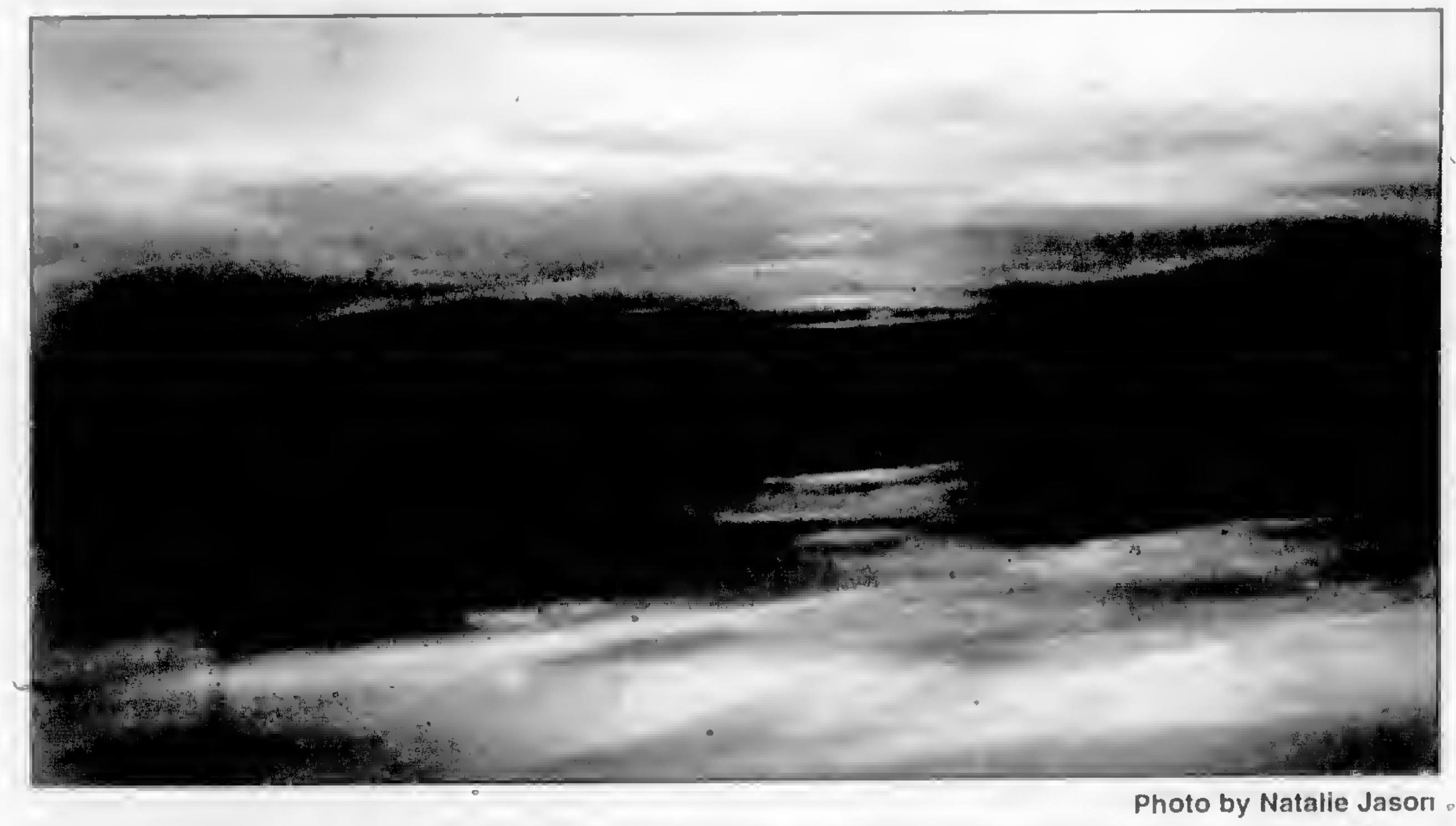


Photo by Tom Conlan

This shot of Round Lake submitted in early December by Charlevoix resident, Tom Conlan, is a reminder that Charlevoix did wear a wintry look at one point this season.



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Just after sunset on Thanksgiving day, Natalie Jason of Charlevoix captured this amazing reflection of the sky on Higgins Lake.

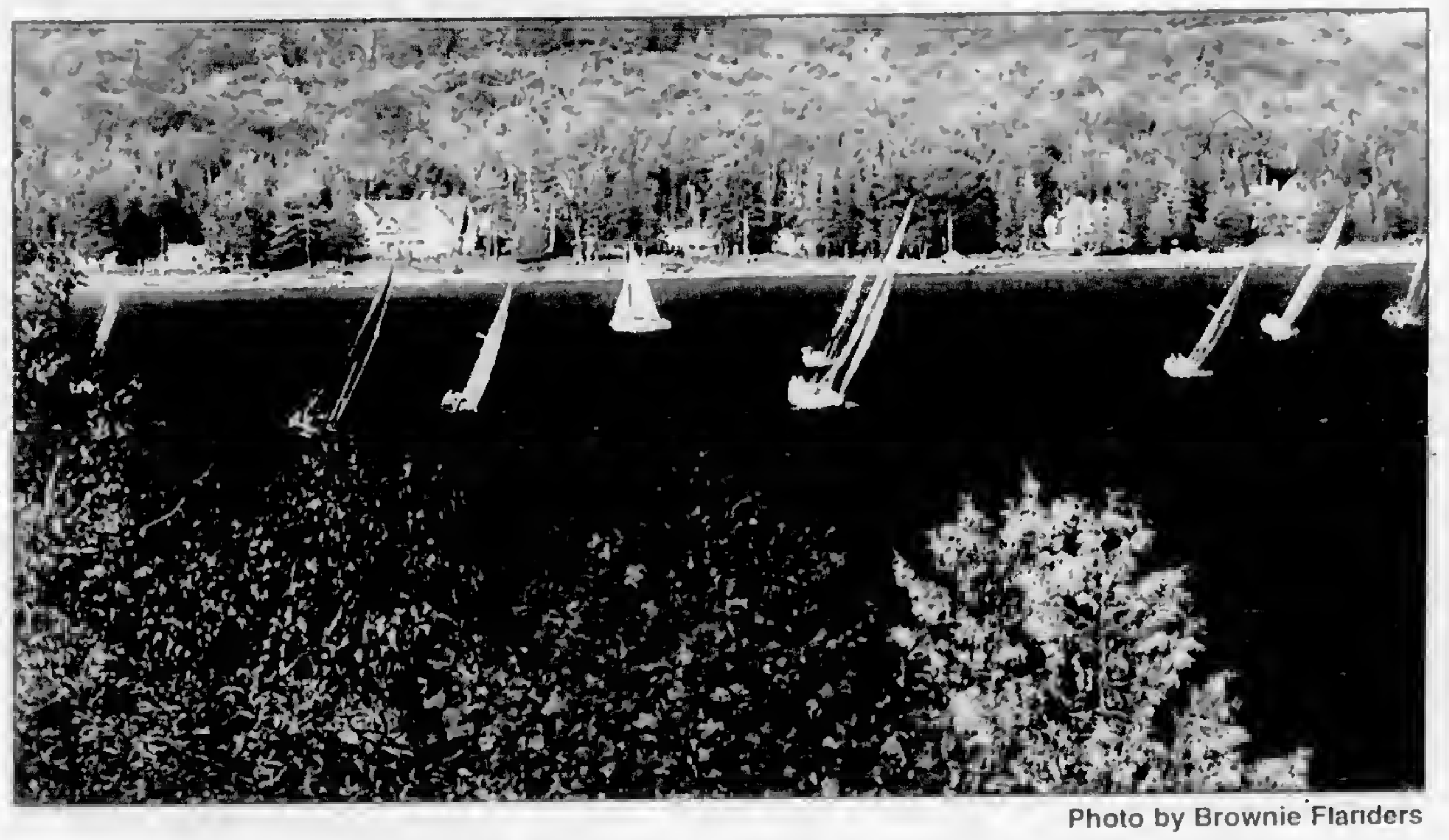

Photo by Brownie Flanders

Charlevoix resident, Brownie Flanders, sent this shot he took in August of Lake Charlevoix during Wednesday night sailboat races. Flanders said it's a good fit for the winter edition of That's My Photo as it helps remind readers why we live in northern Michigan.

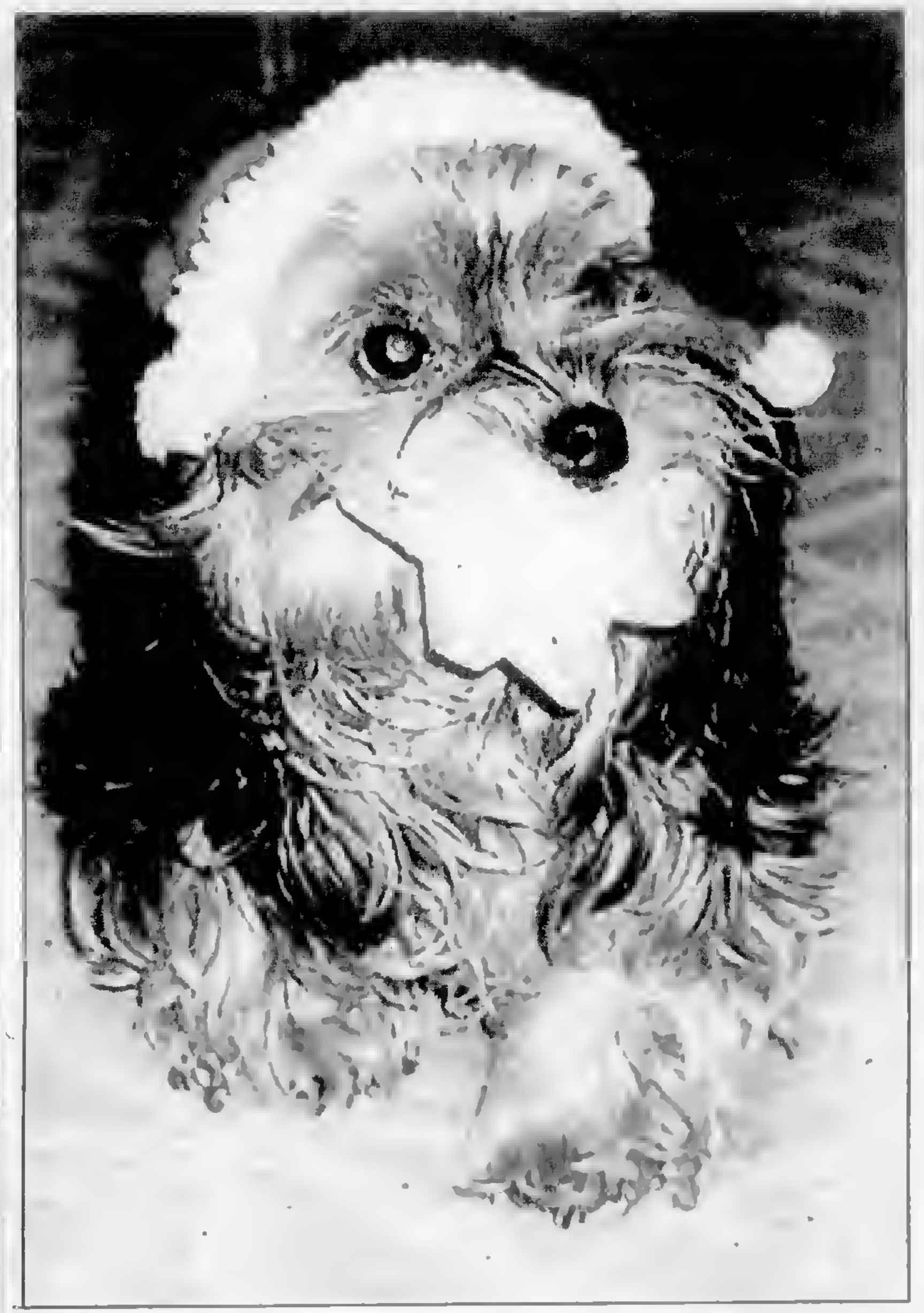

Photo by Viv Winn

Mark and Viv Winn of Central Lake used this shot of Cassie, their 3-pound Yorkie as the featured photo on their 2006 Christmas card. She was 8 years old when the shot was taken on Christmas morning in 2005. They call this picture, "No Batteries Required."

That's my photograph!

Photo by Mike Schlitt

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NOTICE OF **SHOW CAUSE HEARING** AND **JUDICIAL FORECLOSURE HEARING** NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

On March 1, 2006 real estate with **unpaid 2004 and/or prior years property taxes** was forfeited to the Charlevoix County Treasurer pursuant to the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, PA 206, **MCL 211.1 to 211.157, as amended.**

The Charlevoix County Treasurer is acting as the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in proceedings to **foreclose** on this property for **unpaid property taxes.**

There are **two hearings** scheduled to finalize the foreclosure process. This publication is intended to provide additional notice to parties of interest in these parcels as to the nature, time, and location of these hearings.

A **Show Cause Hearing** is scheduled for 10:00am-1:00pm, January 17, 2007 at the Treasurer's Office, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Any person with an interest in the property forfeited to the County Treasurer may appear at the show cause hearing and redeem that property or show cause why absolute title to that property should not vest in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

A **Judicial Foreclosure Hearing** is scheduled for 2:15pm, February 16 2007 at the 33rd Circuit Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI.

At this hearing the Foreclosing Governmental Unit shall ask that the court enter a judgment foreclosing the property as requested in the petition for foreclosure. A person claiming an interest in a parcel of property set forth in the petition for foreclosure, who desires to contest that petition, must file written objections with the clerk of the circuit court and serve those objections on the Charlevoix County Treasurer, the Foreclosing Governmental Unit. The docket number of the petition is 06-264-21-CZ.

If you are a person with an interest in property being foreclosed:

* You have the **right to redeem** this parcel from the foreclosure process by **payment** of all forfeited unpaid taxes, interest, penalties, and fees prior to the expiration of the redemption period. **You should contact the Charlevoix County Treasurer for the amount required to redeem.**

* You may lose your interest in the property as a result of the foreclosure proceeding.

* The title to the property shall vest absolutely in the Foreclosing Governmental Unit unless all forfeited unpaid delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, and fees are paid by April 2, 2007

PLEASE NOTE :

The following list represents parties that appear to have title, lien, or other apparent rights to the parcels being foreclosed by the Foreclosing Governmental Unit.

This notice is required to be given by law, even if the party no longer claims or desires an interest if it appears they hold any **undischarged, apparent, or potential** title or lien right to the property.

Listing of a party does NOT necessarily indicate that they are the owner of a parcel, or that they are liable for the property taxes.

This list is NOT an offering of property for sale. These parcels are **NOT** being sold, auctioned, or otherwise made available by virtue of this notice.

There is **no procedure** for purchasing these parcels from the Foreclosing Governmental Unit at this point in the foreclosure proceedings. Those parcels that are foreclosed and not redeemed **may** become available at **public auction** after July of **2007. These parcels remain the property of their current owner** until redemption rights have expired. **No party should make any attempt to inspect or enter upon these parcels** assuming them to be for sale. This may constitute trespassing and subject the offender to criminal prosecution. The street address of the parcels listed is based on local records and is not guaranteed to be the actual location of the property.

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Library offers new movie and game nights in 2007

(Right) Back by popular demand, the Paws for a Story program will kickoff its second session on Jan. 6. This popular reading with a dog program allows new or hesitant readers to practice reading aloud to an always friendly, furry companion.

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The New Year is starting with a bang at the Charlevoix Public Library.

There are new programs as well as the tried and true favorites. Back by popular demand, the Paws for a Story program will kick-off its second session on Jan. 6. This popular reading with a dog program allows new or hesitant readers to practice reading aloud to an always friendly, furry companion. The dog teams include certified therapy dogs trained to listen and enjoy.

"Reading to a dog allows children to practice reading in a non-threatening, welcoming environment," said Chris Hauke, youth librarian. The Paws for a Story program takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in January. Registration is recommended, but drop-ins are welcome if a slot opens up.

Two new programs that will begin in January are Movies at 2 and Game Nights.

Movies at 2, a free program, will take place at 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month this winter. The first showing, on Jan. 6, will be "Lassie," a 1994 remake of the story of one of America's most beloved pets, Lassie.

Game Nights will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month, beginning on Jan. 11. Games for all ages including Clue, Scrabble, Boggle, Hi-Ho Cherry-O, Twister and more, will be available in the youth department.

For more information or to register, call the youth desk at (231) 237-7350.

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Bus drivers create store to reward good behavior

A special school store that grew from one student's idea — and lots of support from bus drivers — rewards students for good behavior on the bus.

Students at Orion, an educational program operated by the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District (Char-Em ISD) that supports students with severe emotional and behavioral needs, often ride the bus two hours each way to and from school. The long distance is due to the fact that students attending the school located in Boyne Falls come from all areas throughout Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties serviced by the Intermediate School District.

Bus drivers noticed that students who had game or CD players appeared to be happier on the bus. After a conversation with his bus driver, 16-year-old Joseph Blanshan of Alanson suggested the school write a grant to Wal-Mart.

"We received $100 (from Wal-Mart) and bought some CD players," Blanshan explained. But Blanshan's idea didn't stop there.

With support from Orion administrators and the bus drivers, the idea grew into a year-round school store that rewards students for good behavior. Every week, each Orion student receives a 25 cent "credit" to spend in the school store, which is open every other Monday. Every time a student shows positive behavior on the bus, he or she earns another 25 cents "credit" toward purchasing items in the store.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District transporters (from left) Sandy Scheibel and Peg Grimes pose with student Joseph Blanshan in front of items offered at the Orion School Store where students are rewarded for good behavior on the bus.

On their own time and often with their own money, the bus drivers shop and fill the school store with a variety of items — candy and refreshments, toys and educational games. The drivers also solicit donations from area businesses. Orion teachers get into the act by also donating items and, with the drivers, turning in money collected from bottle returns.

"All our drivers participate and we've had great results from the students," explained Peg Grimes who along with her husband, Bob, are lead coordinators of the school store.

Peg has noticed a change in student behavior as a result of the school store and rewards system.

"Many of these students are on the bus for a very long time. Because of their emotional needs or impairments, they need to be entertained. With these rewards, they're busy on the bus and come to school in better shape to be in the classrooms and learn," she said.

"If you don't get a write up and you're good, you get an extra quarter," Blanshan said, adding that he's saving up to buy a toy he's had his eye on for a while.

Every other Monday, students line up for the school store. Bob Grimes mans the record keeping, informing individual students of how much "credit" they have to spend. Staff and transportation drivers are available to assist students in their selection.

Orion principal, James Rummer, gives all the credit to the bus drivers and staff.

"For them to take the initiative and do this on their own says a lot about them. I've been in and around schools for a long time and I've never seen this dedication to working together as a team to award students for good behavior," he said.

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Masons installed

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Newly elected Worshipful Master, Ervin Barrett, cuts the cake commemorating his installation as the leader of Masonic Lodge 282 of Charlevoix following ceremonies at the lodge.

Courtesy photo

The installation of officers for the year 2007 occurred at the Masonic Lodge on Thursday, Dec. 14. Those sworn in are pictured above. They are (from left) Tom Carey, John Taylor, Russ Brown, Ervin Barrett, Frank Rathjens, Walter Hufford, John Rathjens II, Benjamin Gohs, Howard Horton, Jaime Perez and Dan Soullier.

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(Above) Charlevoix Middle School band students perform a school concert on Dec. 5. This was one of many events band students of Charlevoix Public Schools participated in this holiday season.

Charlevoix band students perform holiday concerts

The Charlevoix Public Schools bands were busy this holiday season with many performances throughout the city.

Charlevoix Middle School band students performed on Dec. 2 at the Downtown Merchants' Open House and performed a school concert on Dec. 5. The eighth-grade band performed a concert for the Charlevoix Elementary students as well as for a middle school assembly.

The Charlevoix High School band surprised their audience with everything from a trumpet fanfare to "Joy to the World" from the back of the auditorium.

Also included in this unique concert was the newly formed Charlevoix Adult Band, directed by Ev Wujcik. Also joining the high school band were members of an antiphonal brass choir. Wujcik and Mike Westenbroek on trumpet and Patrick Hannah and Gary Stutzman on trombone.

Small groups of high school musicians played Christmas carols at Sunnybank, and the Rayder Jazz Band performed for the Chamber of Commerce at the Grey Gables Restaurant as well as the Charlevoix Senior Center.

NEA awards Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Big Read Grant

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has awarded the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians a $20,000 grant for the Big Read initiative.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is one of 72 communities selected nationwide, one of the three communities in the state, and the only Indian tribe in the country to receive an National Endowment for the Arts Big Read grant. The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007 will run from January to June.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The National Endowment for the Arts presents the Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. The Big Read brings together partners across the country to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment.

A 2004 report by the National Endowment for the Arts, found not only is literary reading in America declining rapidly among all groups, but the rate of decline has accelerated, especially among the young. The Big Read aims to address this crisis. It will provide citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book with their communities.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Greater Community Big Read Project 2007 selected Harper Lee's, "To Kill a Mockingbird" because of the socioeconomic, intergenerational and racial issues it explores.

Programming is expected to run from April to June. The project is intended to reach the tribal and non-tribal communities in the northern Michigan area and will include the Charlevoix Public Library, where books will be made available.

For more information, call Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians communications coordinator, Annette

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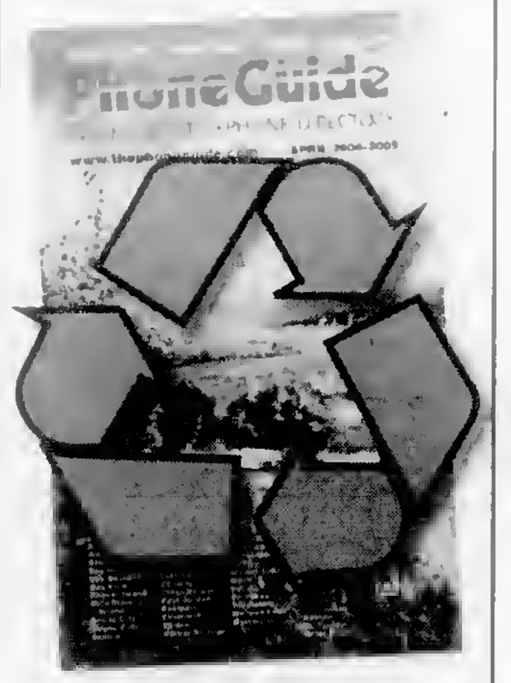

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Winter programs available at Charlevoix pool

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will offer a wide variety of classes, programs and recreational activities this winter and spring.

Programs include swim school (group lessons), semi-private lessons, private lessons, swim team, aqua exercise, lap swims, senior citizen swim, teen swim and open recreation. Rental times are also available.

Registration by mail, fax and drop off is now underway for all winter and spring programs. Mail registrations to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool at 11905 U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or fax the information to (231) 547-1754. Brochures are available at the pool.

Swim School starts Jan. 6, Feb. 17 and April 14 for Saturday classes. Classes are Red Cross certified and meet once each week for six weeks on Saturday mornings. Students must be at least 1-year-old. A class is also available for adults who would like to learn to swim or improve their swimming skills. The fee for the six-week course is $42 for recreation authority district residents (includes Hayes Township, Charlevoix Township and the City of Charlevoix) and $45 for non-district residents.

Stingray Swim Team starts six-week sessions on Jan. 2 and 3 and again Feb. 11 and 12. There will be a spring stroke camp starting Apr. 16, also for six weeks. The Charlevoix Stingrays are a year-round age group swim team. This is a competitive swim program designed for ages 7-18. Blue group meets from 4:15 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and is designed for 7, 8 and 9 year olds. Gold group meets from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Silver Group meets from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Fees range from $40-$70 in-district and $43-$73 non-district for the six-week sessions. An informational meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. today, Wednesday, Jan. 3 for new families. Swim meets are optional, but swimmers are encouraged to participate when possible. Upcoming meets are Jan. 6 in Rudyard, Jan. 20 in Traverse City, Feb. 3 in Gaylord and Feb. 20 in Harbor Springs. The team generally competes in 10-12 meets during the season, starting in October and ending the first weekend in March at Alma College.

Aqua-aerobics is offered six times each week. These classes meet from 8 to 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday. Participants can drop in for $5 (in-district) or $5.25 (non-district). One month pass is $37 for in-district residents and $40 of those living outside the recreation district.

Semi-private swim lessons start Jan. 4, April 10 and May 1. These lessons will be offered from 4-5 p.m. on Thursdays. The lessons will be 30 minutes long. There will be a maximum of four students per class. The fee for the six-week class is $66 for in-district swimmers and $70 per non-district swimmer.

An **American Red Cross certified Water Safety Instructor Course** will be offered this spring to those interested in becoming swimming instructors. Students need to be 17 years of age and have an intermediate swimming ability.

An **American Red Cross certified lifeguard training course** will be offered in May for those interested in becoming lifeguards. Students need to be at least 15 years of age and be able to swim 500 yards.

Public swim times include Open Swim (all ages) from 6-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 3-4:15 p.m. Tuesdays, from 3-5 p.m. Thursdays and from 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Dollar Nites will continue from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

On Your Own (OYO for adults) is from 1-3 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. The OYO swimmers share the pool with rehab patients from the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Senior citizen swim time is from 11 a.m. to noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Lap swimming is from 6-8 a.m. Monday through Friday, noon-1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 5-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 9-10 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays and from noon to 1 p.m. Sundays.

Teen swim is offered from 8-9 p.m. on Mondays.

The first and third Monday night of each month, the pool will offer **water polo**. Adults are welcome.

Snorkeling for kids will be offered this spring depending on interest. Students will be divided by age and ability.

Masters Swim Team is a competitive program for those 19 and older which is offered from 8-9 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Written workouts to be followed during lap swims are also available for those who want to practice more than once a week.

Twinges in the Hinges (Arthritis Foundation) with Molly Tate is offered three times each week. These classes meet from 9-10 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This class is designed for those with arthritis. Tate is a certified instructor and the pool is accredited with the National Arthritis Foundation. Twinges in the Hinges is a year-round program.

For more information, visit www.charpool.org or call the pool at (231) 547-0982.

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Date of Birth: February 4, 1920

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Clement Frank Olach, the decedent, who lived at 08060 Charlevoix View Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died on September 30, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Betty June Olach, Successor Trustee of the Clement Frank Olach Living Trust, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: December 14, 2006

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 8th day of July, 2003, by Mark J. Dubois and Toni R. Dubois, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on July 21, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 556 page 432, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHT AND 87/100 DOLLARS ($102,208.87) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, February 9, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by ROGER HENRY HOUGHTON and TRINA M. HOUGHTON, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, Mortgagee, dated May 3, 2000, and recorded May 11, 2000, at Liber 388, Page 68, Charlevoix County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof, the sum of $11,231.89, including interest at 9% per annum.

Under the Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premise, or some part of it, at public venue, at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2007.

Said premise is located in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

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The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: December 29, 2006

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Carol A. Ochs
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(B-01/03)

Expert advice on keeping resolutions in 2007

NEW YEAR'S

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only exacerbate the problem.

- Don't overdo it — injuring yourself while exercising is the surest way to lose interest in a healthy routine.
- The cost is worth it — joining the gym for a year can cost less than dining out twice a month.

"We like to have people here all the time, but this is a good time of the year for people to evaluate things they do in their life," Smith said. "Exercise helps people in all walks of life not only lose weight, but keep their heart healthier, reduce stress and keep their digestive system healthier."

She added, "The mind even works better. Some studies show mental capacity increases through activity."

QUIT SMOKING

A resolution which may tie losing weight and getting into shape is kicking the addiction of nicotine and habit of smoking, but Freedom from Smoking Coordinator, Michelle Potter, said giving up tobacco doesn't have to be a pain in the butt.

"Absolutely (smoking cessation class) is for everyone young and old. I certainly love to see teenagers and 20-year-olds there because they are making the right choice early on before they're too addicted," she said.

Roughly 50 percent of those enrolled in the seven-week class make it to the end of the program.

Potter's tips for quitting and staying away from tobacco:

- Prepare to quit — knowing what you will do with excess time and energy in the absence of time spent smoking will help ensure your success.
- Quit cold turkey — don't draw the process out.
- The support of others helps — whether that help comes from family members or the Freedom from Smoking attendees.
- Decide your motivation — having a reason to quit will help you reach your goal, and everyone has a reason to quit.
- Persistence works — people come back years after the class to say they are still smoke-free.

"I am an ex smoker. I quit smoking six years ago," Potter said. "My mother was diagnosed with esophagus cancer directly related to smoking and died a year later. That was my motivation. When I quit, I felt I needed to help others."

She added, "Thousands and thousands of people quit smoking every day, so don't be discouraged. We're here to help (you) be one of the thousands also."

Potter's next program begins Jan. 9. Call (231) 547-8672 or e-mail Potter at potterm@cah.org to register for the free class.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

While quitting smoking may be one of the more popular resolutions, folks wishing to deal with addictions to more serious drugs will also find help in the area.

"We do a great number of phone referrals," said executive director of BASES, Scott Kelly. "We probably get 50 phone calls a day just helping people find different resources. That can all be done anonymously."

Whether you're looking for an Alcoholics, Overeaters or Narcotics Anonymous meeting, BASES staff members can help.

The Alcoholics Anonymous hotline is (231) 348-5005. The Narcotics Anonymous hotline is (231) 348-1866.

"We can answer some general questions and if they want to have a sit down meeting with AA or NA people, we can make arrangements for that," Kelly said. "We can talk about what different problems they are seeing, what they are looking for — if they want to quit or look to control it or get their family off their case. Then we can help them identify some goals and come up with a plan with support to do their plan."

For more information on help for drug abuse, call Kelly at (231) 547-1144.

"Anyone can walk in (to an Alano club meeting), the only requirement is a desire not to drink," Kelly said.

For meeting times and more information about the Alano Club, call (231) 547-9184 or visit them on the web at www.charlevoixalano.org.

SAVING MONEY

It may be no surprise that saving money for the future, spending less on junk and reducing debt are popular goals right after Christmas, but they aren't impossible goals, said Derek Chowen, an investment representative with Edward Jones Investments.

"The obvious is to spend less than you make. The trick I used when I first got out of college was to write down or keep a receipt of everything you buy," he said. "It can be a pain, but if you do this for three months, you get into a habit. You see where you're spending your money, and you would be surprised how much you spend on junk food."

He added, "When it becomes habit, you can sharpen where you spend and make some cuts if necessary."

Chowen's fiscal tips:

- Take responsibility for your fiduciary mishaps — spend less money than you make.
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JAN. 8
CLASSICS BOOK GROUP

The classics book discussion group will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8, in the Armstrong Conference Room at Charlevoix Public Library. The book selected for this first meeting is "The Razor's Edge," by Somerset Maugham. Maugham's reflections on the nature of the human spirit are threaded throughout this journey through World War II and the Great Depression. Subsequent dates for this group are Feb. 19 and March 26, with titles to be announced at a later date.

JAN. 9
MURAL ARTIST PRESENTATION

Charles Thompson, an artist and painter, will be the honored guest at the annual gathering of the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9 in the community room at the library, located at 220 Clinton St.

JAN. 9
FREE FROM SMOKING

Charlevoix Area Hospital along with the American Lung Association wants to help you quit smoking.

This program will provide support, guidance and advice to those who are ready to quit.

The free, eight session, seven-week program, starts Jan. 9 and ends Feb. 27 and will be conducted at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Sessions will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 1, 6, 13 and 27.

To register, call (231) 547-8672 or send an e-mail to potterm@cah.org.

JAN. 15
BOOK GROUP

A general book discussion group will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15, in the Armstrong Conference Room. This group will be discussing "The Tender Bar," by J.R. Moehringer. Moehringer brings to life his childhood where he turned to the patrons of an old New York saloon as father figures. There, the flamboyant characters along the bar taught him, tended him and provided a kind of joint fatherhood. The group will choose books to be read for Feb. 26 and April 9 meetings.

JAN. 15
SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for the 4-H Travel Soccer league will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 15 in the cafeteria at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St. in Charlevoix.

The program is open to students in fourth through eighth grades. The cost is $85 per player.

A copy of the player's birth certificate and picture are required to register. Also a commitment to travel on Saturdays (girls) and Sundays (boys) is a must.

For more information, call Jill or Ron at (231) 547-6592.

JAN. 18
BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church located on the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street.

To make an appointment, call 800-448-3543. Drop ins are welcome. Donors are asked to bring their American Red Cross donor card or government photo identification.

JAN. 18
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING

The 49th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will take place on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

The evening will start with a cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The chamber's most prestigious awards will be presented to honor persons who have given to the community and/or the Chamber of Commerce.

The cost is $30 per person, including tax and gratuity. Members and their guests are invited to enjoy an evening of great food, spirits and camaraderie.

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JAN. 26
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For information and registration, call (231) 582-8800.

MARCH 7
SNOWBIRDS UNITE

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- Paws for a Story, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 6.
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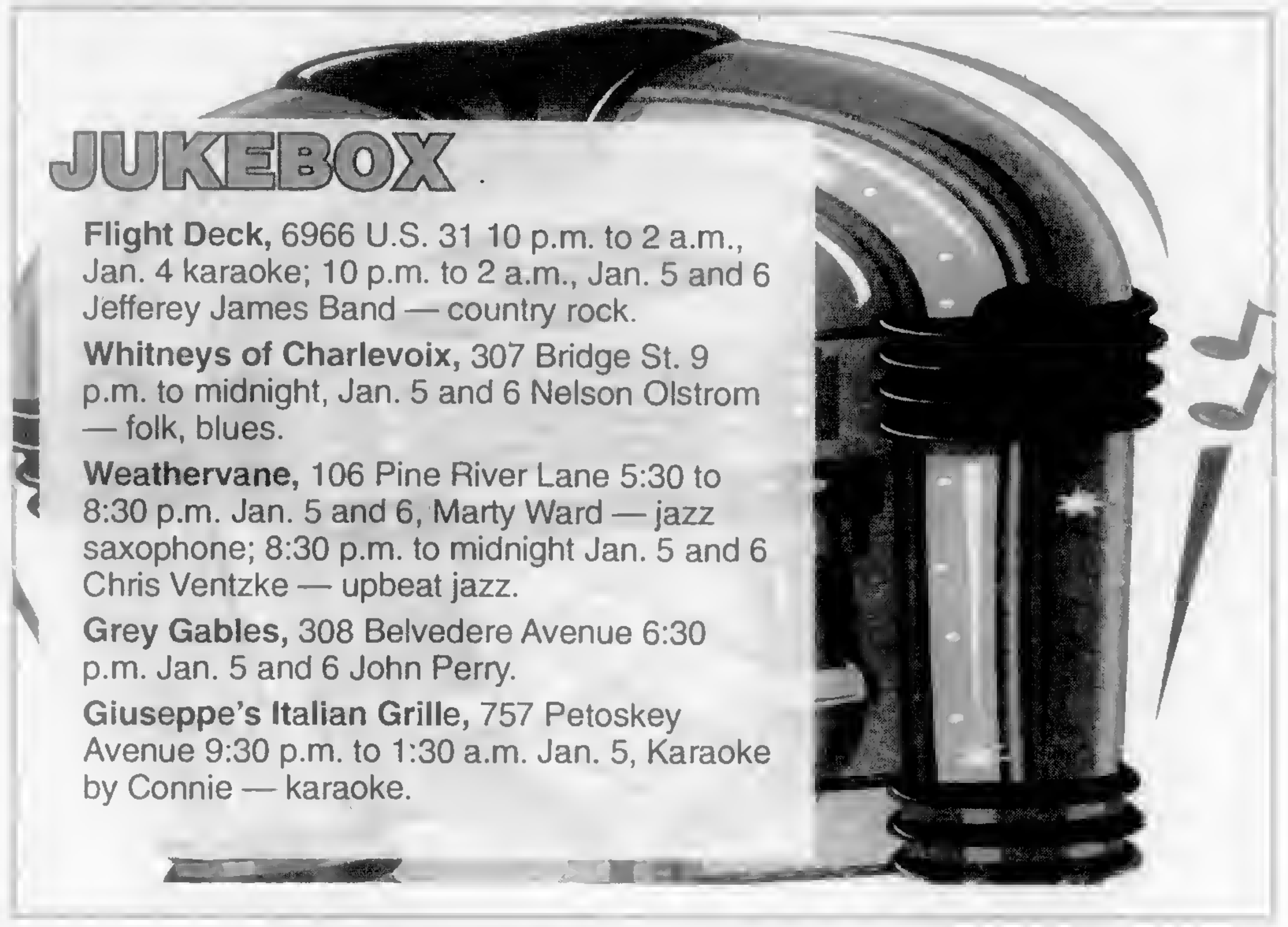

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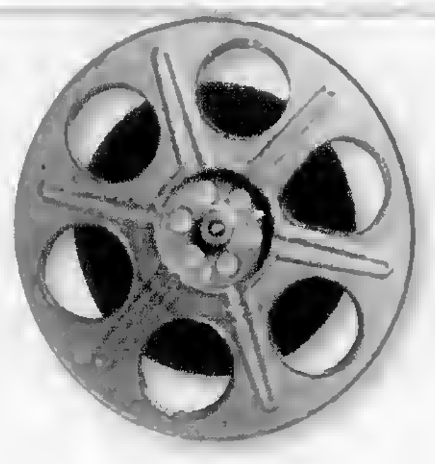

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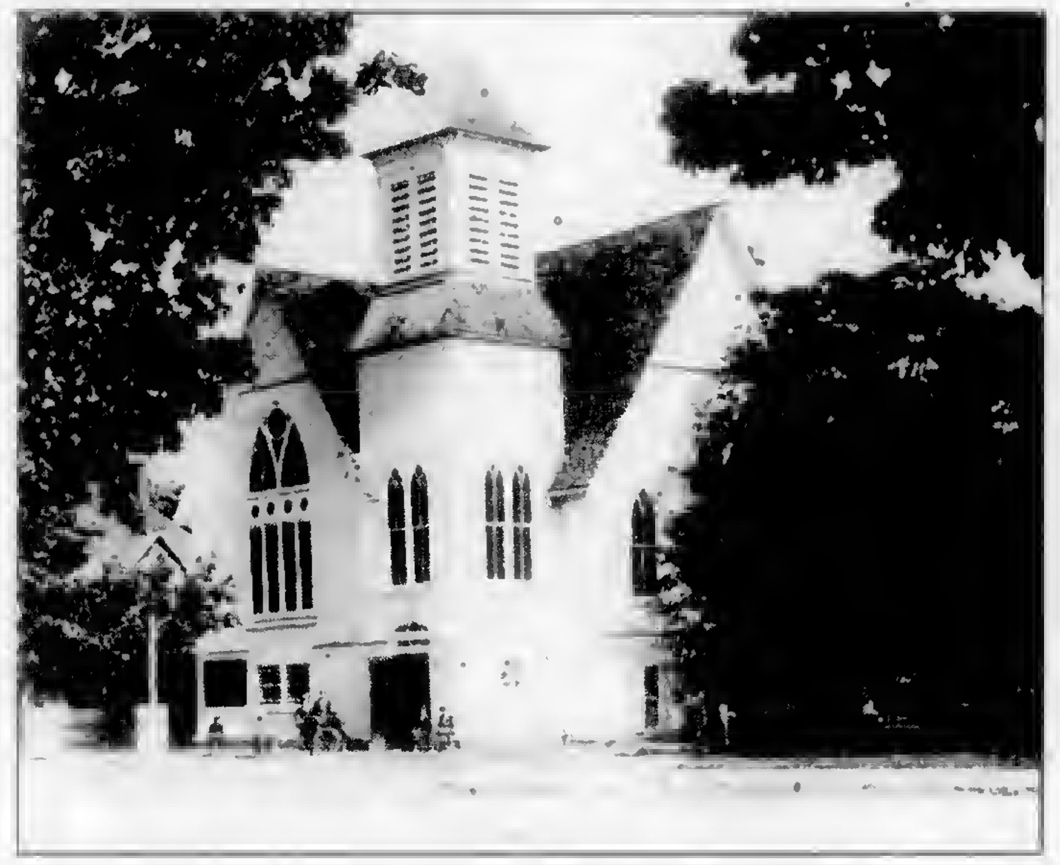

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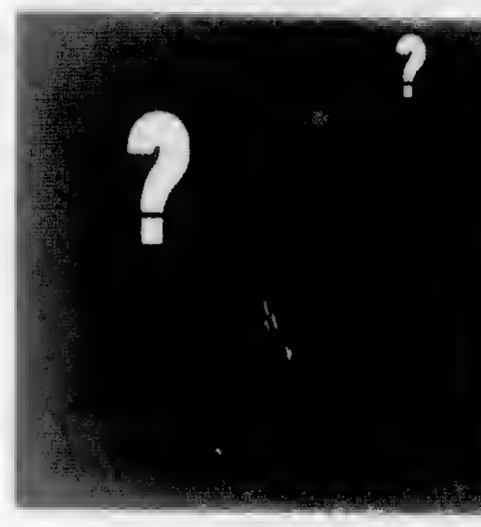

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BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
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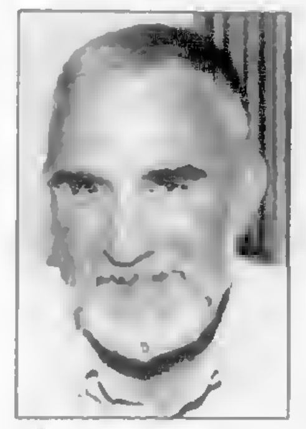

Mike Wiesner

Fireworks exploded at Charlevoix City Council's first meeting of 2007.

In a 4-2 vote, on Jan. 2, city council voted to initiate dismissal proceedings and to suspend current city manager, Mike Wiesner, who has held that post for 22 years.

The man behind the action was first ward councilman, Bob Timms, the same person who saved Wiesner's job in November 2005 when a motion to fire him was on the table. At that time, a heartfelt speech from city clerk, Carol Oebs, concerning Wiesner's effective management style turned the tide for Timms.

"The timing is a little better. Before it just didn't feel right. We have another year under our belts and it's time," Timms said. "The response has been about 98 percent positive. I feel better about it this time than last time."

Last week, it was a motion by Timms that was seconded by first ward councilman, Lyle Gennett, and supported by second ward councilman, Gene Beer, and third ward council member, Shirley Gibson.

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Alissa Baker of Ellsworth kisses her first child, Celeste Storm Green, on Jan. 3. Celeste, born on Jan. 2, was the first baby born at Charlevoix Area Hospital in 2007.

Hospital welcomes first baby of 2007

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

In the new year, gifts and surprises will come in many shapes and sizes.

For two parents, 2007 started with the birth of their first child, Celeste Storm Green, who entered this world at 2:49 p.m. on Jan. 2. She was delivered by family health practitioner, Jeanne Haberer with the East Jordan Health Center, and is the first baby born at Charlevoix Area Hospital in the new year.

The tiny new arrival, weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces and measuring 18 inches long, was showered with gifts to mark her birth. Everything from gift cards to diapers and formula were included in a huge basket assembled by the hospital staff with contributions from area businesses.

But for her parents, Ellsworth residents Alissa Baker and Andrew Green, both 17, the real gift was their baby's health.

On Jan. 4 the proud parents returned to their home in Ellsworth where they will dive into the world of parenthood. Andrew works at a diner in Ellsworth and for a construction company. Alissa is working toward her high school diploma at New Horizons in Boyne City.

The couple said they chose to deliver at Charlevoix Area Hospital because of its close proximity to their home. According to Mary Terryberry, nurse manager in the Charlevoix Area Hospital obstetrics department, other expecting parents choose the hospital for its family-friendly approach to birthing and its comfortable accommodations.

"We are family-centered, we have nice labor rooms and laboring patients have one on one nurse care," Terryberry said.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital obstetrics department offers eight private delivery rooms equipped with the latest technology. The department was completely renovated five years ago.

Terryberry said the number of deliveries is expected to increase over 2006 when 190 babies were born there.

"It's a typical OB unit. Sometimes we're bursting at the seams and sometimes there is one mother and one baby," she said.

The hospital has realized a steady increase in births since completing the renovation. In 2005, 184 babies were born there.

Hospital goals for the obstetrics department in 2007 include increasing births and possibly bringing on a new obstetrician.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Anne Marie Sierocki, 25, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 52 days in jail; $1,150 in fines and costs.

Earl Arnold Ernstein, 66, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Fines and costs totaling $260.

David Jay Radle, 25, Charlevoix. Failure to report an accident. Serve five days in jail; $250 in fines and costs.

Randy Eugene Erno, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession/purchase/consume alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Kevin Michael Wixson, 39, Frederick. Disorderly person/drunk. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Johnathon Joseph Bright, 28, Elmira. Reckless driving. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 69 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,055 in fines and costs.

Joshua Allen Vallad, 21, Boyne City. Two counts of a sex offender failing to comply with reporting requirements. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 12 days, to serve 81 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Erica Davida Detro, 24, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Donald Ervin Massey, 41, East Jordan. Wildlife conservation-taking deer/bear/turkey. Serve five days in jail with credit for five days; $1,400 in fines and costs.

Jon Michael Matuszczak, 28, Boyne City. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for 23 days, 60 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

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CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Scott David May, 35, Boyne City. Child support — failure to pay. Sentenced to nine months in jail with credit for four days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; $12,059.45.

Joshua Allen Vallad, 21, East Jordan. Probation violation. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 258 days, to serve 365 days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

The Accessory Shack Truck, P.O. Box 278 Charlevoix; Charlevoix Collision, 06395 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, by Brian L. VanMeter

Goodburn Drywall, 402 Main St., East Jordan, by Mike Goodburn

Wallace Custom Tile, 2834 Boyne City Road, Boyne City, by John David Wallace

Don's Logging & Construction, P.O. Box 534, East Jordan, by Donald R. Bergmann

Diva's Designs, 8235 Trillium Court, Charlevoix, by Janice Miller

Connaghan Construction, 32800 King's Highway, Beaver Island, by Anthony H. Connaghan

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Tyson Lee Potter, 24, Boyne City and Jessica Lynn Brooks, 23, East Jordan

Richard Todd Hudson, 45 and Vena Marie Johnson, 43, both of Charlevoix

DIVORCE

The following people were recently granted judgments of divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Julia Higby vs. Craig Higby

Brenda Marie Brochu vs. Kenneth David Brochu

Jennifer Kauthen-Borgman vs. Michael James Borgman

BIRTHS

Coen Ryan Burks weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces was born on Dec. 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Steven H. and Dawn M. Burks of East Jordan. His grandparents are Deborah Meads and Paul and Barbara Burks, all of East Jordan. His great-grandparents are Raymond and Sally Meads, Dennis and Mildred Gocha, all of East Jordan, and Paul and Kathy Chapman of Holiday, Fla.

Kenneth Earl Balch Jr. weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce was born on Dec. 28 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ken and Tami Balch of East Jordan. His sisters are Darian, Kendra and Kami.

Gabriel Paul Whisler weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces was born on Dec. 30 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Raymond and Jenilee Whisler of Central Lake. His siblings are Gavin, RJ and Liam Whisler. His grandparents are Ray and Kris Whisler and Tim Bunting, all of Boyne City and Dena Langworthy of West Olive. His great-grandparents are Marilyn Roach of Central Lake and Jim and Eve Bunting of Boyne City.

Trinity Jade Goldsmith weighing 4 pounds, 15 ounces was born on Dec. 31 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ashley Amber Wilbur and Joseph Albert Goldsmith of Petoskey. Her sibling is Tristan Joseph Goldsmith. Her grandparents are Kelly and Laura Wilbur, Cara Helzer, Vickie and Jerry VanSlembrouck and Robert Goldsmith, all from Petoskey. Her great-grandparents are Matthew and Ethel Wilbur of Lewiston and Walter Goldsmith of Petoskey.

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Will city manager appeal his dismissal?

WIESNER

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that put Wiesner's job back in the line of fire.

"I was the one that had to do it this time. I chickened out the last time. If it was going to be serious, it was up to me," Timms said.

Third ward councilman, Sherm Chamberlain, and second ward councilman, Greg Stevens, voted against it.

The reasons for his dismissal were the same grounds former second ward councilman, Gabe Campbell, brought to light in 2005. Timms said he asked Campbell for the wording to make his motion.

Grounds for Wiesner's dismissal as stated by Timms are, "Failure to properly supervise the city treasurer regarding the issuance of a check to CCMS in the amount of $222,978; failure to properly supervise the city wastewater treatment plant regarding the falsifying of records by wastewater treatment plant personnel; failure to provide, in a timely manner, the city council with information that will be considered at a city council meeting; and failure to provide monthly reports regarding the operation of city departments."

"That CCMS check came back to bite us — we are still fighting that. And I thought enough is enough. He should have seen it when it came across his desk and made sure it had both names on it. It was his responsibility," Timms said.

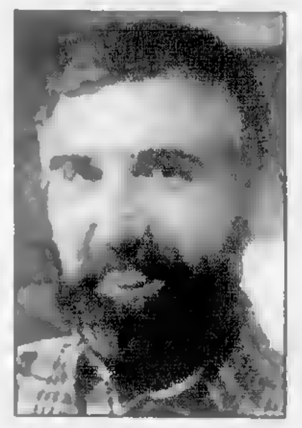
"Get out and see what's going on around departments to make sure things are under control and operating properly — the problem at the wastewater plant got away because he wasn't paying attention to it the way he should have."

Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said council's decision is punishment for problems that occurred two years ago and were out of Wiesner's control.

"City council is every bit as at fault (for the CCMS issue). They approved the check register," Carlson said.

While the grounds for dismissal stated in the resolution are old news, Carlson said the decision to let Wiesner go will spark a host of new problems.

"How much irreversible damage will we have to put away," he said. "We are in the middle of budget planning, we have an $11 million project in the park, union negotiations, airport issues, Citizens Committee recommendations to implement and the Cool Cities project for a city without a city manager."



Mike Wiesner (1984)

Timms said he feels the city will weather the storm.

"Continuity is something we are concerned about. I think we'll get through it all right," he said.

Council's suspension of Wiesner, which stemmed from a motion by Gennett, was approved with pay for not more than 45 days.

Wiesner can file a request for a public hearing with Ochs by this Friday, Jan. 12.

This hearing would take place about two weeks after his request has been made. In conjunction with the hearing, Wiesner may respond to council's reasons for removal in writing up until five days before the hearing.

After this hearing, council may adopt a final resolution of removal. A majority vote is required for this to pass.

If Wiesner doesn't request a public hearing, council can adopt a final resolution of removal which may be made effective at once.

Carlson said he expects the final motion will be to remove Wiesner. And when Timms was asked if something brought up at the hearing could change his mind, he said his mind is made up.

Wiesner declined to comment as to whether he will call for a hearing.

Dismissal would result in activation of a severance package, including payment of Wiesner's salary, as well as continuation of his benefit package for a year. This would cost over $100,000.

In a previous interview during the 2005 dismissal process, Wiesner said he planned to work another eight to 10 years for the City of Charlevoix.

Proceedings to remove Charlevoix city manager, Mike Wiesner

1984 Wiesner hired

Jan. 2 Charlevoix City Council passes a preliminary resolution to dismiss Wiesner.

Jan. 2 Charlevoix City Council passes a motion to suspend Wiesner for 45 days.

Jan. 5 Charlevoix City Clerk, Carol Ochs, delivers Wiesner a certified copy of the preliminary resolution wording.

Jan. 10 Deadline for Wiesner to file a request with Ochs for a public hearing.

Jan. 15-26 Period of time during which Wiesner's hearing would be scheduled. After this hearing, council may adopt a final resolution of removal. A majority vote is required for this to pass.

Who's in charge?

Charlevoix City Council's decision to suspend and initiate dismissal proceedings for city manager, Mike Wiesner, didn't include a "next in command" decision.

City clerk Carol Ochs said she left council's Jan. 2 meeting knowing the leader at city hall wouldn't be there the next morning but with no direction as to who should assume his role.

"That showed a real lack of leadership and disrespect for the staff," Ochs said. "The people who made and approved the motion should have then taken some action. They shouldn't have just left us hanging."

First ward councilman, Bob Timms who set the wheels in motion to fire Wiesner, said it was his understanding that city policy was in place for city treasurer, Rick Brandi, to take the reins in Wiesner's absence.

Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. met with city staff to deliver the news the next morning, Wednesday, Jan. 3. From there, he and Ochs opted to use the hierarchy list established by Wiesner to determine second in command. The three people in order of command are Brandi, Wiesner's administrative assistant, Linda Weller and city fire chief, Paul Ivan.

As far as a long-term replacement goes, Timms said he doesn't "have the slightest idea" as to who will replace Wiesner. He said Brandi is next in line to take over temporarily and council will likely seek an interim manager.

"I would hope to find someone to fill in until a permanent new city manager is named," he said.

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Quit the back room politics city council

EDITORIAL

We aren't going to sit down and argue about whether it was time for Charlevoix city manager, Mike Wiesner, to go.

The two main points of misconduct or poor management are a check writing mishap which resulted from a criminal act and doctoring of information at the wastewater treatment plant. Either in our eyes are serious enough offenses to merit removal.

But, council members beware — you work for the public, and a decision of this magnitude needs to be publicly addressed.

From what we understand, several people at the Jan. 2 council meeting, members of the audience included, knew what was going to shake out that night. Phone calls were made and coffee talk was shared. However did this important information, a plan to fire the city manager, appear in the most critical place — the meeting agenda? No.

Instead, first ward councilman, Bob Timms, opted to add "the city manager's employment" to the miscellaneous business part of the agenda which came at the close of the meeting.

The reaction was stone cold silence from Wiesner supporters like third ward councilman, Sherm Chamberlain, second ward councilman, Greg Stevens and mayor Norman Carlson Jr.

A decision that will cost the taxpayers over $100,000 should have been discussed and debated, instead everyone was blind-sided.

And, Wiesner and city residents weren't the only ones left reeling, city staff was also left hanging in the wind.

The disjointed process Timms and his henchmen initiated included no direction as to how leadership should be handled at city hall.

If you expect professionalism from the city manager, you better give your constituents the same service. Let them be prepared, have these discussions in public and show some leadership by directing those you've left hanging.

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Maintaining healthy relationships in 2007

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

With the fresh beginning of a new year I've discovered with uncanny regularity that individuals will begin, end or solidify their personal relationships.

Often I hear a man or woman state they want a clean slate to renew the year so why not leave my spouse or significant other. The same will be heard from others who share they are now going to start out the year committed to their special person and will seal it with a commitment. It's as if a deadline of Dec. 31 was established for making personal decisions. The dawning of a new year carries an eraser washing away 2006 as quickly as an incorrect problem on a classroom blackboard.

Once in awhile when I have time to ponder I wonder whether men and women were meant to live together. A man and woman may have differing views, interests, tastes in food and music. Their interests are similar while dating and they may begin to differ as time passes. Do we pretend to like what the other person likes so they will enjoy our company? Are we honest and communicative about our true feelings or do we keep them hidden with fears that the person we care about most will become angry or disappointed?

After some time spent helping couples in marriage the same issues arise that will either bind or break the relationship. Several come to mind when meeting with couples in the comfort of my home office. High on the list is whether being honest all the time is a good thing as it may hurt someone's feelings to share everything that's on your mind. Another hot topic is the issue of affection which is often confused with sexual activity. Third on my list would be the discussion about finances.

What do we admire about the opposite sex in general? The ability to nurture, show compassion, listen, offer strength and support, — they are all important. Which career they have chosen or the amount of money in their bank account is not important. I've spoken with spouses who ended their relationship with a wealthy individual when they felt they were not appreciated and heard. When a man knows he is important to his woman and she feels important to her man, they bring out the best in each other. In doing so they begin to enjoy each other more and feel a purpose in the relationship.

Honesty is still the best policy in all relationships. When keeping back the truth no matter what the information may be, trust is diminished. The rebuilding process after trust has been broken takes time. You can't turn on trust like a light switch. When honesty and cooperation exist, a couple is willing to share and build together. Neither wishes to lie and shade the truth but may do so to protect the other. How we handle hearing the sensitive issues is what usually turns to deception.

If you are someone looking for further information to assist you in your relationship for the New Year I'd like to recommend the following reading, "His Needs Her Needs," by Willard Harley Jr. and "The Proper Care and Feeding of Marriage," by Dr. Laura Schlessinger.

It's important to remember the reasons you began your relationship in the first place. What wonderful qualities attracted you to each other? Reflect on those and mention them to each other. Compliments are recognizing even the littlest of things they may have done and it can bring you closer as a couple. I wish all of you well in your mind, heart and body connections for the coming year.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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LETTERS to the editor

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

Charlevoix City Council meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meets for regular sessions on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. and on the fourth Wednesday monthly at 7 p.m. in the County Building Annex.

Charlevoix Township Board meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall, 107 Waller Rd., Charlevoix.

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Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. at the library, 220 Clinton St., Charlevoix.

CLIP AND SAVE

RECALL COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING THEIR AGENDA

Editor:

I was appalled by the decision of the Charlevoix City Council to remove Mike Wiesner from his position as city manager. In my opinion he has done a wonderful job of administrating the City of Charlevoix for the last 20 years. He has been instrumental in obtaining millions of dollars in grants for local projects. He has assembled a very good group of people around him as department heads.

Two of the stated reasons for this action are the CCMS check, and the problem at the Wastewater Plant.

In the case of the treatment plant, the manager has only the information given him to work with, which would be like Greek to most people that are not professionals in wastewater treatment, so he has to make decisions from information received from the department head involved.

As to the CCMS check, since the manager is not directly involved in the check writing process how can he be held responsible for a wrongly sent out check that did not cross his desk.

I have personally worked with Mr. Wiesner on three different occasions, one being Hoffman Park, one the ornamental railing system on the draw bridge, and as an employee of the city for the last nine years of my working career as the equipment technician at the city golf course. In all cases, I found Mr. Wiesner to be very competent, professional and dedicated to the people of the City of Charlevoix.

This whole affair smacks of a witch hunt by certain current and past members of city council for personal reasons.

The responsibility of council members is to reflect the views of the people of the wards, not their personal agenda, which I don't believe is true in this case.

The removal of a man who has done so much for the City of Charlevoix will certainly do no good for the people of Charlevoix.

I would just as soon see the recall of any and all members of the city council who put their personal agendas ahead of the welfare of the people of Charlevoix.

Good luck, Mike, and keep fighting for Charlevoix.

Parris Halverson
Charlevoix

RACIAL JUSTICE AND PRESIDENT FORD

Editor:

While I did not know Gerald Ford this story was told by him in an article he wrote for the Detroit Free Press on Aug. 10, 1999. Gerald Ford was a football player at the University of Michigan, 1931-1935. His coach at the time was my uncle Harry (Harry Kipke, brother to Ray Kipke of local interest — Kipke Field in Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Rayders spelled with a "y" for my dad). When uncle Harry coached at the University of Michigan he sought the best athletes regardless of race even though this was contrary to the times of racial segregation, even in the north. Fielding Yost, the coach prior to uncle Harry, would not allow a black player on the University of Michigan teams he coached.

One of Gerald Ford's teammates was a black player named Willis Ward. University of Michigan was scheduled to play against visiting Georgia Tech who insisted that Willis Ward be dropped from the roster because he was black. The team as a whole voted that they would not play the game without Ward on the roster. However, Willis insisted that he not play rather than forfeit the game.

President Ford's humanity and caring was evident even as a college student and continued throughout his lifetime. I like to think that my uncle helped lay his foundation for racial justice that stayed with him throughout his lifetime.

Bennie von Hellens
Charlevoix

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The buzz on the bee

Winner of the fifth annual Charlevoix Middle School spelling bee, Mathew Brown, demonstrated his superior vocabulary by beating 20 students during competition on Thursday, Jan. 4. Brown and runner-up, Carolena Elowsky, each received a bookstore gift certificate. Brown will represent Charlevoix Public Schools in bee competition on Feb. 1 in Harbor Springs.

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WEDDINGS

Drost — Yager

Taryn Drost and Mark Yager of Charlevoix were married at 3 p.m. on June 24 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church by Rev. John Sauer.

The bride is the daughter of Chris and Danya Drost of Charlevoix. The groom is the son of Deborah Yager and the late Mark R. Yager.

The maid of honor was Taya Sebick. Bridesmaids were Shayna Drost, Janay Drost, Kati Swenor, Megan Yager, Katie Yager and Emily Yager.

The best man was Matthew McClellan. Groomsmen were George Lablance, Jeremy Rafacz, Colin Carr, Jim Kanine, Nick Bronsema and Jordan Garrison.

The ushers were Brad Nortley and Luke Jaimez.

The reception was held at the Charlevoix Country Club.

The couple took a wedding trip to Jamaica.

Mark is employed as a project manager at BR2 Building. He is a 1999 Charlevoix High School graduate and a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University with a degree in public law/political science.

Taryn is employed as a reunification specialist at the Helen Ross McNabb Center. She is a 2002 Charlevoix High School graduate and graduated from Hope College in May 2006 with a degree in communications and psychology.

The couple will reside in Lenoir City, Tenn.

Fiddlers, pickers jam on Jan. 13 at VFW

The 4th Annual Fiddlers and Pickers Day will take place from 3 to 10 p.m. on Jan. 13 at the VFW Hall north of Charlevoix near the Marathon Gas Station.

Fiddlers, pickers and listeners are welcome. Round and square dancing, food and beverages will be available. A donation is requested for admission. Donations benefit the Jordan Valley Fiddler Jamboree Scholarship Fund.

For more information, call Gabe Campbell (231) 547-9739, Ed Holm (231) 547-9820 or Dan Johnston (231) 526-5145.

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Learn to sign, create a journal or track family history at local library

Carol Goodenough is back at the Charlevoix Library talking genealogy and family research.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 20, Goodenough will teach new genealogists the basics of genealogy and family history research. Goodenough will review how to kick off your research, suggest easy to use resources and give hands-on tutorials.

Goodenough, has worked diligently to preserve her own family history as well as the history of Charlevoix County. She is active both in the Charlevoix County Genealogical Society as well as the Charlevoix County Historical Society.

There is a $20 registration fee for this class.

To register, call the library at 237-7340.

From 2 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 20 Beth Allan will assist paper craft enthusiasts in making a handmade journal with chipboard and patterned paper, at the library. This unique book features a built-in spine as well as a fastener to hold pages for journaling. The class fee is $10 and includes all supplies. The registration deadline is Jan. 15. To register, call (231) 237-7340.

A four-part parenting series entitled, "Learn how to use a version of American Sign Language (ASL) with your pre-verbal babies," will be taught by Tonya Mann. Baby signing sessions will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from Jan. 23 through Feb. 13. Mann and her husband have used baby signing with their daughter and are now teaching it to their baby. Tonya has taught baby signing, approved by the American Federation of Sign Language, to many new parents, increasing communication between parent and child before babies can speak. For details, call the youth department (231) 237-7350.

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Sixth, seventh and eighth graders (from left) Kayla Eggers, Rachel Shull, Crystal Batdorff, Ashley Louiselle, Cassidy Peebles-Marfuta, Paige Montgomery and James Gaudette practice at Charlevoix Middle School for their upcoming Irish folk music and dance performance at the Michigan Music Conference on Jan. 27 in Grand Rapids.

CHS band students take Irish program to state conference

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 40 Charlevoix Middle and High School students specializing in Irish folk music and dance will soon have the distinction of performing at the annual Michigan Music Conference.

The sixth through twelfth-grader's 11 a.m., Jan. 27 performance "Traveling Down an Irish Road" will occur at the DeVos Grand Gallery C in Grand Rapids.

"The purpose of the Michigan Music Conference is to provide annual in-service opportunities for the professional development of Michigan music educators and to serve as a coordinating body for collaborative inter-association initiatives in support of school music in Michigan," paraphrased Jayne Bennett, director of bands at Charlevoix Public Schools. "It's an honor to be selected to play there (and) it's a learning experience for them (music students). What we're doing is demonstrating how we presented the Irish music program last year. We'll be presenting the dulcimer, penny whistle and dancers as well as showing how we brought outside artists in to work with the students."

The students will also play a range of instruments including Bodhran drums and instruments which are similar to xylophones.

"Each group will be demonstrating how to play their instruments with several songs," Bennett said. "The dancing group will perform and we'll go over with directors how to put on a whole festival."

Bennett's decision to begin teaching Irish folk music came after a trip to Ireland.

"I toured Ireland with an Irish folk duo called Switchback and they joined us on our concert last year," she said. "I thought it (Irish music) was a lot of fun. And, I learned this area has a very large Irish heritage which made it even more interesting to study."

Bennett added, "Actually, some people from the island (Beaver Island) joined us on the Irish Festival."

Some of the Celtic themed art created by Charlevoix students, including castles, illuminated letters and calligraphy, will also be presented during the Michigan Music Conference.

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Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10. This is a new course being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital. The target audience for this course includes those involved in child care such as child care workers, teachers, foster care workers, camp counselors, youth organizations and coaches for children's sports organizations.

The Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid Course teaches how to manage illness and injuries in a child in the first few minutes until professional help arrives. Topics include First Aid basics, medical emergencies, injury emergencies, environmental emergencies. Modules included are pediatric First Aid, asthma care training for childcare providers, adult/child and infant CPR and adult/child AED. The cost is $55.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community-Training Center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Hultgren: July 13, 1925 - Dec. 16, 2006

Mary Elizabeth Hollingsworth-Goodenough-Hultgren passed away after a long illness on Dec. 16 in her home in Elk Grove, Calif.

She was born on July 13,1925 in Flint. Her parents were Emmett Louis Hollingsworth and Ruth Margaret Freeman.

She is survived by her three children: Robert Arthur Goodenough of East Jordan, Mary Elizabeth, Frutchey-Voskuil and Bryan George Goodenough of Elk Grove, Calif.; five grandchildren, Scott and Susan Goodenough and Sarah, Edgar and Peter Frutchey; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Elk Grove and she will be interred at the Freeman family plot at Glenwood Cemetery in Flint.

Memorial contributions can be sent your local hospice.

Muriel Archer: Nov. 5, 1933 - Dec. 25, 2006

Muriel V. Archer, 73, of Charlevoix, died Dec. 25 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Born Nov. 5, 1933, in Detroit, the daughter of Edward H. and Esther M. (Kerr) Lang, she moved to Charlevoix at the age of 17. Muriel worked in the kitchen at Charlevoix Hospital for 28 years. She then worked for Charlevoix Linen Service for 19 years, and also at the Castle Van Haver where she managed the coffee shop.

Muriel attended the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix and the Grace Fellowship Mennonite Church in Charlevoix. She married Everett M. Swartout in 1963 in Charlevoix, and he preceded her in death in 1970. She was then married to Clarence "Shorty" Archer in 1972, and he preceded her in death in 2005.

Muriel is survived by her brother, Gary Murdick and sister, Jeryl Murdick, both of Charlevoix. A brother, Harold Lang, also preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Fellowship Mennonite Church, 11675 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720. A memorial service will be held at the Archer home in the spring. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is in charge of arrangements.

Ann Danly: Sept. 22, 1924 - Dec. 30, 2006

Ann A. Danly, 82, of Charlevoix, and Punta Gorda, Fla., and formerly of Hinsdale, Ill., died Saturday, Dec. 30, at her home in Charlevoix.

She was born Sept. 22, 1924, in Chicago, Ill. the daughter of Thomas and Margret (Kniesley) Abbott. She graduated from high school in Hinsdale, and junior college in North Carolina. On April 21, 1950, she married Bruce H. Danly in Hinsdale. They made their home in Hinsdale and summered in Michigan. They later moved from Hinsdale to Punta Gorda, Fla.

Ann was a very giving and generous person who loved her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband on May 22, 1994. Ann is survived by her loving children, Patricia Danly and her husband, William Hall of Trapper Creek, Ark., Nancy Danly of Charlevoix, Mary Danly of Laurel, Mont., Bruce and his wife, Jill Danly of Lake Bluff, Ill., and David A. Danly of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Matthew and his wife, Lisa Robinson, Ryan Fields, Clay and Hana Danly; and loyal friend, Brandy.

A graveside service took place on Saturday, Jan. 6, at Bronswood Cemetery in Oak Brook, Ill.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix handled the arrangements.

Chuck Davis: Died Jan. 1, 2006

Chuck Davis of Boyne City, died on Jan. 1, 2006 in a single car crash near his home. He was 81 years old.

Chuck grew up in Carnegie, Pa., and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh (1948) with a degree in mechanical engineering. He began his 40-year career in industrial sales in the Detroit area. He married Ruth Walle in 1950 and they had two daughters. In 1958, Chuck and his family moved to Kalamazoo, where he lived for the next 30 years, retiring as district manager of the Automatic Switch Company in 1986. Chuck's 37-year marriage to Ruth ended with her death. Chuck and Marian Liscum Harper were married in 1988, at which time Chuck became a full-time resident of Boyne City. Chuck was widowed again when Marian died in 1999.

Chuck was an active and caring member of the communities in which he lived. While his daughters were young he took on leadership roles in their schools' PTAs. He served as president of the board of directors of the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra and supported its activities throughout his life. Chuck's volunteer work and support of arts and education grew following his retirement and move to northern Michigan. He regularly volunteered in the diabetic education program at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Chuck greatly enjoyed his one-on-one weekly reading hours with young students in Charlevoix County's STAR reading promotion program. Chuck also volunteered at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. He was instrumental in establishing and securing the future of the center's beginning strings program as a member of the advisory board of the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra. Chuck had a wonderful time serving on the board of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra and rarely missed a performance.

Chuck was an active Mason, a member of several lodges including those in Boyne City. Charlevoix and Traverse City. In 2003, he was named District Mason of the Year, in recognition of his participation in the organization's governance and charitable activities.

Chuck is survived by his daughters, Wilhelmine Miller of Washington, DC, Karlotta Davis of Denver, Colo.; three granddaughters, Emily Miller, Lydia Miller and Sarah Menzel; and countless other family members and friends who will miss him.

A memorial service took place on Saturday, Jan. 6 at Church in the Hills in Bellaire.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in Chuck's memory be made to the following organizations: Kalamazoo Junior Symphony 7145 Westnedge Ave., Room 344, Kalamazoo, MI 49007; Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra 438 E. Lake St., Petoskey, MI 49770; Crooked Tree Arts Center 461 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey, MI 49770; Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation 14700 Lake Shore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720; or Head Start 321 South Park, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

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Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

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Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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President Michael Robbins	588-2112
or Missionaries	547-6159

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

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Norwood

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Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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City takes CCMS case to Supreme Court

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Charlevoix City Council is taking its fight for cash lost in a criminal money grab to the Michigan Supreme Court.

After returning from a closed session discussion on Jan. 2, Charlevoix City Council voted unanimously to give their attorney, Robert L. DeJong of Miller Canfield in Grand Rapids, the go ahead to apply to the Supreme Court to review the appellate court decision in the controversial CCMS case.

"I don't think there's anything to lose at this point," second ward councilman, Greg Stevens said.

The city will incur attorney costs and application fees by continuing to pursue the CCMS fight. In July 2005 they contracted with DeJong and established a $290 hourly rate as well as 28 percent of the total amount the city may recover as a result of the judge's ruling.

Things were looking sweet for the city and DeJong in June 2006 when Charlevoix County Circuit Judge Richard Pajtas ruled in the city's favor, requiring Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool, to cover not only the $222,978.36 cost of a check mix-up, but also $8,566.94 in interest that money would have earned had it sat in the city's coffers. Pajtas also awarded the city $4,616.80 for attorney fees incurred while defending a related lawsuit filed by United Fire and Casualty.

In late December 2006 the Michigan Court of Appeals reversed Pajtas' decision, ruling in favor of the Michigan Municipal League. The court ruled that the United Fire and Casualty claim was a breach of contract. The league specifically excludes from coverage any claim based upon a breach of contract.

Following that decision, DeJong said he was confident in the city's position and disappointed in the outcome.

"They (attorneys) feel that strongly even though the odds of the Supreme Court hearing it may not be very good," mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said.

According to the suit, DeJong said the Michigan Municipal League should have defended the city in a lawsuit filed by United Fire and Casualty and covered the city's losses.

The lawsuit the city feels should have been covered, stemmed from a check that was written on April 2, 2004 to CCMS and Associates, a contractor out of Sault Ste. Marie hired by the city in 2001 to work on roads and sidewalks.

However, the check was supposed to be written to CCMS insurer, United Fire and Casualty. United was then to pay subcontractors hired by CCMS for those projects.

"The insurance company said when the city issued the check, that check stemmed from a contract for improvements and insurance isn't intended to cover a breach of contract," Young explained in a previous interview. "The city's position was it was an honest mistake in issuance of the check made payable to CCMS only."

Charlevoix City Treasurer, Rick Brandi, claims he was not aware United Fire was supposed to be paid instead of CCMS. United Fire claims they sent a letter to Brandi with check writing instructions, but Brandi says he never received it.

Brandi's stamped signature as well as that of deputy city clerk Stephanie Brown, appeared on the check. At that time, Brown was sitting in for former clerk Liz Gooch, who had resigned.

When Brandi realized the check was issued in error, he called the city's bank and tried to stop payment but it was too late, CCMS owner William Montgomery had cashed the check.

CCMS never turned over any portion of that money to the bond company, United Fire and Casualty.

This mistake resulted in United Fire and Casualty suing the city in June 2004. In December 2004 the city agreed to end the suit by paying United Fire the over $220,000 it already paid CCMS.

Charles Davis killed in single car crash

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a one vehicle crash that took place on Jan. 1 in Eveline Township that claimed the life of an 81-year old Boyne City man.

Charles F. Davis was traveling on Advance Road when he lost control of his 2002 Mercury while negotiating a curve at Olstrum Road. The vehicle left the roadway and slid sideways striking a tree. The crash was first discovered by a neighbor at 5:40 a.m. and is believed to have happened several hours before that. Davis was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Charlevoix County Medical Examiner's Office. The Boyne City EMS and Fire Department assisted at the scene.

The crash remains under investigation by the sheriff's office.

A memorial service for Davis was held on Jan. 6 at the Church in the Hills in Bellaire.

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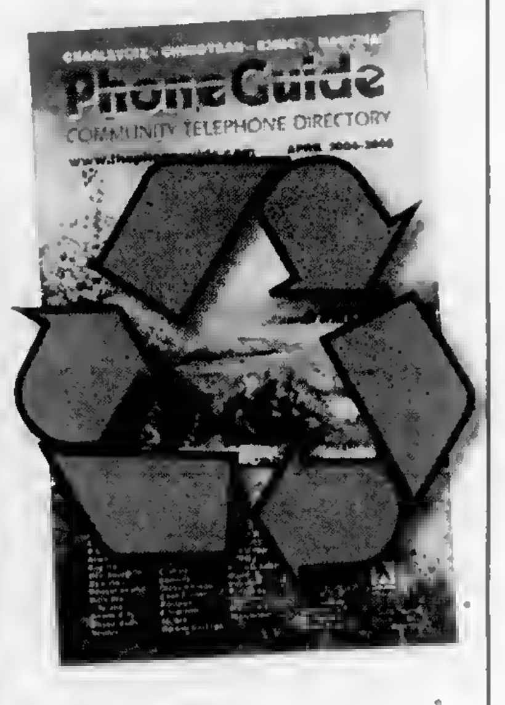

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McSauba prepares for late season opening

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Christmas break felt more like spring break in Charlevoix.

The warm weather meant no snow and bare slopes meant bored kids. Youngsters who traditionally burn off excess holiday energy on the hills at Charlevoix's Mt. McSauba were stuck looking for other activities.

Josh Hogan, a 12-year-old Charlevoix snowboarder, said he spent his two-week break from the classroom hanging out with friends, watching TV and hoping he could catch a ride with someone headed to Boyne Mountain or Nub's Nob.

Hogan used his time differently this year — during Christmas break 2005 he was a permanent fixture at McSauba which opened on Dec. 20, 2005.

"I was really disappointed," he said of McSauba's inability to open before Christmas.

According to Mt. McSauha manager, Bo Boss, who is entering his thirty-first season there, warm, rainy weather killed their chances of opening before Christmas and will likely delay opening until mid-January.

"This can't last forever. It has to turn the corner," he said of weather conditions.

Skiing and snowboarding lessons which were scheduled to start on Jan. 8 and run for five weeks have been pushed back indefinitely.

"There was just no way we could open barring a miracle," Boss said.

He said the big blast of snow that blanketed Charlevoix in November got his hopes up for an early season characterized by ideal conditions. But those hopes were doused by persistent rain and above freezing temperatures. McSauba's two new snow guns weren't powerful enough to fight Mother Nature.

"You can't weather this rain," he said.

Boss is hoping this will be the last year MeSauba finds itself on the losing side of the weather war. The City of Charlevoix is exploring new water sources which will allow snow to be made at the hill more consistently.

"Then we can be open like Nub's Noh, no matter what," he said.

The late start is unusual. Boss said the last time he can remember conditions like these was in 1983 when they opened on Jan. 27.

While this may seem like a recipe for disaster, Boss said the 1983 season still posted strong revenue.

"The kids were so excited, we still had a great year," he said. "We missed the Christmas out-of-towners this year. It hurts our revenue."

File photo

Charlevoix Mt. McSauba which generally opens before Dec. 25, has fought abnormally warm weather in its plight to kickoff the season. Manager, Bo Boss said it looks like skiers and snowboarders like the boy pictured above will be able to use the facility later this month.

Season details at Mt. McSauba

Mt. McSauba season pass rates:

1 skier	$80
2 skiers	$150
3 skiers	$200
4 skiers	$250
5 skiers	$300
6 skiers	$350

Equipment available for rental: Downhill and cross country skis, boots, snowboards, snowblades, snowshoes, sleds and glove guards.

Lessons for groups or individuals: Ski lessons are $40; ski lessons and rentals $45; snowboard lessons $45; snowboard lessons and board rentals $55; snowboard lessons, board and boot rentals $70.

Hours of operation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

More information, call (231) 547-3267.

Boss expects business to boom once the hills are opened thanks in part to some exciting new additions.

A deck has been added at the top of the main hill overlooking the snowboarding park. It is equipped with benches, a fire pit and a sound system.

"It's cutting edge," he said.

Users can drop from the deck into the snowboard park where they'll grind on new rails and hit new jumps.

Overall, McSauba offers six runs accommodating skiers and snowboarders of beginner to intermediate skill levels. The snowboard park is classified at the black diamond "advanced" level because of the jumps and obstacles it includes. The facility also encompasses 1.2 miles of lighted cross country ski trails and a sledding hill. Equipment rental is available.

Mt. McSauba is owned and operated by the City of Charlevoix. It is located in North Pointe, off McSauba Road, north of the City of Charlevoix. For more information about programs, call

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What's happening at the Library this week?

Carol Goodenough is back at the Charlevoix Library talking genealogy and family research. On January 20, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Mrs. Goodenough will teach new genealogists the basics of genealogy and family history research. This is the perfect class for those who have tried to start their own family research but just didn't know where to begin. Mrs. Goodenough will review how to kick off your research, suggest easy to use resources, and give hands on tutorials. After this day long event, all participants will be well on their genealogical way. Mrs. Goodenough, has worked diligently to preserve her own family history as well as the history of Charlevoix County. She is active both in the Charlevoix County Genealogical Society as well as the Charlevoix County Historical Society. Call the library at 237-7340 to register. There is a $20 registration fee for this class.

For the paper craft enthusiast, join Beth Allan at the library on January 20, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, to create a beautiful handmade journal with chipboard and patterned paper. This unique book features a built in spine as well as a fastener to hold pages for journaling. This clever project can be easily adapted into a mini scrapbook or sketchbook. The class fee is $10 and includes all supplies. Please call the library at 237-7340 to register. Registration deadline is January 15.

Parenting Series #1: Learn how to use a version of American Sign Language (ASL) with your pre-verbal babies. Join Tonya Mann on four Tuesdays, Jan 23 -Feb 13, at 6:30 p.m to learn "Baby Signing." Mrs. Mann and her husband have used baby signing with their daughter and now are teaching it to their baby. Tonya has taught baby signing, approved by the American Federation of Sign Language, to many new parents, increasing communication between parent and child before babies can speak. Call the youth department for details: 237-7350.

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TEEN SCENE inside the halls

Seniors tackle tough college decisions

BY KIM WAY
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The second semester of a high school student's senior year is one full of decisions. What's going to happen after graduation? Will I get into the college of my dreams? These questions and more fill the minds of the class of 2007.

Charlevoix High School senior Ian Hughes's dreams came true just a few months ago when his acceptance letter from the University of Michigan arrived at his home. With the goal of a mechanical or electrical engineering degree, Hughes is ecstatic to move to Ann Arbor in the fall.

Ian Hughes

"I love the (University of Michigan) campus," said Hughes. "The (engineering) program is in the top 10 in the nation — I can't wait."

Hughes is excited and nervous in the same breath.

"It'll be a challenge to get used to a new routine. Also, with my diabetes, it'll be a change to not have anyone there looking out for me," he added.

Charlevoix High School senior, Emily Heffling, isn't far from her dream-come-true either. After being asked to run hurdles for the Michigan State University track team in early November, Heffling is working hard to meet expectations from both the team and herself.

"I've never been more nervous for anything in my life," she said. "I'm mostly scared to work hard and prove myself to the team while still getting good grades and finding out what I want to do with my life."

While some are preparing for a new life at the college of their dreams, others are still awaiting acceptance letters.

Charlevoix High School senior, Ashlie Bradley, hopes to enroll at Grand Valley State University in the fall to pursue elementary education. When Bradley wasn't accepted right away, she became quite disappointed.

Ashlie Bradley

"I've worked really hard throughout high school," said Bradley. "I've maintained a 3.0 (grade point average) and got a 20 on the ACT test. It's hard to know that I've worked this hard and haven't met all (Grand Valley's) standards."

If Bradley doesn't get into the college of her choice, she has a back up plan. Bradley applied to both Saginaw Valley State and Ferris State University, and she has been accepted to both.

"I heard the (elementary education) program is really good at Grand Valley, but I'd be happy at any of these schools," she said.

The anxiety of making life changing decisions like where to go to college continues to control the minds of many high school seniors, but for many, this decision has already been made.

Kimberly Way is the writer and coordinator of Teen Scene. This page will appear the second Wednesday of the month in the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by e-mail at way_kim@hotmail.com.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix High School senior, Emily Heffling (above), will be faced with her most challenging hurdle in the fall when she enrolls at Michigan State University where she will join the track team.

Courtesy photo

Student legislators

On Dec. 5 State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, welcomed Charlevoix High School teacher, Anne Marie Conway, and her Charlevoix High School class to the state Capitol. The students participated in the House Civics Commission, an initiative which believes that one of the best ways to teach civics is to engage students in governmental processes. The students gave presentations on legislative documenting, global warming, the use of wind turbines and legislative redistricting.

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Man loses fingers in ammo explosion

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Chief of Charlevoix City Police, Gerard Doan, said the 68-year-old who injured himself while removing the bullet from a World War II-era antiaircraft shell will not be charged with any crime at this time.

Morris Ned Walker was home less than six hours after having surgery on his left hand after the cartridge exploded in his pole barn on New Year's Eve.

"Mr. Walker's left hand was basically missing the pinkie and ring finger along with a small section of his hand," stated Charlevoix City Police officer, Sarah Cooper, in her incident report, which the Charlevoix Courier received after making a request under the Freedom of Information Act. "He also had several cuts and lacerations to his other two fingers, however, his thumb was still intact."

According to Cooper's report, Walker makes arts and crafts from old military shells and weapons he believes are inactive.

"He also stated that he emptied some of the gun powder out of the shell before it went off," Cooper stated. "He said that he thought that he was familiar with such a device being that he loads his own shells for his rifle."

Before he was taken from the emergency room for surgery, Walker told Cooper another shell approximately 20-50 mm in size remained in his pole barn.

"He was not sure if it was mortar military issued or if it was just a shell with regular bullet casings," she stated in her report. "He stated he had been in the military previously and believed that they were anti-aircraft type weapons and that he had received them from his neighbor."

Cooper informed Det./Sgt. Steven W. Hickman of the Michigan State Police Bomb Squad Unit in Grayling of the ordinance on Walker's grounds.

"Hickman requested that no one enter the pole barn where the devices were located," Cooper stated. "When I drove by the pole barn, I noticed that there were several old canisters of what appeared to be compressed gasses."

Walker's wife told Cooper they were the type of tanks used for welding.

With Walker's consent, the pole barn was searched and at least (two) shells were removed.

"While there, Hickman also found the exploded round which (he) identified as tracer, which is highly flammable and explosive."

In a phone interview five days after the incident occurred, Walker's wife, Mary Jo said, "He's doing fine."

Charlevoix Area Hospital reported the incident to the local police department as required by law.

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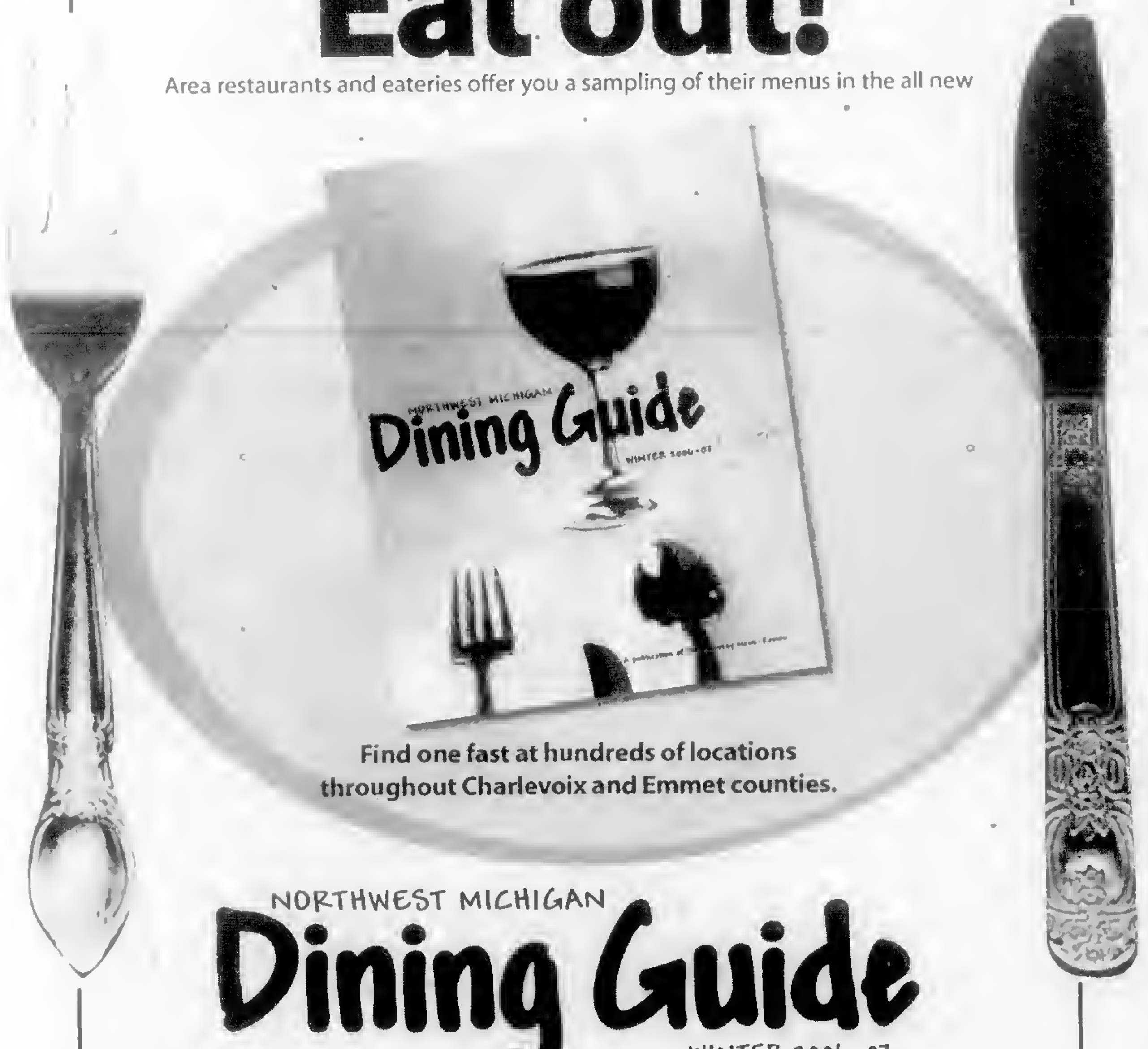

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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

New Year Welcomes New Board Members

Each year some of our Board members "retire" – and new members are elected.

This year, the Chamber is proud to welcome new Board members, Chris Cuffaro, Citizens Bank; Dirk Cox, St. Mary's Cement Company; Louis Hollow, Hollow & Associates; and Chris Turkelson, law firm of Hayes, Telgenhof, Turkelson & Groat, P.C.

Congratulations to our new officers, Chairman, Tom Conlan, Belvedere and Golf Club; Vice Chairman, Jeff Sprecksell, Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant; and Treasurer, Jay Bingham, Bingham Insurance Services.

We also welcome returning Directors Patricia Blanchard, Shop of the Gulls and Linda Bradley, Charlevoix Manufacturing Company.

As our new Board is getting to work, we also say a fond farewell and a very heartfelt "Thank You" for a job well done to our departing Board members, Jim Berlage, Bridge Street Book Shop who served at Chairman in 2005 & 2006; Judy Kehr, Friske Orchards who served at Vice-Chairman in 2006; and Ron Agnello, C.P.A who served as Treasurer in 2005 & 2006 in addition to their terms as directors. The progress we make in the future will be due to the steps you have taken to pave the way. To present and past Board members... Thank you for improving our quality of life. Charlevoix is a better place because of you!

CHARLEVOIX AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chamber Annual Awards Meeting – January 18, 2007

The 49th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is Thursday, January 18, 2007 at Stalford's Weathervane Restaurant.

The evening will start with a cocktail hour at 5:30pm, with dinner served at 6:30pm. Individuals may choose between an entrée selection of "John Cross" whitefish, Alfredo pasta, or pork loin. Meals include a first course and a sumptuous dessert.

The Chamber's most prestigious awards will be presented to honor persons who have given to their community and/or the Chamber of Commerce.

The Ambassador of the Year Award recognizes an individual who promotes the spirit of the Charlevoix Community and/or the Chamber of Commerce and its programs.

The Chairman's award recognizes an individual who has volunteered time and/or resources to help the Chamber of Commerce.

The Outstanding Citizen Award recognizes an individual who, over a number of years, has given freely of time, talents, and resources to make the Charlevoix area a better place to live.

Members and their guests are invited to enjoy an evening of great food, spirits and camaraderie. For more information call the Chamber office at 231-547-2101.

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following businesses for their sponsorship: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Charlevoix State Bank, and Citizens Bank.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Jan 13 - Mar 03	A Sense of Place Photography Exhibit, Crooked Tree 547-2101
Jan 13	Pickers & Fiddlers Jamboree 547-3588
Jan 16	Meet the Charlevoix Library Muralist 547-2651
Jan 18	49th Annual Awards Meeting547-2101
Jan 20	Charlevoix Snowmobile Club Ride-Out 547-1901
Jan 27	Charlevoix Snowmobile Club Ride-In 547-1901

For information on the many programs and events offered by the Charlevoix Public Library visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-547-2651.

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

The next First Friday Business Breakfast is at Grey Gables on February 2 at 7:30am.

If you have news for the Chamber Monthly please call the Chamber at 547-2101.

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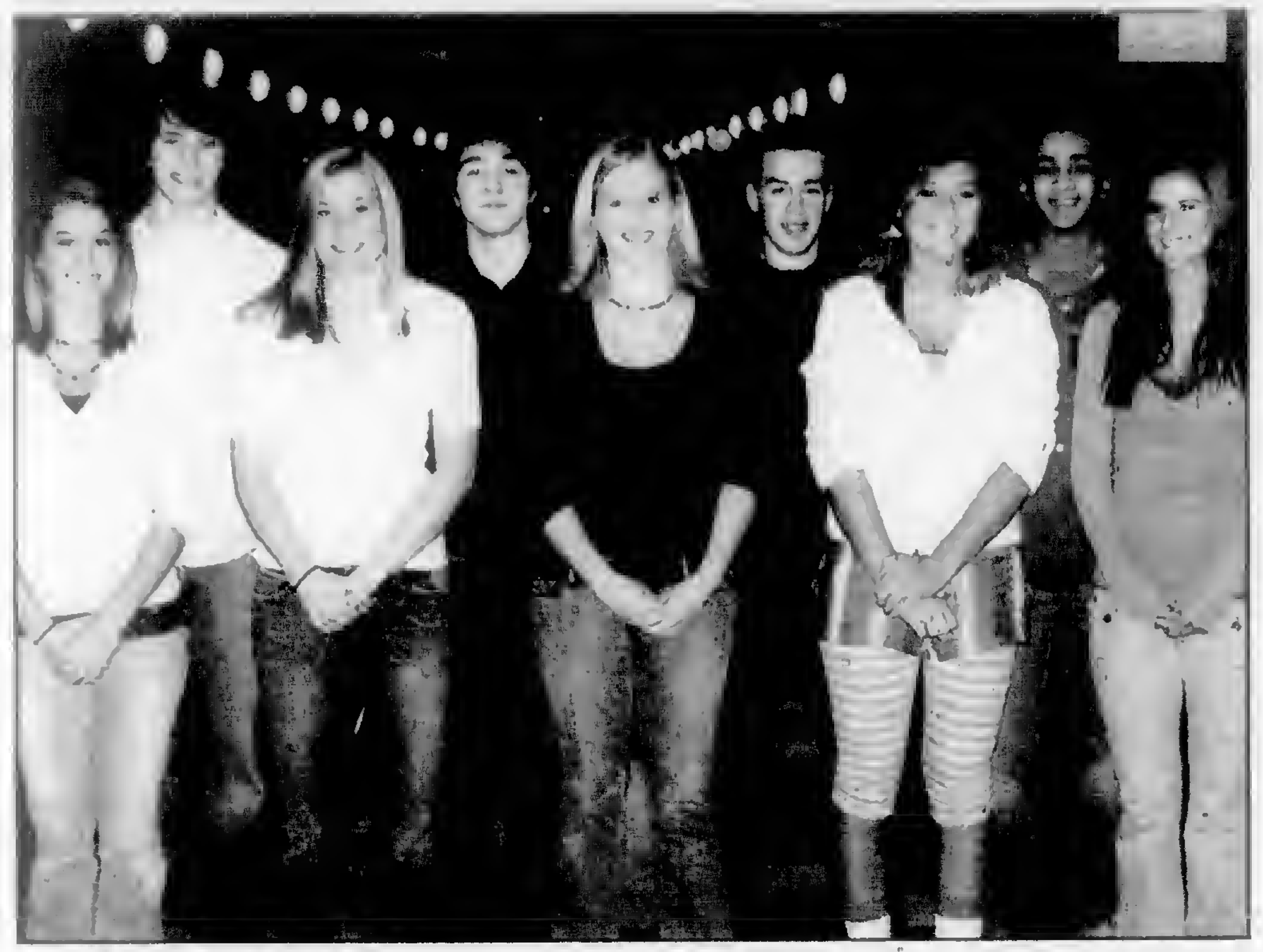

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Winter royalty

The 2007 Charlevoix High School Winterfest court is (front from left) Janay Drost, Lori Zimmerman, Lauren Bradley, Bailey Yenglin, Charisse Rogers, (back row) Nick Gotshall, Alex Urban, Geoff Baier and Tyler Haske. To celebrate, students will dress according to daily themes. Today, Wednesday, Jan. 10, is Cowboy day, Thursday is Theme day, with the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors dressing as punk rockers, nerds, preps and jocks respectively and Friday is Maroon and White day. The king and queen will be crowed at halftime of the Charlevoix, Kalkaska game which is scheduled to begin around 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 12 in the gymnasium at Charlevoix High School. Ray Jones not shown.

Charlevoix Senior Center to host dinner fund-raiser on Jan. 10

The Charlevoix Senior Center will host a fund-raiser dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on Jan. 10 at the center located at 06906 Norwood Road. Roast pork will be served mashed potatoes and gravy a vegetable, salad bar, dessert and beverage. The cost is $8 per person. Children 5-12 are $4. Those under 5 are admitted free. Proceeds will be directed to the center. Tickets are available at the door. Takeout is available. Call 547-5361 to order or for more information.

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The support group is sponsored by the Safe Crossings program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and will be facilitated by a family counselor.

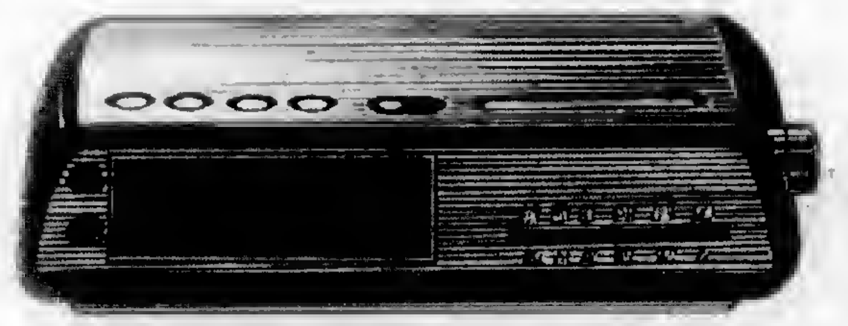
Other Safe Crossings services include individual and family counseling for adults and children who are grieving a loss or coping with the advent of a life-threatening illness, pregnancy and infant loss support program, Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group and educational in-services.

All Safe Crossings services are provided free-of-charge. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or visit www.hospiceltb.org.

Community Reformed Church to host Jan. 18 blood drive

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church located on the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street.

To make an appointment, call 800-448-3543. Drop ins are welcome. Donors are asked to bring their American Red Cross donor card or government photo identification.



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County commissioners take new committee seats

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

District Six Charlevoix County Commissioner, Shirley Roloff, was named chairman of the board during the Jan. 3 organizational meeting.

District One Commissioner, Shirlene Tripp, was named vice-chairman.

The Personnel/Internal Government Committee now consists of Roloff, District Four Commissioner, Joel Evans and District Two Commissioner, Chris Christensen. The committee, which oversees personnel, insurance, advertising, printing, equalization, transit, clerk, treasurer, co-op extension, register of deeds, veterans' affairs, planning, GIS and the Commission On Aging, will meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Public Safety/Judicial/Building and Grounds Committee now consists of District Three Commissioner, Ron Reinhardt, Tripp and District Five Commissioner, Bob Drebenstedt. The committee, which oversees matters including grounds, construction codes, soil erosion, conservation, law enforcement, emergency services, child care, courts, prosecutor, Friend of the Court, drain commission, building inspection, sheriff's office and maintenance department, will meet at 9 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

The following liaison appointments were also designated for the following year:

Road Commission — Roloff

Family Independence Agency — Evans

County Townships Association — Christensen

Veterans' Affairs — Reinhardt

Commission on Aging — Drebenstedt

Humane Society Board — Reinhardt

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians — Evans

Planning Commission — Tripp

District Health — Evans, Drebenstedt

Growth Alliance — Christensen

Area Agency on Aging — Drebenstedt

Council of Governments — Christensen

Northern Counties/Michigan Association of Counties — Reinhardt

Substance abuse — Christensen

Regional Community Corrections — Tripp

Mental Health — Drebenstedt

Northwest Human Services — Roloff

U.S. 131 Area Development — Drebenstedt

Sanitary Code Board of Appeals — Evans, Reinhardt, Tripp

Construction Code Board of Appeals — Howard Haselschwardt, Herb Cummings, Edward Reeves, Sylvester Czerkies

Renovation — Reinhardt, Christensen, Roloff

Storm Water Appeals Board — Drain Commissioner, Thomas Irwin, Jim Malowitz, Jim Vanek, Steve Voice, Evans, Roloff, Tim Matchett

GIS Advisory Committee — Christensen

9-1-1 Central Dispatch — Roloff

Recycling Committee — Roloff

Parks Committee — Tripp, Drebenstedt, Roloff

Transit — Reinhardt

Transportation Authority — Christensen

Fair Board — Reinhardt, Tripp

County Democratic party to host Jan. 11 membership meeting

The Charlevoix County Democratic Party will hold its January membership meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11 at the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City.

Dinner is available at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7 p.m.

At the county convention held in December the following officers were nominated: Connie Saltonstall, chairperson; Bill Lovett, vice-chairperson; Marilyn Morehead, secretary; and Barb Perreault, treasurer.

In accordance with the recently adopted by-laws at the January meeting, the members will vote and approve the slate of officers or nominate other persons for any of the officer positions. In addition, at the January meeting delegates will be selected for the District Democratic Convention to take place on Feb. 10 in Gaylord and to the State Democratic Convention to take place on Feb. 24 in Detroit.

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BC Pizza relocates and plans for major changes

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Regular customers of Charlevoix's BC Pizza are probably aware the restaurant was relocated from next-door to Sears to its new home at 149 M-66 Captain's Corner Plaza near Glen's.

However, owners Keith and Julie McBee said their plans for expansion are far from over.

"The other place seated approximately 40 and in this place we have (seating for) almost 80," Keith said. "Our plan for the future is to put a play area in. There's nothing in concrete, but we have a pretty good idea (we'll) make it happen."

Keith said he would like to have several games and an indoor style jungle gym for the younger kids.

"There's no place to go for birthday parties and other stuff," he said. "This would mainly be for the younger age kids, but there would be some video games."

The interior of BC's new location has been hand-painted by an artist from Boyne City.

"The atmosphere is more family friendly," Keith said. "The other place was more of a pick-up and this place is more of a dine-in, and I believe it's easier for people to stop in. We're close to Glen's and lot of people shop there."

He added, "I believe business is better."

While BC Pizza's menu hasn't changed drastically, buffet availability and selection has been increased.

"We extended the buffet to Monday through Saturday and made it a little better and a little bigger," Keith said. "It has pizza, salad, fruit, bread sticks and a variety of desserts."

The McBees employ two drivers and eight restaurant workers year-round, and while Keith wouldn't say exactly how much he spent on the move and renovation of the new facility, "It was quite a bit of money, but the investment is worth it."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

BC Pizza owners, Keith and Julie McBee, pose in their new building with twins Landon and Delaney. The restaurant moved in October from their old location near Sears to Captain's Corner Plaza near Glen's.

BC Pizza, which delivers within a five-mile radius and is open seven days a week, may be one of the few local businesses which stays busy year-round.

"I don't think it's (business) that much different from wintertime to summertime — obviously a little — but we stay pretty steady throughout the winter," he said.

And, though there are other pizza stores in competition with BC, Keith said his franchise earns a respectable profit.

"We keep giving good stuff," he said. "That's the thing, giving customers good service and good pizza."

The Charlevoix location, operated independently, is one of more than 40 stores in at least two other states, Georgia and Kentucky.

The location is new, but Keith has been in the pizza business for nearly two decades.

"BC Pizza started in 1988 and I've been with them since 1990," he said. "I started working for them when I was 15 because I wanted to have my own business — here I am 18 years later."

The McBee family members helping make and deliver pizza include Keith's dad, niece and brother.

Keith said nobody really complained about the old location, but he's received numerous accolades from his regular customers for relocating.

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CVB elects 2007 board members

The Charlevoix Area Convention and Visitors Bureau recently elected new board members for 2007. The election took place in December and officers were chosen.

Chris Kowal, general manager for the Edgewater Inn, was elected president. Michael Barton, owner of the Inn at Grey Gables Bed and Breakfast, was elected vice-president. John McKown, owner of the Bridge Street Inn, was elected secretary/treasurer. Tom Pfeifle, general manager at the Weathervane Terrace, and Judy Winter, a partner in Charlevoix Lakeside Rentals, were elected directors.

Outgoing president, Tracy Sell, thanked departing board members Irene Hizelberger and Elizabeth Rich for their time and dedication.

Tickets on sale for Jan. 18 Chamber of Commerce 49th Annual Meeting

The 49th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will take place on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

The evening will start with a cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Individuals may choose between an entrée selection of John Cross whitefish, alfredo pasta or pork loin. Meals include a first course and dessert.

The chamber's most prestigious awards will be presented to honor persons who have given to the community and/or the Chamber of Commerce.

The Ambassador of the Year Award recognizes an individual who promotes the spirit of the Charlevoix community and/or the Chamber of Commerce and its programs.

The Chairman's Award recognizes an individual who has volunteered time and/or resources to help the Chamber of Commerce.

The Outstanding Citizen Award recognizes an individual who, over a number of years, has given freely of time, talents and resources to make the Charlevoix area a better place to live.

The cost is $30 per person, including tax and gratuity. Members and their guests are invited to enjoy an evening of great food, spirits and camaraderie. To make a reservation, call the chamber at (231) 547-2101.

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City bids adieu to longtime meter reader

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

> *"Right now I'm looking forward to sitting by the fire, reading a book, relaxing, planning my next adventure and my whole new life."*
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> **Ann Willis**
> RETIRED CITY OF CHARLEVOIX METER READER

For almost three decades, the streets of Charlevoix were Ann Willis' office and she was the key player that kept water and electric billing for the City of Charlevoix running like clockwork.

Willis, 55, the longtime city meter reader, finished her last day on the job on Jan. 2 after 29 years of service. At her retirement party that afternoon she said no one wants to hear a speech from her. But it was her familiar, friendly voice that brought many of her customers to the good-bye party at city hall.

"I'll miss the people that I saw every day, they were wonderful. If I was having a bad day, someone would lift my spirits. People were so friendly. They were like my family," Willis said.

Willis was a pioneer in the local meter reading realm. Before she took the job in May 1978, she said meter reading was a man's job. Her service to the city since high school was her in.

During tenth grade at Charlevoix High School she worked in the billing department at city hall in conjunction with a work study program through the school. After graduating in 1969 she continued to work there part-time while attending North Central Michigan College where she took liberal arts classes.

But life behind a desk wasn't what she had in mind.

"I could have stayed in the billing department but I don't like office work. I love the outdoors — I like hunting, fishing, softball — I felt it was me to be outdoors," she said.

Willis was a shy, young woman when she accepted the job. She was uneasy about going into businesses and homes where water meters were in the basement or electric meters were upstairs.

Over the years, covering five to eight miles a day on foot while reading 400 meters, she built friendships with people at the over 4,000 electric and water accounts she monitored.

While she'll miss the friendships, she is looking forward to the free time.

Willis plans to work part-time at Michigan Scientific and will use the rest of her time to pursue her passion for the outdoors — hiking, biking kayaking and maybe getting back into bow hunting.

"Right now I'm looking forward to sitting by the fire, reading a book, relaxing, planning my next adventure and my whole new life," she said.

Willis is a Charlevoix native. Her parents, Jim and Dorothy Willis, live on Beaver Island.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

At a Jan. 2 retirement party, City of Charlevoix mayor, Norman Carlson Jr., presented longtime city meter reader Ann Willis with a plaque of appreciation for her 29 years of service to the city.

Jan. 22 application deadline set for federal emergency food and shelter funding

Charlevoix County has been awarded $22,218 in federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

These funds will be distributed by a local board to be used to supplement emergency food and shelter programs. The funding period is Jan. 1 through Sept. 30.

The selection was made by a national board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, United Jewish Communities, Catholic Charities USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA and United Way of America.

The local board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

The local board is made up of representatives from Char-Em United Way, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, Catholic Human Services, Community Foundations, local religious congregations, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, the Department of Human Services, local governments and a representative of the homeless population. This board will determine how the funds will be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must be private voluntary non-profits or units of government; have an accounting system; practice nondiscrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Emergency Food and Shelter funds were awarded to the following agencies last year: The Women's Resource Center, the Salvation Army, the Manna Project, St. Francis Church, Brother Dan's Food Pantry, Care and Share, Charlevoix Community Pantry, and Good Samaritan Family Services.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Martha Lancaster at the Char-Em United Way, at (231) 487-1006 for an application.

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December 20, 2007 - 4:30 pm
One MacDonald Dr., 2nd Floor Board Room, Petoskey

Please check your local newspaper the week prior to the meeting for any changes.

SPORTS reviewing the action

Glads tarnish Rayder basketball record

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

The Charlevoix Rayders suffered their first loss of the season on the hardwood last Friday night losing to visiting Traverse City St. Francis, 62-56. Earlier in the week, the Rayders defeated Cheboygan, 83-64.

The loss to St. Francis (6-1 overall, 3-0 conference) drops Charlevoix (5-1, 2-1) one game between the Gladiators in the Lake Michigan Conference standings.

"We came out flat in the second half," coach Keith Haske said. "We've been having problems playing a solid 32 minutes all season long and against a good team like St. Francis, it caught up to us."

The Rayders led early as Corey Gotshall scored six points in the first quarter to key a 14-11 Charlevoix advantage. Gotshall scored the first two points of the second quarter, then later hit on a left-handed hook shot and blocked a Glad jumper as Charlevoix increased the lead to 20-13 with six minutes left in the half.

St. Francis battled back, using back-to-back offensive rebounds to lead to five points to cut the lead to two, then with 2:57 left in the quarter, the Glads took the lead briefly, at 22-21 and with a minute left, at 24-23.

A Derek Friske bucket off a pretty spin move and a Mitch Crandall drive gave Charlevoix a 27-24 half-time lead.

The Glads scored the first four points of the second half, and their very physical defense stifled the Rayders, holding them to only five third-quarter points as they built a 38-32 lead.

Especially noticeable was the lack of scoring from the post. While Charlevoix's post players combined for 14 first half points, they scored none in the third quarter.

"They just beat us up in the post in the second half," Haske commented.

St. Francis took its largest lead of the game at 48-37 midway through the fourth quarter. Chase Beatty answered for the Rayders with a three-point play. Nate LaBlance made two free throws, then moments later scored on a pretty finger roll to cut the lead to seven, at 53-46 with 2:55 left.

Following a Rayder timeout, Darren Munson tipped four straight Glad in-bounds passes out of bounds to fire up the Charlevoix faithful, but the Rayders could draw no closer than six the rest of the way.

Crandall led all scorers with 23 points. Gotshall scored 14 and LaBlance finished with 10.

Against Cheboygan, 13 players saw action in the first quarter as the Rayders built a 21-7 lead. The second quarter was more of the same as the Charlevoix press was too much for the Chiefs.

Charlevoix opened up a 46-24 half-time lead, largely behind Munson's aggressive play as he scored nine and played tenacious defense. The Rayders extended the advantage to 25, at 59-34 in the third quarter before Cheboygan scored the final nine points of the period.

In the final stanza, the Chiefs refused to give in and got as close as 12, at 74-62, but couldn't make it all the way back.

Crandall finished with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Munson finished with nine points, all in the first half.

Ty Haske had eight points and seven assists. Austin Wilhelm, Derek Friske and Gotshall also had eight points apiece. Cliff Jones contributed five steals and five assists.

The Rayders traveled to Boyne City on Tuesday, Jan. 9 before returning home to host Kalkaska on Friday, Jan. 12. Results from both games will appear in next week's Courier.

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Photo by Scott Richards

Charlevoix's Mitchell Crandall scored on this shot as Cory Murphy #4 and Parker Prusick #12 from Traverse City St. Francis try to guard him. In spite of their efforts, the Rayders fell, 62-56 to the Glads.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

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	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	38	12
St. Mary's	36	14
Lakeshore Tire	32	18
Lutherans	26	24
R & C Roofing	24	26
Mark White Paint & Stain	18	32
State Farm Insurance	14	36
Ferguson & Chamberlain	12	38

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
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John Fiedorek	716	268
Gordy Selph		214
Randy DeYoung	597	

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Paul Bunyan Lanes	0	4
Mary Ann's Takeout	0	4

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	Series	Game
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Sue Shively		200
Jane Holm	506	
Linda Lake		196
Annette Hosler	494	

YOUNG AT HEARTS
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	W	L
Alley Cats	7	1
Half & Half	5	3
Irish Rollers	5	3
Past Timers	4	4
Twilighters	4	4
Misfits	3	5
Sparetime	3	5
Has Beens	1	7

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	500	231
Art Ruis	435	173
Chas Dhaseleer		162
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Browe	20	12
Webb	19	13
Grunch/Crain	19	13
Blanchard/Crain	18	14
Potter	14	8
Sladek	14	18
Spencer	14	18
Sharrow/Roloff	13	18
Stein	12	19
Bradley	12	20
Thomas	12	20
Patton	12	20
Ferguson	11.5	20.5
Russell C & R	11	21
A & J Russell	9.5	22.5
Nordman	6	26

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jim Potter	569	214
Mike Webb		234
John Furguson	600	
Roger Crain	567	
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Lisa Bradley		189
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Call in position in a 24-hour crisis program in Petoskey, providing support to adults experiencing a mental health crisis. Flexible for all shifts and every other weekend. Prefer human services or health care experience but not required. Training provided, salary ranges $9.92 to $13.64. Send resume to HR, North Country, CMH, One MacDonald Dr., Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770. e-mail: hr@norcocmh.org or Fax: (231)347-1241. EOE.

0870 PART-TIME HELP WANTED

IMMEDIATE OPENING for part time library assistant at the Charlevoix Library. Must work some evenings and weekends; provide energetic, efficient and positive customer service; assist with all circulation functions, and perform other duties as needed. Pick up a full job description at the library or on the web site at www.charlevoixlibrary.org. Send resume to the CPL at 220 West Clinton Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 by January 12, 2007.

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1690 APARTMENTS/DUPLEXES FOR RENT

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
FAMILY DIVISION
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
PUBLICATION OF HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:
AUSTIN ROBERT BROOKS
DOB: 03/23/1996

A hearing on a request to terminate parental rights will be conducted by the court on Friday, February 2, 2007 at 9:00 am in Charlevoix County Probate/Family Court at 301 State Street, County Building, Charlevoix Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Mary Jane Gallop (aka Mary Jane Brooks) personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above.

This hearing may result in the termination of your parental rights.

(L-01/10)

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by ROGER HENRY HOUGHTON and TRINA M. HOUGHTON, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK, Mortgagee, dated May 3, 2000, and recorded May 11, 2000, at Liber 388, Page 68, Charlevoix County Records, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof, the sum of $11,231.89, including interest at 9% per annum.

Under the Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premise, or some part of it, at public venue, at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2007.

Said premise is located in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at an iron stake which is 1117 feet East and 33 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 35, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence East 80 feet; thence South 140 feet; thence West parallel with the North line of said section 80 feet; thence North 140 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: December 29, 2006

CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK
BY:
Katrina D. Martin (P62506)
Running Wise & Ford, P.L.C.
201 State Street, PO Box 490
Charlevoix, MI 49720
Telephone: 231-547-8990
(L-01/03, 01/10, 01/17, 01/24)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 8th day of July, 2003, by Mark J. Dubois and Toni R. Dubois, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on July 21, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 556 page 432, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHT AND 87/100 DOLLARS ($102,208.87) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, February 9, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and In said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a T-iron stake at the Southwest corner of Section 2, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said Section, South 89°33'25". East 1 359.27feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said 1/8 line, North 00°43'00" East 247.01 feet to a 1/2 inch rod, being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 89°33'25"West 200.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 00°43'00" East 325.73 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 74°26'09" East 123.57 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 22°52'40" West 206.33 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southeasterly line of Old U.S. 31 Highway; thence continuing North 22°52'40" West 33.11 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the right 193.47 feet [radius of said curve is 1175.00 feet, the central angle is 09°26'02" and the chord bears North 67°13'16" East 193.25 feet] to said 1/8 line; thence along said 1/8 line, South 00°43'00" West 34.91 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said highway line; thence continuing along said 1/8 line, South 00°43'00" West 620.97 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 2, Hayes Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale, provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date

Dated: December 19, 2006

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee
CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 4968
(L-01/03, 01/10, 01/17, 01/24)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Grantor, GLENN L. KENNEY, who lived at 09154 Mount McSauba Road, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, died October 28, 2006. There is no personal representative of GLENN L. KENNEY'S estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against The Glenn L. Kenney Living Trust dated October 13, 198B, as amended, will be forever banned unless presented to LaRue H. Kenney, c/o Lynn G. Stedman, Esquire, 331 Bay Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770, within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the trust assets will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to them.

Date: December 21, 2006

THE GLENN L. KENNEY
LIVING TRUST
Lynn G. Stedman (P20931)
331 Bay Street
Petoskey, Michigan 49770
(231)347-1410

LaRUE H. KENNEY, TRUSTEE
09154 Mount McSauba Road
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
(231)838-6014
(L-01/10)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
File No. 06-011050 DE

Estate of CLEMENT FRANK OLACH
Date of Birth: February 4, 1920

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Frank Clement Olach, who lived at 08060 Charlevoix View Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan died September 30, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Betty J. Olach, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: January 2, 2007

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-9941

Betty J. Olach
08060 Charlevoix View Drive
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-0902
L(01/10, 01/24)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 1, 2000, by Gary R. Marvin and Heather R. Marvin, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on February 8, 2000, at Liber 382, Page 077, Charlevoix County Records, as modified by a Modification of Mortgage dated October 1, 2001, and recorded on October 10, 2001, at Liber 438, Page 746, Charlevoix County Records. The entire balance secured by said mortgage has matured and become fully due and payable according to the terms of said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby, as modified; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $226,299.33 principal and $3,253.15 interest; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, February 9, 2007, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Charlevoix Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Commencing at a square bolt at the West quarter corner of Section 35, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the West line of said section South 00 deg. 17'41" East 340.35 feet to a T-iron stake on the South line of the North 340.35 feet of the North half of the Southwest quarter of said section; thence along said line North 89 deg. 56'04" East 982.53 feet to a 3/4 in. pipe on the Westerly line of Highway M-66; thence along the Westerly line of Highway M-66 South 22 deg. 15'23" East 288.00 feet to a T-iron stake, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said highway line South 22 deg. 15'23" East 200.00 feet; thence leaving said highway line South 67 deg. 44'56" West 268.26 feet; thence North 23 deg. 09'48" West 200.00 feet to a T-iron stake; thence North 67 deg. 44'37" East 271.43 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Town 34 North, Range 8 West.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the default rate of 11.5% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale.

Dated: January 4, 2007

The Bank of Northern Michigan
Mortgagee
406 Bay Street
Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Petoskey, MI 49770

Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988
(L-01/10, 01/17, 01/24, 01/31, 02/07)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage and assignment (the "Mortgage") made by Lange Limited, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, mortgagor, to Migaldi Family, L.L.C., mortgagee, dated September 22, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan, on September 26, 2003, at Liber 574 Pages 419 through 426 inclusive, which mortgage was assigned to GJDM Development, LLC a Michigan limited liability company, with an address of 3420 South Creyts Road, Lansing, MI 48917 on November 18, 2004 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan on September 19, 2005, at Liber 705, Pages 189 through 190 inclusive. Because of the default, the undersigned has elected to declare the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage immediately due and payable. At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Five Hundred Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Eight and 55/100 Dollars ($514,888.55). No suit or proceedings at law have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgage.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount with interest as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the lobby of the County Courthouse in Charlevoix, the place of holding the Circuit Court within Charlevoix County, Michigan, on Friday February 9, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. local time.

Pursuant to Section 3240(7) of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, as amended, (MCLA 600.3240(7); MSA 27A.3240(7)), the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

The premises covered by said mortgage is commonly known as **2774 Blackbird Road**, and is situated in the Townships of Hayes and Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel 1: Country Club Park Parcel (Including Parcel A of the Susan Casciani Property): Commencing at a 1/2" pipe at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Town 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76°04'44" East 738.32 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Section line North 76°04'44" East 559.98 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the West 1/B corner of said sections; thence continuing along said Section line North 76°04'44" East 365.00 feet to a 1/2" rod which is South 76°04'44" West 933.09 feet (recorded as South 77°42'20" West and as South 77°39'15" West 932.72 feet) from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence South 5°59'01" East (recorded as South 4°25'25" East) 601.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 87°59'36" West 398.87 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line South 2°00'25" East (recorded as South 0°21'49" East 790.80 feet to a 1" rod on the North 1/8 line of said Section 19; thence along said North 1/8 line South 76°18'45" West 1320.47 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the line common to said Sections 19 & 24, also being the Northeast corner of Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence along said Section line and the East line of said block South 1°00'31" East 238.28 feet to the North line of the Boyne City - Charlevoix Road; thence along said road line South 87°51'28" West 450.66 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of said block; thence along the line common to Lots 9 & 10 of said block North 0°55'12" West 246.37 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line and the North line of said block South 88°51'29" West 107.57 feet to the line common to Lots 11 & 12 of said block; thence along the aforementioned lot line South 1°03'32" East 248.36 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89°14'29" West 200.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lof 15 of said block; thence along the West line of said lot North 1°05'45" West 247.01 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line South B8°54'45" West 494.86 feet to a 1" bar on the Easterly line of a Michigan Department of Transportation easement described in Liber 380, Page 743 Charlevoix County Records; thence continuing along said North 1/8 line South 88°54'45" West 87.43 feet to a 1" bar on the East 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line North 1°02'42" West 305.37 feet to the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 1°02'42" West 89.41 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 176.24 feet to the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 1203.55 feet; thence South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 471.19 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 50°23'33" East 944.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34°1'39" West 243.88 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19; Town 34 North, Range 7 West & part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 34 North, Range 8 West, and Lots 1 thru 9 & Lots 12 thru 14, Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point.

Parcel 2: Balance of Charlevoix Country Club Property in Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West lying South of U.S. 31; In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Commencing at a 3/4" pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said Section South 76°04'44" West 918.26 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Section line South 76°04'44" West 939.81 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34°01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S. 31; thence continuing North 34°01'39" West 75.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 1222.54 feet; thence parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of said Section South 1°31'09" East 88.94 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing parallel with said 1/4 line South 1°31'09" East 543.71 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel 3: Vacant Land: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: All that part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 ol Section 12, Town 34 North, Range 7 West lying Southerly of the C&O Railroad Right of Way and Northerly of the centerline of U.S. 31 extended, a strip of land 50 feet wide lying between said Railroad Right of Way and U.S. 31 centerline described as: Commencing at the center 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North on the North & South 1/4 line to the Southerly line of said highway; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 63°15' to the left from said 1/4 line 846.3 feet more or less to the Southwesterly line of said Railroad Right of Way for the Point of Beginning; thence at an angle of 98°30' to the left from the last described course to the centerline of said highway for the point of ending.

Dated: January 10, 2007

GJDM Development, LLC,
Mortgagee
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STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY DIVISION CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PUBLICATION OF HEARING (NOTICE TO PUTATIVE FATHER)

IN THE MATTER OF:
AUSTIN ROBERT BROOKS
DOB: 03/23/1996

TAKE NOTICE: A petition has been filed with this court regarding the following minor(s): Austin Robert (Artrup) Brooks who has bom on 03/23/1996 at St. Elizabeth Health Center, Youngstown, Ohio.

The mother of the minor(s) is Mary Jane Gallop (aka Mary Jane Artrup, aka Mary Jane Brooks). If you are or may be the natural father, you should appear at Charlevoix County Probate/Family Court, 301 State, County Building, Charlevoix, MI on February 2, 2007 at 9:00 am to state any interest you may have in the minor(s). Failure to appear at this hearing is a denial of interest in the minor(s), waiver of notice for all subsequent hearings, and a waiver of a right to appointment of an attomey. Failure to appear at this hearing **COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder volleyball team takes third at Petoskey Volleyball Invitational

Charlevoix went 8-0 in pool play and eventually won the consolation match Saturday, Jan. 6 in finishing third in the 10-team Petoskey Volleyball Invitational.

"We played pretty well in pool play," said Charlevoix coach Liz Grunch, whose team is scheduled to play host to Lake Michigan Conference rivals Harbor Springs and Boyne City this week. "It really set the table for us going back into conference play.

"Things are looking pretty good. We're coming together pretty well on the court. Hopefully, it'll be a great season."

The Rayders defeated Harbor Springs, 25-14, 25-18; Petoskey, 25-19, 25-19; St. Ignace, 25-21, 25-20; and Cedarville, 25-13, 25-5; to win their pool on Saturday. In bracket play, the Rayders fell to Class A Monroe, 25-16, 25-13. Monroe won the tournament with a 25-17, 25-18 victory over Harbor Light Christian in the title match.

The Rayders then downed Petoskey, 25-18, 23-25, 15-9, in the third-place match.

Charlevoix's Zita Anderson earned a spot on the all-tournament team.

For the Rayders, Ashlie Bradley finished with a team-high 36 kills and 13 digs; Murphy Gillespie had 21 kills and 11 aces; Aubrey Way had 49 assists, 16 kills, 13 aces and 12 blocks; Sasha Spencley had 13 kills, 14 digs and 12 blocks; Emily Heffling was 94 percent on serve reception and had 27 digs; and Desi Faust added 12 kills.

The Rayders were host to Harbor Springs on Monday, Jan. 8 and then entertained Boyne City on Thursday, Jan. 11. On Saturday, Jan. 13, they go to the Mason County Invitational.

Results from these events will appear in next week's Courier.

Rayder wrestlers earn medals at Jan. 6 Frankfort invitational

Mat Golovich

Nate Tripplehorn

With a team of only eight wrestlers, five Charlevoix High School grapplers were medalists in the championship round on Saturday Jan. 6 at the Frankfort Wrestling Invitational.

Charlevoix's Zeke Daman recorded two pins and finished 3-0 on the day to win the 112-pound weight class on Saturday, Jan. 6.

Two other Rayders, Mat Golovich and Nate Tripplehorn, reached the championship match in their weight classes. Golovich finished 2-1 with a pin at 119 pounds, while Tripplehorn was 2-1 with two pins at 189.

Two Charlevoix freshmen, Chris Levins and Zack Smith, and first-year wrestler J.D. Speigl also won matches by pin on the day.

The overall team score landed the Rayders in sixth place for the day of the 12 schools that competed.

The Rayders will compete on Thursday, Jan. 11 at Grayling and on Jan. 13 at the Rogers City Tournament.

4-H Travel Soccer registration is Jan. 15

Registration for the 4-H Travel Soccer league will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 15 in the cafeteria at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St. in Charlevoix.

The program is open to students in fourth through eighth grades. The cost is $85 per player.

A copy of the player's birth certificate and picture are required to register. Also a commitment to travel on Saturdays (girls) and Sundays (boys) is a must.

For more information, call Jill or Ron at (231) 547-6592.

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JAN. 10
FUND-RAISER DINNER

The Charlevoix Senior Center will host a fund-raiser dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on Jan. 10 at the center located at 06906 Norwood Road. Roast pork will be served mashed potatoes and gravy a vegetable, salad bar, dessert and beverage. The cost is $8 per person. Children 5-12 are $4. Those under 5 are admitted free. Proceeds will be directed to the center. Tickets are available at the door. Takeout is available. Call 547-5361 to order or for more information.

JAN. 11
DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEETING

The Charlevoix County Democratic Party will hold its January membership meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11 at the Wolverine Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City.

Dinner is available at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7 p.m.

JAN. 11
KCB ANNUAL MEETING

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful will host its annual meeting for members and the public on Jan. 11. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the official meeting at 7 p.m. For more information, call (231) 547-2561.

JAN. 12
TWELFTH NIGHT

SEE-North's Twelfth Night events will take place on Jan. 12 and 19.

Families will hike a candle-lit trail and talk with the forest animals.

Twelfth Night will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 12 and 19 at the Terrace Inn/Bay View Woods in Petoskey. Families will meet at the Terrace Inn, ride a horse-drawn sleigh to the trail head, and venture into the forest to meet the animals.

Those with young children may bring a small sled. Everyone should come dressed for a hike outdoors. SEE-North will provide snacks, hot beverages, face-painting and mask-making indoors.

Tickets are required. To register, call SEE-North at (231) 348-9700. No refunds will be issued unless the event is canceled due to bad weather.

Tickets for Twelfth Night are $7 per person, which includes the sleigh ride. Children under 3 are admitted free.

JAN. 13
FIDDLERS AND PICKERS DAY

The 4th Annual Fiddlers and Pickers Day will take place from 3 to 10 p.m. on Jan. 13 at the VFW Hall north of Charlevoix near the Marathon Gas Station.

Fiddlers, pickers and listeners are welcome. Round and square dancing, food and beverages will be available. A donation is requested for admission. Donations benefit the Jordan Valley Fiddler Jamboree Scholarship Fund.

For more information, call Gabe Campbell (231) 547-9739, Ed Holm (231) 547-9820 or Dan Johnston (231) 526-5145.

JAN. 15
BOOK GROUP

A general book discussion group will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15, in the Armstrong Conference Room. This group will be discussing "The Tender Bar," by J.R. Moehringer. Moehringer brings to life his childhood where he turned to the patrons of an old New York saloon as father figures. There, the flamboyant characters along the bar taught him, tended him and provided a kind of joint fatherhood. The group will choose books to be read for Feb. 26 and April 9 meetings.

JAN. 15
SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for the 4-H Travel Soccer league will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 15 in the cafeteria at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St. in Charlevoix.

The program is open to students in fourth through eighth grades. The cost is $85 per player.

A copy of the player's birth certificate and picture are required to register. Also a commitment to travel on Saturdays (girls) and Sundays (boys) is a must.

For more information, call Jill or Ron at (231) 547-6592.

JAN. 16
REPUBLICAN DELEGATES MEETING

A meeting of the elected precinct delegates and the at-large delegates to the Republican Charlevoix County Convention will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16 in the Charlevoix County Commissioners' Room at 203 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates and alternates to attend the Feb. 9 and 10 state convention to be held at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.

JAN. 17
CPR CLASS

Adult/Child/Infant Heartsaver CPR from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. This Heartsaver CPR course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults and children and the use of barrier devices. This class is intended for those who have a duty to respond to a cardiac emergency because of job responsibilities or regulatory requirements. The cost is $30. For more information, call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

JAN. 18
BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church located on the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street.

To make an appointment, call 800-448-3543. Drop ins are welcome. Donors are asked to bring their American Red Cross donor card or government photo identification.

JAN. 18
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING

The 49th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will take place on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

The evening will start with a cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Individuals may choose between an entrée selection of whitefish, alfredo pasta or pork loin. Meals include a first course and dessert.

The chamber's most prestigious awards will be presented to honor persons who have given to the community and/or the Chamber of Commerce.

The cost is $30 per person, including tax and gratuity. Members and their guests are invited to enjoy an evening of great food, spirits and camaraderie. To make a reservation, call the chamber at (231) 547-2101.

Reservation forms can be returned to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce office, or mailed to P.O. Box 358, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. To use a credit card for payment, contact the chamber.

JAN. 20
SINGLES FOR CHRIST

"Singles for Christ" of Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey, invites all singles 40 and over from all area churches to a monthly dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20 at Hunan Restaurant, located at 629 Charlevoix Avenue in Petoskey. A reservation is required. To make a reservation, call Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or (231) 632-1905.

JAN. 20
EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Northwest Academy will host a euchre tournament fund-raiser at 6 p.m. on Jan. 20. For more information, call Annie Russell at

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JAN. 26
TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENTS

Texas Hold'em Tournaments will be played beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 26 and 27 at the Wolverine Dilworth Inn in Boyne City. Proceeds will benefit Hospice of Northwest Michigan. For information and registration, call (231) 582-8800.

FEB. 6
TAI CHI CLASSES

Tai Chi Classes will again be offered by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and resume Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the Charlevoix library for a six-week session.

The intermediate class will be scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m. The beginner class will be scheduled from 11 a.m. to noon.

To register, call (231) 237-0103.

MARCH 7
SNOWBIRDS UNITE

Snowbirds spending the winter in Florida are invited to attend a luncheon in Naples, Fla., on Wednesday, March 7. To sign up or for more information, e-mail Susan VanWieren at svanwieren@verizon.net or Sandi Button at slbcharlevoix@aol.com.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- General book discussion group, 6 p.m., Jan. 15.
- Making the most of your library, 1 p.m., Jan. 17.
- Genealogy basics class, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 20.
- Make a decorative journal, 2 p.m., Jan. 20

Youth Events

- Story hour, 10 a.m., Jan. 11.
- Game Night, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Jan. 11.
- Paws for a Story, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 13.
- Story hour, 3 p.m., Jan. 16.
- Sleepy time stories, 7 p.m., Jan. 16.
- Story hour, 10 a.m., Jan. 18.
- Paws for a Story, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 20.

DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" to the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

The Charlevoix Historical Society Harsha House Museum will be closed in January.

Museum directors will be in the office from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The museum will reopen from 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays beginning in February.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

LADIES ONLY SWIM

The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays. The cost is $3.50.

For more information, call (231) 547-0982.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRY

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

FOOD PANTRY II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

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Assembly of God to host new classes and programs

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church will host new classes and programs for 2007.

Sunday's begin at 9:30 a.m. with two adult classes "A Study of the Old and New Testament, Basic Theology," taught by Doug Way and the study of the Allender/Longman book, "The Cry of The Soul," taught by Vicki Hankins.

Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday with Pastor Ryp Hankins ministering. Sunday evening meetings begin at 6 p.m. Charlevoix Assembly of God combines both contemporary and traditional music styles in each service.

From 7 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday, community prayer/intercession is held with live worship led by Jackie Boog and the praise/worship band. Communion is available during this night where participants can come and go at their convenience.

Wednesday night ministries are from 7 to 8 p.m. and consist of nursery, Calvary's Kids (elementary grades), Youth Group (grades 6-12) and Adult Bible Discovery which is currently in a study of the book of Hebrews.

"First Friday's" kicked off on Friday, Jan. 5 at the home of Pastor Ryp and Vicki Hankins. This new ministry targets young adults, ages 18–35 and will be a casual time of sharing relevant issues and interests. "First Friday's" takes place on the first Friday of every month at locations to be determined.

On Saturday, Jan. 20 there will be a Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. at the church with Zach Sanger sharing. Attendees are asked to register for this event by calling the church.

A food pantry is available for those in need by appointment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Services and most programs are held at 05291 M-66 North in Charlevoix near Castle Farms.

For more information about the ministries of Charlevoix Assembly of God, call the church office at (231) 547-6430 or visit www.charlevoixag.com.

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Robber targets Central Drugs

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
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At around 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16, Central Drugs in Charlevoix was the scene of an attempted robbery.

Dispatchers warned local police to be on the lookout for a white, heavyset male in his 20s, about six feet in height with dark hair, wearing glasses, dark colored clothing and possibly armed with a handgun.

"He came in, gave us a note and I told him I was not going to give him anything," said John Ochs, owner of Central Drugs in Charlevoix. "He demanded narcotics."

According to Ochs, no one was threatened with bodily harm.

"He had his hand in his pocket, but that was it," he said.

The store had been open for

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Eat your heart out American Idol

Avery Zipp, 3, of Charlevoix tears up Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" toddler style at the 4th Annual Fiddlers and Pickers Day on Jan. 13 at the VFW Hall. Her father, Tom Zipp (right) and Danny Gillespie (left) accompanied her. This young, rising star's performance followed an inspired showing on the accordion from 90-year-old Suzanne Czerkis of Petoskey. Proceeds from the event benefit the Jordan Valley Fiddler Jamboree Scholarship Fund.

Wiesner won't appeal firing

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
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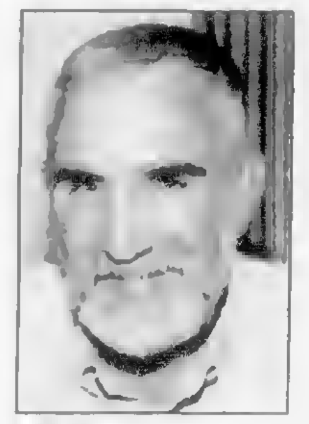

Mike Wiesner

Over two decades of service came to an abrupt end on Monday when Charlevoix city manager, Mike Wiesner, threw a cease fire proposal on the City Council table.

Under the proposal council unanimously accepted that night, Jan. 15, Wiesner, 62, agrees to waive his public hearing and leave quietly and city council agrees to give him his severance package.

"My read is he isn't asking for

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Benjamin Gohs

China 1 in Charlevoix is back in business just months after its owners were arrested and scheduled for deportation.

China 1 legally reopens

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

China 1 of Charlevoix is back in business less than five months after the husband and wife owners and operators were convicted of attempted racketeering, tax fraud and scheduled for deportation.

The restaurant, located in the Glen's Plaza, has apparently been a focal point of scrutiny by some community members and officials questioning how Yong Sheng Dong is operating the business in light of recent legal proceedings.

"I've had at least one call so far from a concerned citizen," said Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarema.

However, according to Tim Counts, spokesman for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Dong has every right to run his Chinese restaurant.

"The reason he is back at work is he is legally authorized to work," Counts said. "He has Green Card Status otherwise known as Legal Permanent Residency."

He added, "His status is...somewhere between visiting the U.S. and

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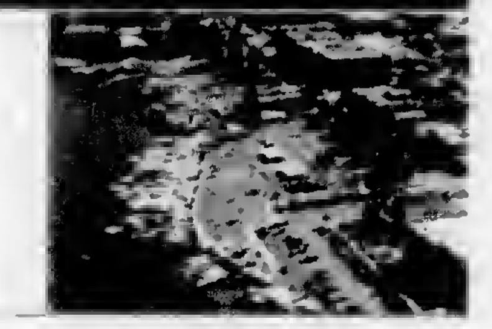

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Jeremiah Randall Bergman, 24, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Travis William Batten, 26, Central Lake. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days to serve 31 days in jail, 60 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

Amelia Lois Nicolson, 28, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 15 days community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, to serve 12 days, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 65 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Connie Jean Nelson, 47, Ellsworth. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, serve 30 days in jail, serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 62 days held in abeyance; serve 24 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,230 in fines and costs.

Christopher Ezra Crowell, 31, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Serve 19 days in jail with credit for 19 days; $400 in fines and costs.

Bruce Edwin Persons, 52, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Serve 34 days in jail with credit of one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $980 in fines and costs.

Stephanie Rae Ericksen, 43, Charlevoix. Entry without permission; joy riding. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, 344 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $600 in fines and costs.

Shelia Marie Roberts, 24, Munising. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 15 days in jail, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation, submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $980 in fines and costs.

Lori Kathleen Bullock, 32, Central Lake. Checking insufficient funds, less than $100. Serve 12 days in jail; fines and costs totaling $703.09.

Karen Anne Robert, 38, Boyne City. Operating without license on person. Serve six days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Loretta R. Hawley, 63, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Peter Foltz, 35, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Serve 41 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Abigail Lee Vanhorn, 19, Charlevoix. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol-second offense. Serve five days of community service work; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $300 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Keith Edward Hartwick, 32, Redford. Motor vehicle - unlawful driving away. Sentenced to 150 days in jail with credit for 28 days, to serve 150 days. Operating while intoxicated. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for 28 days, to serve 93 days in jail; serve 36 months on probation; $380 in fines and costs.

Chase Edward Gibhard, 17, Traverse City. Criminal sexual conduct-fourth degree (force or coercion). Sentence to 180 days in jail with credit for 57 days, to serve 60 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; $470 in fines and costs.

Ronald Bruce McCullough Jr., 22, Benzonia. Attempted check-no account. Sentenced to 84 days in jail with credit for 84 days. Fines and costs totaling $191.20.

Karl Gene Balch, 36, Charlevoix. OUIL-third offense. Sentenced to 330 days in jail with credit for four days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; $1,220 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

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Wiesner takes severance and quietly leaves post

WIESNER

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anything more than he's entitled to," city mayor, Norman Carlson Jr. said. "I think he thinks this is the best thing for the city and the best thing for him. He's just protecting his interests. If council wants him to go, he wants to make sure he gets what's rightfully his.

"If I were Mike Wiesner, I wouldn't want to go back to an office to look over my shoulder to see who was watching every move I was making. It's too bad he had to put up with that for so long."

Final approval of the agreement is pending review by Wiesner's attorney, Gretchen Olson.

In the proposal, Wiesner states that his intent is to, "...avoid further controversy and to settle this matter without further cost and legal conflict."

The payoff includes a lump sum for all accumulated and unused vacation and personal days, a car and cell phone allowance for a full year, salary for 12 months, 21.8 percent of his salary directed to his retirement account and continuation of medical, life and accident insurance.

According to Rick Brandi, who was officially appointed acting city manager and city treasurer, the total cost of the approved severance package is around $122,000. Brandi's pay was bumped from $57,392 to $70,773 to compensate him for the extra workload.

Wiesner, who had held the manager's post for 22 years, submitted the proposal on Jan. 11, just one day after he entered his request for a public hearing to hash out the details of his Jan. 2 dismissal by a majority vote of city council.

He left Monday night's council meeting after reading a statement thanking the community for the opportunity to serve and commending city staff.

It was a motion by first ward councilman, Bob Timms, that was seconded by first ward councilman, Lyle Gennett, and supported by second ward councilman, Gene Beer, and third ward council member, Shirley Gibson, that early this month put Wiesner's job in the line of fire.

Timms said he justifies the cost of the severance package in two ways. He said by letting Wiesner go the city will avoid future costly mistakes and his replacement will "come at a lower price."

The reasons for his dismissal were the same grounds former second ward councilman, Gabe Campbell, brought to light in 2005.

Grounds for Wiesner's dismissal as stated by Timms are, "Failure to properly supervise the city treasurer regarding the issuance of a check to CCMS in the amount of $222,978; failure to properly supervise the city wastewater treatment plant regarding the falsifying of records by wastewater treatment plant personnel; failure to provide in a timely manner the city council with information that will be considered at a city council meeting; and failure to provide monthly reports regarding the operation of city departments."

City council also agreed to review a job description for a new city manager at the next meeting, Feb. 5. A special meeting may be scheduled before Feb. 5.

Schools locked down in wake of attempted robbery

ROBBERY

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roughly 45 minutes when the alleged perpetrator exited the building and drove south in a black coupe.

As soon as a 9-1-1 call was placed from Central Drugs, all area schools went on lock down.

"All we know is 9-1-1 called us and told us to go on lock down," said Northwest Academy office manager, Leslie Herriman. "When 9-1-1 calls us and tells us to lock all exterior doors, that's what we do."

Jim Cooper, superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, said the elementary, middle and high school buildings were still on lock down hours after 9-1-1 dispatchers alerted him of the incident.

"When they (law enforcement) feel the safety of the kids is not an issue, then they notify us," Cooper said. "We rely on their professionalism and intuition."

He added, "Basically, this is the first time we've been instructed to use it. Everything has been practice runs to this point."

Even though the attempted robbery had nothing to do with the school, Cooper said the idea is to prevent a desperate and potentially dangerous person from using the school as a place to hide.

"We monitor all the exits and if a parent insisted and called to tell us they were coming (to get their child), we deal with that individually," Cooper said. "But, with the lock down and issue of safety, this is probably the safest environment."

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RECORD

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Interiors by Kristyn, 00130 Advance Road South, East Jordan, by Kristyn A. Lent

North Bay Horse Company, 05675 Church Road, Boyne City, by Wade Allan Leist and Frank Edward Leist

R & J Cleaning, 920 Edmund St., Boyne City, by Roger Cicotte and Joanne Cicotte

MGD Carpentry, 08011 Upper Bayshore Road, Charlevoix, by Mark Gordon Donker

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

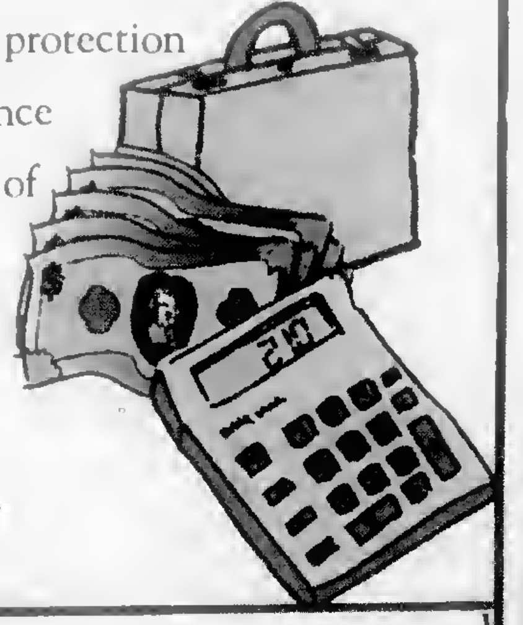
Richard Todd Hudson, 45 and Vena Marie Johnson, 43, both of Charlevoix

Aaron David Otis, 30, Ucluelet, British Columbia and Sasithorn Julie Puntahachart, 27, Chicago, Ill

Benjamin Samuel Orloff, 23, Pensacola, Fla. and JoEllen Elizabeth Rose, 22, Kaneohe, Hawaii

BIRTH

Dean Michel Marvin weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces was born on Jan. 4 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Cheryl Lynn Marvin. His siblings are Austin and Melody Bowerman.



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Demand accountability for police misconduct

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

A few area officers have recently been in the headlines for breaking laws they swore to uphold. Angered and intrigued, I wondered if this was a fluke or a growing problem.

I won't presume to condemn a profession on the actions of some, but I will point the finger of shame at the dozens of scofflaw Michigan cops.

The case of David Meder is one of the more disturbing around here. He was convicted in 1994 of drunk driving, remained a cop and then slammed his vehicle into a utility pole after a night of drinking in 2006. He fled the scene, where he left a loaded weapon then lied about the incident. His abhorrent actions resulted in two misdemeanors, a $6,000 fine and transferred to a police station in a lovely resort community.

Let's hope Meder isn't so drunk when he pulls you over that he mistakes your wallet for an Uzi.

Some cops, like Charlevoix's own Brian VanMeter, get adequate punishment for their actions. He went from charges of reckless driving and assault/battery to careless driving, but was forced to resign. Meanwhile, former Petoskey Michigan State Police commander, Aaron Sweeney, was demoted, transferred and charged with the responsibility of training other cops after being convicted of domestic violence.

Don't think northern Michigan is the only area plagued with bobbies behaving badly.

Eugene J. Williams, Detroit, was fired in 1971 for a fatal hit-and-run while he was drunk, but he was reinstated three years later. While off-duty in 1979, he shot and killed a man during a domestic dispute. He then shot his wife during a domestic dispute in 1984. He wrongfully beat a student in 1989, smashing out four of the child's teeth and shot and killed an allegedly unarmed 16-year-old. The matter remains under investigation.

John J. A. Debono, a sheriff reserve deputy in Genesee, used his cell phone to record a friend's wife having sex with a 13-year-old girl. Instead of the 20-year felony for producing child pornography, he faces a four-year felony for possessing sexually abusive material of a child and a two-year felony for attempting to accost a child for immoral purposes. At least he is no longer a deputy and must register as a sex offender.

Ryan LaPratt, a Battle Creek cop who savagely beat a motorist after stopping him for a loud muffler, was fired, but I can't figure out how his partner, Andrew Olsen, who did not stop the act, was merely suspended without pay and put on probation for five years. Kudos, however, to their police chief for sharing the video with the public and media. It's good to know there are policemen who refuse to help cover-up or diminish the severity of police misconduct.

Flint police officer, Andrew Gauthier, was fired for beating a 15-year-old on a bus, but Jeff Lutz, the Eaton County cop who shot himself and then spurred a manhunt by lying about the incident, got the benefit of being put on medical leave, and Robin Harrington severely injured another woman when she crashed her car while drunk this New Year's Day. The Ann Arbor policewoman is on paid leave, not fired, pending the outcome of her February hearing.

Hundreds, maybe thousands, of incidents of illegal activities involving police in the last few decades across the nation are not chance occurrences, but an ongoing problem for both civilians and law-abiding cops whose jobs are made more difficult by the actions of a few juris-jackasses.

I planned a rant on the importance of government accountability and zero tolerance for bad cops until I discovered our governor refused to veto a new law which blocks the public from statements made by officers during internal investigations — no help there. I guess hiding psychological profiles and disciplinary records wasn't enough.

If you are ashamed of your record as a police officer, you have no business being one.

We trust these people to patrol the streets armed with firearms, Tasers, batons, pepper spray and unnatural amounts of trust and power. When they molest that trust, it leaves an odious funk on the citizenry's collective taste buds. Trite though it may be, bad things happen when good people — good cops especially — do nothing.

It seems a reasonable assumption that an officer who knows his every action will be exposed might think twice about misbehaving, so fire up those camcorders, cell phones, digital cameras and report suspected misconduct.

Until our protectors are truly held to that oft quoted myth of a higher standard, the community you save may be your own.

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War and its victims unchanged over a century

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

During World War I, a young man named Eric Maria Remarque was removed from his school with a number of classmates, trained briefly and sent to fight in France for the German army.

In 1929, he wrote a novel based on his wartime experiences. In German it was called, "Im Westem Nicht Neues." By 1984 that novel had been translated into 26 languages and had sold more than three-and-a-half million copies worldwide. The English translation is "All Quiet on the Westem Front." It has been described by numerous reviewers as the greatest of all war books. It tells the story of war from the point of view of soldiers, not of generals. Remarque has put into the mouths of his German soldiers words that sound as true today as they did almost 90 years ago.

"All Quiet on the Westem Front" is dedicated to "a generation of men who, even though they escaped its shells, were destroyed by the war." During lulls in the battles the soldiers speak of what they understand of war. One of them says, "Every full-grown emperor requires at least one war, otherwise he wouldn't become famous." Another says, "Anyway, it is better that the war is here instead of Germany." (World War I was fought primarily in France.) Still a third soldier speculates, "There must be some people to whom the war is useful."

It is remarkable how little war has changed in almost a century. There are still people who create their legacy with wars, those who profit from them and those who are pleased that the war is in someone else's yard.

My favorite paragraph from the entire book is a proposal by yet another German soldier named Kropp. "Kropp on the other hand is a thinker. He proposes that a declaration of war should be a kind of popular festival with entrance tickets and bands, like a bullfight. Then in the arena the ministers and generals of the two countries, dressed in bathing drawers and armed with clubs, can have it out among themselves. Whoever survives, his country wins. That would be simpler and more just than this arrangement, where the wrong people do the fighting." Kropp seems to speak the wish of almost every soldier who has ever fought in a war.

"All Quiet on the Westem Front" should be read or reread by anyone — general, Secretary of Defense or president who proposes to take a country's army to war — lest we forget history and be forced to repeat it.

War is no more clean or civilized now than it was in 1917. There will always be many who escaped the shells and bombs, but who were still destroyed by it.

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LETTERS to the editor

WIESNER KEPT BEST INTEREST OF CHARLEVOIX IN MIND

Editor:

For the last three years the board of Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. worked closely with the city manager (Mike Wiesner) and his staff to raise funds and build a local skatepark. Granted at times it was stressful, it was very hard and it was a tremendous amount of work.

We had many meetings with Mike Wiesner, and the common denominator in all these meetings by Mr. Wiesner was the best interest of Charlevoix. Many times we had to go back and cross our t's and dot our i's at his request. His position to protect the city never wavered. Sometimes requests took longer because of it but it was done right to protect the city. We assumed he did the same with his department heads.

Being a manager means to delegate and to trust who you are delegating the task to. We as a group took this very seriously. Mr. Wiesner took the city's position and the possible liabilities that may occur very seriously. Last summer, after our first season, the positive feedback we got from parents and users was that this was the best run park they had ever been too, it was safe, organized and they were glad it was supervised. We feel we are a bright spot in Mr. Wiesner's tenure. Thank you (Mike) for working with us to provide the youth of Charlevoix another recreational outlet to use.

Laura Stebe
Charlevoix

WHAT BECAME OF MONTGOMERY?

Editor:

Maybe I'm missing something. In trying to keep up with the details of this mess, I don't remember reading why William Montgomery, the owner of CCMS, has not been forced to return the money which was not his.

Surely he should be in prison for grand larceny or some such crime. If not, why not?

John Bradbury
St. Louis, Mo. and Charlevoix

Editor's note:

Because the CCMS check was cashed in St. Ignace, local authorities have been working with the Michigan State Police post there. The Michigan State Police entered a request for charges with Mackinac County Prosecuting Attorney Clayton Graham.

According to Charlevoix County prosecuting attorney, John Jarema, Graham opted not to take the case. Jarema said he requested an opinion from the state attorney general's office as to whether he could try the case in Charlevoix. The attorney general's office determined that the only way for Jarema to get jurisdiction is to be appointed a special prosecutor in Mackinac County.

Since this process began, Graham has been appointed Mackinac County Probate Judge. Jarema is now in the process of working with the new prosecutor, Alfred E. Feleppa, to act as a prosecutor in Mackinac County which will allow him to travel and try the case there.

THANKS TOYS FOR TOTS SUPPORTERS

Editor:

On behalf of the Marine Corps League, coordinating the Toys for Tots program in Emmet and Charlevoix counties, a heartfelt "thank you." Your generous donations from caring communities collected over 3,500 toys this past holiday season.

Without your support, many families would not have had a truly joyful Christmas. A thank you to all the volunteers who spent many countless hours preparing bags and boxes of toys and food for delivery on Christmas to deserving children.

We of the Marine Corps League salute you, Semper Fi, always faithful.

Russell Bolt
Marine Corps League
Northern Detachment
Charlevoix

SHELVES STOCKED AT SAFE HOME

Editor:

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRC) extends heartfelt thanks for the community's response to our Harvest Food and Supply Drive to benefit the Domestic Abuse Program's Safe Home. The generous support shown through donations of food, supplies, financial assistance and gifts has stocked up our shelter pantry and provided holiday cheer to many families in our community.

As the only shelter for victims of domestic abuse in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties, the Safe Home provides emergency shelter 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and a 24-hour crisis phone line. In the past year, 68 women and 74 children took refuge at Safe Home to escape the peril of emotional, verbal and/or physical abuse. Contributions received from the community during the Harvest Food and Supply Drive, and throughout the year, play an imperative part in the WRC's ability to provide these critical services to victims of domestic abuse and their children.

Sincere appreciation goes out to all the service groups, schools, churches, businesses, clubs and individuals who recognize that domestic abuse is happening every day in our community and have taken action at the local level to support victims in our area. Your assistance directly impacts the lives of many families in need in Northern Michigan

Jamie Winters
Safe Home Coordinator
Petoskey

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Russ Bolt of Charlevoix received the Mitch Moran Distinguished Service Award of the Marine Corps League Northern Detachment at the 233rd Marine Corps Ball in November at Stafford's Bay View Inn. The award recognizes his efforts with the Toys For Tots program and assistance with scheduled Marine Corps League events. Keith Bills, former commander of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Acacia was the guest speaker at the Marine Corps Ball.

HOPE COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Amanda Boss, a Charlevoix High School graduate and a senior attending Hope College, was named to the dean's list for the first semester of the Hope College 2006-2007 academic year. To be named to the dean's list a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

PARAMEDIC'S CERTIFICATION

Amber L. Henkel of Charlevoix recently earned her paramedic's certificate from Baker College of Cadillac.

BAKER COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Joseph Schwartzfisher of Charlevoix was named to the fall semester dean's list at Baker College

COMBAT TRAINING GRADUATE

Army Pfc. Nicholas T. Tripplehorn has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky. During the nine-week training period, Tripplehorn received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions and core values. He is the son of David Tripplehorn, and Julie Tripplehorn, both of Charlevoix. He is a 2004 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

The following students from Charlevoix, attending Michigan State University in East Lansing were named to the dean's list for the fall 2006 semester. The list honors all full-time undergraduates in the university who earn a 3.5 or better grade point average for the semester. They are Bryce Daly, Alexander Heffling, Amber Million, Cody Priess, Michael Rosen, Joshua Saur and Anna Taylor.

Circle of Strength Tea Party is Jan. 18

Circle of Strength and Charlevoix Area Hospital's Gift Shop, Port of Cahl, are celebrating the New Year with a special Tea Party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 in the large classroom on the lower level at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The Tea Party, a social gathering, is open to volunteers and friends and will include entertainment.

Tea treats provided by the Charlevoix Area Hospital Food Service staff will be served and discussions about past and upcoming Circle of Strength activities will be shared. Circle of Strength is a cancer resource program through the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation.

Donna Looze, director of volunteer services for Charlevoix Area Hospital will discuss the growth of the gift shop during the past year and will model aprons. A door prize from the shop will be given away during the tea. Port of Cahl is offering a 30 percent off sale in conjunction with the Tea Party event.

For more information or to register for the tea, call Circle of Strength at (231) 547-8950.

WEDDING

Boss — Jones

Brenda Boss and Christopher Jones were married in a double ring ceremony at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Belltower Reformed Church in Ellsworth. Pastor Kevin Karhoff officiated.

The bride is the daughter of June Boss and the late Bernie Boss of Ellsworth. The groom is the son of Wm. D. Jones and the late Mary S. Jones of St. Louis, Mo.

The maid of honor was Mary Huber. The bridesmaids were Cindy Rogers, Vicki Platte and Susan Sorensen. The bubble girls were Halah and Sophia Boss, great-nieces of the bride. The personal attendant of the bride was Anna Gebhard.

The best man was Don Jones, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Marty Joy, Clint Berlage and Rick Wright. The ushers were David Boal and John McNabb.

The reception was given by the bride and groom at the Belvedere Club. The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bride and groom Friday evening, Sept. 22 at the Belvedere Club.

The couple plans a wedding trip in April to Monterey, Calif.

Brenda is a third-grade teacher at Central Lake Schools, a 1987 graduate of Hope College and a 2004 master's graduate of Grand Valley State University.

Christopher is the food and beverage director at the Belvedere Club in Charlevoix.

The couple resides in Charlevoix.

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Two nurses bid farewell to Charlevoix Area Hospital

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Josie Young, RN, emergency department manager, and Nancy Walker, RN, surgical nurse, are two longtime members of Charlevoix Area Hospital's nursing staff who are retiring this month.

Two longtime members of Charlevoix Area Hospital's nursing staff are retiring this month, leaving jobs they've loved and a profession both say has changed dramatically since they began their careers.

Josie Young, RN, emergency department manager, and Nancy Walker, RN, surgical nurse, were recently honored at a hospital reception for colleagues and friends.

Although the pair launched nursing careers in 1963, they took different routes to Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Young, a Central Lake native who earned her nursing degree from Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, spent 13 years working at the University of Michigan Hospitals in Ann Arbor before returning to her home community. She has served as Charlevoix Area Hospital's emergency room manager for 20 years, watching the emergency department grow from four beds to a state-of-the-art, 10-room facility.

Walker began her career in Kentucky, where she graduated from nursing school, and worked in several states before arriving at Charlevoix Area Hospital 26 years ago. Like Young, she has witnessed many changes in her profession — most notably the role today's nurses play.

"Nurses provide more treatment now and technicians handle many of the tasks we used to do," she said. "I think nurses have earned the respect of physicians. Our input is valued and we have a greater voice in patient care."

Both retirees plan to remain in the area, and they may continue filling in at the hospital from time to time.

"We'll miss our coworkers here, and the direct patient care," said Young.

But for now, they have new agendas. Young is putting together an around-the-world cruise and enjoying more leisure time with family and friends. Walker, an avid golfer, fisher and crafter, looks forward to pursuing her interests and "just sitting down to relax with a good book."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Deputy honored

During the Wednesday, Jan. 10 Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meeting, Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater gave Det./Cpl. Charles Vondra a letter of commendation from Sheriff Dale V. Clarmont in Cheboygan for Vondra's tireless efforts to remove a drug dealer in the area.

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Rayders crown winter king and queen

Seniors, Ray Jones and Lauren Bradley, were crowned the 2007 Winterfest king and queen during half-time festivities of the Rayders' Friday, Jan. 12 home game against Kalkaska. Charlevoix won the basketball game with a score of 82 to 65.

Eveline Township treasurer resigns before recall election

BY FRED GRAY
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

Debra Jason

In a brief letter read on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the Eveline Township Hall, Debra Jason announced her resignation as township treasurer, effectively ending a recall campaign that began in September when she refused the board's request to resign.

The board then voted 4-0 to accept her resignation.

At last September's township meeting, Eveline Township supervisor, John Vrondran, read a resolution listing a catalogue of complaints against Jason, and township attorney, Jim Young, pleaded with her to heed the sentiments of the board and the citizens who attended the meeting.

Jason then made what she said had been an "offer of resignation" but withdrew it two days later.

A recall campaign ensued, which Jason characterized as "an unfortunate distraction." She accused Vrondran of threatening and bullying her.

Jason was not present at Tuesday's meeting, at which Vrondran read her resignation letter and thanked her for her service.

While recall organizers said the resignation put an end to their campaign, Charlevoix County clerk, Jane Brannon, said last week that the process for recall is set by the state and she would have to consult with the State Election Board on whether the resignation came too late to avoid having the question put on the Feb. 27 ballot.

Brannon said the ballot, which will include a millage proposal for Peaine Township on Beaver Island, had already been sent to the printer. Last October, she estimated the cost of the recall election to Eveline Township at several thousand dollars.

In her resignation letter, Jason states, "As treasurer for the past six years, I have enjoyed working and serving the residents of Eveline Township. I have always felt that those who seek and hold public office are there to serve and represent the people who elected them to office with honesty, honor and humility.

"By these standards, I have fulfilled my obligations to the township and its residents. However, I feel that working environment with the 'leadership' on the Eveline Township board has become unworkable. After much deliberation, I have concluded that it is in my best interest and the best interest of my family for me to tender my resignation effective Jan. 9, 2007.

"As of Jan. 9, 2007 all books and computer equipment necessary for tax collection will be turned over to the deputy clerk, Gail Andersen. Any remaining material will be returned to the township within 14 days."

Organizers of the recall said after the meeting that they held no ill will against Jason personally and commended her for resigning.

"I'm glad she did it. It saved her a lot of embarrassment and the whole township, as far as that goes," said Jim Karlskin, one of the recall organizers.

Gladys Guerci, another member of the recall committee, said, "It's unfortunate that it had to come to this but I think it's in the best interest of everyone, and I wish Debra the best of luck."

Fred Gray can be contacted at 439-9374, or fgray@petoskeynews.com.

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Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

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Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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05855 M-66

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221

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Worship	10:15 a.m.
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US 31 North

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Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.

Church Office 547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.

Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Old U.S. 31 North

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Pastor: Timothy Wright 582-9262

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Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
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Armed robbery suspect requests thousands for experts

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Danny Lee Russell

A man suspected of robbing a Family Video clerk at gunpoint in Charlevoix last August will be back in court at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 19.

Danny Lee Russell, who has been charged with armed robbery, unlawful imprisonment, felony firearm, felon in possession of a firearm and carrying a weapon with unlawful intent, hopes the taxpayers will pay for three experts to investigate the case on his behalf.

According to court documents obtained by the Charlevoix Courier, homeless defendants are privy to, "Adequate investigation."

"Daniel Lee Russell is indigent and cannot afford to pay the costs of conducting an investigation. There are numerous witnesses that will need to be interviewed and there is not adequate time for defense counsel to do these interviews on his own," stated Russell's defense attorney, Michael J. Atchison in a Motion for Appointment of Investigator dated Jan. 9. "For these reasons, Danny Lee Russell asks that this court appoint Mark Elliott, at state expense, to assist counsel in preparing for trial and to authorize payment of his fees up to $2,000, which equals 50 hours of investigation at rate of $40 per hour, as well as provisions for interim billing."

The second request Atchison made was for Speckin Forensic Laboratories located in Okemos, who are experts on fingerprint identification.

"There is physical evidence in the form of small pieces of paper (believed to be checks taken from the complaining witness) from which fingerprint evidence may be obtained," Atchison wrote. "There is mention of a glove print taken from the crime scene which should be analyzed by a defense expert also."

He further stated, "The possibilities of mistaken identification and a wrongful conviction are ones that this court should seek to avoid, and an informed trier of fact regarding the problems with fingerprint identification testimony will help to guard against that danger."

Atchison's third request was for eyewitness identification expert, Dr. Solomon Fulero.

"There are several witnesses who gave partial descriptions of the alleged perpetrator in this case. The descriptions were based on observations made under a variety of difficult conditions and some of the descriptions changed during subsequent interviews with police," Atchison stated.

Russell's trial is scheduled for March 7, 8, 9, 14 and 15.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis - December 27, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix. Commissioner Frykberg was absent.

- Motion approved the minutes of the December 13, 2006 meeting as presented.
- Motion approved a proposed letter to Consumers asking them to donate the Big Rock property to Charlevoix County.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-112, Requested for Investigative Funds.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-113, Amend Subsidiary Fund Budgets.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-114, Grandvue Operating Transfer.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-115, Grandvue Operating Transfer.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-116, Veterans Affairs Counselor, Edward Holm.
- Motion approved Resolution #06-117, 2006 Budge Deficits.

The Organizational meeting was set for January 3, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

The 138th Session of the Board of Commissioners was adjourned.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Official Notice

NOTICE
LAST DAY TO REGISTER

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF
ELECTORS OF THE PEAINE TOWNSHIP
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN

All electors are hereby given notice that a Special Election will be held in the following City/Township on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

Electors who wish to vote in the special election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2007. If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the city or township in which you live you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.

In Person:

- At the city or township clerk's office where your residence is located or at the office of the Charlevoix County Clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

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NOTE: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

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Ready to talk cool?

Cool Cities phone survey kicks off Jan. 23

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Downtown Charlevoix — whether you love it or loathe it, now is the time to talk.

A group of 20 volunteers will conduct a random telephone survey between 7 and 9 p.m. on Jan. 23 to gather information for the Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns market study.

Calls will be made across the downtown Charlevoix customer base which the Cool Cities Process Committee has defined as including Charlevoix, the Bay Harbor area, Beaver Island, Boyne City, East Jordan, Central Lake and Eastport.

"It's a wide area. That reflects the belief that a lot of customers do come from Antrim County and future growth may be south more so than north of here," Cool Cities coordinator, Keith Carey, said.

Carey said the goal of the phone interviews is to gather a sample of 100 respondents. These people will be asked to participate in a five to 10-minute interview.

"We are hoping folks will put some thought in and consider what they might say in advance," Carey said.

Questions to be asked include, "How often do you come to downtown Charlevoix? Why do you come to downtown Charlevoix? Where do you do most of your family shopping? What types of new businesses would you use?"

"We are looking for current perceptions and future suggestions that will help attract people to the downtown and create a more year-round experience downtown," Carey said.

Second homeowners will also be called on. Carey said the goal is to reach about 50 of these people. Some of the out-of-town contact information being used has been gleaned from condominium associations.

The focus of these phone surveys is similar to that of the business survey distributed in early December.

These two elements will be combined with information gleaned from focus group discussions on Jan. 30 and a Community Vision Session to take place on Jan. 31 at the Charlevoix Public Library to provide the critical community input portion of the Cool Cities study.

The Community Vision Session will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31 and was described by Carey as "All about input."

Consultants with the firm, HyettPalma will be on-hand at the session to listen and facilitate. The consultants will then use the information from the business and phone surveys as well as from the focus groups and vision sessions to formulate the Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns market study for Charlevoix and to develop a five-year economic enhancement action strategy.

Carey said he expects the group to formulate preliminary findings before they leave town on Feb. 1. However, the complete study, which will include recommendations as to what direction Charlevoix should move in to enhance its economic viability, will not be ready for three to four months.

"What direction that might be is anyone's guess at this point," Carey said.

For more information, call Carey at (231) 547-3270.

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NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Second Floor, One MacDonald Drive, Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Tuesday, January 2, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- A public hearing was held on an ordinance to extend the cable franchise agreement with CC VII Operating, LLC a/k/a Charter Communications.
- Motion passed suspending rule 4.a. of Rules of Procedure for City Council concerning the order of business.
- Motion passed to enter closed session for a discussion with attorneys regarding CCMS litigation because discussion in open meeting would have an adverse financial result on the public body.
- Council met in closed session from 7:14 to 7:30 p.m.
- Motion passed authorizing Miller-Canfield to proceed with the CCMS litigation and apply to the Supreme Court to hear the case.
- Motion passed allowing the firm of Ferguson & Chamberlain to subcontract with Molon Excavating for their services.
- Motion passed for the City Manager to prepare a job description for a combined Airport Manager/Human Resource position to be approved by Council prior to advertisement for the position.
- Motion passed authorizing the purchase of an Advanced Life Support (ALS) monitor from Medtronic Emergency Response Systems for $19,966.78.
- Motion passed reappointing Gabe Campbell to the Board of Review.
- Motion passed approving the Mayor's reappointment of John Campbell to the Compensation Commission.
- Motion passed appointing Council members Bob Timms and Greg Stevens to the Board of Review.
- Ordinance 714 of 2007 was adopted extending the cable franchise agreement with CC VII Operating, LLC a/k/a Charter Communications.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing for February 5, 2007 on a proposed ordinance establishing the Charlevoix Train Depot Historic District.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing for February 5, 2007 on a proposed ordinance to repeal Chapter 99 and amend Chapter 51 incorporating the regulation of signs into the City Zoning Ordinance.
- Resolution 2007-01-01 was adopted, a preliminary resolution to remove the City Manager from office.

Council adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk   Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

What's happening at the Library this week?

"A Land Conservationist in Kenya"
Calling all travel buffs for an exciting adventure to Africa on Tuesday, January 23 at 7 pm at the Charlevoix Public Library. Little Traverse Conservancy executive director Tom Bailey will share pictures and stories from his travels to Kenya, East Africa, in the spring of 2006. The trip involved work to protect natural land threatened by sprawling development near Nairobi, and visits to two of Kenya's premier wildlife areas. The photos illustrate a variety of wildlife, and a glimpse of the Masai culture, while the stories outline some of the similarities and the many differences between land conservation efforts in the US and Africa.

"Sleepy Time Stories Return"
Back by popular demand, the Charlevoix Public Library is hosting "Sleepytime Stories," an evening pajama story hour for children of all ages. Families can join the library staff for some quiet stories, songs and a craft at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16th. Evening story hour at the library was developed because there are many working parents that do not have the opportunity for traditional story hour during the day, who requested more programs in the evening when they could attend. "Story hour is a wonderful family activity that helps bring children into the laps of their parents for a cuddly evening of fun," chimes Mrs. Hauke, Youth Services Librarian. So join in for a toasty, warm evening at the library.

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Courier welcomes senior advice columnist

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Mary Jane Cargill

While finances, relationships, mental health and sexuality may be taboo topics of discussion among many senior citizens, there is now a free source of help in the area for people who have questions.

Mary Jane Cargill will utilize her 30 years of experience as a psychologist to give advice in her new column "Hey Jane," scheduled to appear on the new senior page entitled "Just Golden" which will be published the third Wednesday of each month in the Charlevoix Courier.

While she specializes in issues facing seniors, Cargill said, "It's similar to a "Dear Abbey" format for anyone who wants advice."

Cargill practiced in Houston, Texas for nearly 30 years and is currently a school psychologist for the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

"Some of the serious (topics) are depression, alcoholism, marital dissatisfaction, parenting adult children, parenting grandchildren, the sexual life of elderly people, dealing with grief of losing a longtime partner," she said. "In my mind, I think about dealing with holes in your life after you retire. You had a job, relationships, family — now you're trying to fill that, so you volunteer, stay meaningful, yet at the end of the day still feel like there should be something more."

Cargill, who said there is a need for emotional help for the aging, hopes to educate people on how to overcome problems they face.

"Seniors need to be educated that, just because they're retired, does not mean they should give up on living," Cargill said. "But, many of them suspend manners (and) suspend reality on what's necessary for quality of life."

She added, "Sometimes husbands and wives need to look at each other and readjust the parameters of their life."

Cargill said the highest suicide rate in the nation is white men between 80 and 85 years of age.

"That all goes back to, 'Is this all there is?'" she said.

Geriatrics may be in its infancy, but the field is growing.

"Even in the last few years we have new geriatric medicine and rehabilitation," she said. "My generation didn't have models. My grandparents were dead and we did not watch our parents parent our grandparents. With the longer life span, younger people are aware of elderly people still part of the family and the affects of their well-being."

She added, "A reality facing our generation is medical technology provides for a longer life span now, but we'll learn how to do this."

Cargill said she is not licensed in Michigan as a psychologist because it would prevent her from giving advice in a column format and as a soon-to-be 65-year-old said she is well versed on senior issues.

An example of issues upon which Cargill has advised include a 70-year-old who angered his wife when he purchased viagra without first discussing the matter with her and a man unhappy that he had to retire to care for his aging parents.

"It is estimated that we will parent our own elderly parents as long as we did raising our own children," Cargill said. "There's that myth that you'll retire and run off and play golf everyday, but you still have family obligations — there has to be balance."

Cargill said people must face the realities of retirement.

"It's really, really great, but there's also a reconfiguring of emotional pitfalls in our society," she said. "Let's talk about relationships."

Cargill said a popular myth is that elderly people begin to lose their manners and stop taking care of themselves mentally and physically because it is a natural part of the aging process.

"They say, 'Oh, grandma is set in her ways,' but I think they're depressed and cut themselves off from the feedback loop of living and this is not quality of life," she said. "We talk about healthy reconnecting with family, educating yourself about growing older physically, being sensitive to what alcoholism looks like, what drug dependency looks like."

Cargill hopes her column will empower people to find answers to their concerns as they age.

"We cannot retire away from life," she said.

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County names Ed Holm director of veterans' affairs

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Ed Holm

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the new Veterans' Affairs director during their Tuesday, Jan. 3 organizational meeting.

Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient, Ed Holm, took over for former director, Bob Drebenstedt pending the outcome of Holm's background check and the finalization of some paperwork.

"I belong to all the (veterans') organizations and have helped Bob (Drebenstedt) in the past and I have been on the veterans' board. I've seen a lot of what takes place and (this job) needs somebody who believes in it, and I believe in it," Holm said. "I would be very happy to get the vets that need assistance what they've got coming to them."

He added, "I have seen an attitude that veterans just want something for nothing, but that's not true. They earned it by serving in the military and if something happens to them medically or whatever, they deserve it."

Aside from being highly decorated during wartime, Holm has been a maintenance supervisor at Big Rock Point nuclear power plant, worked for his father's auto sales company among other ventures.

Holm is married and has three grown children.

The Veterans' Affairs Director position is a part-time job.

"He'll hit the road running with funerals and paperwork to get them (veterans) into the VA medical system — they'll be coming in almost every time the door's open," Drebenstedt said. "He'll be working with those that might need some sort of financial support to get down to Detroit VA hospital or Ann Arbor VA hospital and just answer questions."

He added, "We have a whole lot of veterans in this county. Some are fortunate enough to go to warmer climates in the winter time, but most are right here and those veterans need help with their medicines and disabilities, and sometimes they're just lonely."

Drebenstedt said the Veterans' Affairs office is a safe haven for forgotten veterans.

"It's not in the job description, but the compassionate person like (Holm) has shown (his worth) by belonging to service organizations, picking veterans up and bringing them to this office and flipping pancakes at the American Legion pancake breakfast," he said.

Newly elected District Five County Commissioner, Drebenstedt, cannot hold an elected and a hired position with the county per state law, but Drebenstedt said, this would have been his final year as administrator regardless of the election results.

"Nine years I have worked at this (Veterans' Affairs) and this is a burnout job," he said. "You just get burned out seeing so many people that you get acquainted with pass on. You can't help but become good friends with the World War II vets, but then they pass on and that's more than I took into account."

He added, "Here I am an infantryman who should not be bothered with those things, but going to funerals just about every week is difficult."

Drebenstedt said he will continue to advocate for the proper treatment of veterans from his new post on the board of commissioners.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 714 of 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE CABLE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CC VIII, OPERATING, LLC. A/K/A CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

WHEREAS, CC VIII, Operating, LLC a/k/a Charter Communications ("Charter") currently holds a cable franchise with the City of Charlevoix ("City"), granted by Renewal License Agreement between the City and TCI-Taft Cablevision Associates, d/b/a Lake Charlevoix Cable TV on January 1, 1986 and as subsequently extended, to which Charter is the successor, herein referred to collectively as the "Franchise"; and

WHEREAS, Charter and the City have been engaged in informal renewal negotiations in accordance with Section 626(h) of Title VI of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the parties continue to reserve all rights under the formal procedures of Section 626 of Title VI of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and do not waive any rights related thereto; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the time required to conclude negotiations and allow for public review will extend beyond the scheduled expiration date; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to extend the current Franchise for an additional period of time so that cable service to the public will not be interrupted.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

Section 1. Charter's Franchise is hereby extended through December 31, 2007.

Section 2. To the extent that this ordinance modifies any of the terms and conditions of Charter's Franchise said Franchise Ordinance is hereby amended. Except as hereby amended, the provisions of the Franchise Ordinance shall remain unchanged.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after thirty (30) days following its passage.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of January, 2007.

Ordinance No. 714-2007 was adopted on the 2nd day of January, 2007, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by:	Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain
Seconded by:	Councilmember Greg Stevens
Yeas:	Gennett, Gibson, Stevens, Timms, Beer, Chamberlain
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

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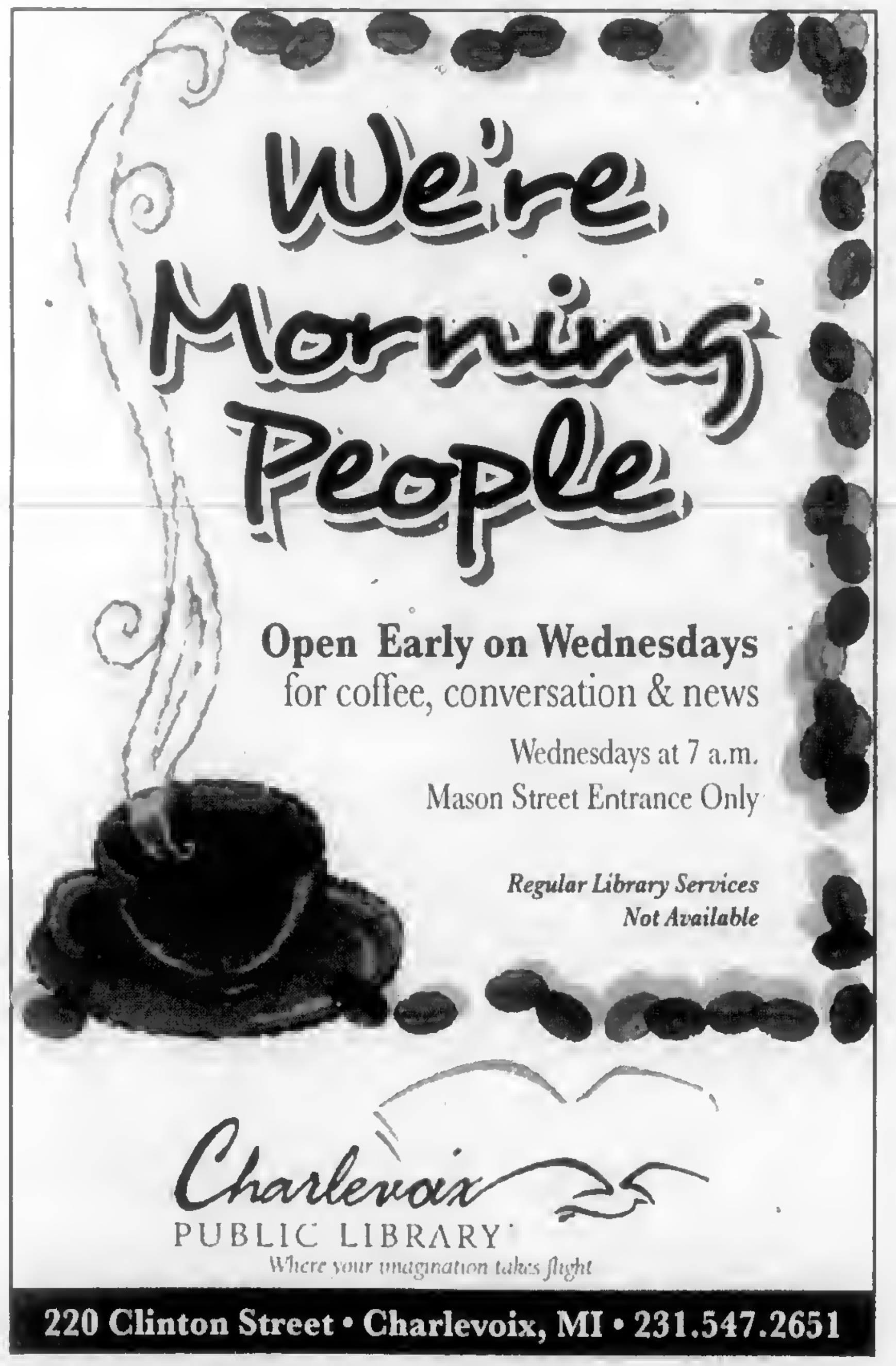

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Jane

WHAT'S GOING ON
senior activity calendar

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17, 24

Computers 10 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 18, 25

Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.

Computers 10 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Pinochle 1 p.m.

Cribbage 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19, 26

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Ladies' Cards 7 p.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 22, 29

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Woodcarving 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 23, 30

Acrylic painting 9:30 a.m.

Crafts 9:30 a.m.

Computers 10 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Ladies' Cards 7 p.m.

All events listed above take place at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-5361.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

Tai Chi Classes will again be offered by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and resume Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the Charlevoix library for a six-week session. The intermediate class will be scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m. The beginner class will be scheduled from 11 a.m. to noon. To register, call (231) 237-0103.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

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JUST GOLDEN PLACEMENT

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Enlightened Elder

Sue Bergmann

Many people in Charlevoix County find themselves becoming caregivers to seniors or adults over 18 with a debilitating illness such as Alzheimer's or stroke.

The demands of 24-hour care giving are great and many need a break. Baby boomers in the sandwich generation find themselves caring for parents and children at the same time.

Charlevoix County Commission on Aging has in-home respite care available as well as out-of-home respite at the Adult Day Program, located in East Jordan in the lower level of the senior center. There is a registered nurse and certified nurse assistant trained in special care needs for adults, especially those with memory or cognitive problems, such as Alzheimer's.

The Adult Day Program staff assist with daily medical and personal care needs as well as providing a variety of stimulating activities designed to improve memory. There are nutritious meals offered at the East Jordan Senior Center. Activities such as community choir, music from volunteer musicians, bingo, games, puzzles, gardening, crafts and therapeutic exercise are designed to meet individual needs.

Some of the participants with memory loss hear a familiar tune or see a picture and memories return that were once forgotten. Artwork, crafts and puzzles that they have displayed on the walls bring a smile to their face when they remember making them.

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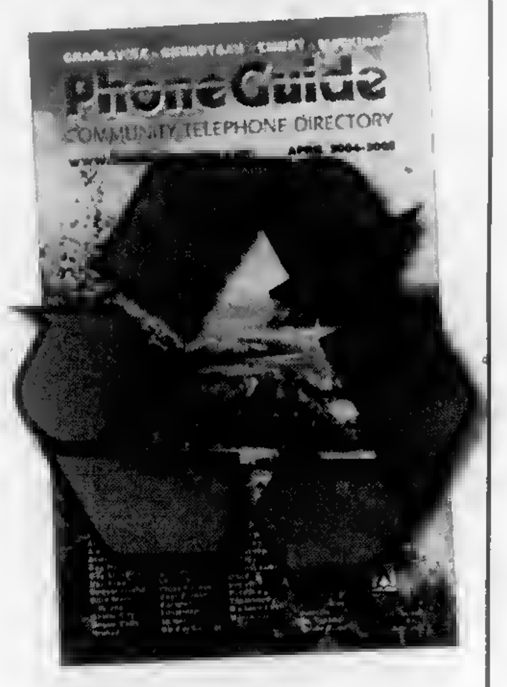
For more information about Charlevoix County's Adult Day Service, in-home respite or other services, call the Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103.

Sue Bergmann RN, BSN is the director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. She can be contacted by calling (231) 237-



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Local share of marina project over budget

Phase three bids higher than expected

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The last piece in Charlevoix's East Park and marina renovation construction puzzle is in place.

Bids were opened on Jan. 11 for the third phase of the project which was projected to cost about $7.2 million. Of the four bids submitted, the low bidder, Hallmark Construction of Traverse City, bid the project at $6,788,205.

"I'm happy with the (total project cost) number coming in at about $10 million. People have described this as a $11 or $12 million project. I think we're doing well," mayor for the City of Charlevoix, Norman Carlson Jr., said.

Farrington Construction, also a Traverse City business, was the second low bid entering an amount of $7,108,577.10. No Charlevoix construction groups bid the project.

Charlevoix City Council has not yet awarded Hallmark the bid. Approval of the phase three contract will first need to come from the state funding agency, the Waterways Commission, which is funding 75 percent of the project as it relates to the marina. The balance is being funded by the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority.

The city's total cost for all three phases of construction is $5.2 million — early estimates of the local share were $4.8 million. Carlson attributed the increase to price changes from three years ago when initial estimates were calculated, shifts in what the state will fund and design changes, including the addition of future infrastructure like sewer lines.

The bond request the city approved for $5.5 million gives the city $4.9 million after costs for bonding, to spend on the project.

City treasurer, Rick Brandi, said the funding equation hasn't been set in stone and there may be more funding available from the state to cover the $300,000 shortfall. If Waterways doesn't come through, the city has additional bonding capacity or they may look at an Act 99 loan.

If Hallmark has met the bid requirements Carlson said the "established, reputable business" will likely get the job. Hallmark has been in business for 29 years.

Phase three is expected to begin in late February with demolition of existing buildings that include the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, the Odmark Pavilion commonly called the "bandshell," the portable bathroom trailer and the fish pond. This phase also includes construction of the new performance pavilion and harbormaster's facility as well as site work, landscaping and underground excavation.

While Hallmark will likely wear the general contractor's hat for the project, Denny Fedorinchik, owner of Hallmark Construction, said local subcontractors are expected to work on the project as well.

"We are looking forward to a nice project for the community," he said. "We've had an extensive hand in public work throughout northern Michigan. It (the Charlevoix project) should he a good fit. As far as we're concerned, it's a local contract."

Other recent public projects that Hallmark was involved in include the Clinch Park Marina in Traverse City which was completed in 2004, construction of the new Cherry Capitol Airport which wrapped in 2005, construction of the North Central Michigan College multi-purpose facility in 2004 and construction of the new Grand Traverse County Probate Court facility in 2006.

Bids were opened for phases one and two, the seawall replacement contract and new dock system contract, on Oct. 19 and came in around $3 million.

Molon Excavating Inc. of Traverse City was awarded the $1.6 million contract to replace the existing sea wall and Flotation Docking Systems Inc. of Cedarville won the $1.3 million contract to construct and install the new floating dock system.

The seawall replacement project, which is currently under-

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Steel storage did not breach phase one marina contract

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

A bid war has been quieted by city attorney, Jim Young, who determined the City of Charlevoix's contract with Molon Excavating Inc. has not been breached.

After reviewing the city's $1.6 million marina contract with Molon, a Traverse City-based business, Young determined the contractor can store steel in East Park and at the foot of Clinton Street.

According to City of Charlevoix Street Superintendent, Pat Elliott, Molon attended the same pre-bid meeting and was given the same set of project specs and prints as all the other contractors who bid on the project.

"Everyone had the same set (of prints and specs). It was not stated that materials had to be brought by barge," Elliott said.

The issue arose in late December when steel to be used to rebuild the existing sea wall was delivered by 16 trucks, three weeks ahead of schedule. When Molon representatives asked city manager, Mike Wiesner, if the materials could be stored in East Park, his answer was, "Yes."

"I feel we made a logical decision that is supported by the documents they bid from," Elliott said. "My goal is to get this project done as efficiently and as cost effectively as we can and that's what I feel I did there. Now we've gotten into this predicament when we are in the early stages of an $11 million project that took five years to plan. We need to keep the ball rolling. Nothing was done illegally. The bid was fair."

Molon's competition brought this fairness issue to the table.

Ben Cunningham, owner of R.B. Lyons Inc., a local marine construction specialist, whose bid came in $105,000 higher than Molon's for the Charlevoix marina project, claims had he known on-site material storage was an option, he would have won the bid.

"As one of the bidders on the project, we and all the other contractors bidding the project, were told emphatically that there was to be absolutely no downtown storage of materials," Cunningham states in a letter dated Dec. 9 to city council and city administrators.

"We were told, as is shown on the plans, that the city had provided a storage area for materials, along the channel, by the fish hatchery."

In the plans, the site Cunningham referred to is marked and it reads, "Contractor may use this site on the south side of the channel for barge unloading/loading areas for steel sheet piling, fabricated steel and removed steel items from project site."

Cunningham claims materials were to be picked up by barge and brought to the job site. He calculated the cost of barge and tug rental, crew time and other transportation and man hours associated with material storage and retrieval at around $134,000.

"I don't understand why the contractor who was hired has been given concessions that we were not," Cunningham states.

Because it was decided that the contract language doesn't require steel to be stored elsewhere, the city will not pursue a deduct in its contract with Molon.

Al McDonald, the East Project foreman for Molon, said he wasn't given preferential treatment and his number one goal is to keep the project moving.

"I feel like everyone is seeing all this money they can grab from us. This is a long project. We have to work together for this project to get done on time. You can't have everything one way. You have to work with me on this too. It (storing the steel in the park) wasn't a wild request," McDonald told Charlevoix City Council early this month.

Second ward councilman, Gene Beer who initially took Cunningham's side said, "I think we need to just keep going. Anything to stall it at this point would be a mistake. I'm satisfied with the decision."

The Molon crew has been working in the park since late November. The full scope of their work will include removal of the 17 existing piers, which at the furthest point extend 75-feet into Round Lake, installation of new sheet pile running the length of park, 850-feet, and other miscellaneous work. Their targeted completion date is near the end of April 2007. Elliott said Molon is on schedule.

City faces a $400,000 shortfall for park project

File photo

The $10 million project that will overhaul the Charlevoix city marina and East Park (pictured above) will cost the city about $400,000 more than was anticipated.

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way, is called phase one. It will include removal of the 17 existing piers, which at the furthest point extend 75-feet into Round Lake, installation of new sheet pile running the length of the park, 850-feet, and other miscellaneous work. The targeted completion date for phase one is near the end of April 2007.

Installation of the new docks is referred to as phase two. It includes installation of a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220-feet into Round Lake at the furthest point. The docks are being fabricated this winter and will be installed once ice conditions allow in the spring. Utilities are expected to be hooked up and operational near the end of June 2007.

Construction of phases one and two is expected to take about four-and-a-half months. The ultimate goal is to have the water side of the project complete by Memorial Day 2007.

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Snowmobile club ride-in Jan. 27 at Ferry Beach

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

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From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27 at Ferry Beach; people in the area of any age may enjoy free hamburgers, bratwurst, chili, coffee and hot chocolate at the 2007 Charlevoix Snowmobile Club Snowmobile Ride-in.

While mother nature takes another whack at whitening the landscape, the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club plans activities.

A lack of snow forced the organization to cancel one of their biggest events of the year last year, but club president, Kevin Wright, said come hail or high water, the 2007 Snowmobile Ride-in will go on.

"Its location has moved down to Ferry Beach pavilion due to the new construction in East Park, but we're going to have it this year regardless (of the weather)," he said.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, people in the area of any age may enjoy free hamburgers, bratwurst, chili, coffee and hot chocolate.

"We're also doing free giveaways," Wright said. "Local merchants donated stuff to give away as door prizes, so it should be a good afternoon, snow or not."

He added, "This is for anybody in Charlevoix interested in coming out for free barbecue — whether they have a snowmobile or not — they are welcome to come out and have lunch with us."

Club registration information will be available during the event.

"If you join the club, you're helping support the club and the endeavors that the club does," Wright said. "It costs money to put up trail signs in town and repair bridges and fences."

Wright said the financial support of members allows the club to maintain trail navigation aides on sites like Harbor Industries.

"In turn that keeps Harbor Industries happy because it keeps sleds from running all over the place," he said. "Other benefits are that you are out doing volunteer work and you are indirectly involved with a sport you enjoy. The benefits are twofold."

At 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, snowmobile club members and non members will meet at the Flight Deck and Paul Bunyan Lanes before heading south for the club's annual Ride-Out.

"Our destination is currently unknown. It depends on how many show up and what the conditions are like," Wright said. "Last year we went to Lakes of the North (a restaurant/resort area) east of Mancelona."

He added, "If the conditions in Charlevoix are not (acceptable), but they are good in East Jordan, we'll trailer down to East Jordan, but we'll still meet at the Flight Deck. We're supposed to be getting a big storm (this week), so hopefully we'll have some snow."

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A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

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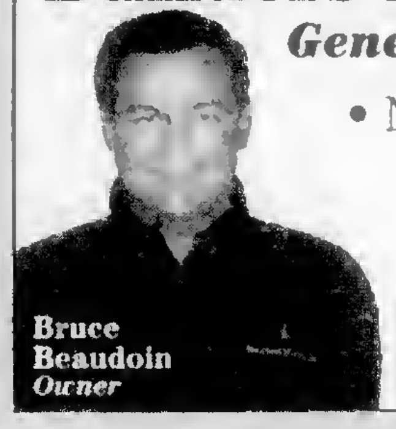

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Chamber of Commerce kicks off 2007 with 49th Annual Meeting and new board

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

This week, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will celebrate the contributions of key community players from 2006 and will officially welcome aboard 2007 board members.

During the chamber's 49th Annual Meeting and dinner on Jan. 18 at the Weathervane Restaurant, the 2006 Ambassador of the Year will be honored and recipients of the Chairman's Award and Outstanding Citizen Award will be named.

As the chamber ushers out 2006, board members will welcome 2007 with the passing of the torch to four new board members and three continuing members who will assume new seats.

New board members, installed on Jan. 1, are Chris Cuffaro, community president and finance manager of Citizens Bank, Dirk Cox, plant manager at St Marys Cement, Louis Hollow of Hollow and Associates and Chris Turkelson, an attorney with the law firm Hayes, Turkelson and Groat.

They join five returning board members, Tom Conlan, manager of the Belvedere Club and golf club, Jeff Spreeksell, manager of the Weathervane Restaurant, Jay Bingham, owner of Bingham Insurance Services, Patricia Blanchard, owner of Shop of the Gulls and Linda Bradley, operations manager at Charlevoix Manufacturing.

Outgoing members are former chairman, Jim Berlage, who owns the Bridge Street Book Shop, former vice-chair, Judy Friske-Kehr, director of retail for Friske Orchards and former treasurer, Ron Agnello, a local Certified Public Accountant.

Conlan, who is in his second year as a chamber board member, is replacing Berlage as chairman, Spreeksell has accepted the vice-chairman's position and Bingham will assume the treasurer's seat.

"This is a really good group with a lot of energy," said Conlan.

They will direct that energy to accomplishing several key initiatives in 2007.

Their work will kickoff this month with a performance evaluation survey mailed to existing chamber members.

"This will help us get new ideas and solve any existing problems," he said..

Conlan added that a key fac-

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2006 chamber award recipients to be named on Jan. 18

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tor in Charlevoix's success is the cooperation of various local entities.

"The chamber, the DDA (Downtown Development Authority), the CVB (Convention and Visitors Bureau) and the city all have the same end goal and need to work together better. If I can accomplish that I'll feel like I've accomplished something," Conlan said.

In an effort to maintain current membership and to attract new members, the board has established a membership and ambassadors committee led by Bradley.

"The committee will serve as the customer service division of the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce. It was created to help existing and new members identify existing resources to maximize their membership," Bradley said. "We hope to increase our membership by identifying potential members, contacting them about joining and showing them the benefits of being a member."

The group is also participating in the Cool Cities market study being directed by the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and a program called Creating Entrepreneurial Communities. The latter of the two is being steered by Cuffaro and aims to assist members in creating business.

These new endeavors are joined by the continuation of the Farmer's Market, a carry-over from 2006.

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Who: Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce
What: 49th Annual Meeting
When: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18
Where: Weathervane Restaurant, 106 Pine River Lane

Added to the chamber's full plate will be their move to their new location in the former post office on Mason Street.

Conlan said he expects the chamber office to move before the end of February.

"Its not quite as visible but it's a better facility with more space," he added.

For more information on Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce activities or the upcoming annual meeting, call (231) 547-2101 or visit www.charlevoix.org.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder basketball post two key conference wins

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

After losing their first game in the Lake Michigan Conference last week, Charlevoix got back to its winning ways, posting two conference wins — on the road over Boyne City, 72-58 and at home over Kalkaska, 82-65.

"I was real pleased with the Friday game (against Kalkaska)," coach, Keith Haske, said. "We gave a full effort for 32 minutes and avoided the third quarter lull we've had quite a bit this season."

Haske was less pleased with the win over Boyne City, where the Rayders led by just four in the fourth quarter before pulling away.

"I was disappointed after the game because we just weren't playing how we're capable of playing," Haske explained. "We had a week of soul searching and came out with a good performance against Kalkaska."

Charlevoix blew the Kalkaska game open with a 22-11 second quarter advantage, opening a 40-28 half-time lead. The Rayders led 59-44 after three periods.

Senior, Mitch Crandall, paced the Rayders with 20 points and seven rebounds. Sophomore, Justin Friske, scored a varsity career-high 17 points.

Corey Gotshall posted a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Senior, Trevor Mays, had seven points and nine rebounds.

Ty Haske handed out eight assists while Darren Munson contributed six rebounds and four steals.

At Boyne City, Charlevoix led by five, 14-9, after one quarter, and 33-27 at the half. The Ramblers cut the lead to only four at 48-44 headed into the final stanza.

Crandall led the Rayders with 19 points and four steals. Justin Friske had 10 points and 11 rebounds. Mays had nine points and six rebounds.

Gotshall also scored nine. Ty Haske had five assists and three steals.

Solid post play was a key to both wins, according to coach Haske.

"Justin Friske had two very good games," Haske noted. "Trevor Mays' play also really picked up this last week."

"Both of those guys raised their games. That's good because consistent inside play will help us down the road."

Charlevoix (7-1 overall, 4-1 conference) played at Elk Rapids on Tuesday, Jan. 16. Next week's Courier will have all the details on the outcome. The Rayders play at rival East Jordan on Friday, Jan. 19.

Photo by Scott Richards

Senior, Mitch Crandall, scores two of his 20 points on a lay up in the first half of the Rayder Winterfest game against Kalkaska, Friday, Jan. 12. The Rayders claimed the Lake Michigan Conference win 82-65.

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Zeke Daman

Zeke Daman and Mat Golovich each had four wins and one loss. Golovich won two of those matches with pins. Woody Nitchman won three of his five matches, one with a pin. Chris Levens was three for five, with two pins. Nate Tripplehorn won three for five, two with pins. Trevor Cole won two of five, one with a pin. Zach Smith and JD Speigl each won a match.

On Thursday, Jan. 11, the Rayders traveled to Grayling for dual meets with Grayling and Bay City. Against Grayling, Zeke Daman won his match in overtime, 3 to 1, and Mat Golovich won his match with a pin. The Rayders fell to Grayling 15-54. Against Bay City, Daman and Golovich succeeded again, this time both of them pinning their opponents in 1:18 and 4:30, respectively. The Rayders lost to Bay City, 12-60.

The Rayder wrestling team will compete at home this week, with a dual meet against Boyne City and Mio, starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18. Starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20 the Rayders will host the annual Take Down Tournament.

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CHURCH LEAGUE • JAN. 10, 2007

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	72	28
Lutherans	65	35
Lakeshore Tire	60	40
R & C Roofing	58	42
St. Mary's	52	48
Mark White Paint & Stain	34	66
Ferguson & Chamberlain	34	66
State Farm Insurance	25	75

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	696	246
Larry Potter	599	224
Tom Browe		229
Joe Borths	575	

TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES JAN. 9, 2007

	W	L
St. Mary Cement	7	1
DM Construction	7	1
Oleson's Food Store	5	3
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	5	3
Mary Ann's Takeout	3	5
Central Drug Store	3	5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	1	7
Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	1	7

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	546	205
Trina Houghton		197
Diana Speigl	520	197
June Kunkle	514	

YOUNG AT HEARTS JAN. 11, 2007

	W	L
Alley Cats	9.5	2.5
Misfits	7	5
Sparetime	7	5
Half & Half	6.5	5.5
Past Timers	6	6
Twilighters	6	6
Irish Rollers	5	7
Has Beens	1	11

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	459	178
Chuck Metzger	461	180
Jim Potter	483	172
Julie Monte	452	183
Sue Lochner	427	158
Shirley Flower	413	150

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE JAN. 8, 2006

	W	L
J Arnold Painting "2"	39	25
Selph Trucking	37	27
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	36	28
Bud's Buds	34.5	29.5
B VanLoo & Sons	33	31
Paul Bunyan Lanes	32	32
J Arnold Painting "A"	30	34
The Flight Deck	14.5	49.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

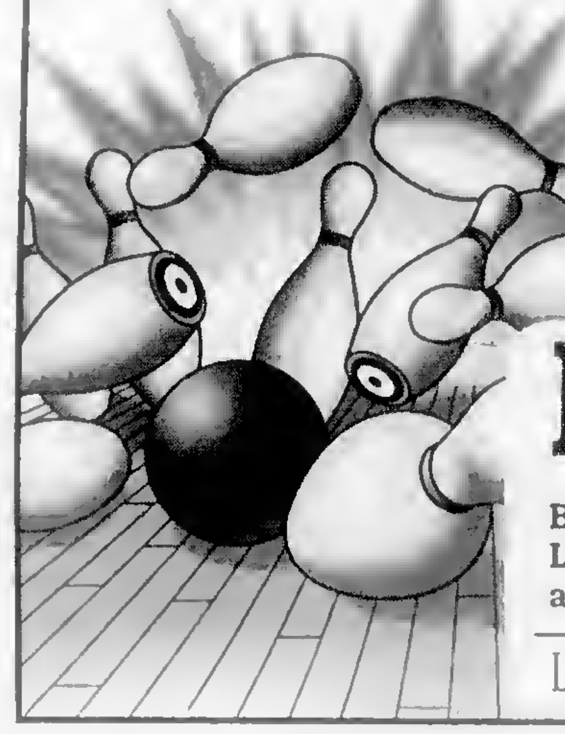
	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	617	228
Del Hart		227
Jeff Smith	603	
Roger Vanniman		218
Darrel VanLoo	600	

GUTTER GALS • JAN. 11, 2006

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	32	8
Paul Bunyan Lanes	24	16
Laurat & Company	14	26
Burger King of Charlevoix	10	30

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	538	197
Diana Speigl	501	180
Connie Pischner		179
Jane Hoim	477	



Paul Bunyan Lanes

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder volleyball team deliver two big wins

Charlevoix got 13 kills from Bethany Pearson Thursday, Jan. 11 in topping Boyne City, 25-18, 25-14, 18-25, 25-22, in a Lake Michigan Conference volleyball match.

The victory lifted Charlevoix's league record to 4-0, while Boyne City slipped to 3-1. The Rayders are 15-6 overall.

"Our top hitter, Ashlie Bradley, sprained her ankle in warm-ups," Charlevoix coach, Liz Grunch, said. "She didn't play, but the team stepped up and this was a great win."

"Charlevoix came mentally ready to play and we did not," Boyne City coach, Casie Parker, said. "We had opportunities to win and we didn't capitalize. We definitely took a step backwards tonight. Hopefully we'll get things changed around before Monday."

In addition to her 13 kills, Pearson had seven blocks. Also for the Rayders, Sasha Spencley had 12 kills, 12 digs and three aces; Aubrey Way had 17 assists, 15 digs and four kills; Desi Faust had 11 kills; Zita Anderson had 14 assists and 12 digs; Murphy Gillespie had eight kills; Emily Heffling had 11 digs and passed at 93 percent.

For Boyne City, 13-7-1, Jessica Nichols had nine kills, 12 digs; Lindsay Baie had seven kills and 14 digs; Caitlyn Wonski had six kills; Lindsay Clemens had 28 assists; and Stacey Spaniak added 11 digs.

Charlevoix won the JV match, 20-25, 25-20, 26-24. For Charlevoix, Shauna Spencley had six kills, two aces, two blocks, four digs and two assists; Lauren Mielke had four kills and five aces; Sarah Potter had four kills and three aces; and Tammy Potter had three kills and four assists.

The Boyne City win followed a Jan. 8 Rayder sweep.

Spencley had 18 kills and Bradley added 17 Monday, Jan. 8 as Charlevoix did not drop a game in beating both Harbor Springs and Grayling in a pair of Lake Michigan Conference volleyball matches.

The Rayders downed Grayling, 25-4, 25-13, 25-17; and the Rams, 25-8, 25-17, 25-18.

Pearson added 12 kills for the Rayders, while Emily Heffling had 49 digs, five aces and finished 97 percent in serve reception.

Also for the Rayders, Spencley had 32 digs, five blocks; Bradley had 22 digs, six aces; Pearson had six blocks; Way had 17 assists, 15 digs; Anderson had 11 digs and 22 assists; and Gillespie added four blocks.

Rayder-Red Devil skiers take 10th at Petoskey-Harbor Invitational

Photo courtesy of the Petoksey News-Review

The Charlevoix-East Jordan boys, who finished 10th, were led by Mac Brennan (above), who was 16th in GS and 20th in slalom.

It was only fitting Mother Nature decided to cooperate Tuesday, Jan. 9 at the annual Petoskey-Harbor Ski Invitational at Boyne Highlands.

Looking and feeling more like winter, 14 teams took to the slopes in the annual event, which saw a pair of defending Class A state champions display the form that earned them titles last February.

The Charlevoix-East Jordan boys, who finished 10th, were led by Mac Brennan, who was 16th in GS and 20th in slalom. Behind him were teammates Tanner Fisher, 29th in slalom; and Nic Williams, 36th in GS.

Liz Hasseld paced the Charlevoix-East Jordan girls, who also placed 10th, as she was 17th in slalom. Teammate Mary Gocha was 29th in slalom.

Defending Class B-C-D GS state champion, Katherine Rowley, was second in GS following her first run but fell in her second run and did not finish. Rowley also was a DNF in slalom.

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VanMeter takes plea deal, resigns as deputy

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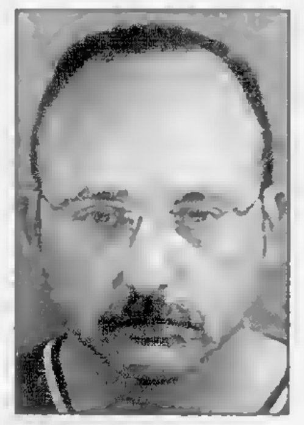

Brian VanMeter

"(The agreement) provided certainty that (VanMeter) will not be reinstated."

Charles Koop
ANTRIM COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The special prosecutor appointed to handle an assault case involving a now ex-Charlevoix County Sheriff's deputy and the former deputy's attorney say a host of factors played into a last-minute plea-agreement that prevented the case from going to trial on Jan. 8.

Brian VanMeter, 42, of Charlevoix had been slated to face a one-day jury trial in 90th District Court on Jan. 8 on misdemeanor charges of reckless driving and assault and battery. But on Friday, Jan. 5, VanMeter pleaded responsible to a civil infraction of careless driving in exchange for which the other charges were dropped. He was sentenced to pay $200 in fines and costs.

VanMeter was employed as a deputy with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's office at the time of the Oct. 5 incident that led to the charges. Although VanMeter was not on duty at the time of the incident, county sheriff George T. Lasater placed VanMeter on unpaid suspension a short time after.

Both attorneys in the case said the deal also included an agreement on VanMeter's part to resign from his position effective at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 and an agreement that he would not sue the sheriff's office or the county over the ending of his employment. For his part, Lasater agreed to pay VanMeter for the time while he was on suspension and to provide him with a letter confirming his time of employment with the sheriff's office and the fact that he resigned, the attorneys said.

The case was prosecuted by Antrim County prosecuting attorney, Charles Koop, who was appointed to handle the case by the state attorney general's office at the request of Charlevoix County prosecuting attorney, John Jarema.

Koop said a call from the victim saying he didn't want to proceed with the case was one factor that played into the plea deal. Another factor, Koop said, was that the agreement "provided certainty that (VanMeter) will not be reinstated (to his deputy position)."

Koop explained that the move to allow for VanMeter to receive his back pay was done to prevent the county from the hassle and expense of arbitration.

"In my experience, if the sheriff had fired him, you'd be looking at three months of arbitration. With the attorney's fees, it would far exceed the cost of just paying him," Koop said.

VanMeter's attorney, Mary Beth Kur, said her client took the plea deal, because he felt it was in his and his children's best interest, given the risks involved in going to trial.

"From the beginning (VanMeter) has maintained his innocence in all criminal charges," Kur said. "His acceptance of the plea illustrates that. If anything, this incident amounts to a simple traffic matter."

"When he balanced all the risks of going to trial against a traffic ticket and a $200 fine and not having to put his kids through the publicity surrounding the trial, the choice was pretty clear," Kur added.

The charges stem from an incident that took place in and south of Charlevoix early Oct. 5 between VanMeter and his estranged wife's boyfriend, Brad Sanderson. According to police reports and earlier testimony, VanMeter allegedly confronted Sanderson shortly after he had left the VanMeter home.

Sanderson said VanMeter threatened him and then followed Sanderson as he drove back toward Charlevoix. Sanderson said VanMeter drove aggressively, following very closely at times and eventually forcing him to stop near the intersection of U.S. 31 and M-66. Sanderson said VanMeter got out of his car and, after attempting unsuccessfully to make Sanderson get out of his car — ostensibly intending to fight with him — VanMeter fled the scene.

VanMeter was originally charged with a felony count of assault with a dangerous weapon (the car). But a judge threw that charge out following a preliminary examination in November. The judge found that there was not enough evidence showing that VanMeter had the "specific intent" to use his vehicle to put the alleged victim in fear of immediate harm to warrant sending the matter to circuit court.

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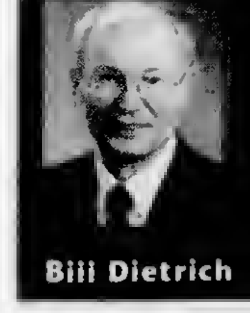

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The release applies to approximately 435 acres and 1.5 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline. The property is a mixture of shoreline, mature hardwoods and wetlands and contains Pitcher's thistle, Dwarf Lake iris, Houghton goldenrod and Lake Huron tansy, all listed as protected plants. Activities associated with the operation of Big Rock Point Nuclear Plant actually encompassed less than 20 acres of the property.

"Our goal was to ensure that the property was well below the very strict standards established by regulations," said Big Rock Point site general manager, Kurt Haas. "We are very pleased with the results of our work. This beautiful piece of property is ready to be enjoyed by those who come after us."

Site decommissioning and restoration began immediately after the plant was closed for economic reasons in 1997. Restoration activities included extensive air, water and soil surveys over the entire property and physical demolition and disposal of all plant equipment, buildings and foundations.

The Big Rock Point decommissioning effort has been cited as a model for other decommissioning projects and plant personnel have hosted visitors from around the nation and world to share information. In December 2006, Nuclear Regulatory Commissioners, Jeffrey Merrifield and Ed McGaffigan Jr., both publicly praised the site's decommissioning and restoration work.

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Said premise is located in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at an iron stake which is 1117 feet East and 33 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 35, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence East 80 feet; thence South 140 feet; thence West parallel with the North line of said section 80 feet; thence North 140 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: December 29, 2006

CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK

BY:
Katrina D. Martin (P62506)
Running Wise & Ford, P.L.C.
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(L-01/03, 01/10, 01/17, 01/24)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 8th day of July, 2003, by Mark J. Dubois and Toni R. Dubois, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on July 21, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 556 page 432, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHT AND 87/100 DOLLARS ($102,208.87) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of

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sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, February 9, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a T-iron stake at the Southwest corner of Section 2, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said Section, South 89°33'25". East 1 359.27feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said 1/8 line, North 00°43'00" East 247.01 feet to a 1/2 inch rod, being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 89°33'25"West 200.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 00°43'00" East 325.73 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 74°26'09" East 123.57 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 22°52'40" West 206.33 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southeasterly line of Old U.S. 31 Highway; thence continuing North 22°52'40" West 33.11 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the right 193.47 feet [radius of said curve is 1175.00 feet, the central angle is 09°26'02" and the chord bears North 67°13'16" East 193.25 feet] to said 1/8 line; thence along said 1/8 line, South 00°43'00" West 34.91 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said highway line; thence continuing along said 1/8 line, South 00°43'00" West 620.97 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 2. Hayes Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

Dated: December 19, 2006

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee
CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 4968
(L-01/03, 01/10, 01/17, 01/24)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 1, 2000, by Gary R. Marvin and Heather R. Marvin, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on February 8, 2000, at Liber 382, Page 077, Charlevoix County Records, as modified by a Modification of Mortgage dated October 1, 2001, and recorded on October 10, 2001, at Liber 438, Page 746, Charlevoix County Records. The entire balance secured by said mortgage has matured and become fully due and payable according to the terms of said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby, as modified; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $226,299.33 principal and $3,253.15 interest; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, February 9, 2007, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Charlevoix Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Commencing at a square bolt at the West quarter corner of Section 35, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the West line of said section South 00 deg. 17'41" East 340.35 feet to a T-iron stake on the South line of the North 340.35 feet of the North half of the Southwest quarter of said section; thence along said line North 89 deg. 56'04" East 982.53 feet to a 3/4 in. pipe on the Westerly line of Highway M-66; thence along the Westerly line of Highway M-66 South 22 deg. 15'23" East 288.00 feet to a T-iron stake, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said highway line South 22 deg. 15'23" East 200.00 feet; thence leaving said highway line South 67 deg. 44'56" West 268.26 feet; thence North 23 deg. 09'48" West 200.00 feet to a T-iron stake; thence North 67 deg. 44'37" East 271.43 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Town 34 North, Range 8 West.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the default rate of 11.5% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale.

Dated: January 4, 2007

The Bank of Northern Michigan
Mortgagee
406 Bay Street
Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Petoskey, MI 49770

Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988
(L-01/10, 01/17, 01/24, 01/31, 02/07)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage and assignment (the "Mortgage") made by Lange Limited, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, mortgagor, to Migaldi Family, L.L.C., mortgagee, dated September 22, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan, on September 26, 2003, at Liber 574 Pages 419 through 426 inclusive, which mortgage was assigned to GJDM Development, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, with an address of 3420 South Creyts Road, Lansing, MI 48917 on November 18, 2004 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan on September 19, 2005, at Liber 705, Pages 189 through 190 inclusive. Because of the default, the undersigned has elected to declare the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage immediately due and payable.
At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Five Hundred Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Eight and 55/100 Dollars ($514,888.55). No suit or proceedings at law have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgage.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount with interest as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the lobby of the County Courthouse in Charlevoix, the place of holding the Circuit Court within Charlevoix County, Michigan, on Friday February 9, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. local time.

Pursuant to Section 3240(7) of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, as amended, (MCLA 600.3240(7); MSA 27A.3240(7)), the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

The premises covered by said mortgage is commonly known as **2774 Blackbird Road**, and is situated in the Townships of Hayes and Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel 1: Country Club Park Parcel (Including Parcel A of the Susan Casciani Property): Commencing at a 1/2" pipe at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Town 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76°04'44" East 738.32 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Section line North 76°04'44" East 559.98 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the West 1/8 corner of said sections; thence continuing along said Section line North 76°04'44" East 365.00 feet to a 1/2" rod which is South 76°04'44" West 933.09 feet (recorded as South 77°42'20" West and as South 77°39'15" West 932.72 feet) from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence South 5°59'01" East (recorded as South 4°25'25" East) 601.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 87°59'36" West 398.87 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line South 2°00'25" East (recorded as South 0°21'49" East 790.80 feet to a 1" rod on the North 1/8 line of said Section 19; thence along said North 1/8 line South 76°18'45" West 1320.47 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the line common to said Sections 19 & 24, also being the Northeast corner of Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence along said Section line and the East line of said block South 1°00'31" East 238.28 feet to the North line of the Boyne City - Charlevoix Road; thence along said road line South 87°51'28" West 450.66 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of said block; thence along the line common to Lots 9 & 10 of said block North 0°55'12" West 246.37 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line and the North line of said block South 88°51'29" West 107.57 feet to the line common to Lots 11 & 12 of said block; thence along the aforementioned lot line South 1°03'32" East 248.36 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89°14'29" West 200.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 15 of said block; thence along the West line of said lot North 1°05'45" West 247.01 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line South 88°54'45" West 494.86 feet to a 1" bar on the Easterly line of a Michigan Department of Transportation easement described in Liber 380, Page 743 Charlevoix County Records; thence continuing along said North 1/8 line South 88°54'45" West 87.43 feet to a 1" bar on the East 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line North 1°02'42" West 305.37 feet to the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 1°02'42" West 89.41 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 176.24 feet to the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 1203.55 feet; thence South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 471.19 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 50°23'33" East 944.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34°1'39" West 243.88 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19; Town 34 North, Range 7 West & part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 34 North, Range 8 West, and Lots 1 thru 9 & Lots 12 thru 14, Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point.

Parcel 2: Balance of Charlevoix Country Club Property in Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West lying South of U.S. 31: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Commencing at a 3/4" pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said Section South 76°04'44" West 918.26 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Section line South 76°04'44" West 939.81 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34°01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S. 31; thence continuing North 34°01'39" West 75.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 1222.54 feet; thence parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of said Section South 1°31'09" East 88.94 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing parallel with said 1/4 line South 1°31'09" East 543.71 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel 3: Vacant Land: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: All that part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 34 North, Range 7 West lying Southerly of the C&O Railroad Right of Way and Northerly of the centerline of U.S. 31 extended, a strip of land 50 feet wide lying between said Railroad Right of Way and U.S. 31 centerline described as: Commencing at the center 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North on the North & South 1/4 line to the Southerly line of said highway; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 63°15' to the left from said 1/4 line 846.3 feet more or less to the Southwesterly line of said Railroad Right of Way for the Point of Beginning; thence at an angle of 98°30' to the left from the last described course to the centerline of said highway for the point of ending.

Dated: January 10, 2007

GJDM Development, LLC,
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NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of ROBERT CLIFFORD LEE, Deceased.
Date of Birth: Februrary 22, 1911

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Robert Clifford Lee, the decedent, who lived at 439 S. Lake Street, East Jordan, Michigan 49727 died on November 19, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Vada O. Lee, Successor Trustee of the Robert Clifford Lee Living Trust, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: December 14, 2006

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-9941

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Couple reopen restaurant following tax fraud conviction

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a U.S. citizen."

When Dong's lawyer filed an appeal on his case, Dong's deportation proceedings were paused.

"They (the immigration court) agreed to reopen his case which essentially means his legal status is intact until court proceedings are completed," he said. "Dong's (status) includes pretty much all rights as U.S. citizens with a couple distinctions — he can't vote and cannot get certain government jobs."

Jarema's Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Shaynee Fanara, who has received questions about the restaurant's operation from at least two people, was dumbstruck by the ordeal.

"It was my understanding from immigration that they would be deported — especially Yong Dong who had deportation orders from 1998 — and that's why we fast-tracked them," Fanara said. "I'm not only surprised, but also extremely disappointed that they're right back doing business and seem to not be in the custody of immigration anymore."

The fast track process for Dong and his wife included waiving their preliminary examination, accepting a plea deal which lessened the original charges of eight felonies and two misdemeanors involving alleged money laundering, embezzlement and tax fraud before being arraigned and sentenced on Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006.

Racketeering consists of conducting a criminal enterprise usually in order to make money.

Fanara said the couple pocketed profit from cash sales and failed to claim withholding tax on employees and should not be allowed in the country.

But, Counts said, "He (Dong) has been placed in what is commonly referred to as deportation proceedings, but like everyone, he has the right to due process. His case has been reopened in the immigration courts, and while the process is ongoing, people are often released on their own recognizance and bond."

Dong will likely go before the Executive Office of Immigration Review. If the deportation orders are upheld there, Dong may once again appeal with the Board of Immigration Appeals. If the deportation orders were upheld there, Dong could appeal to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

"It can be weeks, maybe months sometimes — they can go for years, but typically are concluded in weeks or months," Counts said.

Dong, who speaks Mandarin Chinese, declined an interview citing the language barrier and lack of an interpreter.

Sentencing for those involved in alleged misconduct at China 1 stores located throughout northern Michigan will take place at 9 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 19 in Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Court.

According to Fanara, the list of those to be sentenced includes: Traverse City China 1 owner, Wen Bing Wang, Cheboygan China 1 owner, Cui Min Chen, and Gaylord China 1 vice-president, Fa Yang and president, Zhen X. Chen.

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Crooked Tree Arts Center opens new Motion & Color display

Crooked Tree Arts Center is hosting Motion & Color, a display of the provocative abstract work by Kate Roesch and the elegant positioning of dancers in bronze by Norma Penchansky-Glasser.

Both artists reside in Ann Arbor and are represented by the Washington Street Gallery.

Roesch completed undergraduate studies at the University of Kansas and came to Ann Arbor to get her master's degree from the University of Michigan in nursing. Later, Roesch returned to school and earned a bachelor of fine arts and a master of fine arts degree from Eastern Michigan University. Roesch is highly recognized for her work in abstract painting as well as her monotype prints. Roesch once described art for her "is like walking in a landscape that is familiar and hidden."

Also represented will be the bronze work of Norma Penchansky-Glasser who in addition studied at Eastern Michigan University where she received a master of fine arts degree. Glasser's work is represented all across the United States with commissions in Arizona, Indiana and Oklahoma. In 1996, she had a solo exhibition at the Dennos Museum in Traverse City. Glasser taught at the Ann Arbor Art Center for 20 years. Most of Glasser's work suggests the spirit of dance and movement.

"I believe the power of the figures gives my work its signature," she said.

Motion & Color will be on display from Jan. 13 through March 3.

For more information, visit the Crooked Tree Arts Center at 461 East Mitchell St. in Petoskey or call (231) 347-4337.

Courtesy photo

"Anna," a bronze sculpture by Norma Penchansky-Glasser will be one of many pieces on display at the Crooked Tree Motion & Color display.

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JAN. 17
ALL NIGHT PARTY PLANNING

The Charlevoix High School Class of 2007 All-Night Graduation Party planning meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

All parents of students in the 2007 graduating class interested in helping are welcome. The meeting will run no longer than one hour.

JAN. 17
CPR CLASS

Adult/Child/Infant Heartsaver CPR from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. This Heartsaver CPR course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults and children and the use of barrier devices. This class is intended for those who have a duty to respond to a cardiac emergency because of job responsibilities or regulatory requirements. The cost is $30. For more information, call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

JAN. 19
CIRCLE OF STRENGTH TEA PARTY

Circle of Strength and Charlevoix Area Hospital's Gift Shop, Port of Cahl, are celebrating the New Year with a special Tea Party from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 in the large classroom on the lower level at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

For more information or to register for the tea, call Circle of Strength at (231) 547-8950.

JAN. 18
BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church located on the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street.

To make an appointment, call 800-448-3543. Drop ins are welcome. Donors are asked to bring their American Red Cross donor card or government photo identification.

JAN. 18
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEETING

The 49th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will take place on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2007 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

The evening will start with a cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Individuals may choose between an entrée selection of whitefish, alfredo pasta or pork loin. Meals include a first course and dessert.

The chamber's most prestigious awards will be presented to honor persons who have given to the community and/or the Chamber of Commerce.

The cost is $30 per person, including tax and gratuity. Members and their guests are invited to enjoy an evening of great food, spirits and camaraderie. To make a reservation, call the chamber at (231) 547-2101.

Reservation forms can be returned to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce office, or mailed to P.O. Box 358, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. To use a credit card for payment, contact the chamber.

JAN. 19
TWELFTH NIGHT

SEE-North's Twelfth Night events will take place on Jan. 19.

Families hike a candle-lit trail and talk with the forest animals.

Twelfth Night will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Jan. 19 at the Terrace Inn/Bay View Woods in Petoskey. Families will meet at the Terrace Inn, ride a horse-drawn sleigh to the trail head, and venture into the forest to meet the animals.

Those with young children may bring a small sled. Everyone should come dressed for a hike outdoors. SEE-North will provide snacks, hot beverages, face-painting and mask-making indoors.

Tickets are required. To register, call SEE-North at (231) 348-9700. No refunds will be issued unless the event is canceled due to bad weather.

Tickets for Twelfth Night are $7 per person, which includes the sleigh ride. Children under 3 are admitted free.

JAN. 20
SINGLES FOR CHRIST

"Singles for Christ" of Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey, invites all singles 40 and over from all area churches to a monthly dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20 at Hunan Restaurant, located at 629 Charlevoix Avenue in Petoskey. A reservation is required. To make a reservation, call Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or (231) 632-1905.

JAN. 20
EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Northwest Academy will host a euchre tournament fund-raiser at 6 p.m. on Jan. 20. For more information, call Annie Russell at (231) 547-7958

JAN. 22
WITNESS FOR LIFE RALLY

On Monday, Jan. 22, people will gather for the annual "Witness for Life" rally — remembering the anniversary of the legalization of abortion "Roe vs. Wade" 1973 allowing termination of a pregnancy.

Participants are asked to meet from 4 to 5 p.m. in East Park at the corner of Clinton and Bridge streets in Charlevoix. Signs supporting human life are welcome.

JAN. 23
CONSERVATIONIST IN KENYA

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Charlevoix Public Library, Little Traverse Conservancy executive director, Tom Bailey, will share pictures and stories from his spring 2006 trip to Kenya, East Africa.

The trip involved work to protect natural land threatened by sprawling development near Nairobi and visits to two of Kenya's premier wildlife areas. The photos illustrate a variety of wildlife and a glimpse of the Masai culture. The stories outline some of the similarities and the many differences between land conservation efforts in the U.S. and Africa.

For more information, call the Charlevoix Public Library information services desk at (231) 237-7340.

JAN. 24
ARCOSANTI PRESENTATION

A resident of Arcosanti, David Tollas, will deliver a power point presentation at 6 p.m. on Jan. 24 at Charlevoix Public Library about Arcosanti, an Arizona community built using high density, sustainable urban design.

JAN. 26
TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENTS

Texas Hold'em Tournaments will be played beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 26 and 27 at the Wolverine Dilworth Inn in Boyne City. Proceeds will benefit Hospice of Northwest Michigan. For information and registration, call (231) 582-8800.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- Making the most of your library, 1 p.m., Jan. 17.
- Writer's Group, 6 p.m., Jan. 17.
- Genealogy basics class, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 20.
- Make a decorative journal, 2 p.m., Jan. 20.
- A Land Conservationist in Africa, 7 p.m., Jan. 23.
- Writer's Group, 6 p.m., Jan. 24.

Youth Events

- Lapsit Story Time, 10:05 a.m., Jan. 18.
- Pre-K Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Jan. 18.
- Paws for a Story, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 20.
- Story Time 2: Toddler Tuesdays, 3 p.m., Jan. 23.
- Stepping Stones Play Club, 6 p.m., Jan. 24.
- Lapsit Story Time, 10:05 a.m., Jan. 25.
- Pre-K Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Jan. 25.
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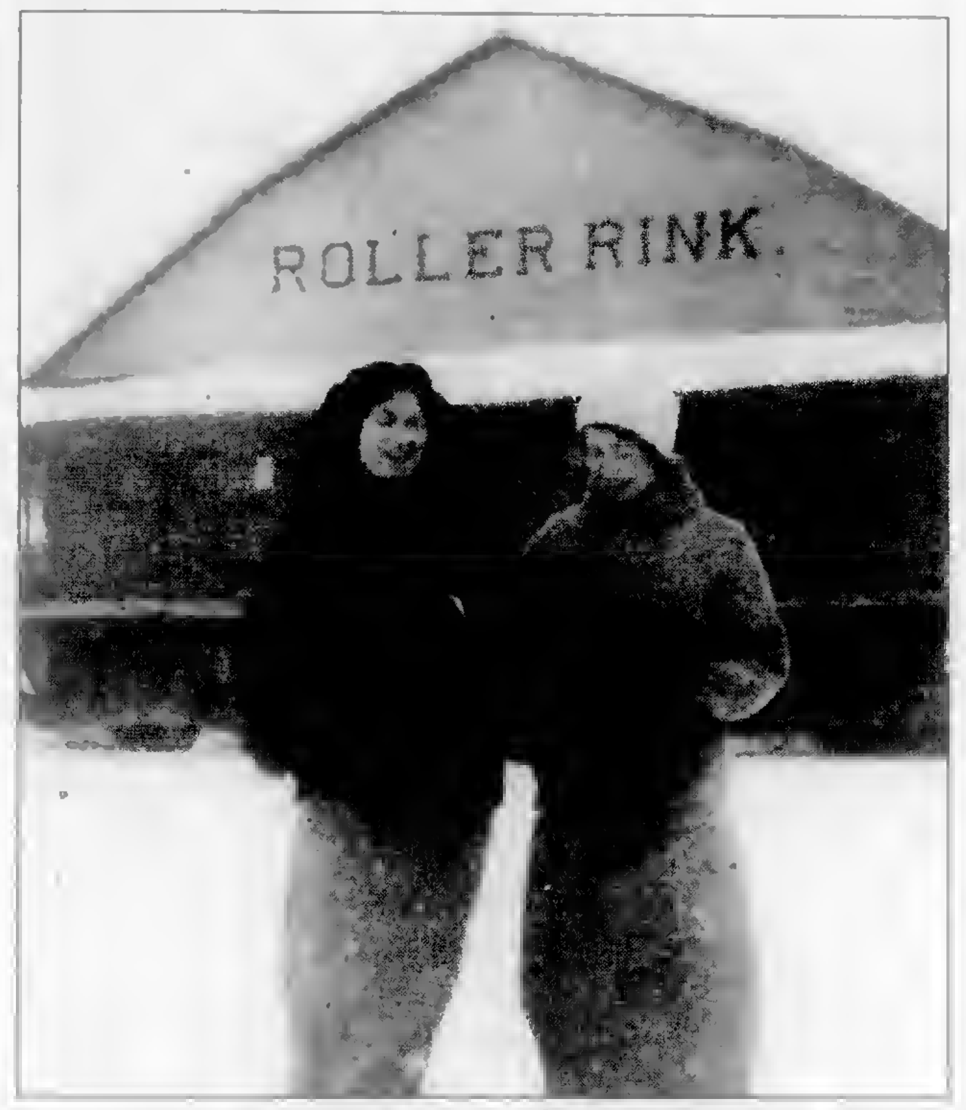
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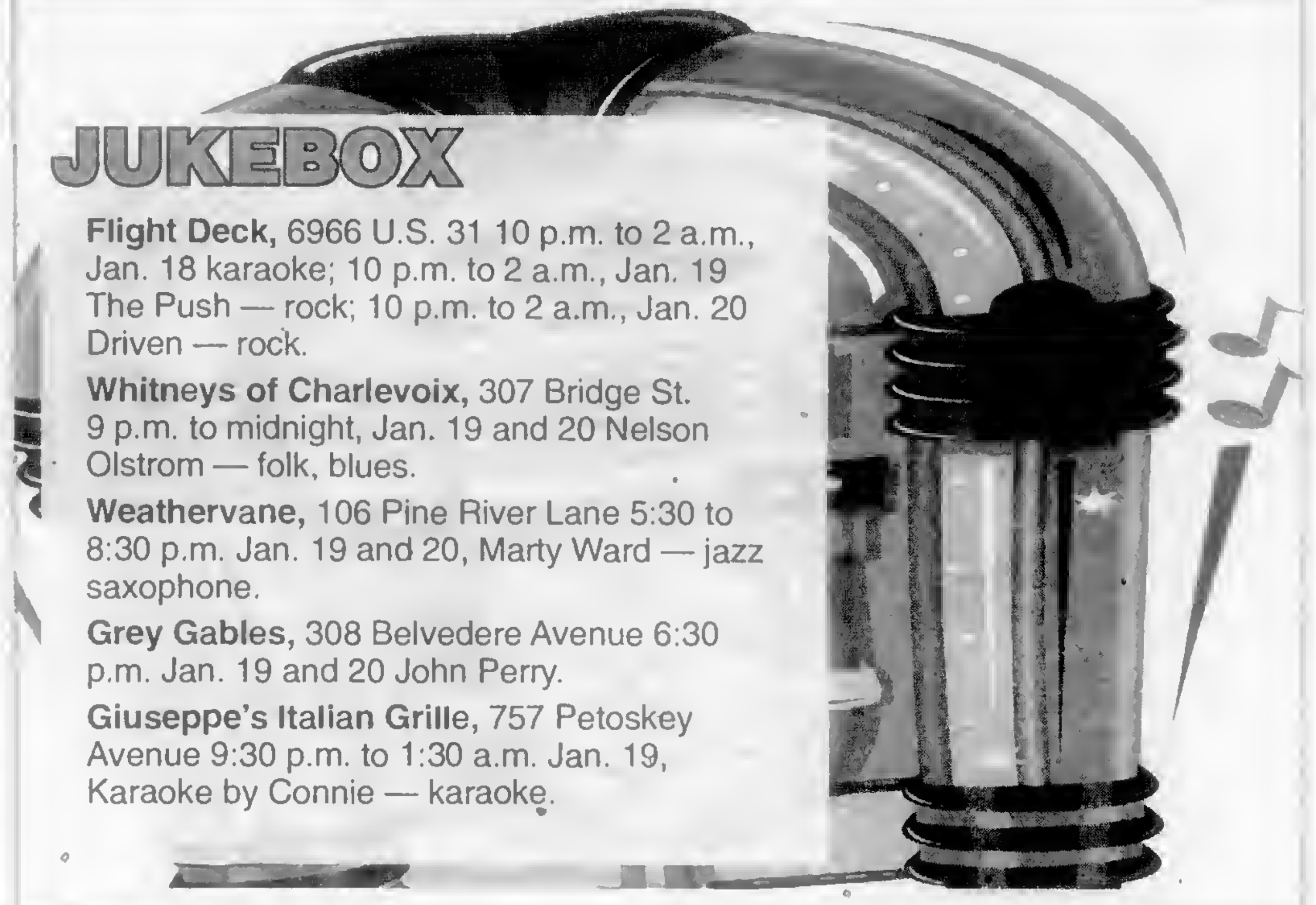

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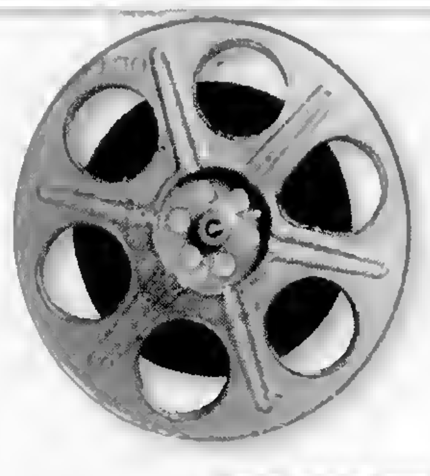
Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Jan. 19 and 20 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 19 and 20, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Avenue 6:30 p.m. Jan. 19 and 20 John Perry.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Jan. 19, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.



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Automatic Blanket
Self-Diagnostic Controller

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

If it hadn't been for the screeching of her cat, "Missy," (pictured above) Juanita Gerbracht (left) may have been killed in a house fire that Charlevoix Township fire chief, Curt Thompson said was caused by a Cozy Max heating blanket of the same make and model as the one shown. The blanket was a Christmas gift for her son, Jason Price (right). There are no existing recalls for this blanket.

Fearless feline saves local woman

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

An attempt to curb Old Man Winter's chill almost cost a Charlevoix woman her life.

If it hadn't been for the screeching of her cat, "Missy," Juanita Gerbracht, may have been killed in a house fire that Charlevoix Township fire chief, Curt Thompson said was caused by a Cozy Max heating blanket she bought for her son, Jason Price, for Christmas.

Gerbracht was awakened at around 4:30 a.m. on Jan. 13 by Missy. She opened her eyes, began coughing and quickly realized thick smoke was hanging over her bed. She dropped to the floor and crawled toward the light switch. Flipping on the lights did nothing — she couldn't see through the smoke plume that filled her double wide mobile home in Charlevoix Estates.

She opened the windows, grabbed her cats and dog, ran to her car, called 9-1-1 and reported the fire.

Smoke detectors installed in the home did not go off, but according to Gerbracht, the batteries were recently changed and the detectors were tested.

The Charlevoix Township Fire Department responded.

According to Thompson, when his crew arrived the smoke was light — most of it had filtered through the open windows. But a distinct burning smell lingered. A thermal imaging camera was used to uncover a hot spot on Price's twin size bed.

"Fortunately no one was sleeping there that night. It was unusual. We removed the blanket and found a molten mass about 18 inches in diameter of what was left of a melted electric blanket," he said. "It burned a hole right through the sheet and mattress."

Thompson removed the cord which was undamaged.

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State's budget woes spell disaster for schools

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Helpless school officials continue to wonder how much funding they may lose when the governor unveils her plan to deal with the state's $850 million deficit on Feb. 8.

"We're watching and waiting to see what the number really will be, but we probably will not know until March, so we're really probably going to be focusing on the '07-'08 budget for our district," said Shawn Biddle, Charlevoix Public Schools business manager.

"I've heard different numbers (from $60 per pupil to $224) which makes it very difficult for schools to know really how they're going to end up at the end of the fiscal year."

Michigan's overall projected budget will be short by nearly $3 billion in the next couple years, forcing cuts to law enforcement, corrections, education, emergency services and the arts among others. This and next year's budgets will see the largest decrease in revenue from the elimination of the Single Business Tax, a cost of nearly $2 billion, according to a press release from Governor Jennifer Granholm's office.

"They don't communicate

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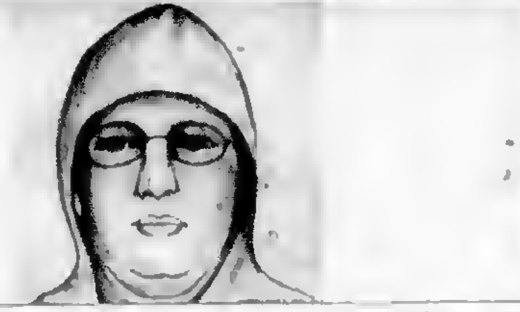

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Steven Ryan Dixon, 26, Boyne City. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve five days in jail; $260 in fines and costs.

Garrett James-Gordon Brandt, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession-second offense. To attend BASES intervention; $200 in fines and costs.

James Thomas Kondrat, 47, Boyne City. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Malcolm Bruce Bowman, 44, East Jordan. Possession of marijuana. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Randall James Klomp, 39, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Kyle Leslie Sutton, 17, Boyne City. Minor in possession-third offense. Serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $355 in fines and costs.

Joshua Mackenzie Jackson, 17, Boyne City. Retail fraud-third degree. Serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; $250 in fines and costs.

Benjamin Jay Allen, 28, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of property, less than $250 — second offense. Serve 61 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 60 days in jail; $950 in fines and costs.

Troy Lee Selissen, 22, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Larry Edward Shaver, 41, Charlevoix. Motor vehicle operator without security. Serve 12 days in jail; $315 in fines and costs.

Eugene H. Randall, 53, East Jordan. No operator license on person; $200 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Dennis S. Lendzian, 33, Wayland. Sex offender — failure to comply with registration act. Sentenced to 150 days in jail with credit for 77 days, to serve 150 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Travis William Batten, 26, Central Lake. Probation violation — controlled substance — maintaining a drug house. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 52 days, to serve 270 days in jail.

Cammie Lynn Hinton, 21, East Jordan. Two counts of controlled substance use (narcotic/cocaine/methamphetamine/ecstasy). Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 60 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; $470 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Jeffrey Kerr, 19, Petoskey. Attempted criminal sexual conduct — third degree (multiple variables). Sentenced to a minimum of 16 months in prison to a maximum of five years in prison with credit of 164 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

.Crockett, 06825 Horton Bay Road, Boyne City, by David Buitendorp

Steve Senglaub Window Washing & Detailing, 2223 Cedar St., Boyne Falls, by Steve Senglaub

Muscle Menders, 12900 U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix, by Janet Stutzman

DIVORCE

The following people were recently granted a Judgment of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Brandon Giem vs. Susan Giem

BIRTHS

Alana Cassidy Czarnecki weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces was born on Jan. 4 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to James and Ryanne Czarnecki from East Jordan. Her siblings are Talan and Mya Czarnecki. Her grandparents are Rodney and Patty McClung and Randy and Lennie Miller all of East Jordan.

Elijah Michael Burns weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces was born on Jan. 3 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Casandra Mellios and Kevin Burns of East Jordan. His grandparents are Kim and Nick Mellios of East Jordan and Tom and Bridget Burns of Boyne City.

Vance Robert Vincent weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces was born on Jan. 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mike and Muriah Vincent of Central Lake. His siblings are Devon, Daniel and Alexia. His grandparents are Lorie Vincent and Fred Vincent of East Jordan, Diana Chaney of Kalkaska and Roger Chaney of Central Lake.

Ryder Andrew Malpass weighing 10 pounds, 3 ounces was born on Jan. 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Andrew and Sarah Malpass of East Jordan. His siblings are Madeline and Mason. His grandparents are Lew and Lynn Werth of Caro and Fred and Barb Malpass of East Jordan. His great-grandparent is Jerolene Brown of Petoskey.

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Fire officials respond to electric blanket emergency

FIRE

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"I think what actually happened was within the coils itself," he said.

Thompson credits the lack of flames to fire retardent bedding.

"Fortunately, most bedding manufacturers now meet flammability controls," he said.

Gerhracht said she ordered both of her boys, Price, 15 and Matthew Gerbracht, 18, the blankets through a catalog.

"Thank goodness both my boys were not here," she said.

Brady's Carpet Cleaning Inc. was brought in to remove the smoke damage from the home. Gerbracht spent the three-day cleanup time at a local motel.

Thompson said this was the first time in his over 30 years as a firefighter that he's responded to an incident related to an electric blanket but it wasn't the first time a homeowner's pet was also their hero.

"Animals are sometimes smarter than we are," he said.

Gerbracht said she's thankful Missy woke her up and she walked away from the incident. But the road to a full emotional recovery will be bumpy.

"I'm not sleeping very well, but I still have a home. It could have been three times worse — I guess it's just not my time to go," she said.

Gerbracht said an investigator with her insurance provider picked up the remains of the blanket and is handling her claim.

According to John Drengenberg, manager of consumer affairs, for Underwriters Laboratory, there are no existing recalls on Cozy Max blankets.

Safety tips

- Use electric blankets that have been approved by testing agencies like Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL).
- Replace all electric blankets that are more than 10 years old.
- Turn your electric blanket off when not in use.
- Do not plug your heating blanket into an outlet that is controlled by a light switch.
- Do not tuck heating blankets underneath mattresses or other items.
- Never ball up a heating blanket and leave it on.
- Do not wash a heating blanket.
- Turn your heating blanket off before you go to sleep.

Cozy Max
Automatic Blanket
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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

An electric blanket made by the same manufacturer as this Cozy Max blanket was found melted at a recent house fire in Charlevoix Estates.

Fast facts

Cozy Max blankets are manufactured by Bilt Safe Technologies.

No federal recall of Cozy Max electric blankets has been filed.

Cozy Max electric blankets are Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listed which means they are tested for safety.

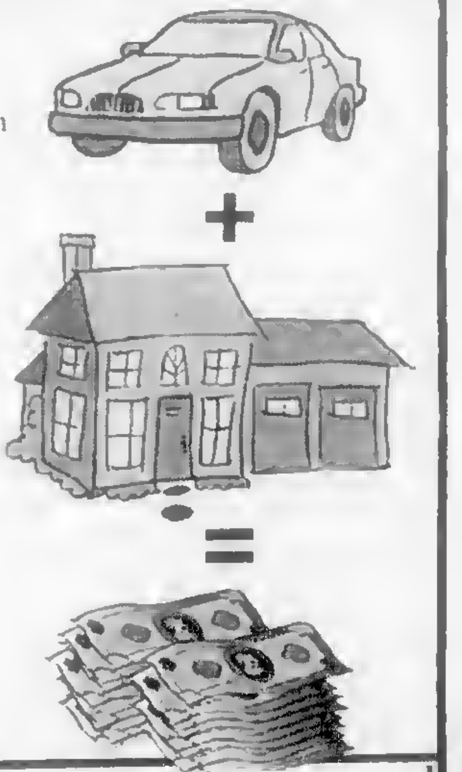
UL will initiate a field report investigation into the local Cozy Max blanket incident to see if it's an isolated problem or if there is a larger issue that needs to be addressed.

More electric blankets are used in the southern U.S. than northern.

Consumers can file complaints with UL at www.ul.com.

Information on recent recalls can be obtained from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission at www.cpsc.gov.

* Information provided by John Drengenberg, manager of consumer affairs, for Underwriters Laboratory.



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Abortion
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Witness for Life

On Jan. 22 Margaret Martin, a pro-life advocate from Charlevoix, stood at the corner of Clinton and Bridge streets in downtown Charlevoix for the annual Witness for Life rally. The rally was organized in recognition of the anniversary of the 1973 legalization of abortion.

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JUST A THOUGHT

Julie Witthoeft

There is a huge group of Charlevoix residents and seasonals who are part of an unofficial, yet elite club — graduates of Mabee retail 101.

While my time in Mabee retail is limited to two summers in my teens — one spent hawking floral apparel at Bloomin' Wear and the second at Kids' Wear, both of which have since been discontinued — my experience helped shape my understanding of quality customer service. Their not-so-secret recipe for success is to offer products of value supported by knowledgeable staff.

The Mabee retail curriculum started with Jim Mabee Sr. who now lives comfortably retired in a home overlooking Lake Michigan in Norwood.

He and his wife, Sue, moved their family to Charlevoix in 1974 from Waterford where he and his brother, the late Richard Mabee, were partners in Jumpin' Jeans where denims sold for $5 a pair during the "jean craze."

Jim Sr., whose retail career started at J.C. Hudson's in Detroit, said he wanted to get out of the city. So, together they moved their four children, Jim Jr., Jacqueline, Judy and Sue to "Charlevoix the beautiful."

Waterford's loss proved to be Charlevoix's gain.

Jim Sr. and his wife Sue established a chain of clothing stores that operated under the umbrella of Harbor Wear. Their first store, The Clothing Company began in the Market Mall where they functioned for three years before moving to its current location at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets.

While Jim Sr. and Sue retired in 1997, their legacy lives on with over 30 stores individually owned in operation in Michigan, Wisconsin, Maine and Florida. The majority are ran by former employees, friends and family members employing a total of over 90 people.

The growth of the operation is something any self-made business owner would be proud of. But Jim Sr. and Sue have earned something more valuable than the worth of all the stores — their four children, carry the torch by owning and operating two Harbor Wear stores each. Judith (Mabee) Hitz owns stores in Petoskey and Harbor Springs. Their daughter, Sue Mabee, owns Bay Wear stores in Frankfort and Suttons Bay. Jim Jr. owns stores in Mackinaw City and Florida. And Jacqueline and her husband, Kirby Dipert keep the Charlevoix flame lit at the Clothing Company, Charlevoix Wear and Color Wear.

All four children started out, like their father, working at the jeans stores down state.

Jim Sr. said as a child, independent-minded Jacqueline was the most resistant to joining the family business and even worked at other Charlevoix stores during her college years.

But her accounting studies at Western Michigan University coupled with her genetics lead her down the same path her parents helped pave. In 1997, she purchased The Clothing Company from them and has since maintained its status as a community anchor store.

She and Kirby Dipert have also continued the Mabee legacy of community service.

Jim Sr. and Sue were key players in the Bridge Street streetside tree planting effort and establishment of Charlevoix's signature Apple Festival.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix retail moguls, Kirby Dipert, Jim Mabee Sr., Jacqueline (Mabee) Dipert and Sue Mabee, pose for a picture after the Diperts received the Ambassador's Award at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting on Jan. 18 at the Weathervane. The Mabee family has established a local retail legacy. See related story on page 18.

The Diperts are active volunteers with Charlevoix Public Schools and are past members of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Kirby is a member of the Downtown Development Authority, a group Jim Sr. helped establish, the Cool Cities Process Committee, the Rotary Club and is chairman of the annual Chamber Car Raffle.

Jacqueline is a member of the board of directors at Charlevoix State Bank and the Retail Committee of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

There were plenty of teary eyes at last Thursday's 49th Annual Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce meeting when Jacqueline and Kirby Dipert were given the Ambassador of the Year award. Two of their three daughters, Annie and Jill walked out with Sue and Jim Sr. to congratulate their parents.

I would bet, 20 years from now, these two will be standing behind the counter at Clothing Company continuing their grandfather's rich tradition.

The Mabee investment in this community is something that should be recognized and valued. As nationwide we move toward a Big Box mentality this type of mom and pop legacy is a rare treasure. I am blessed to have had an opportunity to work under Jacqueline and Kirby Dipert and Charlevoix is lucky to have them.

Congratulations to the Mabee-Dipert family on decades of retail success.

Julie Witthoeft is editor of the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

LETTERS to the editor

CITIZENS GROUP FIGHTS LIMESTONE QUARRY IN COURT

Editor:

This is the third communication being sent by the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety (NTCHS) to keep people informed about the attempt to establish a new limestone quarry in our township.

On Nov. 30 we alerted you to the Department of Environmental Quality hearing that was held on Dec. 7 at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's facility. Thank you to the 30 citizens of our community who braved the awful snowstorm to testify. Also thank you to the many that submitted written testimony prior to the mid-December cutoff date and to those who have written to the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety at P.O. Box 312, Charlevoix, MI 49720. There has not been a decision issued as yet from that hearing.

There will now be a legal hearing held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 29 in Charlevoix Circuit Court. The Norwood Township Citizens for

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Health and Safety have been compelled to sue Norwood Township and Norwood Limestone Quarry, LLC developers Wayne and Micheline Wynkoop in an attempt to stop the huge limestone quarry which is being established on the margin of the historic Village of Norwood. The hearing will be conducted by visiting Judge Thomas Power of Grand Traverse County. At the hearing, our citizens' group will oppose the decision by the Norwood Township Zoning Board to permit this industrial operation to be established in an agricultural district of the township.

We oppose the quarry for many reasons including its potential to produce noise, air and water pollution and heavy truck traffic for which township and county citizens will bear the cost of road maintenance. We believe this quarry is a threat to the health and safety of our citizens, farm animals and a threat to our cultural and natural resources. Why, you might ask, is this project of concern to citizens who live in other areas of the county and northern Michigan?

First, the limestone quarry development should be an affront to all those who believe in fair and open government. The developer, Wayne Wynkoop, is also the supervisor of Norwood Township and during the past year he has both nominated and voted for appointments to the township boards and commissions.

These very people have and potentially will continue to rule on aspects of his quarry operation. We consider these actions contrary to the code of ethical conduct required of township officials. At the very least, it gives the appearance of impropriety.

It also seems to us that the Wynkoops have run roughshod over our township ordinance. Our ordinance does not permit limestone mining or quarrying in an agricultural zone. Our ordinances do however require a permit to build private roads to burn; to remove topsoil from the township; and to remove buildings.

Besides the major challenges to good government, neighbors of the Wynkoops contend that the actions of creating and working the quarry will cause irreparable harm to cultural and natural resources. Many of these resources including Whiskey Creek, Lake Michigan and the wetlands of Fisherman's Island State Park are in public ownership.

The quarry area is also adjacent to over 700 acres of private land that has either been deeded to the land conservancy, given to wetland reclamation, is being actively farmed or has purposefully been left fallow by owners.

In 2005 the citizens of Norwood Township responded to a questionnaire concerning the hopes for the future. Like many citizens of northern Michigan, they overwhelmingly hope to raise their children and grandchildren in a

clean, quiet and rural environment. The proposed quarry would thwart these fondest hopes.

Marion Shea-Light
Citizens for Health and Safety
Norwood Township

THANK YOU WELL-WISHERS

Editor:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to those of you who have helped me and my family throughout my illness. Your cards, prayers, meals, gifts and kind wishes have all warmed my heart and played a major role in my recovery. I feel so blessed to be a part of this community, who has so readily rushed to my side. You have helped in many ways, and for that, I thank you.

Overall, I'm feeling well. My spirits are high and I am continuing to fight through this. They say having a positive attitude is half the battle, so I focus on being optimistic and am taking it all one day at a time. The support and love I have received from everyone has made that task even easier.

I wish you all health and happiness for the new year.

Thank you again.
Marina LaBlance
Charlevoix

CHRISTMAS PROJECT SUPPORTERS MAKE SEASON BRIGHT

Editor:

I would like to thank the members of our local community Christmas programs including Monica Crawford, Kathy Reid, Rosemary Horton, Ardith Hawley, Ruth Witenski, Bev Boss, Mary Helen Riggle, Deb Gelderblom, Arlene Staley, Kay Woehlert, Kay Smith, Mary Eveleigh, as well as the many other behind the scene helpers for making this such a successful year.

A big thank you to Connie Boyle from Beaver Island that always supplies us with wonderful gifts. Captain Rob DeGeorge and Roman Hank of the Salvation Army who help numerous families in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. I would also like to extend a big thank you to Lois Gilbert for her coordination of the distribution of names and donors for the Department of Human Services. We couldn't have completed this enormous task without the tremendous efforts of Jerry Walker, Russ Bolt, Bob Nolan and Charlie Butcher with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots. They work year-round gathering toys and needed items to provide a happy Christmas for children in our communities.

I would also like to thank the many individuals, businesses and school classrooms who donated items or took entire families and shared their Christmas spirit to make a brighter Christmas for those in need. Without you it would be impossible to provide for so many families. Thank you to the groups and individuals who also donated money to our agency to help those in need now and throughout the year.

The Coats for Kids drive this year was very successful. What generous communities we live in. We received over 350 coats, brand new as well as gently used ones, snow pants, mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. These items have been distributed throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties. We still have coats available in our office for those that need them. Thank you to all who have donated.

Times are difficult for many and with the continued generosity, care and concern of giving individuals such as yourselves it makes life easier for many.

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Community Resource Coordinator
Charlevoix-Emmet Department of Human Services

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ENGAGEMENT

Hall — Ramsey

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Bethenie Lynn Hall and Bradley Steven Ramsey are announcing their engagement. The couple is planning a June 22 wedding at Skinner Lake of Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Michael and Leannie Hall of Elmira and Edie and Dave Bierschbach of Charlevoix. Bethenie is a 2002 graduate of Charlevoix High School and is a graduate of early childhood education in 2006 from North Central Michigan College. She plans to graduate in July 2007 with a bachelor's degree in business administration from the American InterContinental University online.

The groom-to-be is the son of Marge and Gary Ramsey of Charlevoix. He is a 2002 graduate of Charlevoix High School. He attended the M-Tech Center in Traverse City for carpentry.

Sam Balasz named spring semester Congressional Page

Sam Balasz

Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) has selected Sam Balasz of Charlevoix to be a Congressional Page for the U.S. House of Representatives for the 2007 spring semester.

As a Congressional Page, Balasz will be employed by the U.S. House of Representatives for a semester while also continuing his high school studies in Washington, DC.

"Sam has an impressive record of achievement and he will benefit a great deal from this unique opportunity to see the legislative process up close," Stupak said. "While a number of extraordinary young people from across northern Michigan applied for the position and it was difficult to select just one, I believe Sam to be a smart, motivated young man who will bring a lot to the Page program."

Sam, the son of Charlevoix residents Kris and Jay Balasz, is currently in his junior year at Charlevoix High School where he has been active in school athletics, lettering in cross-country and playing both basketball and baseball. Last year, Balasz attended a mission trip to Cameroon Africa where he assisted his father, who is a dentist, in providing dental care to the local population.

Balasz said that his recent appointment as a Page has stirred in him a new interest in politics.

"Before being accepted into the Page program I was pretty much focused on a career in health care," said Balasz. "Since being accepted to the Page program, I have broadened my interests and follow politics much more closely."

"Sam really has taken an interest in Washington and the legislative process," his mother, Kris, added. "These days I often find him watching C-Span."

Through the House Page Program, high school juniors spend a semester studying in Washington and working for the House. Balasz will leave Charlevoix for Washington this month to join the spring page program. The spring term begins Jan. 28 and ends on Friday, June 8. Congressional Pages receive a stipend for their work and continue their high school studies during the program. Pages have served the House for more than 200 years.

"The Page program is an amazing opportunity for a young person to see how the House of Representatives works day in and day out," Stupak said. "I know Sam will represent northern Michigan well and benefit tremendously from this experience."

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Synopsis –January 10, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved minutes of the December 27, 2006 minutes as presented.

There were no further actions of the Board

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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FOUR GENERATIONS

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(Above, left) (Left) Baby Brandon Scott Bullard Jr. makes four generations of Cadwells. He is pictured here over the Thanksgiving holiday in Black Mountain, N.C. with great-grandmother, Dana Cadwell of Black Mountain, N.C., grandmother, Jeanne Way of Charlevoix and his father, Brandon Bullard of Thomasville, N.C. (Above, right) Four generations of the Bullard family gathered during the Christmas holiday in Asheboro, N.C. They are, great-grandmother, Lois Bullard of Akron, Ohio, grandfather, Randy Bullard of Asheboro N.C., father, Brandon Bullard of Thomasville, N.C. and baby, Brandon Scott Bullard Jr.

St. Mary School to host book fair Jan. 27-Feb. 4

St. Mary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair beginning on Saturday, Jan. 27 and running through Sunday, Feb. 4.

The book fair will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27 and will be open after each Mass on Saturday and Sunday through Feb. 4. The book fair will also be from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

Attendees can help the school build classroom libraries by purchasing books for teachers through the Classroom Wish List and One for Books activities.

From 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, St. Mary School will host a spaghetti dinner to kickoff and celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

The school children will invite a special person to lunch on Tuesday, Jan. 30 and visit the Book Fair afterwards.

St. Mary School is located at 1005 Bridge St., in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

ADVERTISE IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!

What's happening at the Library this week?

"The Charlevoix Public Library is technological savvy"

The Charlevoix Public Library's Coeling Computer Lab is buzzing with activity. The lab, named for long time library supporter and trustee, Ethel Coeling, is an ideal spot for teaching computer classes. It houses ten computers and a teacher station which projects images onto a screen. The lab is open every afternoon for patrons to utilize the computers for homework, internet surfing, and other applications, but is closed to the public while classes are held. As stated in the Library's Strategic Plan, "all patron's will have free access to computer literacy education." The Library Board of Trustees is taking their plan to heart offering many different opportunities for learning about computers and their many applications. The library staff has a two pronged approach, "to meet the objective of our strategic plan, we are offering free basic computer skills classes, and then work with the college to offer more advanced computer classes with professional computer teachers," stated adult services librarian, Linda Adams.

The Computer Basics course is a three part program to help the novice learn the basics. The class starts at the absolute beginning: computer parts and terminology, driving a mouse, and using the Internet. Although the January course is filled, Mrs. Adams will be offering another session in March. This class is free, but registration is required, call the adult services desk @ 237-7340. The Library is also offering Computer Tidbits, which are short demonstrations of different computer applications. Computer Tidbits meet Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the computer lab. This program is also free and walk-ins are welcome. The topics of interest include: February 7- Internet tricks, February 14- online health information, February 21- online security, February 28- making the most of your library.

"In order to reach a more advanced audience, we are collaborating with North Central Michigan College to provide computer courses," explains Mrs. Adams. Upcoming classes include an Introduction to Digital Photography, on Saturday, February 3, 1:00 4:00 p.m. This course will provide information about lenses, image resolution, memory, shutter speed, batteries and what zooms mean. It will also bring an understanding of lighting, exposure, focus and composition. The course fee is $29.00 and all students must register through NCMC, call 348-6613. An MS Word, Level II class will also be held. Plan to attend two Saturdays, February 10th and 17th from 1:00 4:00 pm to build on your basic Word skills. Students will learn to customize documents, add visual appeal with tables and graphics. Mail merge, labels, and templates will also be highlighted. The fee for this course is $59.00 and all students must register through NCMC, call 348-6613.

All computer courses are held in the Charlevoix Public Library's Coeling Computer Center. For more information about these or other library programs, visit the library website at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

For further information about this or other youth programming opportunities, call the youth services desk at 237-7350.

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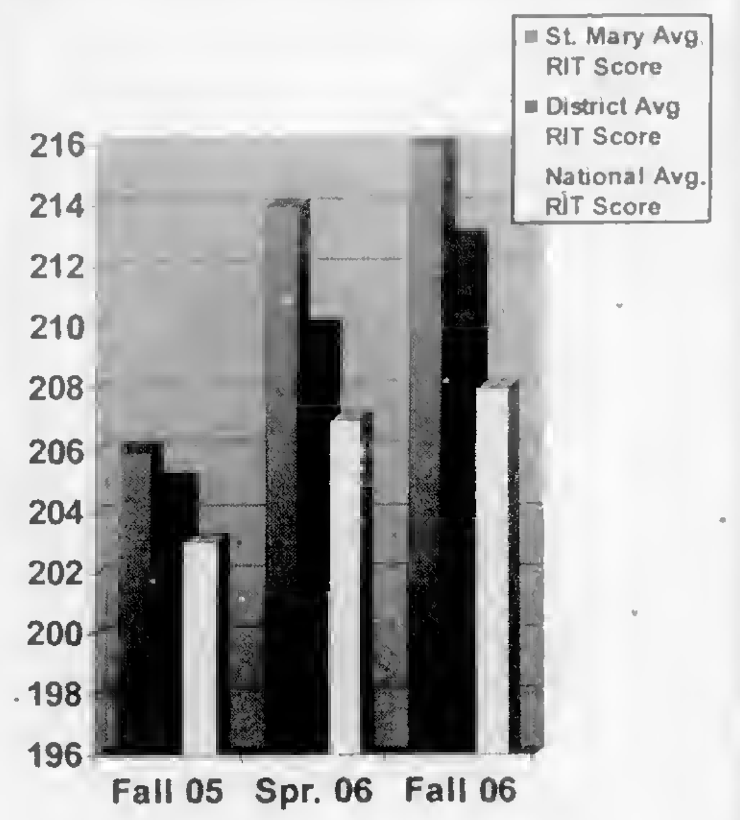

St. Mary 5th Grade Language Performance
Average RIT Score compared to District Average

Catholic Schools Week Activities ~ January 27 - February 2 ~ Theme: GOOD NEWS!

Saturday - 1/27
- Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- Kickoff Catholic Schools Week
  5:45-8 p.m. in Parish Center
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Monday - 1/29
GOOD NEWS: In our Nation
- Students Collect Items for Military Care Packages
- Flag Demonstration
- Faculty vs Students Bastketball Game

Tuesday - 1/30
GOOD NEWS: In our Community
- Special Persons Day Luncheon,
  Sponsored by Knights of Columbus,
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Wednesday - 1/31
GOOD NEWS: In our Faculty/Staff
- Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Bingo at 2:30 p.m.
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Thursday - 2/1
GOOD NEWS: In our Vocations
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OBITUARIES

Kathleen Brady: Died on Jan. 12, 2007

Kathleen E. Brady, 83 of Tucson, Ariz. lost a long battle with cancer on Jan. 12.

Predeceased by husband Homer Brady, two sisters and a brother, she is survived by a daughter, Joan Billie Swanson (Tom) of Tucson, Ariz., a son, Tyrone James Brady (Jeannette) of Berwick, La.; a sister, Billie D'Entremont of Las Vegas, Nev.; grandchildren, Susan Salerno, Duane Swanson, Jerrine Bergman and Michael Brady; and great-grandchildren Stephanie Salerno, Michael Salerno and Tyler Voisin.

A private graveside service will be held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla.

Mary Welbes: Dec. 16, 1911 - Jan. 12, 2007

Mary A. Welbes, 95, died on Friday, Jan. 12 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home.

Mary was born on Dec. 16, 1911 in Stronach to the late Henry and Anna (Bufka) Welbes. She grew up in Boyne City and was a longtime summer resident of Ironton. She moved to Joliet, Ill. in 1924 and attended St. John Grade School in Joliet. She was a graduate of St. Francis Academy Class of 1930 and an alumni of Western Michigan University with graduate studies at the University of Illinois and Northern Illinois University. A former teacher and administrator for the Joliet Public Grade Schools, retiring in 1973 following 40 years of service. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for 82 years, CCW, Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center Auxiliary, American Federation of Teacher's Local #604, Illinois Teachers Association, Local and State Retired Teachers Association and a lifetime honorary member of Washington Jr. High School PTA.

She was the beloved aunt of Jean (Grant III) Ohlson of Plainfield, Ill. and Ironton, Susan (Robert) Hohlman of Naperville, Ill., John (Jacqueline) Mitchell of Millington, Tenn., Barbara (John L.) Gretz of Fishers, Ind., Diane Machun of San Diego, Calif., and Elinor Gersten of Tempe, Ariz.; several great-nieces and nephews including, Gwen (Joseph) Smith, Brenna J. Ohlson, Grant M. Ohlson, Aidan Flahaven, Robbie Hohlman, Scott (Dawn) Gretz, J. Jacob (Lindsay) Gretz; and special great-great-aunt to many.

She was preceded in death by her siblings, Elizabeth Welbes, George (Marian) Welbes, Rev. Crispin Welbes O.F.M., Nicholas (Mildred) Welbes, Anne (Lester) Mitchell and her dear godchild, Patricia A. Welbes.

Funeral services for Mary A. Welbes took place on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Joliet, Ill.. Interment followed at St. John Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in her name may be sent to Joliet Area Community Hospice, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431.

Michael Barnard: Feb. 29, 1948 - Jan. 13, 2007

Michael L. Barnard, 58, of Duck Key, Fla., and formerly of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Jan. 13, in Charlevoix.

Born on Feb. 29, 1948, in East Jordan to Lewis and Lois (Healey) Barnard, he graduated from East Jordan High School. Mike graduated from General Motors Institute and worked as an engineer at General Motors for 15 years. In 1981, Mike married Susan Anderson in Lansing, and moved to Charlevoix in 1982, where they built and operated Nanny's Restaurant. He worked as a developer and built the Market Mall, and Lake Michigan Heights in Charlevoix, Aspen Commons in Gaylord, and Baraboo Commons in Baraboo, Wis. Mike was a private pilot and certified scuba diver. He enjoyed skiing, boating and motorcycling.

He is survived by his wife, Susan of Duck Key, Fla.; daughter, Karlee A. Barnard of Charlevoix; brother James (Jill) Barnard and family of Bellaire; mother-in-law, Donna Anderson of Charlevoix, sister-in-law, Shelly (Dr. Glenn) Paramo and family of Charlevoix.

His son, Kelsey, preceded him in death in 2002.

Friends met the family on Thursday, Jan. 18 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. No other services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Lyle Walker: Oct. 10, 1921 - Jan. 15, 2007

Lyle J. Walker, 85, of Charlevoix and formerly of East Jordan, died Monday, Jan. 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Funeral services took place on Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc. in East Jordan. Rev. Jim L. Jordan officiated. Interment will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Lyle was born on Oct. 10, 1921 in East Jordan, the son of William and Mary Katerina (Cooper) Walker. Lyle graduated from East Jordan High School in 1938. For many years, Lyle owned and operated Walker's Service Station in Ironton. Later, he worked for Gulf & Western, later known as Dura, in East Jordan. Lyle retired in 1973.

Lyle loved working on cars, trucks and anything mechanical. He also helped both of his sons build homes.

Lyle is survived by two sons, Jerry John (Bonnie) Walker of Houston, Texas and Mickey Paul (Marjorie) Walker of Charlevoix; one sister-in-law, Linda Walker of East Jordan; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Lyle was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Jessica Walker, his parents, and two brothers, Burl and William Walker.

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Police search for drug store robber

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

> *"I have lots and lots of people who match the physical description of the suspect."*
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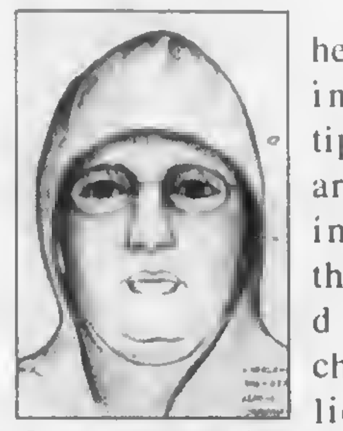
> **Scott Hankins**
> DEPUTY CHIEF OF CHARLEVOIX CITY POLICE

Charlevoix City Police officials are still searching for the suspect wanted in connection with a robbery attempt at Central Drugs in Charlevoix last Tuesday, Jan. 16.

"We've been receiving some tips and we are following up on those," said deputy-chief of police, Scott Hankins, during a Monday, Jan. 22 interview. "We have been in contact with the (Michigan) State Police lab and asked them to put a rush on some evidence we received."



A composite sketch of the armed robbery suspect.

He added, "We're continuing the investigation and I have been in contact with Crime Stoppers. A reward may be forthcoming (for information leading to apprehension of the perpetrator) but there is none yet."

The suspect is described as a white, heavyset male in his 20s, approximately 5 feet-10 inches in height with dark hair, who was wearing dark colored exercise clothing and possibly armed with a handgun and driving a newer black coupe or sedan.

"I have lots and lots of people who match the physical description of the suspect," Hankins said. "We're still actively seeking any information from anyone who may have witnessed anything at the scene or who may know the person involved."

Citizens with information related to the incident should contact Hankins, the lead investigator on this case, at (231) 547-3258.

The Central Drugs bandit asked for pen and paper, then slipped a note to pharmacist George Franklin (Frank) Ochs who then notified his son, pharmacist, John Ochs, that the perpetrator demanded narcotics. When Ochs refused, the thwarted thief ran out of the building and headed south in a car.

"I didn't see the gun...dad was at an angle where he thought he saw a gun in the guy's pocket," Ochs said.

Since Central Drugs is not equipped with surveillance cameras, a sketch of the alleged perpetrator was released by the City of Charlevoix Police Department.

Police refused to disclose what type of narcotic was requested.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, January 15, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI.

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed authorizing the settlement agreement and supplement with Michael Wiesner, pending review by Mr. Wiesner's attorney.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing regarding resolution 2007-01-01 preliminary resolution to remove the City Manager from office. (Note: execution of the above agreement will negate this public hearing.)
- Motion passed authorizing the work order changes for the Marina project.
- Motion passed accepting the proposed festival locations for summer 2007.
- Motion passed granting permissions to apply for Historic Preservation Activity Grants.
- Motion passed authorizing payment to Performance Engineers for work performed by subcontractor Ferguson & Chamberlain on the Chicago Club utility upgrades.
- Motion passed authorizing the MICHCON Stipulation for Consent Judgment.
- Motion passed appointing Rick Brandi as acting City Manager for a period of six months.
- Motion passed changing Mr. Brandi's compensation from $57,392 to $70,773 during the period he is acting as City Manager.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing Monday, February 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. on a proposed ordinance to repeal sections 5.194 and 5.225 and to amend Section 5.222 of Article VII, Chapter 51 of the City Code.
- Resolution 2007-01-02 adopted, transferring ownership of 2006 12 months resort class C licensed business (230 Ferry) to John Strand, with license to be held in escrow (Transfer of liquor license for Scovies's Waterfront Grille, 230 Ferry Ave., Step 1).
- Resolution 2007-01-03 adopted, of 2006 12 months resort class C licensed business (230 Ferry) from John Strand to Jovi, Inc. (Transfer of liquor license for Scovie's Waterfront Grille, 230 Ferry Ave., Step 2).
- Resolution 2007-01-04 adopted, MDOT annual permit.

Council adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Pine River Lane hotel plan changes again

New high density cottage plan requires ordinance change

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

A cottage project might be the cure for what's ailing a local neighborhood.

"I think the people will be much happier," mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said of a Pine River Lane development plan that's being considered.

In 2006, two development plans for the same piece of property sent residents in and around Pine River Lane to battle for their neighborhood's character.

Both plans proposed to be developed by Catt Development of Gaylord were for resort hotel projects on a .7 acre piece of land at 115 Pine River Lane owned by Peter Carey, Julie Bandfield and Randy Carey. The property is currently for sale for over $1.7 million.

Residents argued the projects would compromise the residential character of the neighborhood and could pose a risk to their homes' structures during the construction process. Other concerns included soil erosion issues, light pollution, mechanical noise, trash removal, walls and fencing.

Now, a third plan for 18 two-and-a-half story cottages with a maximum of 1,500 square feet of living space even has one of the most vocal opponents of the prior development plans on board.

Steve Hansen, owner of the property at 113 Pine River Lane, said that if the cottage project is approved by the city, he'll sell his land which has been in his family for over a century, to the developer.

Hansen said he was approached by the developers with this plan.

"They may have been influenced by some notion of what would be best for Charlevoix — I'd like to think that they have Charlevoix's best interest at heart and in my opinion this kind of project at this location on Pine River Lane is more in Charlevoix's best interest than the previous project," Hansen said.

Developer, Drew Spanding of Catt Development, said, "We would like to have something people are proud of."

Hansen added that the project carries a more residential character which he and others have advocated.

A committee made up of First Ward Charlevoix City Councilman, Lyle Gennett, and second ward councilman, Greg Stevens, Charlevoix city planner, Gerry Harsch, representatives of both the City of Charlevoix Planning Commission and Catt Development met on Jan. 17 to hash out the details of the project and to see how they can maneuver around the zoning barriers.

"It's a breath of fresh air," planning commission member, Diana Gully, said of the new design. "I don't think any of us were really crazy about the last one."

While those in attendance were pleased with the new design, it faces a major hurdle — density. The cottage project layout is 18 units on eight-tenths of an acre. The property is zoned for commercial use and the city zoning ordinance doesn't allow dense residential developments in this district.

"This development and the zoning ordinance don't match. How do we do this?" questioned Wayne Seger, a land use consultant with Mansfield and Associates, who is working with Catt.

This is the same question Charlevoix resident John Haggard needs answered. Haggard was also in attendance to discuss a condominium project of similar density on the property of Pete Phillips off Petoskey Avenue on Charlevoix's north side.

He described his plan as a 14-unit condominium development similar to Chez Charlevoix, spanning a total of 60,000 square feet.

Harsch recommended amending the uses allowed in the zoning ordinance to make way for this type of high density residential development in the commercial district as a special use.

He expects to have language drafted by the end of this month for the planning commission to consider at its meeting on Feb. 12. Any change to the zoning ordinance will require review and approval of Charlevoix City Council.

The evolution of development plans at 115 Pine River Lane

The first proposal: Rivulet Pointe, a 12-unit resort hotel spanning over 30,000 square feet, stretched the City of Charlevoix's definition of hotel for the commercial zoning district as described in the zoning ordinance. The developer, Travis Catt of Catt Acquisitions of Gaylord, eventually withdrew the plan.

The second proposal: They came back this summer with a second attempt for the same property — Charlevoix Pointe, a three-story hotel resort proposal featuring 30 hotel units. The design required no variances and in spite of heavy opposition from surrounding homeowners, was approved in November 2006 by Charlevoix City Council as it met the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

The current proposal: This hotel has been trumped by the less controversial cottage concept which incorporates the Hansen property at 113 Pine River Lane. Plans show 18 two-and-a-half story cottages with a maximum of 1,500 square feet of living space on eight-tenths of an acre of land. The property at 115 Pine River Lane is on the market for $1.7 million.

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County posts handicapped parking sign

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Apparent controversy over a handicap accessible, or barrier-free, parking space at the Charlevoix County Building has been resolved.

What began with concerns that plowed snow was being piled up in a barrier free parking space and led to a county maintenance man temporarily fixing the situation by removing the handicap accessible placard, ended with opinions by county officials that the space must remain barrier free.

"Anybody that goes to the clerk's office, the elderly in particular, will pull into that parking space and there was no longer a handicap parking space — it was an everybody for themselves type of thing," said District Five Charlevoix County Commissioner, Bob Drebenstedt. "One of the concerns I (had) was I have veterans that park there and use that space to come in the south door. They push their walkers and (ride) wheelchairs down to the Veterans' Affairs office."

He added, "We have gone to every length to have handicapped bathrooms that are wheelchair accessible, and this removal of one parking space was against all those improvements we've made."

While there were also some arguments over whether the lot was open to the public, Charlevoix County Building Department supervisor, Ken Doty, said the small lot on the south side of the building between the Charlevoix County Clerk's office and the Circuit courtroom is not a private parking area, though it has been treated as such in the past.

"The information has been passed on to the person in charge of the maintenance around here and that sign will be going back up and (the parking space) will

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

be striped properly," Doty said. "It will be changed to full-size — 20-foot-long and eight-foot-wide."

Doty said his office follows the Michigan Barrier Free Laws which tend to be more stringent than the Americans with Disabilities Act. There must be one barrier-free parking spot for every 25 parking spaces in the lot regardless of the lot's size.

"Even these small mom and pop gas stations are supposed to have a barrier-free spot," he said.

Doty said the handicap accessible parking space in question was not required by law.

"It was not part of the original layout when the parking lots were placed here, but when we had a gentlemen who was an attorney and was in a wheelchair... Mike (Webb, maintenance department) just conveniently said, 'Well, he's coming here all the time and there's a ramp there,'" Doty said. "He did that on his own accord to place the sign there."

Bay Township resident, Bob Taylor, voiced concerns about the whole ordeal.

"The thing that fascinated me is I have been (urging) the previous board forever and a day to get that snow removed from out of there (handicap spot) and once we really needed a decision to do that, all of the sudden somebody removes the sign," Taylor said. "I have problems with that sir and I...wonder who supervises (maintenance personnel), if (they have) a position description, by what authority (do they) conduct work around here and who rates (them)."

District Three County Commissioner, Ron Reinhardt, who said the Building and Grounds Committee supervise the maintenance department, said the handicap placard will definitely be replaced.

"If we're going to be nice and do all these good things that are absolutely enjoyed by (handicapped) people, we cannot turn around and limit their access to come into the courthouse,"

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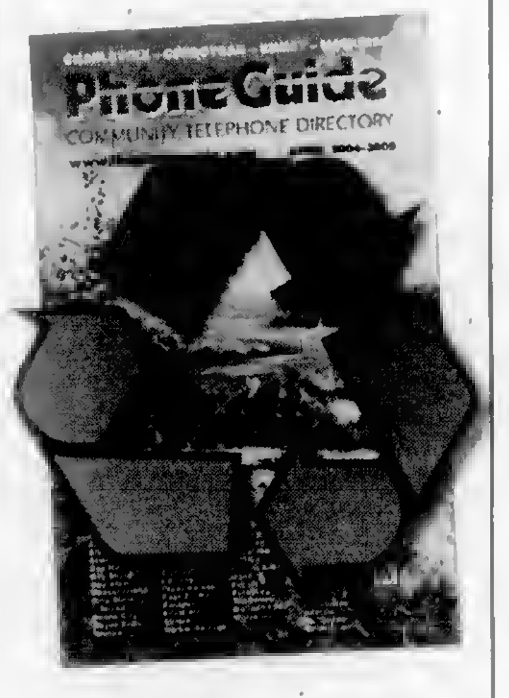

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Longtime deputy sheriff prepares to retire

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Jim Pettis, a Charlevoix native and 25-year veteran of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's office, will officially retire as a deputy sheriff later this March.

Pettis will continue working part-time as a patrolman for the City of Charlevoix Police Department which he began doing in summer 2006.

"It is really hard to walk away from half my life," Pettis said. "I'm really going to miss this, but I do look forward to being able to spend more time on other personal interests."

The 50-year-old peace officer plans to spend more time with his three children and enjoy outdoor activities.

"I would like to work for another five years," he said. "I look forward to doing more hunting and fishing and taking some shorter trips."

Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater, who has worked with Pettis his entire career said, "Statistically, peace officers who last over seven years typically hang in there until retirement. I think it's a reflection on the individual, the county the person works in, the office that person works in, that things are going relatively smooth to hang in for 25 years."

Pettis added, "And the boss, you've got to (include) the boss in there too."

Lasater said hiring locally seems to work well for the community.

"In Jim's case, that has proved to be a good policy. It's exciting for me through the years that I've been here to see a young man come up," he said. "I attended Jim's wedding, watched his children be born, watched his family come up and then obviously his retirement (and) I've been through crises with him."

He added, "When you have a small department or office that you work with, even though you have small squabbles from time to time, you look out for each other, you take care of each other's needs when they arise."

Pettis said, "It's almost like leaving my family."

Pettis began his career working for the Harrison Police Department through a training program while attending Central Michigan University.

"I was looking for a job that would subsidize the tuition bills and things and this position "opened up," he said.

THEN Jim Pettis (1985)

Though law enforcement wasn't his childhood dream, Pettis said he couldn't see himself doing anything else all these years later.

"It was just one of those things where the circumstances presented themselves and once I got into it I saw this was something I really enjoyed," he said. "The next thing I knew, 25 years was over."

Pettis received multiple citations and commendations throughout his career, but doesn't give them much thought.

"Over the years, it wouldn't have mattered if I received no recognition. The job was getting done and that's what mattered," Pettis said. "I personally don't thrive on recognition. (In) some professions, that's the goal to become CEO of this corporation or that corporation, but that's not what law enforcement is about."

NOW Jim Pettis (2007)

He added, "My recognition was going home and knowing you did the best you could for the day.

Lasater said Pettis' professionalism and people skills made him standout as a peace officer.

"I've had multiple people approach me and say, 'Deputy Pettis handled my complaint and he seemed like he really cared,'" he said.

The secret to his success, Pettis said, was treating people as he would like to be treated.

"That works 90-plus percent of the time — just taking that extra couple of minutes," Pettis added.

A candidate has yet to be chosen to replace Pettis.

"Right now we have a good pool of candidates and there's a lot of very bright young people who have graduated from academies and colleges who are coming up," Lasater said. "Not that Jim's shoes are going to be easy to fill, but there are people out there who will approach this job with the values that Jim Pettis has."

One of Pettis' fonder memories of police work was when he was working undercover as a narcotics agent for 22 months searching out and seizing marijuana crops.

"There were some unusual places and methods where peo-

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210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing Monday, February 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed amendment to the City Code. The proposed amendment, if adopted, will repeal sections 5.194 and 5.225 and amend Section 5.222 REPAIR OF NONCONFORMING BUILDINGS of Chapter 51 of Article VII of the City Code.

A complete copy of the proposed language is on file at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerks Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
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GF

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Winter finally arrived in Charlevoix. The cold temperatures and snowfall paved the way for the Jan. 17 opening of Mt. McSauba. Operators opened the facility on Friday and Monday afternoons, Jan. 19 and 22, for students in Charlevoix Public Schools who were not in session due to teacher in-service training. Above, Grace Lee leads a pack of kids up the mountain on Friday, Jan. 19.

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Hours of operation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

More information, call (231) 547-3267.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Charlevoix City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor Council Chambers at 210 State Street, City Hall, Charlevoix, MI to discuss the draft Goals, Objectives & Policies of the City of Charlevoix (Master Plan).

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Planning Department.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the Charlevoix City Planning Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Gerry Harsch, City Planner

Pettis leaves sheriff's office after 25 years

PETTIS

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ple would grow their dope. I guess one of the funniest ones was when we recovered a grow operation in the Upper Peninsula and of course did not establish immediately who planted it," Pettis said. "But, we took the dope as we were required to do and took the 500 buckets that it was grown in to spell out SANE and left it for them."

Pettis said he has received both bad attitudes and appreciation from many people during his career. But overall his experience has been positive.

"I was blessed to serve in the community I grew up in. This area has probably done as much if not more for me than I have done for it. It's a wonderful place with wonderful people and I can't think of a better place to serve for 25 years," he said. "What I'm going to miss most...is the time I spend with fellow employees, citizen contact and one of the most wonderful things here is I really truly don't know what I'm going to do when I come in."

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Norwood Historical Society awarded building grant

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation recently awarded a grant to the Norwood Area Historical Society to stabilize the interior of the Norwood School and allow for year-round, energy efficient use of the property.

The Norwood Area Historical Society was founded in 1994 to preserve information and artifacts pertaining to the Norwood area and promote interest in, and knowledge of, local history. Two years ago, the society purchased the old 1890's Norwood school house from the Norwood Methodist Church. The church had owned the building since 1957 when the small one room school, which sits in the center of the Village of Norwood, was consolidated into the Charlevoix School District.

With the additional responsibility of the school building, society members efforts have expanded to include the necessary renovation and restoration work to make the school safe and sound, so that it may be used for society meetings as well as available for other community events.

Early projects have included roof replacement, chimney and bell tower repair, basement door and window replacement, a barrier free ramp, five main beam jacks, an electrical upgrade and new exterior drainage. Over half of the 86 members have been active in working on fund-raisers or have volunteered time, equipment and expertise to meet these project goals. Approximately $45,000 in improvements have been achieved at a cost to the society of $30,500.

Currently, there are four projects that were not originally anticipated in restoring the headquarters, but became evident after using the building — the need for a new well, basement door, windows and re-pointing of the interior basement foundation. The grant money is to be applied to the first three of these projects.

For more information, call (231) 547-3066.

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Norwood Area Historical Society officers and members Nannette Binns, Jack Costolo, Pam Gnodtke and Jim DePriest recently accepting a check from Bob Tambellini, (center) of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

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The Charlevoix City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor Council Chambers at 210 State Street, City Hall, Charlevoix, MI to discuss proposed amendments to Chamber 51, Zoning and Planning of the City Code. Below is a list of the proposed amendments.

1. Amendment to Section 5.200 Building Heights - recognizing overall building height and supplemental regulations.
2. Amendment to Section 5.7 Definitions (G-H) to include new definition (7)(a) "Height of Building, Overall".
3. Amendment to Section 5.5 Definitions (A-C) to include new definition "Adjacent."
4. Amendment to Section 5.5 Definitions (A-C) Section 15b "Building Root."

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Planner/Zoning Administrator's Office.

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As stated in the library's strategic plan, "All patron's will have free access to computer literacy education." The Library Board of Trustees is taking their plan to heart offering many different opportunities for learning about computers and their many applications.

"To meet the objective of our strategic plan, we are offering free basic computer skills classes, and then work with the college to offer more advanced computer classes with professional computer teachers," said adult services librarian, Linda Adams.

The Computer Basics course is a three-part program to help novices learn the basics. The class starts at the beginning — computer parts and terminology, driving a mouse and using the Internet. Although the January course is filled, Adams will offer another session in March. This class is free, but registration is required. To register, call the adult services desk at (231) 237-7340.

The library is also offering Computer Tidbits, which are short demonstrations of different computer applications. Computer Tidbits meets at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays in the computer lab. This program is also free and walk-ins are welcome. Topics of interest include Internet tricks on Feb. 7, online health information on Feb. 14, online security on Feb. 21 and "Making the Most of Your Library" on Feb. 28.

"In order to reach a more advanced audience, we are collaborating with North Central Michigan College to provide computer courses," Adams said.

Upcoming classes include an Introduction to Digital Photography from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3. This course will provide information about lenses, image resolution, memory, shutter speed, batteries and what zooms mean. It will also bring an understanding of lighting, exposure, focus and composition. The course fee is $29. All students must register through North Central Michigan College by calling (231) 348-6613.

A Microsoft Word Level II class will also be held. Plan to attend from 1 to 4 p.m. on two Saturdays, Feb. 10 and 17 to build on basic Word skills. Students will learn to customize documents, add visual appeal with tables and graphics. Mail Merge, labels and templates will also be highlighted. The fee for this course is $59. All students must register through North Central Michigan College by calling (231) 348-6613.

All computer courses are held in Charlevoix Public Library's Coeling Computer Center.

For more information about these or other library programs, visit the library Web site at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

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Chamber recognizes key players in local business

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Members and supporters of the Charlevoix business community came out in droves for the 49th Annual Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce meeting on Jan. 18 at the Weathervane Restaurant in Charlevoix.

Chamber president, Jacqueline Merta, said the event drew 130 people, a record number of attendees.

At the meeting, three Charlevoix residents were recognized by the chamber's board of directors for their contributions to the community.

Jacqueline and Kirby Dipert, Charlevoix's signature retail couple that has withstood the town's economic ups and downs, currently operating three successful clothing stores, The Clothing Company, Charlevoix Wear and Color Wear, were named recipients of the 2006 Ambassador Award by the chamber board.

Kirby was surprised by the honor and went to the meeting expecting his wife to be recognized, he said he had no idea he was included.

According to Merta, the Diperts, who have been married for 15 years and have three children, exemplify the aim of the ambassador's award in all that they do.

"Their consistency of service, dedication to perfection and the stability that they have brought to the chamber and the community confirm that consistency of excellence in service is a product of soaring minds and spirit," Merta said.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(Above, from left) Kirby and Jacqueline Dipert, Charlevoix's signature retail couple, were named recipients of the 2006 Ambassador Award by the chamber board. Here they stand with fellow honoree, John Kurtz, the 2006 Outstanding Citizen Award winner and Charlevoix State Bank president.

Aside from their important role as local merchants, the Diperts are active volunteers with Charlevoix Public Schools and as past members of the chamber board.

Individually, Kirby is a member of the Downtown Development Authority, Cool Cities Process Committee, the Rotary Club and is chairman of the annual Chamber Car Raffle.

Dipert quoted the Rotary motto when asked why he gives so freely of his time.

"He who serves the best profits the most. If you give, you receive," he said.

Jacqueline is a member of the board of directors at Charlevoix State Bank and the Retail Committee of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

Like Kirby, Jacqueline said the benefits of community service far outweigh the cost.

"It's a great town and a great bunch of people to work with. It's not a chore," she said.

Winner of the 2006 Outstanding Citizen Award, Charlevoix State Bank president, John Kurtz, echoed Jacqueline's sentiments in describing his selfless community involvement as "fun."

Newly instated chairman of the chamber board, Tom Conlan, said, Kurtz is a man who has Charlevoix in his heart.

"A lot of people talk about giving to our community but this man lives giving back to the community. It's part of his being because Charlevoix is in his heart," Conlan said.

Kurtz is a longtime, active supporter of Big Brothers, Big Sisters, the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, the chamber, the Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Charlevoix Area Hospital and Charlevoix Public Library. He is a member of the Charlevoix Lions Club, the Charlevoix Club and the Cool Cities Process Committee.

In accepting the award, Kurtz humbly recognized the many deserving potential recipients in the room.

"I am very grateful and proud, thank you," he said.

The chamber also recognized the service of its outgoing board members including former chairman, Jim Berlage, who owns the Bridge Street Book Shop, former vice-chair, Judy Friske-Kehr, director of retail for Friske Orchards and former treasurer, Ron Agnello, a local Certified Public Accountant.

New board members, instated on Jan. 1, are Chris Cuffaro, community president and finance manager of Citizens Bank, Dirk Cox, plant manager at St Marys Cement, Louis Hollow of Hollow and Associates and Chris Turkelson, an attorney with the law firm Hayes, Turkelson and Groat.

They join five returning board members, Tom Conlan, manager of the Belvedere Club and golf club, Jeff Sprecksell, manager of the Weathervane Restaurant, Jay Bingham, owner of Bingham Insurance Services, Patricia Blanchard, owner of Shop of the Gulls and Linda Bradley, operations manager at Charlevoix Manufacturing.

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Schuilings named 2006 Chairman's Award winners

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Bill and Karen Schuiling were given the Chairman's Award during annual Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce award ceremonies on Thursday, Jan. 18.

The Chairman's Award is bestowed each year on individuals who go above and beyond to help the chamber with its mission to improve Charlevoix.

"The recipients of this year's Chairman's Award have a great love for their community and have a commitment to philanthropy," said Jim Berlage. "Their service to our community and to their fellow man, are only surpassed by their integrity and the high regard in which they are held by all who know them."

"I'm honored. I knew nothing about it," said Bill Schuiling in a phone interview from Virginia. "It's very special and I'm very appreciative."

Bill's wife, Karen, was unavailable to comment.

"I was born in Grand Rapids, got into the car business and did just beyond anyone's expectations and decided to come back home to Michigan from Washington D.C. about 15 years ago," Schuiling said.

Despite living all over the world, "At least twice," Schuiling said Charlevoix is the best place on earth.

"After living in Virginia and Washington where nobody says hi I was walking downtown in Charlevoix and maybe 10 people said hi to me even though they didn't know me," Schuiling said. "Between the friendly people and the flowers, I knew Charlevoix was the place for me."

Berlage said Schuiling and his wife have helped with the Charlevoix Area Pool, humane society and Venetian Festival just to name a few.

"On numerous occasions they have brought flowers to all the residents at Boulder Park Terrace... to cheer up the residents," Berlage said. "Since moving to Charlevoix...they have contributed over $10 million to students, organizations and individuals."

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Courtesy photo

Outgoing Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce chairman, Jim Berlage, named Charlevoix residents, Bill and Karen Schuiling (above), the 2006 recipients of the Chairman's Award.

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals, organizations, and business people who helped make our program a success this year.

Thank you!

We were able to help 180 families this year. (313 adults & 334 children) We operate on donations only, so you can see that it was only through your generosity that we were able to do this. So many of you helped in so many ways, and we know that we didn't get the names of everyone who helped. If you helped in any way and your name is not on this list, please know that your efforts were very much appreciated, and that you did help someone have a Merry Christmas! Our town may be known as "Charlevoix the Beautiful" because of all the natural beauty that surrounds us, but our committee members know that the real beauty of Charlevoix is in the generous giving hearts of our people. Thank You.

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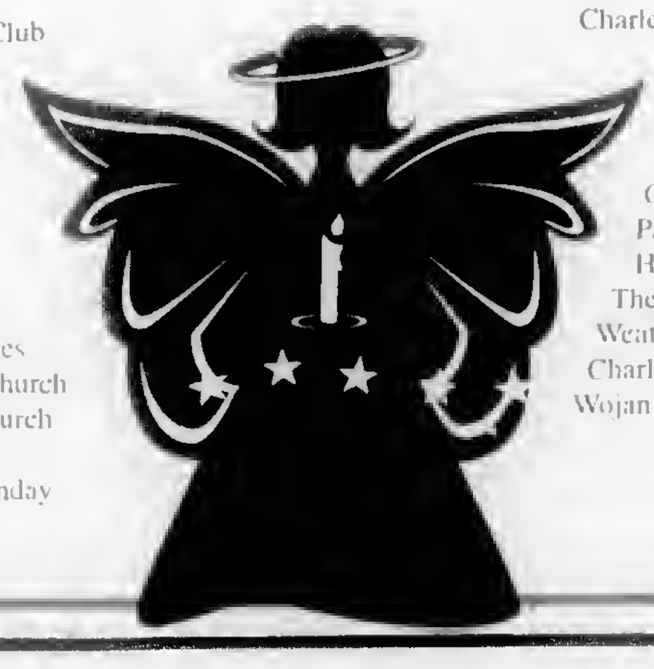

Philanthropy, outreach earn Schuilings chamber award

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Schuiling also spends much of his time helping the poor, battered women and the uneducated.

"My favorite thing in the world is to help other people and eventually I hope to give around $50 million to the (Charlevoix) area," he said. "It doesn't make any difference if you give people money or volunteer, the important thing is to help people. If you can volunteer, that's actually better because anybody can volunteer."

He added, "It doesn't matter how much money you have, you can help your fellow man. It's not about me or Karen, it's about people that are desperate and not happy and whose spirits are broken — a little helping hand can really be a big help."

The Schuilings have also helped with the City Band, Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, Charlevoix Public Schools and relocation costs of the chamber.

"Each year they award Laddie Scholarships to all graduating students who have earned a 3.0 grade point and who show good character and complete a successful senior interview," Berlage said. "Every year at Thanksgiving and Christmas, they supply turkeys and dinner trimmings to those in need."

First Aid course offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital

The following First Aid course is being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10. This is a new course being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital. The target audience for this course includes those involved in child care such as child care workers, teachers, foster care workers, camp counselors, youth organizations and coaches for children's sports organizations. The Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid Course teaches how to manage illness and injuries in a child in the first few minutes until professional help arrives. Topics include First Aid basics, medical emergencies, injury emergencies, environmental emergencies. The cost is $55.

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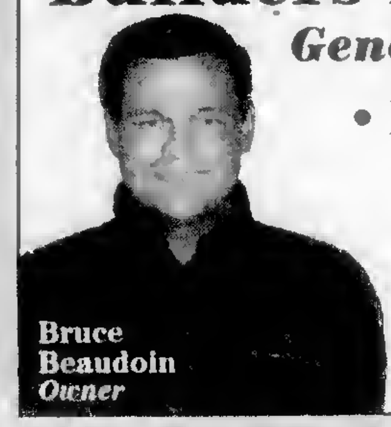

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Irish Boat Shop names Michael Esposito president

Michael Esposito

Michael Esposito has been named president of Irish Boat Shop by David Irish who founded the company in 1961. Irish will retain the title of chairman.

"Irish Boat Shop is widely known for outstanding customer service," said Esposito. "I am proud to build on the Irish Boat Shop tradition of excellence while looking ahead to meet the future needs of our customers."

As president, Esposito will lead the company operations at its facilities in Harbor Springs and Charlevoix. With 50 full-time employees, Irish Boat Shop provides new and used boat sales, comprehensive power and sailboat service, dockage, complete restorations and repair, winter storage, and other services to boating and sailing enthusiasts throughout the Great Lakes.

Esposito joined Irish Boat Shop in 1994 as general manager of the Harbor Springs facility. Previously, he was general manager of Crowley's Yacht Yard in Chicago, Ill. His early career included working for Tillotson-Pearson Inc., in Warren, Rhode Island and J World Inc. in Newport, Rhode Island.

Growing up in Rhode Island and around boats since childhood, he became involved in sailing instruction, boat building and sailboat racing on the regional and national level. In 1986, Esposito was employed as a design engineer with the "America II" challenge for the Americas Cup by the New York Yacht Club in Perth, Australia.

"Michael has the right combination of talent and experience to lead the Boat Shop into the future," said David Irish: "He brings vast experience in the marina industry, strong business and technical knowledge and a passion for having fun on the water."

Esposito earned a bachelor of arts in economics from the University of Rhode Island in 1982. He is treasurer and a former president of HARBOR Inc. Esposito, his wife Debbie and their two daughters reside in Harbor Springs.

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Prizes await winners of Friske's 4th Annual Cherry Recipe Contest

Friske's Farm Market is hosting its 4th Annual Cherry Recipe Contest.

Anyone presenting cherry recipes, except professional chefs, Friske's employees and their families, are eligible to enter. Categories include soups, cakes and tortes.

Entries must be received by Feb. 12 at the Friske's Farm Market. Six finalists will be named in each category and final judging will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 24.

Registration forms are available by calling Friske's Farm Market at (231) 599-2604.

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The seminar will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at Stafford's Perry Hotel in Petoskey. Members from any area chamber of commerce can attend the session for $39. Representatives of non-member businesses will pay $59.

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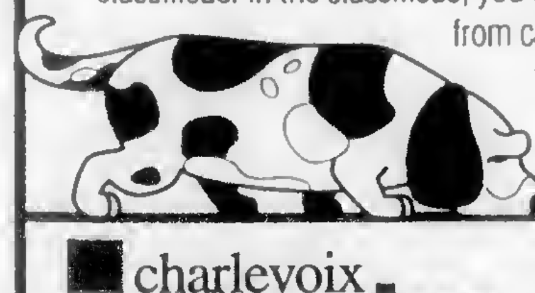

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Decedent's Estate
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Date of Birth: Februery 4, 1920

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Frank Clement Olach, who lived at 08060 Charlevoix View Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan died September 30, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Betty J. Olach, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: January 2, 2007

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Date of birth: January 8, 1919

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Dete: January 24, 2007

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Under the Power of Sale contained in said Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premise, or some part of it, at public venue, at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 2, 2007.

Said premise is located in the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at an iron stake which is 1117 feet East and 33 feet South of the Northwest corner of Section 35, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence East 80 feet; thence South 140 feet; thence West parallel with the North line of said section 80 feet; thence North 140 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.324(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Date: December 29, 2006

CHARLEVOIX STATE BANK

BY:
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 8th day of July, 2003, by Mark J. Dubois and Toni R. Dubois, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on July 21, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 556 page 432, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHT AND 87/100 DOLLARS ($102,208.87) and no suit or proceeding at lew or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of

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sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, February 9, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a T-iron stake at the Southwest corner of Section 2, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said Section, South 89°33'25". East 1 359.27feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section; thence along said 1/8 line, North 00°43'00" East 247.01 feet to a 1/2 inch rod, being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 89°33'25"West 200.00 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 00°43'00" East 325.73 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 74°26'09" East 123.57 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence North 22°52'40" West 206.33 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Southeasterly line of Old U.S. 31 Highway; thence continuing North 22°52'40" West 33.11 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline on the arc of a curve to the right 193.47 feet [radius of said curve is 1175.00 feet, the central angle is 09°26'02" and the chord bears North 67°13'16" East 193.25 feet] to said 1/8 line; thence along said 1/8 line, South 00°43'00" West 34.91 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on said highway line; thence continuing along said 1/8 line, South 00°43'00" West 620.97 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 2. Hayes Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241 or MCL 125.1449k as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be one (1) month from said date, and if the subject premises are conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 125.1449v, as the case may be, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date.

Dated: December 19, 2006

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee
CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
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(L-01/03, 01/10, 01/17, 01/24)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt; any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 1, 2000, by Gary R. Marvin and Heather R. Marvin, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on February 8, 2000, at Liber 382, Page 077, Charlevoix County Records, as modified by a Modification of Mortgage dated October 1, 2001, and recorded on October 10, 2001, at Liber 438, Page 746, Charlevoix County Records. The entire balance secured by said mortgage has matured and become fully due and payable according to the terms of said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby, as modified; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $226,299.33 principal and $3,253.15 interest; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, February 9, 2007, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Charlevoix Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Commencing at a square bolt at the West quarter corner of Section 35, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the West line of said section South 00 deg. 17'41" East 340.35 feet to a T-iron stake on the South line of the North 340.35 feet of the North half of the Southwest quarter of said section; thence along said line North 89 deg. 56'04" East 982.53 feet to a 3/4 in. pipe on the Westerly line of Highway M-66; thence along the Westerly line of Highway M-66 South 22 deg. 15'23" East 288.00 feet to a T-iron stake, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said highway line South 22 deg. 15'23" East 200.00 feet; thence leaving said highway line South 67 deg. 44'56" West 268.26 feet; thence North 23 deg. 09'48" West 200.00 feet to a T-iron stake; thence North 67 deg. 44'37" East 271.43 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Town 34 North, Range 8 West.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the default rate of 11.5% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale.

Dated: January 4, 2007

The Bank of Northern Michigan
Mortgagee
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage and assignment (the "Mortgage") made by Lange Limited, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, mortgagor, to Migaldi Family, L.L.C., mortgagee, dated September 22, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan, on September 26, 2003, at Liber 574 Pages 419 through 426 inclusive, which mortgage was assigned to GJDM Development, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, with an address of 3420 South Creyts Road, Lansing, MI 48917 on November 18, 2004 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan on September 19, 2005, at Liber 705, Pages 189 through 190 inclusive. Because of the default, the undersigned has elected to declare the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage immediately due and payable.
At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Five Hundred Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Eight and 55/100 Dollars ($514,888.55). No suit or proceedings at law have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgage.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount with interest as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the lobby of the County Courthouse in Charlevoix, the place of holding the Circuit Court within Charlevoix County, Michigan, on Friday February 9, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. local time.

Pursuant to Section 3240(7) of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, as amended, (MCLA 600.3240(7); MSA 27A.3240(7)), the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

The premises covered by said mortgage is commonly known as 2774 **Blackbird Road**, and is situated in the Townships of Hayes and Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel 1: Country Club Park Parcel (Including Parcel A of the Susan Casciani Property): Commencing at a 1/2" pipe at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Town 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76°04'44" East 738.32 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Section line North 76°04'44" East 559.98 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the West 1/8 corner of said sections; thence continuing along seid Section line North 76°04'44" East 365.00 feet to a 1/2" rod which is South 76°04'44" West 933.09 feet (recorded as South 77°42'20" West and as South 77°39'15" West 932.72 feet) from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence South 5°59'01" East (recorded as South 4°25'25" East) 601.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 87°59'36" West 398.87 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line South 2°00'25" East (recorded as South 0°21'49" East 790.80 feet to a 1" rod on the North 1/8 line of said Section 19; thence along said North 1/8 line South 76°18'45" West 1320.47 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the line common to said Sections 19 & 24, also being the Northeast corner of Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence along said Section line and the East line of said block South 1°00'31" East 238.28 feet to the North line of the Boyne City - Charlevoix Road; thence along said road line South 87°51'28" West 450.66 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of said block; thence along the line common to Lots 9 & 10 of said block North 0°55'12" West 246.37 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line and the North line of said block South 88°51'29" West 107.57 feet to the line common to Lots 11 & 12 of said block; thence along the aforementioned lot line South 1°03'32" East 248.36 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89°14'29" West 200.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 15 of said block; thence along the West line of said lot North 1°05'45" West 247.01 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line South 88°54'45" West 494.86 feet to a 1" bar on the Easterly line of a Michigan Department of Transportation easement described in Liber 380, Page 743 Charlevoix County Records; thence continuing along said North 1/8 line South 88°54'45" West 87.43 feet to a 1" bar on the East 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line North 1°02'42" West 305.37 feet to the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 1°02'42" West 89.41 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 176.24 feet to the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 1203.55 feet; thence South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 471.19 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 50°23'33" East 944.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34°1'39" West 243.88 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19; Town 34 North, Range 7 West & part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 34 North, Range 8 West, and Lots 1 thru 9 & Lots 12 thru 14, Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point.

Parcel 2: Balance of Charlevoix Country Club Property in Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West lying South of U.S. 31: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Commencing at a 3/4" pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said Section South 76°04'44" West 918.26 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Section line South 76°04'44" West 939.81 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34°01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S. 31; thence continuing North 34°01'39" West 75.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 1222.54 feet; thence parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of said Section South 1°31'09" East 88.94 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing parallel with said 1/4 line South 1°31'09" East 543.71 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel 3: Vacant Land: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: All that part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 34 North, Range 7 West lying Southerly of the C&O Railroad Right of Way and Northerly of the centerline of U.S. 31 extended, a strip of land 50 feet wide lying between said Railroad Right of Way and U.S. 31 centerline described as: Commencing at the center 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North on the North & South 1/4 line to the Southerly line of said highway; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 63°15' to the left from said 1/4 line 846.3 feet more or less to the Southwesterly line of said Railroad Right of Way for the Point of Beginning; thence at an angle of 98°30' to the left from the last described course to the centerline of said highway for the point of ending.

Dated: January 10, 2007

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Charlevoix schools could lose $289,000 in funding

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with us. It's like pulling teeth to find out for sure what they are doing," said Gary Stutzman, co-administrator of Northwest Academy in Charlevoix. "They blame (the potential decrease in per pupil funding) on poor economics and they've tried to soften the blow by putting it in the news that there's this huge deficit. Then they say part of this program and this program and this program is going to be cut."

Indeed, the U.S. economy grew an estimated 3.3 percent last year and will grow 2.1 percent this year and 2.8 percent in 2008, according to the Senate Fiscal Agency's economic forecast.

Meanwhile, the Michigan economy is estimated to have only grown 1.1 percent in 2006 with a grim prediction of 0.6 percent this year and next.

The Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency's mission is to assist the state with fiscal advice and give national and state economic predictions.

According to Gary Olson, director of the agency, the governor is limited on what she can do to fix the financial shortfall.

"The revenue estimating conference identified a deficit in the school aid fund of $377 million," Olson said. "The governor could recommend cutting spending on corrections, she could recommend cutting spending in the school aid fund or the governor could recommend raising taxes, but that doesn't happen unless the legislature approves it."

Biddle attended the Revenue Estimating Conference on Thursday, Jan. 18.

"I really didn't get a sense of optimism from anyone," she said. "It was a pretty quiet group as we filed out of that session."

Stutzman said the worst part about the budget cuts are that they occur nearly half a year after budgets are made and teachers are hired.

"With a school like ours it's very hard to create a fund equity because we're right to the wire with payments," he said. "Word floating around says we could lose $210 per student. It's huge for any school when you make your plans and make your budget and hire teachers (during summer)."

He added, "The state giveth and the state taketh away."

If the governor makes a proposal to eliminate the deficit, and the legislature disagrees with that proposal, the reduction in the per pupil funding amount could go as high as $224.

"In all likelihood, that is the worst case scenario," Olson said. "The options are either you cut spending on school aid or you raise more revenue through tax changes."

Stutzman said one way to survive is to budget for the upcoming year as if no increase will be given.

"But, we're still right to the wall because of our operations and keeping the lights and water running, paying teachers — underpaying them," he said.

"$16,000 is going to be really tough on us. If that happens, we're going to have to take a real serious look at our staffing and our offerings and we may have to cut a program or two," Stutzman said. "But, you have to do it in areas that you can afford to do it and not jeopardize what the state is mandating."

He added, "They come up with all these mandates...then don't give you the funding to support it. Every school is being asked to do more and more in the classroom. If they don't support us with reasonable funding, how are you going to do it?"

If Olson's worst case scenario occurs, the Charlevoix Public Schools could lose more than $289,000 and Northwest Academy could lose nearly $19,000.

"The governor is likely to recommend some alternative to the $224 cut, but if her alternative is raising taxes and the legislature doesn't approve it, the $224 cut would take effect and they only have 30 days after her recommendation to negotiate this — by early March," he said. "We're anticipating the governor will make a recommendation to the legislature on Feb. 8."

The $224 figure is determined by dividing the $377 million deficit by the number of students in Michigan roughly 1.6 million.

Weathering this financial storm could devastate Charlevoix Public Schools $326,604 fund balance.

An apparently simple change which would help the schools immensely, Biddle and Stutzman agreed, would be to set Michigan schools' fiscal years to the same timeline as the state's fiscal year.

"The schools' fiscal year begins July 1, the state's doesn't start until Oct. 1, but it takes them until late November to finalize. They don't have a solid revenue number until November, but the consensus revenue conference doesn't take place until January," Biddle said.

She added that she usually knows how much money she will have to work with within four months after the start of the fiscal year, but this year they won't know until nine months after.

"You have no idea what you're going to get," Stutzman said. "That's the hell of it."

Biddle said the most important thing parents and taxpayers can do is to contact their legislators and demand a positive change to the way schools are funded.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder basketball tally two more in blowout win streak

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

Responding well to adversity looks to be a trademark of the Charlevoix Rayders on the basketball court this season.

After two of Charlevoix's three leading scorers moved from the school district after last season, the Rayders opened this season with an impressive 6-0 record.

Now after suffering their first loss of the season two weeks ago to Traverse City St. Francis, the Rayders responded with four straight blowout wins.

Charlevoix (9-1 overall, 6-1 league) added two more victims this past week, stomping Elk Rapids, 85-57 and East Jordan, 87-45.

The Rayders have won their last four games (including three on the road) by an average margin of 25 points.

While St. Francis is getting the hype (recently ranked No. 2 in Class C by the Associated Press), the Rayders have quietly moved back into a first place tie with the Gladiators atop the Lake Michigan Conference standings.

"Personally, I think we're the best team in the league," Rayder coach, Keith Haske, said. "We need to keep working hard and playing well, and hopefully that will play out for us in the end."

One of the keys to Charlevoix's resurgence is balanced scoring. Senior, Mitch Crandall, was leading scorer in the Rayders' first eight games of the season. But defenses can no longer focus solely on Crandall, as sophomore, Justin Friske, has become an inside force, as shown by his 37 points in two games last week.

Trevor Mays

"Our perimeter guys have been pretty consistent all year for us, but the big kids (Justin Friske, Trevor Mays, Derek Friske and Corey Gotshall) are really starting to play well," Haske noted. "The emergence of Justin Friske has been huge for us. Trevor Mays has been very good, too."

"They are really stepping up and finishing on offense, that allows us to press more which helps in other areas."

East Jordan began last week's contest slowing the game down to control tempo, but three straight Austin Wilhelm rainbow jumpers gave Charlevoix a 22-12 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Austin Wilhelm

"Austin had a very good game," coach Haske commented. "He shot the ball very well for us."

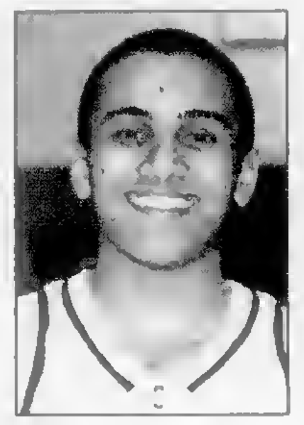
In the second period, the Rayders ended the game for all intents and purposes as the lead ballooned to 21, at 38-17, on a Mays baseline drive. Charlevoix led 48-29 at the half, keyed by Justin Friske's 16 first half points.

The second half was also all Rayders with a Nate LaBlance layup at the third quarter buzzer giving Charlevoix a 75-39 advantage.

Justin Friske finished the night with 23 points, on 10 for 12 shooting from the floor, and five rebounds. Wilhelm scored 16, hitting 8 of 10 shots. Crandall had 15 points, six rebounds and three steals. Mays was also in double figures with 10.

Senior, Ty Haske, dished out 13 assists. Dan Swenor grabbed six rebounds.

Justin Friske also paced the Rayders in scoring at Elk Rapids, finishing with 14 points and seven rebounds. Ty Haske had a season-high 13 points and five assists.


Ty Haske

"Ty has been looking to be more offensive minded," coach Haske said. "That's good because we don't need him to score (a lot) for us every night, but when we need him, he needs to be able to do that."

Crandall finished with 10 points, four steals and four assists. Mays tallied nine points. Three Rayders — Kyle Jones, Corey Gotshall and Wilhelm — had eight points apiece.

Kyle Jones also had eight rebounds. LaBlance contributed six rebounds and three steals.

The Rayders' balance means playing time is at a premium, which in turn means the players are competitive.

"The kids are starting to push each other quite a bit," Haske said. "And that is a good thing. They want playing time and they know the way to get it is to go hard in practice."

Charlevoix hosts Harbor Springs on Friday, Jan. 26 in a key conference contest.

Rayders take third at weekend Take Down Tournament

On Thursday, Jan. 18, the Rayder wrestling team hosted a dual meet with Mio and Boyne City. Facing Mio, JD Spiegl and Nate Tripplehorn both won by pinning their opponents. Other winners against Mio were Zeke Daman, Mat Golovich and Corey Loucks. Against Boyne City, Daman, Golovich, Woody Nitchman, Zach Smith, Tripplehorn and Trevor Cole won by void.

On Saturday, the Rayder wrestlers hosted Charlevoix's Annual Take Down Tournament. Schools attending the tournament were Manton, Frankfort, Elk Rapids, Gaylord and Mancelona.

Daman and Golovich went undefeated with five wins each. Both wrestlers received first place medals in their weight division. Nitchman and Cole both won four of their five matches, receiving second place medals in their weight classes. Tripplehorn won three of his five matches and received a third place medal. Winning fourth place medals were Chris Levens, Loucks, Smith and Speigl. Charlevoix placed third overall in the team rankings.

The wrestlers will travel to Gaylord High School for a tournament this Saturday, Jan. 27.

Soccer clinics for coaches, players

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer clinics will take place on Jan. 30 and Feb. 13 at Charlevoix Elementary School.

The first is a coaches clinic which will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. The clinic is open to all interested coaches regardless of skill level.

The other is a free players' clinic from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. The clinic is open to players ages 8 to 14 regardless of skill level. It will be conducted by two qualified coaches.

For more information, call Charlynn Gray at (231) 838-5808.

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Share your vision of Charlevoix's future on Jan. 31

The final information gathering round in Charlevoix's Cool Cities initiative will take place on Jan. 30 and 31.

Phone and business survey results gathered since December will be combined with information gleaned from focus group discussions on Jan. 30 and a Community Vision Session to take place on Jan. 31 to provide the critical community input portion of the Cool Cities study.

The Community Vision Session will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Charlevoix Public Library.

Consultants with the firm, HyettPalma will be on-hand at the session to listen and facilitate. The consultants will then use the information from the business and phone surveys as well as from the focus groups and vision sessions to formulate the Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns market study for Charlevoix and to develop a five-year economic enhancement action strategy.

The group is expected to formulate preliminary findings before they leave town on Feb. 1. However, the complete study, which will include recommendations as to what direction Charlevoix should move in to enhance its economic viability, will not be ready for three to four months.

For more information, call Cool Cities coordinator, Keith Carey at (231) 547-3270.

Hayes Township planners seek input at Jan. 24 public forum

Hayes Township residents, business people and other interested parties are encouraged to join the township planning commission at a public forum to give comments early in the planning effort to update both the township master plan and zoning ordinance.

This public informational forum to review background studies, goals, and discuss future land uses in Hayes Township will be facilitated at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 24 at the Hayes Township Hall, located at 09195 Old U.S. 31.

The public input gathered through this meeting and results of an opinion update questionnaire will assist the planning commission in updating the master plan and zoning ordinance.

Residents can provide opinions to the township on key planning and zoning questions via an opinion update questionnaire at the public forum, by accessing it on-line at the Hayes Township portion of the Charlevoix County Web site (http://www.charlevoixcounty.org/hayes.asp) or by contacting Hayes Township clerk, Marlene Golovich at (231) 347-2899.

Work sessions devoted to the master plan and zoning updates typically take place on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the township hall.

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Let's Ride: Snowmobile Club Ride-in this Saturday at Ferry Beach

The Charlevoix Snowmobile Club will host a ride-in for members and non-members from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Ferry Beach pavilion.

Residents and visitors of any age may enjoy free hamburgers, bratwurst, chili, coffee and hot chocolate as well as door prizes and giveaways donated by local merchants.

Snowmobilers and nomobilers alike can stop in at the Flight Deck and Paul Bunyan Lanes that day to warm themselves with a free cup of chili.

Registration for club membership will be available at the event, by calling (231) 547-1901 or by visiting the club's Web site at www.chxsnowmobile.com.

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Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

CHURCH LEAGUE • JAN. 21, 2007

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	92	58
R & C Roofing	92	58
Lutherans	79	71
Mark White Paint & Stain	76	74
Lakeshore Tire	76	74
Ferguson & Chamberlain	70	80
St. Mary's	60	90
State Farm Insurance	55	95

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	560	
Larry Potter	555	212
Mark White	571	208
Randy DeYoung		215
Ed Holm		208

TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES
JAN. 16, 2007

	W	L
DM Construction	10	2
Oleson's Food Store	9	3
St. Mary Cement	7	5
Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	5	7
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	5	7
Paul Bunyan Lanes	4	8
Mary Ann's Takeout	4	8
Central Drug Store	4	8

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Leanna Mosoryak	579	215
Diana Speigl	544	199
Carol Burry		194
Janice Thanasiu	492	

YOUNG AT HEARTS
JAN. 18, 2007

	W	L
Past Timers	10	6
Sparetime	10	6
Alley Cats	9.5	6.5
Half & Half	8.5	7.5
Mistits	8	8
Twilighters	8	8
Irish Rollers	7	9
Has Beens	3	13

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jim Potter	573	208
Chuck Metzger	463	172
Don Bambach	516	202
Cindy Cox	492	176
Dolly Coen		180
Sue Lochner	431	
Shirley Flower	459	222

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE
JAN. 15, 2006

	W	L
The Flight Deck	4	0
Bud's Buds	3	1
Paul Bunyan Lanes	3	1
J Arnold Painting "2"	3	1
Selph Trucking	1	3
B VanLoo & Sons	1	3
J Arnold Painting "A"	1	3
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	0	4

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	565	
Scott Dixon		217
Roger Vanniman	549	225
Chris Putman	567	221

GUTTER GALS • JAN. 18, 2006

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	52	8
Laural & Company	30	30
Paul Bunyan Lanes	28	32
Burger King of Charlevoix	10	50

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	518	194
Diana Speigl	459	175
Jane Holm	498	186

DOUBLE DECKERS • JAN. 21, 2006

	W	L
Grunch/Crain	22	14
Blanchard/Crain	22	14
Browe	22	14
Webb	20	16
Spencer	17	19
Stein	15	21
Patton	15	21
Potter	15	21
Thomas	14	22
Sharrow/Roloff	14	22
Russell C & R	14	22
Sladek	14	22
A & J Russell	13.5	22.5
Bradley	13	23
Ferguson	11.5	24.5
Nordman	[illegible]	29

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mike Webb		234
John Ferguson	[illegible]	
Chuck Stein		231
Roger Crain	[illegible]	223
Kelly Bradley		223
Jim Potter	[illegible]	
Lisa Bradley		189
Lynette Webb	585	206
Carrie Blanchard	486	183
Laural Sladek	466	

Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the Week: Mark White of the Wednesday Church League had a high actual game of 208 & a high actual series of 571. Congratulations!

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JAN. 26
TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENTS

Texas Hold'em Tournaments will be played beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 26 and 27 at the Wolverine Dilworth Inn in Boyne City. Proceeds will benefit Hospice of Northwest Michigan. For information and registration, call (231) 582-8800.

JAN. 27
SNOWMOBILE CLUB RIDE-IN

The Charlevoix Snowmobile Club will host a ride-in for members and non-members from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Ferry Beach pavilion.

JAN. 30
SOCCER CLINICS

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JAN. 30
TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group at Christ Episcopal Church will begin a new study series entitled, "Experiencing God," by Henry Blackaby. The study runs for 12 weeks and includes text, questions and activities. The study begins at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 30 and will meet at the Parish Hall. For more information and to reserve a workbook, call the church office at (231) 547-6322.

JAN. 27
BOOK FAIR OPENS

St. Mary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair beginning on Saturday, Jan. 27 and running through Sunday, Feb. 4.

The book fair will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27 and will be open after each Mass on Saturday and Sunday through Feb. 4. The book fair will also be from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

From 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, St. Mary School will host a spaghetti dinner to kickoff and celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

St. Mary School is located at 1005 Bridge St., in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-9441

JAN. 29
HOSPICE TRAINING

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, which serves Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties is looking for caring and compassionate individuals who would like to join its family of hospice volunteers.

A volunteer training program will be conducted starting on Monday, Jan. 29. The sessions will run for four weeks, meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay offices located at 3434 M-119 in Harbor Springs.

Those interested in volunteering should call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

JAN. 31
COMMUNITY VISION SESSION

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For more information, call Cool Cities coordinator, Keith Carey at (231) 547-3270.

FEB. 6
TAI CHI CLASSES

Tai Chi Classes will again be offered by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and resume Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the Charlevoix library for a six-week session.

The intermediate class will be scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m. The beginner class will be scheduled from 11 a.m. to noon.

To register, call (231) 237-0103.

FEB. 14
VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE

The Charlevoix Senior Center is presenting a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, at 7 p.m. on Feb. 14 at the center.

Dinner choices are prime rib or whitefish. The cost is $35 per couple. Live music will be provided by "In Service."

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling (231) 547-5361.

MARCH 7
SNOWBIRDS REUNION CANCELED

The March 7 luncheon for Charlevoix snowbirds visiting Naples, Fla. has been canceled due to a problem at the facility.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- Writer's Group, 6 p.m., Jan. 24.
- Computer Basics Classes, 1 p.m., Jan. 30 and 31 and Feb. 1.
- Digital Photography, 1 to 4 p.m., Feb. 3.

Youth Events

- Stepping Stones Play Club, 6 p.m., Jan. 24.
- Lapsit Story Time, 10:05 a.m., Jan. 25.
- Pre-K Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Jan. 25.
- Paws for a Story, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 27.
- Story Time 2: Toddler Tuesdays, 3 p.m., Jan. 30.
- Lapsit Story Time, 10:05 a.m., Feb. 2.
- Pre-K Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Feb. 2.
- Movies at 2 featuring "Chicken Little," 2 p.m., Feb. 3.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at (231) 547-2979.

FOOD PANTRY

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

FOOD PANTRY II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

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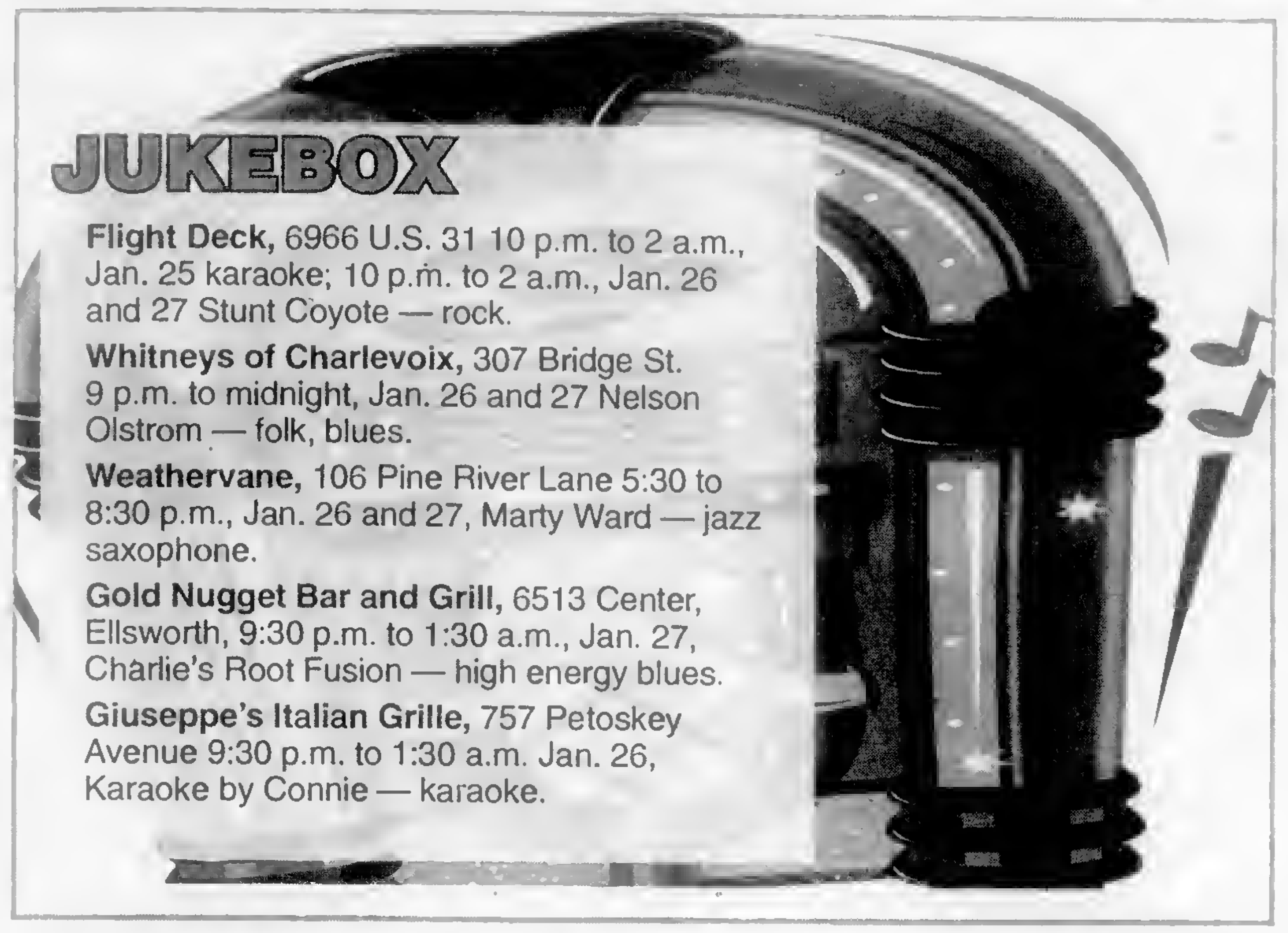


JUKEBOX

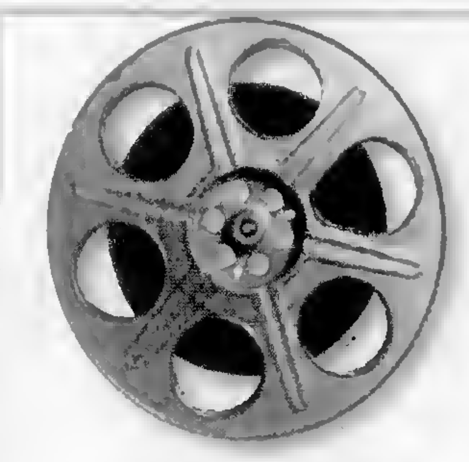
Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Jan. 25 karaoke; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Jan. 26 and 27 Stunt Coyote — rock.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Jan. 26 and 27 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Jan. 26 and 27, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center, Ellsworth, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., Jan. 27, Charlie's Root Fusion — high energy blues.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Jan. 26, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.



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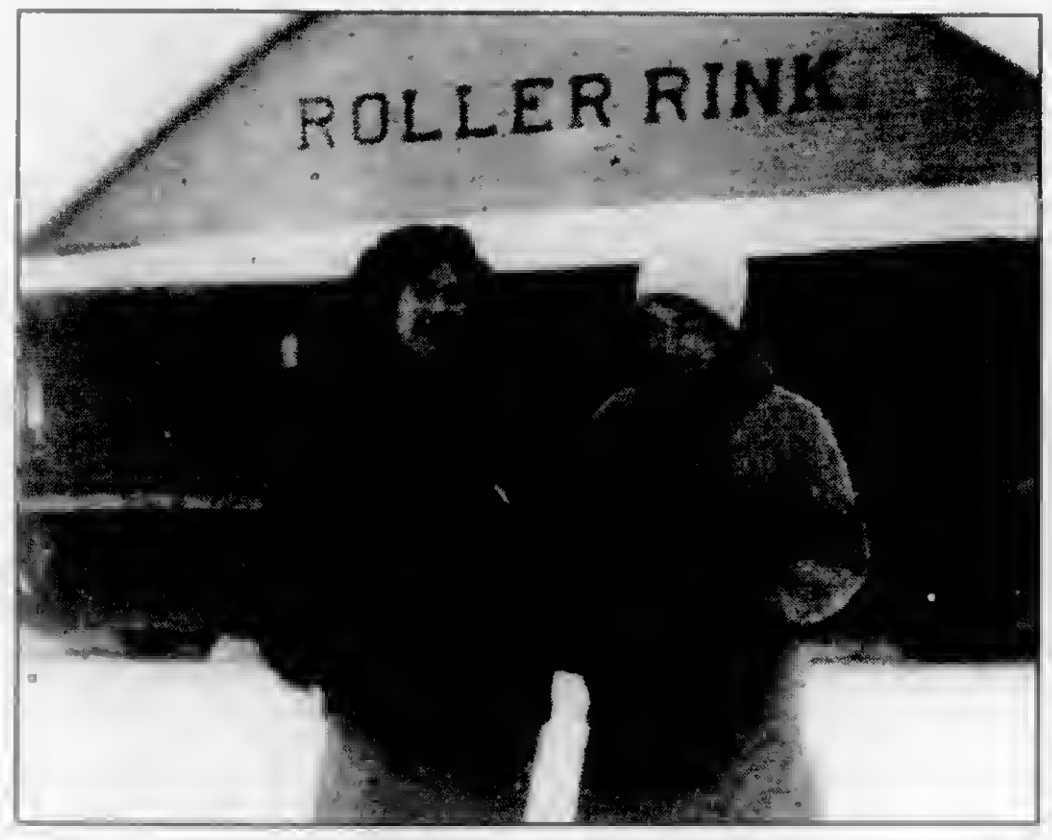

Congratulations to William Bellinger of Charlevoix who correctly identified the location of the rink. He will receive a free three-month subscription to the Courier for participating and providing the correct answer.

Where in Charlevoix was this roller rink located?

The roller rink building was located just to the west of the huge boathouse that is now the Harbour Club Condominiums on the south shore of Round Lake.

Photo and information courtesy of the Charlevoix Historical Society

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Dream Girls PG-13, Fri 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 • Mon-Wed 7:15, 9:30
Sat, Sun, Thurs 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
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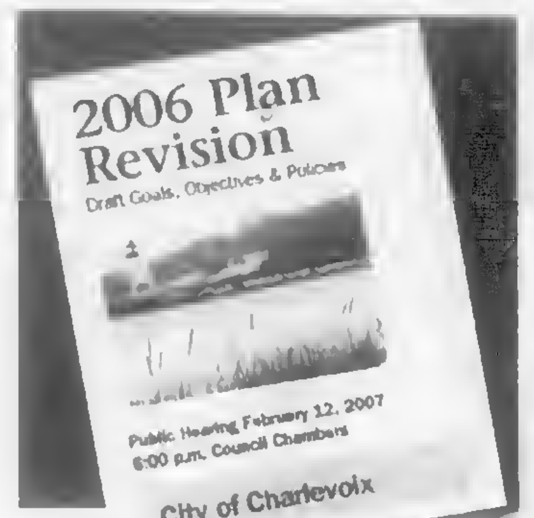
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Fight leads teen to attack

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

An argument over his sister lead a Charlevoix teen to grab a kitchen knife and stab 20-year-old Charlevoix Township resident, Lyle Sundelius.

Deputies with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to the stabbing incident that occurred at 9:36 a.m. Monday morning, Jan. 22 at a residence on Black Road in Marion Township.

According to Sheriff George T. Lasater, Sundelius was stabbed with a large knife by a 16-year-old male who is a sophomore at Charlevoix High School and lives at the Black Road residence.

The alleged perpetrator has a juvenile petition filed against him

See STABBING, page 3

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Flakes fall for Ride-in

(Above, from left) John and Linda VanAndel and Terry and Carol Kupovitz, all of Ellsworth were four of the dozens of snowmobile fanatics that arrived at the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club Annual Ride-in, Saturday, Jan. 27, at Charlevoix's Ferry Beach. Participants enjoyed snowfall while they munched free hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, chili, hot chocolate and coffee. There were drawings throughout the afternoon for a wide variety of door prizes donated by local merchants.

Bomb threat at local school

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Northwest Academy student who made a bomb threat las week was suspended from schoo until Monday, Jan. 29.

Between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m on Wednesday, Jan. 24, a mal student wrote a note and left it i the school's bathroom stating homb would detonate sometim last week.

"I phoned 9-1-1 immediatel after reading the note," sai Cindy Romero, co-administrato of Northwest. "The date on th note that the bomb was suppose to go off was not quite clear, either (Jan. 26 or 28)."

She added, "They sent an officer immediately and throug help from the staff and police everything was taken care o

See BOMB, page 3

Judge closes Wynkoop's Norwood mine

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Wayne Wynkoop's limestone quarry will soon be silent now that Judge Thomas G. Power overturned a Norwood Township Zoning Board of Appeals decision from mid-May 2006 which upheld Wynkoop's right to mine the property.

Power, the Traverse City judge assigned to preside over the Norwood limestone saga after Judge Richard Pajtas recused himself to avoid a conflict of interest because he and his wife, Dana Pajtas, were adverse to the project, said the deciding factor for him was the issue of abandonment by Wynkoop of the right to mine the property.

"Here there is actual evidence of intent not to make efforts for several years (to operate a mine)," Power said.

Power noted that, since Wynkoop signed a land contract in 1983 with a stipulation that he not mine the property for commercial use until the property was paid in full, Wynkoop relinquished his rights.

Per Norwood Township zoning law, an abandonment and intent to abandon for at least a year dissolves a previously held non-conforming use.

During the hearing, attorney for Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety, Karen Ferguson, accused Wynkoop of everything from destroying the Fritz Trail site and excavating without permits to having a conflict of interest by bringing hi quarry proposal before the boar on which he serves.

The judge did not acknowledge the Fritz Trail comment and aske Ferguson if she contacted th proper authorities if she thought Wynkoop had worked without

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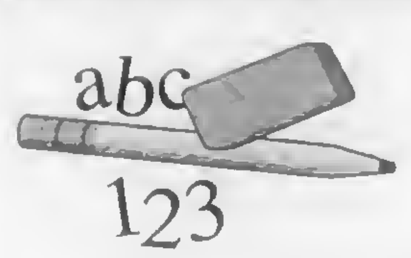

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Terry James Martin, 46, Petoskey. Violation of restricted license. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Steven Ryan Dixon, 26, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve five days in jail; $260 in fines and costs.

Garrett James-Gordon Brandt, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession alcohol, second offense. Attend BASES intervention; $200 in fines and costs.

James Thomas Kondrat, 27, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Malcom Bruce Bowman, 44, East Jordan. Possession of marijuana. Serve 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 10 days in jail, 344 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Randall James Klomp, 39, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Kyle Leslie Sutton, 17, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol, third offense. Serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $355 in fines and costs.

Joshua Mackenzie Jackson, 17, Boyne City. Retail fraud, third degree. Serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; $250 in fines and costs.

Benjamin Jay Allen, 28, Boyne City. Malicious destruction of property, less than $200 - second offense. Serve 61 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 60 days in jail, to be released after 30 days; $950 in fines and costs.

Troy Lee Selissen, 22, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Serve 36 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Larry Edward Shaver, 41, Charlevoix. Motor vehicle operator without security. Serve 12 days in jail; $315 in fines and costs.

Eugene H. Randall, 53, East Jordan. No operator's license on person. $200 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Cui Min Chen, 31, Cheboygan. Attempted conducting criminal enterprises; failure to file/false taxes. Sentenced to and served one day in jail; $180 in costs plus must reimburse the government for back taxes.

Wen Bing Wang, 39, Traverse City. Three counts of taxes, failure to file/false. Sentenced to and served one day in jail; $240 in costs, plus must reimburse the government for back taxes.

Sarah Beth Smith, 22, Boyne City. Check-no account. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 19 days, to serve 90 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $2,017.35 in fines, costs and restitution.

Fa Yang, 49, Detroit. Attempted conducting criminal enterprises; failure to file/false taxes. Sentenced to and served one day in jail; $180 in costs, plus must reimburse the government for back taxes.

Zhen Xiang Chen, 58, Gaylord. Attempted conducting criminal enterprises; failure to file/false taxes. Sentenced to and served one day in jail; $180 in costs, plus must reimburse the government for back taxes.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

MeMe Jeanie's, 3419 Woodland Court, Elmira, by Melissa Milbrandt

Gastineau Insurance Agency, 202 South Lake St., Boyne City, by Kenneth R. Kruzkl

Northern Michigan Intermediaries, 403 Petoskey Avenue, Charlevoix, by Bill Herriman and Kristen Herriman

Spark Some Fun, 05970 U.S. 131 South, Boyne Falls, by Lynn M. Seelye-Sparks

Magical Wand Creations, 106 Rivierra, East Jordan, by Cynthia Russell

GaGa For Kids, 12796 Pineridge, Charlevoix, by JLJ Retail Inc., Jay R. Bingham president

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Penny J. Prow vs. Randall A. Prow Jr.

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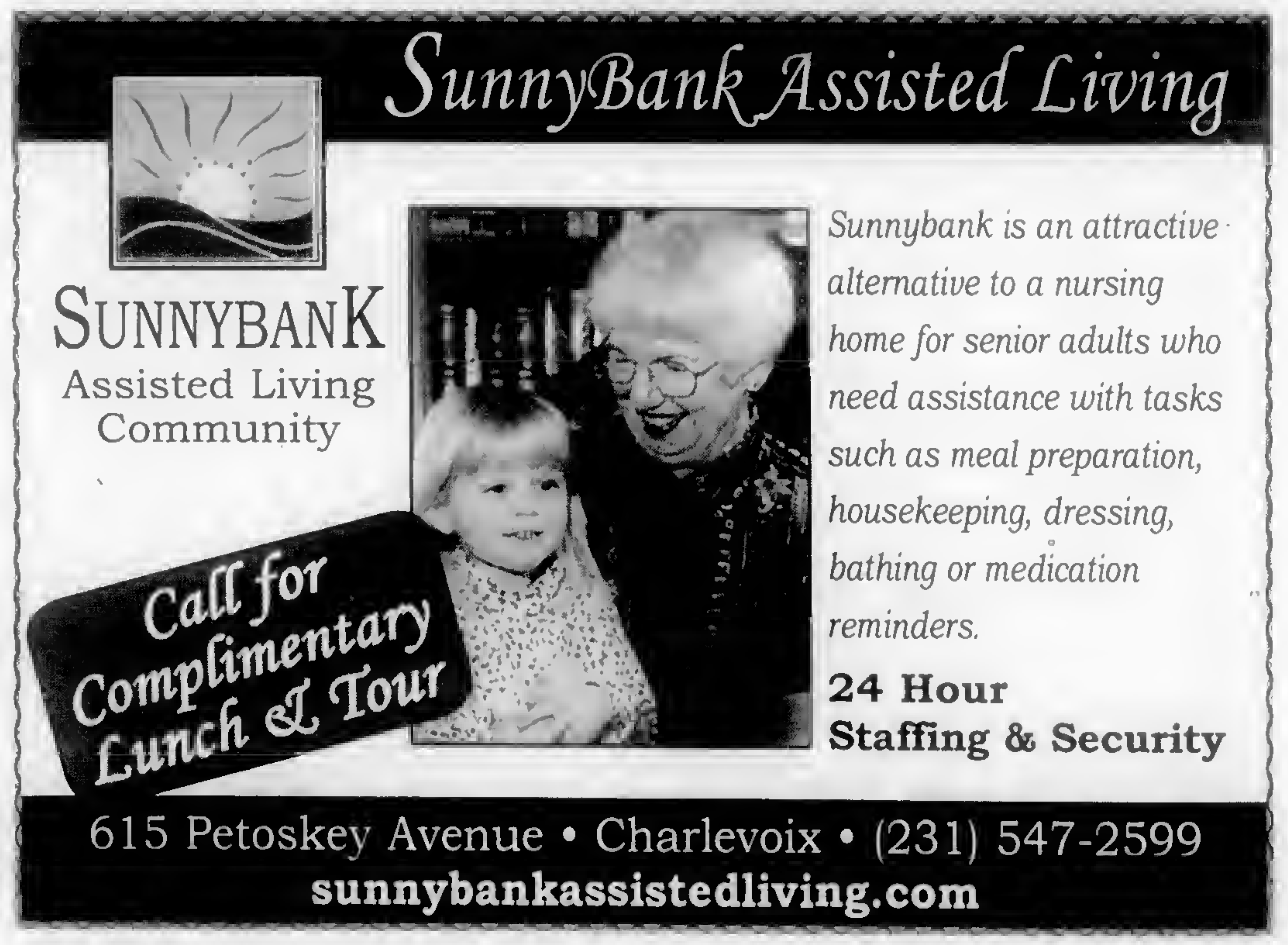

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Northwest student faces felony for bomb threat

BOMB

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and the individual confessed and he was removed from the school."

Romero said the suspected individual was identified almost immediately.

"We did not go into lock down, but the students were contained in their classrooms," Romero said. "We didn't see the need to cause any kind of frenzy or panic (because there was no bomb)."

According to Romero, the student is now on a behavioral plan to prevent similar incidents in the future.

"We have not had any problems with this student before," she said.

A statement from the Charlevoix City Police Department stated, "At no time were the students or staff in any danger, and police praised Northwest Academy staff for their cooperation and immediate response in this serious situation. Police did make an arrest in this incident. However, due to the age of the person involved, police declined to release any further identification of the student."

The student has been ordered by the court to attend Great Lakes, the Boyne Valley alternative school.

"It's a four-year felony for a false bomb threat and that's what he's been charged with," said chief assistant Charlevoix County Prosecutor, Shayne Fanara. "He has been placed in non-secure detention and given pre-adjudication probation with a probation officer (similar to when an adult is given bail or bond.)"

A more lenient sentence which the student could receive would be if the judge presiding over his case gave him a plea under advisement, which is similar to a deferred sentence for good behavior.

"His next court date has not been scheduled yet, but there will be a pretrial conference and an adjudication to set a plea," Fanara said. "We get about one (bomb threat at local schools) a year. One year we had two."

Fanara said there has never been a real bomb involved with juvenile bomb threats on any case she's worked on.

Juvenile held in Indiana for role in stabbing

STABBING

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for "Assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder."

The victim sustained a wound to his abdomen and was treated and released from Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The perpetrator appeared in family court on Jan. 22. He is currently being held in secure detention at a facility in Indiana. The felony charge is being handled under the jurisdiction of Charlevoix County Probate Court and allows the courts to keep jurisdiction until he's 19.

The juvenile has multiple unrelated charges pending against him including a possession of marijuana charge, a possession with intent to deliver charge and a minor in possession of alcohol charge all out of Emmet County from December 2006.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Charlevoix City Police Department and City of Charlevoix EMS.

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BIRTHS

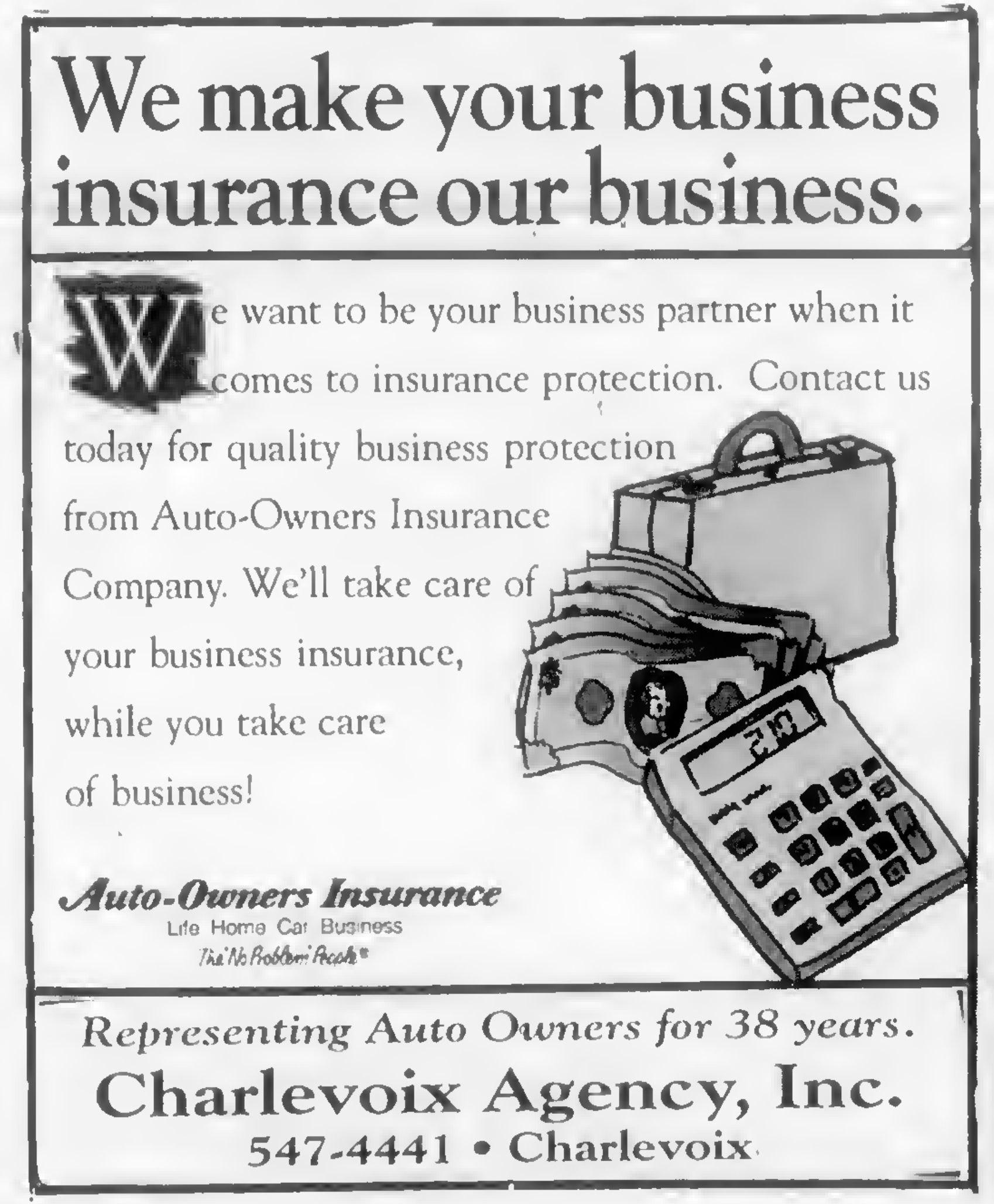
Ava Marie Snyder weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce was born on Jan. 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kevin and Peggy Snyder of Boyne City.

Zachary Shawn Piechan weighing 10 pounds, 3 ounces was born Jan. 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Gary and Kim Piechan of East Jordan. His siblings are Jared and Gage. His grandparents are Lee and Betty Sinda of Onaway, Rhoud and Margaret Piechen and Larry and Cinda Grulke of Rogers City. His great-grandparents are Erv and Elaine Grulke of Rogers City and Eva Franklin of Onaway.

Coda Blaine Imel weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces was born Jan. 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Hans Imel and Jennifer West of Bellaire. The sibling is Christopher Howard. The grandparents are Jay and Barb Imel of East Jordan, Kevin Willson of Boyne Falls and Laurie Macks of Bellaire. The great-grandparents are Charles and Joanne Stanek of East Jordan and Dale and Joanne Reeves of Bellaire.

Hannah Marie Fortune weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces was born Jan. 22 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Corey and Jennifer Fortune of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Patrick and Laura Fortune of East Jordan and Charles and Colleen Sineway of Waukegon, Ill.

Jacob Tyler McCree weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces was born Jan. 23 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kerry Jason and Heidi Lynn McCree. His siblings are Aaron, Kylie, Lauren, Emma and Rebecca. His grandparents are Alvin and Sue Mueggenberg of Arcadia, Iowa, Pam Kiser of Brigham City, Utah, and Willis McCree of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.



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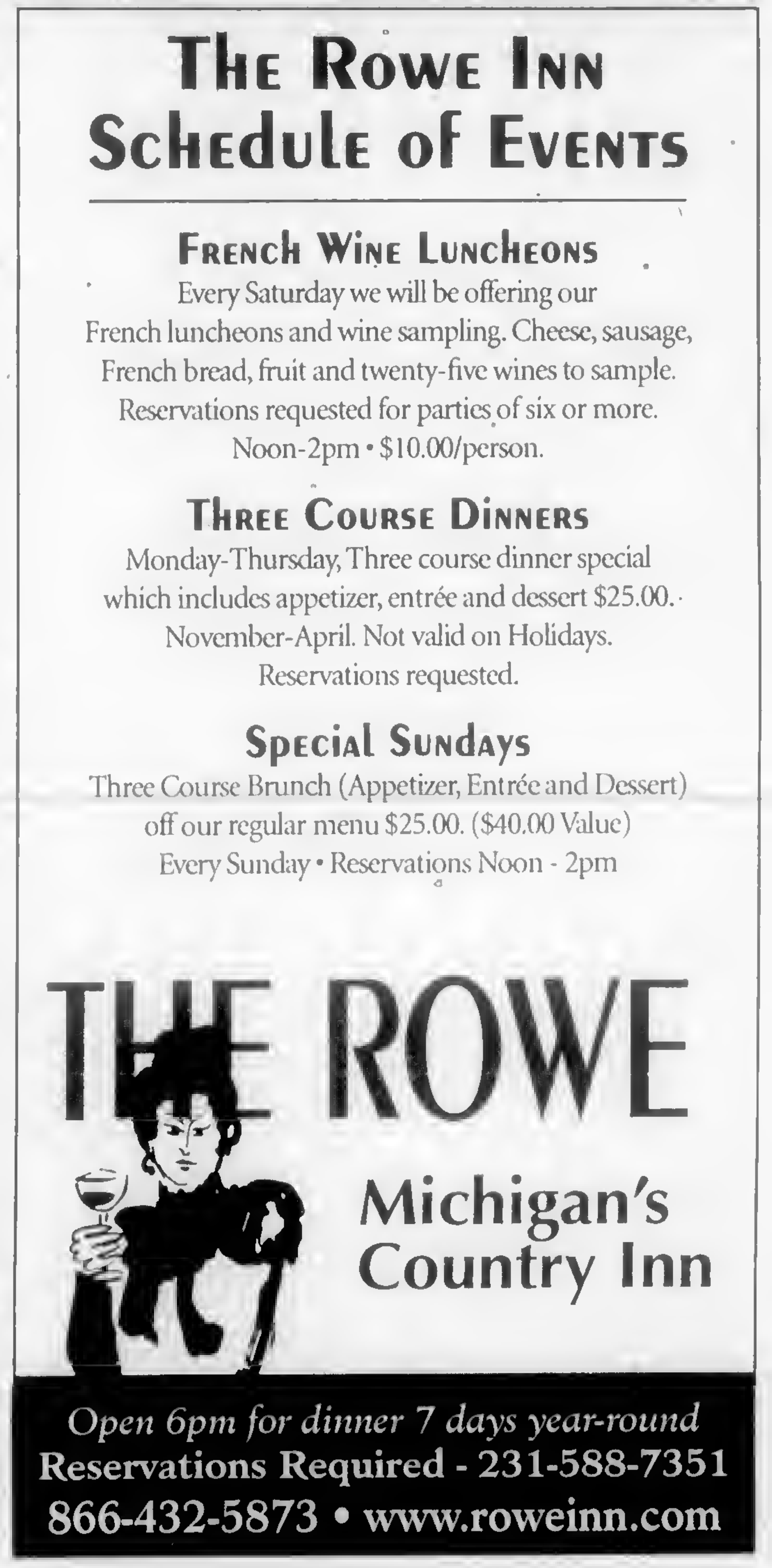

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Address short on realistic solutions

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

A scientific poll of 12 people, a hound dog and a block of cheese shows 70 percent of us watched the president's State of the Union Address last week.

The audience belied Bush's low poll numbers by applauding his patriotic grunts at least 66 times that night.

The chief, who spoke of earmarks, said "The time has come to end this practice." He knows all about "this practice" considering he signed off on a bill which contained 6,300 earmarks to the tune of almost $300 billion.

Next he called to re-authorize No Child Left Behind. Schools must account for their actions, but standardized tests do not best represent a student's ability and teachers are forced to waste time teaching to the test so their students succeed. Then you have tired or vindictive students who blindly fill in the bubbles. And, the act doesn't differentiate between functional local schools and districts which excel only at failing. This act cannot be re-authorized without first undergoing major changes.

The president said, "All our citizens (should) have affordable and available health care." I wish he would be honest. We know he's against national health care, as any good capitalist should. We are no more deserving of affordable health care than we are of cheap gas. He also wants to, "Protect good doctors from junk lawsuits," limiting valid cases and he wants to spend $1.2 billion of our tax money on the African AIDS crisis. The American wallet should not hemorrhage for people who believe STD's are cured by raping children.

Bush said we need to reduce our addiction to oil. I don't care about his crude background or that he will turn ANWR (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge) into a granite Wiffle ball, but the 20th Century was built on massive oil consumption, and humans are not an environmentally frugal bunch. We'll get serious about alternatives when it's too late.

Even I clapped when Bush told the senate to grow some grapes and stop stalling judicial nominees — It's easy, vote up or down.

Now to the War on Terror™ and the Attack on Iraq©. I'm not going to pretend I have a clue on what to do with Iraq — something the president and I have in common. And, if it wasn't so terrifying, I would find it humorous that the president now blames the horrors created by U.S. invasion on the newly created dem-raq-racy. Bush saying the infantile Iraqi government must tidy the mess we made reminds me of when my uncle used to grab my wrists, smack me in the face with my own fists and then say, "Stop hitting yourself. Stop hitting yourself. Stop hitting yourself."

As far as the so-called War on Terror™ goes, I fear something so vague and shapeless as a war on an idea is destined for eternal life. Take The War on Drugs™, which began in the late 1800s and only continues to escalate. The president said 19 men, driven by hate and extremism, boarded planes and killed 3,000 Americans. In turn, U.S. actions have prompted the deaths of at least 20 times that number. When will our thirst for attrition be slated?

The president said, "To win the war on terror we must take the fight to the enemy," but terrorists may exist in every state on the planet. Will our armies invade Canada, Paraguay and North Dakota as well?

Shortly after we achieved victory in Iraq in 2003, Bush said, "The War on Terror™ is not over, yet it is not endless. We do not know the day of final victory, but we have seen the turning of the tide." Last week he said, "The War on Terror™ we fight today is a generational struggle that will continue long after you and I have turned our duties over to others." I do believe that is as close to a confession as we're going to get for his war without end.

People ask for a definition of victory, the administration resists. The truth is, victory as we would like to imagine it is not achievable in this scenario. There will be no Paris Accord, no Treaty of Versailles. As with any determined enemy, well versed in guerilla warfare and spread over a good sized jungle or city, in this case jungles, deserts and cities spanning a globe, the only way to defeat him is by eliminating him. However, the baby born of jihad today will be ready to walk a backpack full of explosives into a nightclub, deli or hospital in six or seven years — Can we complete a campaign of genocide in that short a time?

Bush said give his new plan a chance, but waging an egotistical battle of, "You started it, but we're going to finish it" is not a plan.

In 100 years, no one will remember why they must remove their shoes before entering the grocery store; why they must carry a national I.D. card; or why mandatory, random searches of homes are conducted in America each night. They will only know them to be necessary evils in the War on Terror™.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not one of those who write Bush off as a moron, to do so would relieve him of culpability for some very bad decisions. All in all the State of our Union is good — a testament to the Constitution, America and the people who keep her running — not the result of one man waging what appears to be a holy war driven by confusion, anger and delusions of grandeur — no, it is the State of the World for which I am concerned.

Let us hope the great decider has some better news for us come January 2008.

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File photo

While Courier staff writer, Benjamin Gohs thought President Bush's State of the Union Address last week was packed with disappointing projections, he did take a moment to pose with this likeness of Bush

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LETTERS to the editor

UNFOUNDED MEAN-SPIRITED RANT

Editor:

I write to express my disappointment in your Jan. 17 piece demanding accountability for what you regard as police misconduct. Your mean-spirited rant draws unsupported conclusions from a random assortment of untimely incidents, and offers wild assertions about "thousands of incidents of illegal activities involving police." You would have the reader believe that police misconduct is rampant in the town where you live and work. Although you claim to be angered and accuse police of molesting the public trust by abusing their authority and ignoring their oath, I suspect the real facts are that you and your family have been well-served and protected by city and county law enforcement.

Most of your examples are well out of date and took place in urban areas of southern Michigan, which more resembles a third world country compared to the crime in Charlevoix. The two local examples of old news you do drag out are instances where problems between a husband and wife got out of hand and overflowed into the public arena. There is nothing in those situations that would support your condemnation of an entire profession. Was it misconduct? Apparently. Was accountability ignored? Hardly. The very fact that those problems were identified to the public and were addressed by the appropriate authorities in a manner that resulted in career-damaging consequences is evidence there is no one here sweeping any problems with police conduct under any rug.

Last summer, I came close to leaving Charlevoix and did a comparison of about two dozen cities nationwide listed in books and magazines as desirable places to live. I compared economic and demographic data that made them look pretty attractive, particularly compared to this area's miserable economic condition. I also compared federal crime statistics for all types of crime, and found that Charlevoix was far and away the safest place I could live. The reason I and my family (and you and your family) can live as securely as we do is, in large measure, because of the diligence and dedication of Charlevoix city and county law enforcement personnel. They are overworked, understaffed, underpaid, and, if your writing is any indication, unappreciated. But every day they are out there engaged on your behalf in an ongoing battle against drunk drivers, drug dealers, child molesters and every other sort of common criminal and deviant living among us. They deserve your thanks, not your demand for accountability or insinuations of misconduct.

Steve Guthrie
Chaplain
City of Charlevoix Police Department

WRITER DOESN'T UNDERSTAND DISCIPLINE PROCESS

Editor:

The title of Benjamin Gohs' article, "Demand Accountability for Police Misconduct," is misleading and not supported by the content of the article.

To the contrary, the article speaks to the discipline that department administrators imposed in the cases cited. Law enforcement administrators do not and will not tolerate officer misconduct. However, they must deal with an officer's right to due process, labor agreements and arbitration decisions. Mr. Gohs' reference to the Ann Arbor officer who, "is on paid leave, not fired, pending the outcome of her February hearing," is an example. Her case must be handled in accordance with applicable labor contracts and departmental policies. She has the right to a hearing rather than being summarily fired. It is apparent that Mr. Gohs is not well informed when it comes to disciplinary processes. Perhaps he needs to do some research before he jumps to conclusions on these cases.

The article lends itself to sensationalism rather than journalism.

Rich Davis
East Jordan

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

Editor:

I want to personally thank the kind, caring person who returned my brand new Nikon digital camera. I had gotten that camera for a Christmas gift from my aunt. I had recently lost it at one of the high school boys' basketball games, and thankfully someone returned it.

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WEDDING

Webb — MacKeller

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Courtney Lynn Webb and Gregory Alan MacKeller of Holland were married in a double ring ceremony at 4 p.m. on Oct. 7 at the Maplewood Reformed Church in Holland. Pastor Ben Jansen officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Lynette Webb of Charlevoix and the groom is the son of Daniel and Janet MacKeller of Grand Haven.

The maid of honor was Amanda Webb, the sister of the bride.

The best man was Travis Babcock.

Ushers were Chelsea Gorkiewicz and Elizabeth Hess, friends of the bride.

The bride's parents gave the reception and was hosted by Nancy Mason, the aunt of the groom, at the Pier Room of the Piper Restaurant on Lake Macatawa.

The rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's parents at the Beechwood Inn in Holland.

The couple took a wedding trip to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico at Riu Palace.

Courtney is a graduate of Ferris State University and is employed by Gentex Corp. of Holland as a photonics engineer. Gregory is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and is now employed by Gentex Corp. of Holland and attending Davenport College for an engineering degree.

The couple resides in Holland.

Street Legends takes home nine awards from Autorama Car Show

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Street Legends Car Club members took home nine awards from the Autorama Car Show. Pictured are (above, from left) winners Chuck Bascom, Judy Zednicek, Brad Ward, Tom Eggers, Gene and Barbara Hancock and Jerry Balch.

The Charlevoix Street Legends Car Club traveled to Grand Rapids for the Autorama Car Show Jan. 12-14.

They entered six cars including four 1932 Fords, a 1962 Corvette and a 1969 Z-28 Camaro. Not only did they invite many car enthusiasts from Charlevoix to the 2007 car show, but they also brought home nine awards, including an "Outstanding Car Club Display" award.

Chuck Bascom took home a Best award for his 1932 Ford. Ron and Judy Zednicek were awarded an Outstanding award for their 1932 Ford entry. Brad Ward earned Best and Street Rod Achievement awards for his 1932 Ford. Tom Eggers placed with his 1969 Z-28 Camaro. Gene and Barbara Hancock were awarded an Outstanding for their 1962 Corvette and Jerry Balch received Outstanding and Street Rodder Magazine awards for his 1932 Ford entry.

Street Legends is a non-profit group of car lovers who raise funds for local charities and enjoy cruising together. To date they have donated over $65,000 to the community. They will host their 15th Annual Car Show on July 14 in Charlevoix.

For more information about Street Legends, call Luann at (231) 547-3838 or Joan at (231) 547-9013. Meetings take place at 6:30 p.m. the last Thursday of each month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

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Input sought at Cool Cities vision session

The final information gathering round in Charlevoix's Cool Cities initiative will take place on Jan. 30 and 31.

Phone and business survey results gathered since December will be combined with information gleaned from focus group discussions on Jan. 30 and a Community Vision Session to take place on Jan. 31 to provide the critical community input portion of the Cool Cities study.

The Community Vision Session will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Charlevoix Public Library.

Consultants with the firm, HyettPalma will be on-hand at the session to listen and facilitate. The consultants will then use the information from the business and phone surveys as well as from the focus groups and vision sessions to formulate the Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns market study for Charlevoix and to develop a five-year economic enhancement action strategy.

The group is expected to formulate preliminary findings before they leave town on Feb. 1. However, the complete study, which will include recommendations as to what direction Charlevoix should move in to enhance its economic viability, will not be ready for three to four months.

For more information, call Cool Cities coordinator, Keith Carey at (231) 547-3270.

Feb. 8 forum addresses health care in northern Michigan

Health care in northern Michigan will be the topic of a public forum on Feb. 8 at Charlevoix Public Library.

The program is free and open to the public.

"Business owners, employees, the uninsured, health care providers and the community at large will find this program to be an excellent opportunity to learn more about this critical issue from a broad spectrum of informed viewpoints," said John Kurtz, recently retired president of Charlevoix State Bank and one of the planners of the program.

The discussion portion of the program will be moderated by Annemarie Conway, the Charlevoix High School government teacher.

The keynote speaker will be Jack Wheeler, Ph.D., professor of health management and policy at the University of Michigan's school of public health. Wheeler is an economist who has done extensive research in health care management and the economics of health care delivery.

Spencer Johnson, president of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, will also appear. A study completed last summer for his association showed that health care is Michigan's largest private sector employer, providing 737,000 jobs that pump $31.6 billion into Michigan's economy.

Also participating will be William Jackson, president and CEO of Charlevoix Area Hospital; Niki Kenny, director of the Community Free Clinic in Petoskey; James Jeakle, M.D., of Charlevoix Women's Health Care; and Ben Cohen, business health benefits consultant with Kushner and Co.

The program's presenters will analyze the history of health care and the state of our system as it is today. Policy options for the future will be discussed, ranging from comprehensive and universal health coverage to consumer-driven health plans.

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Filing deadline for open school board seat is Feb. 13

The filing deadline for those interested in the one open seat on the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education is 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13.

A $100 nonrefundable fee may be paid in lieu of filing a petition.

The open seat is currently held by 56-year-old Bill Trubilowicz who has held the seat for five years.

No one had filed for the seat, a two-year term, by press time.

Candidates who wish to run in the May 8 election must be registered voters residing in the Charlevoix public school district.

OBITUARIES

Douglas Gregory: Died on Dec. 22, 2006

Douglas F. Gregory, 69, of East Jordan and formerly of Charlevoix, died on Friday, Dec. 22 at Grandview Medical Care Facility, after a long illness. He was born in Charlevoix and spent many years in Farmington.

When in good health he enjoyed sailing and was a member of the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club. His greatest pride was his three children and four grandchildren. He is survived by his children, Charlevoix resident, Jennifer Clubb, Jill Cooper of Grosse Pointe and Jon Gregory of Denver, Colo.; his grandchildren, including Charlevoix residents Brandon Story and Christopher Clubb and Ashley and Jay Cooper; his sister, Sue Soulliere and her husband Jim; and Doug's niece, Jessica McDonnell, of Charlevoix.

His parents, Willis and Margaret Gregory and his brother, Tom, who passed away this fall, preceded him in death.

A private service will be held in early March. Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Diabetes Foundation.

William Preston: March 1, 1919 - Jan. 19, 2007

William F. Preston, 87, of Charlevoix, formerly of Manistee and Wildwood, Fla. died Friday, Jan. 19 following a brief illness at Sunnybank Assisted Living Residence where the staff provided loving care and support.

William was born on March 1, 1919 in Jackson, the son of William F. and Blanche (Douglas) Preston. He married Betty Jane Hamilton, also of Jackson, on March 16, 1942 in San Antonio, Texas during World War II.

At age 22, upon graduating from Jackson Community College, William served with pride in the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II from 1941 to 1946, achieving the rank of Major. William was a pilot in the Air Force following graduation from Corsicana, Randolph Field, and Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field in Texas. After William served as a B-24 and B-29 flight instructor, William was assigned a B-29 crew which was stationed in Guam and flew missions over Japan in the 21st Bomb Squadron 501st Bomb Group. He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, American Campaign Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal and a special Air Medal for saving the life of a Colonel. He enjoyed many reunions with his crew over the years.

William owned and operated the Preston Insurance Agency in Manistee from 1952-1985 when he and wife retired to Wildwood, Fla. He is a lifetime member of the VFW, American Legion, Elks Lodge, Kiwanis Club and the First Congregational Church in Manistee.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty Jane; his son, William F. (Pei-Chen) Preston of Tucson, Ariz.; daughter, Linda (John) Yaroch of Charlevoix; four grandchildren, Heather Preston (Dean) of Traverse City, Lisa (Chad) Eckhardt of Manistee, Kelly Yaroch of Charlevoix and Thomas (Blair) Yaroch of Rochester; and 7 great-grand children.

A graveside service with military honors will take place in the spring at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

In memory of William, memorials may be directed to Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling arrangements.

Elizabeth Seese: May 10, 1924 - Jan. 22, 2007

Elizabeth B. Seese, 82, of Charlevoix, died Monday, Jan. 22 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

A funeral took place at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Pastor Pete Aronson of the Safe Harbor Baptist Church in Charlevoix officiated and burial will take place in Barnard Cemetery.

Elizabeth was born May 10, 1924, in Charlevoix, the daughter of Timothy and Byrd (Sweet) Shores. She married William Seese on Oct. 18, 1945, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 18, 1996. Elizabeth loved playing softball, snowmobiling and bowling. She was employed by Hooker's Cleaners in Petoskey for over 30 years, retiring in 1977.

Elizabeth is survived by her sons, Gregory (Sheri) Seese of Charlevoix, and Albert (Joyce) Seese of Ellsworth; daughter, Patricia (Art) Sutton of Charlevoix; 14 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; sisters, Helen Cunningham, Patricia Haggerty and Katherine Ager all of Charlevoix. Her brothers, Joseph, Timothy and Richard preceded her in death.

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Events planners: 'The shows will go on'

City council approves alternate location for summer events

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

2007 events scheduled for White and Erber parking lots:

June 16 4th Annual Taste of Charlevoix
June 22-23 Summer Solstice Art Show
July 14-15 39th Annual Charlevoix Art and Craft Show
July 21 15th Annual Street Legends classic Car Show
Aug. 11 49th Annual Waterfront Art Fair
Oct. 12-14 28th Annual Apple Festival

This summer, local festival planners won't have their number one pick of event venues, East Park, but they will have a prime downtown location.

The East Park renovation project will extend through the 2007 tourist season leaving festival planners who have typically called the park home, homeless.

"Due to construction everybody has to make some concessions and we all understand this is only for this season and back to normal next year with a more beautiful, renovated park," City of Charlevoix street superintendent, Pat Elliott, said.

The $4.7 million East Park overhaul is expected to begin in late February with demolition of existing buildings that include the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, the Odmark Pavilion commonly called the "bandshell," the portable bathroom trailer and the fish pond. It also includes construction of a new performance pavilion and harbormaster's facility as well as site work, landscaping and underground excavation.

The grand opening for the entire East Park and marina project is expected to take place on Sept. 23, 2007.

In an attempt to accommodate the wants of local merchants and events planners, Charlevoix City Council recently approved an alternate event location. The decision was based on a recommendation by a three-person committee, made up of Elliott, Charlevoix City Police Chief, Gerard Doan and mayor, Norman Carlson Jr.

Many festival events typically held in the park, including Taste of Charlevoix, Street Legends Car Show, the Waterfront Art Fair and Apple Festival will have use of the Erber and White parking lots which extend from Clinton to Mason Street, parallel to Bridge Street, as well as the first half of the 100 block of Mason Street. The Beacon Center lot between Mason and Antrim streets will be open. The Venetian Festival was not considered in this festival plan.

The portion of the Erber lot that runs behind Central Drugs and the alley that runs behind Birdie's Beauty Shoppe will remain open to facilitate deliveries to businesses.

The 49th Annual Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair is losing its namesake location but festival planners say the show must go on.

Chair of the Waterfront Art Fair, Mary Beth McGraw, said

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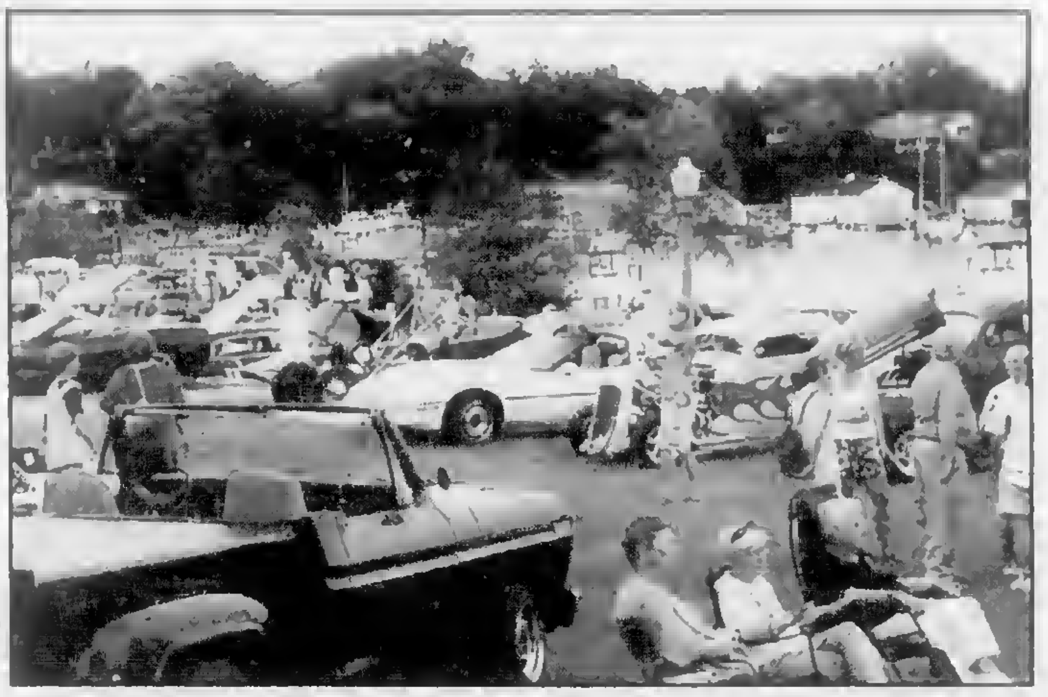

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Shows that have traditionally been staged in East Park, like the Street Legends Car Show pictured above, will be moved to the White and Erber parking lots during summer 2007 to accommodate East Park construction.

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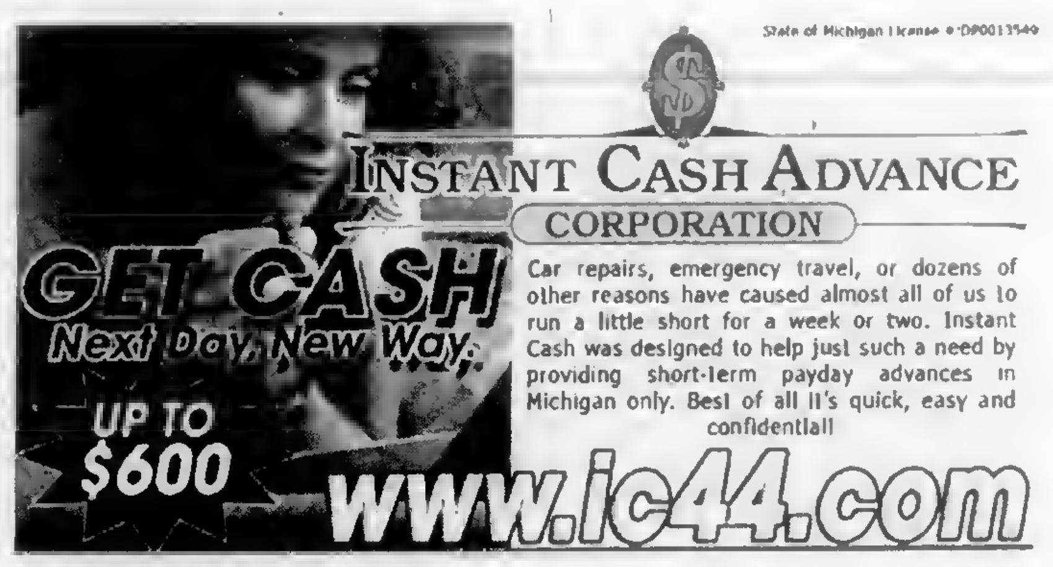

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New event venue results in loss of 87 parking spaces

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"Everybody is working together to make the best of the situation. There are a lot of things to figure out. We'll work those out and make this a quality show."

'With the events schedule in place, and the venue locked, one thing is for sure — the summer will have its signature crowd attractions. But where will patrons park? The plan will result in the loss of 87 prime parking spots.

Doan said discussions have taken place about providing a shuttle service to parking lots at and around the Charlevoix Municipal Airport to make up for the loss.

"It will cause some inconvenience but I don't think it will be a major inconvenience. I think people will adapt. They're going to have to," he said.

As far as safety is concerned, Doan said the proposed location is even safer than East Park. With a required fire lane maintained on Mason Street and having people confined to the lots, he said fewer people will be crossing busy streets.

Over the past couple of months, the festival committee has also looked at other sites, including the library area, Ferry Beach and Michigan Beach. The consensus among festival planners and merchants was to keep things as close to downtown as possible.

"It isn't an ideal setup. But when the park isn't available it's our next best option," Doan said.

Venetian coordinators strive to keep festival downtown

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

As event planners strategize hosting their summer attractions in two downtown parking lots, coordinators of Charlevoix's main event — the $250,000 Venetian Festival — are exploring their resources to keep the bulk of the week-long festival in downtown Charlevoix.

The 77th Annual Venetian Festival will take place July 22-28. In the past, main events like Kids' Day, the Rhythms of Venetian concert series and the stadium fireworks display have been centered around East Park.

With the park under heavy construction this summer, Dan Barron, president of Charlevoix Venetian Festival Inc., said his group's focus is on keeping the festival downtown.

"We are trying to keep the festival centered in the downtown area. That's one of the most unique aspects of Charlevoix Venetian Festival — the concentration of events and activities in the downtown area for people of all generations," he said.

Rhythms of Venetian will be scaled back to include local and regional acts. Performances will be scheduled simultaneously in Bridge Park and three-quarters of the first tier of East Park, closest to Bridge Street.

Kids' Day will be moved to the Charlevoix Public Library property at 220 Clinton St. And spectators will have to jockey for seats for the stadium fireworks display and grand electrical boat parade on July 28 in Round Lake.

The Charlevoix Venetian Festival carnival location hasn't been finalized. Barron will approach Charlevoix City Council at 7 p.m. on Feb. 5 at city hall with a proposal to stage the carnival in the same location as the past, the White and Erber parking lots which extend from Clinton to Mason Street, parallel to Bridge Street, as well as the entire 100 block of Mason Street.

"They are allowing the other festivals to stage in that area of Mason Street. And we've proved that fire safety access is available. The carnival can be configured to provide fire safety access to buildings on Bridge and Mason," Barron said.

The one member of Charlevoix City Council who will need some convincing before supporting a motion to allow the carnival to continue on Mason Street is newly elected First Ward Charlevoix City Councilman, Lyle Gennett.

Gennett feels the City of

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Chase ends in fiery crash, arrests

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Multiple police agencies were involved in a pursuit that started in Emmet County and continued into Charlevoix County where it ended with a fiery crash.

The pursuit started on U.S. 31 in Emmet County when a Michigan State Police unit tried to pull over a pickup truck driving at excessive rates of speed after the passenger tossed a Budweiser can out the window and the driver refused to stop.

The chase then continued down Camp Daggett, Church, Old Horton Creek and Boyne City roads. During that part of the pursuit, the Michigan State Police unit was rammed three times.

A Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office unit became involved in the pursuit on Horton Bay Road, where the sheriff's office unit was rammed and forced off the road. The second Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office unit responding to the pursuit approached the fleeing vehicle on Boyne City Road near See Road and had to take a defensive approach as the driver tried to hit him head on. The pursuit continued out U.S. 31 heading towards Petoskey, when the Michigan State Police unit was rammed again, disabling the unit. The two Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office units still pursued the vehicle attempting to alert oncoming traffic of the reckless driver approaching.

The vehicle being pursued left U.S. 31 North and headed down Burgess Road, Old U.S. 31, Quarterline Road, Maple Grove Road, Church Road and then into an area of two tracks referred to by locals as the Ponderosa area.

The two Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office units were still in pursuit when the vehicle went over a steep embankment, rolled over and caught fire. Both deputies exited their vehicles and attempted to put the fire out and remove the occupants from the burning vehicle. The passengers and driver had to be dragged out by deputies and pulled to safety before the vehicle burst into flames and was totally engulfed.

The driver, Sean Michael Dennis, a 24-year-old Petoskey resident, was arrested and arraigned on Jan. 26 on multiple felony charges including two counts of felonious assault which carry a possible four-year prison sentence each; two counts of third-degree fleeing and eluding, which each carry a possible five-year sentence; and operating while intoxicated-third offense, a felony punishable by one to five years in prison.

One of his two passengers, Daniel Joseph Munson, 24, of Petoskey was also arrested on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court on a drunk driving charge. He is not being charged in relation to the chase.

The incident resulted in $3,700 in damage to the Michigan State Police cruiser and $10,000 in damage to the sheriff's office vehicles.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater praised the efforts of Sergeant Pat Avery and Deputy Bill Church for their efforts, using good judgment, common sense and excellent law enforcement procedures in attempts to stop this vehicle before someone was seriously injured.

"Without Sergeant Avery and Deputy Church risking their own lives to rescue the three from the burning vehicle, this pursuit could have ended much differently for the driver and his two passengers," sheriff Lasater said.

The two deputies were assisted at the scene by Charlevoix Sheriff's Auxiliary Officer Don Williams.

Venetian to use Bridge Park, library for events locations

VENETIAN

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Charlevoix Fire Department's ability to respond to a structure fire in the vicinity of the Masonic Lodge at 100 Mason St. is compromised when the Venetian Festival carnival is staged there.

In a written response to those concerns, fire chief, Paul Ivan, states, "The location of the Venetian Festival carnival does limit the fire department's apparatus placement from what is normally available. Even with these limits, access to the buildings that border on Mason Street during the carnival is the same as buildings like the Beacon Center (which is in the center of the 400 block of Bridge Street) all year long."

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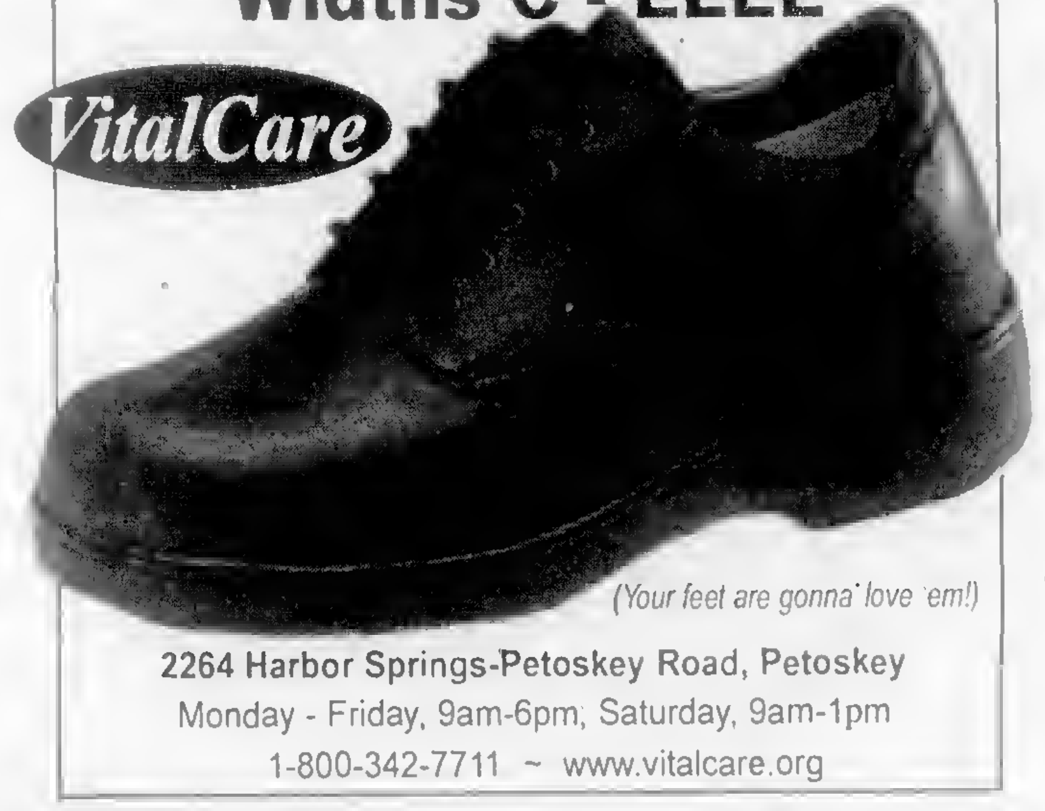

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Students score above average on MEAP test

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The fall 2006 Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test scores were released by the state last week and Charlevoix Public Schools showed serious improvement over last year's scores.

Charlevoix High School assistant principal and curriculum director for Charlevoix Public Schools, Suzanne Klinger, is pleased with the scores.

"Overall, I think we did outstanding when you compare our scores to the state's MEAP (scores)," she said. "With 28 tests taken, we're ahead of state levels in 24 of those."

She added, "Obviously, if 86 percent of our grades are above the state, I think we're pretty successful in that area."

Most of Charlevoix students' scores were improved from last year's scores.

Suzanne Klinger

"We've spent a lot of time over the last few years aligning our curriculum to the state K-8 Grade Level Content Expectations and also around instructional strategies," Klinger said.

Klinger attributes the school's focus on closing gaps and removing redundancies from the local education system for higher test scores.

One area in need of improvement, she said, is writing.

Klinger said improving the lowest of all scores, writing, can be fixed by focusing on the six traits of good writing.

"Educating parents on what those components are and how they can support them at home," Klinger said, will help children become more astute scribes.

The following are the test scores for Charlevoix Public Schools for 2006 and 2005:

Third-grade students were tested in math, reading, writing and integrated English language arts (ELA) with scores of 94.7, 94.7, 56 and 84 percent respectively compared to 2005 scores of 90.3, 84.7, 43.1 and 79.2 respectively.

Fourth-grade students tested in the same subjects in the same order met or exceeded with 80, 79.7, 28.4 and 74.3 percent respectively compared to 2005 scores of 88.6, 91.4, 54.3 and 81.4 percent respectively.

Fifth-grade students were tested in math, reading, science, writing and English language arts.

Nearly 80 percent of students met or exceeded standards in math, 89 percent met or exceeded standards in reading, 88.2 percent met or exceeded standards in science, 67.1 percent met or exceeded standards in writing and 84.9 percent met or exceeded standards in English language arts compared to 77.1, 83.1, 70, 60.2 and 79.5 percent respectively from 2005.

Sixth graders were tested in math, reading, social studies, writing and English language arts.

The following percentages are for students who met or exceeded standards: Math 76.1 percent, reading 90.8 percent, social studies 74.2 percent, writing 79.3 percent and English language arts 87.4 percent compared to 2005's scores of 69.8, 86.5, 85.5, 90.4 and 86.5 percent respectively.

Seventh graders were tested in math, reading, writing and English language arts.

The following percentages reflect students who met or exceeded standards: Math 77.4, reading 91.3, writing 80.8 and English language arts 88.5 compared to 2005 scores of 81.8, 93.8, 89.6, 95.8 percent respectively.

Eighth graders were tested in math, reading, science, writing and English language arts.

The following percentages reflect students who met or exceeded standards: Math 88.5, reading 91.5, science 94.9, writing 85.1 and English language arts 86.2. The 2005 scores were 76.2, 84.3, 89.7, 69.9 and 80.7 percent respectively.

Of the 84 ninth graders, who were tested in social studies, 88.1 percent of them met or exceeded testing standards. The scores were down from 91.8 percent in 2005.

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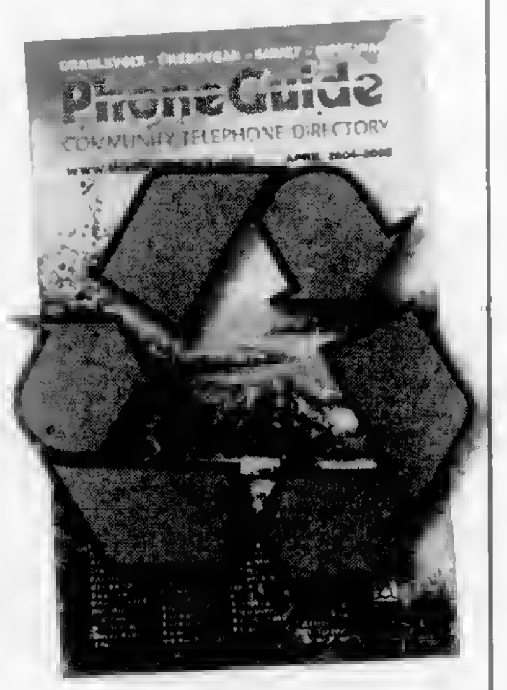

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Illuminated signs may shine in Charlevoix

Proposal bans billboards, permits internally lit signs

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

McDonald's signature golden arches, Burger King's traditional glowing buns and 7-Eleven's trademark beaming green and orange sign may soon light up Charlevoix's night sky.

Charlevoix City Council will host a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Feb. 5 in council chambers at city hall to consider sign ordinance revisions that would open the door for internally lit signs outside the central business district and shut it to billboards altogether.

According to Greg Johnroe, one of four owners of 24 Burger King restaurants in Michigan, including the Charlevoix location, during the 15 years Burger King has had a local presence, they have received complaints about their wooden sign.

"We've had complaints that it looks dark when people drive by," he said.

While this may confuse patrons, Johnroe said overall he doesn't feel it has hurt business.

"I don't think it has that much. Our competition has the same issues," he said.

Johnroe said if city council approves the sign ordinance revision, Burger King will weigh the pros and cons and probably make the change to an internally lit sign. His competition, neighboring McDonald's, will light up its arches if council passes the revision.

Owner of Charlevoix McDonald's, Doug Rozek, who bought the eatery in December 2003, said, "If it can be lit it will be a nice touch to let customers know we're open."

McDonald's currently has roof beams lit during regular evening business hours. Signs at Rozek's other McDonald's locations, including those in Cheboygan, Petoskey, Indian River and Rogers City, are all internally lit.

Rozek said he would also be interested in adding an LED lit electronic greeter board that advertises the day's specials if sign ordinance revisions pass.

City planner, Gerry Harsch, said the planning commission unanimously made the recommendation to city council to approve the sign ordinance change due to concerns with glare from up-lighting and other unsightly measures businesses take to light their signs.

"A well-designed interior lit sign can frequently be more pleasing than what people come up with when forced to do exterior lighting," Harsch said.

JJ Tuncat, manager of Charlevoix 7-Eleven, said reducing glare complaints would be one reason his store would be on board with making the change to an internally lit sign.

"We get a lot of complaints about lights on the sign and canopy," he said. "We would love to (make the change)."

Currently, internally lit signs are prohibited by the sign ordinance throughout the City of Charlevoix. Some exceptions have been achieved by variances including a sign at Harbor Industries on the south side and at Don's IGA on the

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Council to consider sign ordinance revision

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north side.

If city council passes the ordinance revision, businesses outside the central business district will be able to implement internally lit signs without a variance.

Those that will still be prohibited are located in the central business district which encompasses both sides of Bridge Street from and including the Oleson's Plaza north to the Pine River Channel. It also includes the properties between Bridge and State Street from the Oleson's Plaza to Park Avenue.

Harsch said he hasn't gauged what the response from the business community will be.

"I think new businesses coming in that have as a standard format internally lit signs will want to have one," he said.

If the sign revision is approved, many businesses will jump for joy at the prospect to shine and others who want to advertise products and services in billboard format will be out of luck.

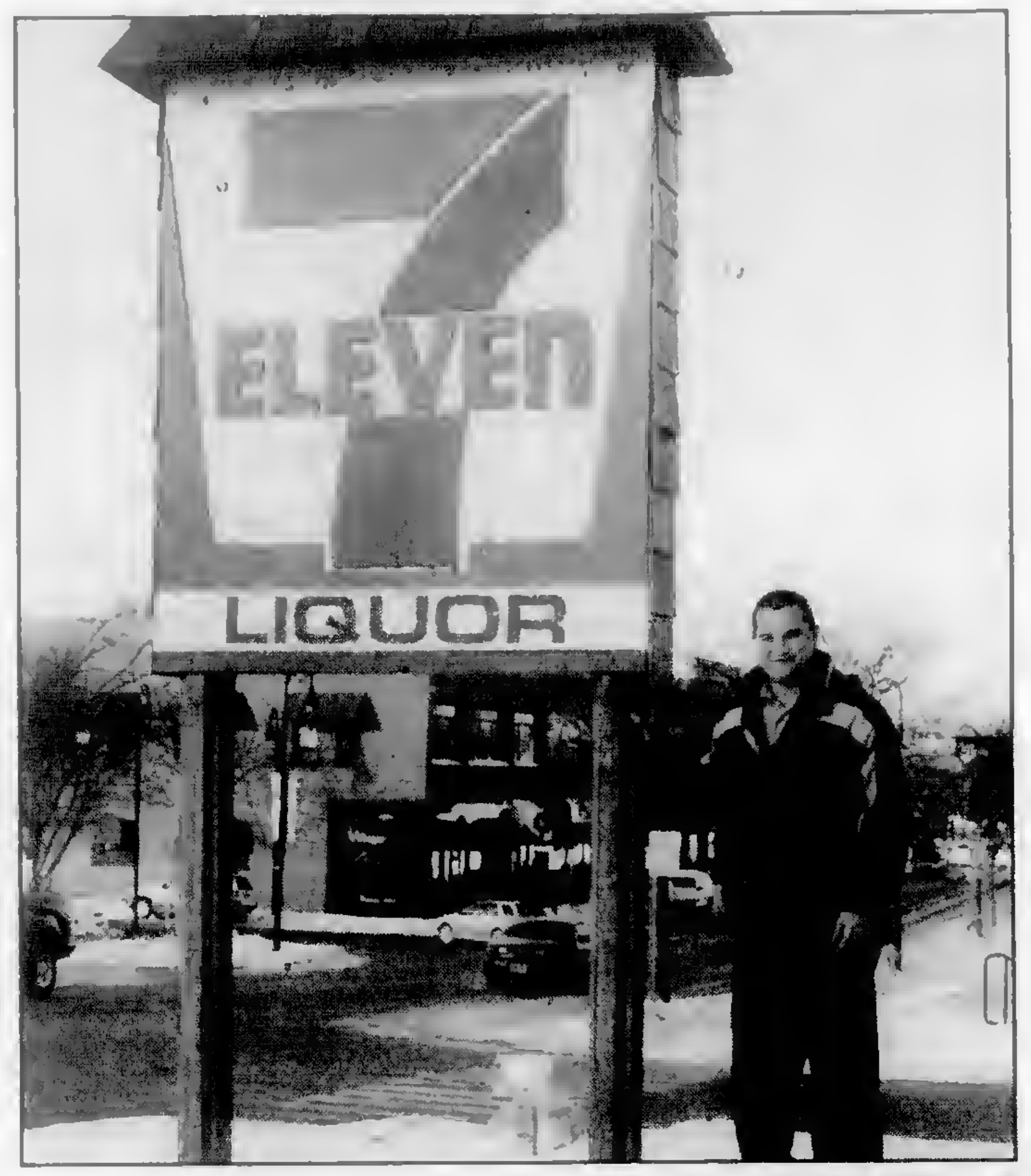
In 1997, Harsch was told by city attorney, Jim Young, that the ordinance needed to be revised to include billboards so it wouldn't be deemed exclusionary.

"If we don't have some provisions for them we could end up with billboards in places we don't want them," Harsch said.

The city found that if signs were regulated in the zoning ordinance as opposed to through the sign ordinance — a stand alone police ordinance — they could be legally prohibited. In the revision, billboards are not a permitted use in the zoning ordinance.

The revised ordinance proposal is a mixed bag for Charlevoix resident and long-time Keep Charlevoix Beautiful member, Bruce MacArthur, who is a staunch opponent of billboards and internally lit signs.

"Keep Charlevoix Beautiful was not organized for petunias, it was organized because we were concerned about signs and the impact of signs on the impression you get of the community. Now we'll have internally lit signs as we enter and leave Charlevoix," he said.



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JJ Tuncat, manager of Charlevoix 7-Eleven, said reducing glare complaints would be one reason his store would be on board with making the change to an internally lit sign if city council approves ordinance revisions on Feb. 5.

Who: Charlevoix City Council

What: A public hearing to discuss sign ordinance revisions to allow internally lit signs outside the central business district and to ban billboards in the city.

When: 7 p.m. Feb. 5 Charlevoix City Hall

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis –January 24, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved the January 10, 2007 minutes as presented.
- Motion awarded the bid to Bartlett's for linoleum at the Jail.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-002 Bank Depositories for 2007.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-003 NADDI LE Grant Application and authorized Chairman Shirley Roloff to sign said grant.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Plan Revision offers glimpse of future growth

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Enclosed in this week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier is the City of Charlevoix 2006 Plan Revision, the basis of the city's revised master plan.

"It really identifies the kinds of activities the city will undertake as it goes out into the future," city planner, Gerry Harsch said.

He added that area residents should take the time to read the 12-page plan because, "There may be things people disagree with or the public thinks should be included but aren't."

The information is broken down into six broad goals that are dissected into objectives which taper down into individual policies. The goals and objectives will be implemented using the city's zoning ordinance.

The six goals are to enhance Charlevoix's beauty, maintain its unique features, maintain the scale of the community, maintain community diversity, enhance Charlevoix as a full-time year-round community and recognize the city's connection with neighboring municipalities.

The plan advocates accessory apartments, which aren't currently allowed, to address the issue of affordable housing and discusses a need to implement new urbanist principles which recognize the need for greater density in residential areas. On the commercial side of things, the plan recognizes there's very little developable land in the city and encourages industrial development in cooperation with surrounding townships.

The master plan revision has been in the works for over two years. In the end, the new plan will guide capital improvements and development in the city for the next 20 years.

It was last updated in 1984. While Harsch said a revision is overdue, he said a more long-range plan makes sense in Charlevoix, a city that is virtually "built out."

"In a growing community the plan should be revised about every five years — we're not a changing community. There's very little to grow into. It's more about what we have in place than about new development," he said.

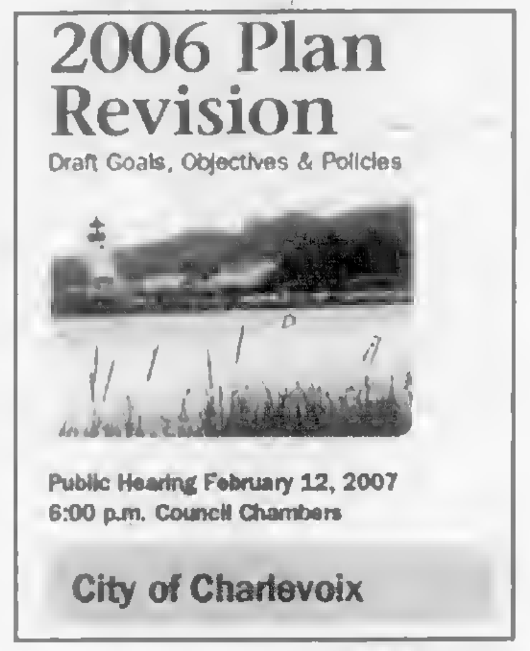
The city is within less than 25 acres of being totally built out. That acreage is concentrated along May Street, south of the new apartment complex, a piece behind the Wojan Window and Door Corporation plant, about eight acres by Irish Boat Storage off Carpenter Avenue and Pete Phillips' piece off Petoskey Avenue on Charlevoix's north side.

Harsch said the majority of this property is zoned residential.

The enclosed plan revision includes results from a survey distributed in November 2005 to gauge residents' goals and objectives for growth in the city as well as extensive work by the City of Charlevoix Planning Commission.

Once the master plan has been adopted, the planning commission will work with Charlevoix City Council to support the plan's goals through zoning and a capital improvement plan.

Charlevoix City Council will consider adopting this plan following a public hearing at 6 p.m. on Feb. 12 in council chambers at city hall.



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Draft Goals, Objectives & Policies

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Her life has spanned a century of political turmoil and remarkable technological progress. She has witnessed a myriad of inventions that have changed the face of technology from electric lights to lasers, from radios to iPods, from wringer washing machines to push button appliances, from Model T's to turbo jets. She survived the stock market crash, the Great Depression, two world wars and countless others under the leadership of 18 presidents, from Theodore Roosevelt to George W. Bush. In order to adapt to all the determining factors which shaped her life, Kelly has always maintained a zest for life.

Living 100 years is a milestone that most of us will never achieve, but Kelly has never been one to give up on life. After her husband died in 1981 and until she was in her mid-80s, she lived an active life on her own in her home in Columbus, Ohio, close to neighbors and friends who checked up on her. But 15 years ago, Kelly finally admitted that her vision was causing problems in measuring out her diabetic insulin injections. With the same positive attitude that carried her through life to that point, she moved to Charlevoix, her earthly possessions packed up in a U-Haul truck.

She moved in with her son, Rich and his wife, Anne Kelly. Her five grandchildren agree, that she added dimension and insight into their very busy lives. Kelly lived with her son's family in their home until two years ago, enjoying the day to day happenings that comprise family life: Church, school, ball games, concerts, plays, family vacations and parties, graduations and weddings and eventually, the birth of eight great-grandchildren.

"Several years ago, while Ada was recuperating from one of her many bouts in the hospital, I was able to sit her down and have her recount her life story," her daughter-in-law, Anne, said. "We accomplished this over the period of a few sessions, which is remarkable when you consider that we were spanning nearly a century. Sometimes her thoughts would wander and I'd have to draw her back. Sometimes I'd have to use an interviewer's questioning or prompting techniques. Even though she had not yet lost her ability to recall, she was easily exhausted after searching through her memories for the ones she chose to share."

Courtesy photo

Ada Kelly, a Boulder Park resident originally from Columbus, Ohio, will be turning 100 on Feb. 2.

Her story will be an heirloom for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"It made me marvel at the continuum of life," Anne said. "Most of us are born, we are nurtured or not, we establish relationships, we learn by our mistakes or don't, we achieve a few major, but mostly minor accomplishments, and hopefully we leave a legacy of sorts when we die."

Kelly is still alive at 100. However, after suffering several close calls with death, and living with congestive heart failure and diabetes for many years, and after losing almost every contemporary including her husband, two daughters and recently, her only son, one has to believe in the human power of sheer determination to survive.

"Ada's legacy is not found in money or the fruits of scholarly pursuit. She is a simple, gracious person with many friends and a family that admires her for her many attributes. Among these are patience, her inner strength, her unconditional love, her non-judgmental attitude and her easy sense of humor. Her former expertise at cookie baking and entertaining, her ability to whip up everything from a Swiss steak dinner to a carefree cocktail and her uncanny dedication to the Ohio State Buckeyes and sports in general, have endeared her to all of us. Her legacy is how she touched all of our lives. We see beyond the failings of the mind and body, the loss of mobility, vision and hearing, and embrace her indestructible spirit. We will be playing the Ohio State Fight Song at our family's private dinner celebration with Ada on Feb. 3."

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Richard Brandi
City Treasurer

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Hey Jane!
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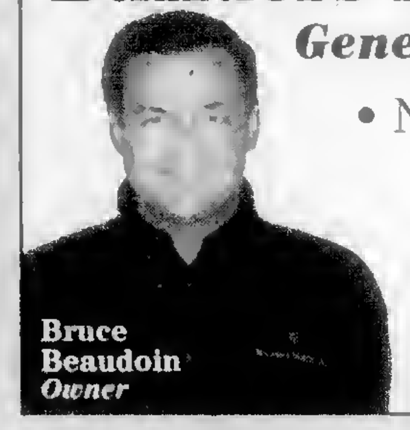

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BUSINESS What's new?

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U-Haul opens Charlevoix dealer at Viatec site

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Whether you are a college student, snowbird or just need to move a bed from one side of town to the other, the new authorized U-Haul dealership on the corner of U.S. 31 and Martin Road can help.

From boxes, hand trucks, four by eight trailers or 14-foot moving trucks, Dave Balyo has what you need.

"The fact that you can take the equipment anywhere and leave it there, that most of the equipment is fairly new are advantages to using U-Haul," Balyo said. "You can rent a small trailer (4X8) for as low as $9.95. The most you can spend on a trailer, in town, is $29.95 a day for a 24-hour period."

Balyo said truck rental rates run the range of $19.95 per day plus mileage to $39.95 per day plus mileage. The 26-foot truck would cost .59 cents per mile on the weekdays and .79 cents per mile on the weekends.

As required by the U-Haul company, Balyo operates the authorized dealership out of his main business, Greenskeeper Landscape Maintenance.

"They (U-Haul) wanted a location here in Charlevoix," he said. "They used to have one on the south end of town, but since that closed, the other dealerships in the area have been taking Charlevoix's traffic."

If Balyo does not have what you need, he will work with the other authorized dealers in the area: Petoskey, Boyne City and Conway.

"Whether someone is moving up from Tennessee or moving out of the area, they can pick the truck up or drop the truck off from me and I'll do the best to accommodate them to get the truck to their preferred location," he said. "If you need it on the spot and we have it to rent (for in-town use) we'll do that."

TRUCKS & TRAILERS FOR RENT
U-HAUL

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

While the end of December may not be known as a time of frenzy for business activity, Balyo said his first few weeks since have been positive.

"I wasn't sure what to expect, but it's been surprisingly busy," he said. "Of course, I got started at the end of December and at the end of the month people's leases are up and students (were) traveling back and forth to school."

While Balyo's wife, Angela, is currently helping him with his new business, he said he will likely hire at least one person if things continue to pick up into summer.

Call (231) 547-1076 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and by appointment on Saturday. The Charlevoix U-Haul location is closed on Sunday.

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RIGHT EQUIPMENT FOR MOVING

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An authorized U-Haul dealership opened recently on the corner of U.S. 31 and Martin Road in the fomer Viatec building. They offer everything from boxes, hand trucks, four by eight trailers or 14-foot moving trucks. It is being operated by Charlevoix resident Dave Balyo.

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Bay Winds pays bonus dividend to members

Bay Winds Federal Credit Union paid a bonus dividend of over $250,000 to its member-owners on Dec. 31. The board of directors declared this special year-end bonus dividend as a way of thanking the membership for their continued support and participation.

The bonus dividend was based on dividends earned on qualifying share accounts and/or interest paid on applicable loans in 2006.

"Member response to the bonus dividend has been very favorable, especially when understanding that part of the calculation was based on interest paid on consumer loans in addition to savings accounts," said David Leusink, president and chief executive officer of Bay Winds Federal Credit Union.

Bay Winds Federal Credit Union was founded in 1969, and today serves the residents of Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties. Bay Winds Federal Credit Union has more than 17,000 members and $87 million in assets.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Fresh start

Steve Kur, vice-president of manufacturing for Wojan Window and Door Corporation, and production manager, Rick Wright, stand outside the new Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce building on Mason Street just hours after the windows Denny Wojan donated were installed. The chamber is expected to move from its existing Bridge Street location to 109 Mason St. in February.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayders fight back to beat Rams 64-57

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

Charlevoix rallied from a 14-point first half deficit to beat Harbor Springs, 64-57, last week in Lake Michigan Conference basketball play. The win kept the Rayders tied with Traverse City St. Francis for first in the league with a 7-1 league record.

"I was pleased with our second half," coach Keith Haske said. "Our energy and intensity went up a couple of notches. Another key was we finally started finishing offensively."

"In the first half, I was impressed with Harbor's energy. They really came out after us, I was disappointed it took us so long to react."

The Rams came out running and gunning, pressing the Rayders full court and shooting three-pointers from all over the court.

They led by as many as 13 in the first quarter, at 21-8. The second quarter was more of the same as they extended the lead to 29-15.

Charlevoix scored the last six points of the half on a Darren Munson driving lay-up, two Derek Friske free throws and an Austin Wilhelm jumper, to leave the floor trailing by only seven, at 33-26.

Wilhelm opened the second half, finding the seams in the Rams' zone defense, hitting two more jump shots to cut the lead to 35-30. Minutes later, baskets by Corey Gotshall, Munson and Justin Friske, pulled the Rayders into the first tie of the night, at 38-38 with 2:27 left in the third period.

Harbor responded with four straight points but a big three-pointer by Kyle Jones closed the third quarter with the Rayders back within one, 42-41.

After the Rams hit another three, to take a four-point lead, Charlevoix went on a 12-0 run, holding Harbor scoreless for three-and-a-half minutes. It was a three-pointer by Ty Haske that gave the Rayders their first lead of the night, at 46-45. Charlevoix would never trail again.

A Mitch Crandall three with 4:43 to go upped the lead to 51-45. Later in the stanza, a Crandall drive and Justin Friske hoop gave the Rayders their largest lead of the night at 57-47.

Harbor Springs cut the lead to 60-57 with 1:29 left in the game but could get no closer.

Crandall, despite a rough 5 for 16 shooting night, led the Rayders with 13 points and 12 rebounds. Justin Friske had 11 points and eight rebounds.

Haske finished with eight points and four assists. Wilhelm and Munson each had eight points and five rebounds. Gotshall contributed seven points and five rebounds.

Charlevoix (10-1 overall) hosted Benzie Central on Tuesday, Jan. 30 and travel to Grayling on Friday, Feb. 2. Results of these contests will appear in next week's Courier.

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Charlevoix girls named champs at Knights of Columbus free throw contest

Courtesy photo

Maggie Hamilton and Katie Mays of Charlevoix won their age divisions in the Knights of Columbus free throw championship. They will now compete at the diocesan level on Feb. 17.

Twelve boys and girls from Charlevoix, Petoskey, Indian River and Cheboygan, ages 9 to 14, were named district champions at the 2006 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship and have earned the right to compete at the Diocesan level.

District Deputy #83, Richard H. Witulski, sponsored the district competition at Bishop Baraga school. All youngsters ages 9 to 14 were eligible to participate.

Maggie Hamilton of Charlevoix was the 10-year-old girls' champion and Joey Hislop of Cheboygan was the 10-year-old boys' division winner.

In the 11-year-old bracket, Hanna Scholten of Petoskey was the girls' champion and Dominic Raber of Indian River was the boys' champion.

The 12-year-old winners in the girls' and boys' division were Annie Hansen of Petoskey and Isiah Bevier of Cheboygan.

The 13-year-old girls' division was won by Katie Mays of Charlevoix and the boys' division by Drew Hanel of Indian River.

The 14-year-old champions were Kerby Tamm in the girls' bracket and Jared Goodrich in the boys' both from Petoskey.

Each contestant was allowed 25 free throw attempts in the contests. Ties were settled with successive rounds of five free throws per contestant until a winner emerged.

Each of these winners will compete in the diocesan competition to take place on Feb. 17 at St. Mary School, located at 310 W. Mitchel St. in Gaylord. Winners will move on to the state and international levels.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

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	W	L
R & C Roofing	123	77
Ferguson & Chamberlain	112	88
Paul Bunyan Lanes	111	89
Lutherans	105	95
Mark White Paint & Stain	100	100
Lakeshore Tire	94	106
State Farm Insurance	87	113
St. Mary's	68	132

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	573	
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Larry Potter	623	239
Bill Gengle		214
Roger Crain		213

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	W	L
Oleson's Food Store	13	3
DM Construction	11	5
St. Mary Cement	10	6
Paul Bunyan Lanes	7	9
Central Drug Store	7	9
Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	6	10
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	6	10
Mary Ann's Takeout	4	12

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	510	202
Ronda Smith	507	197
Debbie Odlum		187
Jane Holm	503	

YOUNG AT HEARTS JAN. 25, 2007

	W	L
Sparetime	14	6
Past Timers	12	8
Misfits	12	8
Irish Rollers	11	9
Alley Cats	9.5	10.5
Half & Half	8.5	11.5
Twilighters	8	12
Has Beens	5	15

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jim Potter	531	189
Chuck Metzger	450	
Al Bergman		190
Mo Dixon	491	177
Nancy Zimmerman	445	162
Nancy Bambach	413	161
Patty Sitzema	402	148

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE JAN. 22, 2006

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	6	2
Bud's Buds	6	2
The Flight Deck	5	3
B VanLoo & Sons	4	4
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
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Jim Dixon	575	217
Bob Bourassa		222
Darrel VanLoo	586	

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	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	68	12
Laural & Company	46	34
Paul Bunyan Lanes	32	48
Burger King of Charlevoix	14	66

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
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Wynkoop weighs mining operation options

WYNKOOP

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proper permits.

As far as a conflict of interest, Power said, "I don't see anything egregious here. In this case, he's not the one who brought this case to the Zoning Board of Appeals. There is nothing so egregious so as to strike it down on that basis."

It would be extreme and unfair, Power said, to tell board members they may not exercise the same right as other citizens to bring proposals before the board, even if they serve on said boards.

While Power did not budge from his opinion that the Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals had erred in their decision, he said this doesn't mean Wynkoop can never mine the property again. However, reopening the quarry would necessitate Wynkoop obtain a special use permit.

Pending an appeal from Wynkoop, Ferguson will now author a preliminary injunction with input from Wynkoop's attorney, Edgar Roy III.

Roy opted not to argue the appropriateness of the preliminary injunction, but asked Power to allow Wynkoop to fulfill several contractual obligations made prior to the day's proceedings.

Ferguson objected to allowing Wynkoop to conduct any more business on the property.

"We put everyone on notice in January '06 because we felt his (Wynkoop's) actions were in violation of the law," she said. "I was in contact with the (Charlevoix County) Road Commission... but they went ahead all knowing they were at risk."

Wayne Wynkoop

Despite Ferguson's objections, Power allowed Wynkoop to sell the material in question so long as no new mining occurs.

"Pending appeal, we're dealing only with a preliminary injunction," Power said. "I assume you are not asking for permanent action."

Ferguson responded, "I just don't have any sympathy for them."

She wanted to know how the citizens of Norwood could be certain only those three or four piles of stone already unearthed would be removed for sale.

"I presume we'll have an injunction. If Mr. Wynkoop violates the injunction and you catch him, he'll go to jail," Power said. "There is a remedy, is my point."

Power instructed representatives from both parties to visit Wynkoop's property and record the locations of the several piles of limestone which were already contracted to go to entities including the Charlevoix County Road Commission and Drenth Brothers Inc. of Ellsworth.

The injunction and Zoning Board of Appeals proceedings were the second day of mine matters as Power had his hands full with the controversial issue last week when he heard a motion from the mine's opponents on Friday, Jan. 26 requesting Power not perform an on-site visit to the Norwood Limestone Quarry LLC, which had been requested by Wynkoop.

Kirk Wilson, who resides near Wynkoop's property, attended Monday's hearings.

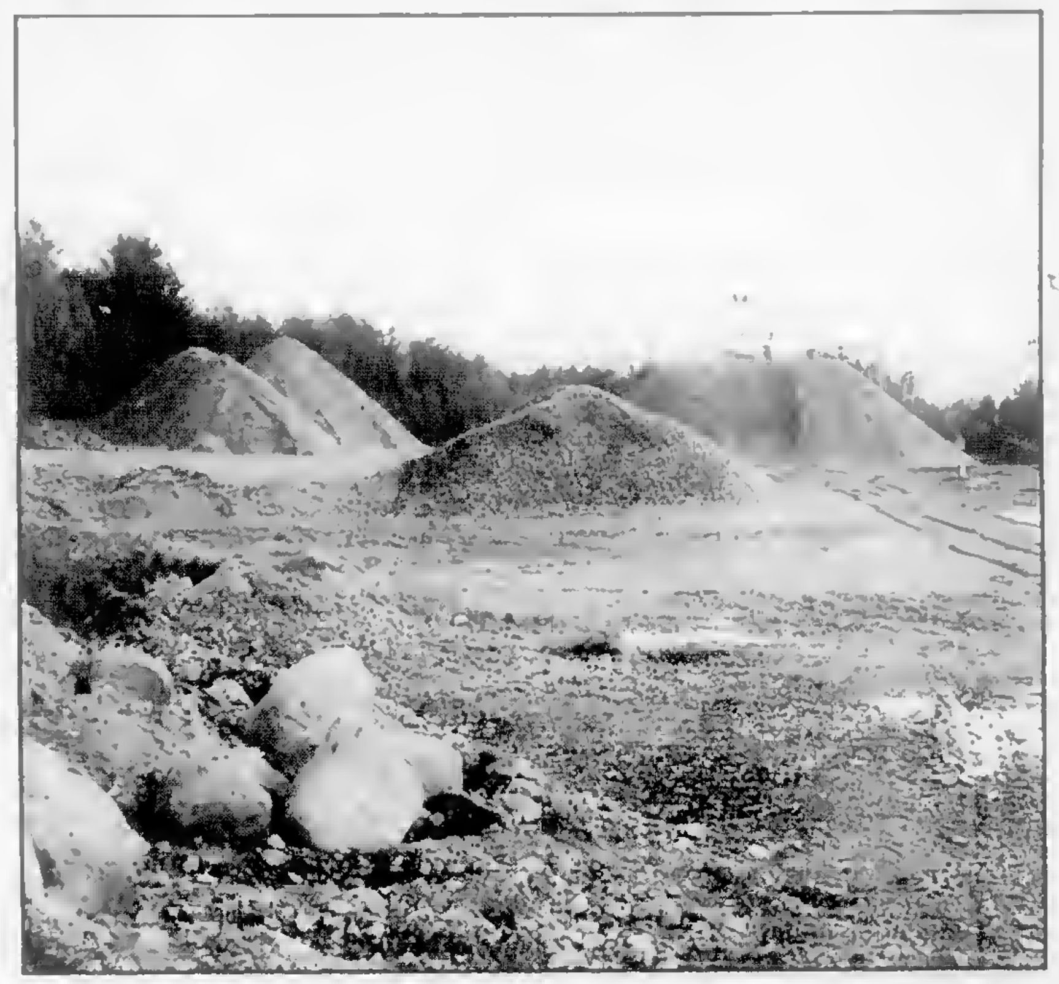
"When he was running for office, he told me he was digging a pond," Wilson said. "If he had told me the truth, I wouldn't have voted for him."

He added, "He has annoyed me with smoke, dust, vibration and noise. I feel like I've already been harmed."

Wilson said at least now Wynkoop will be forced to establish working hours and make some compromises with his mine.

During an interview one day after the hearing, Wynkoop said Power's focus on the abandonment issue was improper.

"I don't feel (Power's decision) was fair. He was supposed to see if the ZBA followed proper procedure in arriving at their decision and whether they utilized all the information and evidence properly," Wynkoop said. "In the beginning of the hearing, the judge said it wasn't his job to make a decision to overturn the ZBA's decision if he disagreed with (them), but that's what he did."



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On Monday, Jan. 30, Traverse City Judge Thomas Power halted Wayne Wynkoop's Norwood Township mining operation located at 01195 Norwood Road. The order allows Wynkoop to fulfill existing material contracts and prohibits any further mining at the site. Wynkoop may appeal the decision or apply to the Norwood Township Planning Commission for a special use permit. If a special use permit is approved, mining operations can continue.

While Wynkoop will spend the next couple weeks deciding whether he will appeal the judge's decision, apply for a special use permit or surrender, he said he fears for the next landowner who comes along with a project.

"I don't think this was a victory or a defeat on anyone's part, I think it was a misfortune," he said. "It did, to some degree, give (Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety) that shot of adrenaline that they're right in their actions and everyone else is wrong."

Local man crashes car into Lake Charlevoix

A Charlevoix resident was involved in a car accident that ended in Lake Charlevoix.

The Charlevoix City Police Department is investigating a property damage accident that occurred at approximately 2:15 a.m. on Jan. 17.

Police officers were attempting to locate a Subaru that was speeding on Belvedere Avenue but lost sight of it. A few minutes later, the Subaru was located in Lake Charlevoix after failing to negotiate a curve. The Subaru ended up approximately 125 feet from shore in approximately 3 feet of water.

The 29-year-old driver, Kevin Balch of Charlevoix, was located nearby with minor injuries.

The Charlevoix Police Department was assisted at the scene by the Charlevoix City Fire Department.

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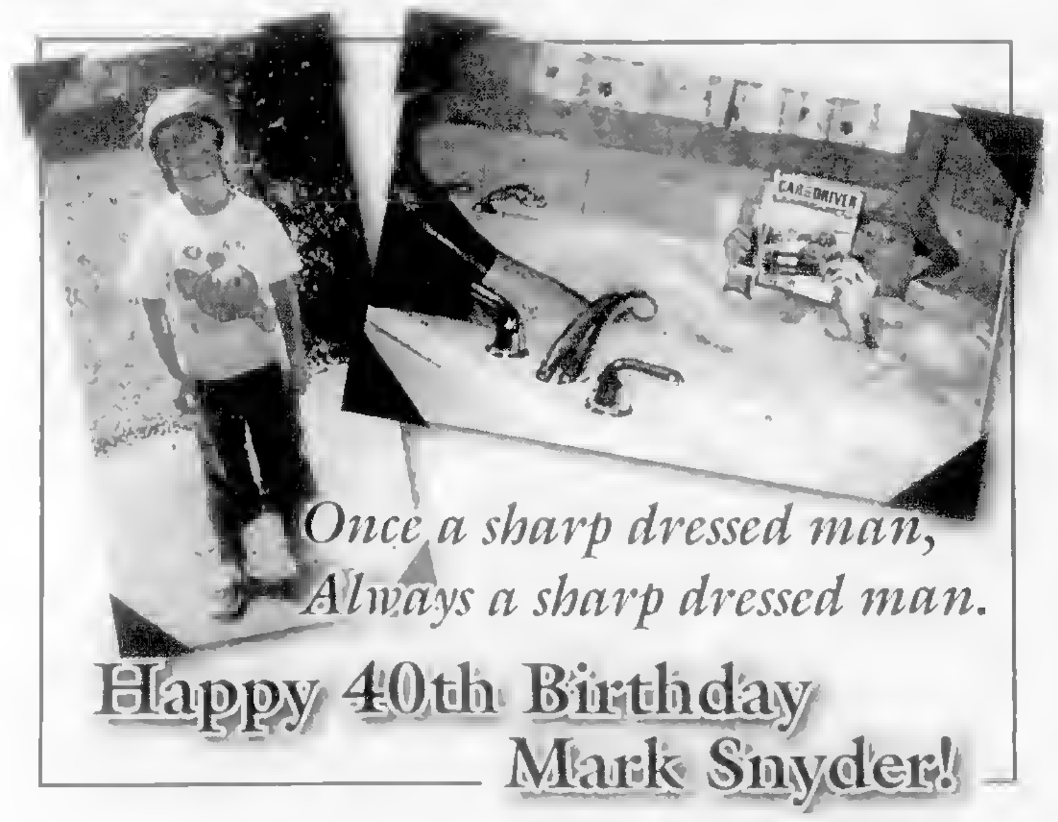

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Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 1, 2000, by Gary R. Marvin and Heather R. Marvin, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on February 8, 2000, at Liber 382, Page 077, Charlevoix County Records, as modified by a Modification of Mortgage dated October 1, 2001, and recorded on October 10, 2001, at Liber 438, Page 746, Charlevoix County Records. The entire balance secured by said mortgage has matured and become fully due and payable according to the terms of said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby, as modified; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $226,299.33 principal and $3,253.15 interest; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, February 9, 2007, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Charlevoix Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

Commencing at a square bolt at the West quarter corner of Section 35, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the West line of said section South 00 deg. 17'41" East 340.35 feet to a T-iron stake on the South line of the North 340.35 feet of the North half of the Southwest quarter of said section; thence along said line North 89 deg. 56'04" East 982.53 feet to a 3/4 in. pipe on the Westerly line of Highway M-66; thence along the Westerly line of Highway M-66 South 22 deg. 15'23" East 288.00 feet to a T-iron stake, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said highway line South 22 deg. 15'23" East 200.00 feet; thence leaving said highway line South 67 deg. 44'56" West 268.26 feet; thence North 23 deg. 09'48" West 200.00 feet to a T-iron stake; thence North 67 deg. 44'37" East 271.43 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Town 34 North, Range 8 West.

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on the mortgage, with annual interest at the default rate of 11.5% per year, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgage, and any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interests in the premises.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale.

Dated: January 4, 2007

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage and assignment (the "Mortgage") made by Lange Limited, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, mortgagor, to Migaldi Family, L.L.C., mortgagee, dated September 22, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan, on September 26, 2003, at Liber 574 Pages 419 through 426 inclusive, which mortgage was assigned to GJDM Development, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, with an address of 3420 South Creyts Road, Lansing, MI 48917 on November 18, 2004 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan on September 19, 2005, at Liber 705, Pages 189 through 190 inclusive. Because of the default, the undersigned has elected to declare the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage immediately due and payable. At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Five Hundred Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Two and 80/100 Dollars ($516,852.80). No suit or proceedings at law have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgage.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount with interest as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the lobby of the County Courthouse in Charlevoix, the place of holding the Circuit Court within Charlevoix County, Michigan, on Friday March 2, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. local time.

Pursuant to Section 3240(7) of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, as amended, (MCLA 600.3240(7); MSA 27A.3240(7)), the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

The premises covered by said mortgage is commonly known as **2774 Blackbird Road**, and is situated in the Townships of Hayes and Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel 1: Country Club Park Parcel (Including Parcel A of the Susan Casciani Property): Commencing at a 1/2" pipe at the corner common to

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Sections 18 & 19, Town 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76°04'44" East 738.32 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Section line North 76°04'44" East 559.98 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the West 1/8 corner of said sections; thence continuing along said Section line North 76°04'44" East 365.00 feet to a 1/2" rod which is South 76°04'44" West 933.09 feet (recorded as South 77°42'20" West and as South 77°39'15" West 932.72 feet) from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence South 5°59'01" East (recorded as South 4°25'25" East) 601.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 87°59'36" West 398.87 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line South 2°00'25" East (recorded as South 0°21'49" East 790.80 feet to a 1" rod on the North 1/8 line of said Section 19; thence along said North 1/8 line South 76°18'45" West 1320.47 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the line common to said Sections 19 & 24, also being the Northeast corner of Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence along said Section line and the East line of said block South 1°00'31" East 238.28 feet to the North line of the Boyne City - Charlevoix Road; thence along said road line South 87°51'28" West 450.66 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of said block; thence along the line common to Lots 9 & 10 of said block North 0°55'12" West 246.37 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line and the North line of said block South 88°51'29" West 107.57 feet to the line common to Lots 11 & 12 of said block; thence along the aforementioned lot line South 1°03'32" East 248.36 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89°14'29" West 200.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 15 of said block; thence along the West line of said lot North 1°05'45" West 247.01 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line South 88°54'45" West 494.86 feet to a 1" bar on the Easterly line of a Michigan Department of Transportation easement described in Liber 380, Page 743 Charlevoix County Records; thence continuing along said North 1/8 line South 88°54'45" West 87.43 feet to a 1" bar on the East 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line North 1°02'42" West 305.37 feet to the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 1°02'42" West 89.41 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 176.24 feet to the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 1203.55 feet; thence South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 471.19 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 50°23'33" East 944.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34°1'39" West 243.88 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19; Town 34 North, Range 7 West & part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 34 North, Range 8 West, and Lots 1 thru 9 & Lots 12 thru 14, Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point.

Parcel 2: Balance of Charlevoix Country Club Property in Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West lying South of U.S. 31: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Commencing at a 3/4" pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said Section South 76°04'44" West 918.26 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Section line South 76°04'44" West 939.81 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34°01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S. 31; thence continuing North 34°01'39" West 75.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 1222.54 feet; thence parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of said Section South 1°31'09" East 88.94 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing parallel with said 1/4 line South 1°31'09" East 543.71 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel 3: Vacant Land: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: All that part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 34 North, Range 7 West lying Southerly of the C&O Railroad Right of Way and Northerly of the centerline of U.S. 31 extended, a strip of land 50 feet wide lying between said Railroad Right of Way and U.S. 31 centerline described as: Commencing at the center 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North on the North & South 1/4 line to the Southerly line of said highway; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 63°15' to the left from said 1/4 line 846.3 feet more or less to the Southwesterly line of said Railroad Right of Way for the Point of Beginning; thence at an angle of 98°30' to the left from the last described course to the centerline of said highway for the point of ending.

Dated: January 31, 2007

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The book fair will be open after each Mass on Saturday and Sunday through Feb. 4. The book fair will also be from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

St. Mary School is located at 1005 Bridge St., in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

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COMMUNITY VISION SESSION

A Community Vision Session will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Charlevoix Public Library to provide the critical community input portion of the Cool Cities study.

For more information, call Cool Cities coordinator, Keith Carey at (231) 547-3270.

FEB. 3
PRESERVATION SOCIETY MEETING

Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will host a meeting at 1 p.m. on Feb. 3 at the Jordan Valley District Library, located at 1 Library Lane in East Jordan.

The program will be "Everything You Wanted to Know about CCHPS." The group will also establish 2007 goals and will concentrate on cataloging the media collection.

For more information, call president Carol Goodenough, at (231) 582-7042.

FEB. 6
HISTORIC STREET NAMES

Discover the reasons behind some of Charlevoix's historic street names at the Charlevoix Historical Society's meeting at 7 p.m. on Feb. 6 at the Depot.

This is part two of a program given in October. Charlevoix Historical Society past president, Dr. Jack MacKenzie, will delve into the origin of the city's street names.

The admission ticket is one Valentine destined for a shut-in. Desserts, coffee and punch will be provided.

For more information, call the Charlevoix Historical Society between 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, (231) 547-0373.

FEB. 6
TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group at Christ Episcopal Church will begin a new study series entitled, "Experiencing God," by Henry Blackaby. The study runs for 12 weeks and includes text, questions and activities. The study begins at 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 6 and will meet at the Parish Hall. For more information and to reserve a workbook, call the church office at (231) 547-6322.

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TAI CHI CLASSES

Tai Chi classes sponsored by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

The intermediate class will meet from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. and is still open to new registrants. The beginner class, which meets from 11 a.m. until noon is closed.

To register, or for more information, call (231) 237-0103.

FEB. 6
TRAVEL SERIES

The Charlevoix Public Library is kicking off their travel series with a grizzly adventure.

Kimberli Bindschatel, an accomplished photographer and publisher of "Whisper in the Woods Nature Journal" will be sharing her Alaskan adventures with the community at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

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For more information about this or other programs at the library, call (231) 237-7340.

FEB. 7
BENEFIT DINNER

A dinner to benefit Charlevoix residents Michelle Mailloux and Gregg Whitley whose son, Boddy Whitley, was born prematurely and is being treated at DeVos Children's Hospital, will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 7 at the Villager Pub. All proceeds from dinner sales will be directed to the family.

For more information, call (231) 547-6925.

FEB. 9
YACHT CLUB FRIDAY FEATURES

The Charlevoix Yacht Club will host a series of programs called Friday Features. At 7 p.m. on Feb. 9 Jim Neumann of North Sails, will present "Develop a Successful Racing Program for your Boat." Neumann will discuss his system for success on the race course. The free public presentation will take place at the Charlevoix Yacht Club, located at 209 Ferry Avenue in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-9170 or visit www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

FEB. 13
SOCCER CLINICS

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer clinics will take place on Feb. 13 at Charlevoix Elementary School.

The first is a coaches clinic which will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. The clinic is open to all interested coaches regardless of skill level.

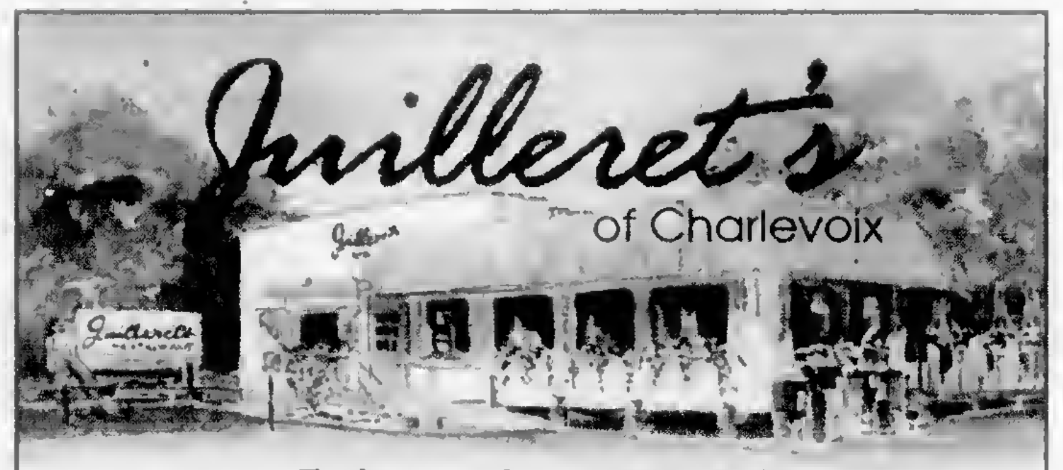
The other is a free players' clinic from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. The clinic is open to players ages 8 to 14 regardless of skill level. It will be conducted by two qualified coaches.

For more information, call Charlynn Gray at (231) 838-5808.

FEB. 10
FIRST AID CLASS

Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. The target audience for this course includes those involved in child care such as child care workers, teachers, foster care workers, camp counselors, youth organizations and coaches for children's sports organizations. The Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid Course teaches how to manage illness and injuries in a child in the first few minutes until professional help arrives. The cost is $55.

Pre-registration is required. For more information, call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.



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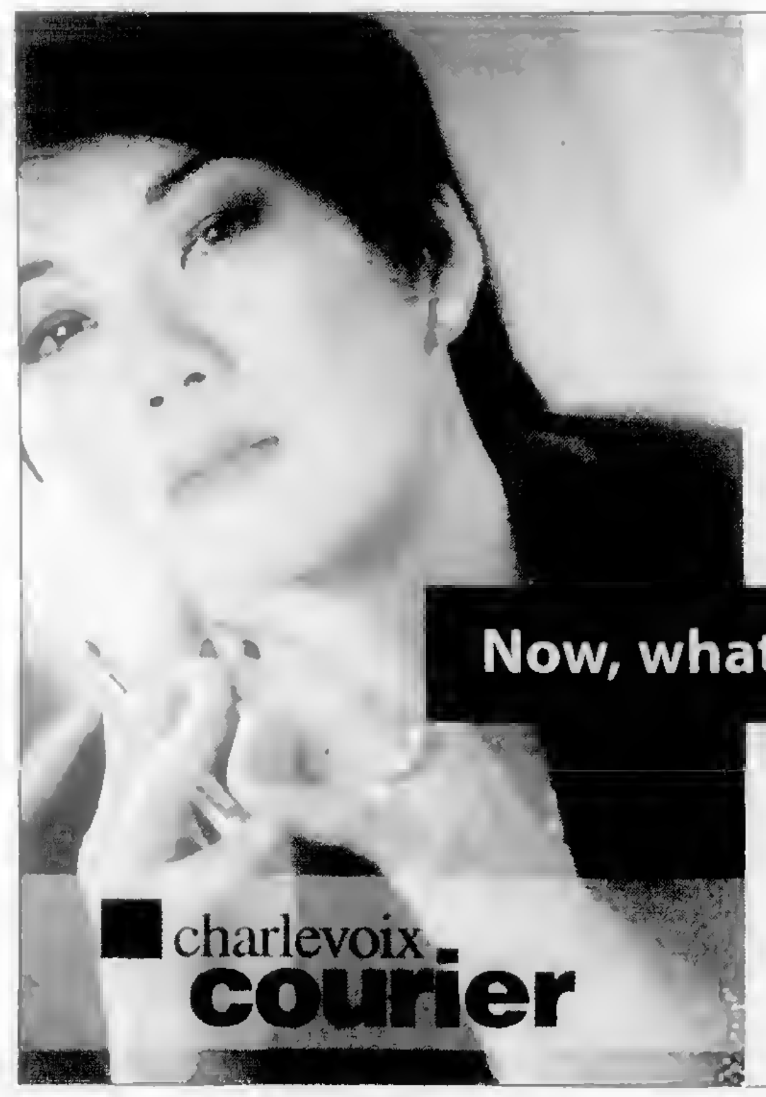

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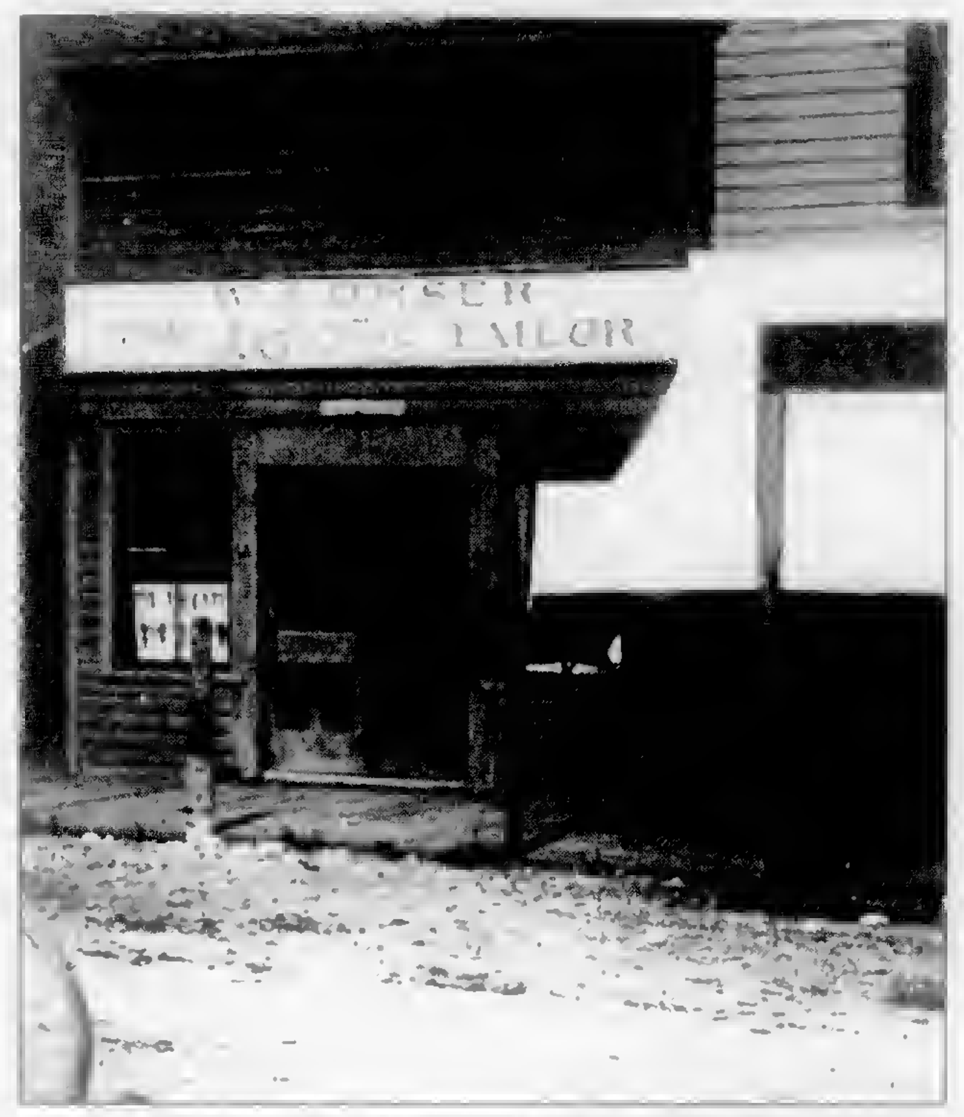

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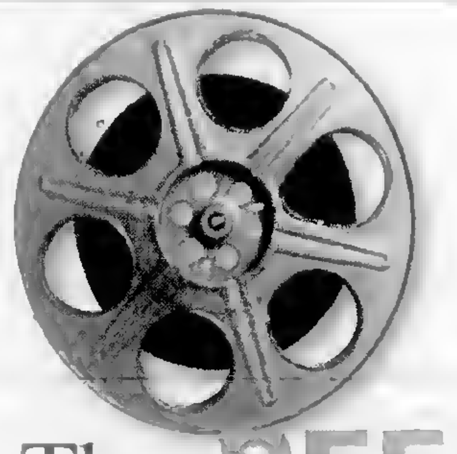

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Mystery tracks

Snowmobile tracks on Lake Charlevoix near Holy Island leading into a hole in the ice but not back out prompted two ice fishermen to call the authorities last week. Charlevoix emergency responders and the rescue dive team responded. Divers including Russ McCraney pictured above did not discover a sled or person in the water. For more information on the dive and ice safety tips, see page 13.

Teen charged in high school drug bust

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

A Charlevoix High School student forfeited a knife and pleaded guilty last week to use of a controlled substance after a Dec. 12 incident at the school.

THE INCIDENT

According to police documents obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request made to the Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney's office, Charlevoix High School principal, Gary Grundman, caught a student attempting to snort crushed OxyContin off a heat register in one of the school's stairwells.

"As he approached one of the boys, who was identified as (17-year-old) Travis VanNorman, (VanNorman) quickly brushed a white powder substance off from the top of the heat register," stated Charlevoix County Sheriff Deputy and school liaison officer, Robert Scholey in a police report dated Dec. 12. "(Grundman) then asked the boys what they were doing, and asked them to empty their pockets. The other boy (who was not charged)... said he didn't have anything. (VanNorman) reached into his pocket and pulled out a pocket knife and handed it (to) Mr. Grundman."

Gary Grundman

Grundman then released the students, Scholey stated.

"At the time it occurred, I didn't realize what was going on and 20 minutes later I investigated it further because I felt there was something wrong and that's when I discovered what I thought was the problem (white powder in the stairwell) and I immediately had Suzanne Klinger (Charlevoix High School assistant principal) call officer Scholey."

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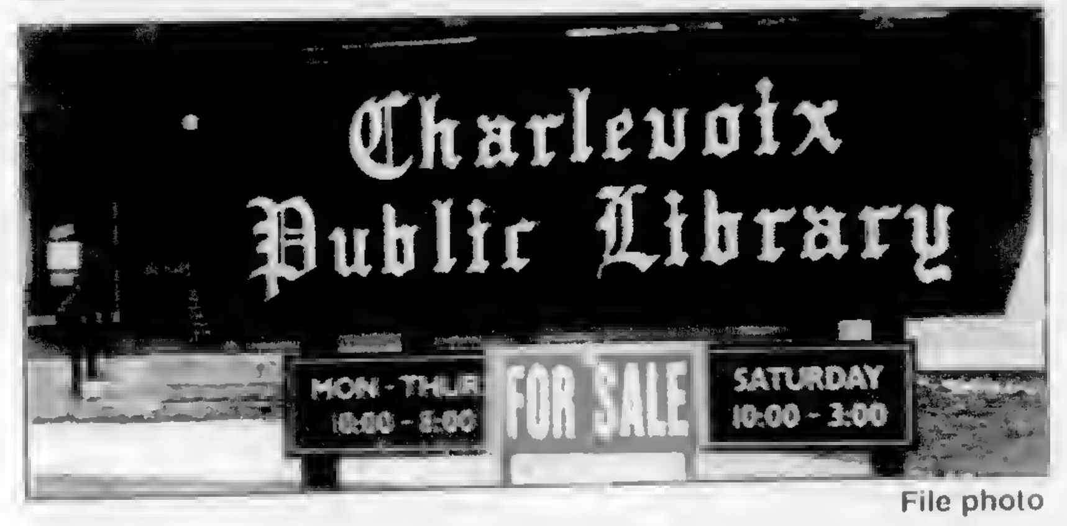

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The sale agreement between Charlevoix Public Schools and Charlevoix Public Library for the former library property at 109 Clinton St. (above) has fallen through.

Library sale falls through

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Once thought by Charlevoix school and library officials to be mere contractual adjustments from a sale, the 109 Clinton St. property is back on the market.

Despite being aware of an existing deed restriction on the property, which would revert ownership of the building and land to Connie Saltonstall and her sister should the property be used for purposes other than education, the school board made a $300,000 offer for it back in autumn 2006. However, during the closed session period of the Jan. 8 regular meeting, the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education rescinded their offer pending a last minute change of heart by the Saltonstalls.

"The board decided not to adopt the agreement," the board stated in their meeting minutes. "Direction was given to superintendent (of Charlevoix

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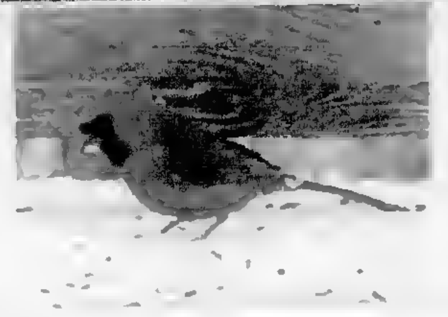

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Robert Joseph Matthew Jr., 43, East Jordan. East Jordan ordinance violation - accumulation of junk/trash/refuse. Serve five days in jail; $200 in fines and costs.

Tia Marie Shotmiller, 17, Charlevoix. Minor in possession-second offense. Attend BASES intervention class; $200 in fines and costs.

Melissa Ann Garner, 42, Charlevoix. Disorderly person/drunk. Serve two days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Ryan Arthur Cox, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Brian Lee-Anthony Starr, 21, Charlevoix. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Donald James Hopper, 22, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Serve six days in jail; $150 in fines and costs.

Chad Wayne Stockman, 38, Alba. Disorderly person/drunk. Serve 14 days in jail; $350 in fines and costs.

Dylan Mitchell Moore, 20, Boyne City. Operator no license/multiple license; and motor vehicle without security. Serve 90 days in jail.

Stefani Renae Wittenmyer, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession; and operator without license on person. Serve 12 days in jail, to serve 60 hours of community service work; attend Zero Tolerance class; $350 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Chad Alexander Johnson, 21, Charlevoix. Four counts of fleeing a police officer-third degree; one count of police officer assault/resist/obstruct; one count of police officer assault/resist/obstruct causing injury. Counts one through four, sentenced to a minimum of 23 months to a maximum of 60 months in prison with credit for 365 days in jail. Count five, sentenced to a minimum of 16 months to a maximum of 24 months in prison with credit for 365 days in jail. Count six, sentenced to a minimum of 23 months to a maximum of 48 months in prison. Count seven, sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for 93 days; $637 in fines and costs.

Benjamin Joseph Evans, 37, Alanson. Controlled substance-delivery/manufacture (narcotic/cocaine less than 50 grams). Sentenced to 300 days in jail with credit for three days, to serve 300 days in jail; $800 in fines and costs.

Jason Anthony Staph, 31, Charlevoix. Assault/assault and battery. Sentenced to two days in jail with credit for two days, to serve two days in jail; $430 in fines and costs.

Amber Marie Lundy, 23, East Jordan. Home invasion-second degree (conspiracy). Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 40 days, to serve 365 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $1,895 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

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S.R.T. Autoworks, 2115 M-32, East Jordan, hy Robert C. Thomas

Giuliana, 317 East Cedar St., Boyne City, hy Nan L. Larahell

Always Cleaning, 14570 W. Carpenter Unit #11, Charlevoix, by Holly A. McHarey

Great Lakes IT, 08864 Old U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix, hy Craig Stewart

Cearlock Construction Inc., 4270 Wildwood Harbor Road, Boyne City, hy Robert J. Cearlock

The Pet Shop, 11345 Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, Charlevoix, by Maureen Wagner

MARRIAGE

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Matthew James Stahl, 37, Charlevoix and Christine A. Weigandt, 41, Saginaw

BIRTHS

Stewart Matthew Torres weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces was born on Jan. 23 in Tampa, Fla. to Jesus "Skip" and Hayley Torres of Tampa, Fla. His grandparents are Lauren Shiver of Orlando, Fla. and Jesus "Chuy" and Bethany Torres of Charlevoix. Stewart has a sister, Claire.

Lillie Ann Brusse weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces was born on Jan. 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Annette Hyde and Paul Brusse Jr. of Ellsworth. Her grandparents are Wilmer and Hazel Hyde of Ellsworth, Paul Brusse Sr. and the late Sarah Brusse of East Jordan. Her great-grandparents are Don and Jeanne Goodrich of East Jordan.

Wyatt Scott Cameron weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces was born on Jan. 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Scott and Mandi Cameron of Ellsworth. His grandparents are Ervin and Melodie Barrett of Charlevoix and Wayne and Sue Cameron of Owosso. His great-grandparents are William and Shelva Bassett of Swartz Creek.

Marial Elizabeth Brooks weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces was born on Jan. 26 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Aaron and Rachel Brooks of Petoskey. Her siblings are Gabriel and Benjamin. Her grandparents are Mike and Shirley Wolf of Gaylord and John and Diane Brooks of Manton. Her great-grandparent is Paul Wolf of Gaylord.

Romi Catherine Titus weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces was born on Jan. 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Brian and Carrie Titus. Her sibling is Kyri Monet. Her grandparents are Greg and Betty Martin of Charlevoix, Glenn and Kris Cunningham of Grand Haven and Mark and Diane Tims of Coopersvile. Her great-grandparents are Lloyd Titus of Wakefield, Donna Otterbein of Coopersville and Vadeen Titus of Muskegon.

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Grundman said.

Scholey further stated, "Mr. Grundman then took a piece of paper and attempted to recover some of the white powder."

Neither the county's narcotics dog, Rex, or the Michigan State Police crime lab gave any indication of the presence of drugs from the residue.

"I asked Mr. Grundman if he wanted me to take (Rex) by the two students(') lockers. He stated 'No' he had already searched them and they were 'Clean,'" Scholey stated.

Scholey then waited in Klinger's office while Grundman retrieved the kids from class then proceeded to interview them.

"We then walked over to his office and attempted to enter. We were given a hand signal from Mr. Grundman telling us not to come in," Scholey stated. "We then returned to Mrs. Klinger's office and waited (for) Mr. Grundman. (Grundman) further (went) on to advise he told both students to not give me any statements."

Following the interview, Grundman told Scholey the boys admitted the powder was OxyContin VanNorman stole from his mother. VanNorman's alleged accomplice was apparently acting as a lookout.

THE INVESTIGATION

In Scholey's supplemental report, dated Dec. 21, 2006, he questioned Grundman further on the incident.

"First I asked Mr. Grundman why he waited so long to report the crime to law enforcement," Scholey stated.

Grundman said, aside from being physically ill that day, he had a couple other dynamics he was dealing with at the time.

"This was the first time I dealt with an issue like this in my 34 years as an educator. In my gut I felt something was wrong and I couldn't let it lie," Grundman said. "As soon as I had a suspicion of what was happening...(Klinger) called Roh because I didn't have a voice that day as I was extremely sick."

THE FALLOUT

Jarema is concerned with apparent drug use in a local school and why school officials waited nearly an hour to notify the authorities.

"I think it could have been handled and should have been handled a little different," Jarema said. "I wish the police were called sooner or gotten involved sooner to preserve the scene."

Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Jim Cooper said school officials erred in waiting to call the police, but he doesn't believe a conspiracy is afoot.

"Obviously that puts (the police) in a bad spot and it does hinder their investigation," Cooper said. "But I certainly don't think it was to cover that up."

Cooper added, "It's imperative we contact law enforcement as soon as possible when we think a crime is committed on school grounds."

Scholey also determined VanNorman had snorted OxyContin on at least one other occasion in the lumber room of the shop area.

"Anytime we're approached with (drug use in the school) I have concerns about it," Cooper said.

Scholey also asked Grundman why he released the students to class and didn't secure the crime scene before contacting law enforcement.

"He (Grundman) said it was because he is not a police officer, and his primary duty is to the safety and well-being of the students and staff in his building, not to investigate crime," Scholey stated. "I then asked him who and when the area was cleaned up. He said that he didn't specifically have the area cleaned, but believes it was cleaned up after I had completed my investigation and left the building."

Grundman said he thinks he did the right thing.

"Was there a mistake? As soon as I understood what was going on, I made a call to the authorities," Grundman said. "Would I do something different next time? You're always learning. If I would have realized it immediately, I would have secured the area."

Whether there will be any repercussions for Grundman, Cooper said, "That is an internal issue we'll discuss and after getting both sides of the story, we'll continue to monitor it."

THE COURT

VanNorman, who was originally charged with controlled substance - possession (narcotic/cocaine) less than 25 grams, a $25,000, four-year felony and one count of possessing a weapon in a weapon-free zone which is a 93 day, $2,000 misdemeanor, was suspended from school for six days and was told to have a drug screening performed at BASES.

"I'm extremely concerned with kids getting into drugs, and what really worries me is that they don't understand. Even though we tell them and their parents tell them and law enforcement tells them, they just don't understand until they're in too deep," Grundman said. "My concern is always for the safety of the kids. Here's the scary part, when they have these types of drugs, it doesn't mean they are going to use it. They can sell it, give it to their friends who can use them in the bathroom."

He added, "We (must) try to make sure we keep our contact and keep close to them. It's an endless battle for all of us — parents, educators, community members."

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Katherine Ambrosia Christine Carson weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce was born on Jan. 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Krista Westman of Boyne Falls and Matt Carson of Boyne City. Her sibling is Kaleb Pollington. Her grandparents are Christine Danielson and Paul Stieber of Boyne Falls and Merle and Mary Carson of Boyne City. Her great-grandparents are Delphine and Frank Flowers of Traverse City and Irene and Roland Petoskey of Levering.

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Signs announcing dead of winter is here

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

It's that special time of year again, when tofu-skinned northerners brave the 18-degrees-below-sanity to prove they are far too high in the food chain for hibernation by engaging in a little downhill screaming and cross country frostbite.

Not that I have anything against people enjoying northern Michigan's outdoor winter activities, but a personage of my unique physical attributes and considerable girth would surely slalom his way to a cold weather coronary.

To serve this six-month sentence of frigid gloom takes either a sense of humor and optimism or deep-seated masochism.

Other phenomena which only occur in the dead of winter include the act of people of average intelligence who shun the highly educated meteorologists in the TV trenches.

With their brains slowed by the effects of hypothermia, these folks forego experts armed with million-dollar gadgets, sophisticated software and Doppler radar for the prognostication of that pathological liar the groundhog.

Granted, many official weather reports appear as though they were made by a one eyed half-wit armed only with a rectal thermometer and a five-year-old's Crayola rendering of the jet stream. But switching on the TV isn't quite as interesting as standing shoulder to shoulder in a sea of slack jawed humanity while a low-level politician in a top hat pretends to divine the secrets of nature from an overfed woodchuck.

For me, the dead of winter is also a reminder that I'll soon be one year older and that, at age 31, I'm much younger than I look — see also unique physical attributes.

This year's frosty doldrums got a kickoff when the water pipes under Chateaux Gohs froze up tighter than Dick Cheney's arteries.

Now, I'm a night owl, so when the wife roused me at 5 a.m. asking why there was no water, I responded in short bursts of single syllable, four-letter words. My anger, paralleled only by my confusion, subsided when I realized that, having forgone her customary 28-minute shower and two pots of coffee, the wife looked as bad as I felt.

As I donned my low-cut slippers and coat, my son informed me that the batteries in the flashlight were dead — another act of vandalism by the notorious I Didn't Do It.

After wading through snowdrifts and wishing to God I'd worn socks and boots, the boy and I located the 100-foot orange knot which was once an extension cord. I grabbed Ye Olde electric space heater complete with frayed wires and a decal of a water bucket with a frowning face and headed for the other side of the domicile.

Despite being buried under a foot of snow, we were able to locate the spigot topped water line sticking eight inches from the ground because it resides less than a foot from the natural gas main.

Visions of my father and I on our backs in the crawl space of an Indian River shack in '84 or '85 zipped through my sleep-addled brain. I chuckled as I plugged the 2500 watt beast in — I wasn't about to spend all day upside down with a travel-sized hair dryer.

After several trips back and forth to see if the water was moving, sleep deprivation (or just plain idiocy) told me it was a good idea to turn the outside spigot on full blast.

My life didn"t quite have time to flash before my eyes when water suddenly shot full blast from the pipe and began pooling at the plastic, stubby feet of the heater, but my heart did tumble to my colon when I realized I was merely inches from a source of heat and electricity perched precariously between water and natural gas.

Shame overcame terror when I realized my death would likely make the white trash hall of fame or end up a part of a Jeff Foxworthy comedy routine — "If your neighbor is crouched in the snow bank next to his trailer home at 6 a.m. while trying to jam an electric heater between a gas main and a leaking water pipe..."

Well, at the very least, you might know you're in the dead of winter.

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Living as a technologically challenged person

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

Living in the age of high-tech I often feel left in the dust.

We recently changed to a new phone service which provides the ability to take messages while you are already on the phone with someone. Sounds simple enough, right?.

First problem, I was not aware that I should be putting in a pin number so I could retrieve the messages. Three weeks passed and a number of individuals had said they returned my calls yet I wasn't sure where in cyberspace they were located.

Our daughters didn't bother with leaving messages as soon as they heard a computerized voice. They knew mom probably didn't have a clue how to retrieve them. Reviewing the phone services manual and carefully typing in a pin number following the directions given by a pre-recorded voice, I was able to acquire my 24 messages.

The story doesn't end there. I was still being billed from my former phone company for a number that no longer existed. Thinking all I needed to do was place a call or two to fix things I found myself taking on two phone companies with my story. Each very polite person I spoke with from both companies would send me on to yet another person I felt certain was located in some remote region a thousand miles away. My old ears found it difficult to decipher their quick tongue and heavy accent. Since childhood I have been a force to reckon with when it comes to speed talking. These individuals had me beat, and with a heavy dialect to boot. I was eventually referred to someone in the financial department to arrange a reduced payment plan. I explained it was not that I was unable to pay. Rather, I wanted the bills to stop so I would not have to pay for a number that was no longer in existence. After an hour on the phone explaining my plight I thought it was beginning to move in the right direction.

I now need to wait for a computer to spit out the next bill for a number that has been cut off for two months and file a dispute claim.

Convenience of modern appliances doesn't seem to end, but there are days I wish some didn't exist. I would rather change the television station by actually getting my body up off the couch and switching the channel. The latest remotes

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LETTER to the editor

BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

Editor:

The American Red Cross Great Lakes Region needs to collect nearly 700 units of blood each day, Monday through Friday, to keep up the three-day supply needed by 70 Michigan hospitals. On Thursday, Jan. 18, the Red Cross was able to collect 98 units in Charlevoix at the Reformed Church.

Experienced donors and four first-time donors that day humbly and patiently gave their time and blood to this most worthy cause. I hope they are aware of how much they are appreciated.

I would like to recognize and honor a few of the donors who received gallon pins on Jan. 18 — anonymous female, four gallons; Kit Foster, three gallons; Pat McKeown, 15 gallons; Wendy Perrett, one gallon; Debra Seelye, one gallon; Carl Waghom, 18 gallons; Kathy Waghom, 10 gallons; Ronald Willams, one gallon; Theda Willams, two gallons. I apologize if I have missed anyone who may have received a pin.

The American Red Cross and all of the volunteers do a remarkable job of preparing and following through with the work involved in a successful blood drive. I want to thank each of them, from the volunteers who made reminder phone calls to donors, the bakers that made the blood drive the best place in town that afternoon for a great snack, the Charlevoix Water and Electric Department for putting up the banners, businesses who displayed posters and handed out flyers, the Charlevoix Lions Club for handling all of the Red Cross supplies and the Community Reformed Church.

Bethany Lutheran Church will be hosting a blood drive from noon until 5:45 p.m. on March 15. The next community drive at the Reformed Church is from noon until 5:45 p.m. on May 17. I hope to see as many of you as possible to thank you in person.

Ellen Breining
Charlevoix coordinator
American Red Cross

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Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest. The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and not exceed 450 words. The deadline for letters is 5 p.m. the Friday before publication.

An address and daytime phone number should accompany the letter for verification purposes.

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Living the non-tech alternative lifestyle

TECH SAVVY

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are fascinating to my grandchildren but I can get us off cable in a heartbeat by selecting the wrong button. I'm still not sure I understand the full use of every word printed on the microwave, washer and dryer.

All of this recent activity may not have frustrated me so much if we had not purchased new razor cell phones. Mine slipped out my pocket and purse with its aerodynamic sleek design. I did find that my phone still works after falling into a snow bank. Unfortunately my sister's didn't. She had left her new phone on the passenger seat up front. After braking for a red light, in true Olympic style, it dove into her cup of hot coffee which sat innocently secured in a carrier.

I'd like to know what part of technology is simplifying my life. I am grateful to witness technology in the field of medicine and library science. My car can be hooked up to a computer to find problems with ease. I, on the other hand, cannot hook up to a computer and figure out any of my own problems.

While in a grocery store with my sister, she had said let's go through the self check aisle. Here we go again. I wonder how their customer service will help me through this one.

I'm thinking of becoming Amish. It may be my lifestyle solution.

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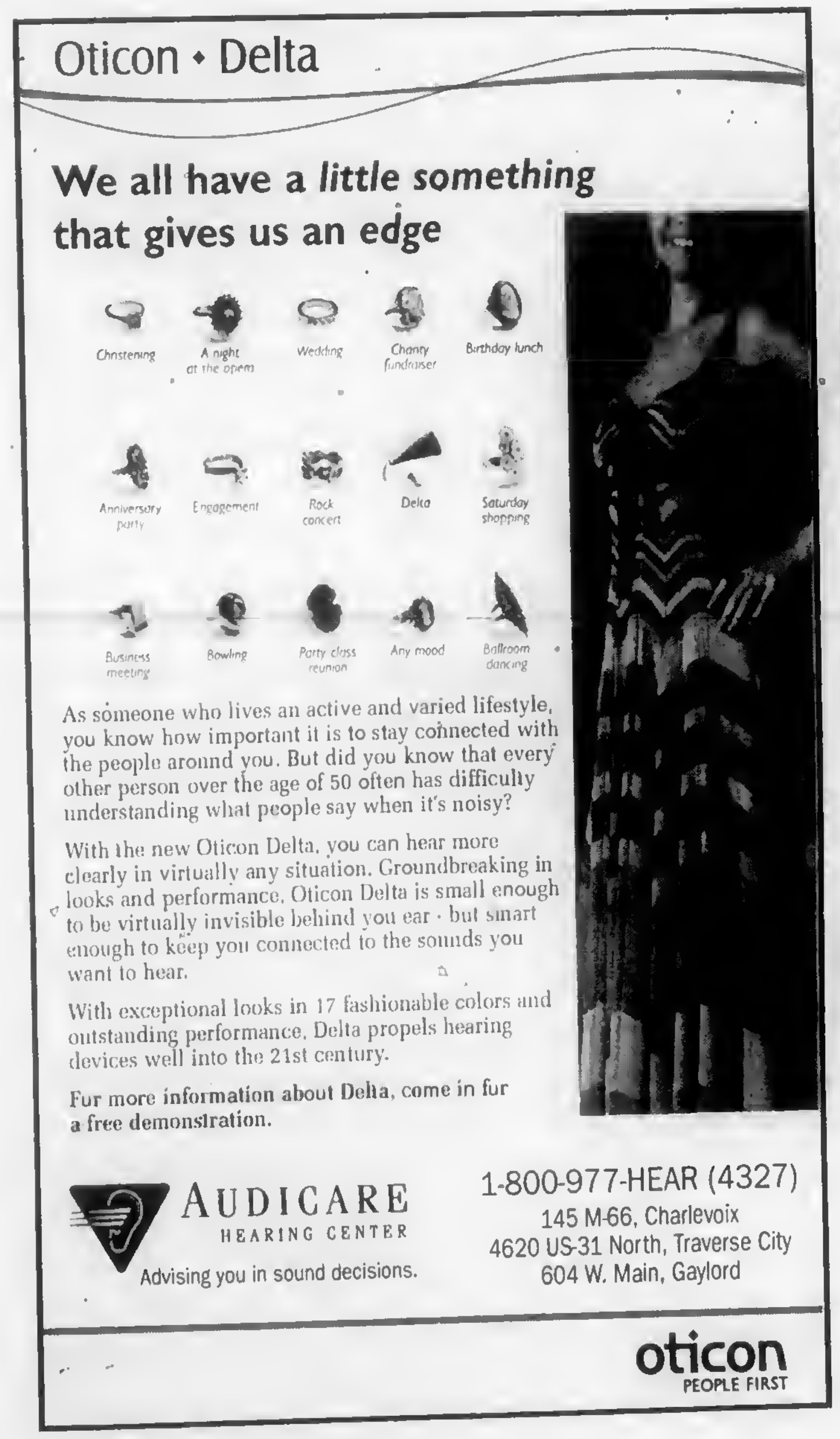

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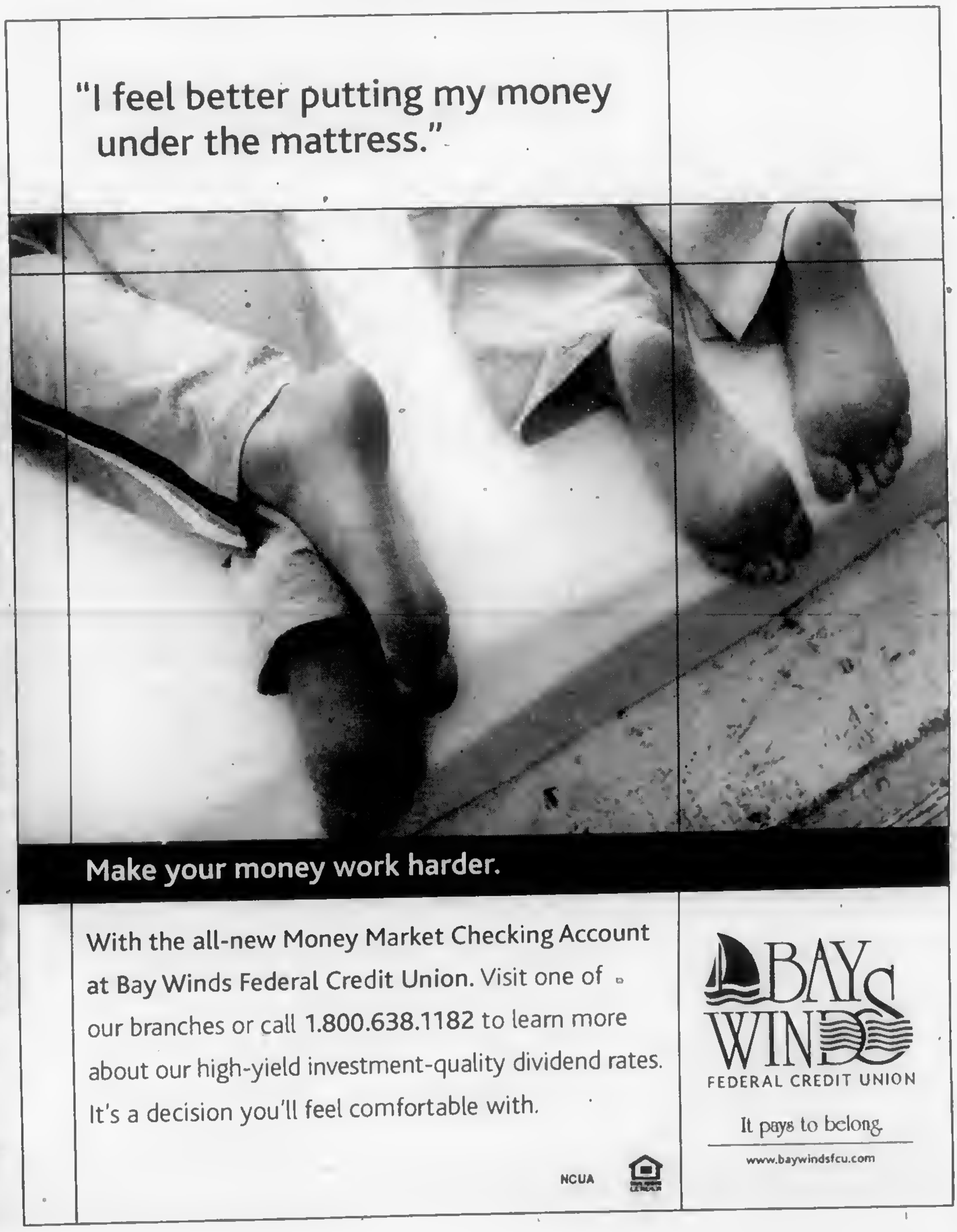

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Jacob Wimmer named scholar-athlete finalist

Jacob Wimmer

Charlevoix High School senior Jacob Wimmer, was named a 2006-07 Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Award finalist for Class C schools.

There is a total of 12 finalists in the Class C boys' division. There is a total of 120 finalists statewide.

The program, which has been recognizing student-athletes since the 1989-90 school year, will honor 32 individuals from Michigan High School Athletic Association member schools who participate in at least one sport the association sponsors a post-season tournament.

Farm Bureau Insurance underwrites the Scholar-Athlete Award, and will present a $1,000 scholarship to each recipient. This year, 2,205 applications were received from 492 schools.

Scholarships will be awarded to three female and three male Class C student-athletes.

Class C and D scholarship recipients will be announced on Feb. 13. To honor the 32 Scholar-Athlete Award recipients, a ceremony will take place during half-time of the Class C Boys' Basketball Finals at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing on March 24.

To be eligible for the award, students must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale), and have previously won a varsity letter in at least one sport in which the Michigan High School Athletic Association sponsors a post-season tournament. Students were also asked to respond to a series of short essay questions, submit two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

Crooked Tree Culinary Arts Series

Crooked Tree Arts Center is registering participants for their winter 2007 Culinary Arts Series.

The popular cooking series will be held from 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday night during February and March.

The following restaurants have agreed to share some of their culinary secrets with students: Feb. 13 Bay Harbor Yacht Club & Esperance; Feb. 20 Julienne Tomatoes; Feb. 27 The Crow's Nest; March 6 Chandlers; March 13 The Galley Gourmet; March 20 Stafford's Hospitality; and March 27 City Park Grill.

For more information or to register for a class, visit www.crookedtree.org.

What's happening at the Library this week?

North Central Michigan College, Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, Charlevoix State Bank, Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Public Schools and the Charlevoix Community Foundation have joined together to sponsor a series of public discussions during 2007 on topics of importance to the community. The public is invited to attend and admission is free.

The first program in the series entitled, "Perspectives: Understanding through education," is on health care in northern Michigan. The event will take place on February 8, 2007, in the Charlevoix Public Library's community meeting room. The discussion will be moderated by Annemarie Conway, Charlevoix High School government teacher.

The keynote speaker will be Jack Wheeler, Ph.D., professor of health management and policy at the University of Michigan's school of public health. Professor Wheeler is an economist who has done extensive research in health care management and the economics of health care delivery. Spencer Johnson, president of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, will also appear. A study completed last summer for his association showed that health care is Michigan's largest private sector employer, providing 737,000 jobs that pump $31.6 billion into Michigan's economy.

The program's presenters will analyze the history of health care, and the state of our system as it is today. Policy options for the future will be discussed, ranging from comprehensive and universal health coverage to consumer-driven health plans. To help prepare for the session, information packets are available at the library's information desk. Audience participation will be encouraged.

Doors will open at 5:15 p.m.
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COAST GUARD PROMOTION

Richard A. Gallant Jr. of Charlevoix, was recently promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer with the United States Coast Guard. He is an aviation electronics technician, working and flying on the HH-60 Jayhawk Helicopter. Richard is a 1984 graduate of Charlevoix High School. He is the son of Dick and Barbara Gallant, and grandson of Dorothy Clarke, all of Charlevoix. Richard is married to Stephanie (Balch) Gallant, a 1985 Charlevoix High School graduate. Richard's in-laws are Bud and Deanne Balch, also of Charlevoix.

Richard is currently stationed at Air Station Elizabeth City, N.C. His 22 years of service also include tours of duty in Miami, Fla., Kodiak and Sitka, Alaska and Cape Cod, Mass. Richard's father, Dick, was stationed on the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Sundew, out of Charlevoix, from 1963 to 1967.

NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

North Central Michigan College has announced that Annie Marie Cordova and Christopher James Parks of Charlevoix have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2006 semester. To be named to the dean's list a student must earn a 3.5 grade point average.

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Elyse Marie Michrina, a Charlevoix resident studying at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, has earned the distinction of being included on the Lake Superior State University dean's list for the fall 2006 semester. To make the dean's list, students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale. Michrina is a freshman, studying business administration.

OLIVET COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Madison McKenzie of Charlevoix is one of 259 students named to the Olivet College 2006 fall semester dean's list. To make the dean's list, a student must be full-time and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Ragamuffins present mini women's retreat on Feb. 10 at Charlevoix library

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company will be presenting a special mini retreat for women from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Feb. 10 at the new Charlevoix Public Library.

Entitled, "A Forever Kind of Love," the three-hour event provides mothers, daughters, sisters and friends the opportunity to gather together over a delicious brunch while soaking up a variety of dramatic selections, media presentations and dance pieces.

Guest speakers will intermittently share real life stories relating to the many heartfelt needs women face today while participants journey toward finding a deeper connection with God.

"This mini retreat gives women the chance to connect with other women by building bridges through encouragement, compassion and authenticity. We all experience very real pain in life and our goal is to provide real hope and comfort for those in pain," said event coordinator, Kathleen Whittaker.

Carolyn Hoover, a professional actor from Elk Rapids, will present a gripping monologue depicting the struggle of a woman facing depression, while guest speakers touch on subjects dealing with spousal abandonment, addiction and loss.

Ragamuffin Theatre will also be presenting each participant with a complimentary gift and the opportunity to win door prizes.

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There is no charge for the program. A good will offering will be taken to cover the costs. A reception featuring specialty desserts will follow.

For more information, call Judy Willey at (231) 237-9392.

OBITUARIES

Paul McKernan: April 16, 1985 - Jan. 25, 2007

Paul M. McKernan, 21, of East Jordan and formerly of Gaylord died Thursday, Jan. 25 in Mississippi. Paul had been working to help rebuild after hurricane Katrina.

He was born in Gaylord on April 16, 1985 and was a 2003 graduate of East Jordan High School.

Paul loved motorcycles, music and horses and will be remembered as a true and devoted friend.

He is survived by his mother, Kathleen (Mike Johnson) Wixon of Traverse City; brother and sister, Patrick and Katie Lynn McKernan, both of East Jordan; stepmother, Karen Rezenberger of East Jordan; aunts and uncles, Michael Wixon of Gaylord, Jeffrey (Donna) Wixon of Johannesburg, Charles, Thomas (Karen) and Robert (Noreen) Wixon all of Gaylord, Joseph Wixon of Lansing, Julie Wixon of Belding, Dorr (Lana) McKernan of Gaylord, and Kelly (Dave) Henning of Charlevoix; and several cousins. His father, David McKernan preceded him in death in 2005.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Feb. 2 at the Nelson Funeral Home. Pastor Philip Douglass officiated. Burial will take place in the spring at Hallock Cemetery in Elmira Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Ralph Mapes: July 15, 1927 - Jan. 30, 2007

Ralph E. Mapes, 79, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Jan. 30 at his home.

A funeral took place on Friday, Feb. 2 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. David Behling officiated and burial will take place in the spring at the Undine Cemetery in Hayes Township.

Ralph was born July 15, 1927, in Boyne City, the son of Burley and Emma (Coblentz) Mapes. During World War II, Ralph served in Japan as a Corporal in the U.S. Army. He married Luella DeJonge on Oct. 15, 1966, in Boyne City. In 1989, Ralph retired from the McLaughlin Company in Petoskey. He enjoyed reading and woodworking and loved gardening.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Luella of Charlevoix; children, Mike (Mary) Mapes of Boyne City, Joyce (Andy) Rowbotham of Charlevoix, Karen McCary of Boyne Falls, Rick (Cheryl) Mapes of Cadillac; grandchildren, Mark (Becky) Rowbotham, Julie Rowbotham, Brian Mapes, Jason McCary, Shawn Kilmer, Logan Patrick; great-grandchildren, Debbie, Katie and Angie Rowbotham, Matthew and Zach Szafranski; brother, Gerald (Charlotte) Mapes of Boyne City; sisters, Betty Speigl of Boyne City, Geneva Reynolds of Lakewood, Calif.; brother-in-law, Walter Charon of Boyne City.

Ralph's son Robert, brothers Richard and Racil, and sister Helen Charon preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation General Cancer Fund, 360 Conable, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Wilfred 'Bill' Rasmussen: Aug. 3, 1924 - Feb. 1, 2007

Wilfred J. "Bill" Rasmussen, 82, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, Feb. 1 at his home.

The Rosary will be recited and a memorial service will take place at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The Rev. Jerry Hunko of Saint Mary Catholic Church will officiate. Interment will take place at Saint John's Cemetery in Davison.

Bill was born Aug. 3, 1924, in Ashland, Wis., the son of Carl and Gertrude (Bos) Rasmussen. He served in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1945, with the North Atlantic Wing – Air Transport Command. On Dec. 30, 1944, he married Laufey "Libby" Sorensen in Reykjavik, Iceland. They made their home in Davison before moving to Atwood in 1972, where Bill was a self employed carpenter and mechanic. In 1996, they moved to Charlevoix. Bill was a member of Saint Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

He is survived by his wife, Libby; children, Mary Spencer of San Diego, Calif., John (Donna) Rasmussen of Flint, Jean (Bill) Ayers of Florida, Jim (Cathy) Rasmussen of Otisville, Jerry (Janet) Rasmussen of Ellsworth, Karen (Leslie) Lugihihl of Charlevoix; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

His daughter, Nancy preceded him in death.

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Youth Sunday School	During Worship
Pastor: Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -5168**

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Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	**547-6322**

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	**547-2875**

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Sunday Services 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Church Office	**547-9482**

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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	**588-7805**

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4221**

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M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times
Pastor: Michael Dennis	**547-4121**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9122**

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**237-0800**

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

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Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	**582-9262**

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

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Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	**547-6283**

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Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
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Making the most of college financial aid

KIDS CORNER

Julie Witthoeft

Sticker shock is a common deterrent to students and parents looking ahead to a college education.

Astronomical college tuition costs have many saying, "I can't," or "It's not for me." But in this business climate, where a college degree is like a high school diploma, there are plenty of against all odds success stories told by those that have said, "I will make it happen."

Charlevoix High School class of 1998 graduate Leah (Dulaney) Olson is a prime example of someone whose college aspirations came with a hefty price tag. But perseverance and a little extra time earned her the education she wanted.

Olson, the daughter of Sharmon Dulaney of Charlevoix and the late Pat Dulaney, was a parent's dream come true — with a 3.9 grade point average, she not only planned for college but also made finding funding for that dream her part-time job.

Her mission started with a goal to attend DePaul University in Chicago, Ill. Her reality, which included studying at DePaul where tuition was $24,000 a year, was realized through hard work. She spent one year at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey earning introductory credits while working and establishing scholarship opportunities at DePaul.

She then studied for one-and-a-half years at DePaul's business school before she realized the steep tuition was too rich for her blood and came back to Michigan.

Olson transferred to Oakland Community College in Rochester Hills from where in 2004 she earned a bachelor's' degree in science and marketing and a minor in management information systems.

Her three college treks to her degree cost a total of $48,000. Readers probably gasped at the thought of spending that kind of moolah.

But over half of that, $28,000, came from scholarships and grants. Olson said her out-of-pocket cost for her education was around $20,000, only $9,000 of which she maintained with student loans.

It was a Charlevoix High School financial aid seminar Olson attended during her junior year that spurred her to action — she heard encouragement for making any college aim materialize.

She applied for and was awarded Pell grants, grants from colleges she attended, state grants based on standardized testing scores, as well as local scholarships from the Zonta Club and Wal-Mart.

In all, Olson said over the course of a few years she spent about two weeks total researching and applying for grants and scholarships. That two weeks of work was worth thousands of dollars.

Charlevoix High School counselor, John Prescott, said almost 100 percent of Rayder grads require some form of financial aid. That can come in the form of student loans or with a little elbow grease it could be free-of-charge.

Olson said students who shy away from "complicated" applications need to learn shortcuts. In her case, many applications asked similar questions and she was able to recycle essay responses. She said in some instances she refocused high school English papers and used those in applying.

Aside from the grants, she also worked as a nanny in Chicago, Ill. which covered her room and board and as a consultant in the Detroit area to offset her costs.

In the end, Olson's consulting experience coupled with the degree she earned won her the favor of Charlevoix State Bank execs who hired her as the information technology manager.

Now, at 26, Olson has a degree in her pocket and a professional position in her hometown where she will establish her family with husband, Todd Olson.

Her message to up and coming Rayder grads is simple, dream big and work hard to reach your goals.

The Charlevoix High School financial aid presentation is available on-line at the Charlevoix High School link on www.rayder.net under student services.

Julie Witthoeft is editor of the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Leah Olson's advice for students who want to keep a tight budget:

Don't put yourself in major debt.

Stay in-state.

Look at public versus private universities.

Contact financial aid offices at your school of choice to inquire about available scholarships.

Work through school to manage debt and gain experience.

Apply for grants and scholarships even if they seem out of reach.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix High School graduate Leah Olson's (above) college education cost her $48,000. She graduated with only $9,000 in student loans. Read how she made it work.

Top five schools to which Charlevoix High School class of 2006 graduates applied and estimated tuition fees for a freshman enrolled in 12 credit hours over two semesters. Room, food, books and personal expenses are not included in the estimates. Most estimates for this additional cost range from $5,000 to $9,000 a year:

1. Michigan State University, East Lansing. $7,309.50.
2. Grand Valley State University, Allendale. $13,000.
3. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. $9,988.
4. North Central Michigan College, Petoskey. $2,553.60.
5. Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant. $7,530.

Projected 4-Year Tuition and Fees

	TODAY (ENROLLING 2006)	**IN 18 YEARS** (ENROLLING 2024)
Private College	$98,500	$281,100
Public/University (in-state resident)	$25,500	$72,700
2 Years Community College & 2 Years Private College	$56,900	$162,400

(Based on average tuition and fees for 2005/2006 as reported by The College Board® and assumed to increase 6% annually.) The figures above do not include other costs your child will incur as a college student, such as room and board, books, supplies, equipment, and transportation. These additional expenses can increase your child's cost of attending college by a substantial amount. * Information provided by www.savingforcollege.com

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	AVERAGE **PUBLIC** (4 YEARS = $50,000)	AVERAGE **PRIVATE** (4 YEARS = $124,000)	AVERAGE **IVY** (4 YEARS = $166,000)
Newborn	$312	$773	$1,036
Four	$352	$871	$1,167
Eight	$417	$1,034	$1,385
Twelve	$544	$1,347	$1,804
Sixteen	$874	$2,167	$2,902

* Assumes 6% annual college cost increase and 6% annual investment return. Current costs include approximate average tuition, fees, room, board, and books.

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Charlevoix to host regional PA tournament

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in the school's history, Charlevoix High School will host the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association regional theater competition.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10 in Charlevoix High School's Performing Arts Center, Charlevoix students will see if their version of "Little Shop of Horrors" will stack up to Kelloggsville's "French Toast," Big Rapids' "Shut and Bar the Door," John Glenn's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Forest Hills Eastern's "The Money in Uncle George's Suitcase," and East Grand Rapids' "A Comedy of Errors."

"I've been raving for this show for years," said Alex Urban a Charlevoix High School student who plays Seymour Krelborn in "Little Shop of Horrors." "It's probably one of the funniest I've heard as far as scripts go — it's a hilarious script."

Urban, a 17-year-old senior who has played leading roles in "Into the Woods" and "Isle of Tears," has been a student of performing arts for four years.

"I just love the feeling after a show. I love seeing the appreciation people give you for a performance," he said. "I just knew (PA) would be a place where I could open up and I've liked it ever since."

He added, "I like that the class really centers around competition."

In forensic association competition, students have 45 minutes to setup their props, give the performance, break the set down and vacate the stage.

"You are docked points after you go over 45 minutes," Urban said.

Rayder performers recently took third place against students from five schools in district competition in Greenville which qualified them for a spot in the regional.

The local performers placed high in the acting and technical performance categories.

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Who: Charlevoix High School performing arts
What: Regional competition
When: 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10
Where: Charlevoix High School auditorium, 05200 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix High School senior, Alex Urban AKA Seymour Krelborn, answers the phone at Mr. Mushnik's flower shop in the school's competition version of "Little Shop of Horrors."

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ST. MARY SCHOOL CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Rayders take third at district, host regional

PERFORM

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Urban, Jordan McCarthy and Brian Whitley received excellent acting awards. Urban and Travis Klooster received a superior award for set design and construction. Whitley received an excellent award for puppet design and construction and Sam Kantola received an excellent award for program design.

"I was extremely pleased with how well our students did," stated show director, Connie Ford, in a press release. "Our community should be very pleased with the caliber of these young people."

Senior and stage manager, Nicole Mackowiak, plans to make sure the set and people are in working order.

"I love how it's arranged," she said. "Instead of it being a one-sided comedy, it's got a lot of different aspects to it."

For fans of the Rick Moranis, Steve Martin movie version of the show, Mackowiak said, "There are definitely some similarities."

According to Ford, she is thrilled Charlevoix High School will be hosting the regional competition.

"This is a great opportunity for the public to come see some very talented young performers from around the state," she said. "The selections are varied and I think that anyone who comes to the festival will be impressed with these productions and have a wonderful experience."

Admission is free. No cameras or other recording devices are allowed in the building.

Reward offered for Central Drug bandit

Two national crime prevention organizations are offering a $1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for an attempted robbery of a Charlevoix pharmacy last month.

RxPATROL and Crime Stoppers is offering the reward in connection with an attempted robbery that took place at about 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 16 at Central Drug Store, 301 Bridge St., in Charlevoix when an unknown suspect entered the pharmacy, asked for pen and paper and wrote a note demanding OxyContin and morphine. The owner observed the suspect had a gun in his waistband. A delivery man entered the pharmacy and the suspect fled in a black, newer-model dark-colored sedan, which was parked behind the store without obtaining any medications.

The suspect is described as a white male about 20 years old, 6 feet tall and 215 pounds, average build and clean shaven. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing glasses, black sweatpants and a gray hooded sweatshirt.

Anyone with information about either the robbery is asked to call RxPATROL Crime Stoppers at 1-888-4RXTIPS.

The cash reward is donated by pharmaceutical company Purdue Pharma L.P., the distributor of OxyContin (oxycodone) tablets.

"It's important for people to know that all information that we get is kept completely confidential. Callers never have to give their names or appear in court. The RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers tip line does not use any tape recording or caller ID devices," said RxPATROL/Crime Stoppers coordinator Chuck Kreimer.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call RxPATROL Crime Stoppers at 1-888-4RxTips. Those with information may also call the Charlevoix Police Department at 547-3258 or 9-1-1.

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ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT
OF THE
City of Charlevoix Water Supply

January 2007

Here is this year's Annual Quality Water Report.

It is designed to inform you about the quality drinking water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Our water comes from Lake Michigan, considered *surface water*. The State has preformed an assessment of our source water in 2004. A determination of sensitivity and susceptibility to contamination was by made by reviewing our source water geology, water chemistry, and potential contamination sources nearby the lake. The State has determined that our source water has a moderate sensitivity rating along with a moderate susceptibility to contamination. You may obtain a copy of the State report by contacting the City of Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant.

We are pleased to report that your drinking water is safe and meets all State and Federal requirements.

This report is a snapshot of the quality of the water we provided to you in the year **2006**. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State of Michigan standards. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Jim Caldwell at the *Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant*, (231) 547-3256, or Don Swem at the *Charlevoix Water Department*, (231) 547-3278. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. The City of Charlevoix Water Supply routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State Laws. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period of **January 1 thru December 31, 2006**. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater run-off, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.

Radioactive contaminants, which are naturally occurring.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

The State of Michigan and Environmental Protection Agency require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety.

We met all monitoring requirements for the year 2006.

Charlevoix Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System personnel sampled and tested for over 100 contaminants that were NOT detected in our water supply. The following constituents were detected at low but safe levels, well below the MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level)

In the following tables you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in $10,000

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in $10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - A pico equals one part per trillion; the measurement of radiation in water.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

NA: not applicable

ND: not detectable at testing limit

Inorganic Contaminants	**MCLG**	**MCL**	***SYSTEM WATER***	**Range of detections**	**Sample date**	**Violation**	**Typical Source of Contaminant**
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	1.2	NA	2006	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium (ppm)	2	2	0.0200	NA	2006	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Turbidity (NTU)	2	TT	0.040	0.010 – 0.050	2006	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Radionuclides							
Gross Alpha (pCi/l)	0	15	1.5	ND - 1.5	2000	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Radium	0	5	1.0	1.0	2000	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Chlorine	**MRDLG**	**MRDL**	Quarterly Average				
Total Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	0.400	0.24 to 0.72	2006	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Disinfection Byproducts	**MCLG**	**MCL**	***SYSTEM WATER***				
Total Trihalomethanes [TTHMs] (ppb)	NA	80	12.0	NA	2006	No	Disinfection Byproducts
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	2.0	NA	2006	No	Disinfection Byproducts
Lead/Copper	**MCLG**	**AL**	**90th %ile**				
Lead (ppb)	0	15	2	ND – 5	2006	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.080	ND – 0.430	2006	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Unregulated Contaminants	**MCLG**	**MCL**	***SYSTEM WATER***				
Sodium (ppm)	NA	NA	7	NA	2006	NA	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate (ppm)	NA	NA	25	NA	2006	NA	Erosion of natural deposits.

***Lead and Copper - Lead and copper testing is on a three (3) year schedule, test results reported here are from the 2006 year; next round of testing is year 2009.*

*NOTES: * Turbidity - turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is an indicator of our filtration system.*

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

We're pleased that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water is SAFE at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.**

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the **Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791)**

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Divers respond to ice rescue false alarm

DNR: Ice conditions remain unstable

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

On Feb. 1, a rescue crew stood in deep snow staring at a hole in the ice on Lake Charlevoix just off Holy Island with snowmobile tracks leading to it, but not away from it.

"People shouldn't be on the ice anywhere right now," Tim Kochanny, an officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources said.

The fear was that a snowmobiler had ventured onto the ice and had fallen into open water where a homeowner had used a bubbler around their dock to keep ice away.

The crew, which included the City of Charlevoix rescue dive team, responded to the call that came in at around 10:30 a.m. that morning from two ice fishermen who reported sled tracks leading into open water. As the dive team prepared to search the icy waters, the ice anglers watched from their fishing hole about 100 yards from the scene.

Two divers, Bill Brodin who is also a shift commander for the city fire department and Russ McCrancy, who doubles as a corrections officer with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, pulled on dive suits and prepared for a cold winter swim.

While their goal was a potential rescue on their first ice dive of the year, the two hoped to come up empty handed.

Submerged in the 37 degree water, McCraney, whose face was his only exposed body part, peered around the dark water for almost 15 minutes.

"My face went numb in about a minute," he said.

The water's depth ranged from inches where the sled would have entered the water to about 25 feet deep where he searched.

Brodin joined him but had regulator issues and wasn't able to stay under long.

Their search produced no snowmobile or rider.

"It would be tough for a sled to get to deep water without severe broken ice. We've had six inches of snow over the last eight hours. It's possible that the tracks leaving could have been covered up. There were too many unanswered questions," Brodin said.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Bill Brodin, a shift commander with the City of Charlevoix Fire Department and a rescue diver, suits up to look for a snowmobile believed to have fallen through the ice. The dive in icy Lake Charlevoix water did not turn up the vehicle or a rider.

Two divers with the Charlevoix County dive team, which is part of a multi jurisdictional group of divers from Emmet, Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska, Otsego and Crawford counties, followed up with an extensive underwater search. The team was involved in a training exercise at the sheriff's office when the call came through.

"They checked thoroughly and found no sign of anything," Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater said.

While this rider appears to be one of the lucky ones, Department of Natural Resources officials posted a warning for ice fishermen and snowmobilers at www.michigan.gov/dnr stating ice conditions across the state aren't safe.

"Ice on lakes and rivers should be presumed to be unsafe and urged extreme caution when traveling across lakes given the mild winter that the state has been experiencing," the warning states.

Ice Safety Tips

- Avoid crossing frozen bodies of water in a single file.
- Never venture onto the ice alone or without telling your plans to a responsible adult.
- Any time you are on the ice and have not personally checked the ice thickness consider yourself in harm's way. Check the thickness of the ice with an ice spud before venturing onto the ice.
- Never drive a car or truck on the ice.
- Avoid standing or walking in areas with a group of people.
- Always wear a life jacket when on the frozen surface of a lake or river.
- Carry a pair of ice picks. These are designed for a self rescue and are two handles with a nail device in one end attached to each other by a length of rope.
- Look for large cracks or depressions in the ice..
- Learn and practice rescue techniques by using ropes, boats, ladders, etc.
- Ice does not form with uniform thickness on any body of water. Underwater springs or currents can wear thin spots on any body of water.
- Clear ice is the strongest. Ice formed by melted and refrozen snow appears milky, is very porous and very weak. Ice covered by snow should always be presumed unsafe.
- Four inches of ice will generally hold an average-sized person on foot. Snowmobiles and ORVs need at least eight inches of solid, consistent ice.

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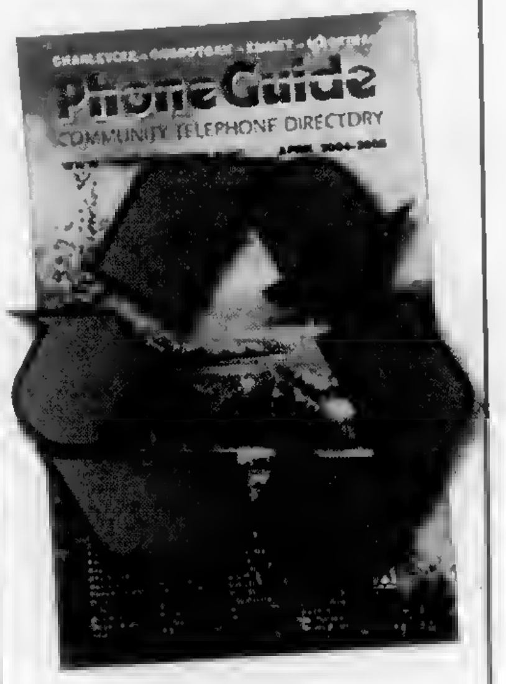

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Photo by Julie Christiansen

Charlevoix resident Julie Christiansen captured one of winter's mild moods at around 8 a.m. on Jan. 3 when she photographed the South Pier lighthouse with the moon going down in the background.

Photo by Katie Kiteley

Katie Kiteley, 10, of Charlevoix took this shot of her daily visitor on Jan. 10 outside her home.

Photo by Mark Erndt

Proud father, Mark Erndt took this picture of his son, Tanner Erndt, 13, of Charlevoix with his first buck of the season, shot in November.

Photo by Sue Kiteley

On Dec. 20 Charlevoix area homeschool students went on a group ski outing at Boyne Highlands. Sue Kiteley took this shot of the event. Pictured above (from left) are Katie Kiteley, Abby Kroon, Hali Schmidt, Evan Kroon and Fisher Kiteley.

Photo by Scott Richards

On Jan. 26, Charlevoix resident and Charlevoix Courier freelance sports photographer, Scott Richards, snapped this shot of Charlevoix Elementary School teacher Nicole Sterrett leading her class with Audrey Deion at her side. The students sang the national anthem before the Charlevoix and Harbor Springs basketball game.

That's my photograph!

Photo by Mike Schlitt

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Residents want year-round business

BY LOUISE NELLE
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix residents flocked to the Charlevoix Public Library Wednesday, Jan. 31 to attend a Cool City Community Vision Session and voice their opinions of how to improve Charlevoix's downtown in order to build a stronger community.

Leading the session was Dolores P. Palma, the president and co-owner of HyettPalma, a consulting firm which specializes in enhancing downtown districts.

Issues that came up several times included parking, traffic flow, empty storefronts, affordable housing, diversity in the downtown shops, the need to portray Charlevoix as a welcoming and relaxing community and the need for strong leadership.

Several residents said downtown shops do not cater enough toward locals. Although year-round residents understand the importance of tourism, they stressed that Charlevoix should not be just a tourist town.

"I think we have become a tourist town, not a resort town," said resident Connie Saltonstall. "The overall effect is that we have stores downtown that are summer stores. They close up and go away during the winter, and if we had a more resort friendly downtown that would focus year-round then I think (Charlevoix) would be a more viable community."

The kind of downtown that residents would like to see is one which provides practical and affordable items such as clothing for all ages, housewares, sporting goods, as well as basic supplies such as hardware products and pharmaceuticals.

Other residents addressed the need for a more welcoming community, rather than a community with a negative attitude toward tourists and new residents.

Gene Beer, a member of the Charlevoix City Council, remembered feeling like an outsider when he first moved to Charlevoix.

"I always felt that if you weren't born and raised here that you didn't belong here, and that's wrong," said Beer.

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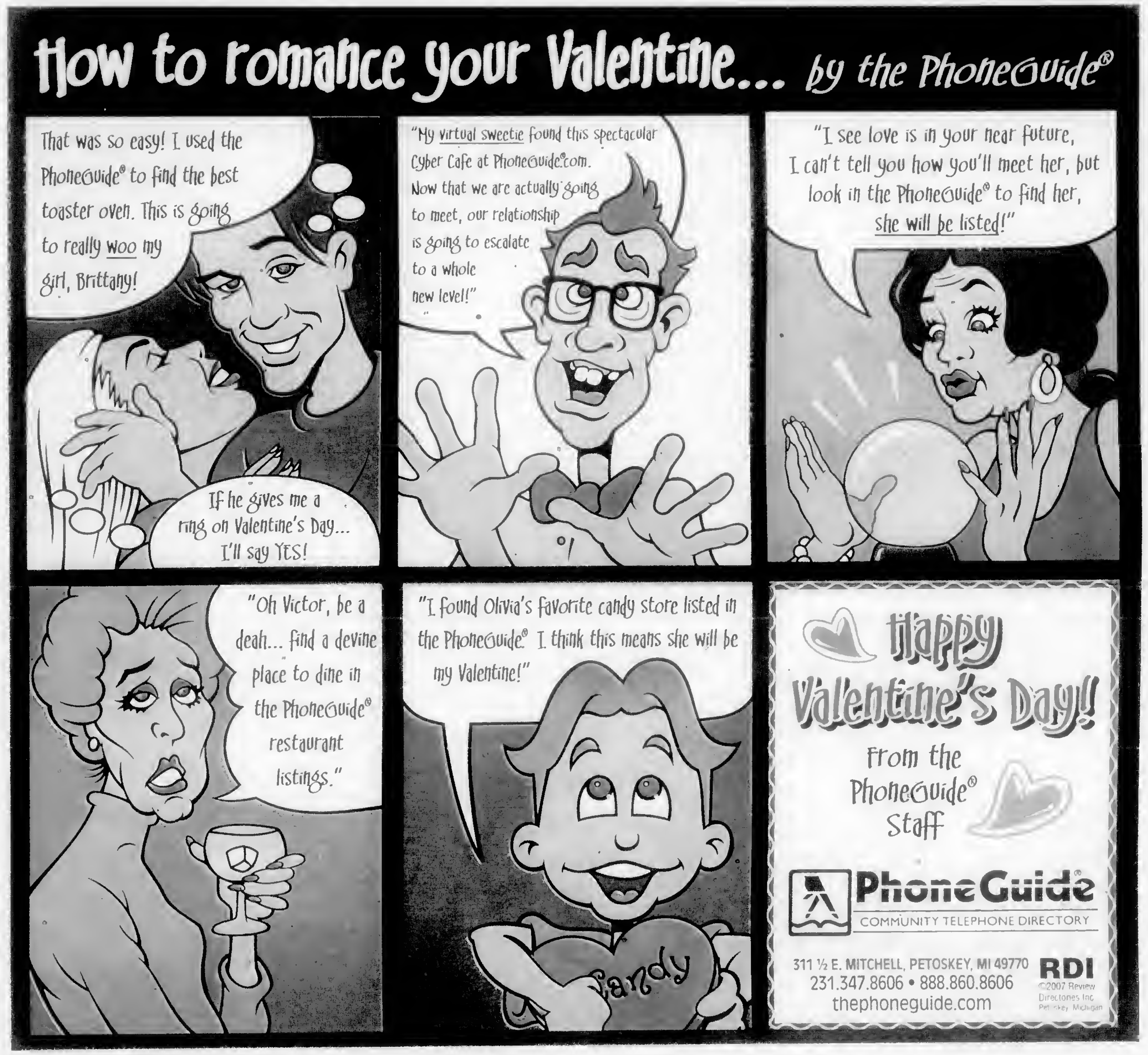
Charlevoix residents' desires and needs:

More parking
Improve traffic flow
Fill empty storefronts
Affordable housing
Diversity in downtown shops
Welcoming and relaxing downtown



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Vision session shapes five year Cool Cities market plan

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Not only do residents stress their community should be more friendly toward visitors, but that Charlevoix should focus on becoming a more relaxing community. Several people stressed that visitors come to Charlevoix to relax, to get away from their busy lives and enjoy the area.

Resident Jeff Porter suggested addressing this issue by changing the way the city uses its parks.

"I'd like to see Charlevoix's three parks used for relaxation opposed to entertainment," Porter said. "People come not to be entertained, but to relax and I think we have gotten away from that and I think Charlevoix has become much too busy with all of these festivals and fairs."

However, before Charlevoix can turn ideas such as these into a reality, the community agreed as a whole that strong leadership is key.

"The DDA (Downtown Development Authority) has done an excellent job," said local resident John Campbell. "They're the ones that have taken the bull by the horns."

Campbell added that even though the Downtown Development Authority has provided great leadership so far, it must continue to do so in order for the downtown project to be successful.

Although residents provided countless ideas during the session, the city would like to receive additional input regarding improvements to Charlevoix's downtown. Persons who would like to share their ideas are encouraged to contact Charlevoix Cool Cities coordinator, Keith Carey, at kcarey@cityofcharlevoix.org.

Louise Nelle can be contacted at (231) 439-9339, or lnelle@petoskeynews.com.

Tickets on sale now for Feb. 10 Firemen's Ball

Tickets are on sale now for the 8th Annual Firemen's Ball on Feb. 10.

The ball is an event aimed at recognizing local firefighters for their sacrifices and efforts as well as helping raise some funds for equipment.

The event will take place from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Feb. 10 at Mahogany's restaurant located at the Charlevoix Country Club. Tickets cost $30 each or two for $50 and can be purchased at the fire department or from the president of the Firefighters Association, Winfield Scott.

There will be live and silent auctions, a dinner, raffles and dancing to tunes provided by DJ the DJ at this year's ball.

The fundraising efforts allowed the department to purchase new handheld radios and an auxiliary trailer for their dive team among other things.

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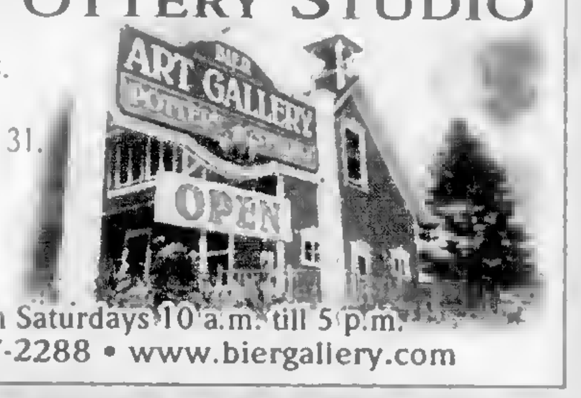

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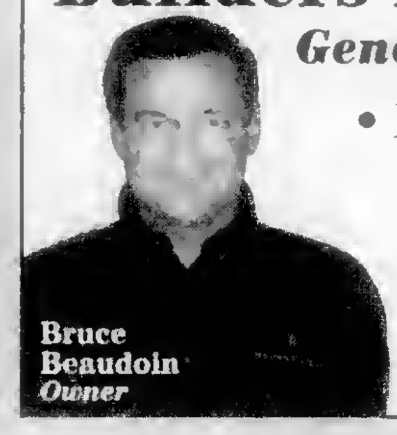

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Telgenhof joins law firm Running, Wise and Ford

Allen Telgenhof

Attorney Allen Telgenhof has joined the law firm of Running, Wise & Ford, PLC as of Jan. 1.

Running, Wise & Ford's Charlevoix office is located at 201 State St. on the upper level, above Citizens Bank.

"It is a great opportunity for me," Telgenhof said. "I have had a great deal of respect for the attorneys of Running, Wise & Ford over the years and it is an honor to join them."

In making the move, Telgenhof joins his former longtime law partner, Mike Corcoran. Telgenhof and Corcoran practiced together for 10 years previously. Katrina Martin also practices in the Charlevoix office.

Telgenhof will continue to practice in the areas of civil litigation, business formation and guidance, estate planning, real estate and family law. He will also expand his work in municipal law.

"One of the most exciting parts of the move is that I have the ability to draw on a number of resources, primarily 'picking the brains' of a number of lawyers who have a great deal of experience in the fields in which I practice," Telgenhof explained.

In 2006, four Running, Wise & Ford lawyers, John Blakeslee, Richard Ford, Miles Gerberding and Catherine Jasinski were named "Super Lawyers" in the inaugural Michigan edition of the magazine. "Super Lawyers" is a consumer guide to outstanding attorneys based on a multi-step selection process including a survey and peer review.

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"More than $214 million in federal tax refunds went unclaimed in Michigan for the 2004 tax year by the people who need it most — low-income families and individuals," said David Leusink, president and chief executive officer for Bay Winds.

There are a variety of federal and state tax credits in addition to the EITC that can benefit low to moderate-income individuals. Additional federal tax credits include the Child Tax Credit and the Federal Child and Dependent Care Credit. Michigan tax credits include the Home Heating Tax Credit, the Homestead Property Tax Credit and the Child Deduction. These credits are available to those who file income tax returns and those who are exempt from filing requirements.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder basketball team claim overtime conference win

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

It took a tremendous comeback on the road but the Charlevoix Rayders stayed atop the Lake Michigan Conference with a 78-72 overtime win at Grayling last Friday night. Earlier in the week, the Rayders trounced Benzie Central, 93-68 in non-league action.

"Justin Friske stepped up big in the fourth quarter, scoring 11 points," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said. "We were down by eight with four minutes to go and we just started getting the ball into him."

"We were fortunate to get out of there with a win, no doubt."

The Rayders are 12-1 overall and 8-1 in the league. They play at conference co-leader Traverse City St. Francis in a showdown game on Feb. 9. Charlevoix's only loss was to the Gladiators earlier this season.

Headed into the fourth quarter at Grayling, the Rayders trailed 59-52 before rallying. Charlevoix outscored the Vikings, 9-3 in the extra period for the victory.

Senior Mitch Crandall led the Rayders with 24 points, eight rebounds, five steals and three assists. Justin Friske finished with 17 points.

Corey Gotshall had 13 points and five rebounds. Ty Haske scored 10 points and had six assists.

"Grayling played a very good game," Haske commented. "Their guard play improved immensely from the first game we had against them."

It was a contrasting game earlier in the week as the Rayders ran Benzie Central off the floor, leading 48-29 at the half and cruising to the win.

"We played well," Haske noted. "We had contributions from a lot of different guys. Our bench did another great job for us."

Crandall again was high scorer with 22 points and eight rebounds. Sophomore Justin Friske had 20 points and eight rebounds. Cliff Jones added eight points off the bench.

Despite the 12-1 record and Charlevoix's past success in the state tournament, the Rayders are still unranked in all polls, receiving no votes in the most recent Associated Press basketball poll. St. Francis was ranked eighth in Class C by the AP, seventh by the Detroit News and fifth by the Detroit Free Press.

Prior to the St. Francis showdown, the Rayders played at rival Petoskey, featuring former Charlevoix Rayders Chad Ellis and Dustin Dibble. Results were unavailable at press time.

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Harbor Light takes top honors at Charlevoix Volleyball Invitational

Desi Faust

Harbor Light Christian beat two state-ranked teams in its final two matches to claim the title at the Charlevoix Volleyball Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 27.

The Swordsmen defeated Pellston, ranked fifth in Class D, in the semifinals, 26-24, 25-19; then topped Lake City, No. 6 in Class C, 25-22, 25-17.

Harbor Light went undefeated in pool play, beating Benzie Central, 25-21, 25-10; Charlevoix JV, 25-5, 25-6; and Lake City, 25-22, 25-17.

The Swordsmen are 22-1-1 and ranked third in Class D.

Charlevoix topped Pellston in the consolation match, 25-15. Charlevoix is 24-10-1 after winning its pool, 25-8, 25-8 against Rudyard; 25-18, 25-19 against Inland Lakes; 25-21, 25-12 against Pine River; then losing to Lake City in the semifinals, 11-25, 26-24, 15-13.

"There were a lot of good teams at the tournament and we keep improvising," Charlevoix coach Liz Grunch said. "We're right there with the tougher competition. It was nice to come out strong against Lake City like we did and it was nice to play Pellston like we did in the consolation bracket. It was really a good team effort, a lot of girls are stepping up and are improving their game every day."

For the Rayders, Desi Faust had 33 kills and 12 aces; Bethany Pearson, 16 kills, 21 digs and 15 blocks; Murphy Gillespie, 14 kills, 4 aces; Aubrey Way, 38 assists, 11 kills, 20 digs, and nine aces; Zita Anderson, 28 assists; Sasha Spencley, 12 kills, 10 blocks, 28 digs, six aces and 94 percent passing; Emily Heffling, 26 digs and 90 percent passing.

Rayder wrestlers place fifth at Feb. 3 tourney

On Feb. 3, the Charlevoix wrestling team traveled to Traverse City where St. Francis hosted a conference tournament.

Placing second in the tournament were Zeke Daman, Mat Golovich and Woody Nitchman. Corey Loucks took third place in his weight class. Placing fourth were Chris Levens, JD Speigl, Corey Gotshall and Trevor Cole.

Charlevoix placed fifth overall in team points.

The Rayders will be in the Petoskey Tournament this Saturday, Feb. 10.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

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	W	L
R & C Roofing	161	89
Paul Bunyan Lanes	147	103
Lutherans	141	109
Mark White Paint & Stain	128	122
Ferguson & Chamberlain	124	126
State Farm Insurance	109	141
Lakeshore Tire	108	142
St. Mary's	82	168

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	648	245
Larry Potter	578	
Paul Grapp		223
Casey Crain	562	
Tom Scott		222

TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES JAN. 30, 2007

	W	L
Oleson's Food Store	15	5
DM Construction	14	6
St. Mary Cement	12	8
Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	10	10
Paul Bunyan Lanes	9	11
Central Drug Store	9	11
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	7	13
Mary Ann's Takeout	4	16

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	489	182
Mary O'Brien	490	
Carol Burry		181
Jane Holm	504	181
Sue Shively		181

YOUNG AT HEARTS FEB. 1, 2007

	W	L
Sparetime	18	6
Past Timers	15	9
Alley Cats	13.5	10.5
Misfits	12	12
Twilighters	12	12
Irish Rollers	12	12
Half & Half	8.5	15.5
Has Beens	5	19

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jim Potter	530	187
Bob Sutliff	475	177
Ralph Kitson	493	
Mo Dixon		176
Nancy Zimmerman	406	
Nancy Bambach	401	156
Patty Sitzema		154
Sue Lochner	386	153

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE JAN. 29, 2007

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	10	2
The Flight Deck	7	5
Bud's Buds	7	5
J Arnold Painting "2"	6	6
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	6	6
Selph Trucking	5	7
B VanLoo & Sons	4	8
J Arnold Painting "A"	3	9

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Vanniman	534	254
Chuck Pop	521	217
Vince Left	533	
John Gregory		211

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	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	87	13
Laural & Company	47	53
Paul Bunyan Lanes	34	66
Burger King of Charlevoix	32	68

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

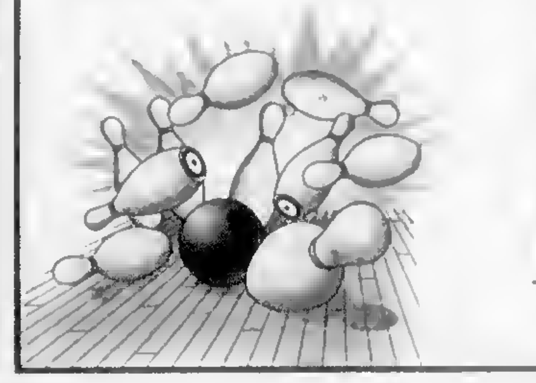
	Series	Game
Mary O'Brien	522	188
Diana Speigl	530	200
Jane Holm	507	176

DOUBLE DECKERS • FEB. 4, 2007

	W	L
Grunch/Crain	26	14
Webb	23.5	16.5
Browe	23	17
Blanchard/Crain	22	18
Spencer	20	20
Sharrow/Roloff	18	22
Bradley	17	23
A & J Russell	17	23
Russell C & R	17	23
Potter	16	24
Stein	15.5	24.5
Patton	15	25
Thomas	14.5	25.5
Ferguson	14.5	25.5
Sladek	14	26
Nordman	8	32

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mike Webb	522	201
Jim Potter	546	221
Robert Russell	531	193
Jackie Stein	432	178
Lisa Bradley		174
Lynette Webb	431	
Glenda Ferguson		165
Carla Spencer	429	



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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 07-011062-DE

Estate of DAMIAN VONDRA
Date of Birth: 02/18/1983

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

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January 29, 2007

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Edward Vondra or Martha Vondra
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 07-011066-DE

Estate of Lynn A. Edger, deceased
Date of birth: June 8, 1914

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

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January 31, 2007

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Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made February 1, 2000, by Gary R. Marvin and Heather R. Marvin, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to The Bank of Northern Michigan, and recorded on February 8, 2000, at Liber 382, Page 077, Charlevoix County Records, as modified by a Modification of Mortgage dated October 1, 2001, and recorded on October 10, 2001, at Liber 438, Page 746, Charlevoix County Records. The entire balance secured by said mortgage has matured and become fully due and payable according to the terms of said mortgage and the promissory note secured thereby, as modified; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice $226,299.33 principal and $3,253.15 interest; and no legal or equitable proceeding having been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgage; and the power of sale contained in the mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is now given that on Friday, February 9, 2007, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, in Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix Is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgage, situated in Charlevoix Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and described as follows:

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The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale.

Dated: January 4, 2007

The Bank of Northern Michigan
Mortgagee
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Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount with interest as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the lobby of the County Courthouse in Charlevoix, the place of holding the Circuit Court within Charlevoix County, Michigan, on Friday March 2, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. local time.

Pursuant to Section 3240(7) of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, as amended, (MCLA 600.3240(7); MSA 27A.3240(7)), the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

The premises covered by said mortgage is commonly known as **2774 Blackbird Road,** and is situated in the Townships of Hayes and Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel 1: Country Club Park Parcel (Including Parcel A of the Susan Casciani Property): Commencing at a 1/2" pipe at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Town 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76°04'44" East 738.32 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Section line North 76°04'44" East 559.98 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the West 1/8 corner of said sections; thence continuing along said Section line North 76°04'44" East 365.00 feet to a 1/2" rod which is South 76°04'44" West 933.09 feet (recorded as South 77°42'20" West and as South 77°39'15" West 932.72 feet) from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence South 5°59'01" East (recorded as South 4°25'25" East) 601.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 87°59'36" West 398.87 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line South 2°00'25" East (recorded as South 0°21'49" East 790.80 feet to a 1" rod on the North 1/8 line of said Section 19; thence along said North 1/8 line South 76°18'45" West 1320.47 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the line common to said Sections 19 & 24, also being the Northeast corner of Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence along said Section line and the East line of said block South 1°00'31" East 238.28 feet to the North line of the Boyne City - Charlevoix Road; thence along said road line South 87°51'28" West 450.66 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of said block; thence along the line common to Lots 9 & 10 of said block North 0°55'12" West 246.37 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line and the North line of said block South 88°51'29" West 107.57 feet to the line common to Lots 11 & 12 of said block; thence along the aforementioned lot line South 1°03'32" East 248.36 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89°14'29" West 200.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 15 of said block; thence along the West line of said lot North 1°05'45" West 247.01 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line South 88°54'45" West 494.86 feet to a 1" bar on the Easterly line of a Michigan Department of Transportation easement described in Liber 380, Page 743 Charlevoix County Records; thence continuing along said North 1/8 line South 88°54'45" West 87.43 feet to a 1" bar on the East 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line North 1°02'42" West 305.37 feet to the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 1°02'42" West 89.41 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 176.24 feet to the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 1203.55 feet; thence South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 471.19 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 50°23'33" East 944.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34°1'39" West 243.88 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19; Town 34 North, Range 7 West & part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 34 North, Range 8 West, and Lots 1 thru 9 & Lots 12 thru 14, Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point.

Parcel 2: Balance of Charlevoix Country Club Property in Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West lying South of U.S. 31: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Commencing at a 3/4" pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said Section South 76°04'44" West 918.26 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Section line South 76°04'44" West 939.81 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34°01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S. 31; thence continuing North 34°01'39" West 75.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 1222.54 feet; thence parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of said Section South 1°31'09" East 88.94 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing parallel with said 1/4 line South 1°31'09" East 543.71 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel 3: Vacant Land: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: All that part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 34 North, Range 7 West lying Southerly of the C&O Railroad Right of Way and Northerly of the centerline of U.S. 31 extended, a strip of land 50 feet wide lying between said Railroad Right of Way and U.S. 31 centerline described as: Commencing at the center 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North on the North & South 1/4 line to the Southerly line of said highway; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 63°15' to the left from said 1/4 line 846.3 feet more or less to the Southwesterly line of said Railroad Right of Way for the Point of Beginning; thence at an angle of 98°30' to the left from the last described course to the centerline of said highway for the point of ending.

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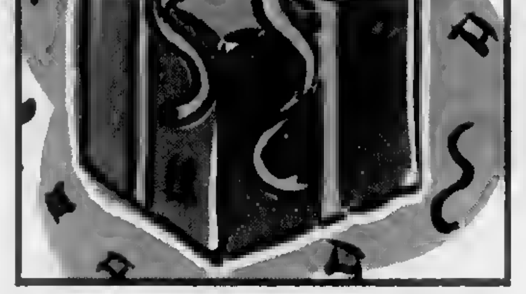

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Settlement talk surfaces in Venetian fireworks suits

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Monday, Jan. 29 trial to decide whether the defendants in the 1997 Venetian Festival fireworks tragedy are financially liable was over before it began.

Judge Richard M. Pajtas, of the 33rd Circuit in Charlevoix, was under the impression the case was essentially resolved between the defendants and plaintiffs rendering a trial unnecessary.

"No final orders have come through at this point," said court administrator, Melinda Morgan. "But, there were representations (that a settlement would be forthcoming) made by both sides."

Morgan said none of the nine original firework lawsuits have been officially settled.

The plaintiffs in the case, Lisa and Mark Sokolowski, are looking for monetary damages for, among other things, Lisa's extensive injuries caused when a commercial grade firework shell allegedly exploded prematurely hurling jagged chunks of steel into spectators, vehicles and even a boat, killing Charlevoix native, Mark Yager and wounding more than a dozen others.

According to court documents submitted by Sokolowski's attorney, John D. Tallman, dated Jan. 23, Lisa's left leg was cut through and nearly amputated below the knee.

"Steel from defendant's fireworks trailer sliced completely through both bones of Lisa's lower leg and severed her pe(r)oneal nerve. Lisa has a permanent condition known as profound foot drop, meaning that she has no function of the muscles on the top of her foot and ankle," Tallman stated. "She cannot walk and move normally because she has lost the use of muscles which control her foot and ankle and which allowed her to raise her foot to begin each new step and maintained her balance."

Tallman declined to comment until the case is closed.

Lisa's leg has deteriorated for nearly the past decade, and her doctor believes this will continue to degrade over the next 10 or 15 years.

The defendants' attorney, according to Tallman's brief, has previously questioned the extent of injury, deterioration and the potential for future deterioration.

Daniel P. Steele, attorney for the multiple defendants, Fireworks North Inc. - the nonprofit group hired to procure, transport and launch the fireworks, Richard Davis - the operator of the fireworks display who then worked for Fireworks North Inc., Michael Jaye, Curtis Crawford, Lawrence Grice - who assisted Davis, and Second Chance Body Armor Inc. and Second Chance Body Armor, also declined to comment on the case.

Some of the defendants have been accused of carelessness for the incident with the exploding shell.

"Three of the four defendant fireworks operators, Crawford, Jaye and Grice were drinking liquor on the scene of the fireworks display in Charlevoix just before the explosion. In particular, defendant Jaye was drinking tequila and was drunk. Defendant Jaye was so intoxicated that he shoved a police officer who attempted to stop the fireworks after the explosion," Tallman stated in documents dated Jan. 25. "Here, it is plain that there is nothing about defendants and fireworks that was not negligent. From start to finish, defendants' devil-may-care, rules-be-damned attitude demonstrated throughout the 'Scheme, plan or system' having to do with the fireworks."

The defendants claimed the fireworks manufacturer may have delivered a defective shell. However, Tallman's brief argues the defendants never explained why or how the shell was defective.

An update on this story will be forthcoming as soon as a settlement is reached or further court proceedings are scheduled.

File photo

Rescue workers remove an injured spectator from the East Park area following the July 1997 fireworks explosion that killed one man and injured 15 others. After almost a decade of court dates, the parties involved in the lawsuits that followed the tragedy are said to be close to a settlement.

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Library property back on the market

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> **Connie Saltonstall**
> HEIR TO THE 109 CLINTON ST. PROPERTY

Public Schools), (Jim) Cooper to have a meeting with Valerie Meyerson (director of the Charlevoix Public Library) to discuss the possibility of getting the assistance of the library board in lifting the deed restriction."

Valerie Meyerson

Despite several meetings between school and library officials in the weeks following the board meeting, Saltonstall stuck to her proverbial guns by refusing to lift the deed restriction unless the property is sold to a private buyer.

"I'm pleased that it will have the opportunity to become a commercial or professional building downtown," Saltonstall said.

Some are left scratching their heads at the school's most recent decision not to purchase the property after outbidding an unnamed law firm which eventually withdrew their offer, allegedly for reasons unrelated to the school's counter offer.

"They (the schools) withdrew their offer because of the deed restriction," Meyerson said. "We were under the impression they didn't have a problem with it because they knew about it up front."

Both boards will now revert to prior protocol in this situation.

"We are looking at putting the property up with a Realtor," Meyerson said. "We're going on the agreement we had last summer that we'll put the property up for sale and split the proceeds (between the school and library boards)."

Saltonstall said, if anything, the Cool Cities meeting on Jan. 31 strengthened her opinion that the school should not purchase the old library.

"It showed that there is a need for that kind of a building and that kind of space," she said. "It's a much better use for a location within a block of Bridge Street."

Though a longtime opponent of the school's desire to own the 109 Clinton St. facility, Saltonstall isn't alone in her desire to see the building used commercially.

"I would do anything and everything to make sure no more nonprofit (organizations) go in downtown," said Don Voisin, owner of The Charlevoix Agency. "I would love to see two or three businesses — a CPA office, attorney office, brokerage firm — go in there."

He added, "I am a big proponent of the downtown and keeping the tax base up."

The most important thing to remember about this ordeal, Saltonstall said, is that she and her sister won't think twice about signing off on the deed restriction if a private buyer makes a move. She also reminded that, in 2002, she and her sister vowed to sign off if school officials would trade the 109 Clinton St. property for the current library property. School officials refused the deal saying they had no interest in the old library.

The nearly 6,500-square-feet building in question, which has been vacant since the Charlevoix Public Library relocated in fall 2006, was last appraised at $720,000.

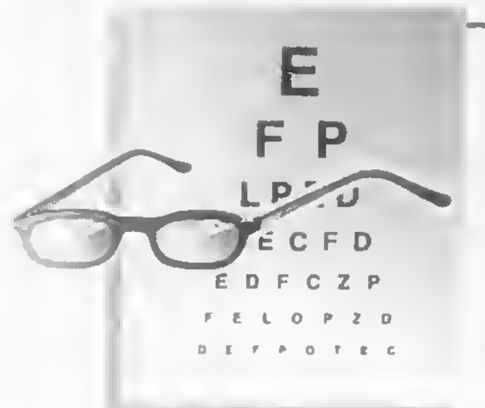
School officials intended to use the property for new administration offices.

Currently, no new offers to purchase the building have been made.

Courtesy photo

Catholic Schools Week treat

An ice cream social was held on Feb. 1 at St. Mary School in conjunction with students' Catholic Schools Week celebration which took place from Jan. 27 through Feb. 2. Pictured are second graders Kamryn Veryser and Isabelle Buday enjoying their treat. The week of events ended Feb. 2 with an outing to Avalanche Bay.



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FEB. 7
BENEFIT DINNER

A dinner to benefit Charlevoix residents Michelle Mailloux and Gregg Whitley whose son, Boddy Whitley, was born prematurely and is being treated at DeVos Children's Hospital, will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. on Feb. 7 at the Villager Pub. All proceeds from dinner sales will be directed to the family.

For more information, call (231) 547-6925.

FEB. 8
HEALTH CARE FORUM

Health care in northern Michigan will be the topic of a public forum on Feb. 8 at Charlevoix Public Library.

The program is free and open to the public.

The discussion portion of the program will be moderated by Annemarie Conway, the Charlevoix High School government teacher.

The keynote speaker will be Jack Wheeler, Ph.D., professor of health management and policy at the University of Michigan's school of public health.

Spencer Johnson, president of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, will also appear. A study completed last summer for his association showed that health care is Michigan's largest private sector employer, providing 737,000 jobs that pump $31.6 billion into Michigan's economy.

Also participating will be William Jackson, president and CEO of Charlevoix Area Hospital; Niki Kenny, director of the Community Free Clinic in Petoskey; James Jeakle, M.D., of Charlevoix Women's Health Care; and Ben Cohen, business health benefits consultant with Kushner and Co.

The program's presenters will analyze the history of health care and the state of our system as it is today. Policy options for the future will be discussed, ranging from comprehensive and universal health coverage to consumer-driven health plans.

Audience participation will be encouraged.

Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. The program will start at 6 p.m.

FEB. 8
ARTIST PRESENTATION

Charlevoix artist, Glenn Waehler will present a free lecture entitled, "The Art of Meaningful Giving," at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8 at the Gallery on Main in Bay Harbor. For more information, call (231) 439-2745.

FEB. 9
WINE TASTING BENEFIT

Chef John Norman of the City Park Grill in Petoskey is staging a six-course wine tasting dinner for the second year in a row to benefit the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation.

For $100 per person ($60 tax deductible), guests will be treated to some of the chef's finest fare.

The menu includes grilled curry chicken sate tostada, southwest beef carpaccezo roll, mixed green salad, grilled crawfish salmon roulade, red wine herb roasted beef tenderloin and white chocolate fudge brownie. Each course will feature complimenting wines provided by Bayside Beverage Company.

Dinner begins at 6:45 p.m. on Feb. 9. Tickets are available by calling Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation at (231) 547-8685.

FEB. 9
YACHT CLUB FRIDAY FEATURES

The Charlevoix Yacht Club will host a series of programs called Friday Features. At 7 p.m. on Feb. 9 Jim Neumann of North Sails, will present "Develop a Successful Racing Program for your Boat." Neumann will discuss his system for success on the race course. The free public presentation will take place at the Charlevoix Yacht Club, located at 209 Ferry Avenue in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-9170 or visit www.CharlevoixYachtClub.org.

FEB. 9
RIVE GAUCHE

The Virginia McCune Performing Arts Series continues with a performance by Café, comprised of members of the Bijou Orchestra of Bay City at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9.

Following the performance, audience members are welcome to enjoy appetizers and French wine.

Tickets are available at www.crookedtree.org or by calling (231) 347-4337. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 East Mitchell St. in downtown Petoskey. Tickets for Crooked Tree members are $15 for adults and $6 for students. Tickets for nonmembers are $20 for adults and $8 for students.

FEB. 10
FIREMEN'S BALL

Tickets are on sale now for the 8th Annual Firemen's Ball on Feb. 10.

The event will take place from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Feb. 10 at Mahogany's restaurant located at the Charlevoix Country Club. Tickets cost $30 each or two for $50 and can be purchased at the fire department or the President of the Firefighters Association, Winfield Scott.

There will be live and silent auctions, a dinner, raffles and dancing to tunes provided by DJ the DJ at this year's ball.

The fundraising efforts allowed the department to purchase new handheld radios and an auxiliary trailer for their dive team among other things.

The ball is open to the public.

For ticket information, call Scott at (231) 547-2821.

FEB. 10
WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company will be presenting a special mini retreat for women from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Feb. 10 at the new Charlevoix Public Library.

Entitled, "A Forever Kind of Love," the three-hour event provides mothers, daughters, sisters and friends the opportunity to gather together over a delicious brunch while soaking in a variety of dramatic selections, media presentations and dance pieces.

For more information visit www.RagamuffinTheatre.com or call (231) 237-9686. Tickets for the event are available on-line as well as at the door.

FEB. 13
SCHOOL BOARD FILING DEADLINE

The filing deadline for those interested in the one open seat on the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education is 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13.

A $100 nonrefundable fee may be paid in lieu of filing a petition.

The open seat is currently held by 56-year-old Bill Trubilowicz who has held the seat for five years.

No one had filed for the seat, a two-year term, by press time.

Candidates who wish to rum in the May 8 election must be registered voters residing in the Charlevoix public school district.

FEB. 13
SOCCER CLINICS

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer clinics will take place on Feb. 13 at Charlevoix Elementary School.

The first is a coaches clinic which will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. The clinic is open to all interested coaches regardless of skill level.

The other is a free players' clinic from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. The clinic is open to players ages 8 to 14 regardless of skill level. It will be conducted by two qualified coaches.

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FEB. 14
VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE

The Charlevoix Senior Center is presenting a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, at 7 p.m. on Feb. 14 at the center.

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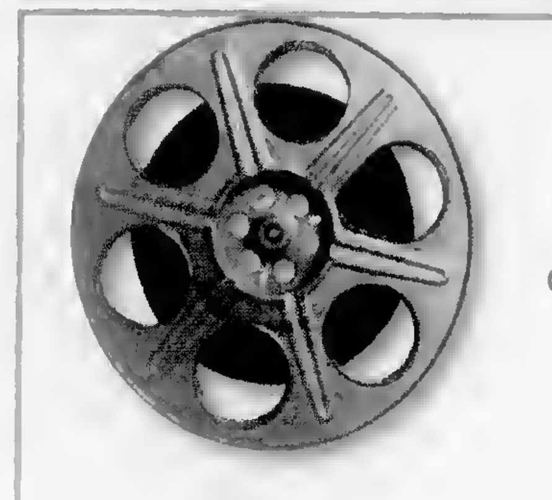

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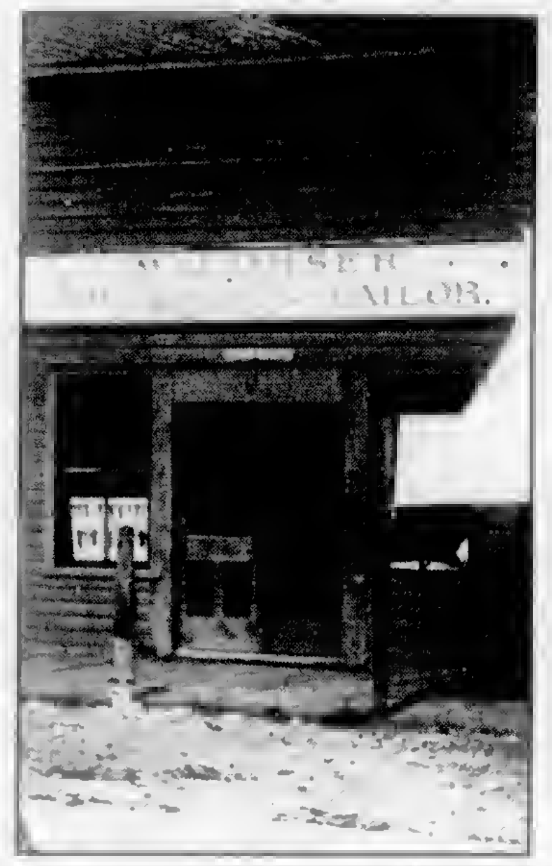

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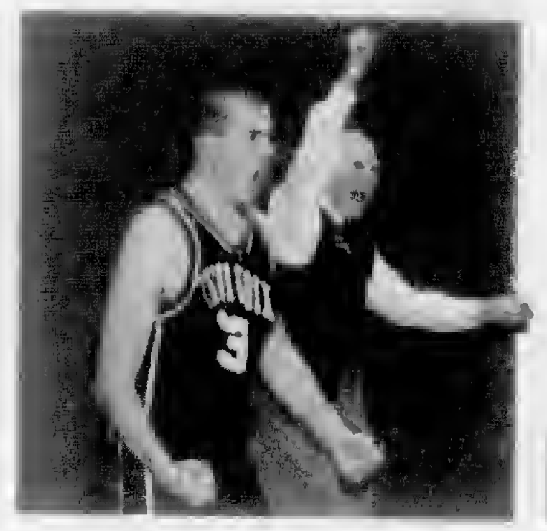

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Council considers $32 million budget

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

East Park and marina improvements are the big stories for the second year in a row in the City of Charlevoix's proposed budget for 2007-2008.

The proposed 2007-2008 city budget shows a total of $32 million in it — $9.7 million of that money is for capital improvement projects such as the marina and East Park renovations and $6.2 million of that is from federal and state grants.

Proposed capital spending is down about $5 million from last year.

The marina and East Park projects are at the top of this year's capital spending list with a total cost of $4.68 million.

The second largest capital project is the airport clear zone purchase slated to cost $967,500. According to city treasurer and acting city manager, Rick Brandi, these funds will be used to purchase property off Old Norwood Road in Charlevoix Township where Waste Management used to operate, to ensure nothing is in the way of the

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Budget highlights 2007-2008 City of Charlevoix

Capital spending: $9.7 million

Millage rates: Operating millage, 9.05 mills; infrastructure millage, 2.237 mills; trash millage increased .1 mill to .8 mill

Rate increases: 2 percent increase on water rates; 5 5 percent increase on sewer rates; $35 increase on season passes at Charlevoix Golf Club

What's next: City council will review the budget at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 19 in city council chambers at city hall.

City council: Lights out on signs

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The benefits of "sign language" in Charlevoix aren't universally understood.

Whether opening the gate to internally lit signs in Charlevoix through wording in the sign ordinance would help or hurt business is a matter of opinion.

On Monday night, Feb. 5 some local residents successfully bent the ears of Charlevoix City Council members and sent city planner Gerry Harsch back to the sign ordinance revision drawing board.

Harsch was asked to remove language from the proposed ordinance revision that would allow internally lit signs outside Charlevoix's central

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Be mine Valentine

Lois Williams, owner of A Touch of Spring flower shop in the Glen's Plaza stands among flowers and gift ideas for Valentine's Day. Williams sells almost 300 bouquets on Valentine's Day — her single busiest day of the year. According to onlinedatingmagazine.com, flowers rank number two on the list of top 10 gift ideas. Number one is a homemade card. For nature lovers, a getaway to SEE-North might be the answer. A live barn owl with a heart-shaped face will be on display from 3-6 p.m. on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 at SEE-North's Exploration Center in downtown Petoskey. Belfry, now 9 years old, is a very animated, comical and intelligent bird, and has become a favorite among audiences. SEE-North Exploration Center is located at 220 Park Avenue in Petoskey.

Jarema fights for city's cash

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

John Jarema

Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema won't let William Montgomery take the money and run.

Jarema claims Montgomery must be held accountable for cashing a check for $222,978.36 in April 2004 that Jarema says he knew didn't belong to him.

"I think the guy committed a crime. Why should he get away with it? And look at the fallout (recently dismissed city manager Mike) Wiesner lost his job

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

William James Towne Jr., 27, East Jordan. Motor vehicle operator without security. Fines and costs totaling $315.

Donald Gary Sawall, 44, Wolverine. Reckless driving. Serve 20 days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Cass Norman Dolbow, 22, Boyne City. Trespassing. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Brandon Scott Johnstone, 19, Charlevoix. Weapons - improper possession of a motor vehicle - non-game. Serve 12 days in jail; forfeit rifle; $300 in fines and costs.

Lisa Dori Bishop, 38, Boyne City. Larceny by conversion. Serve 12 days in jail; $1,440 in fines and costs.

Ryan Lamond Ennik, 29, East Jordan. Domestic violence. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for two days, 91 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; $800 in fines and costs.

Anthony John Himebauch, 22, Wixom. Driving while impaired. Serve 34 days in jail with credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; attend substance abuse classes: $780 in fines and costs.

Peter Deluca Spina, 19, Grosse Pointe Farms. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, 77 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes and Impact weekend within 90 days; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Christopher Robert Eaton, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession/consumption/purchase of alcohol. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Douglas Jay Devries, 52, Grand Rapids. Operating while intoxicated. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 40 days in jail, 37 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend within 120 days; $1,180 in fines and costs.

Margaret Jeanette Kuttkuhn, 32, Byron. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow - second offense. Serve 16 days in jail; $600 in fines and costs.

Anna Marie Smith, 48, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Serve 93 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve seven days in jail, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend; $900 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Lost Islander Studios, 06685 M66 North #120, Charlevoix, by Micheal J. Randall

Passageways Partners, 907 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Carlo D'Angelo

Montel Enterprises, 05124 River Road, Boyne Falls, by Samuel Montel

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Matthew Hilaire Gilmet, 28 and Ashley Mae Arlt, 21, both of Charlevoix

Ralph William Larsen, 52 and Patricia M. Gillespie, 55, both of Charlevoix

Ryan Gerald Kilpatrick, 22 and April Kay Fuller, 18, both of Boyne City

Randy Delwin Morris, 44 and Michelle T. Bos, 41, both of East Jordan

BIRTHS

Emma Louise Ingalls weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces was born on Feb. 2 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Matt and Theresa Ingalls of Ellsworth. Her sibling is Cody Everett Ingalls. Her grandparents are Everett and Linda Ingalls and Roger and Laurie Moses all of Ellsworth.

Cameron Elizabeth Colosimo weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce was born on Feb. 5 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Rebecca Jean Colosimo and Devin Dean Shotmiller. Her grandparents are Marc and Rachele Durkee and Teresa Shotmiller all of Charlevoix and Patton and Maxine Bryant from Westland. Her great-grandparents are Jodi Vires of Hazard, Ky., Mike Colosimo of Pontiac and Annie Horowits of Fort Myers, Fla.

Ava Lorraine Palmer-Bousquet weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces was born on Feb. 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kevin Joseph Bousquet and Hilary Rose Palmer of Beaver Island. Her grandparents are Edward and Mary Palmer and Kevin and Debbie Bousquet all of Beaver Island. Her great-grandparents are Joan Bousquet of Charlevoix and Sharron Hamil of West Bloomfield.

Weather

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Feb. 6	15	7	2
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Jarema pursues charges against Montgomery in check debacle

CCMS

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— right, wrong or indifferent, this guy should be held accountable," Jarema said.

Jarema had been fighting for jurisdiction to bring charges against Montgomery for over a year. On Feb. 1, his request was granted by the Michigan Attorney General's office.

Now, he will travel to the Mackinac County Courthouse to pursue justice in the matter.

The check in question was written from the City of Charlevoix on April 2, 2004 to CCMS and Associates, a contractor out of Sault Ste. Marie hired by the city in 2001 to work on roads and sidewalks.

However, the check was supposed to be written to CCMS insurer, United Fire and Casualty. United was then to pay subcontractors hired by CCMS for those projects.

When Charlevoix City Treasurer Rick Brandi realized the check was issued in error, he called the city's bank and tried to stop payment but it was too late. Montgomery, owner of CCMS, had cashed the check and never turned over any portion of that money to the bond company United Fire and Casualty.

Because the CCMS check was cashed in St. Ignace, local authorities have been working with the Michigan State Police post there. The Michigan State Police entered a request for charges with former Mackinac County Prosecuting Attorney Clayton Graham.

According to Jarema, Graham opted not to take the case.

Current Mackinac County Prosecuting Attorney Fred Feleppa said that since the majority of the issue had Charlevoix ties his office determined Jarema would be the better man to handle the case.

Jarema said he requested an opinion from the state attorney general's office as to whether he could try the case in Charlevoix.

"The impact was felt here," he said.

The attorney general's office determined that the only way for Jarema to get jurisdiction is to be appointed a special prosecutor in Mackinac County.

Since this process began, Graham has been appointed Mackinac County Probate Judge. Jarema is now in the process of working with Feleppa, to act as a prosecutor in Mackinac County which will allow him to travel and try the case there.

Last week, he met with Richard Harris a representative of the U.S. Department of Treasury in Marquette to hash out details of the case. Jarema claims Montgomery never claimed the money on his taxes or paid sales tax on it. Instead, he invested two $100,000 cashiers checks into an Ameritrade account.

"We'll see if he'll cough up the cash," Jarema said.

Brandi, who is currently the acting city manager, said regardless of how much cash Jarema is able to get, he's happy to see Montgomery being pursued.

"He's the guy we feel is the bad guy in this. Whether or not we get anything from the prosecution is one thing — but at least it will feel better," Brandi said.

The city's luck in covering the check mishap thus far hasn't been good.

This mistake resulted in United Fire and Casualty suing the city in June 2004. In December 2004 the city agreed to end the suit by paying United Fire the over $220,000 it already paid CCMS. The city then filed suit against its insurer Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool, to try and recoup its expense.

In June 2006 Charlevoix County Circuit Judge Richard Pajtas ruled in the city's favor in the matter. But that decision was overturned in December 2006 by the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Early this month, Robert L. DeJong of Miller Canfield in Grand Rapids, who is representing the city in this matter applied to the Supreme Court to review the appellate court decision.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

A life of servitude

Above is a scene from the Arm-of-the-Sea Theater production at Charlevoix High School on Tuesday, Feb. 6. La Cosecha or "The Harvest" is a tale of a man's journey from his home in Mexico to America where he is sold into indentured servitude after he fails to pay the person who smuggled him into the U.S. The program was sponsored by Charlevoix Council for the Arts.

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Benjamin Gohs

I was surprised to find out recently that apparently I am an idiot and so are many of you.

It seems we've ignored insults from a local home improvement store and allowed our rich heritage to be ignored.

Though xenophobia goes back to Grog hating Grink for worshipping an oak stump instead of a pile of manure, today's pseudo controversy began with a woman's letter to the editor of the Petoskey News-Review stating, "The corporate 'Thinkers?' at Lowes have... completely ignored our rich heritage. Instead of trying to assimilate(,) they have posted their store entry and every subsequent sign in English and Spanish in equal sized letters."

"Spanish? Equal sized letters?" gasp northern Michiganders. OK, maybe the sucking sound is the synchronous mouth breathing of bigots salivating in anticipation of a self-imposed xenophobic frenzy, but if your heritage includes fear and loathing of those unlike you, perhaps it is time you're ignored.

The author went on to wager, "We do not have a second language here, and if we did it would not be Spanish."

Xeno Worrier Princess could have said an American Indian dialect would be the second language if European invaders' hadn't done such a hang-up job assimilating and embracing the culture out of existence. It seems the American Indians were simply pandering to the incompetent whites.

Lighthearted citations of genocide notwithstanding, I venture there are more Spanish speakers in Michigan than all remaining American Indian tribes combined. The truth is, most of the nearly 10 percent of the population who don't speak English speak Spanish.

Now, before you pull out your "I Hate the Liberal Media" stationary, I'm not advocating a second language. Governmental and legal proceedings should be conducted in English. There should be limits on the amount of tax money spent to accommodate non-English speakers. However, this isn't the issue at hand.

Xeno said she won't, "Shop at stores where the rich heritage of my area is ignored. And the heritage of another country is being shoved down our throats."

Granted, if a brown guy named Juan feeds you frijoles at gunpoint while a mariachi band plays "Happy Birthday" to Benito Jaurez, you've had someone else's culture shoved down your throat. Anything short of that is a minor annoyance at best.

The princess' letter spurred sentiments of indignation including, "We're all watching our own America slipping away from us right under our noses."

America doesn't belong more to you or Gohs than Pablo Incognito simply because we may have more of a general grasp of the English language. Yes, blaming foreign tongues for America's ills is easier than investigating our own inadequacy, but if you think multilingual assembly instructions, DVD menu options and the prerecorded voices on the gas company's hotline will ruin your country, perhaps it's time to increase your dosage.

Lowes can't steal your kids, impinge your whiteness or force you to speak Hindi, they're simply reaching out to the most customers possible.

The good old indignant exasperation doesn't stop there as evidenced by a writer so upset with Spanish signs he phoned Lowes corporate headquarters. If he thinks "Lowes is simply pandering to the incompetent Mexicans and others," he ought to get a load of federal law which dictates any group receiving federal funds must provide services to non-English speakers. Or the Supreme Court, which found students who don't speak English are privy to translators, tutors and materials at taxpayer expense. Let's not forget the billions in food stamps, subsidized housing and health care for those in the U.S. who 'No speaky.'

Following this line of reasoning, you folks have been slapped in the face for far longer than Lowes has been in town.

In the end, Americans still have the right to offend one another — they with their letters, me with this column. I don't care if the Lowes signs translate as "Welcome," or "White people suck," assuming only Joe Whitebread has ownership in the country is simplistic, bigoted and lacks cognitive thought.

By the way, anyone with an urge to complain about the Braille menus available at McDonalds restaurants can call (800) 244-6227. God knows all those raised dots ignore my rich heritage of being able to hear.

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

In this installment of "The Crying Towel" Courier staff writer Benjamin Gohs (above) explores concerns voiced about signs posted in English and Spanish at the Petoskey Lowes store.

WORD on the street

Charlevoixans voice their opinions ...Are you offended by signs in stores printed in languages other than English?

Lauren Bradley

"Not at all. That's what America is all about, diversity."

Tavia Lanterman

"No, because I work with a whole bunch of people from different countries."

Shauna Bradley

"Spanish is becoming a big part of America. We should let them have their freedoms."

Mindy Joy

"Not at all."

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LETTERS to the editor

THE SUCCESS EQUATION

Editor:

Often, being referred to as "just a number" isn't a good thing. It implies an impersonal relationship often found in big cities, big business and big government. Those of us who choose to make northern Michigan our home have done so because we want to be considered more than "just a number." But occasionally, numbers can be a very good thing.

Take for instance the numbers below associated with the Charlevoix Cool City Project.

- 23 — the number of community leaders ably serving on the Charlevoix Cool City Process Committee, offering their valuable guidance and keen insight.
- 68 — the number of downtown business owners who submitted surveys detailing their perceptions of downtown Charlevoix.
- 100 — the number of area residents who kindly provided vital feedback regarding their shopping and activity habits.
- 25 — the number of seasonal residents who generously offered their perceptions of our downtown.
- 21 — the number of volunteers who contacted area residents seeking their input.
- 45 — the number of Charlevoix residents ranging from downtown employees to city department heads to key community leaders who took time to share their thoughts with our downtown development consultants.
- 13 — the number of staff members of the Charlevoix Public Library led by its dynamic director, Valerie Meyerson, who supplied the perfect venue for our three days of focus groups and issue sessions, culminating in our successful town hall-style Community Vision Session.
- 141 — the number of community members attended the Charlevoix Cool City Community Vision Session to discuss the future of their town.

The numbers above represent well over 400 community members who wish to make a positive difference in their town. Each of these individuals contributed in their own unique way to making the Charlevoix Cool City project a success. And whether they know it or not, each has earned both their community's respect and my sincere gratitude.

But we have more to do.

In less than two weeks the Charlevoix Cool City project will host the unveiling of Charlevoix's Downtown Blueprint. All community members are invited to this exciting presentation of a five-year plan geared to revitalize downtown Charlevoix. The presentation of the Charlevoix Downtown Blueprint will occur at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26 in City Council Chambers at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St.

Regardless of what this final plan reveals or suggests, one thing has been demonstrated beyond all others during this intensive eight-week process — community spirit is alive and well in Charlevoix.

Keith Carey
Charlevoix Cool City Coordinator

STUDENTS NEED SKILLS NOT CRITICISM

Editor:

Thank you, Connie Saltonstall, for putting the kibosh on the ill-considered plan to move a few school administrators into the old library building. It is ridiculous to think that the system's "image" depends upon a new building. And there are certainly better uses for a high-value downtown property and taxpayers' money.

Do the schools have an "image" problem? I managed to wade through the Courier's front-page account (page 1, Feb. 7 edition of the Charlevoix Courier entitled "Teen charged in high school drug bust) of last December's big drug bust, or could-have-been drug bust, at Charlevoix High School. If I understand the facts, one student attempted to inhale what he admitted was one crushed OxyContin tablet, stolen from his mother. Mr. (Gary) Grundman, school principal, interrupted that act, and later questioned him about the incident. Because of a delay in bringing in officer (Rob) Scholey (school liaison officer), who would have brought in Rex (our county drug dog), and the state crime lab, the "scene was not "adequately preserved" for the prosecutor, Mr. (John) Jarema.

I am certainly not an advocate of drug use or abuse. I realize that it is a problem among our youth, and a bigger problem among our adults. Making mountains out of molehills, however entertaining that may be, is just not the solution to the problem.

Here's what ought to concern us — we are talking about our schools, and not one of the individuals involved seems capable of putting a simple English sentence together. Surely police reports must be written at the fifth-grade level at a minimum. Surely a high school principal can say something more sensible than that he was sick and had never seen a situation like this in his 34 years as an educator. Surely a prosecutor, with at least seven years of post high school education, knows the difference between an adjective and an adverb. Surely a newspaper reporter can write a coherent story. And surely the superintendent of schools doesn't need to say that he doesn't believe a conspiracy was involved.

Some of the young people who graduate from our schools need to be educated, because not all of them will be able to find jobs in the schools, law enforcement, the local newspaper or prisons, where apparently we are hell-bent on sending many of our young men. Perhaps ensuring that our young people have the skills they need to get decent jobs or succeed in college will result in less drug use. Perhaps it is a focus on the quality of education, not new offices and high-profile drug busts, that will improve the image of the Charlevoix schools.

Raechel Wright
Charlevoix

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Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest. The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

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Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and not exceed 450 words. The deadline for letters is 5 p.m. the Friday before publication.

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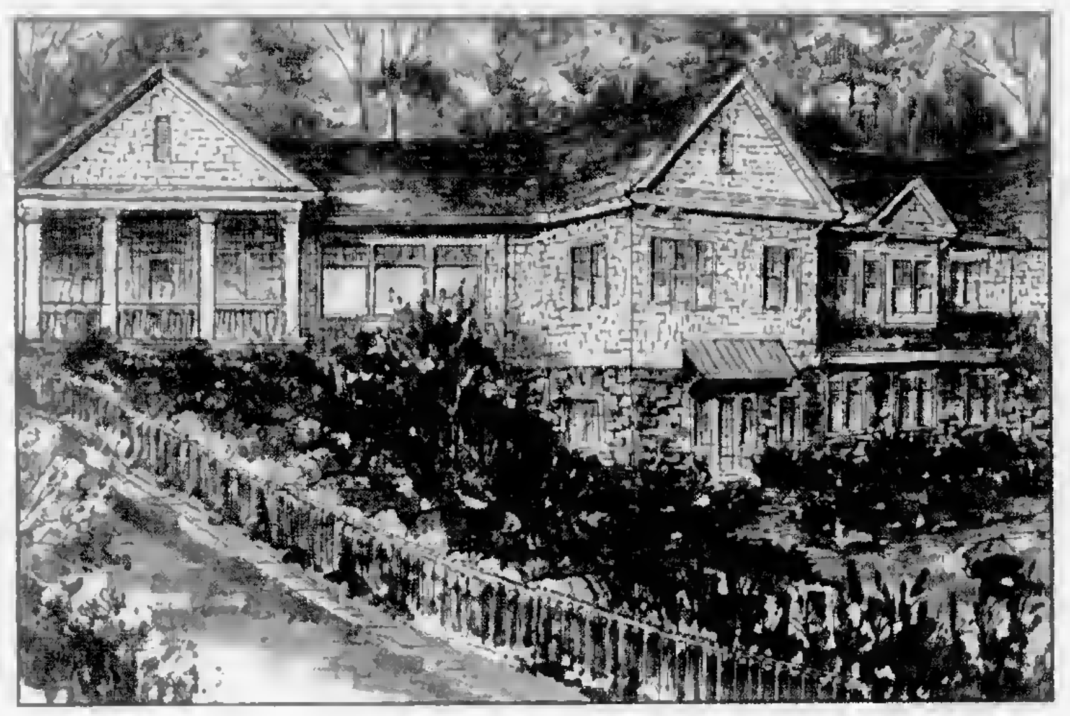
Hospice reaches $3.6 million goal to build Hiland Cottage



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Hospice of Little Traverse Bay has reached its capital campaign goal, raising $3.6 million toward construction of a seven-bedroom hospice residence and community grief and loss center pictured above.

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay has announced that it has reached its capital campaign goal, raising $3.6 million toward construction of a seven-bedroom hospice residence and community grief and loss center.

"As of Dec. 31, 2006, we have raised $3.6 million, which will allow us to begin construction of Hiland Cottage this spring," said campaign chair Roger Lintz.

Year-end campaign contributions from three area organizations helped put Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at the top. Grants from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation ($5,000), the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation ($9,000) and the Northern Michigan Hospital Auxiliary ($50,000) were presented at the December board of directors meeting.

"The total cost estimate for the project, including construction and equipment, is $3.8 million," said Hospice of Little Traverse Bay Executive Director Lisa Ashley. "We are still awaiting one final, major gift that will put us over the top and provide the funds necessary for construction in addition to the equipment. It has been a long journey, but thanks to the generous support of our community and many friends, we are on our way home."

While Hospice of Little Traverse Bay awaits that final gift, construction documents have been submitted to the state of Michigan for final review and approval. Construction will begin on Hiland Cottage following receipt of state approval.

Named for long-time hospice advocate and board member Hiland Hall, the 18,000-square-foot, two-story building will house all hospice operations on the first floor, including administration, counseling staff and volunteers. The second floor will have seven patient bedrooms, a kitchen, a meditation room, a family/children's play room, a beauty shop, a library and an office for nursing staff.

Hiland Cottage will be located in Petoskey off of Balsam Avenue near the Northern Michigan Hospital Lockwood-MacDonald campus. It provides a place of comfort for patients and their families as they experience the end-of-life transition together.

The facility will also house all Safe Crossings Community Support Services.

These programs are offered free-of-charge to anyone in the community who has lost a loved one regardless of their participation in hospice services. Funding is provided by grants, memorials and other community gifts.

Hospice care is available to anyone, of any age who has a life-limiting illness. Those who would benefit from a hospice facility are those whose caregivers are unable to maintain care for the patient at home, for those without a caregiver available or those whose symptoms are such that they need 24-hour care to maintain their level of comfort. Hospice of Little Traverse Bay provides care to residents of Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties.

For more information on hospice care or the hospice house project, visit www.hospiceltb.org or call (231) 487-4787.

ENGAGEMENT

Rieck — Cornett

Courtesy photo

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rieck of Charlevoix recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Michelle Rieck to Michael Alan Cornett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Cornett, also of Charlevoix.

Ashley graduated from Charlevoix High School in 2002. In 2006, she graduated from Hawaii Pacific University with a bachelor of science degree in biology. She is continuing her education at the University of Michigan-Flint pursuing a master of science degree in biology.

Michael graduated from Charlevoix High School in 2002. In 2006, he graduated from Kalamazoo Valley Community College with a certificate in heating, air conditioning and refrigeration. Michael is currently employed by Carlson's Home Improvement of Charlevoix.

The couple is planning a 2007 summer wedding in Charlevoix.

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Students showcase Irish Folk Art performance in Grand Rapids

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On Saturday, Jan. 27 at DeVos Place, Charlevoix band students performed for attendees of the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids.

On Saturday, Jan. 27 the sounds of dulcimers, drums, xylophones and penny whistles filled the air at DeVos Place as Charlevoix band students performed for attendees of the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids.

"It is a great honor to be chosen to perform at this conference which is made up of band, orchestra and choir directors from all over Michigan," said director of bands for Charlevoix Public Schools, Jayne Bennett.

Bennett and the Irish performing students presented a clinic discussing the elements of organizing the Irish Folk Art Festival that was performed last March in Charlevoix. There were performances of Irish folk music and dance by Charlevoix middle and high school students. Teachers showed great interest in the instruments and songs hoping to start something similar in their own schools.

Instruments were purchased using grants provided by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Charlevoix Education Foundation.

Hospice offering free Valentine's Day luncheon

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is planning a free Valentine's Day luncheon for those who have lost a loved one.

The luncheon will take place from noon to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at the City Park Grill, located at 432 East Lake St. in Petoskey.

The Valentine's Day luncheon is part of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay's Safe Crossings Program which includes many free community support services such as bereavement programs for children and teens, adult grief support groups and individual counseling.

To register or for more information, visit the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay Web site at www.hospiceltb.org or call (231) 487-4787.

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The Charlevoix Public Library offers story time in 5-week sessions and pre-registration is recommended.

Story Time 2: "Toddler Tuesdays", Feb 20 – Mar 20, 3 p.m. (open to all ages)

Story Times: Thursdays, Feb 22 – Mar 22 Lapsit (birth - 3) 10:05 and Pre-k (3 -5) 10:30

Sleepytime Stories: Evening pajama stories for families, 7 p.m., Feb 27.

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OBITUARIES

Dwight Leonard: June 8, 1942 - Jan. 29, 2007

Dwight Wilson Leonard, age 64, died on Monday, Jan. 29 in his home in Troy.

He was born on June 8, 1942 in Detroit and grew up in Grosse Pointe. After graduating from Grosse Pointe High in 1960, he joined Cutmore Tool Co. which was founded by his late father, Frederick Wilson Leonard. He worked as owner of this company until his death.

A member of the Detroit Athletic Club since 1968, Dwight enjoyed the various activities taking part in the Beavers, Handball, Suite 500 and nearly 40 years as a Friday afternoon bowler. While boating and golf were hobbies he enjoyed, his passion in life was his friends and family.

As one of the nicest people you will ever meet, he was an inspiration to all.

Services have been held.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Linda; his mother, Florence Leonard; his children, Rick Leonard (Linda), Leigh Leonard-Boyd (Bob); his sister, Colleen Van Gelderen (Ted); step-children, Marny Mellinger (Jim), Lindsey Brodsky and Megan Reedy (Brian); six grandchildren, Emma and Alec, Jonathon and Samantha, Jack and Henry; and many relatives and friends.

View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com.

Donations in Dwight's honor are welcome at the Detroit Zoological Society, 8450 West Ten Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48067.

Beverly Plum: April 9, 1926 - Feb. 7, 2007

Beverly June Plum, of Charlevoix and Traverse City, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 7 in her assisted living apartment at the Highlander in Traverse City.

Bev was born on April 9, 1926, in Grand Haven, to William and Ida (Kamphuis) Fisher. Her father was a lifeboat station commander in the Coast Guard and Bev spent her childhood in many Great Lakes Coast Guard stations.

Beverly married Melvin L. Plum on Oct. 30, 1947, in Charlevoix, where they lived for the next 56 years and raised their three children, Gary, Mary and David.

After Mel's death, Bev moved to the Highlander in Traverse City to be closer to her kids.

Bev spent many years working in the office of Dr. John Lignell. She was a caregiver to many and so enjoyed doing for others. She enjoyed sewing and knitting, especially for the grandchildren. Bev loved to cook. Her family get-togethers were so special. Bev's Highlander family was such a loving environment in her final years.

Bev was a member of Charlevoix's First Congregational Church, Order of the Eastern Star, VFW Auxiliary and Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild.

Surviving are son, Gary (Gail) Plum, of Traverse City; daughter, Mary Clark, of Reed City; and son, David (Rosemary) Plum, of Virginia Beach; 11 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Preceding Bev in death was husband, Melvin; her parents; sister, Ardene Anderson; brother, Gerald (Bud) Fisher; and son-in-law, Merritt Clark.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix or Munson Hospice and Palliative Care.

A funeral service took place on Feb. 10 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

Arrangements were handled by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Joseph Czerkes: Sept. 5, 1917 - Feb. 9, 2007

Joseph Czerkes

Joseph Czerkes, 89 of Boyne Falls, died Feb. 9 at home surrounded by his loving family.

Joseph was born on Sept. 5, 1917 in Hludno, Poland the son of Constantine and Tekla (Szepelak) Czerkes. He grew up in Poland and attended school in Hludno. In June 1944 he married Teresa (Paraska) Halczuk in Germany. He was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Boyne Falls and formerly of St. Josephat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Warren. Joseph enjoyed the outdoors, morel hunting, gardening, baking, traveling and especially spending time with family and friends.

Joseph is survived by his wife of 62 years Teresa; children Stephen (Catherine) Czerkes of Boyne City; grandchildren Michael (Heidi) Czerkes of Lansing, Kristin (Brad) Eaton of Ellsworth, Ann Marie Czerkes, Deanna Czerkes, Adam Czerkes and Eric Czerkes; great-grandchildren Joseph Czerkes, Graham Czerkes and Karlee Eaton.

He was preceded in death by his parents Constantine and Tekla; son Joseph Czerkes; four sisters Teresa, Mary, Anna and Cathy; two brothers Steve and Stan.

A funeral mass will take place at 11 a.m. today, Wednesday, Feb. 14 at St. Augustine Church with Fr. Duane Wachowiak serving as celebrant.

The family suggests memorial contributions be directed to St. Augustine Church Building Fund or Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

Burial will take place at St. Augustine Cemetery early in the spring.

Stackus Funeral Home of Boyne City is serving the family.

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Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	**547-6430**

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
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Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

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Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	**547-6283**

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Schools break the language barrier

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

What happens in the classroom when a teacher and student don't speak the same language?

In early January, when siblings who speak only Mandarin Chinese enrolled, two Charlevoix schools had to tackle this difficult question. Feng Chen is a 9-year-old boy in second-grade at Charlevoix Elementary School. The other, Ying Chen, is a 15-year-old girl in seventh-grade at Charlevoix Middle School.

The two are the son and daughter of Yong Shen Dong and Yuzhen Chen, owners of Charlevoix's China One, who moved to Charlevoix from the Province of Fuzhou in China.

Charlevoix Elementary School principal Dick Swenor credits school secretary Sue Gengle for taking the bull by the horns and finding a way to break down the language barrier, allowing the schools to educate the kids.

Gengle contacted multiple agencies to find Mandarin speaking tutors including the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District and Charlevoix Area Hospital. Her efforts yielded four leads, three of which didn't pan out and a fourth that proved to be the perfect fit.

"It was an answer to prayer," Swenor said.

Theresa Ma-Gagnon, a 37-year-old Petoskey resident, was hired through PMP to work with the students. The students are now benefiting not only from the common language bond they share with her but the common experience Ma-Gagnon can draw from to reach out to them.

She said Feng will have an easier time picking up English because he is younger but he'll have to overcome his shyness to really blossom and that both are eager to learn. Ying speaks limited English and can understand casual conversation like introductions.

While they have bridged the language gap, their first experiences as students in Charlevoix weren't easy.

"At first, she (Ying) felt very isolated and disoriented. She didn't understand what her day-to-day activities should be as far as getting lunch even," Ma-Gagnon said.

While students stepped in to lend a hand, getting to and from class was a minor part of the huge education mountain this young girl and her little brother have to climb.

Ma-Gagnon did an initial orientation with the students, sitting through classes and explaining lunch options and costs. Now, she spends three hours in the morning at Charlevoix Middle School with Ying and three hours in the afternoon at the elementary school with Feng. The rest of the day, the students spend in English speaking classrooms.

She said they thrive in classes that require less comprehension and lecture like art and math but struggle in history, social studies and science. And of course Feng is flourishing in the universal subject of recess.

Watching the students learn brings back memories for Ma-Gagnon who in 1979 at the age of 10 moved to Saginaw from Korea. Her parents had fled China as communism moved in during the Cultural Revolution which coincided with World War-II.

Ma-Gagnon grew up in a Korean community made up of fellow defectors of the Chinese Province of San Dong.

"I wish my grandma was still around to write a book about her history," she said.

Like the Chen children, when Ma-Gagnon arrived in the U.S. she and her two younger brothers spoke no English, only Mandarin Chinese.

"I didn't even know the ABCs before I got here," she said. "I understand what they are going through having experienced it first hand. It can be overwhelming and scary at times."

Her father who lived stateside for five years before moving his family spoke limited English. Her parents both stressed the need for her to learn English requiring her to copy books to familiarize herself with writing and characters. There were no tutors available to her as she is to the Chen children.

Ma-Gagnon's focus paid off. She graduated from high school in Jackson at the age of 16 and went on to earn an engineering degree from the University of Michigan. After college she moved to Petoskey and worked from 1990-1995 at Big Rock Point as a mechanical engineer and followed that with a promising career in banking.

She said if Feng overcomes his shyness and Ying continues to develop her speaking skills they share her ability to realize a bright future.

"My overall goal for them is independence — for them to be able to converse and do their school work on their own," she said.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

In early January, Feng (above, right) and Ying Chen enrolled with Charlevoix Public Schools. Both speak Mandarin Chinese. The school district's search for a tutor that could bridge the language gap found Theresa Ma-Gagnon (above, left) who shares a similar experience with the students.

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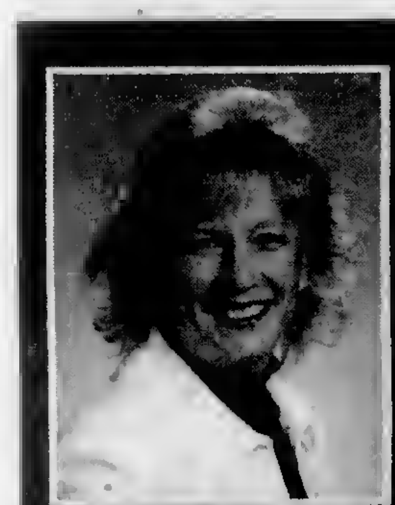

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Experts discuss the future of health care

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

As with any complex issue, more questions than answers were raised during the presentation and forum on the state of America's health care system hosted by the Charlevoix Public Library last Thursday.

During his 70-minute keynote address, Jack Wheeler, Ph.D, professor of health management and policy at the University of Michigan's school of public health, laid out the history, current state and future of health care and the importance of finding solutions for its many challenges.

"I'm delighted to hear about this kind of program and this kind of community involvement," Wheeler said. "It's just a great idea to have people get together and share their thoughts about public policy and policy issues."

According to Wheeler's research, Americans went from spending a combined $35 billion on health care in the mid-1960s to nearly $2 trillion in 2004.

That is an increase from $172 to $6,280 spent per person each year.

And, as stated in a press release from program planners, "A study completed last summer showed that health care is Michigan's largest private sector employer, providing 737,000 jobs that pump $31.6 billion into Michigan's economy."

"The system has certain characteristics specific to it. Some people call those flaws," Wheeler said. "Let's start with the system of paying for care."

Wheeler discussed the numerous ways patients provide for or have their care provided for them and the disconnect which can result.

"We have a very fragmented payment system so that some people have insurance coverage that is associated with payment for specific services, some people have payment system associated with more like payments per month," he said.

A key aspect of finding solutions to the American health care crisis, Wheeler said, "We have to keep in mind...Americans have a preference for lots of free choice with respect for doctors, hospitals, insurance. Whether you want coverage or not. Whether you want care or not, this is a very strong value that has key structural implications for the characteristics of our system."

Prescription drugs accounted for 11 percent of health care spending in 2003 and Americans only received the recommended health services 54.9 percent of the time in 2003, according to Wheeler.

"We have in this country, in terms of organization and services, health care thinkers have called it a paradox of excess and deprivation," he said. "It is certainly true, if you're sick and have money or insurance coverage, you want to be here in the U.S., maybe even specifically in Michigan because we have some of the best health care in the whole country right here."

He added, "There is also the deprivation side of this paradox, which is to say there are many people who for various reasons don't have access or availability or don't have these services available to them."

But, people weren't always scrambling to get government health care or trying to pay for their own, Wheeler said.

"Employment based insurance began during World War II as a way to raise wages and a way to attract workers when the economy was booming," he said.

"Today," Wheeler said, "We have what I call spotty public insurance," referring to the elderly, poor, military and children who may receive differing forms of tax funded medical benefits.

"We have an issue of cost problems and we have an issue of the fact that many people don't have insurance and that affects their ac-

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Fast Facts

General Motors spent $5.4 billion on health care in 2005

- $1.4 billion in 2002 on prescription drugs
- $1,500 of what you spend on a new car goes to GM employee health coverage
- There are 3.1 retirees for every active GM worker

The quality of care in America nearly 10 years ago

- 50 percent of Americans received the recommended amount of preventative care
- 70 percent of Americans with acute illness received recommended treatments
- 30 percent of Americans with acute illness received the wrong treatment
- 60 percent of Americans with chronic illness received correct treatment
- 20 percent of Americans with chronic illness received the wrong treatment

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX - PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a public hearing on the proposed 2007-2008 Annual City Budget at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 5, 2007 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The purpose of the hearing is to inform citizens of local budgetary actions and provide the opportunity for participation in the local budget making process. **The proposed property tax millage rate to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this public hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget is available at City Hall or the Charlevoix Public Library for public inspection.

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State & Federal Grants	281,300	225,200	68,300	943,200				5,233,500			6,751,500	7,954,300
Charges for Services	649,600			109,400	5,516,307	872,300	744,300	146,600		5,400	8,043,907	8,006,737
Fines & Forfeits	28,300			31,200	5,500	5,500					70,500	80,200
Interest & Rents	131,900	1,500	1,500	52,000	95,200	31,700	25,000	20,000	34,000	15,000	407,800	473,600
Other	5,100			7,500	2,100	97,500	2,600				114,800	126,900
Bond Proceeds	-										-	4,980,000
Fund Transfers	82,300	397,800	4,000		260,400	200,000	221,500				1,166,000	5,941,738
Appropriation-Surplus	184,500		66,500		681,084	461,000	139,200		72,200		1,604,484	1,809,318
TOTAL REVENUES:	$3,487,500	$624,500	$140,300	$1,112,100	$6,586,291	$1,566,000	$1,138,100	$5,400,100	$835,100	$20,400	$21,012,391	$32,082,293
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PA performers miss state qualification

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Fairies, talking plants and the hangman's noose headlined regional competition at Charlevoix High School on Saturday, Feb. 10.

And, while the Charlevoix performing arts students didn't qualify for state competition with their rendition of "Little Shop of Horrors," they received their fair share of honors.

"We did not do as well as we wanted to, but it was a good competition here and we're not disappointed in any way of how it all ended up," said program director, Connie Ford. "It (Ford's reaction) was kind of a mix. I was really happy with the show and with the awards people got. We have people who have not been getting awards who got awards this weekend, so it added to our kids' self-esteem."

She added, "On top of that, I'm proud of them for running the show. Their work of putting it together and hosting the whole thing and being cordial and gracious to the people that came in was quite outstanding. They worked hard on both ends of it as both competitors and hosts."

Of the six schools in competition on Saturday, East Grand Rapids and Forest Hills Eastern qualified for state competition with their performances of "A Comedy of Errors" and "The Money in Uncle George's Suitcase" respectively.

"The one thing that I was really pleased with was the number of community people who came in not just for our show, but they came in for a number of shows," Ford said. "The students that attended from down state were getting appreciation from our community for what they were doing. A lot of times the community comes in for their home show and that did not happen here."

She added, "I was pleased and appreciative because that was fair to everybody."

Alex Urban

Those honored for the day's competition include Alex Urban with an excellent rating for acting. Sam Kantola received an excellent nod for program design. Urban and Travis Klooster, each earned an excellent for set design. Matt Cross, Mike Lamoreaux and Stephanie Milazzo received a nod for light design. Brian Whitley had a superior rating for plant design. Jennie Withers and Celina Wanek got a superior rating for puppetteering. And Brian Whitley received a superior for his performance as the voice of Audrey II, the carnivorous, wisecracking plant who put the horror in "The Little Shop of Horrors."

"We had a good audience," Ford said. "The kids love it when the different plants appear bigger and bigger and by the time the plant is out there sassing at Seymour, they're having a good time."

While group competition is over until next winter, 40 to 45 students are now preparing for individual event competition which will begin the first weekend of March.

Look for the full stage production of "Little Shop of Horrors" scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24 and 25 to be performed by the Charlevoix performing arts class in the school's performing arts center.

Follow-up health care forum planned for April 19

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cess to health care," he said.

The interactive event saw an audience of over 100 who asked questions ranging from what the biggest issues are facing health care to how those issues can be fixed.

"Using your experience in health care as a gauge, what do you see as the top two problems of the health care system and what alternatives to those problems would you recommend," forum moderator, Anne Marie Conway, asked Dr. James Jeakle of Charlevoix Women's Health Care.

"The obvious answer is cost, curbing cost," Jeakle said. "The drug companies, I think, have some issues that need to be addressed. They have unfair advantages — less competition...they have record profits that they claim are used for research and development and some of that I'm sure is true."

Jeakle said things cannot continue they way they're going.

"They invent a drug and the patent's good for seven years and as soon as that patent's up they have a new product that's had a little tweaking and suddenly that old drug is no good, get it off your shelves, don't use any more, this is better, there are a few little improvements in it," he said. "I see that in birth control pills all the time. They're always pushing new birth control pills and the fact is birth control pills haven't changed much, so that's one of the massive problems."

Jeakle said the upward spiral of technology in the medical field is also part of the issue.

"I kind of liken it to computers. You get a home computer that sits for about three years and then you realize you can't put any new software on it because it can't handle it so you have to buy a new computer," he said. "I see the same thing in health care. Americans want the best health care...and certainly we have the most technically advanced health care."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Jack Wheeler, Ph.D, professor of health management and policy at the University of Michigan's school of public health, laid out the history, current state and future of health care the importance of finding solutions for its many challenges at a forum last week.

Jeakle said whenever someone invents a new machine, even if it only has minor improvements, it becomes the standard of care. Even though sometimes a procedure or test may be unnecessary, if he doesn't run an expensive test on a pregnant woman which could detect Down Syndrome and her child is born with the defect, he could get sued for not following the standard of care.

Wheeler said one of the problems with American health care is that American doctors do more procedures per patient than any other country making this duplicitous system costly.

When asked what he would do to fix these issues, Jeakle said, "Well, I don't have solutions."

Another forum on health care will take place on April 19.

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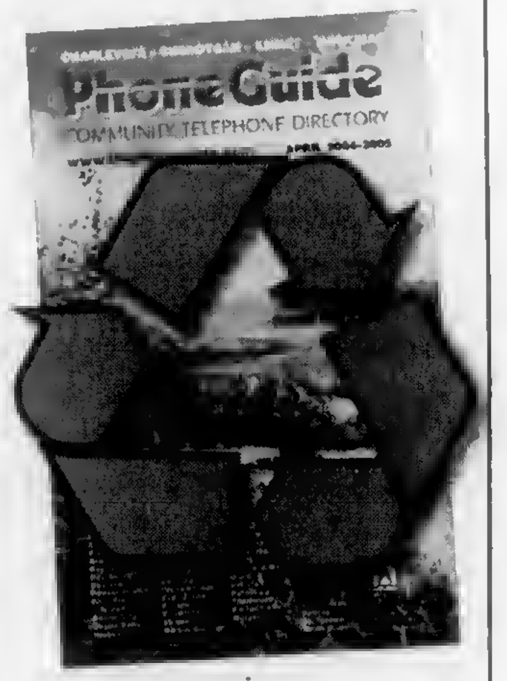

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Root Fusion takes a blues challenge

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Local blues boys, Charlie's Root Fusion, are back from competing in the 23rd Annual International Blues Challenge in Memphis, Tenn. without a title, but better for the experience.

Charlie's Root Fusion, one of five Michigan groups at the challenge, was one of 96 bands and 57 solo acts from around the world competing for $1,500 in cash, promotional materials and high profile performance dates including scheduled gigs aboard the Legendary Blues Cruise.

"It's a great networking chance. We got festival and radio gigs out of it, met new friends, made new connections," said Root Fusion's lead singer and namesake, Charlie Witthoeft. "A huge thanks to all the sponsors and donors that made it possible for us to go."

While Charlie's Root Fusion didn't walk away with the IBC crown, they did score the ear of a radio station in Iowa which will feature their music and an Ohio blues festival gig this summer.

According to the Web site, www.blues.org, the annual blues competition is the best place for blues musicians to show their stuff.

"The IBC is a judged 'Battle of the Bands' in which competitors take the stage and play a short set for a panel of judges. The acts are judged based on an established set of criteria," the site states.

Bands are scored on content, talent, originality and stage presence.

"Competition was the stiffest it's been in terms of the number of bands competing," Witthoeft said.

Charlie's Root Fusion played two 30-minute sets, at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1 and 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2., with the ultimate goal of qualifying for the finals. They competed against nine other bands at the bar, Wet Willie's, on Beale Street. Winning the Wet Willie's slot at the finals was WSNB, a band out of North Carolina.

Witthoeft said he knew from the first notes WSNB played they were his band's top competitor.

Nevertheless, CRF pushed on.

"We had a strong stage presence and connection with audience. Our show ended with a standing ovation on Friday night," he said.

However, the judges made the final call and the honor went to WSNB.

"I think their edge was more from a marketing standpoint. Their sound was more traditional, almost predictable — they had the simple, catchy hooks. We had more variety — maybe that's not what they wanted," Witthoeft said. "We do rockabilly, swing, old school blues, where they just concentrated on one style. It was definitely between us and them."

Paula Adams, chairman of the Mid-North Michigan Blues Society out of Traverse City, said this year's blues challenge was one of the best yet.

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Courtesy photo

Charlevoix-based blues band Charlie's Root Fusion traveled to Memphis, Tenn. for the 23rd Annual International Blues Challenge. While the band didn't take the title, they did come away with new opportunities. Pictured above on Beale Street are band members Charlie Witthoeft, Jamie Balousek, Jeremy Biggerstaff and Fritz VonValtier.

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Local blues band jams at International Blues Challenge

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"I went down to support Charlie's band and (they) did great. They rocked the place and Charlie went out in the audience and played his harmonica," Adams said. "Jeremy Biggerstaff (on lead guitar) is an excellent guitar player. They have a neat, unique band."

As a fan of all blues, Adams said she was thrilled to hear rock, folk and jazz blues played by acts from as far away as Paris, France and Taiwan.

"This year, they had more bands than ever and it was so well organized," she said. "The bands competed in 13 different clubs on Beale Street in Memphis and each club had around nine bands that competed and solo acts too."

Another local blues band, Mojo and the Boogieman, competed in the blues challenge after the Saginaw Blues Society appointed them to go.

"They played at the 152 Club," Adams said. "They didn't place in the finals either. There was just a huge amount of competition from cities and countries from around the world."

She added, "There was even a girl from Italy who sang in all Italian."

Sweeping the competition's top honors was The Sean Carney Band, lead by Carney, a 34-year-old guitarist from Columbus, Ohio who has been an International Blues Competition finalist twice. Carney performed at the Paris Jazz Festival in July 2006, leaves for a Canadian tour this month and will tackle a European tour in the fall. He also took the coveted Albert King award for guitar players

Taking second place was Homemade Jamz' Blues Band from Tupelo, Miss. The three-piece band made up of two brothers and their sister ranging in age from nine to 14.

Mighty Lester, an eight-piece blues outfit out North Carolina took third place.

Band finals were staged for the first time at the Orpheum Theatre on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 3. The finals were moved out of Old Daisy Theater to accommodate the growing crowd. The New Daisy Theater hosted the evening solo/duo act finals.

Charlie's Root Fusion will continue their local gig schedule this weekend with a show on Feb. 16 at Grey Gables in Charlevoix and on Saturday night, Feb. 17 at Leelanau Sands Casino.

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Charlie's Root Fusion guitarist, Jeremy Biggerstaff and front man, Charlie Witthoeft, jam at Wet Willie's bar on Beale Street.

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Fireball

Julie Schwartzfisher pins a rose boutonniere on City of Charlevoix firefighter Ethan Winchester at the Firemen's Ball on Feb. 10 at the Charlevoix Country Club. About 125 people attended the event which raised an estimated $2,000 for the fire department.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, February 5, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- A Public Hearing was held on an ordinance to amend Chapter 7, Boards and Commissions - Establishing the Charlevoix Train Depot Historic District.
- A Public Hearing was held on an ordinance to repeal Chapter 99 and amend Chapter 51 - Incorporating the Regulation of Signs into the City Zoning Ordinance.
- Motion passed approving the Mayor's appointment of John Kurtz to the Compensation Commission.
- Motion passed approving the Mayor's appointment of Amy Lalewicz to the Standing Historic District Study Committee.
- Motion passed approving the purchase of four sets of turnout gear for the fire department from Sales & Marketing of Michigan for $4,008.
- Motion passed suspending rule 4.a. of Rules of Procedure for City Council concerning the order of business.
- Resolution 2007-02-01 adopted, removal of the City Manager.
- Motion passed approving the advertisement for the City Manager position.
- Motion passed approving the City Manager job description.
- Motion passed approving the contract with Hallmark Construction for Phase 3 of the park project, pending approval by the City Attorney, the Street Superintendent, and the Acting City Manager.
- Ordinance 715 of 2007 was adopted, establishing the Charlevoix Trail Depot Historic District.
- Motion to table an ordinance to repeal Chapter 99 and amend Chapter 51 - Incorporating the Regulation of Signs in to the City Zoning Ordinance to refer it back to the planner and remove internally lit signs and any references to them.
- Council gave general direction to the Street Superintendent to follow up on options for storm water management at East Park.

Council adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

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MiSeasons launches regional Web presence

MiSeasons
what's in it for you?

MiSeasons.com launches Monday to build an online community near you.

MiSeasons.com is a regional effort by Schurz Communications Inc., owners of the Gaylord Herald Times, Petoskey News-Review, Charlevoix Courier and two PhoneGuides, to recognize that northern Michigan residents share common interests and life stories beyond geographically specific news.

"MiSeasons.com is your community portal into life in northern Michigan beyond the news. You can watch it, or help create it," said Peter Comings, online media manager for the print publications.

The site is divided by interest according to the seasons, with a year-round section for more permanent interests. While everyone should find something interesting to read on the site, anyone with the desire can apply for a free membership.

"The idea is that two people who live nowhere near each other can come to the site, express their own interests and, in the process, develop their own online community," said Comings.

While the hard launch takes place Monday, the staff has worked for weeks priming the site with content and suggested navigation links.

Peter Comings

The site is built on a Wiki computing platform which will allow members to post text, photos and videos — offering instruction in the process.

"The site is intended to be very flexible in its setup, responding to the interest areas of our viewers," said Comings.

Current year-round links include pages for northern Michigan nightlife, events, entertainment, blogging and more. Seasonal subject areas will expand as needed.

Members may suggest new subject areas at any time and create their own pages within that framework.

Anastasia Forrestal

MiSeasons.com will offer links to the company's newspaper Web sites and will share a "Northern Michigan News" page with the Gaylord Herald Times, Petoskey News-Review and Charlevoix Courier where visitors can see the top news and sports headlines from each related site.

Anastasia Forrestal, the Web site's outreach specialist and content producer, is meeting with groups to sign up new community members.

New to northern Michigan is the introduction of enhanced local search through PlanetDiscover. Input a single keyword into the "Search Northern Michigan" field and get returns for story and ad content; not just from Gaylord, Petoskey and Charlevoix, but from Traverse City to Alpena, Houghton Lake to Newberry.

For more information, contact Comings by calling (989) 748-4524, or Forrestal, (989) 748-4533.

Among the many features of the new site will be:

- a "Northern Michigan News" page with stories from the most recent editions of the Gaylord Herald Times, Petoskey News-Review and Charlevoix Courier;
- a user's ability to load his or her own stories, photos, video or audio files to pages they create;
- a link to myCapture.com for more extensive user photo-loading opportunities;
- a Google mapping function; and,
- the chance to create an active, online community.

Also online

- The Gaylord Herald Times will launch its new online look today, Feb. 14. The site will feature a more user-friendly interface; allow viewers to join for free as members who can blog and respond to stories at gaylordheraldtimes.com; an electronic version of the print edition; national and local video and podcasting products; and a link for viewing all of the photos that didn't appear in print, and from which orders can be placed in a variety of sizes.
- The Petoskey News-Review launched its new look Feb. 7. Included is the ability to sign on for free as a member who can blog and respond to stories at petoskeynews.com; a link for viewing all of the photos that didn't appear in print, and from which orders can be placed in a variety of sizes; and an electronic version of the print edition.

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Active in Aktion Club

Tony, the new Charlevoix Aktion Club president, was recently installed. Suzanne Muma, the club's advisor, presented Tony with his president pin. Charlevoix Aktion club members are adults living with the desire to give back to the community, a token of what they have received in their lifetime. President Tony's goal along with the members is to make sure that their service and good works will become recognized so that they will get to be more accepted and known for their love and concern for those people who are in need. The Charlevoix Kiwanis Club and the Bergmann Center sponsor the Charlevoix Aktion Club. The Aktion Club has its monthly meetings every first and third Monday at the Charlevoix Senior Center. For more information, call Kim Brock, the Bergmann Center's Aktion Club advisor, at (231) 547-2979.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ORDINANCE NO. 715 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, OF TITLE I ADMINISTRATION OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE VI: HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND BY ADDING SECTION 1.355 ESTABLISHING THE CHARLEVOIX TRAIN DEPOT HISTORIC DISTRICT

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Amendment to Chapter 7 of Title I of the Charlevoix City Code.
Chapter 7, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, of Title I, ADMINISTRATION, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Charlevoix, is hereby amended by the addition of a new Article VI: HISTORIC DISTRICTS, which shall read as follows:

ARTICLE VI: HISTORIC DISTRICTS

SECTION 2. Addition of Section 1.355 to Article VI of Chapter 7 of Title 1.

Section 1.355 is hereby added to read in its entirety as follows:

1.355. Charlevoix Train Depot Historic District

The Charlevoix Train Depot Historic District is hereby established and is bounded and described as follows:

Block and lot number: 307 Chicago Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720

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Section 3 SEVERABILITY
No other portion, paragraph or phase of the Code of the City of Charlevoix, Michigan shall be affected by this Ordinance except as to the above sections, and in the event any portion, section or subsection of this Ordinance shall be held in valid for any reason, such invalidation shall not be construed to affect the validity of any other part of portion of this ordinance or of the Code of the City of Charlevoix, Michigan.

Section 4 EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days from the date of adoption and shall be published as required by the Charter of the City of Charlevoix.

ADOPTED this 5th day of February, 2007.
Ordinance No. 715-2007 was adopted on the 5th day of February, 2007, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by: Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain

Seconded by: Councilmember Shirley Gibson

Yeas: Stevens, Timms, Beer, Chamberlain, Gennett, and Gibson
Nays: None
Absent: None

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Stanley named Petoskey News-Review editor

BY JEREMY MCBAIN
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW NEWS EDITOR

Kendall Stanley

Kendall P. Stanley has joined an exclusive group of employees at the Petoskey News-Review.

Stanley, 58, has been named editor of the newspaper, joining only two others who held that title since the Petoskey News-Review was created from the merger of the Northern Michigan Review and Petoskey Evening News in the 1950s. The first editor of the Petoskey News-Review was Jim Doherty, who held the position until his death in 1982. Ken Winter was the editor and publisher of the newspaper until his departure in late March 2006.

"It's a privilege to be in the company of Jim Doherty and Ken Winter," Stanley said.

Stanley has been the managing editor of the newspaper for the past 14 years.

"Doug Caldwell, publisher of the Petoskey News-Review, said the decision to make Stanley the editor was actually made some time ago.

"I think the transition will be relatively seamless. He has been doing the job since I arrived," Caldwell said.

He added, "Kendall (Stanley) has demonstrated his leadership skills in the editorial department since Schurz (Communications Inc.) purchased the organization. His greatest asset is he not only has been a part of the Petoskey area for 50-plus years, he knows the people, knows the families, has a great demeanor, is patient and also demonstrates a real caring for the people in the northern Michigan area."

Caldwell added, "By looking internally for candidates for top positions, it provides (readers) with an editor that knows the area and has a handle on the top stories over the past 20 years."

Stanley said there will not be many changes in the newsroom, but he is going to be out in the community more than when he was the managing editor. He will also be spending more time with the regional publications, Gaylord Herald Times and Charlevoix Courier, as well as the newspaper's online product.

For the readers, he said his goals this year are to expand the local news offerings and make the newspaper more visual, as well as tackling the online presence of the company. He is also working on the regional impact of the newspaper, by working with the Gaylord Herald Times and the Charlevoix Courier on coordinating and sharing stories.

In the online realm, Stanley

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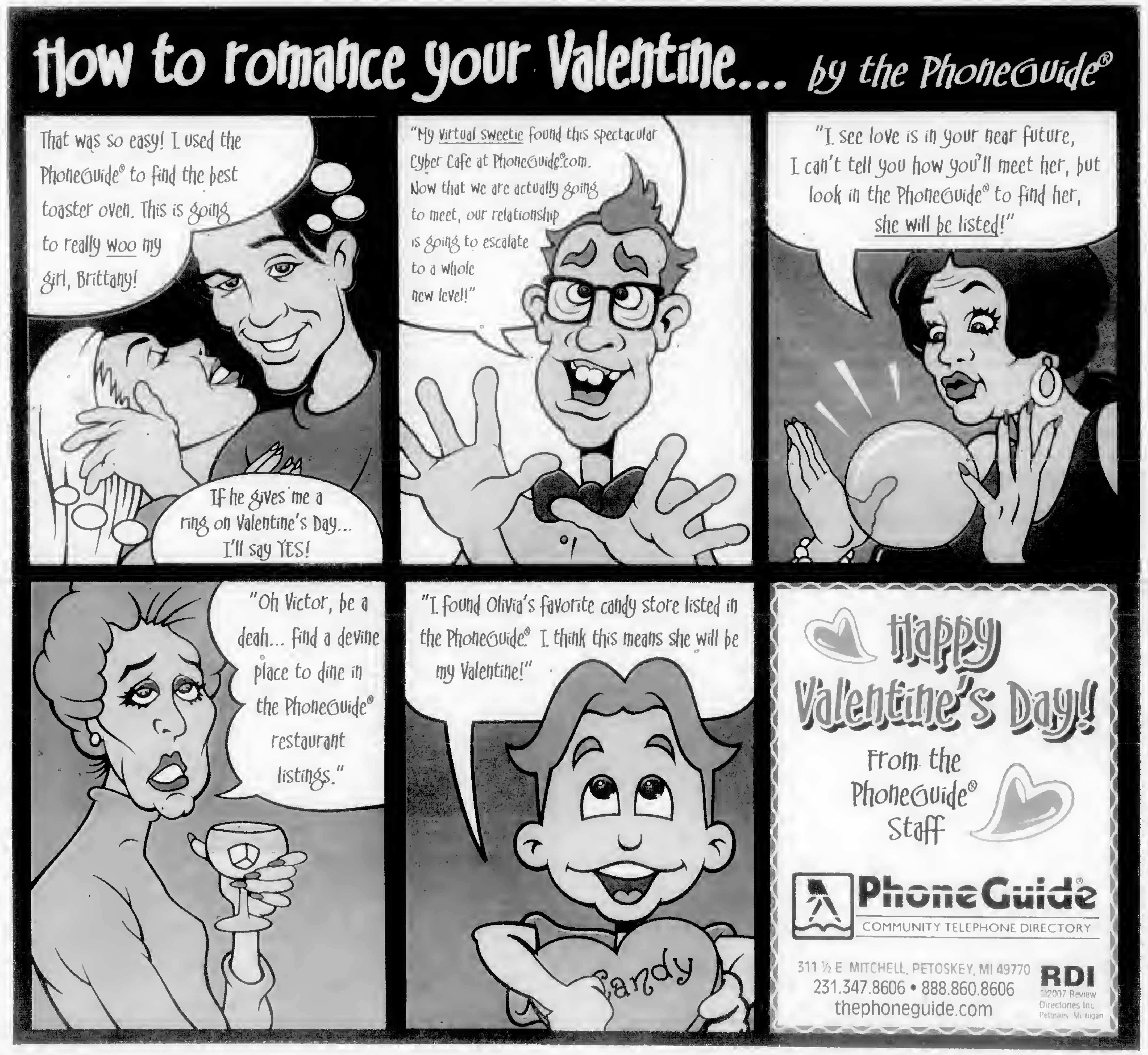
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(Above, from left) Martha Lancaster of United Way, Maureen Radke of Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Donna Newton, Joanne Curtis, Tim Petrosky and Steve Andreae, United Way Board Members, and David Jones of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation view computer hardware which is part of United Way's Technology Upgrade Project.

Grants fund United Way tech upgrade

Grants and donations from several local funding groups have enabled Char-Em United Way to upgrade its computer technology.

"In order to run an effective, efficient office and meet 21st century expectations for information, we drastically needed to upgrade our computer software and hardware," explained Martha Lancaster, United Way executive director.

Northern Michigan Regional Health Systems recently donated to United Way several used computers, a laser printer and technical support to set up the system.

"The Charlevoix County and Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundations each awarded us a grant of $3,000 to fund software, data conversion and staff training. We are updating our operating systems and general office applications and — most importantly — converting to a more powerful campaign tracking software system," said Lancaster. "Earlier this year, the Frey Foundation also awarded us a capacity-building grant which has funded staff expansion during our busy, campaign season. This has helped us implement the technology upgrade project."

The new computer system will also enable Char-Em United Way to set up a Web site which will include information about community human service needs, funded agencies, local events and giving opportunities. United Way plans to launch an electronic newsletter to communicate more effectively with donors, agencies and the community. The agency is currently looking for some talented and techy volunteers to help with these projects.

"We are very excited about the changes the new technology will bring to United Way and our ability to support local health and human service agencies," said Lancaster.

For more information about United Way, call (231) 487-1006.

Stanley brings decades of experience to his new post

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said it will give the newspaper more ways to give readers more information. For example, stories that did not make it in the newspaper because of space, can be put online.

Reporters will also be able to include items with their stories that they are not able to include in the print version. For example, if a reporter writes a story about a city budget, the online version of the story can include a link to the actual budget.

He added readers will also soon see electronic editions of the Petoskey News-Review, which is great for people who go south for the winter, but still want to get their newspaper on time each day.

"There are all kinds of things that will add value to what reporters and editors are doing," he said.

Stanley said this is a challenging and exciting time for newspapers.

"The daily newspaper reading habit is declining. The challenge is increasing the number of readers. The opportunity is you don't necessarily have to reach them with a print product anymore," he said.

Stanley was born and raised in Harbor Springs — his parents still live in the same house he grew up in. After graduating from Harbor Springs High School in 1966, he attended North Central Michigan College and then Central Michigan University, which he graduated from in 1970. From 1970 to 1971, he was a reporter at the Presque Isle County Advance in Rogers City, then worked for the Harbor Light in Harbor Springs from October 1971 to December 1977.

He joined the Petoskey News-Review as a reporter in August 1978 covering Petoskey city government, Emmet County government and cops and courts. After nine years on the beat, he was named the wire editor for the newspaper, a position he held for five years before being named the managing editor in 1993.

He is married to Diana, a retired Petoskey School District speech pathologist, and has one daughter, Bree, a high school English teacher in Bangkok, Thailand, who he said are very pleased and proud of his new position.

"From 36 years, heading onto 37 years, I had the privilege of living and working in the area I grew up in. It is very rewarding to be able to spend my career in a great part of Michigan," Stanley said.

Jeremy McBain can be contacted at 439-9316, or jmcbain@petoskeynews.com.

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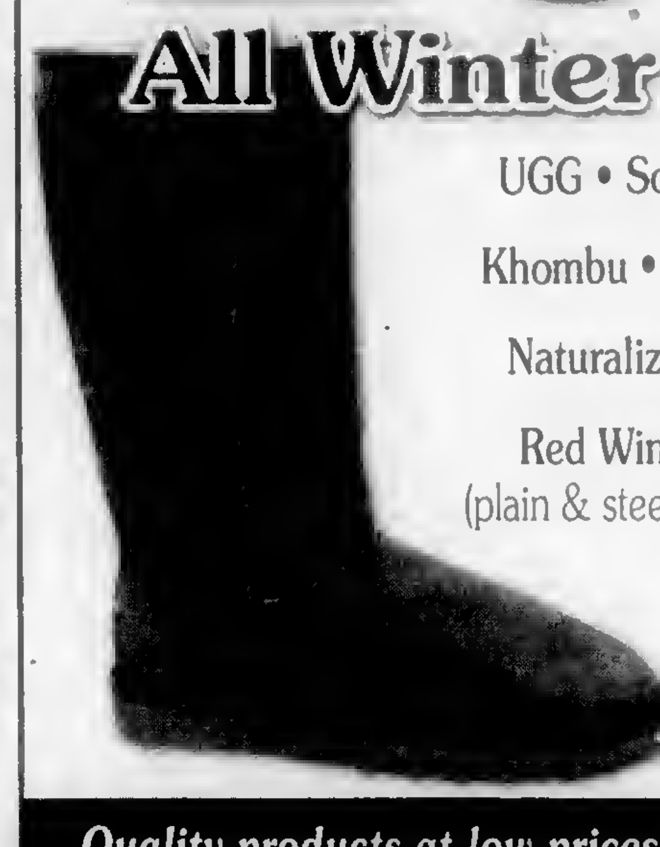

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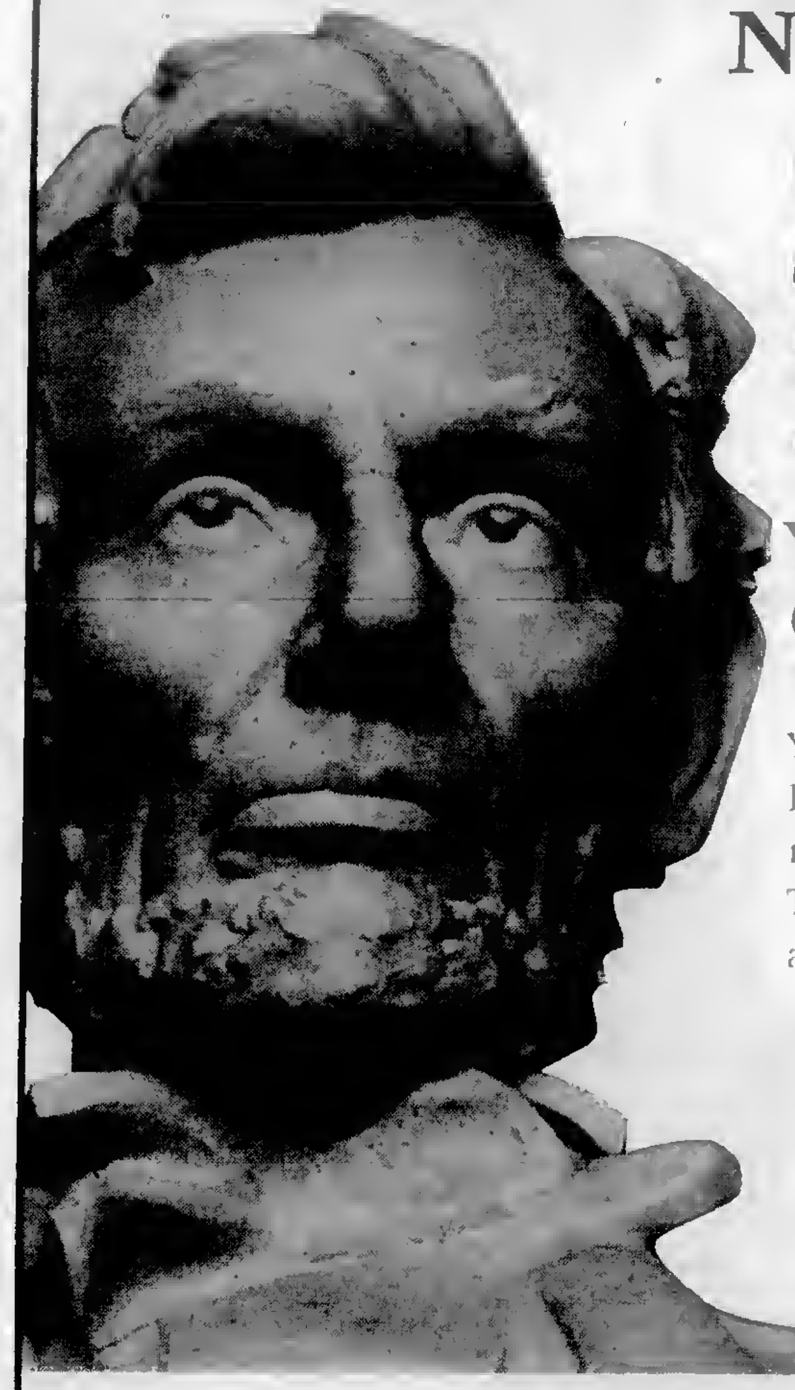

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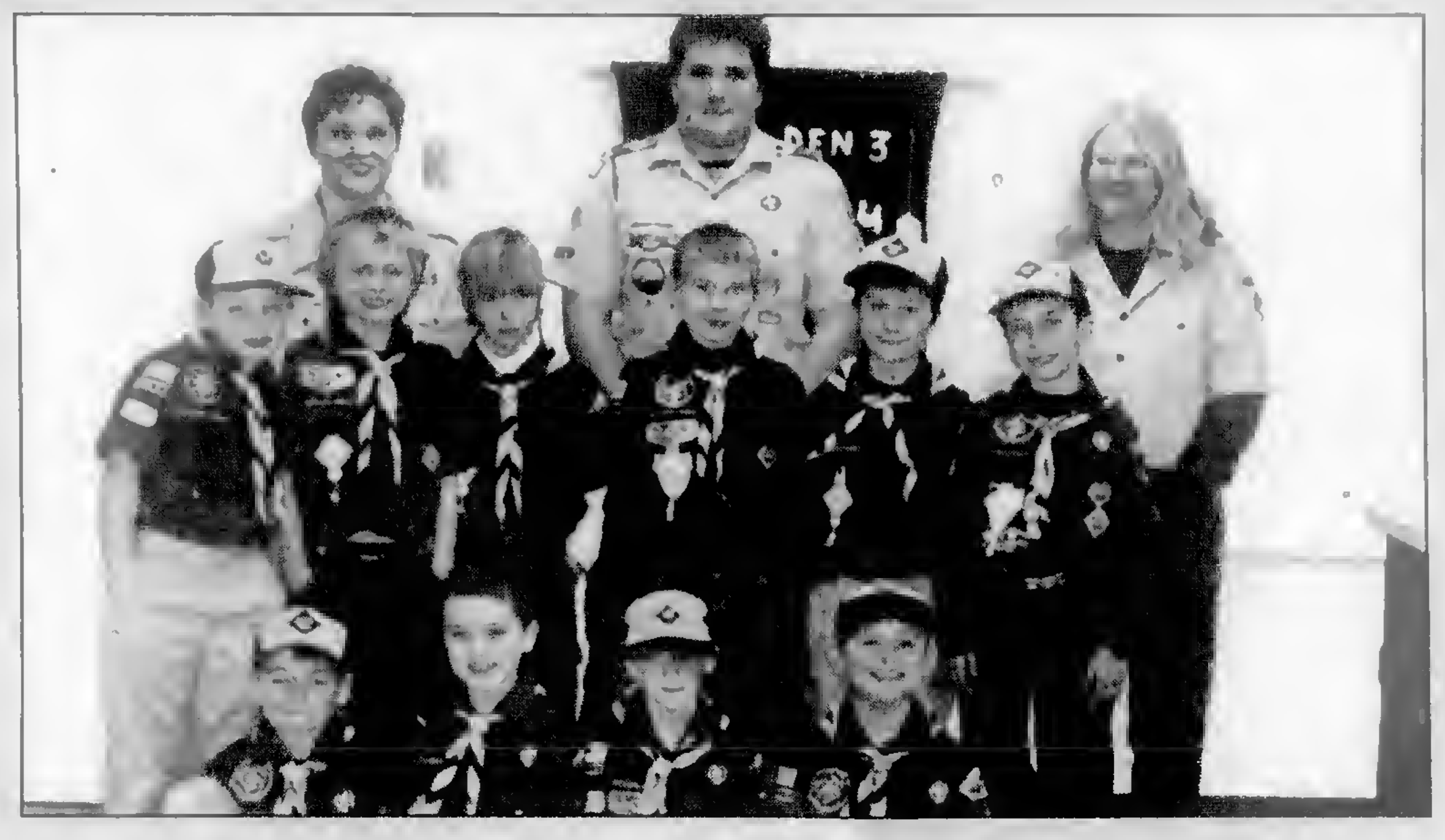
Den 5, Tiger Cubs: *Back Row:* Leader Norm Carlson, Den Chief Christian Morrison, Leader Sean Davis. *Middle Row:* Raymond Cunningham, Kyle Balch, Jacob Harrod, Collin Smith. *Front Row:* Tucker Hilligan, Collin Davis, Michael Whennen, Joshua Carlson, Tabin Filizetti. *Not Pictured:* JT VanMeter and Ethan Siegwart.



Den 3, Wolf Cubs: *Back Row:* Leader Allison Filizetti, Den Cheif Casey Riley, Leader Michelle Utley. *Middle Row:* Tyler Fuchs, Jacob Archey, Oliver DeYoung, Brenden Fralick, Jayden Bergmann, Jeremiah Utley. *Front Row:* Bailey Bales, Jamen Spencley, Daniel Nesburg, Tristen Filizetti. *Not Pictured:* Dylan Frey

Troop 11: *Back Row:* Dan Riley, Nate Tripplehorn, Ben Castiglione (Eagle Scout), Zach Smith, Rob Shutler (Eagle Scout). *Middle Row:* Jake Waterman, Mick Cook, Brennan Stebe, Casey Riley, Paul Stolt, Bryan Shutler. *Front Row:* Christian Morrison, Eugene Waffle, Tevor Currier, Logan Amstutz.

Den 4: Leader Roger Nesburg, Harley Argetsinger, Nathan Lindfors, Montana Thompson, Eric O'Shaben, Brett Siegwart, Mick Nesburg, Michael Turcott. *Not pictured:* Assitant Den 4 Leaders Pam O'Shaben and Rebecca Turcott.

Webelos Wolverine Patrol & Dragon Patrol, Charlevoix Pack 11: *Front from left:* Nicholas Snabes, Arron DeVries, Jackson Buday, Brian Musser, Jonathon Lindfors, Tristan Rudolph, Jeffrey Musser. *Back Row:* Cubmaster Christopher Snabes, Dragon Patrol Den Chief Trevor Currier, Parker LaVanway, Mac McPherson, Jacob Spaniak, Kyle McGarey, Wolverine Patrol Den Chief Dan Riley and Webelos Den Leader Janet McGarey.

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Community foundation accepting grant requests

Who: Charlevoix County Community Foundation
What: Invitation to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and municipalities who are in need of funding to submit grant requests in support of their projects.
When: Deadline for requests is April 2.
Where to send requests: Charlevoix County Community Foundation at P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI, 49727.

Once again, it's time to put local charitable dollars to work on behalf of the community.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is inviting nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and municipalities who are in need of funding to submit grant requests in support of their projects.

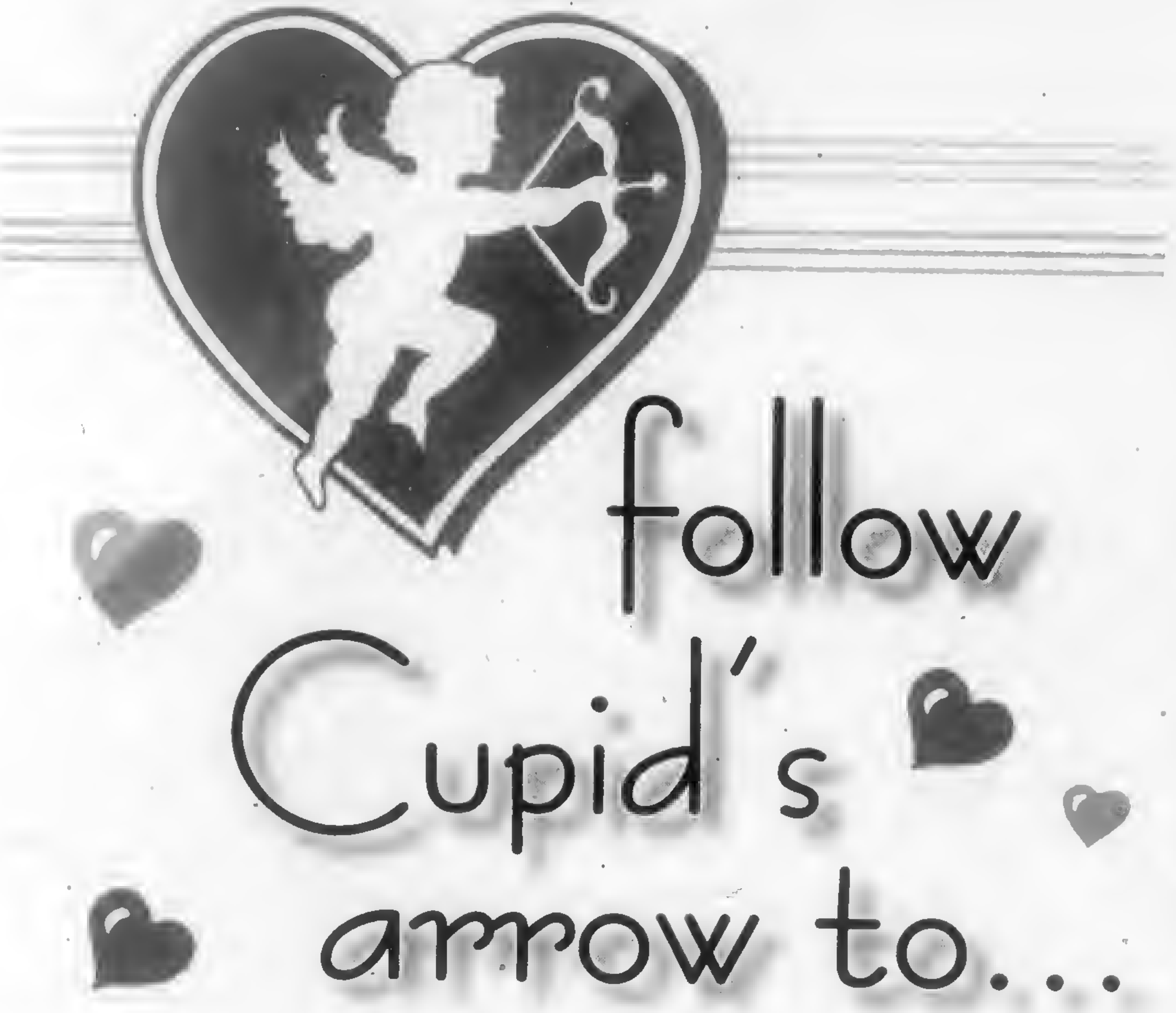
During the next few months, the community foundation and their Youth Advisory Committee will review grant proposals to fund health initiatives, community development projects, education, the arts and cultural events, environmental efforts, and human service programs. The committee, which is made up of area teenagers throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties, will award grants to programs that serve children and teens.

Programs chosen for funding must serve residents of Charlevoix County. The deadline for grant requests is April 2.

Applications are available by calling the community foundation at (231) 536-2440. All applicants must call and discuss their proposals in advance. Foundation staff are available to offer advice and assistance to organizations interested in submitting a proposal for funding.

The community foundation is a grassroots charitable organization made up of various funds established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs.

For more information about the grant making process, establishing a fund or making a gift, contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI, 49727, by phone at (231) 536-2440 or visit www.e3f.org.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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

Irish Boat Shop Names Michael Esposito President

Michael C. Esposito has been named President of Irish Boat Shop by Chairman David Irish who founded the company in 1961. "Irish Boat Shop is widely known for outstanding customer service," said Esposito. "I am proud to build on the Irish Boat Shop tradition of excellence while looking ahead to meet the future needs of our customers." Irish Boat Shop provides new and used boat sales, comprehensive power and sailboat service, dockage, complete restorations and repair, winter storage, and other services to boating enthusiasts throughout the Great Lakes. For more information visit www.IrishBoatShop.com.

V.P.N. Merged With Prudential Preferred Properties Network

Rik Lobenherz is pleased to announce that Vacation Properties Network has merged with Prudential Preferred Realtors of West Michigan which is headquartered in Grand Rapids and currently has 19 offices as far south as Three Rivers, Michigan. The local offices, including Harbor Springs, Petoskey, Charlevoix, Boyne City and Beaver Island, will operate as Prudential Preferred Properties Network. For more information call 547-9905 or visit www.pprmi.com.

Winter Indoor Sidewalk Sales Days - February 16-19

Charlevoix merchants are celebrating Presidents' Day weekend by holding their 14th Annual Indoor Sidewalk Sales. This annual shopping event begins on Friday, February 16 and runs through Monday, February 19. Be sure to visit all the stores that will offer the best bargains of the winter on a variety of great merchandise. This is one event you won't want to miss.

Oma's Now Harbor View Café

Owner, Elizabeth Rich is pleased to announce that Oma's Restaurant has changed its name and is now called the Harbor View Café. Located at 100 W. Antrim Street in the Oleson's Shopping Center in downtown Charlevoix, the Harbor View Café continues to serve delicious homemade breakfasts and lunches from 6am to 2pm daily.

The Alcove Café Opening Spring 2007

Congratulations to Raechel Wright, General Manager of the Alcove Café located at 103 Park Avenue downtown Charlevoix. The Alcove Café will serve innovative breakfasts and lunches, homemade soups, fresh-baked breads, gourmet pizzas, salads, and sandwiches, and specialty meats cured and smoked on-site. For more information visit www.alcove-cafe.com.

Hair Qtrs. Welcomes Leyna Tran

Hair Qtrs. welcomes Leyna Tran. Leyna is an experienced nail technician who was trained in Texas and has worked in the Charlevoix area for 3 years. Call 547-0113 for appointments or visit www.hairqtrs.com.

CW's Auto Wash Coupon Program

CW's Auto Wash is expanding its car wash coupon program by offering customers the ability to purchase larger quantities of washes at a greatly reduced price based on the number of washes they purchase. This program is great for businesses with fleets to maintain. It's also ideal for non-profit groups doing fund raisers (sports teams, church groups, etc.) as they can take car wash orders in advance and then buy the washes in volume at reduced prices. No need to wait until summer to do a car wash fund raiser, do them year-round with CW's Auto Wash. Visit www.cwsautowash.com for more information.

Revolution Bike Welcomes the Snow

Revolution Bike welcomes the snow with Toboggans, Sleds, Snowshoes and more. Made in Vermont, these beautiful handmade, hardwood toboggans and sleds are destined to become family heirlooms. Atlas Snowshoes are available for rental or purchase. Winter hours are Monday, Friday and Saturday 10:00am – 6:00pm, Sunday Noon – 5:00pm. Visit www.revbike.com for more information.

Run Charlevoix – June 16

The Charlevoix Chamber is excited to be working with The Red Rock Company, a Michigan owned and nationally recognized Sports Marketing Corporation, to promote Run Charlevoix. This event will draw running enthusiasts from around the country to participate in a marathon, half marathon, 10K or 5K race. The marathon and half marathon are out and back courses beginning on State Street and Park in downtown Charlevoix. The course will cross the bridge then wind through residential neighborhoods, then onto the bike trail at Waller and U.S. 31. The finish line will be downtown on Bridge Street, just north of the bridge. An awards presentation will take place in Bridge Park following the race, after which, Run Charlevoix participants are encouraged to stop down to East Park to enjoy the "Taste of Charlevoix" from 11am - 4pm.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

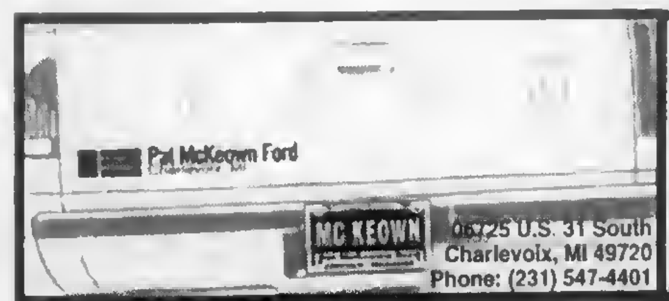
Feb 16-19	Winter Indoor Sidewalk Sales 547-2101
Feb 24	Charlevoix Snowmobile Club Ride-Out 547-1901
Feb 24	Family Fun Day, Charlevoix Public Library 547-2651

For information on the many programs and events offered by the Charlevoix Public Library visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-547-2651.

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on February 15 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

The next First Friday Biz Breakfast is March 2 at Grey Gables at 7:30am.

If you have news for the Chamber Monthly please call the Chamber at 547-2101.



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TEEN SCENE inside the halls

Behind the scenes look at competitive cheerleading

BY KIMBERLY WAY
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Kimberly Way

Many people do not consider sideline cheerleading a sport. In the world of competitive cheerleading, however, many people stand in awe at what these girls can do.

But what exactly is competitive cheerleading? What are the girls judged on, and how are they judged?

"Competitive cheerleading is where a team choreographs three rounds of specified material to display them to three panel judges, two safety judges, and all of their family and friends," said Charlevoix High School varsity cheerleading coach, Erin Nickel.

Round one is a creative cheer without any stunts or tumbling. The teams are given a list of skills they are allowed to perform during this round. They pick which ones they want to do, perform them as best they can, and are judged on a scale of one to 10 at their ability to execute the skill.

The girls are also judged on the precision of their moves, the creativity of their cheer, floor mobility and sound.

"In our round one we perform two jumps and a waist-level kick. However, we are very talented in other areas that we are able to win in our conference," Nickel said.

Round two has 10 required motions that the judges evaluate strictly. Every girl on the team has to be doing the same thing at all times, this includes yelling the words. Also required in round two are the team's choices of five skills.

The Rayder cheer team performs right side-splits, two high leveled jumps, a one-handed cartwheel and a heel-stretch.

"When we started the season, only about five of the 14 girls on the team could do right side-splits," said Nickel. "Currently, every girl on the team can pull them off."

Round three is the only chance the girls have to stunt. To have a full round three, each team has to perform a certain amount of stunts and skills that add up to a number of points based on the number of girls on the squad.

Because there are 13 girls on the Rayder squad, they are required to have over 700 points to perform a full round three.

"We have roughly 350 points in this round," said Nickel. "It's hard to put them all together and running smoothly in a short amount of time. Also, it's very exhausting to put up all of the stunts while yelling at the top of your lungs — that adds into the challenge of performing a full round."

Throughout the competition, the girls are judged on more than just how well they perform on the mat.

"We've received a few penalties this season," commented Nickel. "We were docked for mismatching socks and briefs, paperwork errors, and where we exited the mat. All together we've had a total of roughly 34 penalty points this season."

On Feb. 14, the squad will be traveling to Kalkaska High School for the Lake Michigan Conference Championships with hopes of leaving with the conference title.

"We're hoping for a really strong finish at Kalkaska. If we win this competition, it'll be the first time in the history of Charlevoix High School that the cheer team has won the conference. In other words, we're very anxious," said Nickel.

The meet will begin at 6 p.m. today. Boyne City, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Elk Rapids and Grayling will be competing.

Kimberly Way is the writer and coordinator of Teen Scene. This page will appear the second Wednesday of the month in the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by e-mail at way_kim@hotmail.com.

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Teen Scene writer, Kimberly Way, competes with her team members at a competitive cheer event that took place in January at Charlevoix High School.

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The Rayder cheerleading squad moved away from sideline cheering and into the world of competitive cheer. They are pictured above at a Jan. 17 event they hosted. Today, Feb. 14, the squad will travel to Kalkaska High School for the Lake Michigan Conference Championships with hopes of leaving with the conference title.

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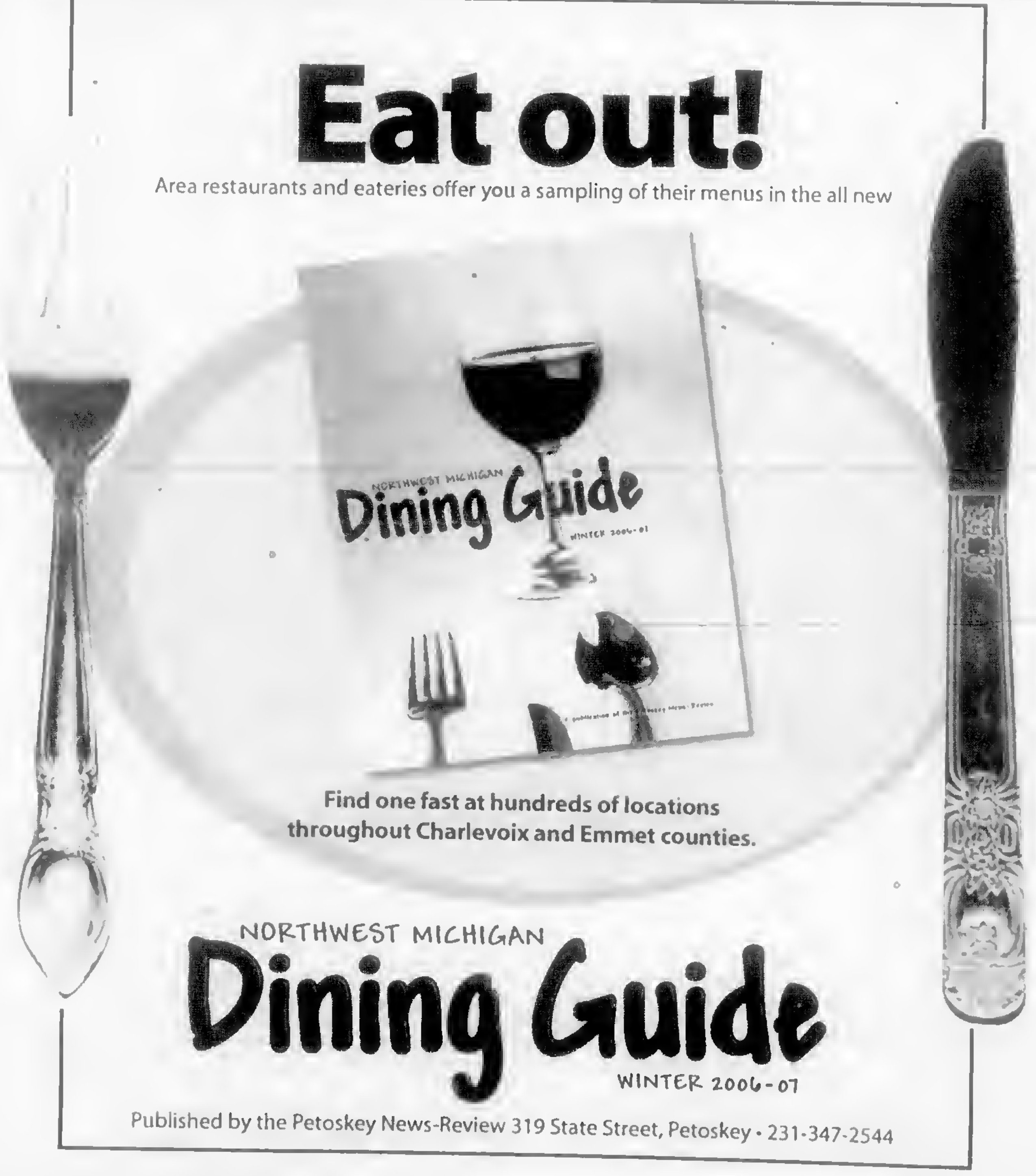

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Northern Community Mediation honors volunteers

On Thursday, Jan. 11, approximately 30 people attended the annual meeting of Northern Community Mediation. Following the year-end reports given by past president Cathy Atchison, president Jill Ryan, treasurer Keith Williams, and executive director Jane Millar, award recipients were named.

Karen Cole received the Rookie Mediator of the Year Award. This award is given to a mediator who has been involved with Northern Community Mediation for less than two years for his/her outstanding service to the center.

The Veteran Mediator of the Year was presented to Connie Saltonstall, an individual who not only has donated numerous hours of her time for mediation, but has also demonstrated remarkable skills in mediating.

The Northern Community Mediation Advocate of the Year was presented to Steve Tresidder. Tresidder was highly involved with getting the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) plan in place in Charlevoix County. Additionally, he has been instrumental in the success of the 40-hour training program required of all mediators.

The Leah Award is an award to recognize an individual who has devoted years of service not only to Northern Community Mediation but also to mediation as a whole. It is an award in memory of Leah Green, who served as a mediator and trainer for Northern Community Mediation for over 10 years. The recipient of this year's Leah Award was Kathy Lame.

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict.

Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation should contact Dr. Jane Millar at (231) 487-1771.

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Representatives of Northern Community Mediation recognized the organization's key volunteers at the annual meeting on Jan. 11. Pictured at left from left to right are award winners Steve Tresidder, Kathy Lame, Connie Saltonstall and Karen Cole. Shown with them is president Jill Ryan (second from left).

Donations to library benefit elderly patrons

Two recent donations to the Charlevoix Public Library will benefit residents who may need assistance walking and/or reading.

Jeannine Wallace donated two wheelchairs to the library to assist patron's who may need help getting around the larger facility. One wheelchair is permanently located in the main foyer for anyone to use. The second wheelchair is available upon request. Wallace saw a need for the library to be more comfortable for our elderly or injured patrons, did some research and then purchased and delivered the wheelchairs to the library.

"This is just one of many gestures from our community that affirm the fact that Charlevoix is full of wonderful people," said Linda Adams, adult services librarian.

The library also received a grant from the Charlevoix Lions Club to provide low vision equipment at the library. For folks with low vision, macular degeneration or age related degeneration, the Charlevoix Public Library now offers adaptive equipment to make reading easier. The Lions Club recently provided funds to equip one of the public computers with ZoomText Magnifying Software and a large print keyboard. The vision aid offers up to 36 times magnification, and control of on-screen color and contrast. The computer is located in the adult services area of the library.

Other help aids are also available at the library, including an electronic magnifier that allows patrons to place documents and books on a platform that enlarges the text. There is also a kit that includes five magnifying glasses that can be used in the library or can be checked out for home use.

For more information, call the library's information services desk at (231) 237-7340.

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Scooter thrill seekers take to the streets

During a Charlevoix blizzard on Sunday, Feb. 4 two local men took the Scoot.net, Cold Weather Challenge.

That afternoon, Dave Beane and Gordon Compton of Team Practical Power Sports rode two-wheeled motor scooters for 11.4 miles for one hours and nine minutes.

The two documented the trip with photos taken by Charlevoix police officer Jim Schlappi and entered the scooter challenge with the hope of being named national winners. The national winner will be selected based on the coldest documented ride. The purpose of the contest is to create awareness of motor scooter versatility and fun.

For this effort, both riders rode Kymco Agility 50cc scooters with stock tires. The temperature at the time of the ride was 1 degree with a -17 degree wind chill. Their speed around the City of Charlevoix averaged between 10 and 20 mph on frozen, snow-covered streets.

"It was a bad idea, but we did it anyway," Compton said.

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Two Charlevoix men saw the recent frigid, winter weather as an opportunity to make a name for themselves on the scooter scene. On Feb. 4, Dave Beane (above, left) and Gordon Compton (above right at right) of Team Practical Power Sports rode two-wheeled motor scooters for 11.4 miles for one hours and nine minutes around the streets of Charlevoix. The two documented the trip with photos taken by Charlevoix police officer Jim Schlappi and entered the Scoot.net, Cold Weather Challenge with the hope of being named national winners.

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City of East Jordan	N/A	N/A	48.74	1.02585	48.91	1.02229	46.46	1.07619	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	50.00	1.00000

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Two long-time members of Harbor Industries are retiring this month. Norm Starr (left) whose long and varied career began in April 1964, worked in just about every department before settling in as maintenance manager in 1975. Dale Musser (right) joined the Harbor family in February 1967.

Key employees bid farewell to Harbor Industries

Two long-time members of Harbor Industries are retiring this month.

Norm Starr, whose long and varied career began in April 1964, worked in just about every department before settling in as maintenance manager in 1975. Dale Musser joined the Harbor family in February 1967. He worked in the assembly and packing departments before landing in shipping and receiving, where he's been a key member for 37 years.

Both Starr and Musser have witnessed the many changes Harbor has been through over the years, including a multi-phase building expansion and the addition of many new faces. When Starr started at Harbor, there were approximately 40 employees. Today, Harbor is proud to provide jobs to over 300 people.

After doing some traveling with his wife, Sue, Starr plans to return to Harbor in April on a part-time basis. Musser on the other hand, plans to make a trip out west in the spring with his wife, Iris, and is looking forward to indulging in hobbies such as camping, wood-cutting and attending off road racing.

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The Charlevoix Area Hospital Sleep Center recently received program accreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM).

"The AASM congratulates Charlevoix Area Hospital Sleep Center on fulfilling the high standards required for receiving program accreditation," said Dr. Michael H. Silber, president of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. "The facility is a significant resource to the local medical community and will provide academic and scientific value in addition to the highest quality care for patients suffering from sleep disorders."

To receive a five-year accreditation, a sleep center must meet or exceed all standards for professional health care as designated by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. The accreditation process involves detailed inspection of a center's facility and staff including an evaluation of testing procedures, patient contacts and physician training. Additionally, the facility's goals must be clearly stated and include plans for positively affecting the quality of medical care in the community it serves.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Director of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Sleep Center, Nathan Craig Boss, MD, diplomat of the American Board of Sleep Medicine, speaks to a group of parents at a sleep clinic he presented in October at Charlevoix Public Library. The center recently received program accreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM).

Charlevoix Area Hospital Sleep Center is directed by Nathan Craig Boss, MD, diplomat of the American Board of Sleep Medicine. The center is located at 14700 Lake Shore Drive in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-8900.

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Rayders bounce back to take Glads 66-63

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

The Charlevoix Rayders bounced back from their most disappointing loss of the season to net their higgest win of the season, using a hig second half comehack to take control of the Lake Michigan Conference basketball race, pulling out a 66-63 win at Traverse City St. Francis.

Earlier in the week, Petoskey snapped the Rayders' seven game winning streak with a 56-37 drubbing.

Trailing by 12 at half-time, 38-26, Charlevoix faced the prospect of back-to-back losses to perhaps their two biggest rivals and falling a game behind in the league race. Rather than pack it in, the Rayders wiped out the deficit in three minutes.

Austin Wilhelm started the harrage with the first basket of the second half and Charlevoix hegan pounding the hall inside to big sophomore Justin Friske who had been held scoreless in the first half.

Friske responded, scoring seven straight points — capped by a three-point play to cut the lead to 38-35. Darren Munson scored again before the Gladiators broke their drought to push the lead back to 40-37.

The Rayder press, which didn't seem to affect St. Francis much in the first half, forced hack-to-hack turnovers. Following a Mitch Crandall driving lay-in, a bucket hy Trevor Mays gave Charlevoix its first lead since the Rayders led 9-8 early on.

Following the Gladiators' second time-out in just four minutes, a Crandall three-pointer extended the lead to 44-40 and another Crandall three-ball minutes later pushed the advantage to 47-43.

St. Francis turned the ball over five times in the first four minutes of the half and many of the Glads shots came up short as they appeared to tire under the relentless Charlevoix pressure.

The Glads, seventh ranked in Class C coming into the game, battled back to take a 52-50 lead with 1:28 left in the period, but a three-point play by Wilhelm put Charlevoix back in front at the end of three quarters of play.

It stayed tight in the final stanza as St. Francis opened with a 7-2 run to take a 59-55 lead with 4:52 remaining. The Rayders responded with eight straight points, four on yet two more penetrating drives by Crandall, to take control of the game at 63-59.

Ty Haske hit all four of his fourth quarter free throw attempts but the Rayders missed the front end of a one-and-one with 32 seconds left and only one of two with 18 seconds left to keep the Gladiators in the game.

Wheelock's three-point shot at the buzzer to tie the game bounced off the back rim and the victory was preserved.

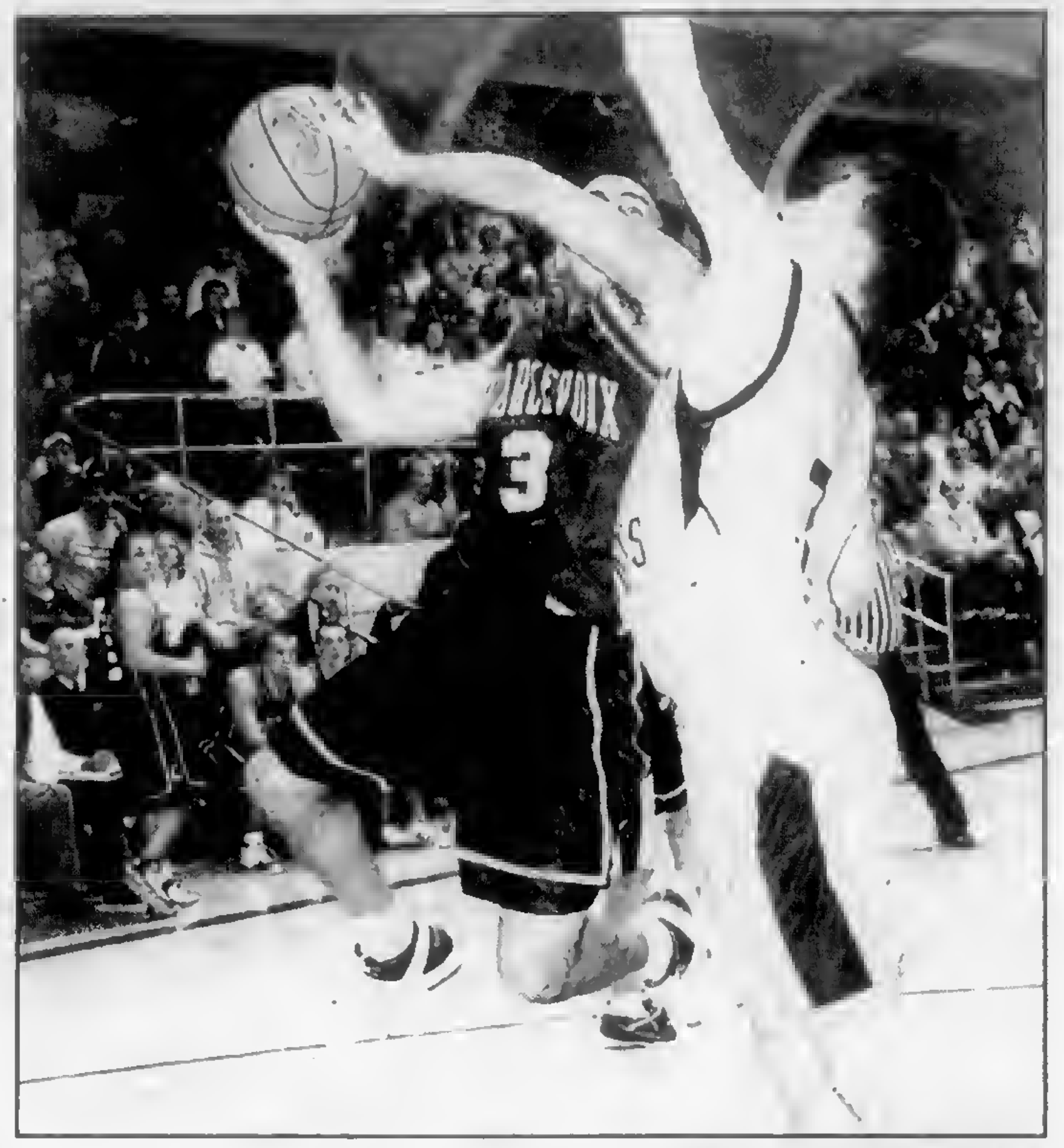
Crandall led all scorers with 26 points, including nine in the first quarter when the Rayders were having a tough time finding any offense. He also pulled down eight rebounds.

Justin Friske finished with 11 points — all in the second half, and five rebounds. Cliff Jones had seven key points, driving past St. Francis defenders for some tough layups.

Haske, in addition to sinking the key free throws, totaled six points and seven assists.

Earlier in the week, Petoskey dictated the game's tempo from start to finish and held the Rayders to their lowest point total of the season. Crandall was the only Charlevoix player in double figures with 15.

The Rayders, 13-2 overall, 9-1 conference, host Boyne City on Friday, Feb. 19.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Rayder Ty Haske drives hard against St. Francis defender Collin McDonough in the fourth quarter of the Rayder comeback win Feb. 9 against Traverse City St. Francis. Haske, in addition to sinking key free throws, totaled six points and seven assists.

Daman undefeated at Petoskey Wrestling Tournament Feb. 10

Zeke Daman

Rayder wrestler, Zeke Daman was unbeaten on Saturday, Feb. 10 in the Petoskey Wrestling Tournament with five other teams participating.

Against Frankfort, Trevor Cole and Mat Golovich won their matches with a pin. Corey Loucks and Zeke Daman each won by voids and Woody Nitchman won his match by points. Charlevoix won the team match, 27-23.

Facing Kalkaska, Loucks and Daman each had voids and JD Speigl won hy pinning his opponent. Charlevoix lost the team match.

Against Kingsley's full team, Daman won his match with points. Charlevoix lost the match due to many voids.

Facing Petoskey, Golovich, Woody Nitchman and Cole all won their matches with pins and Daman won with points.

The last meet of the day was against Mancelona. Nitchman, Cole and Daman both had voids. Golovich won with a pin.

Charlevoix lost the meet 24-25.

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Coach Liz Grunch talks to her Charlevoix High School volleyball team during a time-out Wednesday, Feb. 7. The Rayders defeated Boyne City in five games to remain undefeated in the Lake Michigan Conference and went on to take first place at the Suttons Bay Invitational on Feb. 10.

Rayders claim first place at Suttons Bay Invitational

An already good week got even better on Saturday, Feb. 10 for Charlevoix.

The Rayders remained unbeaten in the Lake Michigan Conference volleyball race on Wednesday with a dramatic five-game win over rival Boyne City, then followed on Saturday by winning the 16-team Suttons Bay Invitational.

Charlevoix, 35-11-1, downed the Norse, 21-15, 22-20, in the title match.

"We had a very good day overall as a team," Charlevoix coach Liz Grunch said. "The girls played well together and we continue to work hard and improve every day."

The Rayders opened pool play with a 21-11, 21-14 win over Mesick, then defeated Benzie Central, 21-11, 21-15; and Leland, 21-14, 21-16. Ashlie Bradley was named Charlevoix's team most valuable player in pool play.

Charlevoix opened power pool play by defeating Suttons Bay, 21-15, 21-14; then topped Kingsley, 21-10, 21-15; before falling to Pellston, 21-16, 21-15, to finish second in the pool.

Charlevoix then knocked off Leland, 24-22, 21-17, in a semifinal match to advance to the final against Suttons Bay, where it topped the Norsemen for the second time in the tournament.

"It's a real confidence booster for us," Grunch said. "We're excited about the rest of the season and we're getting ready for the postseason."

Three Rayders — Sasha Spencley, Aubrey Way and Emily Heffling — were named to the all-tournament team.

Spencley finished with 40 digs, 21 kills, 15 blocks and five aces; Way had 73 assists from her setter position along with 20 digs, 14 blocks and 11 kills; and Heffling was a team-best 83-of-89 on serve receive and also had a team-high 50 digs.

Also for the Rayders, Bradley had 45 kills and 18 digs; Bethany Pearson had 42 blocks, 24 kills and 24 digs; Desi Faust added 26 kills and six aces; Zita Anderson had 52 assists and 19 digs; and Murphy Gillespie added 27 kills and eight blocks.

"We had a powerful attack all day and it's nice we have powerful hitters at all times during our rotation," Grunch said. "It makes it hard for other teams to defend against us."

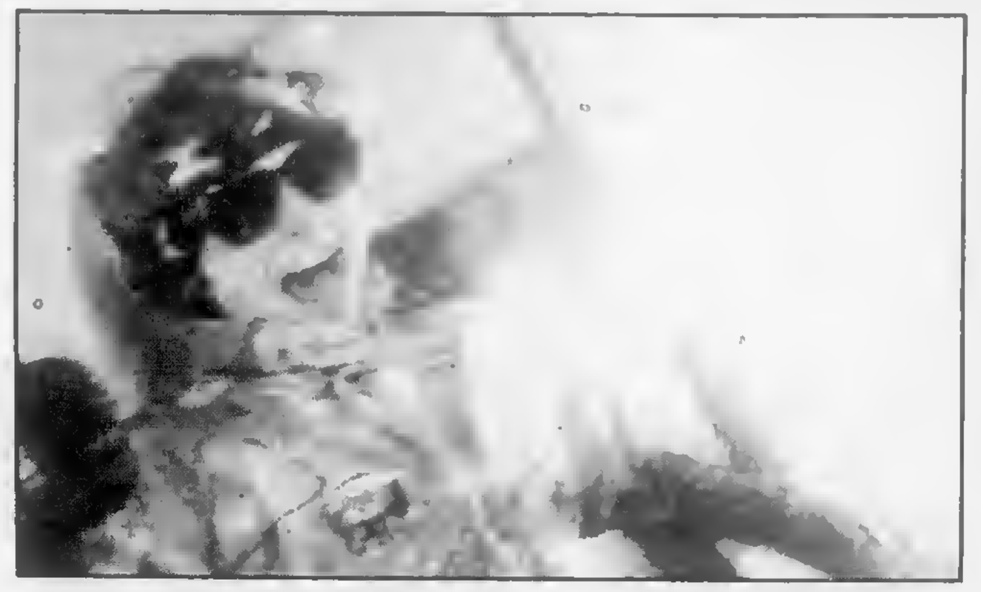
Pellston finished third, falling to Suttons Bay in the semifinals, 21-15, 23-21.

Rowley leads Rayder-Red Devil skiers to a second place finish

The Charlevoix-East Jordan girls' ski team took second place at the Feb. 10 Charlevoix-East Jordan, Boyne City Invitational at Boyne Mountain.

Katherine Rowley brought hack the 1980s style with her ski wear and led the girls' team with a first place finish in giant slalom and slalom events. The Rayder-Red devil girls finished with 44 points, four points behind first place Boyne City girls in a five-team invitational with Inland Lakes, Detroit Country Day and Okemos rounding out the competition.

The final events placement is as follows: Katherine Rowley first in slalom and giant slalom; Mary Gocha third in slalom and 19th in giant slalom; Emily Bajko fourth in slalom and giant slalom; Liz Hasseld sixth in slalom and giant slalom; Steffy Poindexter 13th in slalom and 21st in giant slalom; Amanda Fritsch 25th in slalom and 13th in giant slalom.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Charlevoix-East Jordan girls' ski team standout, Katherine Rowley, dressed in 1980s apparel for the Charlevoix-East Jordan, Boyne City Invitational at Boyne Mountain Feb. 10. Her first place finishes in giant slalom and slalom led the team to a second place finish.

The Charlevoix-East Jordan boys' team finished in third place with 88 points behind Boyne City and Okemos.

The final events placement is as follows: Mac Brennan 5th in giant slalom and 6th in slalom; Nic Williams 9th in giant slalom and 11th in slalom; Tanner Fisher 12th in giant slalom and slalom; Geoff Baier 15th in giant slalom and 18th in slalom; Zack Smith 17th in giant slalom and 19th in slalom; Joe Hidakatsu 32nd in giant slalom and 28th in slalom.

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PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE FILE NO. 07-011073-DE

Estate of Theresa Stella Jaskierski
Date of birth: April 18, 1926

TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Theresa Stella Jaskierski, who lived at 16656 Ferry Road, Charlevoix, Michigan died October 23, 2005.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to John Jaskierski, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: February 6, 2007

Graham, Elsenheimer, Wendling & Kazim, P.C.
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(P25177)
203 Mason Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-0099

John Jaskierski
16656 Ferry Road
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)675-2218
(L-02/14)

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage and assignment (the "Mortgage") made by Lange Limited, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, mortgagor, to Migaldi Family, L.L.C., mortgagee, dated September 22, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan, on September 26, 2003, at Liber 574 Pages 419 through 426 inclusive, which mortgage was assigned to GJDM Development, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, with an address of 3420 South

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Creyts Road, Lansing, MI 48917 on November 18, 2004 and recorded In the Office of the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan on September 19, 2005, at Liber 705, Pages 189 through 190 inclusive. Because of the default, the undersigned has elected to declare the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage immediately due and payable.

At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Five Hundred Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Two and 80/100 Dollars ($516,852.80). No suit or proceedings at law have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgage.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount with interest as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the lobby of the County Courthouse in Charlevoix, the place of holding the Circuit Court within Charlevoix County, Michigan, on Friday March 2, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. local time.

Pursuant to Section 3240(7) of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, as amended, (MCLA 600.3240(7); MSA 27A.3240(7)), the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

The premises covered by said mortgage is commonly known as **2774 Blackbird Road**, and is situated in the Townships of Hayes and Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel 1: Country Club Park Parcel (Including Parcel A of the Susan Casciani Property): Commencing at a 1/2" pipe at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Town 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76°04'44" East 738.32 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Section line North 76°04'44" East 559.98 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the West 1/8 corner of said sections; thence continuing along said Section line North 76°04'44" East 365.00 feet to a 1/2" rod which is South 76°04'44" West 933.09 feet (recorded as South 77°42'20" West and as South 77°39'15" West 932.72 feet) from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence South 5°59'01" East (recorded as South 4°25'25" East) 601.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 87°59'36" West 398.87 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line South 2°00'25" East (recorded as South 0°21'49" East 790.80 feet to a 1" rod on the North 1/8 line of said Section 19; thence along said North 1/8 line South 76°18'45" West 1320.47 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the line common to said Sections 19 & 24, also being the Northeast corner of Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence along said Section line and the East line of said block South 1°00'31" East 238.28 feet to the North line of the Boyne City - Charlevoix Road; thence along said road line South 87°51'28" West 450.66 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of said block; thence along the line common to Lots 9 & 10 of said block North 0°55'12" West 246.37 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line and the North line of said block South 88°51'29" West 107.57 feet to the line common to Lots 11 & 12 of said block; thence along the aforementioned lot line South 1°03'32" East 248.36 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89°14'29" West 200.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 15 of said block; thence along the West line of said lot North 1°05'45" West 247.01 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line South 88°54'45" West 494.86 feet to a 1" bar on the Easterly line of a Michigan Department of Transportation easement described in Liber 380, Page 743 Charlevoix County Records; thence continuing along said North 1/8 line South 88°54'45" West 87.43 feet to a 1" bar on the East 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line North 1°02'42" West 305.37 feet to the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 1°02'42" West 89.41 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 176.24 feet to the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 1203.55 feet; thence South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 471.19 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 50°23'33" East 944.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34°1'39" West 243.88 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19; Town 34 North, Range 7 West & part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 34 North, Range 8 West, and Lots 1 thru 9 & Lots 12 thru 14, Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point.

Parcel 2: Balance of Charlevoix Country Club Property in Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West lying South of U.S. 31: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Commencing at a 3/4" pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said Section South 76°04'44" West 918.26 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Section line South 76°04'44" West 939.81 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34°01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S. 31; thence continuing North 34°01'39" West 75.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 1222.54 feet; thence parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of said Section South 1°31'09" East 88.94 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing parallel with said 1/4 line South 1°31'09" East 543.71 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel 3: Vacant Land: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: All that part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 34 North, Range 7 West lying Southerly of the C&O Railroad Right of Way and Northerly of the centerline of U.S. 31 extended, a strip of land 50 feet wide lying between said Railroad Right of Way and U.S. 31 centerline described as: Commencing at the center 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North on the North & South 1/4 line to the Southerly line of said highway; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 63°15' to the left from said 1/4 line 846.3 feet more or less to the Southwesterly line of said Railroad Right of Way for the Point of Beginning; thence at an angle of 98°30' to the left from the last described course to the centerline of said highway for the point of ending.

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Dated: January 31, 2007

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE FILE NO. 07-011068-DE

Estate of GLADYS HELEN DENNY, DECEASED.
Date of birth: 05/22/1923

TO ALL CREDITORS: *
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, Gladys Helen Denny, who lived at 13773 Klooster Road, Charlevoix, Michigan died 12/21/2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Spencer Cribb, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: 02/14/2007

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Sign council argues safety over aesthetics

SIGNS

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business district.

They claim the proposal allowing internally lit signs may compromise Charlevoix's signature small town feel and be aesthetically displeasing.

"I think it's a mistake to change an ordinance that was put in place with the intent to beautify the community," Charlevoix resident, John Winn, said.

The existing ordinance prohibits internally lit signs.

While council members support the ban on internally lit signs, they have also voiced interest in helping local businesses attract customers. Representatives of the United States Sign Council claim the sign ordinance decision was a step in the wrong direction.

"There's a trend among some small towns to eliminate them (internally lit signs). But according to our research, which is quite accurate, internally illuminated signs are 60 percent more effective (than signs lit from above or below) at night," Andy Bertucci, executive director of the sign council, said. "In a normal traffic scenario (speed limits between 35 and 40 mph) a sign that's not internally lit gives three to four seconds less time for a motorist to read the sign than they would have if it was internally lit."

Bertucci said banning internally lit signs is a safety and traffic hazard and is a disservice to tourists and business owners.

"We think it needs to be a function of whatever is best for the individual. But a town does have an obligation to protect its citizens and visitors and internally lit signs do that better than anything," Bertucci said.

The change was proposed by the planning commission due to concerns with glare from up-lighting and other unsightly measures businesses take to light their signs.

Other revisions to the ordinance which were supported by council would ban billboards in the City of Charlevoix and allow for Tourist Oriented Directional (TOD) signs to announce businesses off the main drag.

TOD signs were first discussed by the Downtown Development Authority in March 2004 and were met with mixed reviews. At that time most members of the Downtown Development Authority and city council made it clear that they are not interested in advertising private businesses. The consensus was to stick with civic directional signs.

Signs that were supported by the group were those that direct people to places like city hall, parking lots, the Charlevoix County building, public restrooms, schools, Harsha House and Charlevoix Public Library. Harsch said the state stood in the way of this type of program.

The program included in the proposed sign ordinance revision is sanctioned by the Michigan Department of Transportation. If city council sanctions the program through its sign ordinance businesses could apply to the state for a sign.

Harsch said those that have expressed interest include Castle Farms and the Belvedere Golf Club. Both would have signs on U.S. 31 directing motorists to their locations.

The revised ordinance requires the final approval of city council. Council members will consider the ordinance at their meeting at 7 p.m. on Feb. 19.

The United States Sign Council is an educational resource for the sign industry, and is the largest association of independent sign shops in the world. The council is classified as a not for profit organization. For more information, visit www.ussc.org.

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Businesses including McDonalds, Burger King and 7-Eleven who said they would implement internally lit signs at their businesses if city council revised the sign ordinance were shot down by council.

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Spending scaled back in coming city budget

BUDGET

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municipal airport runway. Grants are covering a large portion of that project with the federal government funding 90 percent of the cost and the state paying an additional 5 percent.

The sale was expected to go through last year. Environmental testing has stalled the purchase somewhat but Brandi said it won't be a deal breaker.

Some other projects in the capital expenditures list include Chicago Club area infrastructure improvements at $539,800, electrical system improvements at $370,000 and vehicle purchases for the city's motor pool at $307,000.

Mt. McSauba enthusiasts will also be happy to see a $69,000 upgrade to the snow-making water system. City recreation director, Ike Boss, said the upgrade will reduce manpower needed to make the snow and will allow them to make snow and open earlier to increase revenue.

In addition to a large list of capital projects, the budget has traditionally shown a fund transfer from the infrastructure fund of about $100,000 into the general fund for stabilization. Brandi said this will not happen in the proposed budget.

The proposed operating millage has been levied at 9.05 mills, which is the same rate levied last year. The operating millage is expected to bring in about $1.9 million. The infrastructure millage is proposed at 2.237 mills, or $469,400, the same amount levied during the 2006-2007 budget year.

While the proposed city budget is for 2007-2008, the city plans five years out and aims to maintain about 19 percent of its general fund in a fund balance. A fund balance is basically money the city has in the bank, like a savings account for rainy days.

The proposed budget allocates $184,500 from this balance to various projects in the general fund.

With this way of planning out for five years and maintaining a healthy fund balance, Brandi said the city has more time to react to changes in funding from the state or its general tax revenue.

However, the future stability of the general fund is in question. With the proposed transfer, the fund balance will be at $417,500 which is about 12 percent of the operating budget. Brandi said the city's auditing firm encourages a balance of between 10 and 20 percent and the city is now teetering on the low end.

Rick Brandi

He said in the not so distant future the city will have to explore new revenue sources for the general fund and/or cuts to bolster the general fund.

"I don't know how many years we can go without deciding how to approach the declining revenue issue," Brandi said.

Possible solutions include partnering with neighboring municipalities to form a recreation and fire authority.

"It's not something that can wait. In a couple of years we're dead in the water," city mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said of the importance of the authority relationships.

A .1 mill increase in the trash collection millage which brings the total to .8 mill will assist in funding increased costs of providing the service including brush and leaf pickup as well as composting. The millage will generate $168,500.

Proposed rate shifts show a 2 percent increase in water rates which will cost the average user about 96 cents more a month and a 5.5 percent increase in sewer rates which will cost the average user about $1.38 more a month. Increases in electric rates are not in the budget.

The budget also proposes rate increases for Charlevoix Golf Club season pass holders who will pay $35 more for season passes. Season pass holders make up 60 percent of the 17,000 rounds of golf played annually at the club. Daily rates are not proposed to increase. This is an attempt to bridge the funding gap. The golf course is subsidized to the tune of $59,000 in the proposed budget.

"A lot of old time golfers are moaning and groaning about it," third ward Charlevoix city councilman Sherm Chamberlain said. "It's at that price where longtime users of the golf course are starting to think twice."

This rate increase is based in part on discussions of the City of Charlevoix Citizen's Committee, a group of people who met regularly to examine the city's budget and services to see if there are any cuts or changes that need to be implemented in order to find other sources of revenue.

Another budget element Brandi said the citizens committee played a role in shaping is the Brookside Chapel renovation project. Phase two of this project is proposed to be completed in the coming budget year for $19,300. If the budget is approved, funds that were proposed to come from the Brookside Cemetery's perpetual care fund will be drawn from infrastructure dollars instead.

Airport hangar rental fees are also proposed to increase for those whose lease expires this year as are ambulance rates for resident and non-resident transports.

Charlevoix City Council met with city department heads and the planning commission to review the proposed budget at a meeting which took place on Feb. 12. A second council work session on the budget will take place at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 19 at city hall.

A public hearing will be scheduled prior to council passing the 2007-2008 budget.

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The City Council of the City of Charlevoix will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The following Budget Amendment #1 is proposed for the fiscal year April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007:

		ORIGINAL BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	NET CHANGE
General Fund	RV State Grants	287,900	280,640	(7,260)
	RV Fines & Forfeits	28,900	23,254	(5,646)
	RV Other Revenue	19,900	11,060	(8,840)
General Fund	EX General Government	554,400	554,686	286
	EX Public Works	180,700	191,916	11,216
Major Street	RV Total	555,700	225,113	(330,587)
Major Street	EX Total	586,700	277,122	(309,578)
Airport Fund	RV Total	1,112,800	262,455	(850,345)
Downtown Development Authority	RV Total	5,814,700	6,418,741	604,041
Downtown Development Authority	EX Total	5,718,542	6,187,711	469,169
PI#2 Sewer Capital Fund Tap Ins	RV Total	48,800	83,086	34,286
PI#2 Sewer Capital Fund Tap Ins	EX Total	130,000	175,000	45,000
PI#10 City Hall Improvement Fund	RV Total	245,100	244,700	(400)
PI#10 City Hall Improvement Fund	EX Total	243,438	246,856	3,418
PI#12 Mt. McSauba Recreation	RV Total	13,500	14,000	500
PI#12 Mt. McSauba Recreation	EX Total	10,000	12,000	2,000
Electric Fund	RV Total	5,749,161	5,647,941	(101,220)
Sewer Fund	RV Total	1,226,300	1,201,049	(25,251)
Water Fund	RV Total	941,600	766,780	(174,820)
Marina Fund	RV Total	10,800,600	7,433,595	(3,367,005)
Employee Fringe Benefit Fund	RV Total	1,668,400	1,547,919	(120,481)
Motor Pool	RV Total	608,400	559,781	(48,619)

Copies of the detailed budget amendment are available at City Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All interested citizens have the opportunity to give written or oral comments and are welcomed.

Richard Brandi, City Treasurer

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FEB. 14
OWL PRESENTATION

A live barn owl with a heart-shaped face will be on display from 3-6 p.m. on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 at SEE-North's Exploration Center in downtown Petoskey.

The owl, named Belfry, was hatched in upstate New York as part of a reintroduction program. At just seven days old he was flown to Petoskey to learn to be an education ambassador with SEE-North's environmental education programs. Belfry, now 9 years old, is a very animated, comical and intelligent bird, and has become a favorite among audiences.

SEE-North Exploration Center is located at 220 Park Avenue in Petoskey.

For more information, contact Alison Falldin at (231) 242-0322.

FEB. 14
VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER DANCE

The Charlevoix Senior Center is presenting a Valentine's Day Dinner Dance, at 7 p.m. on Feb. 14 at the center.

Dinner choices are prime rib or whitefish. The cost is $35 per couple. Live music will be provided by "In Service."

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling (231) 547-5361.

FEB. 15
WAX MUSEUM

From 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15, the seventh graders at Charlevoix Middle School will be presenting their second annual Wax Museum entitled, "History Comes Alive!"

The Wax Museum is an evening where students impersonate a famous person and share their knowledge about this person with the community. The students chose their person from one of six different categories including history, science, entertainment, music, art and sports.

More than 100 students will line the halls, dressed in character. They will "come alive" and tell about their famous lives.

This unit incorporates a biography research paper with a career investigation and is taught as a joint project by Pam Swenor and Gwen Catt in their English and Literacy in Action classes.

When parents and community members arrive the night of the performance, they are given a program, which tells the location of the students they wish to watch.

FEB. 16
SIDEWALK SALES

The Retail Committee of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Charlevoix's Downtown Indoor Sidewalk Sales are scheduled for Presidents' Day weekend.

This annual shopping event begins on Friday, Feb. 16 and runs through Monday, Feb. 19. Stores will be offering bargains on a variety of great merchandise.

For more Information, call the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

FEB. 17
SINGLES FOR CHRIST

Singles for Christ of Zion Lutheran Church in Petoskey, invites all singles 40 and over, from all area churches to the group's monthly dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17 at Northern Lights Sassy Loon Restaurant, located at 8865 M-119 in Harbor Springs. Call Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or (231) 632-1905 with reservations.

FEB. 20
CULINARY ARTS SERIES

Crooked Tree Arts Center is registering participants for their winter 2007 Culinary Arts Series.

The popular cooking series will be held from 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday night during February and March.

The following restaurants have agreed to share some of their culinary secrets with students: Feb. 20 Julienne Tomatoes; Feb. 27 The Crow's Nest; March 6 Chandlers; March 13 The Galley Gourmet; March 20 Stafford's Hospitality; and March 27 City Park Grill.

For more information or to register for a class, visit www.crookedtree.org.

FEB. 21
FLY TYING

The Miller Van Winkle Chapter of Trout Unlimited is hosting a general membership winter meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at Charlevoix Public Library.

The meeting will feature Dennis Potter, a famous fly tying instructor. Potter will conduct tying demonstrations on three or four patterns: the Skunk Hopper, Opal Butt Egg, Fat Head Beetle and if time allows, the Opal Drake.

Potter has traveled extensively throughout the Midwest demonstrating his fly tying techniques and patterns. He has been tying for over 30 years and is a contract designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants as well as a Whiting Farms Pro Team Member.

For more information, call John Ochs at (231) 547-4726.

FEB. 24
PRESERVATION MEETING

Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will host a meeting at 1 p.m. on Feb. 24 at the Boyne District Library.

The project will be to organize files, scrapbooks and make decisions on cataloging the media file.

Another meeting will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 at Charlevoix Public Library. The project that week will be sharing and displaying the photos of Charlevoix County that has been collected and making decisions on how best to catalog them. Members and guests are encouraged to bring their photos along to share.

For more information, call president, Carol Goodenough, at (231) 582-7042.

FEB. 28
ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

An Alzheimer's caregiver support group will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Office, located at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

For more information, call (231) 237-0103.

MARCH 13
THEATRE PARTY

Northern Community Mediation, a local nonprofit dispute resolution organization, will host a Theatre Party fund-raiser on Tuesday, March 13 at the Petoskey Cinema, located at 1540 Anderson Road.

The evening will include appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages from 5:30 to 7 p.m., drawings for raffle and door prizes and your choice of movie at 7 p.m.

Tickets are $25 each.

For more information, call (231) 487-1771.

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CASH RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale for the 2007 Knights of Columbus 31st Annual Cash Raffle.

Ticket buyers will be entered to win cash prize including a $10,000 prize. Winners will be announced on April 14 at Castle Farms.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- Health Information on the Internet, 1 p.m., **Feb. 14**.
- Genealogy: Breaking through the brick walls, 7 p.m., **Feb. 14**.
- Writers Group, 6 p.m., **Feb. 14**.
- Ask the IT Guy, 6-7 p.m., **Feb. 15**.
- North Central Michigan College Microsoft Word Class, 1-4 p.m., **Feb. 17**.
- Book Discussion Group, 6:30 p.m., **Feb. 19**.
- Security Online, 1 p.m., **Feb. 21**.
- Writer's group, 6 p.m., **Feb. 21**.

Youth Events

- Stepping Stones Play Club, 10:30 a.m., **Feb. 14**.
- Story Time (all ages), 3 p.m. **Feb. 20**.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at (231) 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at (231) 547-2979.

CLASS OF 1977

The Charlevoix High School class of 1977 is making plans for their 30th reunion. Activities are being planned for the weekend of Sept. 28. All class members are invited to visit www.charlevoix77.wetpaint.com to register and share memories. Suggestions or questions can be directed to hourke.edmund@vdps.net or moore@korthaseflinn.com

DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" at the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

The Charlevoix Historical Society Harsha House Museum will be closed in January.

Museum directors will be in the office from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The museum will reopen from 1 to 4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays beginning in February.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

GRANGE AUCTION

The Barnard Grange is planning an auction sale in spring 2007 in place of their annual Swiss steak dinner, to support its community service projects.

Those who wish to donate usable items or services may call (231) 547-9544.

LADIES ONLY SWIM

The Charlevoix Area Pool welcomes the ladies only swim which takes place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays. The cost is $3.50.

For more information, call (231) 547-0982.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRY

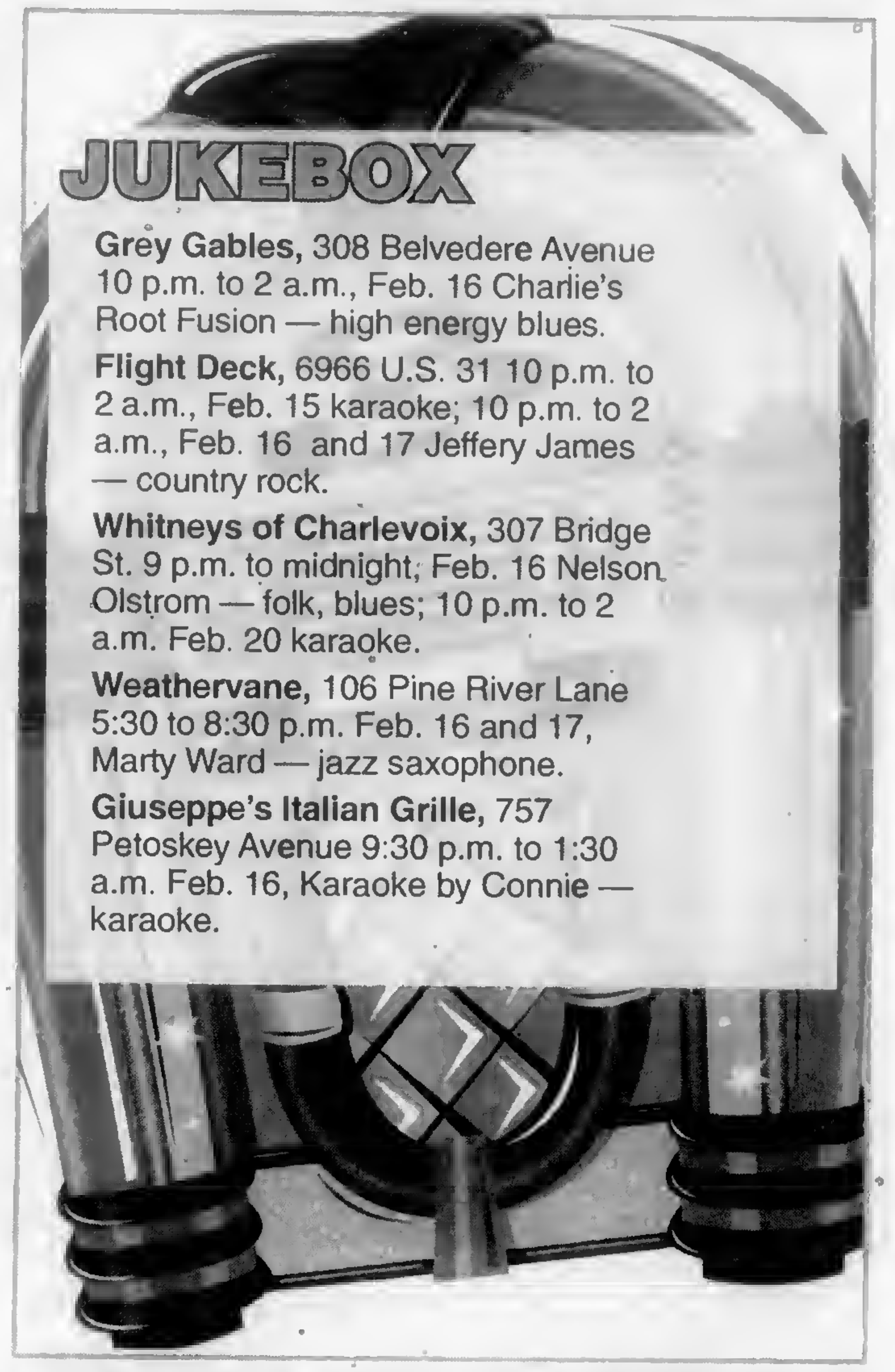
The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

FOOD PANTRY II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.



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Feeding the need for speed

Wesley Loper takes a break from his Valentine's Day party at the Mt. McSauba sledding hill to warm up with hotdogs and hot chocolate. The Charlevoix Elementary School multi-age classroom students and the second-grade students spent the afternoon there sledding and snacking with a huge group of parent volunteers.

Schools OK millage request for May ballot

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

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Voters will decide the fate of a millage designed to help maintain nearly $140,000 of Charlevoix Public Schools' operating fund next year.

The .3 mill proposal, which was approved by the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education on Monday, Feb. 12, will be on the ballot at the Tuesday, May 8 election.

According to e-mailed responses to questions posed to Charlevoix Public Schools' business manager, Shawn Biddle, the proposed millage would, "Enable the district to levy the full 18 mills approved by voters in June 2003. We are currently only able to levy 17.6874 mills, due to the rate being permanently reduced by a Headlee override for the last two years."

Biddle stated, if approved, the millage would effect only non-homestead properties which do not include principal residences, certain qualified agricultural properties or qualified forest property.

"Second homes and business properties are the properties that pay this millage," Biddle stated. "The reason we are asking for the millage is because the state assumes that we are collecting the full 18 mills, and they make our state aid payments based on that assumption. By not collecting the 18 mills that were approved by the voters, our district is not receiving the full amount of the per pupil foundation that we could be receiving."

She added, "We anticipate that, if this millage passes, we will collect an additional $138,170 for the 2007-2008 school year."

If the millage fails, Charlevoix Public Schools will have lost nearly $270,000 between this year and next.

Interim Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Jim Cooper, said the voters need to ap-

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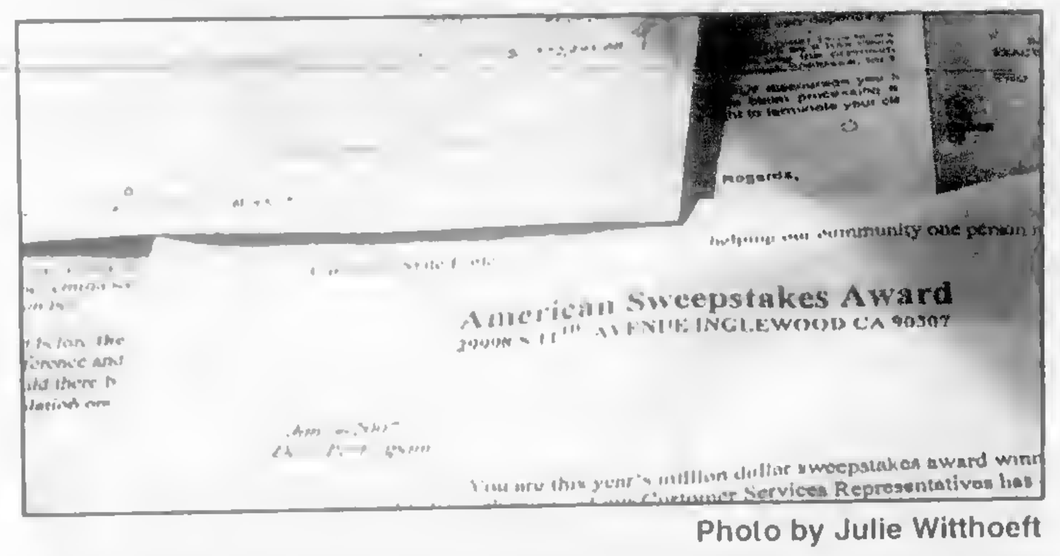

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Local authorities warn Charlevoix residents that checks being distributed claiming to be sweepstakes winnings are fakes and shouldn't be cashed.

Beware of too good to be true

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Last week, a Charlevoix woman approached city police chief Gerard Doan with four "prize money" checks she received in the mail.

In January, the check recipient who asked to remain anonymous, started receiving what Doan said are bogus checks made payable to her. Each ranges in value from about $2,000 to $5,000 and was mailed with a letter congratulating her on her cash win.

However, before cashing in, the letters request she contact the sweepstakes company at a toll-free phone number. The sweepstakes representative then claims the cash was an overpayment and asks the recipient to send money to get the money. Doan said that's the scam. The check never clears and the money sent by the victim is never returned.

"If it seems too good to be true, obviously it is," Doan said.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Ryan Daniel Robinson, 21, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Michael Lee Dyer II, 28, Mesick. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Justin Lee Whipple, 23, Petoskey. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Kimberlee Deirdre Fleming, 28, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling $100.

Robert Norman Sudman, 47, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs

Thomas Lee Olson, 38, East Jordan. Failure to report an accident. Fines and costs totaling $500.

Robert James Washburn, 46, East Jordan. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Daniel Michael Meteer, 23, Elmira. Trespassing. Fines and costs totaling $400.

Joseph Alan Butterfield, 26, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days to be held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Sarah Beth Smith, 23, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Credit for 25 days in jail; $350 in fines and costs.

Lucas Daniel Pennington, 27, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated - first offense. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 15 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 67 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation, submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend within 120 days; $1,635 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Comfort Air, 3620 Roberts Road, East Jordan, by Andrew Edward Voss

C & C Marketing, 08218 Ponytail Trail, Petoskey, by Clark E. and Diane K. Meiers

Nagle's Tree Service, 301 Fineout Road, Boyne City, by John E. Nagle

Catob Estate, 1775 Catob Road, Harbor Springs, by Richard A. and Elsie M. Williams

Red Door Consulting, LLC, 02750 M-75 North, Boyne City, by Shirley L. Wilson

Cat Design, 01039 Slashing Road, Boyne Falls, by Catherine Bruske-Foster

All American Tattoo Company, 230 Water St., Boyne City, by Daniel B. and Jolene Hanselman

MARRIAGE

The following people were recently granted a marriage license by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Nathan John Skop, 24 and Lindsey Kaye Malpass, 24, both of East Jordan

BIRTHS

Chloe Marie Ferguson weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces was born on Feb. 9 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Joe and Leah Ferguson. Her grandparents are Rocky Wilbur, Kristine Wilbur and Ben Ferguson all of Lewiston. Her great-grandparents are Matthew Wilbur and Sue Wilbur also of Lewiston.

Maya Marie Fritzsche weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces was born on Feb. 9 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jodi and Aaron Fritzsche of Boyne City. Her grandparents are Jean and Howard Barriger of Prescott, Jane and Jim Waun of East Lansing and Dale and Sue Fritzsche of Williamston.

Remi Claire Arnold weighing 6 pounds, 4 ounces was born Feb. 13 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Seth and Cindy Arnold of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Hailee, Lily and Aubrey. Her grandparents are Nate and Judy Herriman, Bob and Betsy Schoonover and the late Thomas Arnold, all of Charlevoix.

MacKenzie Lynn Clark weighing 7 pounds was born Feb. 13 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Tammy Clark of Central Lake. Her sibling is Chase. Her grandparents are Donald and Cheryl Clark of Central Lake.

CORRECTION

Due to a reporter's error Charlevoix County District Court sentencing information published on page two of the Feb. 7 and 14 editions of the Charlevoix Courier was incorrect. Information on Brandon Johnstone stated he would serve 12 days in jail. It should have stated he was sentenced to pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail. Information on Donald James Hopper stated he would serve six days in jail. It should have stated he was sentenced to pay $150 in fines and costs or serve six days in jail.

Reward offered for break-in information

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and the Charlevoix City Police Department are investigating recent breaking and entering incidents at several Charlevoix businesses.

On Feb. 16, the Charlevoix City Police Department responded to Randall Chiropractic at 1302 Bridge St. in Charlevoix for a breaking and entering. Additionally the Charlevoix City Police responded to two attempted breaking and entering complaints at Cherry Nails and H & R Block in the Captain's Corners Plaza.

That same day, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to a breaking and entering at Marvin's Gardens, located at 6625 M-66 in Charlevoix Township.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and the Charlevoix City Police are offering a reward for any information leading to the arrest of persons involved in the recent breaking and entering complaints.

Those with information are asked to contact officer James Schlappi at the Charlevoix City Police Department at (231) 547-3258 or deputy William Church at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office at (231) 547-4461.

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Local bank receives fake sweepstakes check

CHECKS

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Doan followed up by calling two of the companies himself. The first call connected to an answering machine. He didn't leave a message. The second connected with a representative. Doan said his name was John Smith and he was calling on behalf of the Charlevoix woman to see if the check was "real." The bogus check representative asked him to hold and quickly hung up.

According to Shelley DeYoung, human resource member service representative director for Bay Winds Federal Credit Union in Charlevoix, these checks are typically generated by something done on the Internet that makes these people think they can contact you.

Doan said if you receive a check claiming to be a prize money payoff, "Burn it, destroy it, tear it up or bring it to the police department."

Whatever you do, don't cash it. DeYoung said those who cash the checks are considered to be part of the fraudulent scheme and may face criminal charges.

"There's no such thing as a free lunch. Ultimately what consumers need to know is the responsibility is theirs. They will be the one left holding the bag when all is said and done," she said.

One of these sweepstakes checks for $4,900 was cashed two weeks ago at Bay Winds. DeYoung said the customer is now the one who has to pay the money back.

In order to avoid these situations, Bay Winds takes a number of steps before cashing the check including asking members a series of questions regarding the source of funds..

Northwestern Bank in Charlevoix has not received checks of this nature but Charlevoix State Bank has. To ensure the safety of their customers, bank representatives from both said they ask them questions, place a hold on the check, will contact the bank's security department and will call the bank identified on the check.

"We will not deposit the money and let the customer spend it. We would protect them," said Fran Marsh, assistant manager of Northwestern Bank's Charlevoix branch.

The Federal Trade Commission offers the following tips for avoiding the check overpayment scam:

- Know who you're dealing with — for those selling goods on the Internet, independently confirm your buyer's name, street address and telephone number.
- If you're selling something over the Internet, say "no" to a check for more than your selling price, no matter how tempting the plea or convincing the story.
- There is no legitimate reason for someone who is giving you money to ask you to wire money back.

More advice on how to be on guard against Internet fraud is available at onguardonline.gov.

Consumers are asked to report check overpayment scams to their state Attorney General, the National Fraud Information Center/Internet Fraud Watch, a service of the National Consumers League at www.fraud.org or 1-800-876-7060, or the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov or 1-877-FTC-HELP.

Levy to raise $138,170 to 'preserve programs'

MILLAGE

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prove this ballot measure.

"It will put money into our educational programs and the real key to that is this is money that they (voters) have already voted for," he said. "Because of Headlee, it's being rolled back. The key is the folks already made that commitment and the fact that we're not able to allocate is why were emphasizing the millage now."

He added; "This will give us the opportunity to get dollars already approved, and as far as the money itself, it will go directly into programming. It will make somewhat of a difference as we look into making cuts."

Cooper said, at this point in the state's fiscal fiasco, every bit of funding will help.

"That amount of money ($138,170) is money we won't have to cut, so it's going to preserve programs," he said. "I think what people need to understand at this point is we're not unlike other individuals, businesses or families going through this right now. This is a significant amount of money for us."

Cooper said the school district has an obligation to collect money which has been approved by the voters.

"That amount of money is equivalent to losing 14 students," he said. "If we were losing 14 students, we would consider it significant."

He added, "Another thing I hear a lot about is the erosion of local control. This is a way for people to (exercise) local control."

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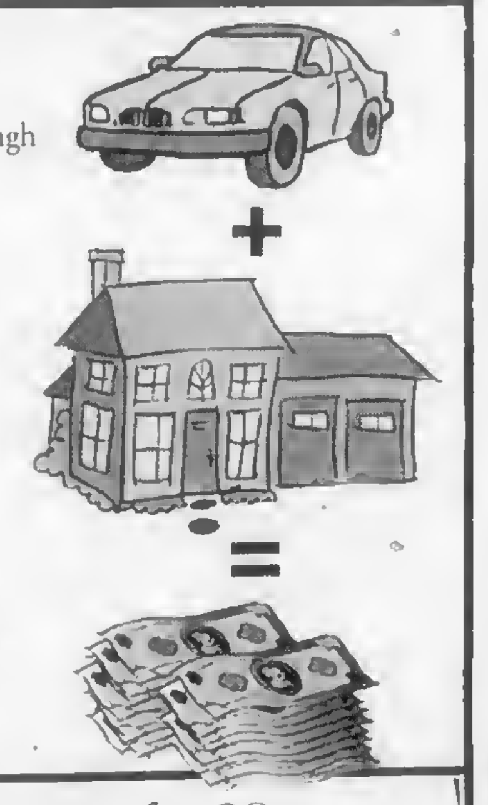

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Protecting by excusing is a dangerous path to follow

EDITORIAL

Reality check time.

Following two incidents involving students of adult age, the Courier received letters and phone calls from people defending the perpetrators.

The most recent "the Courier done the student wrong" response came after we published an article on a 17-year-old student caught attempting to snort OxyContin off a heat register at Charlevoix High School.

The letter writer stated the article was "making a mountain out of a molehill."

If you think snorting a highly addictive narcotic on school property during school hours is a molehill, would smoking crack in homeroom or perhaps the fatal overdose of a student constitute the mountain?

The other incident was this past spring when we reported on the "senior prank," AKA vandalism incident at Charlevoix High School.

That time the "shame on you Courier" letter came from a parent claiming the majority of 15 students who illegally entered the school had "school spirit" in mind. The parent said it was just a few that took it too far.

Breaking and entering is school spirit? Drug use in schools is a molehill?

Wow. As Charlevoixans we love our Mayberry image, but bad things do happen here. Neither incident is a reflection on Charlevoix as a whole nor is this a rant at parents — for myriad reasons, kids screw up. But these aren't six year olds breaking a window while goofing around with a BB gun, they are young adults committing crimes, and sweeping those actions under the rug isn't going to help us be a better community.

The message we are sending is no matter what our students do they should be able to skirt the system instead of facing the music. Some parents argue this will save them from feeling the burn of these "childish" mistakes in adulthood. But ultimately the kids are learning they are entitled to break the law and that's a lesson that won't serve them well in the "real world."

The bottom line here is that a cop, prosecutor and newspaper know a crime when they see one.

To those who think the newspaper has no business reporting these incidents, we want this message to come across loud and clear. There's a big difference between a witch hunt and informing people as to what is occurring at an institution you support with tax dollars and where your kids spend their days.

Your letters are welcome!
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Let high spirits carry you through the winter lows

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

I was reminded the other day about the wonders of the mind and how we can create our own outcomes by the way we face them.

Something that may seem insignificant to us may actually be the ticket to someone else's attitude or perceptual change for the better or for worse. There have been volumes written on the impact of positive thinking and how it affects our lives spiritually, economically and physically. There doesn't seem to be a shortage when it comes to public speakers traveling the country spouting words to spur us to motivate.

With the dark days of winter upon us and increases in our heating and electric bills, I find myself forgetting what I need to be doing, which is thinking in a positive vein. It's easier to get caught up in negative thoughts during the long stretch from January to the first signs of spring. Remaining in this state only stirs the bucket and the lives you touch. This negative vibe could very quickly manifest itself into a life equal to many bad hair days.

No matter what your circumstances are, if you expect favorable results then the situation will change accordingly. It may take some time for the changes to take place, but eventually they do. When working on a board or with staff it helps to visualize favorable results. Being less of a devil's advocate will bring your projects to a successful completion. Smiling a little more may make others wonder what you're up to, or if you might be on some new medication, but it's that smile that keeps us and others thinking positive. If negative thoughts appear, replace them with a constructive one. Persistence in thinking positively will teach your mind to ignore negative thoughts.

Not everyone accepts this philosophy that positive thinking can improve your life. Maybe they haven't spent enough time truly researching the results. Take a look at Abe Lincoln's life and how he was determined to be positive and win the presidency even though he was surrounded by losses — his mother, his bride and numerous elections. He obtained his goal of presidency and freed the slaves. The film "Star Wars" had been turned down by every major studio. Its creator, George Lucas, never gave up and today products tied to this movie still continue to sell. And Lance Armstrong wouldn't still be with us if his affirmation was to give up.

As educators we are taught that for every negative comment made to a student, four positive ones need to follow. With that kind of ratio it puts even greater importance on the need to be careful how we say things to each other. It's easy to say something negative to our child, spouse, co-worker and more so during the winter months when darkness may begin and end our day.

Is negativity a genetic thing or is it learned? Some individuals seem to only focus on the worst case scenario. Their conversations follow suit and for those who listen and believe, they begin to question their own beliefs. If in fact it is a genetic personality trait, I feel it's time to learn that with a little help those thoughts can dissipate. Even individuals with chemical imbalances eventually realize that they can live a much more productive life with the assistance of pro-active thoughts.

The ingredient that is important to include in this positive thought process is perseverance. It helps to write down what we would like to see happen, and take the time to read it every day. This is what psychologists refer to as positive affirmations. Writing down our thoughts and what we want, help us to visualize the success we would like to see. If we read them daily we are more apt to stay the course, not lose focus, and achieve what we thought was impossible. A French proverb sums it up well, "To believe a thing impossible is to make it so."

So as we wade through the dark days of northern Michigan winters, this writer is sending positively wonderful thoughts your way as she boards her plane and journeys to the positively sunny beaches of Florida.

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LETTERS to the editor

WATCH MONEY TRAIL FOR ILLEGALS

Editor:

In response to Mr. Gohs' article on bilingualism I have to say I agree with him on some points. If I were a business owner I would attempt to attract as many customers as possible and if that meant having bilingual signs then bravo for capitalism, but I think he's missing the real frustration of many people in Michigan.

I won't resort to name calling as Mr. Gohs does and call a reader a bigot having never even met them. What people are frustrated with is the millions of tax dollars that are being spent to pay for health care, food stamps and other welfare programs to people who are in this country illegally and do not contribute to these programs. We are tired of our politicians not addressing the issue. Let's go after businesses that employ them and pay cash in order to avoid paying taxes on their wages, which support these welfare programs for people who are here legally and our citizens. I've heard the argument that U.S. citizens won't work for the wages you can pay an illegal alien. Well that's true, but the simple fact that they are here illegally allows businesses to take advantage of these people and ignore such things as fair labor practices and minimum wage issues. There are plenty of U.S. citizens working for minimum wage, several millions as a matter of fact. There are also several million illegal aliens working for businesses unchecked by our government and untaxed.

Lastly, Mr. Gohs references McDonalds Braille menus for the blind and suggest complaints can be made to McDonalds corporate headquarters for ignoring my rich heritage of being able to hear? First of all, Braille is for the blind and not the deaf. Secondly, being blind and deaf is a disability, not an inability or refusal to learn a language in the country you live and work then expect everyone there to cater to your laziness to adapt.

Derrick Carroll
Cedar Springs

CONGRATULATIONS CHEER TEAM

Editor:

Congratulations Charlevoix cheerleaders. Wow! Talk about an improved cheerleading squad. I thought I was watching a Big Ten group of cheerleaders last night in Kalkaska. Girls, you did great. Poise, complex cheers, outstanding aerials and your hard work is what we witnessed. Can't wait to see how well you will do in the regionals where fair and unbiased judging will take place and you won't have to worry about a nuts and bolts outcome. Good luck!

Greg White
Charlevoix

SUPPORT LAKES LEGISLATION

Editor:

Recently I wrote you about some of the environmental challenges with which we in the Great Lakes region are faced. Much legislation, state and federal, has been passed to help us confront these challenges and more has been proposed.

I would like to point out three examples and urge you to inquire more deeply about them.

Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002 is intended to help clean up industrial contamination in lake sediments to prevent further contamination. Limited funding has been authorized for fiscal 2004 through 2009. Some types of projects promoted by the act require 35 percent non-federal matching funds, while others require no matching funds.

Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 2006 is the most recent in a series. This act authorizes the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to fund as much as 75 percent of state or tribal projects in the region that manage, conserve or restore aquatic and other wildlife and habitat.

Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Implementation Act (Proposed) — HR 5100 and S 2545 would supplement existing legislation (such as the two acts discussed above), inhibit invasive species, improve wastewater treatment facilities and address mercury contamination, among other measures.

Contact state and federal legislators in support of programs to heal our waters.

Jim Lang
Royal Oak

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY SHOULD BUNK TOGETHER

Editor:

There is plenty of room for the administrative offices of the Charlevoix Public Schools on the second floor of the new Charlevoix Public Library.

Ray E. Peltz
Charlevoix

PROTECT RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES

Editor:

With the new Congress in Washington, Americans United for Separation of Church and State is again striving to ban prayers in Jesus' name by military chaplains.

Such a restriction on freedom of speech, freedom of worship, strikes at the very heart of our constitutional freedoms. We need to become engaged in a massive effort to restore, once and for all, our chaplains' freedom of speech. President George W. Bush needs to direct the secretary of defense to issue new regulations to protect the constitutional right of military chaplains to pray according to their faith.

Also, the complexion of our federal courts could be on the verge of changing dramatically, putting our constitutional freedoms and religious liberties at risk as never before — because the new Congress is so different from the previous one. With 52 vacancies on the federal bench right now, the courts could tilt sharply to the left, away from religious liberties and toward the agenda of the ACLU. We the people must be involved in this issue with senators and their staffs to ensure the lawful appointment of federal judges who will preserve our religious liberties and constitutional freedoms.

House speaker Nancy Pelosi proposes to designate as lobbyists any churches, pastors, religious denominations, public interest organizations or other non-profit groups that strive to influence public opinion. This bill would drastically affect the operation of churches that speak out on major moral and political issues and Christian organizations using TV, radio or the Internet to mobilize citizens around an issue. Meanwhile, Pelosi has agreed to hearings on broadcasting's so-called "Fairness Doctrine," a measure that would force broadcasters to present a competing view any time a controversial issue is presented. This is yet another attempt to silence Christian voices in this country.

We must be committed to doing whatever may be necessary to protect our constitutional freedoms and religious liberties and must fight from the small town school boards all the way up to the Supreme Court of the United States if needed. There are about 280 million legal citizens in our country, of which over 90 percent believe in God. If you are one of the 90 percent, and wish to make your voice heard, you may do so by calling the Capital Hill Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask your senator or representative by name or you can give your comments to the president by calling the White House Switchboard at (202) 456-1414.

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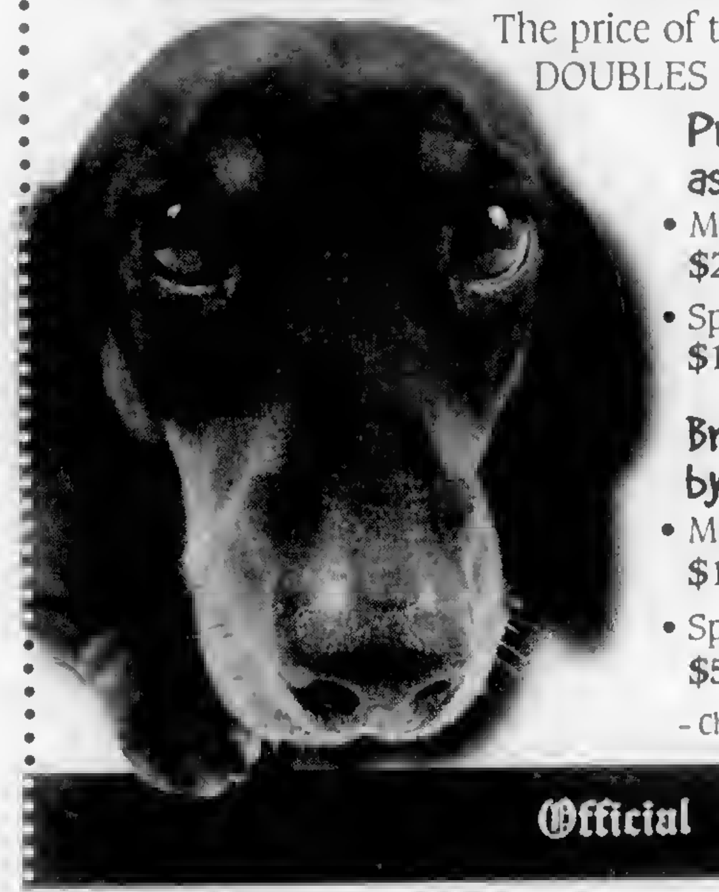

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Family Fun Day is Feb. 24 at the library

Charlevoix Public Library has the best antidote for cabin fever — Family Fun Day.

The event which will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St. will feature hobbies and hands-on crafts for all interests and ages.

- 1 to 4 p.m. If you love the sound of model trains running on the track, stop in to see Paul Hoelderlet's collection. Hoelderlet will be running a large "G" gauge train and also display some of his smaller cars and engines. The "G" gauge has a Shay engine, modeling the historical logging trains used in northern Michigan.
- 1 p.m. Create a stoneware mug with David and Jane Otis from Otis Pottery. Participants will learn techniques to build and decorate a stoneware mug from clay. The Otis' have also volunteered to glaze and fire participant's creations at the studio, returning them to the library for later pick-up. This program is limited to 30 participants over the age of 6.
- 1 to 3 p.m. The younger crowd can delve into clay. Preschoolers through first graders will create and decorate a clay craft to take home.
- 1 to 2 p.m. Participants will have an opportunity to create their own "loom" and quick weaving project. Finger weaving is a fun and fast craft using yarn, straws and fingers to create the "loom" necessary to create an endearing project.
- 2 to 3 p.m. Join "The Apron Lady," Flo Peterson as she presents the history of aprons, how and when they were made and shares stories while showing her private apron collection. Peterson invites participants to bring along their own aprons/stories.
- 2 to 4 p.m. If you've always wanted to learn to knit, but didn't know where to start, join Chris Ahramowski to learn the basics. Ahramowski, an experienced knitter and crafter, will start participants on a simple knitting project that they'll be able to take home. Experienced knitters are also welcome to join the knitting circle.

For more information, contact the library at (231) 237-7350.

70TH ANNIVERSARY

Christine and William Boss

Courtesy photo

William and Christine Boss will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary at a party from 2 to 4 p.m. on Feb. 24 at the Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church hosted by the family.

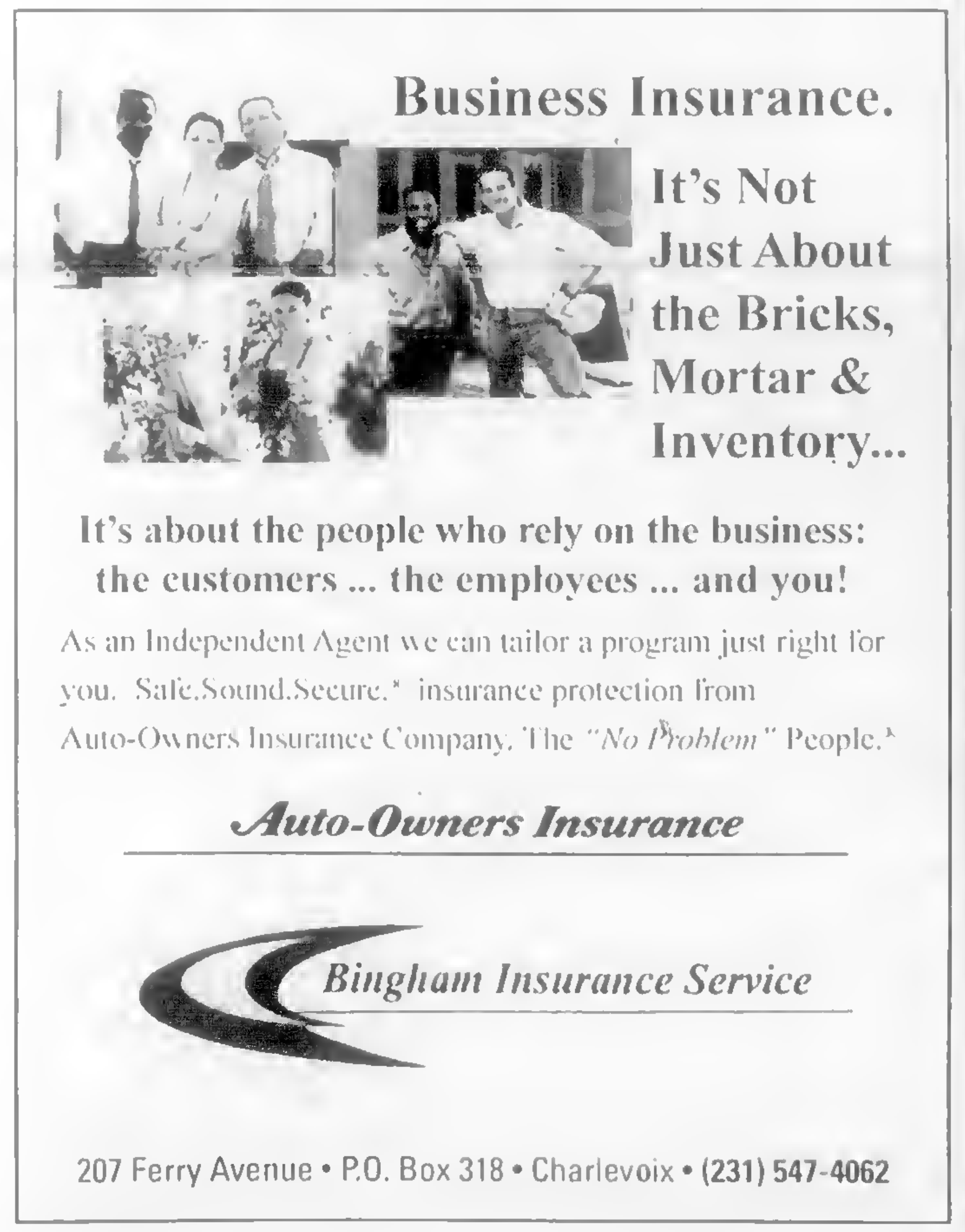
William Boss and Christine Heeres were married Feb. 20, 1937 in Ellsworth by Rev. John Holwerda.

The two were born and lived in this area all their lives (92 years).

William was employed as a MMPA inspector and Christine was a homemaker and active in various church organizations.

The Boss' son is Ron (Jan) Boss of Albuquerque, N.M. and their daughter is Cindy (Ken) Derenzy, of Alamogordo, N.M. Three of their children are deceased, Lois Jacobson, Gordon Boss and Margreta Boss.

The Boss' have six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



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Library to host pre-opera lecture this Thursday, Feb. 22

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The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library and Crooked Tree Arts Center are collaborating to present a free pre-opera lecture at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22 in the community room at the Charlevoix Public library. The event will highlight the Bulgarian State Opera production "The Marriage of Figaro" coming to Charlevoix on March 1.

Many of us haven't seen an opera anywhere, let alone in northern Michigan.

Crooked Tree Arts Center is changing that, bringing the Bulgarian State Opera to Charlevoix at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 for a production of "The Marriage of Figaro" in the auditorium at the Charlevoix High School.

"The Marriage of Figaro" is an opera buffa, meaning it's light comedic fare and perfect for the first time opera attendee, as well as the seasoned opera lover.

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library and Crooked Tree Arts Center are collaborating to present a free pre-opera lecture, featuring Dr. Robert Pattengale and David Wassenaar at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22 in the community room at the Charlevoix Public library. Opera tickets will be available for purchase at the library before and after the lecture.

Figaro features philandering Spanish aristocrats, forbidden dalliances, disguises, mistaken identities and more. The curtain rises on a country estate outside Seville, Spain. Figaro, a valet at the estate, is preparing for his wedding, when his fiancée, Susanna tells him their employer, Count Almaviva, has designs on her, Figaro vows to outwit the Count. Thus begins the palace escapades of a mischievous servant in the service of an amorous and buffoonish Spanish nobleman.

The opera features music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the libretto, or story, by Lorenzo da Ponte.

The Bulgarian State Opera was established in 1996 by Ivan Kyurkchiev, and is based on the great traditions of the art in opera in Bulgaria.

Tickets are available for purchase at Crooked Tree Arts Center, 461 E. Mitchell St. in Petoskey, (231) 347-4337, and on line at www.crookedtree.org. as well as at the door the evening of the performance.

ENGAGEMENTS

Reed — Reeves

Robert and Patricia Reed of Clinton Township are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Katie Marie Reed of Shelby Township, to Christopher Allen Reeves of Shelby Township, son of Timothy and Jennifer Reeves of Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be graduated from Oakland University in Rochester and is currently employed as a third-grade teacher at Ojibwa Elementary School in Macomb. The groom-to-be served his country in Afghanistan and is currently completing his accounting degree at Oakland University in Rochester.

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The Charlevoix Township Board of Review will meet at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Rd., Tuesday, March 6th at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing the 2007 assessment roll.

Residents may examine their property assessment at the Board of Review, Monday, March 12th from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, March 13th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix Township Hall.

Charlevoix Township Tentative Ratios and Multipliers are subject to change by the Assessing Office, Board of Review, County Equalization and State Equalization.

Listed below are the Ratios and Multipliers.

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1:00-4:00 p.m.
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1:00 p.m. STONEWARE MUG • Create a stoneware mug with David and Jane Otis from Otis Pottery. Participants will learn techniques to build and decorate a stoneware mug from clay which the Otis' will glaze and fire at their studio. This program is limited to 30 participants over the age of 6.
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. CLAY • Pre-schoolers through first graders will love this project where their hands will be busy creating and decorating their very own clay craft to take home.
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2:00 – 3:00 p.m. APRONS • Aprons are becoming a "hot collectible" in the folk art world. Join Flo Peterson, "The Apron Lady", as she presents the history of aprons, how and when they were made, and shares stories while showing her private apron collection. Flo invites participants to bring along their own aprons/stories and join the "show and tell!"
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OBITUARY

David Chulick: June 20, 1941 - Feb. 18, 2007

David Chulick, 65, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, Feb. 18 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. A funeral Mass will take place at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix. Rev. John David will officiate.

David was born June 20, 1941, in Cadillac, to Samuel and Agnes Patricia (Gingrich) Chulick. He graduated from Cadillac High School in 1959. He moved to Charlevoix in the early 1970s, where he married Barbara Godwin on Oct. 24, 1981. David was employed by the Dura Corporation in East Jordan and by LexaLite in Charlevoix. David was also founder and owner of Purple Moose Graphics of Charlevoix. He was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Charlevoix. David was an active volunteer in "From Decisions to Actions," a mentoring program for at-risk youth, sponsored by North Country Community Mental Health.

David is survived by his wife, Barbara Godwin-Chulick; children, Kimberly (Mark) Cool of Leroy, Sean Chulick of Lake City and Emily Godwin-Chulick and Samuel Godwin-Chulick of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Nicole (Josh) Wanstead and Landyn Cool, Melissa, Susan and Angela Chulick and Ivey Elizabeth Hudson; and great-grandchildren, Bryce Schultz, Javen Wanstead and Hayden Chulick.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in David's memory may be made to Christ Episcopal Church earmarked for the Godwin-Chulick family fund.

Visitation will take place from 7 to 9 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Marines salute students

Shelly Novotny (left) accepts a plaque of appreciation on behalf of Nicole Sterrett of Charlevoix Elementary School from Ken Staley and Russ Bolt (far right). Plaques were awarded to eight organizations throughout the region which went above and beyond in their efforts to help the Toys for Tots program.

New programs at Charlevoix Assembly of God Church

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church will host new services and programs in February.

Sunday's begin at 9:30 a.m. with two adult classes "A Study of the Old and New Testament, Basic Theology," taught by Doug Way and the study of the Allender/Longman book, "The Cry of The Soul," taught by Vicki Hankins.

Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday with Pastor Ryp Hankins ministering. Sunday evening meetings begin at 6 p.m. Charlevoix Assembly of God combines both contemporary and traditional music styles in each service.

From 7 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday, community prayer/intercession is held with live worship led by Jackie Boog and the praise/worship band. Communion is available during this night where participants can come and go at their convenience.

Wednesday night ministries are from 7 to 8 p.m. and consist of nursery, Calvary's Kids (elementary grades), Youth Group (grades 6-12) and Adult Bible Discovery which is currently in a study of the book of Hebrews.

On Saturday, Feb. 17 there will be a Men's Breakfast at 9 a.m. at the church. Attendees are asked to register for this event by calling the church.

At 6 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 18 the church will host a community service with special guest Rick Heeren, author of "The Elk River Story." Visit www.rickheeren.org for more information.

A food pantry is available for those in need by appointment from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Services and most programs are held at 05291 M-66 North in Charlevoix near Castle Farms.

For more information about the ministries of Charlevoix Assembly of God, call the church office at (231) 547-6430 or visit www.charlevoixag.com.

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CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	**547-6430**

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	During Worship
Pastor:	
Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -5168**

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	**547-6322**

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	**547-2875**

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Church Office	**547-9482**

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9323 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth

Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	**588-7805**

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4221**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times
Pastor: Michael Dennis	**547-4121**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9122**

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**237-0800**

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	**582-9262**

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-3008**
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	**599-2321**

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill	**231-347-6651**

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	**547-6283**

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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Boss, Carlson compete for open school board seat

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Two candidates filed for the seat to be decided in the Tuesday, May 8 election currently occupied by Charlevoix Public Schools Board President, Bill Trubilowicz.

School board hopefuls Lisa Carlson and Dale (Bo) Boss Jr. are running for the seat which Trubilowicz, who will not seek another term, held for over five years.

Carlson, who has been pondering running for office for a couple years said she took her chance now, "To get involved with the school."

"I just know the budget is a big concern for everyone and it's probably not the most favorable time to be on the school board," she said. "I think the past and present board are doing a great job, I just think it's time for me to make an impact in a positive way."

She added, "I think the Charlevoix school system is great and I want to keep it that way for our kids as much as (is) possible."

As a wife, mother of two and nurse at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Carlson feels she will offer the multitasking and commitment needed to be a good school board member.

"As a nurse I'm used to taking care of all different kinds of people and I think I have learned to work with all different kinds of people, so I think I could work with the different school board members effectively," she said.

Other work Carlson has done with Charlevoix schools includes her two years as a volunteer and a six-year stint as junior varsity girls' basketball coach.

Lisa Carlson

Carlson hopes to be involved with the wellness committee, work on budget concerns and do what she can to make Charlevoix Public Schools the kind of place which entices more families with school age children to the area.

"One of my concerns is class size, and I love block scheduling," she said. "From volunteering, I know how much help teachers need and if you lose kids, you lose teachers."

She added, "That all ties in with affordable housing here and supporting our downtown businesses. It takes everyone."

Carlson said she knows it won't be easy, but she feels she is up to the challenge.

"I know I'm just one person and I'll only have one vote, but I'm ready to be there for the community," she said.

Carlson wished her opponent the best of luck.

"I think we're both good candidates," she said. "I'm sure he (Boss) has the same good intentions as me."

Boss, who has been a custom home builder for more than 25 years and general manager of Mt. McSauba ski area for 31 years, wants to be the voice of blue collar workers, struggling families and single parents looking for a good education for their children.

Bo Boss

"Like many other people who struggle to live in Charlevoix, I have worked a second job for the last 31 years," he stated in a Feb. 15 press release. "I have been told by many people that they are afraid to question an administrator or coach because of the repercussions that might follow against their kids. I pledge to open up communications and really follow up on any complaints."

He added, "This is a public school and the staff and school board work for the people."

The father of two school age children attributes his three decades of work in private and government sectors for having a good understanding of businesses and their budgets.

"I feel it is very important to tighten our belts during the tough times ahead," he stated. "We must also take care of and respect all of our employees and listen more carefully to the people's concerns."

He added, "I feel with sound, careful planning, the Charlevoix Public Schools can retain all...existing programs.

Boss' ideas for improvement include looking into hiring an individual to fill the dual role of superintendent and principal since interim superintendent, Jim Cooper, is leaving this coming June and Charlevoix High School principal, Gary Grundman's contract is up at the end of the school year.

"Every operating dollar is so hard to come by right now," he said. "And with our enrollment at its lowest in years, now is the time to cut some cost at the top. It works very well at Suttons Bay (which) is also a Class C school."

He added, "At a cost savings of over $100,000 (annually), I strongly feel that smaller can be better."

Boss also wants to see the 109 Clinton St. property and the current school administration building sold.

"If the board would hire a superintendent/principal...they could move into the existing high school principal's office," Boss stated. "I estimate that both...properties could generate approx(imately) $550,000. This money could possibly be used to build a new energy efficient bus garage at its current central site."

Boss wants to hear any concerns Charlevoix citizens may have. His e-mail address is bosssnowman@msn.com.

"Every response will be kept confidential," he stated.

Trubilowicz cited his busy schedule as the main reason for choosing not to run for office again.

"It's hard for me to be the full service board member that I think I need to be," he said. "It's time for someone else to step up who can provide that service."

He added, "I was really torn because we have a lot of good people in this district and I just feel you want to be there for all the people and continue to help them through the issues we have, but I'm not naive enough to think I'm the only one who can do that. I know a lot of good people out there who will work well with the board."

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Interim superintendent is leaving

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

What: Interim superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Jim Cooper will not renew his contract.

When: Cooper's contract expires on June 30.

What's next: The Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District will conduct the search for a new superintendent. School board officials hope to have a new superintendent on board by July 1.

Jim Cooper

The search for a superintendent to serve Charlevoix Public Schools is back on.

During the Monday, Feb. 12 school board meeting, Jim Cooper, interim superintendent, announced he will not ask for a contract renewal when his time is up on June 30.

"There are a number of reasons (for stepping down)," Cooper said. "Most of them are personal and have to do with my family."

Cooper said he will use his extra time to care for an elderly parent.

"Right now I do not have the freedom to take care of a long-distance problem," he said.

According to school board president, Bill Trubilowicz, the board will likely turn to the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District to conduct the search for a new superintendent.

"They (ISD) will organize the search, they'll find candidates, screen resumes and help us through the hiring process," he said.

Several meetings will be held to allow the public, teaching staff and administrators and the school board to identify what it is they want to see in a superintendent.

"There will probably be three meetings," Trubilowicz said. "We'll factor all that input into our interviews of the candidates."

While there are other services to help the school find a superintendent, Trubilowicz said the Intermediate School District has the lowest prices.

"The ISD will essentially do it for cost," he said.

Using the Intermediate School District could save the district several thousand dollars.

"The other thing is Char-Em knows us and they know the area, so that familiarity helps a lot in doing this," Trubilowicz.

As president of the board, Trubilowicz knows Charlevoix needs a competent leader to face impending financial doom.

"I think he (Cooper) is doing a great job. We would like to sign him on for another year or two because we know there are rough waters ahead for us and stability and consistency is always a plus," he said. "But, by the time Jim (Cooper) and I both leave, we should be able to have a plan for next year."

His leaving, Cooper said, has nothing to do with Charlevoix schools.

"I would suspect I'm retiring from the business," he said. "I don't have any plans to continue in the superintendency."

He added, "That is not to say if there was a short-term situation where my help was needed that I wouldn't consider it, but certainly if I was to come in and take it on full-time, I would just stay here."

Cooper, who lives in Harbor Springs, has spent 32 years working in education, 16 years as a superintendent and the other 16 years mixed as a teacher, administrator and coach.

"This is an excellent school district and I've had an excellent opportunity to work with some very good people," he said. "This community has been welcoming and supportive."

He added, "I've really enjoyed it."

While he is disappointed the super will step down, Trubilowicz said Cooper did exactly what he was hired to do.

"We didn't want him to just be a place holder and I think he was willing to work to resolve issues and bring in new ideas," he said. "We're going to miss Jim (Cooper). We really appreciate all the work he's done for us."

To the community, Cooper said, "It was a very tough decision (to leave). Thanks — I've really appreciated the opportunity to work in Charlevoix."

School board officials hope to have a new superintendent on board by July 1.

Voters to decide school board seat on May 8

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Trubilowicz said there is still plenty of work left for him to do before his term expires and he looks forward to working on next year's budget and searching for a new superintendent.

"I'm going to miss the contact with the people who work in the schools and the kids in the schools," he said. "Maybe I'll get to finish my kitchen I've been working on."

He added, "I'll miss handing out diplomas, that's the most fun."

To whichever candidate is elected, Trubilowicz said, "The way I've always tried to live is, I can't complain if I'm not out there pitching in. If you've got a complaint or issues and you think you can help move the school board forward, don't just sit-back and whine — get in there and work."

Grand Traverse Band locally distributes gaming revenue

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians recently announced the distribution of their biannual 2 percent gaming revenue allocation to local units of government.

On Jan. 17, the Grand Traverse Band Tribal Council determined which organizations would receive a portion of the 2 percent gaming revenues derived from slot machines. Of the 103 applications received, which totaled $3,836,212.82, the tribal council awarded 57 applicants a total of $999,829.32.

Local organizations that received funding are listed below.

- Beaver Island Community Development Corporation, $15,000 for phase one construction of a six-unit supportive housing development for seniors and disabled adults.
- Beaver Island Fire Department EMS - Health Center and Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, $20,000 to purchase communication equipment for various response agencies including the Beaver Island Fire Department, Beaver Island EMS, Beaver Island Rural Health Center and local law enforcement.
- Charlevoix Area Hospital, $10,000 to purchase a CAT-Scan machine.
- Charlevoix Senior Citizens Center Inc., $15,000 to help support the Meals on Wheels program.
- Charlevoix County Gov't to Gov't Agreement, $12,775.
- Hayes Township, $10,000 for the Charlevoix Area Community Pool program.

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Norwood condo plan passes planning commission

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Norwood Estates

Developer: Former Norwood Township supervisor, Wayne Boss

What: 19-unit site condominium development.

What happened: Norwood Township Planning Commission approved the site plan.

Where is it located: 11.95 acres on Norwood Road and Center Street.

What's next: Boss will apply for permits through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Charlevoix County Road Commission.

Despite alleged legal objections by some Norwood citizens, the township's planning commission made Wayne Boss' plan for a 19-unit site condominium development called Norwood Estates.

Approval of the site, which was originally denied in June 2005, was approved on Monday, Feb. 12 by the five members present of the seven-member commission with the understanding certain conditions would be met.

"(Boss) was turned down (in 2005) because he failed to meet the requirements in the site plan review process," said Norwood Township Planning Commission Chairman, Tom Mielke, who was not a planning commission member in 2005. "What we did was approve his site plan because it met the ordinance, but we put conditions on it that said nobody can build anything there until the proper permits...have been issued."

Mielke said someone shouldn't be forced to go through such an expensive, lengthy process only to be later turned down.

In a response to questions via e-mail, Mielke stated, to receive necessary zoning permits, "All driveway and road permits (must) be obtained from the Charlevoix County Road Commission, a soil and erosion control permit is issued by the county (and) all required permits for septic and well are issued on a per lot basis."

Opponents of the proposed development include some property owners of the Sunset Ridge subdivision.

"The commission should disapprove of the Boss site plan and the township should not issue the requested permit," stated attorney Michael C. Grant of Olson, Bzdok & Howard who is representing some of the opponents.

The main objections Grant outlined include issues with Boss' site plan application and the lack of proper Department of Environmental Quality and road commission permits.

"Their contention was that no fee was paid, but the township attorney and zoning administrator agreed that no fee was required," Mielke said. "The township ordinance also states the township shall set the fee for site plan review and we didn't set one."

He added, "And, if the application wasn't complete, it would not have been put on the agenda and the zoning administrator wouldn't have given it to me."

Grant's clients are also concerned with the character of Norwood and consistency of Boss' plan with the township's new master plan and citizen survey.

"There is a master plan in process, but no language has been finalized in the proposed master plan," Mielke said. "They (opponents) say the development is going to change the character of the area. Some of the people that live in the Sunset Ridge subdivision or right to the east of them say the new houses will be built right in the view line of the lake and they didn't like that idea."

He added, "If I lived there, I wouldn't like that much either, but they don't own the (Boss) property."

Though Mielke said all appropriate governmental permits must

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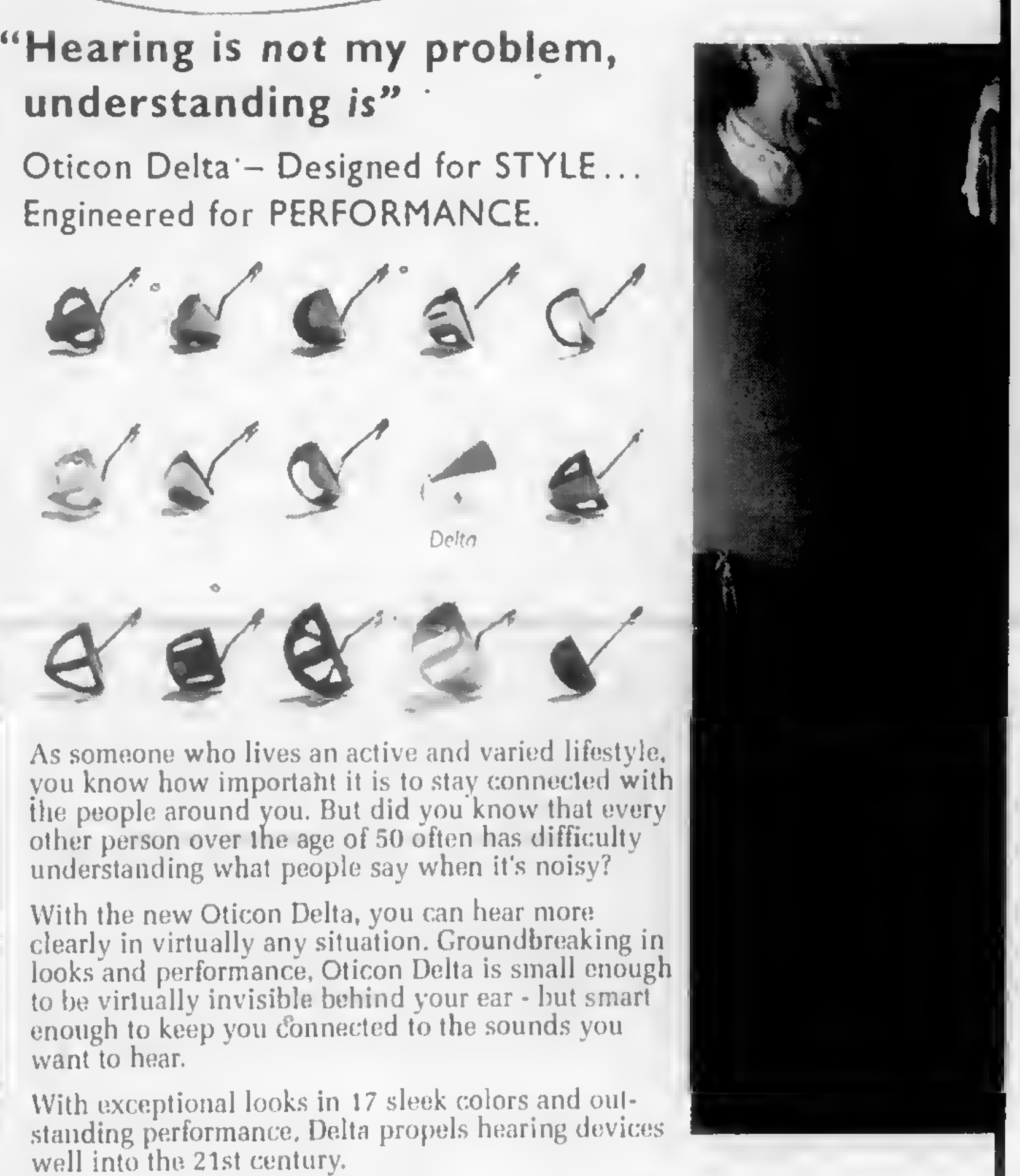

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Residents fight Boss' Norwood Estates plan

NORWOOD

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be acquired before Boss may begin developing the property, Grant claims the process is being conducted improperly.

Mielke said the Department of Environmental Quality and the Charlevoix County Road Commission are the permitting bodies, not the township.

"And, all this is policed by the zoning administrator," he said.

Commission vice-chair, Jerry Straub, who was away on business the night of the meeting, said he is confident in the planning commission's ability.

"I wouldn't want to second-guess anything anybody did," he said.

As far as the potential litigation which may result, Straub said, "It's certainly anybody's prerogative and there are steps laid out in the ordinance and under Michigan law that give people the opportunity to pursue those actions."

He added, "I get more than a little concerned in general in Norwood Township when we stop talking to each other and have our attorneys talk to each other that's bothersome to me. But, on the same note, I would defend anyone's right to do it."

Site plans are required by Norwood Township ordinance to be reviewed when dealing with developments including but not limited to all new uses except one-family residential units and expansion or renovation of existing uses other than one or two family residences which increase the existing floor space more than 25 percent.

"I probably will get started on (the development) in the spring," said Boss, who added that he is, "Not concerned whatsoever" with a potential lawsuit on the township.

The reaction to his proposal is typical, Boss said because, "People generally don't like development going in right next to them."

Boss, who has owned the property since the late 1980s, said he was and is willing to sell the property to Norwood Township for public use.

"The bottom line is I would sell it if they came up with enough money," he said.

Duane Lawton, the other planning commissioner absent from the meeting, and attorney Grant could not be reached by press time.

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Wax Whitney

Ella Kilgore, 13, was one of more than 100 students dressed as, and displaying pertinent information about, their favorite character from history. Portrayals of famous folks from author, Harriet Beecher Stowe to one-armed surfer, Bethany Hamilton, lined the halls of Charlevoix Middle School last week for the living wax museum, "History Comes Alive."

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Peaine Township voters revisit road millage request

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

What: 1 mill, six-year road maintanance millage request

When: Feb. 27 election.

Where to vote: Peaine Township Hall, 36825 King's Highway, Beaver Island.

Existing approved millage levies in Peaine Township

- Operational millage 2.3086 mills
- Fire protection .6930 mill
- Transfer station 1.1786 mills
- Roads 1 mill
- Airport .6626 mill

Peaine Township officials are hoping that during the last six months voters have had a change of heart.

On Feb. 27 the township voters will again be asked to approve a six-year, 1-mill road maintenance millage. The same millage request was turned down by a 60 to 45 vote in August 2006.

"We currently do one voted mill and we have over 72 miles of county roads in our township. We are the biggest township in Charlevoix County as far as road miles. With the (Charlevoix County) road commission's small budget and increased traffic and stress on the roads with dust and things, that one mill can no longer keep up with it," said Peaine Township supervisor, John W. Works Jr.

Works said keeping up with dust control has been challenging with the price of chloride on the rise and the price of fuel increasing fees for gravel. If the millage passes the money will be primarily directed to dust control efforts staged from May through July 4.

The proposed millage is in addition to the existing five-year, 1-mill millage which was renewed 78 to 29 in August 2006.

Works said he feels the proposal has a better chance of passing next week as he feels the voters were confused in August 2006 by the Charlevoix County Road Millage proposal which was also on the ballot.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Feb. 27 at the Peaine Township Hall 36825 King's Highway.

Voters who need to have an absentee ballot mailed to them, must apply for the ballot no later than 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24 through the Peaine Township clerk. Absentee ballots can be obtained in-person anytime through 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26.

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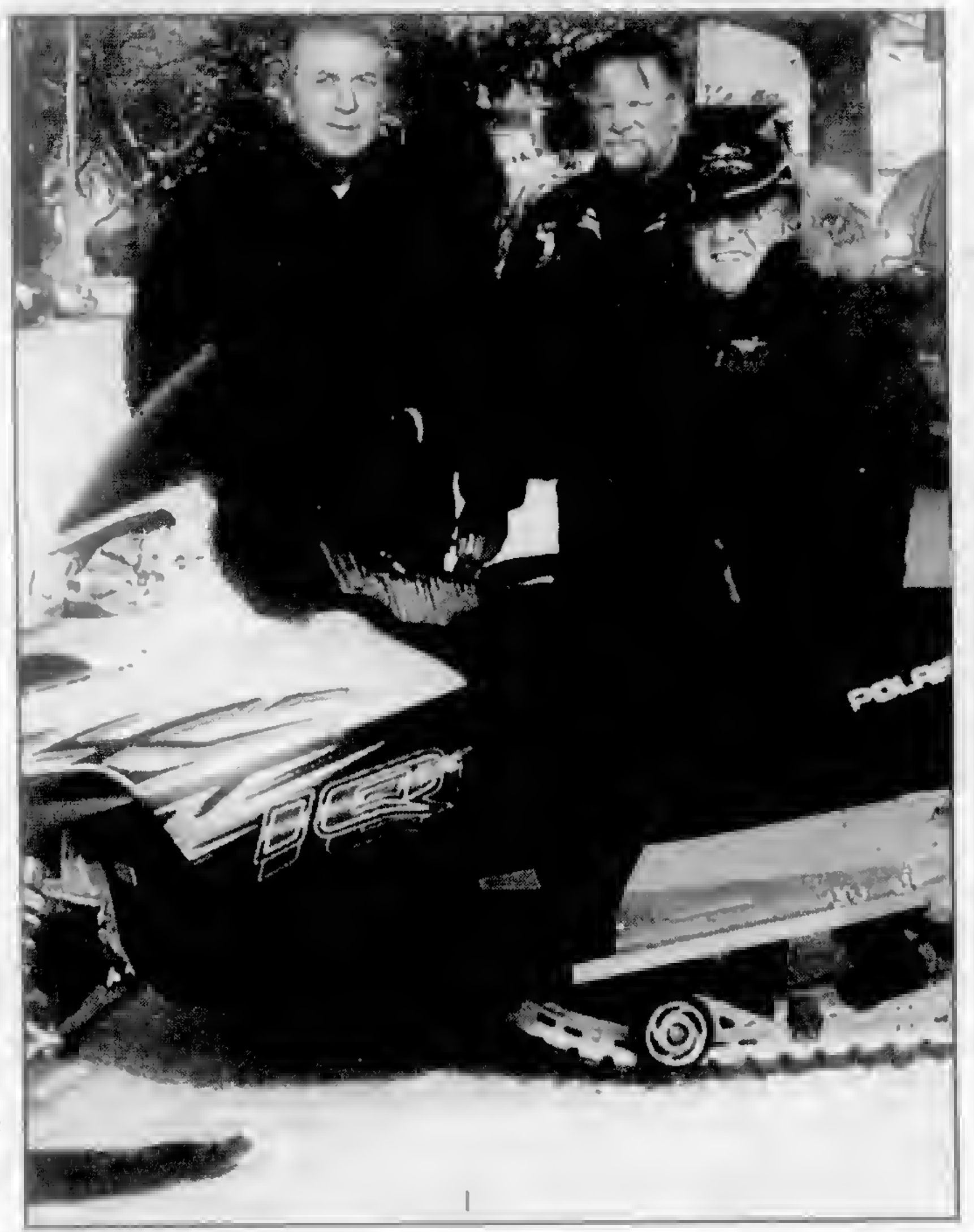

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Thomas A. Louiselle of Charlevoix was the grand prize winner of the Michigan Snowmobile Association's annual super raffle on Jan. 17. Pictured from left are association president Ken Scott, vice-president Don Reed and Thomas A. Louiselle. Louiselle, who has been snowmobiling since 1967 won a New Polaris 600. The annual super raffle benefits Michigan Snowmobile Education and Advancement fund. Thomas was presented the snowmobile on Jan. 27 at Andy's Restaurant in Mackinaw City.

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Little Shop of Horrors live at Charlevoix High School

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

A man-eating plant from outer space will soon invade Charlevoix — and only a frail nerd armed with a broom and a good heart can stop him.

The Charlevoix performing arts department will perform "Little Shop of Horrors" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School, located at 05200 Marion Center Road.

"We've never tried this in any format," said program director, Connie Ford, of the full stage production of the play. "It's exciting because the puppet (Audrey II, the carnivorous plant) keeps growing and there are a lot of other things in this show that are not in other shows."

This musical version of "Little Shop of Horrors" is the story of a kind but humble flower shop worker named Seymour Krelhorn who purchases a plant with special and horrifying abilities.

"We're using the Broadway play version," Ford said. "But, the movie (Steve Martin, Rick Moranis 1986 version) did stay pretty true to the original."

The performing arts students used a shorter version of the stage production during the recent regional competition of the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association which was hosted by Charlevoix High School early this month.

"We were trying to decide what our winter show should be and this grew from student suggestions," Ford said. "The more they talked about it, the more excited they got."

Tickets are available at the door for $7 per adult and $5 for students and senior citizens.

Little Shop of Horrors show times, cast and crew

Show times: 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School, located at 05200 Marion Center Road.

Do-Wop Girls:
Lynnette — Autumn Atkins
Rhonette — Laura Larsen
Crystal — Kara Simpson
Chiffron — Alanah Muma
Monique — Mel Shepard

Main characters:
Mushnik — Joel Curiel
Audrey — Jordan McCarthy
Seymour — Alex Urban
Orin (the dentist) — Travis Klooster
Audrey II (the voice) — Brian Whitley
Audrey II (Puppeteers) — Jennie Withers, Nicole Mackowiak and Celina Wanek
Customer — Logan Nuttall
Lady Customers — Kaylee Wells, Sarah Ruhlman and Kristina Alden
TV people — Logan Nuttall, Kaylee Wells and Sarah Ruhlman
Mr. Martin — Mac Ernst

Skid Row Denziens:
Cheryl Struthers, Alyssa Milazzo, Caitlin Bryant, Paulene Hickok, Kayla Suave, Kaitlyn Boyko, Jonathon Boyko and Sarah Green

Stage managers:
Nicole Mackowiak and Jonathon Boyko
Stage mechanics — Ensemble
Props manager - Cheryl Struthers

Costume coordinators:
Alanah Muma and Jennie Withers
Costume design — Ensemble
Sound and special effects — Matt Cross
Lights board — Stephanie Milazzo
Spots — Mike Lamoreaux

Set design:
Alex Urban and Travis Klooster
Set construction — Parents and various students
Puppet design — Brian Whitley
Program cover designs — Sam Kantola
Lobby Display — Riley Ernst

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Above is the full-grown Audrey II, the fatal, flamboyant flora from outer space which becomes the boon and bane of Seymour Krelborn's existence in Little Shop of Horrors.

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Synopsis –February 14, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved minutes of the January 24, 2007 minutes as corrected.
- Motion confirmed the appointment of Gerald Evans to the Veterans Affairs Board.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-004 Prisoner Housing Contract and authorized Chairman Roloff to sign said contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-005 Marine Grant Amendment and authorized Fiscal Officer Jane E. Brannon to sign said grant.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-006 Agreement Regarding Non Skilled Community Health Nursing Services and authorized Chairman Shirley Roloff to sign said agreement.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-007 Contract Clauses and authorized Chairman Roloff to sign the acknowledgement of receipt for Charlevoix County Transit.
- Motion approved Resolution #007-008 Contract Clauses.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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Bosman's Mercantile takes over Farm and Fleet site

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

After about six years vacant, Charlevoix's former Quality Farm and Fleet retail store will be home to new tenants.

In April, Chris Helstrom, 39 and his wife, Melanie Bosman-Helstrom, 31, will open Bosman's Mercantile in the huge retail store located at 6500 M-66 in Charlevoix's Kmart plaza.

In January, the couple moved to Charlevoix from their home in Bozeman, Mont. where Chris owned and operated 14 Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply stores.

Helstrom said over the past five years he has scouted new communities in which to base stores. During that time his search narrowed to Michigan.

"We looked around for a small community where we could be actively involved," Helstrom said of their decision to relocate to Charlevoix. "When Quality (Farm and Fleet) went down I saw a big opportunity in northern Michigan."

He plans to use a business model similar to that of Murdoch's for their new Charlevoix venture where they will stock 30,000 square feet of retail space with everything from pet and livestock supplies to clothing.

Some items that will be featured include automotive products, welding supplies, power tools, wood, pellet and gas stoves, an extensive line of lawn and garden supplies, fencing and hardware.

The store's clothing line steered by Bosman-Helstrom, the buyer, will include Carhartt for men and women and over 6,000 pairs of jeans including brands like Woolrich, Levi and Lucky. Bosman-Helstrom, a graduate of Wayne State University with a degree in fashion merchandising and design, formerly worked in product management with Carhartt and helped develop the company's women's clothing line.

Prior to opening this spring they plan to repaint the building's interior, install new lighting and build a river rock fireplace in the center of the store.

Helstrom said when they open the store will compete on some level with neighboring Ace Hardware but will differentiate itself through its clothing lines and pet supplies.

"They (Ace) have some of the best customer service I've seen. They run a nice operation. Hopefully, we'll be noted in the same way," Helstrom said.

A second Bosman's Mercantile is expected to open in September in Gaylord. The couple plan to launch a total of three stores within the next two years. Charlevoix will be the operating headquarters.

Aside from traditional products, the store will also host events including on-site horse training and cookouts.

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Bosman's Mercantile manager, Darren Closson and assistant manager, Jake McCollum, stand with owners Melanie Bosman-Helstrom and Chris Helstrom outside the site located in Charlevoix's Kmart plaza. They plan to open in April.

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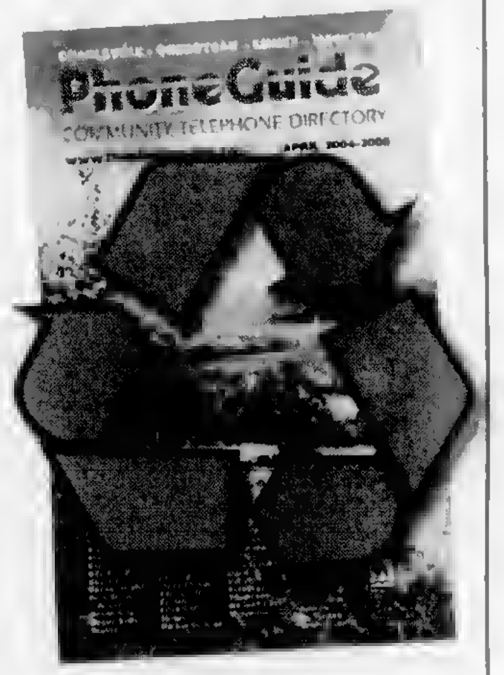

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BOSMAN'S

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The Charlevoix store will employ 30 to 35 people, 17 of which will be hired full-time. Bosman's Mercantile is currently accepting applications from 3 to 5 p.m., weekdays at the store.

Darren Closson, a Kingsley resident with 20 years of experience in farming retail operations, 13 of which were spent with Quality Farm and Fleet, will manage the store. Jake McCollum, who recently relocated to Charlevoix from Muskegon, has been named the assistant manager.

Helstrom has two children, a son, Casey Helstrom, who is a freshman at Charlevoix High School and a daughter, Kaitlyn Helstrom, who lives in Montana. He and Bosman-Helstrom are expecting their first child in August.

Courtesy photo

The new Bosman's Mercantile, which will open in April at the former site of Quality Farm and Fleet in the Kmart plaza, will sell everything from pet supplies to jeans. A stone fireplace similar to the one pictured above will be built within the 30,000 square feet of retail space the store will offer.

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Farm Bureau announces local winners selected in America and Me essay contest

Three Charlevoix Middle School students have been named local winners in the 48th annual America and Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance.

The three students who earned the first, second and third place awards for their school are Kathryn Sell, April Whitley and Sherry Boss. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Sell's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Sell's first place essay now advances to the state level competition from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected. The top 10 statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques, cash, and U.S. savings bonds valued from $500 to $1,000. In addition, the top 10 essayists will be honored at a banquet in Lansing, meet with Michigan's top leaders and be featured guests at a Lansing Lugnuts minor league baseball game.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Friske saves the day with bucket in final seconds

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

For the second game in a row, the game went down to the buzzer and for the second game in a row, the Rayders were victorious.

Sophomore Justin Friske's bank shot off the glass with three seconds left in the game gave Charlevoix an exciting 70-68 win over rival Boyne City on Feb. 16. Friske led the Rayders in scoring with 18 points.

With 9.8 seconds left and a tie game, after a Charlevoix timeout, senior Mitch Crandall found Friske open on the low block. Crandall, the Rayders' leading scorer on the season was scoreless for the night.

"Mitch made a good contribution to the team with that pass," coach Keith Haske said. "Instead of forcing something that wasn't there, he got the ball into Justin."

The Ramblers' desperation shot at the buzzer came up short.

"Dan Swenor did a nice job on that play, picking up his guy right away and didn't give him a good look at all," Haske said. "A lot of times after a team makes a big basket like that, they let up for just a second. Dan didn't do that."

Earlier in the night, it seemed unlikely that the game would go down to the wire.

Charlevoix led by as many as 16 in the third quarter, going on a 16-3 run to take a 50-34 lead at the end of the period.

Boyne rallied, scoring 34 points in the final period. The Ramblers never led in the second half but used a 19-6 run over a four minute span to pull within three at 60-57 with 2:26 to play.

"Boyne seemed to finish on everything they touched," Haske said. "We were impatient on offense in the last quarter, made some bad decisions on shots and passes and let them back in the game."

Corey Gotshall posted a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Ty Haske scored 10 points.

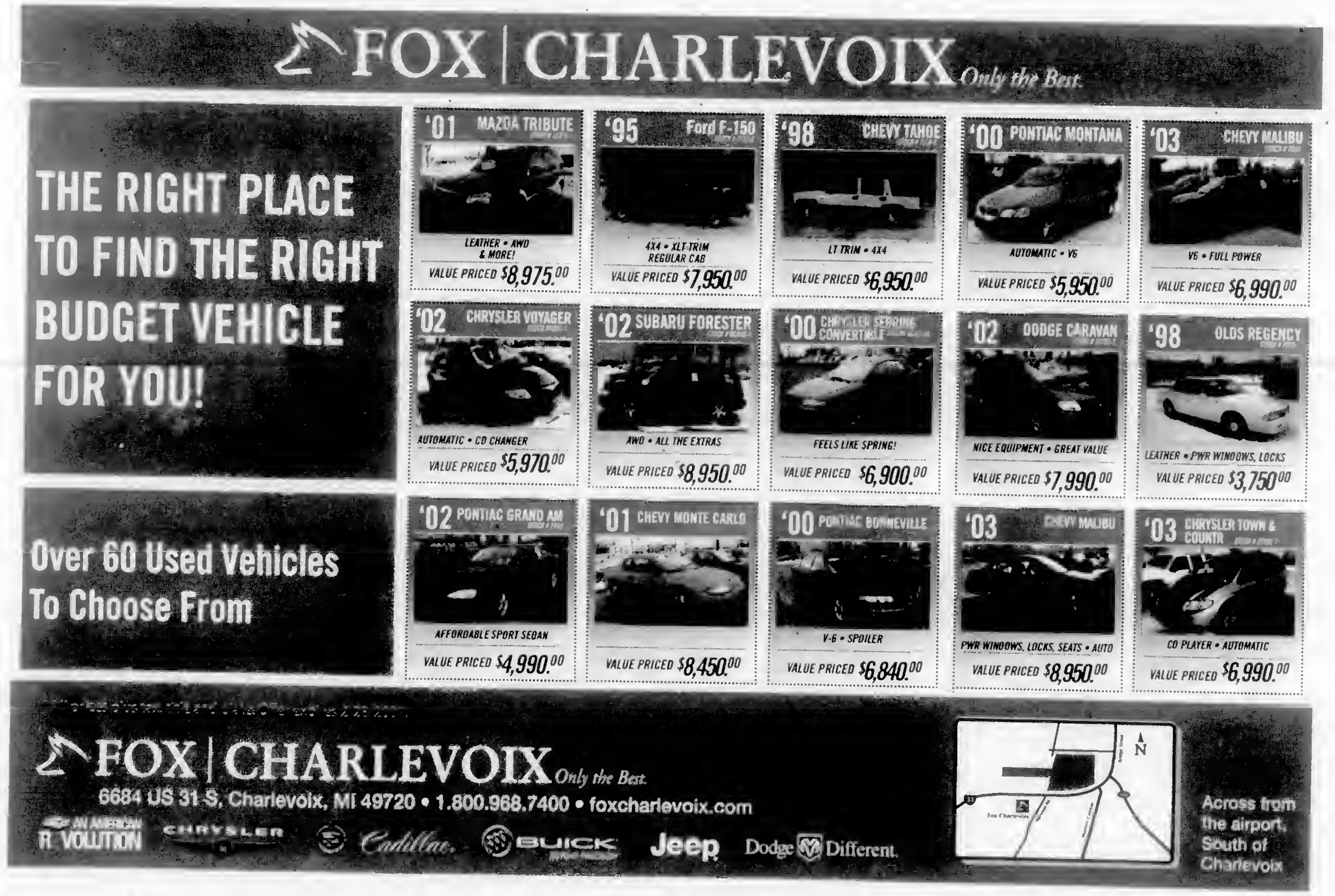
Darren Munson had nine points and six steals. Trevor Mays also scored nine points. Justin Friske corralled seven rebounds.

The Rayders (14-2 overall, 10-1 Lake Michigan Conference) traveled to Kalkaska on Tuesday, Feb. 18 before returning home on Friday to host Elk Rapids. Results from both contests will be in next week's Courier.

The district tournament draw was held last week and Charlevoix will open at Mancelona against the host squad at 8 p.m. on Monday, March 5. The district semifinal will be against Boyne City at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7 and the finals at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 9.

Photo by Scott Richards

Charlevoix's Kyle Jones drives to the basket in the Rayder 70-68 win over the Boyne City Ramblers on Feb. 16.



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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rowley, lone Rayder-Red Devil ski team qualifier for state meet

The dominance of Katherine Rowley continues.

Rowley won both the slalom and giant slalom Thursday, Feb. 15 to headline the performance of the East Jordan-Charlevoix ski teams in the Class B-C-D regional at Nub's Nob.

It was the second straight year that Rowley, a junior at East Jordan High School, has won both events in the regional. Last year, she went on to win the state GS title and finish second in the slalom.

"She skied just awesome," Charlevoix-East Jordan coach Sue Miller said. "She really got after it and she just skied really strong."

Rowley's winning GS time, 50.18 seconds, was 1.56 seconds better than runner-up Lucy Causley of Harbor Springs. Rowley's winning GS time, 1 minute, 9.48 seconds, was an even more impressive 4.51 seconds better than second-place finisher Rebecca McMurray of Petoskey.

Rowley was the lone East Jordan-Charlevoix skier to qualify for the state meet, which is Monday, Feb. 26, at Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs.

The Charlevoix-East Jordan girls placed sixth in the 12-team regional with 193 points, while the boys were seventh with 251.5 points.

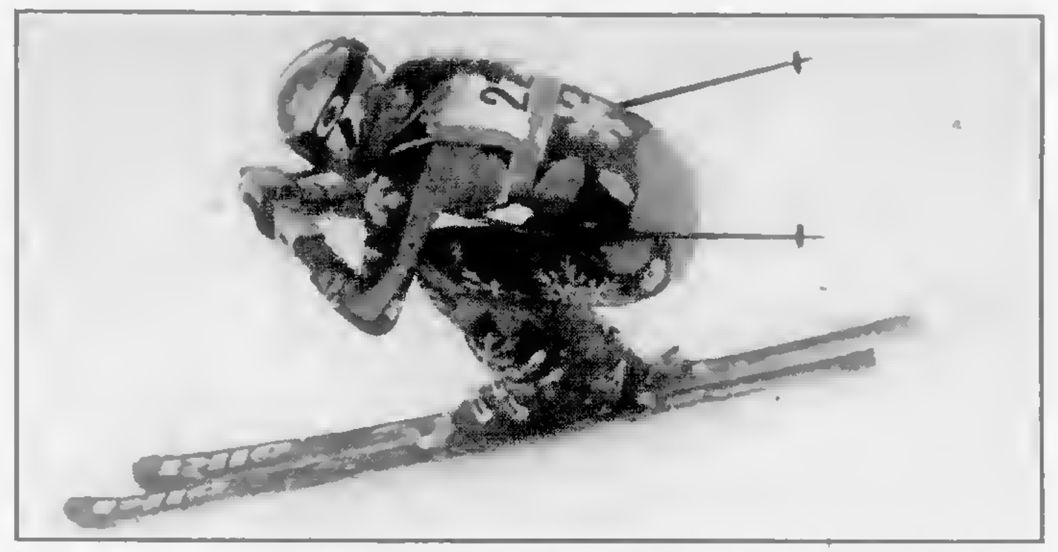
Petoskey won the girls' regional title, its first since 2002, with 77 points, while Harbor Springs, 89.5, was second and Boyne City, 118, was third. Harbor, 97, won the boys' title, edging Petoskey, 99.5. Iron Mountain, 105, placed third.

The top three teams plus individuals placing in the top 10 in each event from non-qualifying teams earns a berth in the state meet.

In the girls' event for Charlevoix-East Jordan, Mary Gocha placed 20th in GS, 43rd in slalom; Amanda Fritsch was 30th in slalom; Elizabeth Hasseld was 31st in GS; Emily Bajko was 32nd in GS; Hailey Crick was 34th in GS; Steffy Poindexter placed 35th in slalom, 47th in GS.

"We lost some skiers, we had some hikers, we had some crashers and we had some falls, but we're in good spirits," Miller said. "We tried our best."

For the Charlevoix-East Jordan boys, Mac Brennan was 16th in GS; Tanner Fisher was 21st in slalom; Nic Williams was 22nd in slalom, 37th in GS; Zack Smith was 31st in slalom, and tied 41st GS; Michael Cardwell, 36th slalom, 47th GS; Geoff Baier, 49th GS, 51st slalom.



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Charlevoix-East Jordan junior, Katherine Rowley, steams down the hill at Nub's Nob Thursday en route to victory in the girls' giant slalom at the Class B-C-D high school ski regional. Rowley won both the GS and the slalom for the second straight year.

Rayder volleyball team claim conference title

Charlevoix wrapped up the Lake Michigan Conference volleyball championship on Thursday, Feb. 15 with wins over Harbor Springs and Grayling.

The Rayders are 13-0 in the league, 38-11-1 overall after wins over the Rams, 25-18, 25-11, 25-18, and Grayling, 25-14, 25-19, 25-18.

Over the two matches for Charlevoix, Ashlie Bradley had 20 kills and six aces; Aubrey Way, 27 assists and 13 digs; Zita Anderson, 20 assists and four aces; Desi Faust, 10 kills and four aces; Bethany Pearson, 14 kills and seven blocks; Murphy Gillespie, 11 kills; and Emily Heffling, 17 digs.

Charlevoix also won both JV matches, beating Grayling, 25-18, 25-10, 1-14, and Harbor Springs, 25-12, 25-10, 15-9. Charlevoix's JV is 22-11-4, 8-5 in the league. For the Rayders, Sarah Potter had 17 aces, three kills and nine digs; Shauna Spenceley, four aces, eight kills, four assists and five digs; Lauren Mielke, four aces, six kills, a block and six digs; Tammy Potter, eight kills, an ace and five digs; and Katie Withrow, four aces and three kills.

Daman takes first place at Feb. 17 wrestling district

On Saturday, Feb. 17, the Rayder wrestling team traveled to Rogers City for individual districts.

Joining Charlevoix were Boyne City, Rogers City, Onaway, Forest Area, Mio, Kingsley, Pine River, Frankfort, Hale, Mancelona, Fife Lake Forest Area, Traverse City St. Francis, Whittemore Prescott and Manton schools.

Wrestling at 112, Zeke Daman took first place with one technical and two pins. At 119, Mat Golovich had a split with two wins by points and two losses. Wrestling at 130, Woody Nitchman won a match with a pin and lost two. Newcomer Trevor Cole also won one with a pin and lost two. Also new to the team this year, sophomores JD Speigl and Corey Loucks lost their matches, as well as freshmen Zach Smith and Chris Levens.

"We have a very hard district and the boys wrestled great," said varsity wrestling coach, Craig Golovich. "We have a lot of new wrestlers and this was a great learning experience for them. Also, no one is graduating, so everyone will be back next year. We will have a stronger team and hopefully we will make it farther."

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Paul Bunyan Lanes	209	141
R & C Roofing	196	154
Mark White Paint & Stain	194	156
Lutherans	175	175
Ferguson & Chamberlain	168	182
State Farm Insurance	164	186
Lakeshore Tire	160	190
St. Mary's	134	216

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	599	237
Randy DeYoung	639	238
Larry Potter		205
Randy Balch	594	

TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES
FEB. 13, 2007

	W	L
DM Construction	20	8
Oleson's Food Store	17	11
Central Drug Store	16	12
Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	15	13
St. Mary Cement	13	15
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	13	15
Paul Bunyan Lanes	11	17
Mary Ann's Takeout	7	21

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Cathy Sullivan	516	
Marlene Evans	538	191
Connie Wood		183
Debbie Odlum	515	182

YOUNG AT HEARTS
FEB. 15, 2007

	W	L
Sparetime	24	8
Past Timers	22	10
Alley Cats	17.5	14.5
Misfits	17	15
Twilighters	15	17
Irish Rollers	15	17
Half & Half	10.5	21.5
Has Beens	7	25

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ralph Kitson	529	224
Don Bambach	537	
Chuck Metzger	518	217
Mo Dixon		200
Nancy Bambach	455	212
Sue Lochner	450	174
Irene Cellner	428	
Dolly Coen		164

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE
FEB. 12, 2007

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	15	5
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	13	7
J Arnold Painting "2"	12	8
The Flight Deck	11	9
Bud's Buds	11	9
Selph Trucking	6	14
B VanLoo & Sons	6	14
J Arnold Painting "A"	6	14

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Vanniman		225
John Gregoy	621	222
Brian Dixon		216
John Fiedorek	564	
Darrel VanLoo	547	

GUTTER GALS • FEB. 15, 2007

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	100	40
Laural & Company	71	69
Burger King of Charlevoix	61	79
Paul Bunyan Lanes	48	92

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	451	167
Annette Hosler	440	
Mary Keem		166
Mary O'Brien	464	165

DOUBLE DECKERS • FEB. 18, 2007

	W	L
Grunch/Crain	29	15
Webb	27.5	16.5
Blanchard/Crain	25	19
Browe	23	21
Russell C & R	20	24
Spencer	20	24
Bradley	19	25
Sharrow/Roloff	19	25
Thomas	18.5	25.5
Potter	18	26
Ferguson	17.5	26.5
A & J Russell	17	27
Stein	16.5	27.5
Patton	16	28
Sladek	15	29
Nordman	12	32

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mike Webb		234
John Ferguson	600	
Chuck Stein		231
Roger Crain	580	223
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Lisa Bradley		189
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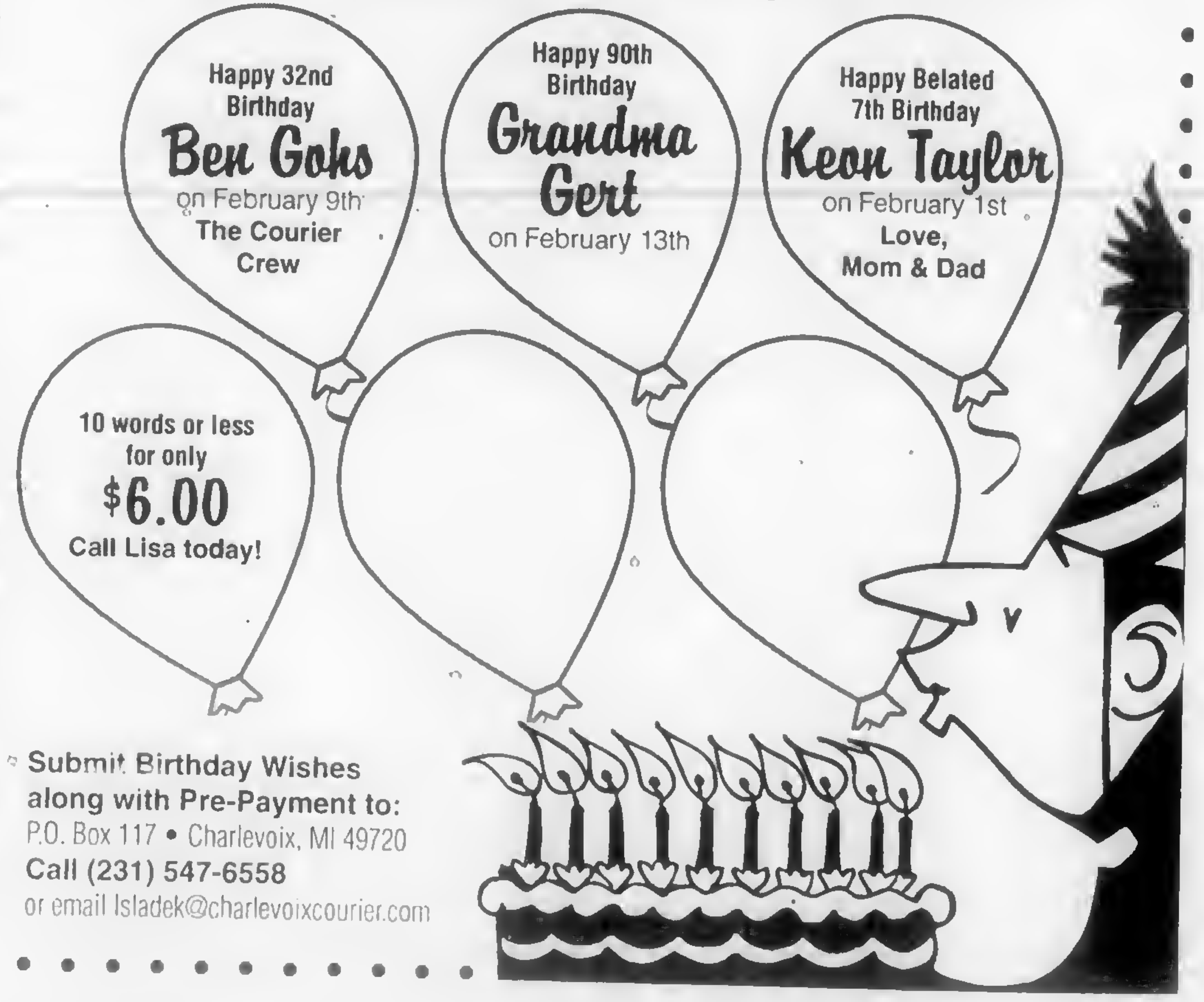

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage and assignment (the "Mortgage") made by Lange Limited, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, mortgagor, to Migaldi Family, L.L.C., mortgagee, dated September 22, 2003, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan, on September 26, 2003, at Liber 574 Pages 419 through 426 inclusive, which mortgage was assigned to GJDM Development, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, with an address of 3420 South Creyts Road, Lansing, MI 48917 on November 18, 2004 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County, Michigan on September 19, 2005, at Liber 705, Pages 189 through 190 inclusive. Because of the default, the undersigned has elected to declare the entire unpaid amount of the Mortgage immediately due and payable. At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the Mortgage the sum of Five Hundred Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Two and 80/100 Dollars ($516,852.80). No suit or proceedings at law have been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by the Mortgage.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the Mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay said amount with interest as provided in the Mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the lobby of the County Courthouse in Charlevoix, the place of holding the Circuit Court within Charlevoix County, Michigan, on Friday March 2, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. local time.

Pursuant to Section 3240(7) of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, as amended, (MCLA 600.3240(7); MSA 27A.3240(7)), the redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

The premises covered by said mortgage is commonly known as **2774 Blackbird Road**, and is situated in the Townships of Hayes and Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel 1: Country Club Park Parcel (Including Parcel A of the Susan Casciani Property): Commencing at a 1/2" pipe at the corner common to Sections 18 & 19, Town 34 North, Range 7 West and Sections 13 & 24, Town 34 North, Range 8 West; thence along the line common to said Sections 18 & 19 North 76°04'44" East 738.32 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Section line North 76°04'44" East 559.98 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the West 1/8 corner of said sections; thence continuing along said Section line North 76°04'44" East 365.00 feet to a 1/2" rod which is South 76°04'44" West 933.09 feet (recorded as South 77°42'20" West and as South 77°39'15" West 932.72 feet) from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 19; thence South 5°59'01" East (recorded as South 4°25'25" East) 601.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 87°59'36" West 398.87 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West 1/8 line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said 1/8 line South 2°00'25" East (recorded as South 0°21'49" East 790.80 feet to a 1" rod on the North 1/8 line of said Section 19; thence along said North 1/8 line South 76°18'45" West 1320.47 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the line common to said Sections 19 & 24, also being the Northeast corner of Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point as recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, Charlevoix County, Michigan; thence along said Section line and the East line of said block South 1°00'31" East 238.28 feet to the North line of the Boyne City - Charlevoix Road; thence along said road line South 87°51'28" West 450.66 feet to a 3/4" pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot 9 of said block; thence along the line common to Lots 9 & 10 of said block North 0°55'12" West 246.37 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line and the North line of said block South 88°51'29" West 107.57 feet to the line common to Lots 11 & 12 of said block; thence along the aforementioned lot line South 1°03'32" East 248.36 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89°14'29" West 200.00 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot 15 of said block; thence along the West line of said lot North 1°05'45" West 247.01 feet to the North 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line South 88°54'45" West 494.86 feet to a 1" bar on the Easterly line of a Michigan Department of Transportation easement described in Liber 380, Page 743 Charlevoix County Records; thence continuing along said North 1/8 line South 88°54'45" West 87.43 feet to a 1" bar on the East 1/8 line of said Section 24; thence along said 1/8 line North 1°02'42" West 305.37 feet to the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S.-31; thence continuing along said 1/8 line North 1°02'42" West 89.41 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 176.24 feet to the Easterly line of said easement; thence continuing along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 1203.55 feet; thence South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 75.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing South 34°01'39" East 471.19 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 50°23'33" East 944.71 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34°1'39" West 243.88 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 19; Town 34 North, Range 7 West & part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 34 North, Range 8 West, and Lots 1 thru 9 & Lots 12 thru 14, Block 1 of the Plat of Pine Point.

Parcel 2: Balance of Charlevoix Country Club Property in Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West lying South of U.S. 31: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, Commencing at a 3/4" pipe at the South 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the South line of said Section South 76°04'44" West 918.26 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said Section line South 76°04'44" West 939.81 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence North 34°01'39" West 135.45 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of Highway U.S. 31; thence continuing North 34°01'39" West 75.00 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline North 55°58'21" East 1222.54 feet; thence parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of said Section South 1°31'09" East 88.94 feet to a 1/2" rod on the Southeasterly line of said highway; thence continuing parallel with said 1/4 line South 1°31'09" East 543.71 feet to the Point of Beginning, being a part of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel 3: Vacant Land: In the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as: All that part of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 12, Town 34 North, Range 7 West lying Southerly of the C&O Railroad Right of Way and Northerly of the centerline of U.S. 31 extended, a strip of land 50 feet wide lying between said Railroad Right of Way and U.S. 31 centerline described as: Commencing at the center 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North on the North & South 1/4 line to the Southerly line of said highway; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 63°15' to the left from said 1/4 line 846.3 feet more or less to the Southwesterly line of said Railroad Right of Way for the Point of Beginning; thence at an angle of 98°30' to the left from the last described course to the centerline of said highway for the point of ending.

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Just GOLDEN

Hey Jane!

Jane

Hey Jane!

I wouldn't call myself exactly a "senior" but I'm not too far away. My kids are either grown or close to it, and I'm not too many years away from retirement.

My question to you is what do you do when you wake up one morning and realize that you are not in love with your spouse and do not want to spend the rest of your life with that person? Over the years of raising kids, building careers, we were too busy to really notice that we were not in the same world, nor do we have the same goals for retirement. I can tell you that the years of marriage we've had have not been happy ones, but rather ones of enduring, independence, just trying to get through. I can't say I've ever really been in love with my spouse but it was very inconvenient to divorce, and there were children's lives I didn't want to ruin.

What do I do now? How do two people look at each other, knowing they are worlds apart and try to put something together that is satisfying for both parties, and yet allow for the differences? How do we go about reconfiguring our relationship so that we can actually enjoy our years left together? I know this is a tall order without further information from me, but I am hoping you can at least give some general advice that will help me get on the right track

With someone, but feeling very alone

Dear Together Alone:

Here's a thought. I think it was anthropologist, Margaret Mead that said emotionally healthy adults in our culture basically need three types of partner relationships: lover, parent of children and companion. Sometimes, she added, this is the same person. Her observation merely points out that we have incredibly high standards about marriage and they are hard to meet.

Set your mind to the fact that you have a long-term, deeply ingrained interaction process and changing it is going to be an uphill project. It would be easy, but not necessarily correct, to say that so far the strands that have been holding you together have been stronger than the holes that separate you. And, if that is the case, you are good to go with the million or-more suggestions out there on how to improve your relationship. But if you have been held together by the holes, such as addiction or emotional and physical abuse, seek professional help.

In any event you'll need to clarify your values and measure the cost of the bottom line. And you'll need to do this soon as lingering about in unhappiness and indifference is a crappy way to live. Make improving your relationship a priority. Work at it because we aren't getting any younger.

Here's some pressure. Remember those kids you didn't want to ruin? You are in denial if you think that divorce won't hurt them as adults.

Here's a caution. Often long-term marriages end because of infidelity so take care out there. Enough said, get to work.

Jane

Enlightened Elder

Sue Bergmann

During the winter doldrums it is challenging to stay active and fit, especially for seniors with limited mobility or ability to leave their homes. We are very fortunate here in Charlevoix and the surrounding county to have numerous activities to partake in to stay social, physically active and maintain and make new friendships.

Our social lives are centered around food and what better place to go for a nutritious meal than your closest senior center. Maintaining proper nutrition is a vital part of your health especially in the winter months. Weight management is important to reduce your intake of foods high in saturated fat and cholesterol. Stay away from fast food drive-ups and too many frozen dinners are high in sodium. Meals on Wheels are a better alternative if you are homebound. To reduce your risk of heart attack and stroke and promote healthy brains, increase your intake of fresh fruits and vegetables high in antioxidants. Increase your Omega 3's by eating fish like halibut, mackerel, salmon, trout and tuna.

Getting a physical workout or getting outside for 20-30 minutes a day can ward off the SADness or Situational Affective Depression and increase your blood flow to heart and brain, plus keep your joints and body moving. The senior centers are not just for the elderly anymore. They offer walking, exercise classes, sit and fit groups, line dance clubs and lots of music for entertainment. Other activities such as card playing, Bingo, arts and crafts, jigsaw puzzles and scrapbooking can help prevent social isolation and depression.

In the community, there are walking clubs at Kmart, your nearest school and pool exercise/arthritis classes. Your local gyms/physical therapy groups may also offer incentive programs to join this time of year. The Commission on Aging is sponsoring Tai Chi classes for the beginner and intermediate and they are held at your beautiful new local library.

If you are not able to drive or choose not to drive due to wintry conditions, consider using your county transportation. They can be reached at (231) 582-6900. They have lifts for those with walkers or wheelchairs for personal assisted transportation.

Sue Bergmann RN, BSN is the director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. She can be contacted by calling (231) 237-0103.

WHAT'S GOING ON

senior activity calendar

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21, 28, MARCH 7

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 22, MARCH 1, 8

Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.

Computers 10 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Pinochle 1 p.m.

Cribbage 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 23, MARCH 2, 9

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Ladies' Cards 7 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 26, MARCH 5, 12

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Woodcarving 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27, MARCH 6, 13

Acrylic painting 9:30 a.m.

Crafts 9:30 a.m.

Computers 10 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

BBQ rib dinner 5-7 p.m.

Ladies' Cards 7 p.m.

All events listed above take place at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-5361.

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Registration requested by March 1, 2007

Charlevoix Downtown Blueprint to be unveiled Feb. 26

Charlevoix Cool City project coordinators will host the presentation of the Charlevoix Downtown Blueprint from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26 in City Council Chambers at Charlevoix City Hall, located at 210 State St.

The Charlevoix Downtown Blueprint is a product of the suggestions and priorities submitted by Charlevoix's businesses and year-round and seasonal residents. Produced by the national consulting firm HyettPalma, the Charlevoix Downtown Blueprint represents a five-year vision for Downtown Charlevoix.

In July 2006, Gov. Jennifer Granholm awarded the City of Charlevoix the prestigious "Cool Cities" designation. The Charlevoix Cool City Project is a cooperative effort of citizens, businesses and government facilitating the development of the Charlevoix Downtown Blueprint. The Charlevoix Downtown Blueprint seeks to create a thriving year-round downtown business district that will attract jobs, people and opportunity to the area by utilizing the proven success stories of the most competitive downtowns in the United States and preserving the unique charm and appeal of Downtown Charlevoix.

For more information contact Keith Carey, Cool City project coordinator at (231) 547-3270 telephone.

Fiddlers Jamboree March 3 in East Jordan

The Jordan Valley Fiddlers will present many of the best fiddlers and musicians from around the state at a Fiddlers Jamboree from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a dance from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 3 at the Harvest Barn Church (formerly Jordan Valley Express on M-66 next to Glen's) in East Jordan. Registration begins at 11 a.m.

There is no admission fee but a donation box will be at the door.

Northwest students score high marks at Solo and Ensemble

Fifteen Northwest Academy advanced band students attended the District II Solo and Ensemble Festival on Feb. 10 at Kingsley High School.

District II consists of all the schools from as far south as Frankfort, across the state to Grayling, east to Cheboygan and north to Mackinaw City.

Approximately 500 students took part in performing solos and ensembles for adjudicators.

Northwest student ensembles that qualified for State Solo and Ensemble competition were clarinet choir Anna Kroon, Phoebe Allport, Gary Toton, Emma Maynard, Kelly Brethauer, Evan Themm and Janiese Kroon; saxophone duet Alanna Leslie and Riki Lent; bass clarinet/baritone sax duet Emma Maynard and Gary Toton; clarinet/tenor sax duet Anna Kroon and Alanna Leslie.

Qualifying for state proficiency with solos were Anna Kroon on clarinet, Gary Toton on baritone sax and Emma Maynard on bass clarinet.

The following ensembles received a division two rating: flute duet Alyssa Themm and Amber Trudeau; flute/clarinet duet Amber Trudeau and Janiece Kroon; clarinet duet Janiece Kroon and Kelly Brethauer; brass choir Keith Sciacca and Sarah Brethauer (trumpet), Sam Keehn (tuba) Jon Way (trombone), Phoebe Allport (bass clarinet); trumpet duet Keith Sciacca and Sarah Brethauer.

"The students that take their time to prepare solos and ensembles are the backbone of every band program in every school district across the state. Northwest Academy has a reputation for being one of the finest small school band programs in the state of Michigan and it is these events that help to make it happen," said Northwest Academy co-administrator and director of bands, Gary Stutzman.

Antique car club opens $500 scholarship application process

The Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America is offering two $500 scholarships for the coming year to high school graduates and seniors entering school to practice in the automotive field.

Those interested in applying should contact either their school counselor, their automotive high school instructor or by writing to the Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 902, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Completed applications for the Boyne Country Region Antique Automobile Club of America scholarship must be received by April 1 and include the high school principal's report which may be obtained by the automobile club and a high school transcript. High school graduates who have entered the work field must complete the application and return it with two letters of reference.

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FEB. 21
FLY TYING

The Miller Van Winkle Chapter of Trout Unlimited is hosting a general membership winter meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21 at Charlevoix Public Library.

The meeting will feature Dennis Potter, a famous fly tying instructor. Potter will conduct tying demonstrations on three or four patterns: the Skunk Hopper, Opal Butt Egg, Fat Head Beetle and if time allows, the Opal Drake.

Potter has traveled extensively throughout the Midwest demonstrating his fly tying techniques and patterns. He has been tying for over 30 years and is a contract designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants as well as a Whiting Farms Pro Team Member.

For more information, call John Ochs at (231) 547-4726.

FEB. 22
MASTERMINDS

In response to the rising needs and expectations of arts and cultural leaders, ArtServe and the Michigan Museums Association are proud to present a third year of "MasterMinds: Strengthening and Sharing Arts and Cultural Knowledge."

The MasterMinds Series has been designed for leaders who want and need advanced learning opportunities. These in-depth, six hour-workshops will provide the current best practices and trends used by some of the brilliant minds in each field.

Crooked Tree Arts Center is pleased to host Deborah Doyle-Schechtman on Thursday, Feb. 22, to discuss cultural and heritage tourism, the major economic engines in the state of Michigan and in the nation.

Participants in this workshop will walk away knowing how to inventory and package their cultural assets to create a realistic cultural tourism plan for their communities. In addition, participants will gather ideas about who their community partners could/should be and how to work with city and county governments to utilize resources and achieve stability.

To register, visit www.artservemichigan.org.

FEB. 24
SNOWSHOE EVENT

Young State Park is holding a snowshoe event, from noon to 4 p.m., Feb. 24 with guided snowshoe hikes led by park interpreter Maureen Jacobs. The hikes will begin at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Snowshoes will be available for use. There will be a campfire by the pond with complimentary hot chocolate and hot dogs. A motor vehicle permit is required for entry. For more information, call (231) 582-7523.

FEB. 24
PRESERVATION MEETING

Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will host a meeting at 1 p.m. on Feb. 24 at the Boyne District Library.

The project will be to organize files, scrapbooks and make decisions on cataloging the media file.

Another meeting will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 at Charlevoix Public Library. The project that week will be sharing and displaying the photos of Charlevoix County that has been collected and making decisions on how best to catalog them. Members and guests are encouraged to bring their photos along to share.

For more information, call president, Carol Goodenough, at (231) 582-7042.

FEB. 26
BLUEPRINT UNVEILED

Charlevoix Cool City project coordinators will host the presentation of the Charlevoix Downtown Blueprint from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26 in City Council Chambers at Charlevoix City Hall, located at 210 State St.

For more information contact Keith Carey, Cool City project coordinator at (231) 547-3270 telephone.

FEB. 27
CULINARY ARTS

Crooked Tree Arts Center is registering participants for their winter 2007 Culinary Arts Series.

The popular cooking series will be held from 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday night during February and March.

The following restaurants have agreed to share some of their culinary secrets with students: Feb. 27 The Crow's Nest; March 6 Chandlers; March 13 The Galley Gourmet; March 20 Stafford's Hospitality; and March 27 City Park Grill.

For more information or to register for a class, visit www.crookedtree.org.

FEB. 28
ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

An Alzheimer's caregiver support group will meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Office, located at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

For more information, call (231) 237-0103.

FEB. 28
LITTLE LEAGUE

Charlevoix Little League 2007 season registration for boys and girls, ages 7-14 will take place on Feb. 28 and March 5 and 8.

To be eligible to play a child must be 7 before April 30.

Registration will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 28 and March 5 and 8 in the cafeteria at Charlevoix Middle School.

The cost is $45 per child. Family discounts are available. The registration cutoff date is March 16. A $1 fee will be assessed for late registrants. Children new to the league will need to have a copy of their birth certificate to register.

For more information, call Todd Klinger at (231) 590-0623.

MARCH 10
CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

A Care for the Caregiver Conference will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at the Friendship Center, 1322 Anderson Road in Petoskey.

The free event will serve persons caring for someone who is disabled due to chronic illness or disease, Alzheimer's, dementia, memory impairment, advanced age or terminal illness. Transportation and respite care are available.

Duane Pajak will present a talk on self care and stress management and Diane Lagerstrom, will present the topic "When you Forget What you Forgot." Other extras include chair massages and paraffin-hand wax treatments.

Registration is requested by March 1. To register or for more information, call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or visit hospiceltb.org.

MARCH 13
THEATRE PARTY

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- Security Online, 1 p.m., Feb. 21.
- Writer's group, 6 p.m., Feb. 21.
- Marriage of Figaro Pre-opera Lecture, 7 p.m., Feb. 22.
- Family Fun Day, hobbies and crafts, 1-4 p.m., Feb. 24.
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- Book Group meets, 6 p.m., Feb. 26.
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- Story Time (all ages), 3 p.m., Feb. 27.
- Sleepytime Stories, (all ages) 7 p.m., Feb. 27.
- Stepping Stones Play Club, 6 p.m., Feb. 28.

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The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

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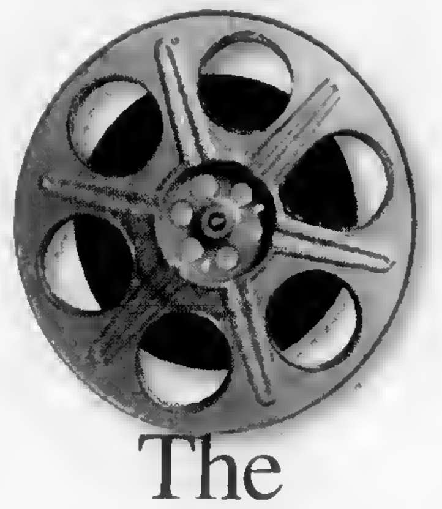
Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Feb. 23, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Feb. 23 D.J.; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Feb. 24 Jeff Fitzgerald and the Allnighters — country, rock.



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Charter services compete for dock space

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

One commercial boat slip plus two competing charter services equals one difficult situation for City of Charlevoix administrators.

Owners of two charter boat service companies, Gary Dawson of Sunshine Charters and Katharine "Kitty" Rammacher of Charlevoix (Great Lakes) Charters are staking claim to one commercial dock at the Charlevoix Municipal Marina. The situation has befuddled city

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Courtesy photo

Feed me Seymour

Seymour Krelborn, played by Charlevoix High School student, Alex Urban, inspects the choppers on Audrey II, the homicidal houseplant from parts unknown during "Little Shop of Horrors" last weekend in the school's performing arts center.

Smoking ban: A health plus or business bust?

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Politicians, tobacco industry officials, Michigan citizens and business owners debate the reality and necessity of a possible statewide smoking ban.

State Senator, Ray Basham (D-Taylor), author of a proposed smoking ban, was one of seven senators to introduce Senate Bills 109 and 110 on Jan. 30.

But, according to Basham's

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Courtesy photo

Pine River Channel swimmers like these will be fined this summer if a proposed ordinance is adopted by Charlevoix City Council.

Council: 'You swim, you pay'

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

While February isn't prime time for swimming in the Pine River Channel, local officials are addressing the activity they say is a safety issue now.

On Monday night, Feb. 19, Charlevoix City Council listened as city police chief Gerard Doan urged them to adopt an ordinance that will allow city police officers to ticket and fine Pine River Channel thrill seekers.

"My job is to look out for people's safety. It's just a matter of time before someone jumps too shallow, jumps out in front of a boat or slips on the pier," Doan said.

He said a strong current runs through the rock-lined channel and the dangerous situation is further degraded by declining water depths.

City attorney Jim Young is writing ordinance language that prohibits swimming in the channel. Charlevoix City Council will review the wording at a public hearing and will take a vote on whether to adopt it. A hearing has not been set at this time.

Under the proposed ordinance, Charlevoix officers will be authorized to patrol the area and fine swimmers $50 for a first time offense, $75 the second time and $100 for third and subsequent offenses.

"I don't think it will take too long before the word gets out. If it doesn't it will cost people money," Doan said.

If the ordinance passes, Doan said the city will post signs at Michigan Beach warning swimmers that the channel is off limits. The ordinance is being modeled around an existing law that bans skateboards, bikers and in-line skaters from riding on sidewalks in the city.

"We've never had an ordinance against swimming in the channel unless you swam in front of a watercraft which didn't give us much leverage to do anything down there," Doan said.

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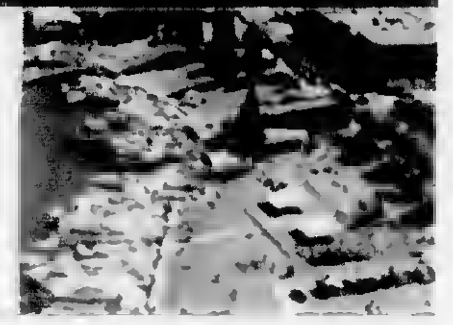

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Kevin Michael Romp, 40, Toledo, Ohio. Reckless driving. To serve four months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $500 in fines and costs.

Thomas Wayne Pettit, 25, Rogers City. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $550.

Brenton Allen Rake, 24, East Jordan. Disturbing the peace. To serve 20 days in jail; $550 in fines and costs.

Aaron William Goodwin, 19, Boyne City. Receiving and concealing stolen property - less than $200. To serve 16 days in jail, 77 days held in abeyance; serve 18 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; not to enter Boyne USA property; $700 in fines and costs.

Samuel Dean Walton, 49, East Jordan. Disorderly person/drunk. Credit for 14 days in jail, to serve 76 days in jail.

Corey Lee Luke, 20, Mount Pleasant. Minor in possession/purchase/consume alcohol, second offense. To serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $400 in fines and costs.

Ashley Marie Wells, 23, Gaylord. No operator license on person; and failure to report an accident. Credit for 26 days in jail; $700 in fines and costs.

Ryan James Simmons, 21, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 82 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

Nickie Allen Fulk, 26, Traverse City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $780 in fines and costs.

Ashley Chere Wise, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol, third offense. To serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $500 in fines and costs.

John Joseph Laczkowski, 53, Trenton. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances.

Edwin Lee Sarasin, 42, Charlevoix. Attempted resisting and obstructing a police officer; and operating while intoxicated-second offense. Credit for 23 days in jail, 312 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,730 in fines and costs.

Nathen Ryan Reynolds, 20, Elmira. Attempted fleeing and eluding a police officer-fourth degree. Credit for one day in jail, to serve seven days in jail, 152 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, submit to PBT/urine test; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $1,785 in fines and costs.

Robert James Simpson, 31, Charlevoix. Sell/furnish alcohol to a minor. To serve seven days in jail; $1,200 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Jeffrey Barnes, 18, Boyne City. Trespassing. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Colleen Kathryn Petit, 35, Boyne City. Disturbing the peace. To serve 30 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Bradley James Alma, 20, Traverse City. Operating-minor with any blood alcohol content. Serve 10 hours of community service; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $850 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Jesus Sebastian Miguel, 18, Kewadin. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $60 in fines and costs.

Taya Leann Scott, 29, Boyne City. Attempted insurance fraudulent acts. Sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 30 days in jail; $801.70 in fines and costs.

Dion Martin Fennell, 21, Wolverine. Probation violation-larceny in a building. To serve 36 months on probation.

Matthew David Hague, 24, East Jordan. Sex offender-failure to comply with reporting duties. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for 34 days, to serve 93 days in jail; $430 in fines and costs.

Corey Lee Mashburn, 19, South Haven. Home invasion-third degree. Sentenced to a minimum of 18 months to a maximum of 60 months in prison with credit for 105 days; $680 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

The Bear Den, 167 North Advance Road, East Jordan, by Brenda and Tim Kassuba

Everson's Framing and Remodeling, 1017 South Lake St., Boyne City, by Daniel Everson

Advantage Insulation, 3203 Black Road, Charlevoix, by Kidron Construction LLC, William E. Hindle, president

Jarema Enterprise, 2710 Center St., Boyne Falls, by Randy Francis Jarema and Joshua Andrew Jarema

Kane Interiors, 207 West Division St., Boyne City, by Jesse Simon

Friar Tuck's Gallery & Frame Shop, 05646 West Road, Boyne City by Georganna R. and Christopher L. Monk

Big D's Handiman Service, 207 Lewis St., Charlevoix, by Daniel L. Bergmann

Noteworthy Investments, 04001 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, by David Alan Kimble

By: Amy, 106 Third St., East Jordan, by Amy Meredith

Niki's Beads & Things, 1100 South Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Nicole Hallberg

Comfort Air, 3620 Roberts Road, East Jordan, by Andrew Edward Voss

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City weighs commercial dock space options

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administrators who are having a tough time figuring out who will get the space and how that should be determined.

In November 2006, former Charlevoix city manager, Mike Wiesner received a letter from Rammacher, a Charlevoix resident expressing interest in using the city's only commercial dock for her charter boat service.

"The city only allows one (commercial service) to operate out of the city marina at one time. Gary Dawson has a lock on that right now and we don't think that's right," captain for Charlevoix Charters, Jason Spegele said.

Rammacher owns and operates The Alyssa B, a 40-foot Lindmark Trawler motor yacht that can accommodate 12 people. Over the past two years she has operated her charter service out of Bay Harbor Lake Marina slip 54. Customers can purchase day, weekend or week-long cruises, family cruises, corporate cruises or dinner cruses. Purchases include a Coast Guard licensed captain and fuel.

"It's like having your own yacht and captain for the day," Spegele said.

While there may be a demand for Rammacher's services, since 1998, the space she wants to use has been leased by Dawson from the city from May 1 through Sept. 30.

He pays the city $7,100 for use of the dock and a nearby kiosk from where sailing excursions aboard his 45-foot cutter-rigged ketch, Sunshine are booked. The city in turn pays Dawson $1,320 through a promotional contract in which Dawson agrees to print the city logo on all of his literature. According to acting city manager Rick Brandi, the city has no contract with Dawson for the 2007 season at this time.

However, Dawson who is currently offering Caribbean Charters in the Virgin Islands said he does plan to return.

While the marina renovation project, which is currently underway, will increase dock space from 34 to 67 slips. There are no plans to up the number of commercial slips. And with the state footing the bill for 75 percent of the expansion cost, Brandi said chances of commercial use of the space won't be increased.

Two possible solutions are being discussed. The space may be determined by Charlevoix City Council through a competitive bid process or the docking space formerly occupied by the decommissioned United States Coast Guard cutter Acacia may be offered to one of the operators. Because the kiosk Dawson once used will be demolished and won't be replaced in the renovation, Brandi said the city may offer the office space formerly occupied by the Coast Guard in Bridge Park.

Spegele said he hopes to see the city find a way to accommodate both.

"We would like there to be more commercial slips open. We think it would be great for the community and downtown businesses. Allowing another company like us to offer a tasteful professional charter service out of Charlevoix would benefit the Charlevoix economy," Spegele said.

For more information on Sunshine Charters visit www.sunshinecharters.com. For more information about Great Lakes Charters, visit www.greatlakescharter.com.

Channel swimmers to face fines

SWIM

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He added that over the years the number of complaints coming through city hall regarding pier jumpers swimming in the channel has increased and the activity has strained lifeguards at nearby Michigan Beach whose attention is regularly turned from the swimming area to the channel.

Doan, who was the city's lifeguard supervisor for nine years, said while he knows the ordinance won't put an end to the problem, he's happy to be in a position to do something about it.

"I'm sure it will help. But we still have people breaking the speed limit with speed laws," he said.

Prior attempts to address channel swimming and pier jumping were quashed by complications with pier ownership. The South Pier is owned and maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The key this time is the city ban on swimming in the channel, not jumping from the pier.

In a previous interview, representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Grand Haven office, have said the Corps will not be involved in the enforcement effort because they don't have the authority or manpower to tackle a project like this. But the Corps backs the city's effort.

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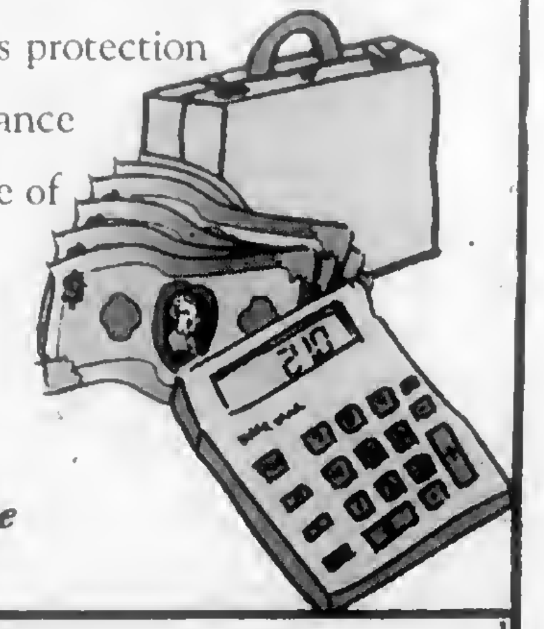
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Misadventures of Gohs, friend and white tail

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

As with so many minor, yet annoying adventures and mildly interesting events, I am the cause of my own misery. Don't get me wrong, I volunteered for this, the latest in a long line of self-imposed irritations, but why should that stop me from complaining?

The legal department says you PETA types and those with weak stomach may wish to close the paper and line the bottom of your bird cage now. I say, if you can't find humor in chronic illness or vehicular slayings, you're not trying hard enough.

It all started when a friend hit his third deer in less than a year. He says accidents, I say rethink the shortcut through the petting zoo. Whether or not his frustration over never bagging a buck in season was getting the better of him, I volunteered to show him how to turn his road kill into food.

To tell that story, I must tell you this story. When I was about 9, my family lived in a shack in the backwoods of Indian River. When I say we were poor, I mean my shoes were bound with athletic tape and we subsisted on government cornmeal and surplus honey.

The dark mood at Chateaux Drear drove my father to brave deep snow in hopes of poaching a deer. Dad returned without food, but sitting on a stump, wielding a gray Stanley utility knife, I dry heaved while he showed me how to skin a coyote, the pelt of which fetched enough money for some groceries.

Later, when dad took up taxidermy as a hobby, it was normal during a trip to town for him to jam on the brakes and send me scurrying across the highway for a rabbit, raccoon or possum. With time, I overcame my queasiness, unlike my little brother Joshua, notorious for a hair-trigger stomach, who walked in on us dressing a critter one time and said, "What dat 'mell," before throwing up so hard I swear I saw a boot, a soup can and a fish head hit the floor.

My high hopes of things going better with my anonymous chum's deer were dashed when he said he had to postpone the task until after his colonoscopy. For those of you unfamiliar with this particular brand of torture, also known as a Kentucky Handshake, it involves a colon, a camera and compressed air — didn't Burt Reynolds kill a few fellas for doing something similar to Ned Beatty during a canoe trip back in the 60s?

Mere hours after he was treated like a Macy's float and injected with enough horse tranq' to sedate half of Horton Bay, he called. By 9 p.m. we were in latex gloves and ready to work. The amount of drug present in his system wasn't truly apparent until I saw the area in which he expected me to work.

Courtesy photo

Courier staff writer Benjamin Gohs tries to lighten the mood while processing a deer killed by a friend in a recent car accident.

A 12-watt space heater kept the garage at 15 degrees while the 60-watt bulb cast just enough light on the World War II surplus aluminum card table to know it couldn't hold a game of pinochle let alone an 80-pound white tail. And the deer was so stiff you could have used it as a battering ram.

We put the heater nearest the creature as we dared and commenced chiseling and cursing.

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Snow removal and a wandering mind

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

I make use of a manual snow removal program.

It involves a shovel and a snow scoop of the sort that my brother-in-law describes as a primitive global positioning device. He says if you strap it onto the roof of your car and begin driving south, when someone asks, "What is that thing?" then you have driven far enough. I have come to enjoy the almost daily task of clearing a driveway and a sidewalk of the recent snow.

One of the benefits of a less noisy snow-removal device is the possibility of time for quiet reflection on the world and its mostly clouded meanings. Just a few days ago I was thinking of Sisyphus. According to ancient Greek legend, Sisyphus was the king of Corinth and possibly the father of Odysseus. He was something of a smart-alec or a trickster in the legends. He was both cunning and devious. He was one of those unfortunates who angered the great god Zeus and tried to cheat death by a series of nearly brilliant and almost successful maneuvers. When finally recaptured by the authorities of the time, he was judged and then condemned to roll a very large boulder up a mountain only to have it roll down again. His punishment was to last for all eternity, and has come to be a metaphor for the futility of human life.

I know that snow is not as heavy as a large boulder. It only seems that way. And snow doesn't actually last for all eternity. It only seems that way. Nonetheless, looking out the window each morning at the almost daily accumulation of new snow and pushing it around did get me to thinking about Sisyphus, and what the old Greek myths were trying to tell us. Snow removal is a lot like housecleaning, or laundry or cooking meals or finding food or acquiring firewood or finding water or almost any of those mundane, must-be-done tasks that color most human lives. The Greeks not only had a word for it, they most often had a whole story for it.

It is easy to get pessimistic about human life if you dwell too long on such thoughts, but there is a potentially brighter side to it. Sisyphus may well have been happy with his eternal task — the legends don't tell us that. I am not certain how happy I would be if the snow removal task was genuinely eternal rather than seasonal, but I know that I am happy with the smaller, every winter task. On second thought it is probably just those hormones released by vigorous physical activity that induce a happy state. I suspect that Sisyphus had the same hormones. Hormone is a Greek word for setting in motion or starting. Ancient wisdom is still wisdom, and it may even be the only kind.

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LETTERS to the editor

THERE IS ANOTHER

Editor:

To continue the letter of Raechel Wright from the Feb. 14 edition of the Courier, I would like to quote from Yoda, the Jedi master, "There is another."

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Joseph Seidel
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THANK YOU CHARLEVOIX

Editor:

Because I have a learning disability. Because I failed second grade. Because other children always made fun of me since I could not read or spell. Because I failed out of Albion College. Then finally, because over the last 12 years I could not stay in my home during the day, or even have a friend visit my home.

Because of all of the above, I have learned and know the meaning of failure, sadness, pain, heartbreak, eminent loneliness and finally happiness.

Two wonderful saviors always helped me through my many dark times. They told me every day I would be OK and I would make it. Those saviors were my mother and my Lord. No matter how difficult my life became they never left my side. They always picked me up and carried me through the storm. Because of them and the unconditional love of my wife, the sun finally shined down on me and my life. I have found happiness, I found caring, I found love, I found friendship and I prospered. Every day I get down on my knees and thank my mother, my Lord and my wife for saving such a wretch as me.

So now you can see why I must help those who are going through what I have endured. I know first hand how terrible and lonely it can be.

Never will I stop helping the troubled and the unfortunate. I will never forget what I went through to learn that with your mother and the Lord by your side you can see the sun and stars of life. You will enjoy the opportunities of a happy life.

So thanks to all of you, particularly the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce for awarding Karen and I, the Charlevoix Chairman's Award for 2006. We call Charlevoix and its citizens our heaven on earth, our pot of gold at the end of our rainbow.

Bill and Karen Schuiling
Charlevoix

CRF DELIVERS BLUES EXPERIENCE

Editor:

Since I am wintering 1,400 miles south of Charlevoix near the Atlantic, my most recent copy of the Charlevoix Courier (the Valentine's Day issue) arrived just a few days ago. As I also went to Memphis to support Charlie's Root Fusion, I quickly sat on the steps of the post office to read Mr. Gohs' excellent report of the band's experiences at this grand event.

The men of Charlie's Root Fusion were terrific, operating at a level that was far beyond the things that I suffered from the others that I heard. They looked absolutely great, played a varied mix of styles all appropriate for what I had expected from the massive amount of publicity for this event which is in one of what I remembered as the greatest venues in the country for real blues. You see, I grew up near Memphis, Tenn. and Beale Street in the golden days of blues greats.

Excluding Charlie's Root Fusion, most of the stuff in this event was just noise. Lyrics (words) were lost in a nightmare of confusion. Blues used to have class and style. Now, in step mighty technology and vulgar recording studio techniques. As a professional singer, I have been there and know what I see and hear. The event could have been improved if there had been an occasional power failure during some of the acts.

Our Charlevoix men were absolutely wonderful. What a start.

Joseph Robbins
Crooked Tree Arts Center
Board member
Charlevoix

RAINBOW SHOPPE MAKES THE LOAN

Editor:

To say thank you is not quite adequate to express our true feelings toward so many organizations and people for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

The Charlevoix citizens and a few friends from out of town have come through for us with their contributions on our loan with the Charlevoix State Bank.

We are very happy to announce the loan has been paid in full. Now this heavy burden has been lifted for the Rainbow Shoppe.

Yes, "Thank you" isn't enough, but we certainly appreciate everyone of you who gave us a helping hand. We really do have so many beautiful "angels" in Charlevoix and out of town. We are truly blessed, and we pray you will be blessed too for your concern.

Incidentally, our move to U.S. 31 has proved most beneficial. Stop in to see us. The store is just super.

Rita Orlowski
Board of Directors Member
The Rainbow Shoppe

Dinner Gohs style, from the accident scene to the table

DEER

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I wasn't expecting the thaw to produce a burst of orange blossom, but this was not your average stink of raw meat and wet fur, this was the kind of pungency that made you want to run out and bury your face in a skunk. The words, "What dat 'mell" flashed in my mind as I grabbed my gut. Me amigo ceased pounding to retell Bambi's traumatic final moments.

It seems the animal was hit by two speeding cars before being dispatched by one of Charlevoix's finest. That explained the bullet hole and the incontinence, but shed little light on my pal's unique use of a framing hammer to remove the hind legs. For my own sanity, I chalked it up to the narcotic stupor.

Despite the cold, fatigue and too much schnapps, we had the beast washed, chopped and wrapped by 1:30 a.m.

To cap the night properly, fate decided to reinforce the adage, "No good deed..." While stumbling out to meet my cab, I hit a patch of ice and performed a respectable yet painful side split. My screams drown out the loud popping noise which accompanied my derelict descent. Lucky for me and physical therapists everywhere it was only a denim death knell. It seems the crotch of my Levi's are not rated for a portly gymnast bearing 25 pounds of frozen meat.

To his credit, the driver didn't harass me about the fall, the hole in my pants or the blood-soaked packages.

My plan is to try my hand at sausage making, but I'm going to hold off on anymore volunteerism for the time being.

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Wojan — Laciak

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Dennis and Florence Wojan of Charlevoix are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Marcy Wojan to Brian Laciak of Chicago, Ill.

Brian is the son of Joseph and Barbara Laciak of Highland, Ind.

The couple is planning an Aug. 4 wedding at St. Mary Church in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is a 1996 graduate of Charlevoix High School. She received a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education in 2000 from St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Ind. She is currently completing a master of education in reading and learning disabilities from DePaul University in Chicago, Ill. and is employed as a fifth-grade teacher in Oak Park, Ill.

The groom-to-be graduated in 1996 from Bishop Noll Academy in Hammond, Ind. He received his bachelor of business administration in 2000 from the University of Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Ind. He is currently completing his master's in business administration at Northwestern University. He is employed as a senior product controller at UBS Alternative & Quantitative Investments in Chicago, Ill.

After the wedding the couple will reside in Chicago, Ill.

Swenor — Rafacz

Courtesy photo

Richard and Pam Swenor of Charlevoix, are announcing the engagement of their daughter Kati Sue Swenor to Ryan Christopher Rafacz. Ryan is the son of Stephanie and Tim Carey of Charlevoix and Edward Rafacz of Seattle, Wash.

Kati graduated from Charlevoix High School in 2002. In 2006, she graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor of art degree in education. She is currently doing her student teaching at Lansing Everett High School.

Ryan graduated from Charlevoix High School in 2002. He currently attends Middle Tennessee State University of Murfreesboro, Tenn. He is pursuing a degree in financial planning.

Kati and Ryan are planning a June 30 wedding at Birchwood Farms in Harbor Springs.

Assembly of God hosts worship night on March 4

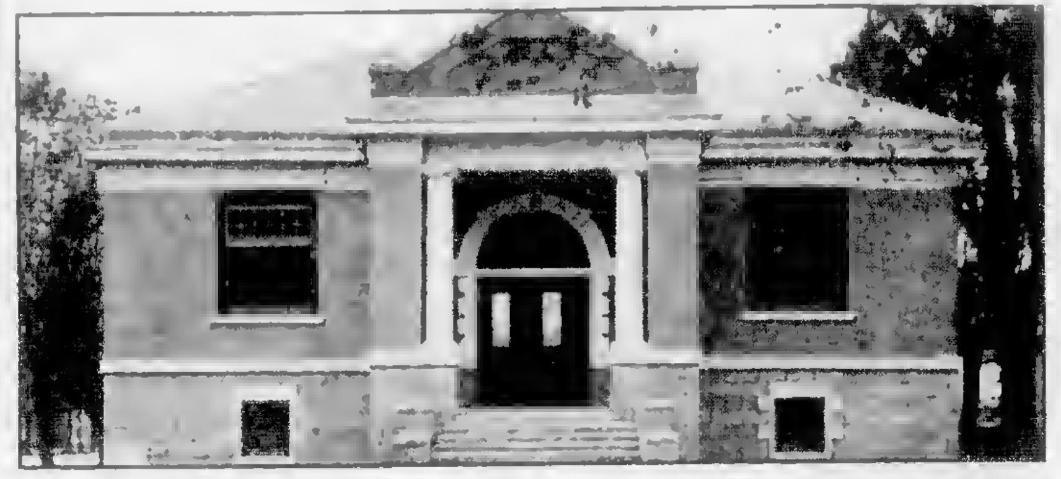
Charlevoix Assembly of God Youth Group is hosting a community praise/worship night from 5–8 p.m. on Sunday, March 4.

Dinner is provided and a love offering will be taken. This event is open to all area youth in seventh through 12 grades.

Charlevoix Assembly of God is located at 05291 M-66 North.

For more information call the church at (231) 547-6430 or visit www.charlevoixag.com.

Program highlights local library history



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A March 6 program at the Depot will highlight the rich history of the Charlevoix Public Library using historic photos like this.

The Charlevoix Historical Society, in association with the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, will present a program on the history of the Charlevoix Public Library on March 6.

Friends committee member, Kay Heise, will narrate the development of the community's library system from the late 1800s to the present.

Over 100 historical photos will accompany the program which will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6 at the Depot. Refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge.

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CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY HONORS LIST

Five students from Charlevoix attending Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant were named to the university's fall semester honor's list. To be named to the list a student must earn a 3.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale. They are sophomore, Sarah Cross; junior, Cortney English; sophomore Bridget Masterson; senior, Lindsey Pace; and senior, Lauren Silberhorn.

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC HONORS LIST

Three students from Charlevoix attending Ferris State University in Big Rapids were named to the university's fall semester academic honor's list. To be named to the list a student must earn a 3.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale. They are Thaddeus Bakker, Laura Mulholland and Daniel Soullier.

CALVIN COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Kate Leese, a senior from Charlevoix studying biotechnology at Calvin College, has been named to the college dean's list for the fall semester. To be named to the list a student must earn a 3.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Brandon and Jerusha Londgren, children of Jeffrey and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix, were named to the fall 2006 dean's list at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn. To be named to the list a student must earn a 3.5 or higher grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

ALMA COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Nathanael Teuscher, a senior from Charlevoix attending Alma College was named to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 2006 fall term which ended Dec. 15, 2006. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits are named to the list.

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Candace Boss and Nathan Turner, Charlevoix residents attending Anderson University in Anderson, Ind. were named to the school's dean's list for the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year. To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Beta Mu cookbook benefits charities

The Beta Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, an international service, cultural and social organization has created and is selling a cookbook, "A Taste of Charlevoix" to benefit local charities.

Recently, the chapter was able to present a $1,000 donation to Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation to support the expansion and renovation of the hospital's physical therapy department.

The cookbook is sold throughout the Charlevoix area at Shop of the Gulls, Bridge Street Book Shop, the Charlevoix Area Hospital gift shop or can be purchased from any sorority member.

The cost of the book is $15.

March 10 conference aims to recognize area caregivers

A Care for the Caregiver Conference will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at the Friendship Center, 1322 Anderson Road in Petoskey.

The free event will serve persons caring for someone who is disabled due to chronic illness or disease, Alzheimer's, dementia, memory impairment, advanced age or terminal illness. Transportation and respite care is available.

Duane Pajak will present a talk on self care and stress management and Diane Lagerstrom, will present the topic "When you Forget What you Forgot." Other extras include chair massages and paraffin hand wax treatments.

Registration is requested by March 1. To register or for more information, call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or visit hospiceltb.org.

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Registration requested by March 1, 2007

What's happening at the Library this week?

Tuesday, February 27, 7:00 p.m - Sleepytime Stories: Evening pajama stories for families. Wear your PJ's and bring your favorite lovey for this evening of quiet stories and fun. Our popular parenting program continues with three new topics on three consecutive Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. All are free and may count toward CEU's for day care providers. Parents are welcome to bring their young children. Each of the following programs is held in the Charlevoix Public Library's Youth Activity Center, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

March 6 - "Read to Your Child" with Jill Haan
Jill Haan is an early literacy consultant with Char-Em ISD and offers practical tips to get the most out of reading with your child to increase their literacy skills.

March 13 - "The New Scoop on Immunizations, Birth College" with Dr. Josh Meyerson
Dr. Meyerson, medical director of Northwest Community Health Agency, will talk about several new vaccines and the new recommendations for immunizations for your children, infants through college age.

March 20 - "Music and Movement" with Gwen Sarya
Gwen Sarya will lead a music exploration for toddlers using the Orff Schulwerk method of teaching young children music and movement. The Orff Schulwerk method encompasses singing, saying, moving and playing. Ms. Sarya is a music teacher at Concord Academy in Boyne City and Northwest Academy in Charlevoix.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Kelly: Died Feb. 8, 2007

Dorothy Ann Kelly formerly of Jackson passed away on Thursday, Feb. 8 in Charlevoix at the age of 83.

She has lived in Charlevoix for the past three years after she was preceded in death by her husband Gerald "Mickey" of 61 years. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Pete Johnson of Key West Fla. and Turk Johnson of Detroit.

She will be remembered by her four children Gerald M. (Annette) Kelly Jr. of Sterling Heights, Thomas P. (Luann) Kelly of Grandville, John C. Kelly of Seattle, Wash. and Karen Kelly-LaVanway (Thomas LaVanway) of Charlevoix. She is also survived by six grandchildren Katie, Carol, Kristen, Erin, T.J. and Parker; five great-grandchildren Mary Jo, Melanie, Maggie, Joey and Sarah; as well as many nieces, nephews and countless friends. Dorothy worked while her husband was in the Army and away in World War II. When "Mickey" returned home Dorothy left work and stayed home to raise their family. She was a den mother for the Cub Scouts for many years and volunteered many hours at her children's school and the church.

At the age of 45 she went back to school and received a degree in nursing. She worked at Mercy Hospital and retired from Foote Hospital after 20 years of service. When Dorothy and "Mickey" were not enjoying each other while traveling or camping she continued to serve the community as a volunteer at Foote Hospital for over 15 years. She was honored by Foote Hospital as the cover girl for the "Silver Lining" magazine. She was very active in the church and was proud to be a fifth generation Lutheran. Dorothy and "Mickey" helped to organize the Trinity Lutheran Church School. She was a longtime member of the American Business Women's Association. Dorothy was always there to lend a helping hand. She had a positive impact on everyone she met and always put her family first. If anyone needed a smile she would gladly share hers. When asked, "What do you know for sure in life?" her reply was quick and simple, "It's the importance of being honest, kind, outgoing, friendly and smile often."

The funeral was held at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Jackson with Pastor Doug Krengel officiating. Interment was at Roseland Memorial Gardens. A celebration of her life will be held at Sunny Bank in Charlevoix in the near future.

Contributions to St. Mary School would be appreciated.

L. Robert Neff: May 15, 1918 - Feb. 16, 2007

L. Robert Neff

L. Robert Neff passed away on Feb. 16 at the age of 88 from complications due to Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Neff, affectionately known as Bob, lived most of his life in Charlevoix. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1937. He left his home briefly to serve as a Michigan State Trooper from 1941 to 1950. He then returned to purchase, with his brother, Gordon, Neff Brothers Quality Food Store. Bob worked to make his hometown a better place as a member of Bethany Lutheran Church as well as an elected member of the city council and one of the founders of Mt. McSauba Recreation Area. He was a devoted husband and father, and a good friend to all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Eleanor; his daughters, Linda (David) Ziegler and Nancy (David) Lohse; his grandchildren, Erica Ziegler (John) Babb, Paige Ziegler, Hunter Lohse and Betsy Lohse; and his great-grandchildren, Haley and Jackson Babb. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on June 9 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix, with internment of ashes at Brookside Cemetery. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Elbridge Vance: Died Feb. 18, 2007

Elbridge Vance

Elbridge Putnam Vance, 92, of Vermilion, Ohio, known by friends, colleagues and family as "Fuzzy," passed away Feb. 18 in Shelton, Wash.

He is survived by his wife Jean Vance, daughter Susan Vance (Tim Griffin) of Beverly Shores, Ind.; son Peter Vance (Ellie) of Fenton; son Douglas Vance (Kathy) of Grand Rapids; daughter Emily Beynon (Charles) of Houston, Texas; and two step children, Gary Haigh (Kathy) of Shelton, Wash.; Karon Haigh (Terry) of Phoenix, Ariz.; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio and a graduate of the College of Wooster (bachelor of arts) and the University of Michigan (master's and Ph.D.), Fuzzy resided for many years in Oberlin, Ohio where he taught mathematics from 1943 to 1983. He headed the mathematics department from 1948 to 1975 and was acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences during two separate semesters. He was the author of at least nine textbooks for high school and college students on algebra, trigonometry and the fundamentals of mathematics. He also spent four years as chair and five years as chief reader for the advanced placement program in mathematics for the College Entrance Examination Board; chaired the Central Coordinating Committee on Films and Television of the Mathematics Association of America; and was associate editor in charge of film and television reviews for the American Mathematics Monthly.

In 1964 he traveled to India to teach mathematics teachers for Aid for International Development (AID). He sought to expand his experience by teaching one semester of high school mathematics to inner city youth in Cleveland, Ohio; followed by teaching one semester at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass.

Fuzzy generously volunteered in many roles contributing to his community including tutoring and mentoring students, working with the Boy Scouts of America, and serving as president of the Oberlin School Board. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi and is listed in Who's Who in America.

Always the educator, Fuzzy loved Oberlin College where his skills were called on many times for guidance based on his history with the school and for his ability to

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Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

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mediate between parties with conflicting opinions.

Fuzzy was a devoted and generous husband, father, grandfather and friend. Throughout his lifetime he spent his summers at his beloved Sequanota Club in Charlevoix. In his retirement years, he enjoyed continued attendance at Rotary Club meetings across the country; fly fishing, playing bridge and golf, traveling with friends, cherishing his time with his loving wife, Jean and visiting with his children and grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in Oberlin, Ohio. Further details are yet to be determined.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Oberlin College Department of Development, 50 West Lorain Street, Oberlin, OH 44074 in support of the two Elbridge Putnam Vance Scholarships established by him for students demonstrating marked interest and ability in mathematics and who have had less opportunity than others to study beyond the high school level.

David Holborn: May 7, 1951 - Feb. 19, 2007

David Earl Holborn, 55, of Charlevoix, died Monday, Feb. 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

He will always be remembered by his family for his gentle nature, sense of humor and his wonderful bird calls. He was born May 7, 1951, in Charlevoix to Earl and Nellie (Vosburg) Holborn. David was preceded in death by his father, Earl Holborn.

David is survived by his daughter, Mariah Holborn of Traverse City; mother, Nellie Holborn of Charlevoix; brother, Melvin (Marllynn) Holborn of Hobbs, N.M.; sister, Sherry (Gale) Sheldon of Charlevoix; aunts, Hilda Beach of Traverse City, Vera Harris of Flint; former wife, Jill Holborn of Kalkaska; nephews, Chris (Tracy) Holborn of Manhatten, Kansas, Ty (Heather) Holborn of Manhatten, Kansas, Matt Sheldon of Grand Rapids; niece, Nicole (Bernard) Garrigan of Kodiak, Alaska; special cousins, Sandy Beach of San Carlos, Calif., Cary Beach of Scaramento, Calif., and Yvette Harris of Charlevoix. He is also survived by three great-nephews and many special friends.

Dave attended Charlevoix schools and enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. After leaving the service, David married Jill and moved to Hobbs, N.M., where he worked as a "roustabout" in the oil fields. When Mariah was born he returned to the Charlevoix area where he worked as a mason and carpenter. Over the years David had a great love for the out-of-doors and the beauty of nature. Life was not always easy for David, he spent years fighting alcoholism and finally won that battle four years ago. His biggest battle in life was fighting cancer that was diagnosed last week. Even though we were not ready for him to leave this world, he has gone to a place of joy and rest. Family and friends will miss him dearly.

There will be no visitation but a graveside service will be held in the spring at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Friends and family will be notified.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to his mother, Nellie Holborn, the Charlevoix Area Hospital, or the Alanon Club of Charlevoix.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, February 19, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- A Public Hearing was held on an ordinance to amend Chapter 51, Zoning, Repeal 5.194 of Article V (Dwellings in Nonresidential Districts); Amend Section 5.222 (Restoration and Repair) and to Repeal Section 5225 of Article VII (Repair of Nonconforming Buildings) of the City Code.
- Council directed the Attorney to draft an ordinance prohibiting swimming in the Pine River Channel.
- Motion passed approving a change order with United Design for professional services.
- Motion passed approving the contract with Hallmark Construction for Phase 3 of the park project.
- Motion passed appointing Gabe Campbell and Council members Bob Timms and Greg Stevens to the Board of Review.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to amend the 2006-07 City Budget Ordinance for March 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing on the proposed 2007-08 City Budget Ordinance for March 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
- Ordinance 716 of 2007 was adopted, an ordinance to amend Chapter 51, Zoning, Repeal 5.194 of Article V (Dwellings in Nonresidential Districts); Amend Section 5.222 (Restoration and Repair) and to Repeal Section 5225 of Article VII (Repair of Nonconforming Buildings) of the City Code.
- Motion passed approving the Mayor's appointment of Douglas (D.J.) Way, Jr. to the Planning Commission.

Council adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk   Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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Crazy hair spirit

Morgan Sciacca, a sixth-grade student at Northwest Academy celebrated Crazy Hair Day during spirit week at the school by wearing flowers in her hair and striking a crazy pose.

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Enjoy the opera with these expert tips

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

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On Feb. 22 local opera buff, David Wassenaar shared information for novices attending the upcoming opera. The Bulgarian State Opera's production of Motzart's "The Marriage of Figaro" will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 in the performing arts center at Charlevoix High School.

Wassenaar's tips on how to survive the opera

- Three operas guaranteed to hook the wary: La Traviata; Carmen; and La Boheme — these three have meaningful stories, exciting music and choruses.
- While opera glasses or binoculars may come in handy if you are seated in the balcony, the nice thing about the opera is you can see all the stage all the time — close-ups in movies can be nice, but they can also be unnecessarily distracting.
- Operas as you know them go back as far as the 1600's, so you get a chance to see historical costumes and hear period music.
- Make yourself familiar with the libretto (the text of an opera), story synopsis and background on both composer and playwright.
- Pick up a CD compilation, often available at your local library, of highlights of opera choruses, overtures or arias ahead of the performance.
- Be patient — what may begin with a slow start and much speaking can lead to wonderful musical and dance numbers.
- Opera is for everyone — the days of only wealthy society types enjoying the show are over — dress is casual and ticket prices are reasonable.

Just say the word "Opera" and many folks will run screaming in the opposite direction.

However, if a night of flirtation, extramarital affairs, deceit and humor sounds like a good time, you might not want to miss the Bulgarian State Opera's production of Motzart's "The Marriage of Figaro" on Thursday, March 1 in the performing arts center at Charlevoix High School.

"The Marriage of Figaro" is the story of a Spanish manservant, Figaro, and his fiancée, Susanna, who both work for the same lecherous aristocrat, Count Almaviva. The couple wish to marry, but the philandering count has his own ideas on employer-employee relations citing droit du seigneur, the ancient custom of a lord's right to deflower all virgins on his estate.

• What generally scares people away from the opera?

"Most people who don't go to the opera have hang-ups. One of their hang-ups is, 'How can these people sing when they're dying?'" said opera buff, David Wassenaar during a Feb. 22 lecture to help ready novices for the upcoming opera. "I've heard that thousands of times. Remember, the opera is the medium, it's not the story, so they have as much right to sing while they're dying as anything else."

He added, "And, if the death scene is too long, then so what? I hope you have at least 10 minutes or a half hour to die."

Another hang-up people say they have about the opera, Wassenaar said, is that they don't understand the language.

"You can tell what the music means by what it sounds like," he said. "Music is universal to a certain extent."

• Wassenaar's credentials as an opera expert?

Wassenaar, who has been a dedicated opera fan for more than a half a century, earned a master of social work from Wayne State University; he has served on several boards of directors for symphonies and music societies; he has been an announcer and narrator for opera programs and spent more than 20 years as a supernumerary — the opera's equivalent of a Hollywood extra.

• What spawned Wassenaar's interest in the art form?

"I think my interest in opera began when I was five or six years old," he said. "I loved a parade and the parade (in his hometown) consisted of the Boy Scouts, the American Legion and two bands."

The marches the band played tantalized Wassenaar as a youngster.

"I loved them so much that I would watch them march down the street, then run ahead of them and watch them again and run some more and watch them again," Wassenaar said. "Overtures and marches were a big part of my early listening. From there I went to symphonies,

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'The Marriage of Figaro' on stage at Charlevoix High School on March 1

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chamber music, into jazz, into ethnic music and when I got to graduate school, I was very excited about (the) Detroit Symphony and then the Metropolitan Opera came to town."

• How to become a supernumerary?

"After a couple years they (the Met) started doing seven operas in six days and I dared not miss any, so I went every week," Wassenaar said. "About the third year...the guy who was in charge of hiring supers for the opera asked me if I'd like to do that — well that was a big thrill."

He added, "So what I did as a super (were) those non-singing, non-speaking parts where I could hardly get in trouble unless I tripped. We were the soldiers, the slaves the bums, the students, the executioners."

During Wassenaar's tenure as an opera house extra, he was forced to stand still for an hour while action occurred around him, he saw someone faint and be dragged offstage by other players and he stood in the center of six singers crooning at full blast.

"Opera singers sing loud and fast and hard and they spit all over the place," he said.

• How can the novice learn to appreciate opera?

"If you're a music lover, buy a cheap baton and conduct the music as much as you can while it's playing," Wassenaar said. "It's a silly but useful way to dwell on the music and give the music your undivided attention."

Tickets for the show are available at the door or by calling (231) 347-4337. Patron tickets are $50, general admission is $25, $20 for members of Crooked Tree Arts Center, $10 for students, $8 for arts center members.

Courtesy photo

The Bulgarian State Opera will perform Motzart's "The Marriage of Figaro" at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 in the performing arts center at Charlevoix High School.

Charlevoix band students place at state competitions

February is the month for band festivals and the Charlevoix High School Band students have been busy attending these performances.

On Feb. 10 students participated in Solo and Ensemble Festival in Kingsley where they performed in solos, duets, trios, quartets and other ensemble groups. The following students earned medals on their performances: Alina Dhaseleer played a flute solo, Emily Westenhroek a trumpet solo, Elliot Falls a snare drum solo and Brianna Londgren played a solo on the piano.

The entire Charlevoix High School Band performed at the District Band Festival on Feb. 17 in Petoskey earning a second division rating.

In the sight reading room students are to play two pieces of music that they have never seen before. They have seven minutes to prepare the music and then perform it for a judge. The sight reading judge had high praise for the Charlevoix band students stating, "You followed your director extremely well on all the key points — dynamics, tempo and style of the music."

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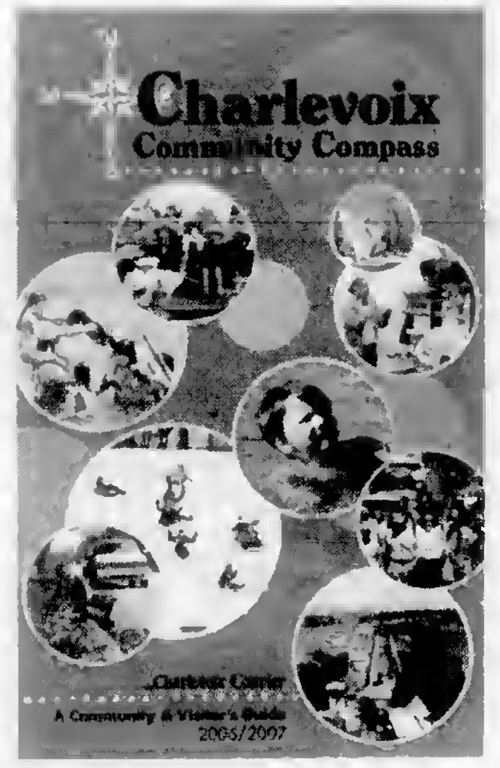

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Students steer middle school Web site

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix Middle School Web site is chockfull of up to date information on events, fundraisers and photos of students in action — and it's run completely by a couple of kids.

According to middle school principal, Keith Haske, sixth graders Carolena Elowski and Maura Brandi take the pictures, write the stories and snoop the scoop five days a week as part of a fledgling enrichment program.

"This is the first year we've done it," said Haske. "We've been real pleased — the two girls have been doing a great job."

He added, "They're pretty much self directed with guidance from Scott Mays (Charlevoix Schools technology director), but mostly it's the girls. They've been professional and done an excellent job of doing current events and keeping the Web si updated."

Haske said the plan was to provide an online enrichment program to teach students Mandarin Chinese, but after that fell through, the idea to let students run the Web site was introduced.

"We still haven't given up on the Mandarin program. We're searching out funding and maybe we'll do that next year," Haske said. "This (student generated content) was a good move and it's good for the kids to learn some skills using the Internet and learning some nice communication, interviewing skills, researching skills and cooperation skills."

He added, "These are skills they'll continue to use whether in the business world or (in) other classes."

While Elowski was out sick the day of the interview, her partner, Brandi, answered questions while posting content to the Web.

"Our parents asked Mr. Haske if we could do something extra. They just wanted us to do something different," said the Rayder athlete and musician.

Brandi said she looks forward to the hour she spends daily working on the site.

"I really like it. It's fun," she said. "I like getting all the stories and taking pictures of everyone."

Brandi and Elowski cover everything from dissection projects in science class to the Pennies for Patients fundraiser.

"Sometimes it's a lot of work, but I really like taking pictures and writing informative stories," Brandi said. "I would encourage it for anybody who wants to do it, because it's a great way to learn what's going on in your school."

Brandi's favorite piece?

"I really like the one we did on the new library," she said. "We took some pictures from up high and between the books."

Brandi said anyone with a grasp on computers could maintain a Web site.

"Mr. Mays got us an information packet so when we needed help we could look at that, but it only took us a couple days," she said.

Check out the girls' work at: http://rayder.net/cms/.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Sixth grader, Maura Brandi, posts pictures and stories on the Charlevoix Middle School Web site. Brandi is one of two middle schoolers who keep the site chock full of fresh information about school happenings.

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BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Every day's a gift for a Charlevoix miracle baby and his parents.

Boddy William Whitley was born to Charlevoix residents Michelle Mailloux and Gregg Whitley on Saturday, Jan. 27, after just 24 weeks in the womb. His expected due date was May 21. He came into the world weighing 1 pound, 5 ounces and stretching 11.75 inches long.

"Everything is day by day, minute by minute," Mailloux said of her son's development.

His birth came as many do — on Jan. 23 Mailloux's water broke. While this is a welcomed turn of events for mothers carrying full-term babies (born between 37 and 42 weeks of pregnancy), Mailloux, a first-time mother at the age of 36, said the reality was nothing short of horrifying for her. The reason for her premature labor has not been pinpointed.

She and Whitley rushed to Charlevoix Area Hospital where they were met by Dr. William Mosher who told them if they stayed the baby wouldn't make it. The medical staff pumped Mailloux full of steroids to expedite Boddy's lung development and at 2:30 a.m. on Jan. 24 transported her by ambulance to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.

The couple spent the next few days working to give their baby the things he would need to fight for his life.

Courtesy photo

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He entered the world by cesarean section at 7:40 a.m. on Jan. 27. The next three weeks in the DeVos Neonatal Intensive Care Unit were marked by medical highs and lows.

The first hurdle the family faced was the possibility that Boddy may have developed necrotizing enterocolitis, a potentially dangerous intestinal problem which leads to feeding difficulties, abdominal swelling and other complications.

The second was an intraventricular hemorrhage or bleeding in his brain. According to the March of Dimes, a national non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality, most brain bleeds are mild and resolve themselves with no or few lasting problems. More severe bleeds can cause the fluid-filled structures (ventricles) in the brain to expand rapidly, causing pressure on the brain that can lead to brain damage such as cerebral palsy and learning and behavioral problems.

Since his birth the tiny wonder has beat the odds — fighting off the hemorrhage, the possible intestinal complication and respiratory challenges and undergoing blood transfusions.

Mailloux said the challenging hurdles he's overcome have been mixed with joyous events like when Boddy opened his eyes about two weeks ago, his ability to accept increasing amounts of breast milk and his growth.

On Feb. 21 he weighed in at 1 pound, 15 ounces and measured 12.5 inches long.

While Mailloux, a hair designer at New Creations in Charlevoix, has living quarters at the Ronald McDonald House on Cedar Street in Grand Rapids sleep isn't something she spends much time doing. Most of her day is spent by her son's side.

> *"I stay a little guarded. I've learned great patience and I have a huge amount of love for him — he's the love of my life."*
>
> **Michelle Mailloux**
> MOTHER OF PREMATURE
> BABY BODDY WHITLEY

"I don't want him to open his eyes at night and I won't be here," she said. "He knows my smell, my voice — he's pretty on it for being so little."

Mailloux said she has no illusions that the worst is behind Boddy — with fears of lung development complications and a risk of retinal detachment leading to blindness haunting her. But her fight won't be compromised by trepidation.

"I stay a little guarded," she said. "I've learned great patience and I

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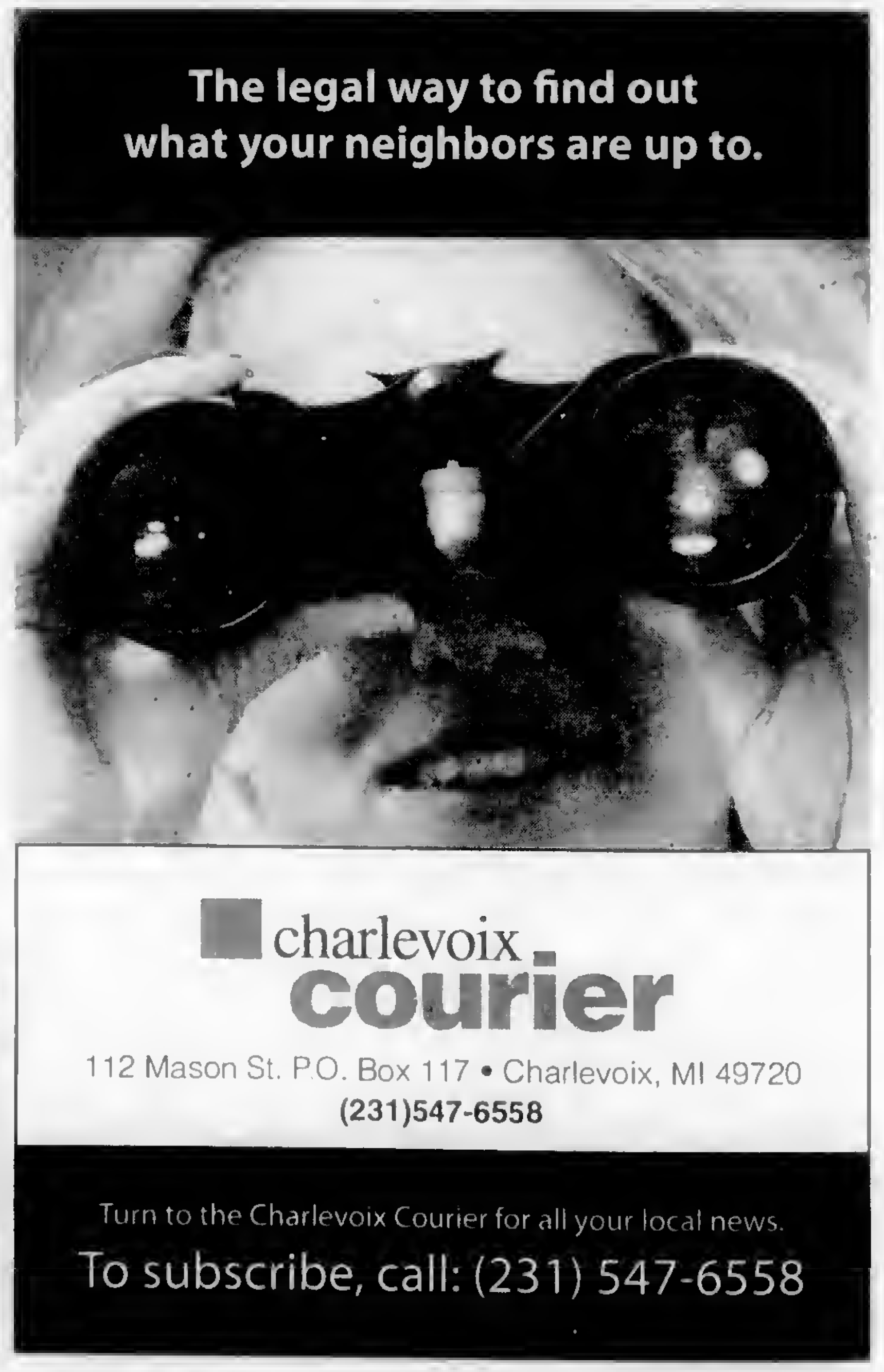
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Baby born at 24 weeks gestation fights the odds

A guide to pre-term birth terms and risks

Full-term pregnancy: Most pregnancies last around 40 weeks. Babies born between 37 and 42 weeks of pregnancy are called full term.

Premature birth: Babies born before 37 completed weeks of pregnancy are called premature or pre-term. About 12 percent of babies in the United States are born pre-term. Of those, the majority (84 percent) are born between 32 and 36 weeks of gestation. About 10 percent are born between 28 and 31 weeks of gestation, and about 6 percent are born at less than 28 weeks of gestation.

What is the outlook for babies born at less than 28 weeks? Fewer than 1 percent of babies in this country are born this early, but these babies have the most complications. Most of these babies are born at very low birth weight (less than 3 pounds, 4 ounces). Those born at less than 26 weeks are likely to weigh only 1 to 2 pounds. Almost all will require treatment with oxygen, surfactant, and mechanical assistance to help them breathe. These babies are too immature to suck, swallow and breathe at the same time, so they must be fed through a vein (intravenously) until they develop these skills. They often cannot yet cry (or you cannot hear them due to the tube in their throat) and they sleep most of the day. These tiny babies have little muscle tone and most move very little.

How many babies were treated at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in 2005 that were born at 24 weeks? 38 babies. Of those, 76 percent survived. The 29 survivors spent 92-315 days in the hospital and 12 went home by their due date.**

What are the risks of pre-term births? Babies born pre-term face a greater risk of serious health problems for several reasons. The earlier a child is born, the less it will weigh, the less developed its organs will be, and the more complications it is likely to face. Very premature babies also have the highest risk of death and lasting disabilities, such as mental retardation, cerebral palsy, lung and gastro-intestinal problems, and vision and hearing loss.

What is a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)? A NICU has specialized medical staff and equipment that can deal with the multiple problems faced by premature infants.

Appearance of pre-term babies: Their skin may be thin and wrinkled, and their heads may look too large for their bodies. But these babies look the way they should at their stage of development, and will begin to appear and act more like full-term babies as they continue to develop and grow. Throughout their first year of life, these babies should be evaluated according to their adjusted age (which takes their prematurity into account).

What medical complications are common in premature babies? There are a number of complications that are more likely in premature than full-term babies. These include respiratory distress syndrome (RDS), apnea, intraventricular hemorrhage (IVH), patent ductus arteriosus (PDA), necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC), retinopathy of prematurity (ROP), jaundice, anemia, chronic lung disease (also called bronchopulmonary dysplasia) and infections.

* Primary source: www.marchofdimes.com

** Information provided the staff of Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

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Mailloux credits his progress and she and Whitley's strength in part to the community support they have received. From financial contributions directed to the family at a Feb. 7 fundraiser at Villager Pub to cards and notes of encouragement, Mailloux said the outpouring of support has been "unbelievable."

If Boddy continues to progress, the goal is that he will be released from the hospital around the time of his due date.

"I want to see him continue on the path he's on. We'll be patient and wait until his due date and hopefully see him home for this summer in Charlevoix," Mailloux said.

Boddy's maternal grandparents are Bernie and Susie Mailloux and Ken and Birdie Whitley of Charlevoix.

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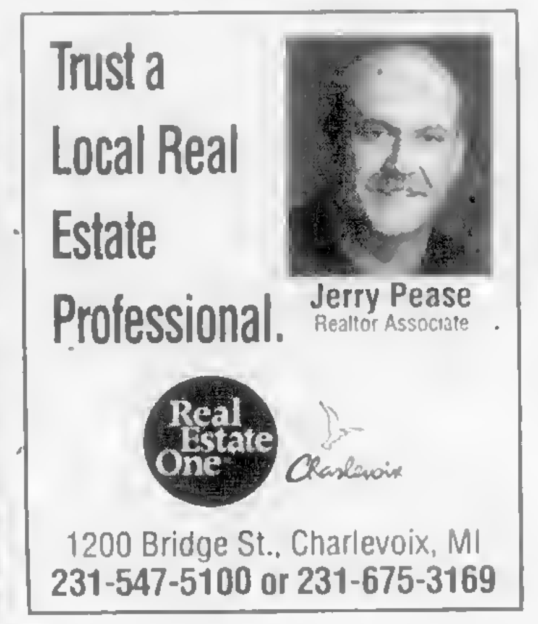
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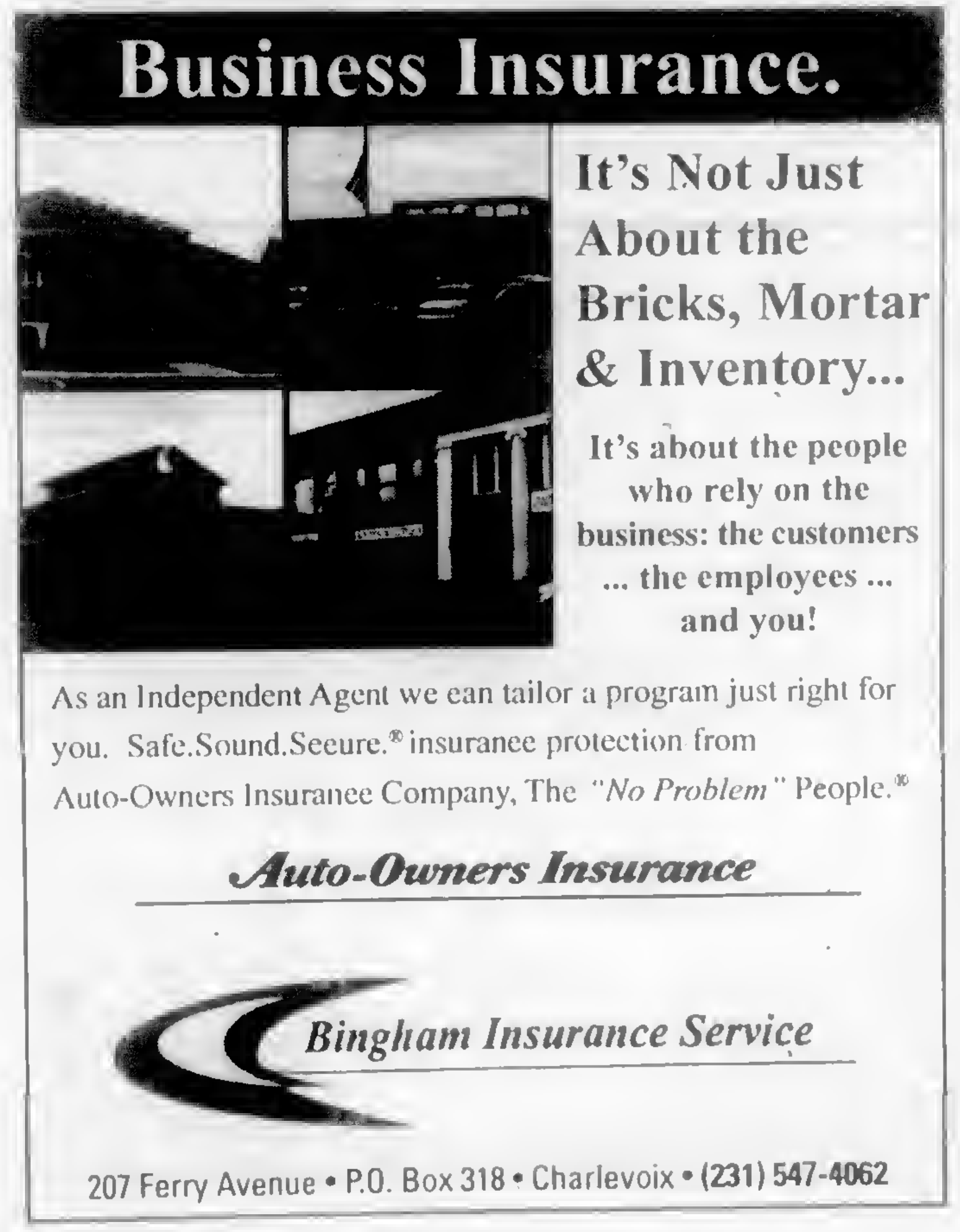
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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 716 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL SECTION 5.194 OF ARTICLE V, TO AMEND SECTION 5.222 AND TO REPEAL SECTION 5.225 OF ARTICLE VII, CHAPTER 51 OF THE CHARLEVOIX CITY CODE.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Repeal of Section 5.194 of Article V of Chapter 51.

Section 5.194 of Chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Amendment of Section 5.222 of Article VII of Chapter 51.

Section 5.222 of Chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

5.222 REPAIR OF NONCONFORMING BUILDINGS

Nothing in this Chapter shall prevent the repair, reinforcement or reconstruction of a nonconforming building, or part thereof, rendered necessary by wear and tear, deterioration or depreciation, damaged by fire, wind, an act of God, or criminal act, nor shall any provision of this Chapter prevent compliance with the provisions of any building code in effect in the City.

SECTION 3. Repeal of Section 5.225 of Article VII of Chapter 51.

Section 5.225 of Chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after enactment.

ADOPTED this 19th day of February, 2007.

Ordinance No. 716-2007 was adopted on the 19th day of February, 2007, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by: Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain

Seconded by: Councilmember Greg Stevens

Yeas: Timms, Beer, Chamberlain, Gennett, Gibson, and Stevens
Nays: None
Absent: None

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City develops eco-friendly water plan for East Park

BY LOUISE NELLE
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

The City of Charlevoix has incorporated storm water treatment practices into its designs for the renovation of East Park.

Environmental groups such as the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and the Water & Air Team for Charlevoix (WATCH) raised concerns regarding storm water treatment for Round Lake, adding that other communities including Harbor Springs and Petoskey have already addressed storm water.

Charlevoix street superintendent Pat Elliott, one of the individuals managing the renovation, said the city has planned to address storm water since 2002 when it designed the plans.

"There's a number of storm water management practices that are already included in the plans," said Elliott.

Overall, treatment includes increasing the amount of water absorbed into the ground and directing water that cannot be absorbed to trench drains where water will be treated before being discharged into the lake.

Pat Elliott

To increase absorption, Elliott said the amount of permeable surfaces will be increased. First, the city will install plant beds above the two new buildings it will construct in East Park.

The city will also eliminate the section of Mason Street that runs to the harbor. By doing so, it will eliminate the water that flows down into the lake, which collects oils, sediments and other pollutants.

In addition, certain areas of the park will be paved in brick. Sand between the bricks allows more water to be absorbed, unlike concrete.

"Not every drop of water gets absorbed by the bricks, so we have to make an outlet for it," added Elliott.

That outlet will be a series of sumps, areas where solids can settle so only treated water will be discharged.

However, not all of the storm water can be absorbed by those practices.

Therefore, Elliott said excess water will be directed toward a trench drain near the sidewalk at the edge of the lake. Water running down the hill in the park will automatically reach the trench drain. In order to prevent water on the sidewalk from spilling into the lake, the city will install a curb on the sidewalk's edge as well as slant the sidewalk downward toward the drain.

Elliott said the city recently joined forces with the Tip of the Mitt. Together, they will consider additional treatment practices that can be included later in the project without hindering the renovation. He added that in the future they plan to treat storm water upstream, farther from the lake. How and when that will happen has yet to be determined.

"It's all got to be designed and approved by city council," said Elliott. "And (options) depend on the space available, which will determine what you can and cannot do. These structures have to be located in a place where they can be maintained."

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The City of Charlevoix has incorporated storm water treatment practices into its designs for the renovation of East Park.

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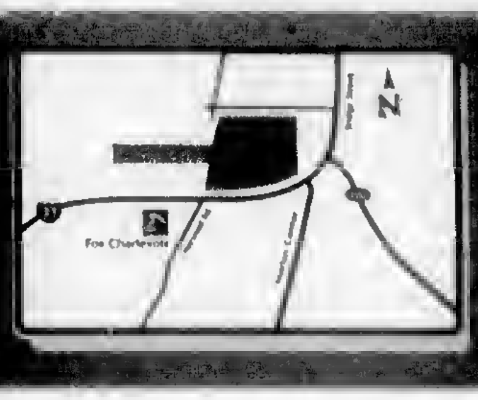

Family's jug of coins helps restore lighthouse

In 1984, Charlevoix residents Dave and Julie Christiansen began saving pennies daily out of their pocket change in a 13-pound glass jug used for the fermentation of wine.

They did this at the request of their very young first-born son Timothy who had been inspired by the sight of a similar jug filled with coins in the home of his baby-sitter. He wanted one just like "Uncle" Skip Young, the grandson of Charlevoix's noted architect and builder, Earl Young.

After his brother Brian arrived, both boys made sure their parents kept up the tradition and contributed their own coins as they got older. The jug gradually filled over 22 years, and by Christmas 2006 weighed 186 pounds.

With both boys grown and gone, Dave and Julie didn't know what to do with the immovable object in their living room. So they consulted with their sons about possibly donating the collection to the Charlevoix Historical Society's Lighthouse Preservation Fund, a project of immense importance to all of them. Timothy and Brian agreed. But after the boys arrived home for the holidays, all were awed at the immensity of the task that confronted them.

They emptied the jug and to their surprise also found 160 quarters, 650 dimes, and 600 nickels.

Julie took the pennies to the Charlevoix State Bank in six large coffee cans where they were run through a machine, counted and rolled. There were 26,730 of them. She and Dave packaged the rest at home throughout January. When they were through, they discovered they had amassed 28,140 coins worth $402.30, which they turned over to the Charlevoix Historical Society in late January.

In early 2006, the National Park Service approved the City of Charlevoix's request to become owners of the light. Title could not be immediately transferred because of a debate between the State of Michigan and the federal government regarding ownership of the bottomlands upon with the south pier is situated. The agreement issues that were reached was that the Army Corps of Engineers would continue to maintain the pier and the U.S. Coast Guard would continue to maintain the light as a navigation aid.

Pending transfer of full title, the City of Charlevoix entered into a historic lease with the Coast Guard in the spring of 2006. This lease requires the city to be responsible for restoring, preserving and maintaining the light, one of Charlevoix' most significant and beloved landmarks. Shortly after signing the lease with the Coast Guard, and with Coast Guard approval, the city essentially sub-let the above responsibilities, along with the fundraising process to finance them, to the Charlevoix Historical Society.

The Charlevoix Historical Society plans to raise around $183,000 over five years to pay for the required restoration work, as well as architectural and engineering specifications related to that work. If enough public support is forthcoming, the society will consider raising an additional $77,000 for a fourth phase of optional work — duplicating the original "Ferdinand the Bull" fog signal and brass ventilators, upgrading the electrical system and replacing bent steel bracing.

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A new vaccine for girls and women ages 11 to 26 to prevent cervical cancer is now available at health department offices in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

According to officials with the health department, the vaccine prevents most cases of human papillomavirus (HPV), the virus that causes cervical cancer and genital warts.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted virus in the U.S. More than 50 percent of sexually active men and women are infected with HPV at some time in their lives. About 20 million people are infected and over six million more become infected every year.

"Preventing HPV infection is important because it can cause cervical cancer in women," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, medical director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Cervical cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women in the world."

Most HPV infections do not cause any symptoms and go away on their own. Some cause genital warts and warts in the upper respiratory tract. HPV is also associated with several less common types of cancer in both men and women.

Of the over 40 types of HPV, the HPV vaccine protects against four major types, including two types that cause about 70 percent of cervical cancer, and two types that cause about 90 percent of genital warts.

"Protection from the vaccine is expected to be long-lasting, but vaccinated women still need cervical cancer screening because the vaccine does not protect against all HPV types that cause cervical cancer," Meyerson said.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is the local health department for Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. For more information or to schedule appointments for HPV vaccine or breast and cervical cancer screening, contact the health department at (800) 432-4121 or visit www.nwhealth.org.

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The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on March 6, 2007, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to review the Assessment Roll in the second floor conference room of City Hall, 210 State Street.

The Board will receive any questions from the public concerning the Assessment Roll on Monday, March 12, 2007 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday, March 13, 2007, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, March 14, 2007, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Note: These multipliers replace those of 2006 and are not an addition to or subtraction from them.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
02/16/07

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Tootsie Roll drive benefits Bergmann Center

The Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus recently presented the Bergmann Center with a $712.47 donation that the civic group raised from their annual Tootsie Roll event. Pictured above are (from left) Dale and Patsy, Suzanne A. Muma, executive director of the Bergmann Center, Maureen and Randy Frykberg and Ed Hennessey, representatives from Boyne Valley Knights of Columbus.

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Harbor Industries named United Way lead donor

Harbor Industries is once again the lead donor in Char-Em United Way's fundraising campaign. Employees at Harbor Industries' Charlevoix facility have pledged $23,278 in individual gifts, and the firm has provided an additional $2,500 corporate gift.

"We are very grateful for the support of Harbor Industries and its employees," said Martha Lancaster, United Way executive director. "Their generous support has provided over 12 percent of our campaign and has put us over the 90 percent mark toward our $200,000 goal. I frequently cite Harbor as an example to other businesses considering a work site campaign for United Way."

Support for United Way and other charitable causes is part of the corporate culture at Harbor Industries, at both their Charlevoix and Grand Haven facilities. The firm, which manufactures point of purchase displays, also coordinates the local Day of Caring.

"We encourage our employees to be involved in the community, both as donors and volunteers," said Tim Parker, Harbor Industries vice-president for operations. "As a corporation, we make the same commitment. Our United Way campaign is so successful, in part, because we make it fun for the employees. We celebrate a full week of activities each fall, with drawings for prizes, contests and other employee-driven activities. This year the employees set an internal goal to raise $20,000 with 50 percent participation. I'm pleased they exceeded that goal and we'll be rewarding them with a cook-out next spring."

Parker also served as co-chair of the United Way campaign this year, and other Harbor staff members serve as United Way board members and volunteers.

Other significant support for the United Way campaign has come from Glen's Stores employees and Spartan Corporation at $16,180, UPS employees and Corporation at $13,579, CMS Energy employees and foundation at $12,278, Fifth Third Bank employees at $5,377, Charlevoix Public Schools employees at $1,193, Federal Express employees at $1,768, J.C. Penney employees and Corporation at $2,994, and Wal-Mart associates and corporation at $2,402.

"Later this spring, we will make grants to local health and human service agencies from these funds," Lancaster said.

Char-Em United Way is continuing to accept tax-deductible contributions to the 2006-2007 campaign.

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Tim Parker, Harbor Industries Vice-President for Operations and Jennifer Archambault, Harbor Assistant Director of Human Resources and United Way Board Secretary, display Harbor's Industries' campaign goal thermometer, which went off the charts this year.

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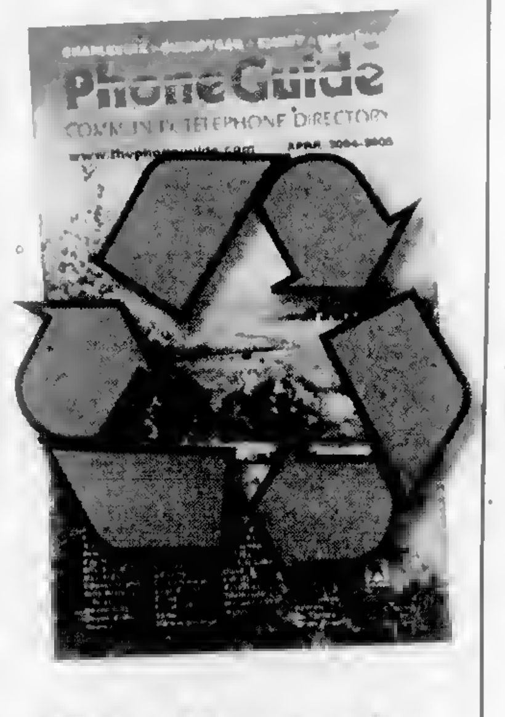

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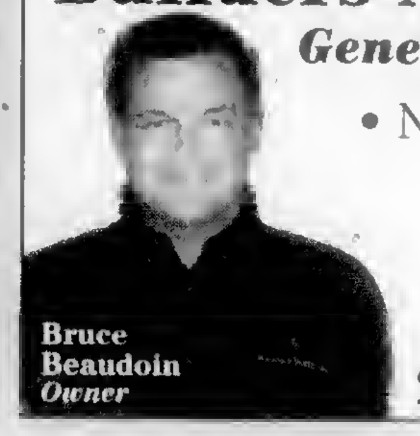

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Sonny's Ironton Market expands product offerings

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The story of Sonny's Ironton Market starts with an East Coast romance.

Market owners Lisa and Matthew Claflin met while attending college, he at Boston University and she at the University of Maine.

Their adventure in the professional world started during the late 1990s in New Hampshire where both were employed in corporate sales. Matt sold office furniture and Lisa worked for Minolta, selling copy machines.

In 2002, a job transfer brought the pair to Brighton. The cash was good and their commitment was strong but their roots weren't planted. When it came time to talk family both agreed they wanted to raise children in northern Michigan.

"We looked for a way to make a living and live up here," Matt said. "We gave up a lot to do this but gained quality of life."

Lisa, a native of Elk Rapids, watched as she and Matt's sons Jacob, 3, and Nathan, 1, ran the aisles in the store and recalled time she spent doing the same thing at her grandfather and father's shop, Ed and Son Food Market in Elk Rapids. In 2000 her parents, Chris and Sonny Szejbach, opened Sonny's Torch Lake Market.

After a few years in business in Torch Lake the Szejbach's wanted to expand their offerings to include pizza and asked Lisa and Matt to lead the charge. The couple traveled to Concord, N.H. to study the art of homemade pizza

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Sonny's employs successful three-generation business model

SONNY'S

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under Pete Saterelli, owner of Pizzarelli's.

In 2004 the Claflins said it was time to move in their own direction and in May 2005 opened the renovated Sonny's Ironton Market, located at 3619 M-66.

They credit their success at the site, which has housed a number of convenience stores over the years, to the three-generation established family model they've followed.

"We didn't have to reinvent the wheel. We took what we knew works and made it fit," Lisa said.

Matt added that the model that has sustained their business is built on personal customer service.

Aside from homemade pizza, the store offers hot lunch and dinner entrees ranging in price from $5 to $6, soup and chili, deli sandwiches featuring Boar's Head meats and cheeses, a fresh cut meat market, deli platters and a full selection of beer, wine and liquor. They also accept special meat and wine orders.

Coming additions to the store include an expanded baked goods section, a produce section, made-to-order sandwiches and delivery to the public boat launch off Fifth Street in Ironton.

The store is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

To place an order or for more information about Sonny's Ironton Market, call (231) 547-2444.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Owners of Sonny's Ironton Market, Lisa and Matt Claflin, pictured above with sons, Jacob and Nathan, have expanded the product lines and services available at the store.

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The camp is open to all students, in first through sixth grades.

Camp times are 9 a.m. to noon for first through third graders and noon to 3 p.m. for fourth through sixth graders.

Campers will learn and practice all aspects of the game including pitching, hitting, fielding and base running. Camp counselors will be Charlevoix High School baseball coaches and players. Prizes will be awarded at the end of each session.

Camp cost is $15 with all proceeds benefiting the baseball program. All campers who register by March 10 will receive a camp T-shirt. Registration forms are available at Charlevoix Elementary School, Charlevoix Middle School and at Little League registrations on Feb. 28 and March 5, 8 and 10 at Charlevoix Middle School.

The sessions will take place at Charlevoix High School.

For more information, call coach Allen Telgenhof at (231) 547-7388.

Volleyball to host districts this weekend

Desi Faust had 11 kills and three aces Thursday, Feb. 22 and Charlevoix put the finishing touches on an undefeated Lake Michigan Conference volleyball slate with a 25-19, 25-15, 25-22 victory over Traverse City St. Francis.

The Rayders, an honorable mention pick in the Class C state coaches' poll, conclude their regular season 14-0 in the league and 39-11-1 overall.

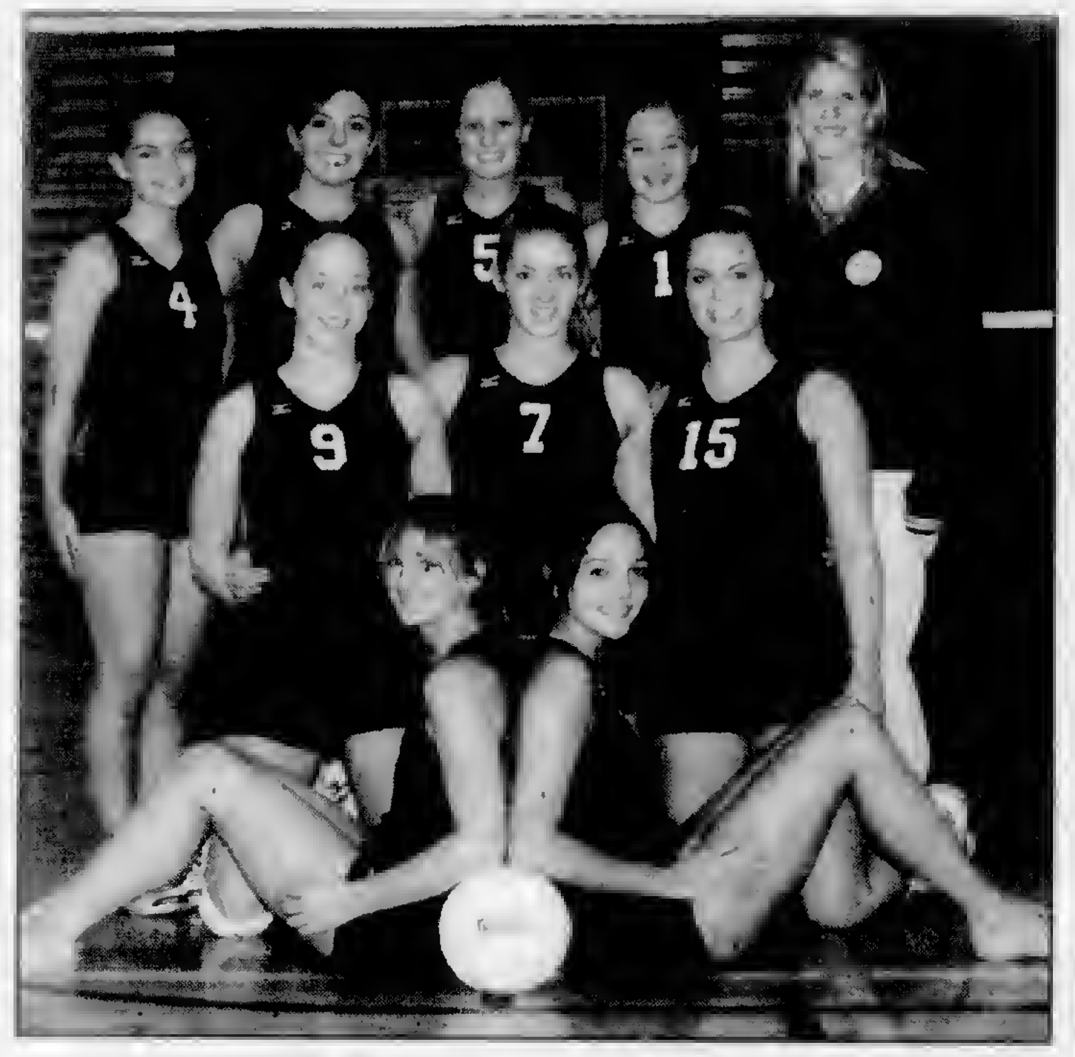
They next play Saturday, March 3, when they host a Class C district tournament.

Sasha Spenceley added eight kills and six digs for the Rayders on Thursday, while Ashlie Bradley and Murphy Gillespie added five kills apiece, and Bethany Pearson added four.

Gillespie led Charlevoix's defense with nine digs, while Faust and Zita Anderson added five each, while setter Aubrey Way had 27 assists and three aces.

Charlevoix won the JV match, 25-19, 16-25, 25-12, to finish 21-11-4 overall, 9-5 in the league.

Tammy Potter had 12 kills and six digs for the Rayders, while Shauna Spencely had five kills and five aces, Sarah Potter added 10 digs, and Lauren Mielke had seven digs and four kills.



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The Charlevoix High School varsity volleyball team will host the Class C District Tournament this Saturday, March 3. The tournament begins at 9 a.m. The Charlevoix team enters the tournament undefeated in the Lake Michigan Conference. (Left) The Charlevoix varsity volleyball team is (front, from left) Emily Heffling, Sasha Spencley, (middle, from left) Ashlie Bradley, Bethany Pearson, Gena Gaudio, (back, from left) Zita Anderson, Desi Faust, Aubrey Way, Michelle Burke and coach, Elizabeth Grunch. Murphy Gillespie is not pictured.

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Rayders roll over Elks and Blazers headed into post-season play

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

It was a couple of close shaves for the Charlevoix Rayders but they came through without a nick, clinching a share of the Lake Michigan Conference basketball title with an overtime win at Kalkaska, 78-75 and a tight victory over Elk Rapids, 71-67.

The Rayders had the opportunity to clinch the outright league crown with a win over East Jordan on Tuesday, Feb. 27. Results were unavailable at press time. Charlevoix is 12-1 in the league with Traverse City St. Francis trailing at 11-2.

"Honestly, I have been disappointed with our play lately," coach Keith Haske commented. "We're not playing the way we are capable of playing right now."

"On the other hand, we keep finding ways to win — and we're tremendously happy to at least be conference co-champs and hopefully we take care of business (against East Jordan)," said coach, Keith Haske.

The referees dominated the play in the game against the Elks, whistling 50 fouls which led to 71 free throw attempts. Charlevoix's flow seemed to suffer as a result, and Elk Rapids, with only one conference win this season, nearly pulled off the upset.

Trailing 68-67 with 7.7 seconds left in the game, Elk Rapids had a chance to take the lead but their shot rolled in and out and the Rayders' Justin Friske controlled the rebound and was fouled. He sank both free throws, but the second was waived off due to a lane violation.

Mitch Crandall's two free throws with 3.7 seconds left closed out the scoring.

The Rayders never trailed in the ball game, leading 15-11 at the end of the first quarter and by as many as eight at 27-19 in the second quarter. In the third quarter, the lead bulged to 50-37 with 2:26 left in the period.

The Elks chipped away, cutting the lead to 62-58 on a three-pointer with 3:25 remaining. Then following two missed Charlevoix free throws, Elk Rapids sank two free throws to pull within two, 62-60 with 2:37 left.

With the Elks gaining momentum and utilizing full court pressure, Crandall broke the press and found Justin Friske for a layup to push the lead back to 64-60. Moments later, Elk Rapids cut the lead to 68-67 with 1:09 remaining.

Charlevoix took a time-out and attempted to run out the clock. Elk Rapids stole the ball with 30 seconds left in the game and called time-out to set up their shot to take the lead.

Justin Friske and Mitch Crandall led Charlevoix with 21 points apiece.

"We didn't shoot very well from the perimeter — we were 1 for 12 in three-point shots — but good teams find a way to pull these games out," Haske said. "We've done that five games in a row now and that says a lot."

Against Kalkaska, the Rayders trailed early, down by as many as 11 in the first quarter but rallied for the win.

The Blazers needed a three-pointer at the buzzer to force overtime, but Charlevoix outscored them 7-4 in the extra period for the road win.

Justin Friske had 21 points and 11 rebounds. Darren Munson and Austin Wilhelm scored 12 and 11 points respectively. Ty Haske had 10 points and seven assists.

Following the game against East Jordan, Charlevoix (16-2) takes on Bellaire (18-0, ranked no. 3 in Class D by the Associated Press) in a game played at Mancelona High School on Friday, March 2.

"My hope for the Bellaire game is that maybe after the conference season is over, the guys can stop feeling like they have this pressure to win every game and they can just go and play," Haske said. "I hope we start to play better and shoot the ball better."

District play will take place the following week, also at Mancelona, with the Rayders taking on the host Ironmen on Monday, March 5.

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Wolverines win Klondike Derby

On Saturday, Feb. 17, the annual Boy Scout Klondike Derby was held at Craven Park in Bellaire. Charlevoix Cub Scouts of the Wolverine Patrol, Pack 11, braved 20 degree weather and took first place in the Webelos Division for the second year in a row at the derby. Scouts pull a klondike sled loaded with supplies to several stations where they are tested on the skills they have learned, trying to earn as many points as possible throughout the day. Over 130 scouts from five counties participated in the Northern District event. Pictured above are first place winners in the Klondike Derby, Wolverine Patrol, Charlevoix, Pack 11.

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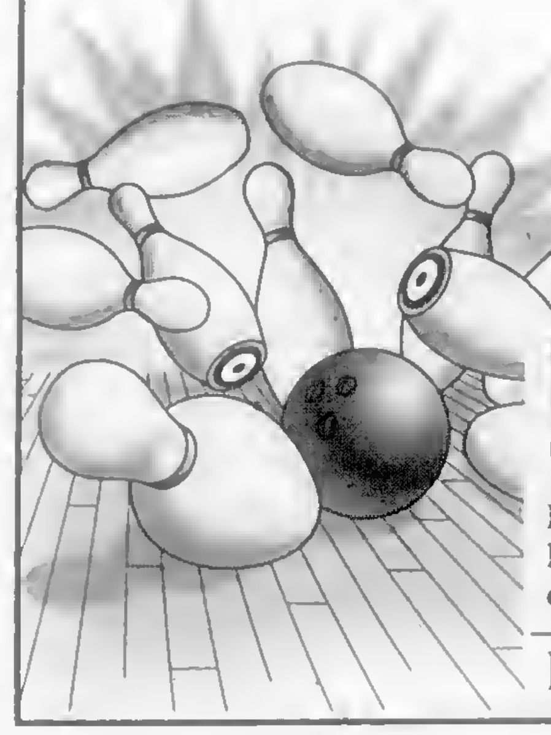

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT-
FAMILY DIVISION
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
PUBLICATION OF HEARING
(NOTICE TO PUTATIVE FATHER)
CASE NO. 06006005-NA
PETITION NO. 06000108

IN THE MATTER OF: CAMERON MICHAEL MATUSZCZAK
DOB: 04/21/2005

TAKE NOTICE: A petition has been filed with this court regarding the following minor(s): Cameron Michael Matuszczak who was born on 04/21/2005 at Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey, Michigan.

The mother of the minor(s) is Tammy Matuszczak. If you are or may be the natural father, you should appear at Charlevoix County Probate/Family Court, 301 State, County Building, Charlevoix, MI on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. to state any interest you may have in the minor(s). Failure to appear at this hearing is a denial of interest in the minor(s), waiver of notice for all subsequent hearings, and a waiver of a right to appointment of an attorney. Failure to appear at this hearing **COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

(L-02/28)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY
OF CHARLEVOIX

ROSEMARY BEAN,
Plaintiff,

v

File: 07- 570-21 -CH

JONATHAN EASTERWOOD and LYNETTE EASTERWOOD, their heirs, successors, assigns, executors and any claiming thereunder, Defendants.

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
Attorney for Plaintiff
111 State Street, Suite 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-4059

ORDER TO ANSWER
At a session of said Court, held at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan on the 22nd day of February 22nd, 2007.
PRESIDING: The Honorable
Richard M. Pajtas

On February 20, 2007, an action was filed by the above named Plaintiff, against the above named Defendants, in the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, to quiet title to real property situated in the Township of Marion, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, and more specifically identified as follows:

Township of Marion, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, to-wit:

Commencing at a concrete monument on the North line of Section 23, Township 33 North, Range 8 West, 900.7 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Section; Thence South 30°45' East, 133.6 feet to an iron stake; Thence South 23°53' East, 592.57 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; Thence continuing South 23°53' East, 48.32 feet to an iron stake; Thence South 66°41' West, 56.35 feet to an iron stake on the shore of West Twin Lake; Thence North 19°39' West, 50 feet to point on said shore; Thence North 68°25' East, 52.69 feet to the Point of Beginning. The above described lot includes all land to the water's edge of West Twin Lake Southwesterly of the course between the points described on said shore and is intended to include all land between said lake and the county road.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants JONATHAN EASTERWOOD and LYNETTE EASTERWOOD, and any heirs, successors, assigns, or others claiming thereunder, and any other parties claiming interest shall answer or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before April 20, 2007. Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the complaint.

PLEASE NOTE that a hearing will be held on:

May 11, 2007, at 2:15 p.m.

in the Circuit Courtroom of the Charlevoix County Building in Charlevoix, Michigan, in connection with this matter.

Date Entered: 02/22/2007

Richard M. Pajtas
Circuit Court Judge
(L-02/28, 03/07, 03/14)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of Henry Jordan Cawthra
Date of Birth: September 4, 1914

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Henry Jordan Cawthra, who lived at 03984 M-75 North, Walloon Lake, MI 49796, died November 16, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Carol Cawthra Hopcraft, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 12, 2007

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 07-011078-DE

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Date of Birth: January 5, 1951

TO ALL CREDITORS:

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Date: February 21, 2007

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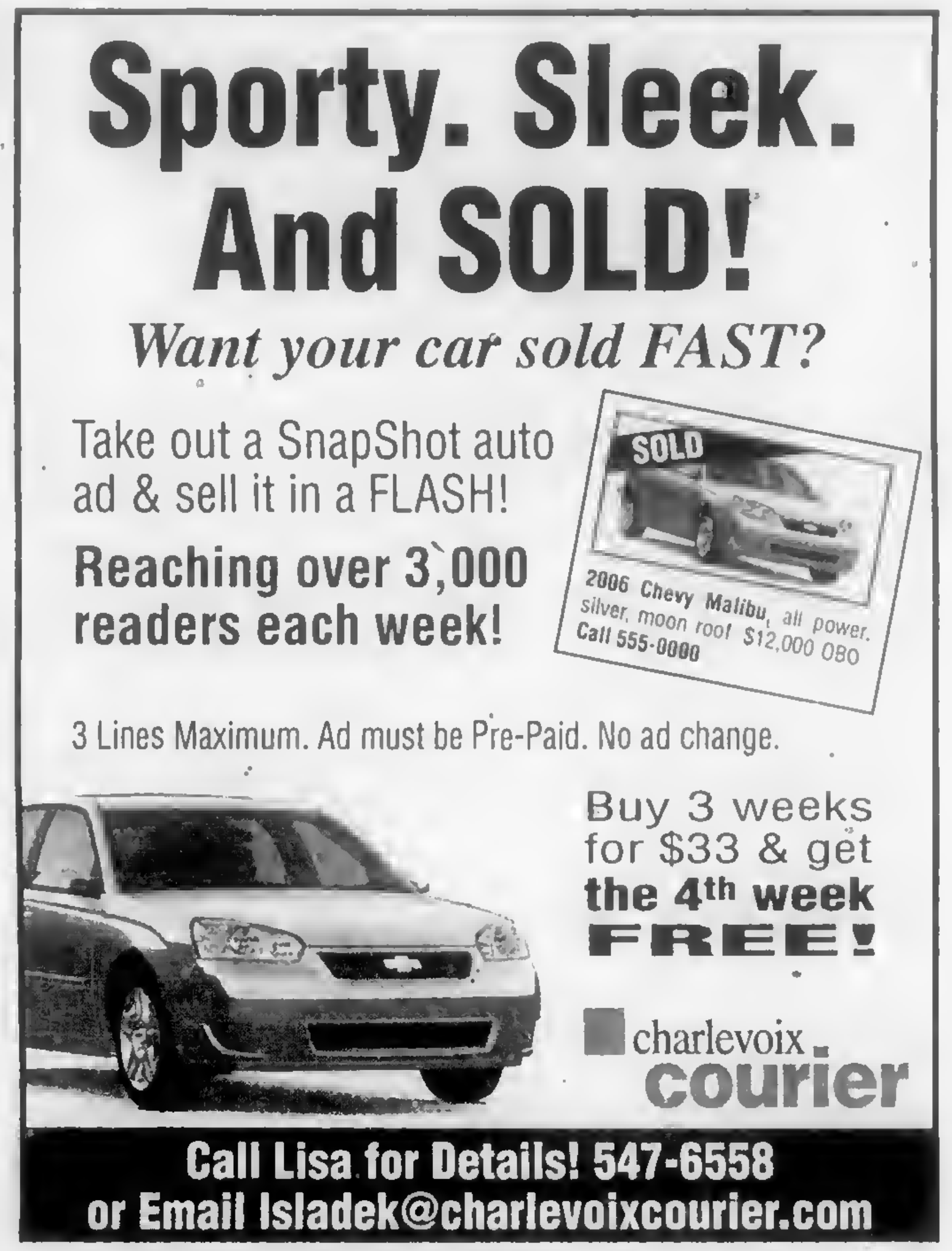

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Happy Chinese New Year

Second grader, Jeremiah Utley, 8, leads the pack as the head of the Chinese dragon which paraded around Northwest Academy on Feb. 23 in celebration of the Chinese New Year. Elementary students also made projects which will be sent to their 4-H partners in China as part of an art exchange program.

Hawaiian Luau March 4 to benefit Charlevoix County Humane Society

The Charlevoix County Humane Society will host its annual Hawaiian Luau fundraiser from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday, March 4 at the Charlevoix Yacht Club.

Featured entertainment will be The Boogieman and Soul Shine. Tickets are $30 per person. Hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and a silent auction will be included.

Proceeds from the event will assist in funding an outdoor cat room.

"Most of the cats coming into our care have been found as strays and are obviously outdoor cats. An outdoor cat room will give them access to the outdoors in a secure environment," stated society kennel manager, Martha Weisler.

Proceeds from the 2006 luau paid for new kennel doors, completion of a play yard for the dogs and helped fund a new coat of paint for the kennels and cat room.

Tickets are available at the Charlevoix County Humane Society located at 614 Beardsley St. in Boyne City.

Call the Charlevoix County Humane Society at (231) 582-6774 for more information.

Historical society endorses fourth grade essay contest

Michigan students in fourth grade are eligible to compete in the second annual "Our Historic Places" essay contest sponsored by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network.

Essays must describe one historic site, at least 50 years old, located in the student's community. This may be an historic home, commercial building, school, house of worship, farm, cemetery, bridge or other site.

The essays must briefly describe the historic site, explain its significance to the local community and discuss the importance of its preservation for both the student and future generations.

Entries are limited to 500 words.

The essay contest deadline is March 2. Winning essays will be announced at the Michigan Historic Preservation Network's conference in early May at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Visit www.mhpn.org for complete rules and entry forms.

The Charlevoix Historical Society urges all fourth-grade students to enter this essay contest.

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Tuesday, March 20, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

WHERE IS IT?
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WORD on the street

Charlevoixans voice their opinions ... How would you feel about a statewide smoking ban at most businesses?

Patty Pleak (Smoker)

"For the most part I think it would be fine except for bars and restaurants."

John Vandenbrook (Smoker)

"I'm against it and I say they'll lose businesses because of it."

Gerry Sciacca (Nonsmoker)

"I think that especially because of tourism the community can't ban smoking from restaurants and bars.

Will Wildman (Nonsmoker)

"I'm for it except in bars and restaurants, but everywhere else would be a good idea."

Businesses debate benefits, pitfalls of smoking ban

SMOKE

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chief of staff, Andrea Cascarilla. "There have been conversations on it and it's gone to economic development committee (chaired by Senator Alan Sanborn). Sanborn has talked about having a vote as early as this summer."

One of the pieces of proposed legislation would make Michigan, already one of 44 states with counties and cities to pass smoking bans, one of at least 16 states with state-wide bans in most businesses — restaurants and bars included.

"(Legislators) feel the time is coming for this legislation, but the major issue (right now) is not only the current budget but trying to set next year's budget as well," Cascarilla said. "There is a continuing dialogue and they are pushing to get a hearing and a vote."

Basham, who has been an advocate of smoke free workplaces for nearly a decade stated in a Jan. 30 press release, "Whether they're bartenders and mechanics or accountants and contractors, people shouldn't be put at risk by being exposed to secondhand smoke at the workplace.

While SB 109 would prohibit smoking in all businesses except certain businesses wherein the owner/operator lives, SB 110 and HB 4163, a similar piece of legislation, would outlaw smoking in most businesses except bars, restaurants and certain businesses wherein the owner/operator resides.

Molly Cotant, family and community health supervisor for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, said her agency supports the proposed legislation.

"Secondhand smoke contains over 4,000 chemical compounds and is a class-a carcinogen," Cotant said. "According to the Surgeon General's 2006 report on secondhand smoke, there is no acceptable level of exposure and no amount of ventilation is adequate."

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Local business owners weigh the health benefits against a possible revenue loss in discussions about a proposed state-wide smoking ban that would prohibit smoking in businesses, including bars and restaurants.

HB 4163 defines public places as, "An enclosed, indoor area owned or operated by a state or local governmental agency and used by the general public."

HB 4163 would also prohibit smoking in any indoor area not owned/operated by the state or is used by the general public including: Educational facilities, homes for the aged, county medical care facility, auditoriums, arenas, theaters, museums or concert halls.

Under the proposed law, local health departments could, "Deny, suspend, limit or revoke a license issued under the Food Law of 2000," and issue fines from $100 for first and $500 for second and subsequent offense.

Aaron Moffat, owner of Giuseppe's, bans smoking in his restaurant, but allows smoking in the bar and feels a ban on smoking in bars would be bad.

"In my situation, where I have both, (bar and restaurant) I would like to see them allow (smoking) in the bar and not in the dining room," Moffat said. "The people that go to the bar smoke, that's just a fact of life," he said. "People that drink normally smoke."

Whether the state should impose a ban, Moffat said, "Everybody has their own opinion, I think everybody should be able to choose on their own."

John Fiedorek, owner of The Flight Deck and Paul Bunyan Lanes located off U.S. 31, allows smoking in his bar and bowling alley, but wouldn't fight a ban.

As much as 60 percent of Fiedorek's customers may be smokers — a decrease from 80-90 percent just 15 or 20 years ago.

"I can remember being a kid out here before there were any good smoke removing instruments and you'd have a blue cloud," he said.

Fiedorek doesn't think he would lose 60 percent of his business if the ban was imposed.

"Initially, I think you'll see a downturn in business...but I think that would be short-term," he said. "I also think you will find some establishments setting up outdoor areas because obviously everybody doesn't just quit smoking. You have to adapt and make (your business) accessible for your customers."

Some local businesses aren't waiting for the state to impose restrictions on smoking.

Sherry Bender, owner of the Flap Jack Shack family restaurant, noticed people waiting in line rather than taking a table in the smoking section.

"We tried going nonsmoking for about three weeks and people began talking about how much they appreciated it and how thoughtful it was that we did it," she said. "We don't have that many smokers, and the people that are smokers still come — we did not lose them."

Bender added, "There has been an increase (in business), especially on Sundays, of families that would not come in here because we (allowed) smoking."

While a statewide smoking ban wouldn't affect Bender's eatery, she is worried for local tavern owners.

"I guess the ones I'm concerned about is the people that own bars," she said. "Those are the people you would think it would hurt."

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FEB. 28
LITTLE LEAGUE

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To be eligible to play a child must be 7 before April 30.

Registration will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 28 and March 5 and 8 in the cafeteria at Charlevoix Middle School.

The cost is $45 per child. Family discounts are available. The registration cutoff date is March 16. A $1 fee will be assessed for late registrants. Children new to the league will need to have a copy of their birth certificate to register.

For more information, call Todd Klinger at (231) 590-0623.

MARCH 3
FIDDLERS JAMBOREE

The Jordan Valley Fiddlers will present many of the best fiddlers and musicians from around the state at a Fiddlers Jamboree from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a dance from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 3 at the Harvest Barn Church (formerly Jordan Valley Express on M-66 next to Glen's) in East Jordan. Registration begins at 11 a.m.

Everyone is welcome, musicians, callers and the general public. Musicians and callers, are asked to register at the front desk. Instruments must be non-electrified. There is no admission fee but a donation box will be at the door.

The Jordan Valley Fiddlers mission is to promote, maintain and pass down the tradition of old-time fiddle music and dancing.

MARCH 3
AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT CONCERT

During the first weekend in March, the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will perform several musical pieces from their unique repertoire in a concert series called "The Age of Enlightenment."

The opening performance will take place at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday, March 3 at the Congregational Church in Charlevoix. The concert will be repeated at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 4 at the Cheboygan Opera House.

The performances will feature the work of internationally recognized clarinetist John Craig Barker. Barker is a graduate of the Julliard School of Music, and while he was a student there he was sent to Austria to represent his alma mater, America's most famous music conservatory.

MARCH 4
HAWAIIAN LUAU

The Charlevoix County Humane Society will host its annual Hawaiian Luau fundraiser from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday, March 4 at the Charlevoix Yacht Club.

Featured entertainment will be The Boogieman and Soul Shine. Tickets are $30 per person. Hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and a silent auction will be included.

Proceeds from the event will assist in funding an outdoor cat room.

Tickets are available at the Charlevoix County Humane Society located at 614 Beardsley St. in Boyne City.

Call the Charlevoix County Humane Society at (231) 582-6774 for more information.

MARCH 6
BAY TOWNSHIP SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT

Bay Township is working with planner Christopher Grobbel, Ph.D., to review its zoning regulations and seeks public input in the process.

The Bay Township Planning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on March 6 in the lower level meeting room at Boyne District Library to consider revisions to its two-acre minimum density within the agricultural zoning district and its planned unit development provisions.

Dean Soloman, executive director of the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office will be facilitating the meeting.

MARCH 6
CULINARY ARTS

Crooked Tree Arts Center is registering participants for their winter 2007 Culinary Arts Series.

The popular cooking series will be held from 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday night during February and March.

The following restaurants have agreed to share some of their culinary secrets with students: March 6 Chandlers; March 13 The Galley Gourmet; March 20 Stafford's Hospitality; and March 27 City Park Grill.

For more information or to register for a class, visit www.crookedtree.org.

MARCH 10
CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

A Care for the Caregiver Conference will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at the Friendship Center, 1322 Anderson Road in Petoskey.

The free event will serve persons caring for someone who is disabled due to chronic illness or disease, Alzheimer's, dementia, memory impairment, advanced age or terminal illness. Transportation and respite care is available.

Duane Pajak will present a talk on self care and stress management and Diane Lagerstrom, will present the topic "When you Forget What you Forgot." Other extras include chair massages and paraffin hand wax treatments.

Registration is requested by March 1. To register or for more information, call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or visit hospiceltb.org.

MARCH 13
THEATRE PARTY

Northern Community Mediation, a local nonprofit dispute resolution organization, will host a Theatre Party fundraiser on Tuesday, March 13 at the Petoskey Cinema, located at 1540 Anderson Road.

The evening will include appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages from 5:30 to 7 p.m., drawings for raffle and door prizes and your choice of movie at 7 p.m.

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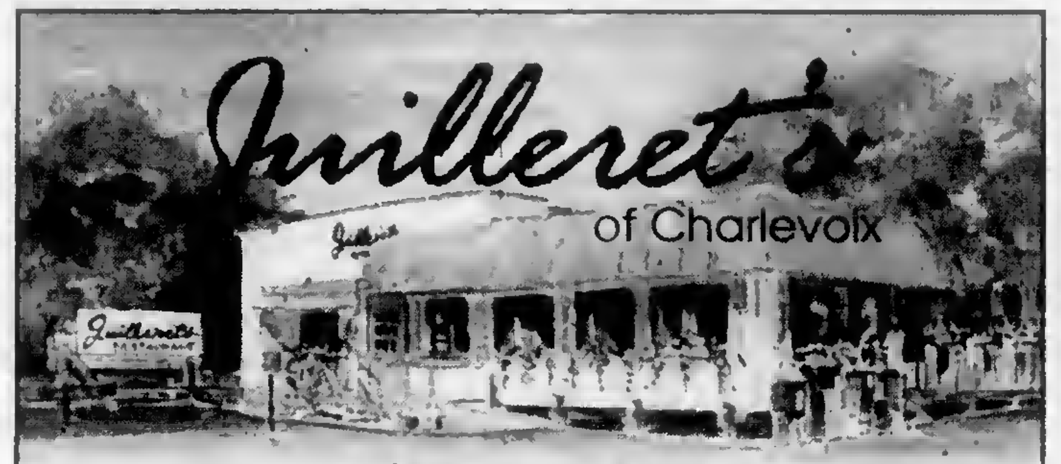

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- Making the Most of Your Library, 1 p.m., Feb. 28.
- Writer's group, 6 p.m., Feb. 28.
- Microsoft Publisher Class, 1-4 p.m., March 3.
- Teen Advisory Group, 5 p.m., March 6.

Youth Events

- Stepping Stones Play Club, 6 p.m., Feb. 28.
- Lapsit Story Time (birth – 3), 10:05 a.m., March 1.
- Pre-k Story Time (4-5), 10:30 a.m., March 1.
- Movies at 2 featuring "Eight Below," 2 p.m. March 3.
- Story Time (all ages), 3 p.m., March 6.

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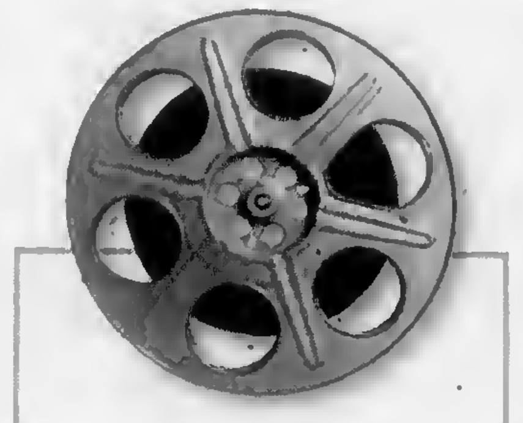

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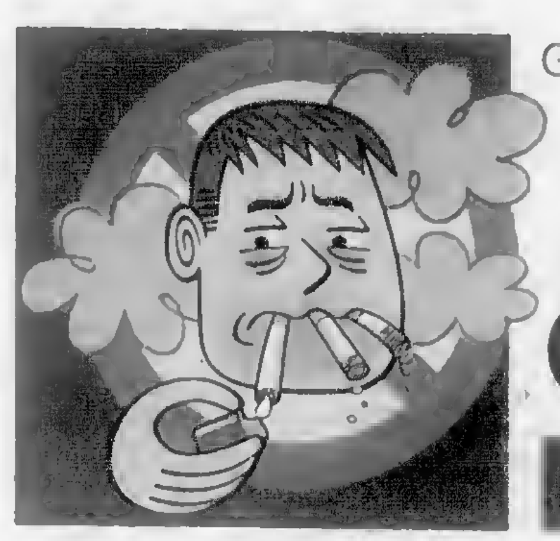

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The show goes on

In spite of severe weather conditions on Thursday, March 1, the Bulgarian State Opera production of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" at Charlevoix High School attracted about 150 opera lovers. A storm that rolled in that night brought snow, ice and high winds.

Jail employees: 'Air quality is unacceptable'

Commission commits $30,000 to cleanup

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Jail administrator Babbette Meggison holds up pictures of soiled vents taken at the Charlevoix County Jail she said are a health concern for inmates and employees

Amid allegations of a cover-up, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners recently voted unanimously to hire two companies to clean the Charlevoix County Jail's HVAC system and building for nearly $30,000.

Maintenance head, Tom Meggison and jail administrator, Babbette Meggison, who were two of more than 20 people, most of whom were employees of the Charlevoix County Jail, in attendance at the Feb. 28 board meeting. They demanded to know how much longer they would be subjected to what some consider to be a filthy ventilation system.

"This problem's been going on since...2001 when I wrote a letter that (we've) got an air quality problem and sick people," said Tom Meggison. "I have a bunch of letters...from people that have been sick in the past and it's getting worse and worse. It's not just dust in the air ducts, there's mold, there's a lack of, for a better term, controls of heating units on the roof."

Babbette Meggison said things are

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

School board members are looking into the viability of using the nearly 3.8 acres of land located at 1021 May St. whereon the bus barn currently resides for the Charlevoix Public Schools administration site.

Bus garage property leads central office relocation talk

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

With the 109 Clinton St. property no longer an option for use as a school administration site, Charlevoix Public Schools officials are working on an alternate plan.

Nearly a month after rescinding a $300,000 offer originally made in the fall of 2006 to purchase the old library property, school board members are looking into the viability of using the nearly 3.8 acres of land located at 1021 May St. whereon the bus barn currently resides.

"Once the library deal kind of fell apart, it really allowed us to move on and look for other options," said Bill Truhilowicz, school board president. "Those options are...we could buy another building somewhere else, we could use some of our existing open land and essentially put up a new building or we could do some reworking of our existing facilities."

He added, "We had a meeting (recently) of our building and grounds committee to determine the probable course of action and our leading candidate right now is probably the bus barn."

The bus barn and property, which act as a holding pen and maintenance garage for busses.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Matthew Luke Mosier, 25, East Jordan. License suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Totaling $260 in fines and costs.

Ronald Dean Gruber, 49, License suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Totaling $260 in fines and costs.

Kyle Lee Winstone, 21, East Jordan. Attempted unlawful use of a motor vehicle; Breaking and entering a motor vehicle, less than $200. Count one: Credit for one day in jail, to serve 60 days in jail, 304 days held in abeyance, to serve one year on probation, submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $850 in fines and costs; Count two: Credit for one day in jail, to serve 20 days in jail, 62 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, to serve one year on probation, submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to write a letter of apology; $850 in fines and costs.

Travis Alan Murray, 17, Charlevoix. Minor - operating with any blood alcohol content. Serve 10 days of community service work, to serve nine months on probation, submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to attend substance abuse classes; $580 in fines and costs.

Jesse Owen Phillip, 19, Boyne Falls. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail, to serve six months on probation, submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Jeremiah Thomas Davis, 25, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated - first offense; Operating while license suspended - first offense. Credit for one day in jail, to serve seven days in jail, to serve 40 days on an electronic monitoring device, 70 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, to serve one year on probation, submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to attend substance abuse classes; $1,680 in fines and costs.

Mary Ann Modeen, 62, Muskegon. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail, to serve one year on probation, submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $705 in fines and costs.

Harry Kevin Stock, 37, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated - second offense. Credit for one day in jail, 334 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail, to serve two years on probation, submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances, to attend substance abuse classes; $1,530 in fines and costs.

Delos Scott Lanterman, 22, Charlevoix. License suspended/revoked/denied/allow - second offense. To serve 15 days in jail; $700 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Trey Dog Productions, 402 Antrim St., Charlevoix, by Charles Burke

Walloon Lake Candles and Gifts, 05555 Brook Drive, Walloon Lake, by Lisa Lynn Cunningham

Crump's Candy, 900 State St., Charlevoix, by Debra Woodward

Walloon Song, 04165 Healey Road, Wilson Township, by Gail L. Gerrie

Teaching Hearts, 8190 Susan Shores, Hayes Township, by Deborah R. Peterson

Moyer Creek Log Homes, 05345 US 131 South, Boyne Falls, by Leon Massey

MEM Enterprises, 7643 Upper Bayshore Road, Charlevoix, by Mark Edward Morgan

Nice Things, 5326 Lakeshore Drive, Boyne City, by Harriett Hess

Bob's Odd Jobs, 570 Blanchard Road, Petoskey, by Bob Brown

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Craig Dean Higby, 44 and Julia Sophia Emery, 42, both of East Jordan

Thomas Lee Clark, 27 and Shawnee Marie Knapp, 21, both of East Jordan

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

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Jarema counters conflict allegations in jail air debacle

JAIL

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only getting worse around the jail.

"This has taken six years now and nothing has been done," Babbette Meggison said. "The staff at the jail feel like they're being blown off, that there's a cover-up. Nobody wants to admit that there's a problem at the jail (and) that it's just nuisance dust."

District 2 Charlevoix County Commissioner Chris Christensen said he resented the accusation of a cover-up.

"I'm new to the board and we've inherited this problem" he said. "Quite frankly, if there's any kind of a conspiracy, I feel like it's coming from the other end. You guys have had all this independent testing done, you've brought in individual representation."

Babbette Meggison then showed papers which state dust and mold causes permanent lung damage and showed photos of the jail's ductwork filled with dust and other debris.

Sears will clean the ducts for $11,850 and Flood Professionals will clean the walls, carpet and furniture for $17,627.68.

"It's about time they got it cleaned," said Tom Meggison.

But he worries the bigger problem of a malfunctioning HVAC system is being overlooked.

"Those machines should be exchanging air three times an hour and they're not doing it," he said. "My attitude right now is, let's get the ductwork cleaned and work on getting those machines running properly."

Several people at the meeting, including Tom Meggison, questioned whether Charlevoix County prosecuting attorney John Jarema has a conflict of interest in this matter because his former campaign manager, Barb Sheets, is the daughter of the owner of the company which installed the HVAC system, Haggard's Plumbing and Heating and Jarema has no problem with the job the board of commissioners is doing.

"We know it's not the board's fault. We have nothing against the board," Tom Meggison said. "I'm here to help my fellow employees and I think they're getting a rotten deal. This should have been looked at a long time ago."

He added, "We want to work with the board, but that means we're going to have to get John Jarema out of the middle of this."

Jarema said he was offended by allegations he was unable to do his job in holding the allegedly responsible parties accountable for the problem.

"I can take it. I'm trying to fix the problem and if I'm the devil, so be it. But politics shouldn't ever enter into the health and safety of county employees. It's uncalled-for," he said during an interview following the meeting. "These alleged prolbems have been going on since 2001. Nothing was done until I came into office and had it dropped into my lap in May 2006. As civil counsel for the county, I would strongly suggest to (county) employees that they get their facts straight before they start assigning fault to companies."

He added, "I have found nothing that says anything was installed improperly."

Some of the county commissioners wondered if part of the problem was improper usage of the system by the maintenance department.

"There have been a number of recommendations that have been handed down (from the board to the jail maintenance department) and we have established that some of them haven't been put in place," Christensen said. "So again, who's at fault, the system or the people that are operating it?"

Christensen asked if the maintenance department was contributing to the existing problem.

"You acknowledged that you have not had the vents cleaned because you weren't sure what (was on them)," he said. "(You) were holding on to them to let them accumulate in the event we had to do more testing, which is conspiratorial in its own right because your job is to clean them."

He added, "I think you're contributing. Intentionally? I do not believe that."

Tom Meggison said he felt like the maintenance department was being blamed for problems which began at the jail in 2001.

In the end, Jarema said, the county may not have the system they want and need, but it is the system they bought and paid for.

"If the units on the (roof) are not adequate size and need to be replaced, we'll replace them," Jarema said. "That's on the county guys, that's not forcing them (Haggard's) to replace them because those are the specs that we bargained for. It may be wrong, but that's what we got."

on the RECORD

RECORD

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Jennifer Moses vs. Jeremy Moses

Amy Wiebe vs. David Wiebe

Sheila Johnstone vs. Randall Johnstone

BIRTHS

Jesse Lee Meadows weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces was born on Feb. 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mike and Charlene Meadows of Walloon Lake. The siblings are Amanda and Ryan. The grandparents are Donna and Leonard Meadows of Walloon Lake and Mark Weisler and Ann Davis of Boyne City.

Trent Ryan Cribb weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces was born on Feb. 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jessica Cribb and Travis Russell of Boyne City. His grandparents are Gordon Cribb, Frances Cribb, Delores Kroush and John Russell. His great grandparents are Marilyn Jerema and Marlene Groh all of Boyne City.

Keller Abbott Nicholls weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces was born Feb. 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Leslie Neilson and Paul Nicholls of Boyne City. His sibling is Jagger. His grandparents are Pete and Linnell Marcus of Birch Run, Larry and Beverly Nicklin of Kalamazoo and Gary and Vicki Nicholls of Otsego. His great-grandparents are Ken and Alice Abbott of Galesburg.

Leah Bliss Marquardt weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce was born at Charlevoix Area Hospital on Feb. 21 to Karlyn Hawkins of Boyne City and Dusty Marquardt of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are Steve and Dee Hawkins of East Jordan, Bonnie Marquardt of Boyne City and Andy Barger of Charlevoix.

Twins Brielle Marie Sutton weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces and **Skyler Jerome Sutton** weighing 5 pounds, 4 ounces were born at Charlevoix Area Hospital on Feb. 23 to John and Jennifer Sutton of East Jordan. Their siblings are John, Alex, Logan and Ashton. Their grandparents are Leon and Gert (Trudi) Dunson, Frank and Alice Campbell and the late Clifford Sutton, Sr., all of East Jordan. Their great-grandparents are Edward and Elizabeth Ciszewski and the late Carl and Mary DeNike of East Jordan.

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Beware of 'The greater good' trade-off

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Michigan legislators may soon vote down the right of business owners to allow smoking in their establishments, but before the diddling despots uncork the nonalcoholic champagne in celebration of yet another freedom dragged into the street and shot, I make this desperate cry for help to citizens tired of falling prey to the conniving cowards ever obsessed with asphyxiating liberty.

Don't get me wrong, I wouldn't dream of appealing to those who support past and future smoking bans. After all, those of us OK with trampling the civil rights of their neighbors most likely see themselves as champions of health and safety, instead of what they are: Oppressors.

This country is touted as free, but as long as we're ruled by an oral minority, or so-called moral majority, we will never be a "Sweet land of liberty."

Still think things haven't gone too far? Check out the following:

- Calahasas, Calif. - No smoking anywhere except your home, and not even there if your apartment is adjacent to a pool, backyard or balcony.
- Omaha, Neb. - Citizens urged to call 9-1-1 if they spot someone smoking in a public place.
- Bangor, Maine - No smoking in any car containing children under 18.
- Charlevoix, Mich. - No smoking in any business other than a restaurant or bar.

With laws like these it isn't much of a stretch to think smoking will soon be outlawed outright.

Proponents of the ban say smoking is deadly and smoking by the uninsured costs taxpayers money. For safety's sake, they claim, your life is not your own.

I hear some of you saying, "But Gohs, why should tobacco use be any less regulated than every other freedom you are denied?"

True, the FCC controls TV and radio. New York banned trans fats. We're extorted into buying auto insurance and wearing seat belts. Your daughters must now be guinea pigs for the latest snake oil—AKA the HPV vaccine—or face being barred from school as could soon be the law in some states. Now, if you allow smoking in a business you own, you'll pay fines and may even have your license revoked.

This country is run by small but well funded groups of nitpicking pansies—can we really blame the classroom snitches and hall monitors of old for seeking revenge for receiving one too many wedgies during their formative years?

Obviously no one has the right to directly harm another, therefore we should ban smoking in any building, park, beach or common area paid for by tax dollars, but allow tobacco use in all privately owned businesses as long as the fact is advertised conspicuously at the building entrance. We don't need an asthmatic accidentally walking into a cloud of blue smoke.

Citizens of a capitalist society certainly have a right to choose whether or not they enter a pub, waffle house or hardware store. They don't have a right to dictate how those shops are operated.

Concerned about nonsmokers working in smoke filled environments? You should know a Michigan business owner recently fired several employees for smoking off the job. If fair is fair, then owners of smoky taverns should only hire smoking waitresses or nonsmokers who sign a waiver of liability. But, reason dictates most businesses which don't serve food or booze won't allow smoking.

In the end, we get the governance we deserve. Unfortunately for my generation, a movement began long before we were born to outlaw the God-given rights of free will and personal choice.

As grueling as the task may be, it is our burden to take back our liberty, for without it, the pursuit of happiness will be forever fruitless.

Tell your representatives there are no small freedoms. Tell them, "For the greater good" is merely a way of justifying tyranny. Tell them that putting control of your body, property and expression up to a vote may be democracy, but it certainly isn't liberty.

You can outlaw sex, drugs and rock-n-roll, but no amount of jogging, oat bran or state mandated medications will ever change this fact—we're all going to die—at least allow us to do so with dignity as we see fit.

Tune in between 10 a.m. and noon on Thursday, March 8 to the Vic McCarty Show on WMKT 1270 AM to hear a discussion of this topic between McCarty, Gohs and angry callers from around northern Michigan. You can also hear the radio broadcast live on the web at www.wmkt-thetalkstation.com by clicking on the "Listen Now" button.

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LETTERS to the editor

ADDRESS NURSING SHORTAGE NOW

Editor:

Health care is one of the few sectors creating new jobs in Michigan. Yet health care employers are struggling to fill more than 2,500 open nursing positions, a shortage that will, according to the Michigan Center for Nursing, top 8,000 by 2010 and 16,000 by 2015 if not addressed. Nurses are important caregivers at Charlevoix Area Hospital. As northern Michigan's population continues to age, future demand for more nurses will increase dramatically.

The state's nursing shortage is largely due to two factors: A lack of faculty at the state's nursing colleges and a lack of clinical space in which to train students.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed 2008 budget would fund 500 additional nurse educators who will provide the capacity to train 3,000 new nurses over three years. Without these new nurses, Michigan's ability to ensure accessible, affordable health care services will be seriously compromised.

Nurse recruitment remains a top priority for every Michigan hospital. We urge the legislature to approve the governor's proposal to fill these critical health care jobs and to train a new generation of Michigan nurses.

Bill Jackson
President
Charlevoix Area Hospital

NORWOOD PLANNERS IGNORE ORDINANCE

Editor:

The article which appears on pages 11 and 12 of our February 21, 2007 issue (entitled "Norwood condo plan passes planning commission") is both true and untrue. (Courier staff writer) Benjamin Gohs was not at the meeting so his information came from (Norwood Township Planning Commission chairman) Mr. (Tom) Mielke. We know this to be true because Mr. Mielke proudly told us all at the Norwood Township Board meeting on Feb. 19 that he had spent a great deal of time interviewing with "the press" regarding the meeting and therefore he deserves a big salary increase to cover the time he has to spend doing interviews, etc. If Mr. Gohs had been at the meeting it would have saved the taxpayers of Norwood Township some money, and would perhaps have led him to a more correct article.

It's interesting that the two board members who were absent were considered people who should be interviewed regarding a meeting where they were not present. Regarding (Norwood Township Planning Commission vice-chairman) Mr. (Jerry) Straub though it isn't made clear in the article that Mr. Straub was chair of the planning commission in 2005 when the plan was first proposed in 2005 and was defeated unanimously because (Norwood Estates developer) Mr. (Wayne) Boss did not have all of his required permits. In 2007 he (Boss) again appeared before the planning commission without all of the required permits and was given an approval with conditions.

Our ordinance requires that all permits be available for scrutiny by the planning commission before the proposal is heard. What has changed here besides the members of the planning commission? Though Mr. Mielke says they were following the law, they did not follow the zoning which requires low density single family dwellings in RR1. Also, if Mr. Boss applied for a site condominium use for a 19-unit development, why is he given permission to do per lot permits. Aren't those things contradictory?

Norwood citizens need to be wary of the trend to ignore the provisions of the ordinance.

Marion Shea-Light
Secretary
Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety.

FINES FOR SWIMMERS OVERDUE

Editor:

I read your article regarding channel swimmers to pay fine (page 1, Feb. 28 edition entitled "Council: 'You swim, you pay'"). I am so happy to see that finally something may be done about this awful past-time.

My husband and I own a condo on Lake Michigan and have a clear view of what is happening every summer on the pier. The pier jumpers have been getting bolder. They now wait until a boat approaches, jump in front of it and swim to the other side. So now both piers are being utilized. I was so shocked to see this last summer, and it just continued all summer with no one stopping them. I have seen boaters yelling at them and I think it is just awful that these idiots are putting a boater, who has the right to be in the channel, at risk of hitting a jumper. This is just insane that the city has let this go on for the last five years. With all the complaining of no jobs, there is a job you can create right there — a big bouncer to enforce the rules. And another thing, the quote from (Charlevoix police chief) Mr. (Gerard) Doan who stated that "an ordinance won't put an end to the problem because we still have people breaking the speed limit with speed laws," geez, what a dumb thing to say, this ordinance is very controllable, just pay someone and put that someone on duty.

Candi Murasky
Charlevoix

GOHS NEEDS A TASTE OF THE ISLAND

Editor:

My goodness Ben Gohs' Feb. 28 white tail column was hilarious (published on page 4, entitled "Misadventures of Gohs, friend and white tail"). "Rethink the shortcut through the petting zoo," indeed. Now stand by for the onslaught from the PETA folks.

A few years ago a great story about the annual St. Patrick's Day games on Beaver Island was picked up by Associated Press and went national. Several concerned people wrote to complain about how we were "tormenting the poor fish." They made an assumption. We had to write several nice letters explaining that the large trout was "put to sleep" by our island veterinarian before being frozen solid for the fish tossing event.

Please consider sending your most talented Mr. Gohs to Beaver Island for St. Patrick's Day Saturday, March 17. I promise he will get enough material for several columns. The games start a little after noon, island time. It's best to fly over Friday afternoon. Don't plan a Sunday departure too early.

In addition to the fish tossing contest the shopping cart race and fish stomp are also popular. Rumors of dwarf tossing and excessive adult beverage consumption are simply not true. Best wishes from America's Emerald Isle.

Steve West
Executive director
Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce

'THANKS' SUPPORTERS

Editor:

I would like to extend my gratitude and sincere thanks to those who participated in the benefit in my name on Saturday, Feb. 24 at Paul Bunyan Lanes.

The support and generosity I have felt from the community at large continues to touch my heart and remind me of the extraordinary kindness of people, whether they be friends, family or others of good will.

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Linda Roznoski

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Charlevoix team takes home Quiz Bowl crown

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Charlevoix High School's winning team from the Feb. 23 Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District invitational quiz tournament includes (from left) Geoff Baier, Logan Priess, Kyle Smith, Jeff Miller and coach Bryan Hawkins.

A quiz bowl team from Charlevoix High School took top honors Friday, Feb. 23 in Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District's third quiz tournament of 2006-07, which was hosted by North Central Michigan College.

"The finish was incredible, with two undefeated teams going head-to-head in the championship round," said Barry Cole, quiz bowl coordinator for Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. "The match wasn't decided until the last question with the Charlevoix A team just squeaking by the Petoskey A team 215 to 210."

This was the first year of competition for Charlevoix, the newest member of the league.

Charlevoix is coached by Bryan Hawkins. The league was started by Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District in 2000 to bring academic teams together for friendly competition.

Six schools attended the event, with all of the schools entering teams in two divisions. Each team played the five others in their division. After five rounds, records were compared and the top two teams in each division played a semifinal round for first through fourth place.

The third and fourth teams in each division then played for places five through eight and so forth.

Two more Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District tournaments are set for March 16 and April 13, with top teams advancing to a state championship April 20-21 at Michigan State University.

For more information, contact Cole at (231) 347-0656.

Girl Scouts earn and learn through annual cookie sale ending March 11

Courtesy photo

Girl Scout cookie sales are going on now. Pictured here are Charlevoix Girl Scout troop members and leaders (front, from left) Rachel Nesburg, Beth Gower, Hannah Ochs, Lauren House, Madison Olach, Natalie Nesburg, (back, from left) Julia Sape, Gracie Ochs, Olivia Jeakle and Alexandria Snabes. Haley Campbell is missing from the picture.

As part of its community service, local Brownie Troop #253 recently made Valentine's Day cards which were donated to Charlevoix Area Hospital. While the girls do many projects to earn their "try-it" patches, many of their activities focus on community service. The troop, which operates under the direction of leader Maura Snabes, and co-leaders Carol Ochs and Hope House, is currently recycling cans and bottles and the money raised will be donated to a local charity of the girls' choosing.

The Girl Scouts will also be selling cookies until March 11. The cookie sale is the Girl Scouts largest fundraiser and teaches scouts valuable life skills and business literacy. Through the sale they practice skills such as money handling, budgeting and planning and learn the importance of knowing their product and servicing customers with a friendly smile.

Girl Scouts also get an appreciation for others with the Gift of Caring program.

Through Gift of Caring, girls have the opportunity to help less fortunate members of the community or show appreciation for public service employees. Each year, individual troops select a local non-profit organization to receive donated boxes of cookies. This year, some of the donations will be going to BASES, the Women's Resource Center Safe House and Humane Society Volunteers.

There are eight varieties of cookies to choose from including Samoas, Trefoils, Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Dosidos, All Abouts, Café Cookies and the all-new Little Brownie. All varieties are $3 per box.

For more information about the cookie sale, call the Charlevoix Community Cookie Chair, Stephanie Brown, at (231) 547-9887.

Those with ideas for community service projects for any Girl Scout troop, are asked to contact Maura Snabes at (231) 547-5220.

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VanLoo — Allen

Courtesy photo

Darrel and Debra VanLoo of Charlevoix are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Marie VanLoo to Chadwick York Allen, son of Andrew and Pamela Allen, also of Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Charlevoix High School and Western Michigan University from where she received a bachelor of social work degree graduating Magna Cum Laude. She currently works as program associate at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The groom-to-be graduated from Charlevoix High School and is currently working as end effector assembly supervisor at Destaco Automotive Group in Charlevoix.

The couple is planning a June 16 wedding in Charlevoix.

Celebrate St. Patty's Day at St. Mary dinner on March 17

St. Mary Church will host a community St. Patrick's Day dinner from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 in the family center, located on 1003 Bridge St.

Corned beef and cabbage, ham, red skinned potatoes, vegetables, salad bar, breads and homemade pies will be served.

Adult tickets are $8, seniors are $6, children under 12 are $4. Family tickets are available for $25. Take-outs and delivery is offered. There will also be a cash bar.

For more information, call (231) 547-6652.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Ryan DeYoung and Julia Serrets, Charlevoix residents attending Western Michigan University were named to the school's dean's list for the fall 2006 semester. To be eligible, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average carrying at a minimum of 12 credit hours.

AQUINAS COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Joshua Fassett, a Charlevoix resident attending Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, was named to the fall 2006 semester dean's list. To be named to the list, the student must have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or above in a minimum of 12 hours or more graded credit in any semester.

OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Isaac Daniel Gilmore majoring in Christian education and pursuing a minor in history is attending the Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill. As a junior, he was named to the dean's list for the fall semester 2006. Isaac is the son of Dan and Jackie Gilmore of Charlevoix. To be named to the list, the student must have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATION CERTIFICATES

Laura Mulholland graduated in December 2006 from Ferris State University in Big Rapids receiving certificates in restaurant and food industry and hotel management. Grace Zerbe also graduated and received her certificate in supervision.

What's happening at the Library this week?

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Blueprint maps the path for Charlevoix's success

Blueprint suggestions:
DDA to continue its leadership
Broaden use of downtown
Create a sign system to direct guests to services and attractions
Encourage pedestrian traffic to ease traffic congestion

BY LOUIS NELLE
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix residents received the Cool Cities downtown blueprint Feb. 26 which addressed residents' main concerns including leadership, diversity, portraying a friendly atmosphere, traffic and parking among others.

Presenting Charlevoix's downtown blueprint was Doyle Hyett, chairman and co-owner of HyettPalma, a consulting firm which specializes in enhancing downtown districts.

"For the next five years, the state of Michigan will be working with you to implement this blueprint," Hyett said. "You can't have a first class town without a first class downtown."

To create a first class downtown, Hyett said the Downtown Development Authority should continue its leadership to enhance the downtown by targeting aggressive business development.

In order to create a diverse downtown, Hyett said the city should broaden the downtown's uses by clustering "impulse-oriented businesses" on Bridge Street and by using more outdoor seating for dining.

Types of services to concentrate on Bridge Street include retail, food, art and entertainment. To maintain stores' locations, Hyett said the city should continue to prevent office businesses from operating in street level spaces on Bridge Street. Rather, these businesses should remain on side streets or on the upper floors of buildings.

By concentrating services, Hyett said each type of business will be located where it will most benefit the community.

"There's an appropriate place for virtually everything in this downtown," said Hyett. "And everything should be in its appropriate place, which is what clustering is all about."

Dining also plays a major role. Hyett said outdoor seating generates a lot of money.

"You need to have the maximum amount of outdoor seating … including your sidewalks, including your rooftops, including your decks," said Hyett.

To encourage outdoor seating, Hyett said the city should allow tables and chairs in the public right-of-way and allow restaurants to serve alcohol with food at outdoor tables.

Aside from creating a diverse downtown, Hyett said the city should stress the downtown's valuable resources and portray the area as welcoming so guests can enjoy Charlevoix's attractions.

Hyett said the city can accomplish this in several ways. First, Charlevoix should design a sign system to direct tourists throughout the downtown area.

"The wayfinding system should include signs leading to public parking, you need to lead people to public restrooms and you need to sign East Park as East Park," said Hyett.

By attracting more people to the area, though, traffic and parking will become even worse. Hyett suggested improving hiking and biking paths to support pedestrian traffic and ease vehicle congestion.

To further encourage pedestrian traffic, Hyett said the city could improve pedestrian safety on the bridge by installing a railing at the curb line to direct pedestrians away from the traffic. The city could also create a wider walkway on the bridge to increase the space between people and vehicles.

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Keith Carey leading candidate in authority's search for coordinator

BY LOUISE NELLE
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

After receiving the Charlevoix Cool Cities downtown blueprint from HyettPalma on Monday, Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority discussed hiring a downtown coordinator to help implement the blueprint and coordinate activities.

In order to implement any changes, authority members said Charlevoix needs an individual to coordinate downtown activities, to act as a mediator between businesses and city government and to explore funding opportunities.

Keith Carey

Downtown Development Authority officials are looking at Cool Cities coordinator Keith Carey as the best candidate based on his performance throughout the Cool Cities project.

Carey's contract which was approved in November 2006 is for $3,500 a month for three to six months and will expire at the end of March. At that time the authority members have said they would like Carey to continue working for the city as the downtown coordinator.

On Feb. 28, the Downtown Development Authority unanimously voted in favor of Carey. Authority members Norman Carlson Jr., Fred DiMartino and Kirhy Dipert will negotiate a new contract with Carey and bring it back to the board for approval at the next regular meeting.

At the recent meeting, authority members also revisited HyettPalma's suggestion to remove parking meters from Bridge Street to create a more customer-friendly downtown. Authority

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Area Church Services

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Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

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Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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Peaine voters reject road millage, again

Road millage proposal fails in 68-32 vote

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Peaine Township voters have spoken again.

On Feb. 27, 68 percent of registered voters who cast a ballot in the Beaver Island township voted down a six-year, 1-mill road maintenance millage. The final vote was 68 against the millage and 32 in support of it.

"It was pretty clear — 100 voters is a grand turnout this time of year on Beaver Island," said Peaine Township supervisor, John W. Works Jr.

The same millage request was turned down by a 60 to 45 vote in August 2006. According to Works, the township won't be back any time soon to ask for more road millage money.

"This is twice now, no (we won't pursue another millage request). I'm disappointed but the people spoke. I felt pretty beat up after it. I tried," Works said.

Prior to the election, Works said he made about 75 phone calls to township residents to make sure they understood the request and planned to vote. But he said his efforts were thwarted hy a resident group opposed to the millage.

"There's a couple people who started calling people telling them to vote 'No.' They derailed the thing. They convinced the people that we didn't have a plan, saying we weren't clear," Works said.

However, Works feels the message that funding is short for dust control and gravel was clear. And now the only thing left unclear will be the roads where he said dust plumes could be a problem this summer.

"The cost of gravel and dust control will go up this year. So basically we'll do what we can. If it rains once a week, dust won't he a problem," he said.

But if drought conditions that have plagued the island over the past three years return for round four, Works said residents and visitors will feel the environmental, health and infrastructure problems that come with it.

He said the dust is an environmental concern in that it coats trees along the roadway, is a health concern for those who breath it and is an infrastructure nightmare.

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> PEAINE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

"Every cloud of dust you go by, that's a pound of the road leaving," he said.

While Works isn't thrilled with the outcome, he said he understands the apprehension of fellow residents who may not want to fork over more tax money.

"Michigan is in a terrible spot right now, especially northern Michigan. It's tough times. As a business owner myself, I'm concerned about the future," he said.

Peaine Township currently levies one mill for road maintenance which assists in upkeep of its over 72 miles of county roads. This five-year millage was renewed 78 to 29 in August 2006. The failed millage would have been in addition to that.

Existing approved millage levies in Peaine Township
- Operational millage 2.3086 mills
- Fire protection .6930 mill
- Transfer station 1.1786 mills
- Roads 1 mill
- Airport .6626 mill

DDA to offer Carey coordinator's position

CAREY

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members also insisted on-street parking be strictly reserved for customer use and are considering the firm's suggestion to incorporate multi-purpose buildings into the downtown, to provide sub-level parking in addition to the services provided by the upper floors.

One suggestion which both the Downtown Development Authority and the public strongly support is to put an ice skating rink back into East Park to create more winter activities and boost the downtown.

In the past, a natural ice rink has not fared well in the park.

"If you're going to put an ice skating rink down in the park you're either going to have to have an artificial one that's not real ice or you'll have to refrigerate it," said Downtown Development Authority member and Carlson.

Downtown Development Authority member Dan Barron said it would he wise to wait until the renovation of East Park has been completed before determining the rink's location.

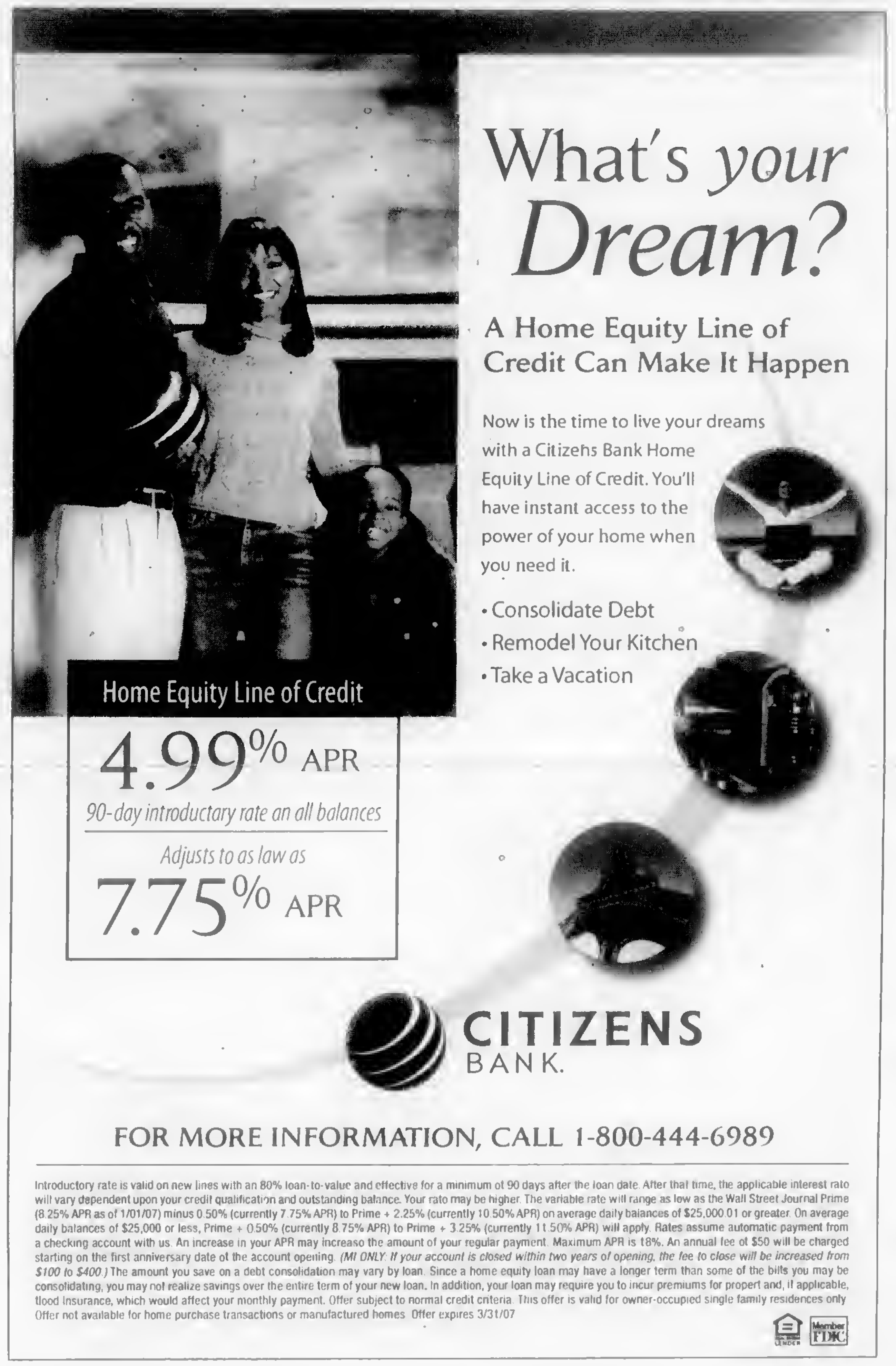
Louise Nelle can be contacted at 439-9339, or lnelle@petoskeynews.com.

What: Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority considers hiring downtown coordinator.

Who: Frontrunner for the job is Keith Carey.

Who is Carey: A 31-year-old Charlevoix native, who was hired in November 2006 as coordinator of the Cool Cities project.

Carey's Cool Cities contract: The contract approved with Carey for $3,500 a month expires this month.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St. Mary teachers start Angel Scholarship

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Teachers at St. Mary School have decided to commemorate the school's 100th anniversary by starting a St. Mary's Angel Senior Scholarship for alumni. Alumni in the graduating class of 2007 from local high schools will be eligible to receive a $500 scholarship. Pictured above are St. Mary staff members who contributed to the scholarship. They are (front, from left) Joe Solomon, Renée Golovich-Keie, Leslie Hoffman, Becky Wimmer, Jenny Diebold, Linda Moore, (back, from left) Mindy Joy, Keisha Veryser, Amy Putman, Mary Plude, Laura Stebe and Kathleen Dvoracek. Lori Bolt, Don Neidert and Monica Mailloux are missing from the picture.

Charlevoix High School senior, Brecklind Golovich-Keie is hoping scholarship opportunities will offset her costs to attend college.

Brecklind has been accepted at private colleges including Lake Forest College in Illinois and Albion and Aquinas, two Michigan schools.

She's leaning toward Lake Forest where annual tuition for the 2007-2008 school year is expected to reach over $30,000.

While she's been awarded a scholarship from Lake Forest, an institution that symbolizes her scholastic future, she's also applying for a scholarship from the Charlevoix school where she started her academic journey — St. Mary School.

"St. Mary gave me a good foundation for my morals and values. Those will be with me throughout my life. All the teachers taught me to work hard," said Brecklind who carries a 3.7 grade point average.

Graduates of the class of 2007 from local schools who attended St. Mary School from Kindergarten through sixth-grade will be the first group eligible for the St. Mary's Angel Senior Scholarship.

Brecklind's mother, Renée Golovich-Keie, who is the Kindergarten teacher at St. Mary School, established the scholarship in conjunction with her fellow teachers at the school and St. Mary Church parish employees.

"I've been in education for 26 years and have seen so many students graduate," Renée said. "We believe in these kids even when they're gone. Their education is important to us. It's about ongoing education and supporting youth."

The $500 scholarship at this time is composed entirely from donations from 15 school and parish staff.

"If everyone gives a little something it turns into a whole lot," Renée said.

Aside from attending St. Mary School, eligibility also requires applicants to pursue a two or four-year program at a college, university or trade/technical program.

To apply, eligible candidates must submit an essay of no more than 250 words on how their experience at St. Mary School impacted their lives.

The essays will be reviewed and the winner determined by a panel consisting of teachers, St. Mary School principal Keisha Veryser and Anne Kelly, a parishioner and former St. Mary School teacher.

The deadline for submissions is April 1. Applications are available from 8 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. Monday through Friday at the school.

The winner will be announced on May 1.

St. Mary School currently offers a preschool through sixth-grade program in which 76 students are enrolled.

For more information about the scholarship or to donate, contact St. Mary School at (231) 547-9441.

Community input sought for superintendent search

Charlevoix-Emmet ISD to host March 8 public forum

Jim Cooper

Area residents will have an opportunity to help Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education members identify the characteristics they want in a superintendent during a community forum from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, March 8, in the Charlevoix High School Auditorium.

Interim superintendent Jim Cooper announced earlier this month he is leaving the district on June 30. The school board has asked Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District (Char-Em ISD) to assist in the search.

As part of the search process, the ISD will host a series of forums to gather input from the community and school personnel on what they want to see in a superintendent.

At the forum, Char-Em ISD Superintendent Mark Eckhardt will go over the tentative time frame to fill the position by July 1.

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High school offers catering to save food service program

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix High School culinary department is now offering catering in the area.

Started last month as a means to help keep the culinary department solvent, head cook and 14-year veteran of the high school's kitchen, Lori Brown, said she and her staff of six have catered several events.

"This program helps the culinary funding because (school officials) are looking at privatizing," Brown said. "We'd like it where the culinary department runs the culinary department and we're trying to keep away from school funding."

She added, "We're almost there, but we have the high cost of insurance and that kills us."

Charlevoix Public Schools budgeted $15,000 out of their operational fund for the 2006-2007 school year for the food service program.

"What we would do, if they made more than enough to cover the cost of the food service program, is that money would remain in the food service program and we could use it to offset future years' costs," said the school's business manager, Shawn Biddle. "We could use the money to purchase more equipment for the food service program or tables and chairs for the common area."

Biddle said the catering program is the result of a recommendation which came out of last year's financial steering committee. And added Charlevoix schools are not actively looking at privatization.

For those concerned that the school could potentially compete with local caterers, Biddle said, "It's something we're sensitive to as a district. It is not our intention to be taking revenue from local businesses, so we are trying to be sensitive to that and trying to do marketing to our staff and parents."

She added, "We will probably concentrate on high school graduation parties. That will be one of our main focuses."

Brown said her prices are competitive with other local catering companies.

"We're not trying to hurt anybody in town, we're just trying to keep our prices all the same," she said.

While the local economy is a big concern for school officials, Biddle said, "We are also sensitive to the expectation that we are doing everything as a district to generate revenue for the schools."

Owner/operator of Charlevoix Subway and father of two Rayders, Terry Amick, said the school's new business won't affect his catering profit one bit.

"I don't have a problem with it. If they can make some money, that's fine," he said. "It may help teach the kids how to run their own business somewhat."

Brown said she would hate to see the culinary department abolished only to have a fast food company be responsible for feeding students.

"I hate it (fast food in schools). That would be one thing I would put up a picket line in front of the school to stop — Burger King or McDonald's food coming in to the schools is a bad choice and I'm a firm believer in healthy choices," she said. "If you're going to get fat, get it from bread and cheese, not French fries."

Brown said her French fries are made with soy oil, a zero trans fat cooking oil.

"It is way, way healthier with zero trans fat in it. It's almost like taking a French fry and baking it instead of frying it," she said.

Another downside to privatization, Brown said, is that the kids are already familiar with the culinary staff.

"You wouldn't know how safe the food is and people that are hired with a privatized company don't have background checks and we do," she said. "And, we love the kids."

While one of the major reasons for the new catering service is monetary, Brown is pleased to offer some real life work experience for the couple of high school students she has working in her department.

"Our main goal will be to show the kids how to serve properly, how to sanitize properly," she said. "I think they'd get a lot of learning out of this. They will learn the classy way of doing things and the right way of doing things."

While it is not a teaching class per se, students working in the culinary department receive a half credit for their effort.

Brown's caterers will serve food within most of Charlevoix County.

"We have nice sandwiches and fruit and veggie trays and even dinners from chicken Kiev and chicken salad croissants to prime rib," she said. "We're trying to stay away from weddings and bigger events, but we could do... a couple hundred (people)."

Anyone interested in hiring Brown and company can call her at (231) 547-3222 extension 2030 or Shawn Biddle, Charlevoix Public Schools business manager at 547-3200.

"I'm totally excited about it," Brown said. "I love doing this kind of stuff."

She added, "Getting it going is the hard part, but because we all love to cook, it will be fun."

Menus will be forthcoming at a later date.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Mike Washburne gets ready for the lunch rush at Charlevoix High School on Thursday, Feb. 28. The food service program, which hopes to stave off potential privatization in the future.

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Rozema suit against Charlevoix County settled

Former county employee claimed damages over $400,000

BY FRED GRAY
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Jacqueline Rozema, who was awarded a half-million dollar settlement last May in a suit against Charlevoix County and her one-time employer, former county prosecutor Mary Beth Kur, has settled a second suit against the county for an undisclosed amount.

Last week, Charlevoix County clerk Jane Brannon told the Petoskey News-Review that Rozema's suit for the medical benefits she alleged had been denied her was settled in December of last year.

She said papers confirming the settlement were recently filed with the clerk's office. Brannon told the Petoskey News-Review the settlement could not be disclosed to the public.

In her suit Rozema claimed damages of at least $400,000 for medical benefits she alleged were denied her when she was "constructively discharged" by Kur.

Rozema claimed that prior to resigning, she had been assured that she was entitled to, and would receive, retirement health benefits for herself and her husband for life upon retirement.

She claimed that two days after she and her colleague Sandra Ward were awarded more than $1 million by a Charlevoix County Circuit jury, the county terminated her health benefits.

Rozema claimed the denial of health benefits was a violation of the Michigan Whistleblowers' Protection Act, which was the basis for the suit she and Ward had filed against the county and Kur.

At the time of filing, Brannon said Rozema was not entitled to the health benefits. Brannon said that in order to retain retiree health benefits Rozema would have to draw a pension, but she was not eligible to retire because she did not have enough years of service credit.

In May 2005, a six-member jury found that Kur had "constructively discharged" Rozema and Ward through abusive behavior that created intolerable working conditions in the office.

The verdict came at the end of a seven-day trial of the suits that had earlier been dismissed by Grand Traverse Circuit Judge Thomas Power for lack of merit. Power later allowed the suits to be heard under an amended complaint based on the state's Whistleblowers Act.

Rozema and Ward alleged they were made victims of "serial retaliation" and "workplace violence" by Kur for testifying under subpoena in a Whistleblowers lawsuit brought against Kur and the county by John Jarema after he was fired as chief assistant prosecutor in 2002.

Jarema was subsequently elected Charlevoix County prosecutor.

In the subsequent lawsuit, Rozema stated that the county's personnel committee found that conditions in Kur's office were intolerable for her and others, but refused to ameliorate them.

Rozema stated that after she left her job, she was paid no further salary but her health insurance was continued.

She claimed that even after she left, she was informed in writing that her lifetime health insurance benefits would continue for life if she terminated employment.

On April 15, 2004, Rozema submitted a formal written resignation/early retirement to the county and Kur, informing them she was doing so under protest.

She stated that the May 2005 verdict did not include an award for future health insurance benefits, because they had been voluntarily guaranteed by the county to continue for life.

Subsequently, Rozema's attorney negotiated a settlement agreement with the county and the prosecuting attorney that expressly included a term that her existing health insurance benefits would not be impaired.

According to the lawsuit, two days after the settlement agreement was finalized, the county canceled Rozema's lifetime health insurance benefits, and she and her husband were required to pay about $1,000 a month for the health benefits she had received, without payment by her or her husband, up to and including the date of settlement.

Rozema claimed that over the course of their lives, the cost of medical insurance for her and her husband would exceed $300,000, and sued for an additional $100,000.

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Conservancy tackled 24 land protection projects in 2006

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Mary Faculak (pictured fourth from left) stands with other local conservationists at the dedication of the protection of her 232-acre Lakeview Ranch along U.S. 31 in Charlevoix County. A conservation easement permanently protects the scenic views and farmland heritage of her private land.

A year's worth of conservation work by the Little Traverse Conservancy resulted in the completion of 24 land protection projects that placed 3,475 acres of land into permanent protection either as nature preserves or with conservation easements.

The protected land includes nearly nine miles of lake, river or stream shoreline throughout the organization's five-county service area. In addition, the organization continued its year-round environmental education programs, managed its more than 175 nature preserves and monitored 153 conservation easements on privately owned properties.

The following are some of the 2006 Charlevoix County land protection highlights:

- The protection of 456 acres of Charlevoix County land along U.S. 31 through the purchase of development rights and the donation of a conservation easement.
- The creation of the 40-acre Jordan River Nature Preserve thanks to successful fundraising effort that included local businesses and a coalition of conservation organizations.
- The creation of a new 40-acre preserve on Horton Creek thanks to funds donated for the purchase and a bargain sale by the landowners.
- The acquisition of the former Coast Guard Life Saving Station on Beaver Island for the Central Michigan University Biological Station, a property which includes 400 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline.

To find out more about the Little Traverse Conservancy and opportunities to protect private land, visit www.landtrust.org or call (231) 347-0991.

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The Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra will be joined by the Traverse Youth Orchestra on Sunday, March 11 at the Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center for the first Youth Orchestra Festival in northern Michigan.

March 11 Youth Orchestra Festival features Crooked Tree and Traverse youth

A Youth Orchestra Festival featuring the Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra and the Traverse Youth Orchestra will take place at 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 11 in the Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center.

This is a special event combining youth orchestra groups from around the region. The festival performances by the Traverse Youth Orchestra include "The Overture to Egmont" by Beethoven under the direction of Tom Riccobono. The Crooked Tree Youth Orchestra will perform "The March to the Scaffold" from the Symphonie Fantastique by Berlioz and the "Berceuse and Finale" from The Fire Bird by Stravinsky under the direction of Robert Dudd.

In addition the youth orchestra members will join together to form one large festival orchestra performing "The Danse Infernale" from The Fire Bird and movements from Dvorak's "New World Symphony."

This performance is free and open to the public.

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Garden Club membership drive

(Above) Charlevoix Evening Garden Club Officers from right to left, president Kathy Hartmann, treasurer Karen Joy, secretary Cyndi Urban and vice-president Robin Pearson. Charlevoix Evening Garden Club is holding a membership drive from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13 at Charlevoix Public Library. The club meets the second Tuesday of every month to enjoy guest lectures and field trips on a variety of topics including herbal teas, pest control, garden tool care, holiday crafts and of course gardening. Members maintain the gardens at the three "Welcome to Charlevoix" signs and assist with maintenance of the Depot Heritage Garden. In addition, they participate in community projects like the annual petunia planting, junior master gardener classes and the construction of the water garden at the new library.

Assembly of God hosts 'Date with Destiny' retreat

Charlevoix Assembly of God Women's Ministries is hosting a day retreat for women from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The church is located at 05291 M–66 North, near Castle Farms. "Date With Destiny" features keynote speaker Deborah P. Bayard from Grand Rapids, three keynote sessions, praise and worship, prayer, luncheon, personal testimonies, communion, special music and drama and the opportunity for fun and friendship.

Bayard is an anointed speaker, teacher and worship leader. She is involved in music ministry, women's ministry, prayer ministry and serves as a lay mentor and counselor at First Touch Ministry as part of Grand Rapids First Assembly.

The cost for the retreat is $20 per person, which includes lunch. Register by March 18 by calling Ginger Stevens at the church office at (231) 547-6430.

Checks may be made payable to Charlevoix Assembly of God and sent to the church at P.O. Box 527, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Designate "Women's Retreat" in the memo line.

County Democrats to meet March 8 in East Jordan

The Charlevoix County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 8 at the East Jordan Senior Center, located at 110 Main St.

The program will include a report on the State Convention in Detroit and a discussion of the Voter Activation Network Program in preparation for the 2008 elections.

Anyone who would like to meet at the Jordan Inn for dinner at 5:30 p.m. before the meeting should contact the Jordan Inn at (231) 536-9906.

Hospice offers four-week Infant Loss Support Group

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is offering a four-week Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group for those who have lost an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or in the early months of life.

The sessions, which are part of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay's Safe Crossings Program, will meet from 6–8 p.m. beginning on March 13 for four consecutive Tuesdays at the Community Health Education Center, located at 360 Connable Avenue, across the parking lot from Northern Michigan Hospital's main entrance in Petoskey. The sessions will provide a safe and supportive environment for families grieving the loss of a baby.

Services provided through the Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group include telephone counseling and support, short-term counseling for individuals and/or the family, library books and other supportive materials, support mailings, newsletters and volunteer-parent mentors who have experienced similar losses.

"A pregnancy or infant loss can leave families with overwhelming emotions such as shock, guilt, anger or sadness," said Pam MacQuaig, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support coordinator. "This program was formed to offer hope, comfort and support for families facing such a loss."

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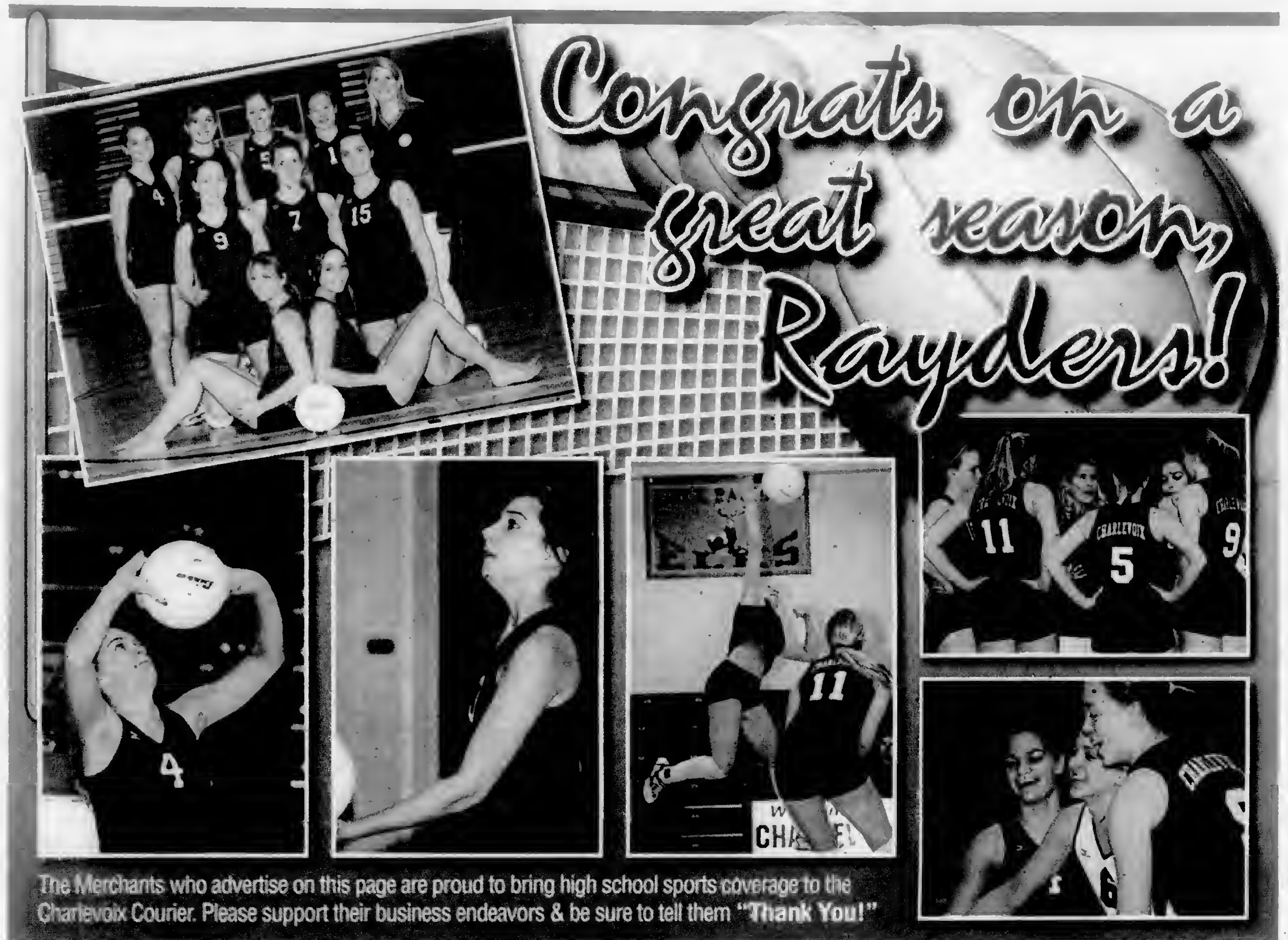
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AAA urges parents to 'Keep the Keys'

In light of new research that was recently released, AAA has issued a challenge to parents to "keep the keys" from their teen driver until a Parent-Teen Agreement is signed. AAA also challenged state legislators across the country to enact laws to strengthen existing graduated driver licensing (GDL) systems currently in place.

The research, "Nationwide Review of Graduated Driver Licensing," funded by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, shows that states that have graduated driver licensing systems with five out of seven components included in the study saw a 38 percent decrease in fatal crashes involving 16-year-old drivers. For injury crashes involving 16-year-old drivers, the decrease was 40 percent.

Traffic crashes are the number one cause of death for teens in the United States, killing more than 4,800 teens in 2005, according to NHTSA.

"Through this study, we have seen that the enactment of laws is key to improving teen driver safety," said Robert L. Darbelnet, AAA president and CEO, at a recent news conference in Washington. "So, today I am challenging legislators throughout the country to strengthen the GDL systems in their states to include the components that this study shows make a substantial difference in saving teen lives and reducing injuries."

The seven components of 'Keep the Keys' (shown in the graphic that accompanies this article) were chosen for that research because they were the most common components in graduated driver licensing systems throughout the country. They should not be considered an exhaustive list of safety provisions for teen drivers.

"This research shows we are definitely on the right track," said Darbelnet. "Easing teens into licensure by limiting their exposure to risky situations while they are gaining needed experience behind the wheel, saves lives."

Darbelnet also recognized that parents play an important role in keeping teens safe on the road, and challenged parents to have their teens sign a Parent-Teen Agreement that, "Spells out the rules for earning the privilege of driving, including components that this study shows work so effectively in GDL systems throughout the country."

A sample agreement can be found online at AAA.com/publicaffairs.

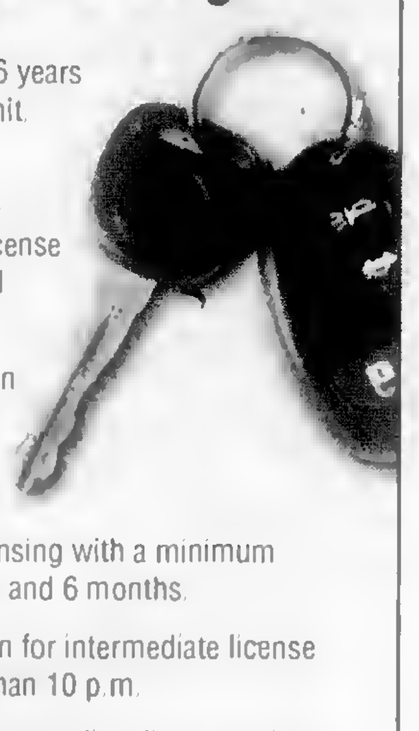
"Regardless of what the law is in their state, parents should set clear driving rules that include limiting night driving, no other teens in the car, and no cell phone use while driving, just to name a few," Darbelnet said.

Darbelnet also encouraged parents to get involved in the legislative process in their states by working to make the licensing requirements better.

"Ask your legislators to institute a three-stage graduated driver licensing system, to place effective limits on nighttime driving, and to set real limits for teen passengers," said Darbelnet. "It may be inconvenient for a parent to be the chauffeur for a while longer, but when it can save many lives, it's worth it."

Since its founding in 1902, the not-for-profit, fully tax-paying AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers. AAA clubs can be visited on the Internet at AAA.com.

The 7 components of 'Keep the Keys':



1. A minimum age of at least 16 years for receiving a learner's permit.
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5. A nighttime driving restriction for intermediate license holders, beginning no later than 10 p.m.
6. A passenger restriction for intermediate license holders, allowing no more than one passenger (except family members).
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Works by students within the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District are eligible to enter.

Young writers' works of both poetry and prose will be judged in elementary school, middle school and high school divisions.

The winning pieces in each school division in both poetry and prose will be published in the Petoskey News-Review on Friday, April 13. Awards in each of the categories will be presented at a reception at the arts center from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 14. At the reception, winning authors will have an opportunity to read their work publicly.

Students, teachers, family and friends are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

Entries by young writers in the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District will be accepted online only, at www.crookedtree.org from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 1-23. Entries must meet the following requirements: All work must be clearly labeled, computer generated and forwarded to Crooked Tree Arts Center by a teacher or principal or home school teacher or parent.

Prose work may be fiction or non-fiction and all poetic forms are acceptable. Works may be entered by accessing the Teacher Connection page on the Crooked Tree Arts Center home page. All prose work is limited to 1,000 words or fewer, while works of poetry are limited to 500 words or fewer.

Complete entry information is available at www.crookedtree.org under the link "Young Writers' Expo 2007."

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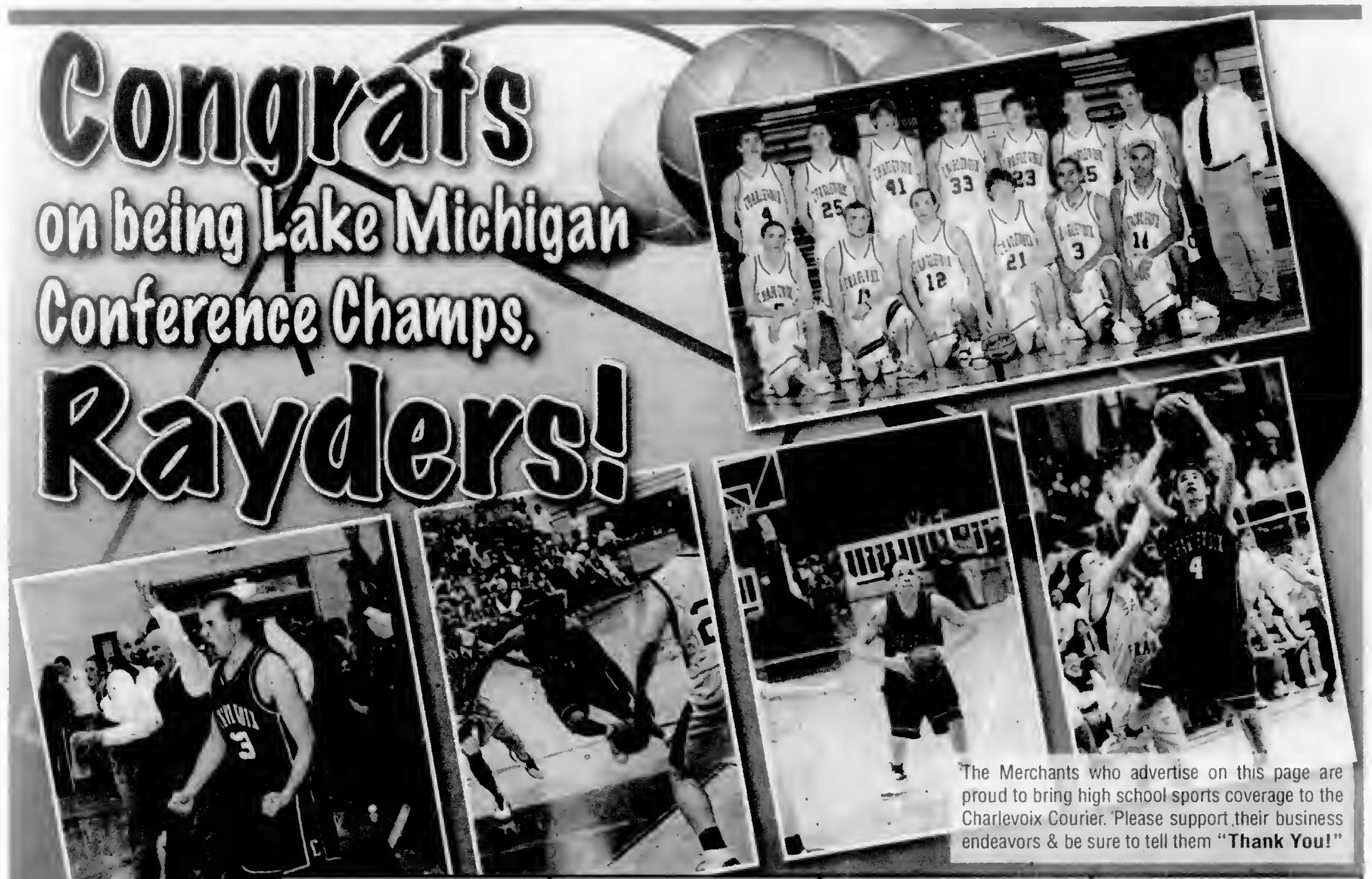
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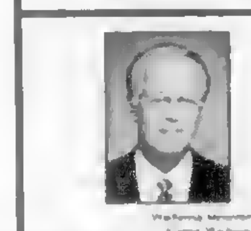
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Friske announces cherry recipe contest winners

Friske's 4th Annual Cherry Recipe Contest culminated a month-long celebration of National Cherry month.

Contestants and their families, friends, guests and staff watched and listened as the panel of judges tasted, commented and selected the winners.

Eleven finalists in two categories, soups and cakes/tortes, prepared their dishes for the judges.

The winners in the soup category are as follows: First place to Michelle Merrifield of Central Lake for her Cherry Plum Soup. Second place was awarded to Bonnie Thomas of East Jordan for her Southwest Tortellini Cherry Chowder. Third place was given to Laurie Hughes of Charlevoix for Lottie's Hot House Vegetarian Chili.

The winners in the cakes/tortes category are as follows: First place to Bethany Bowman of Boyne City for her Cherry Custard Torte. Second place was awarded to Janice Harvey of Charlevoix for her Bavarian Cherry Torte. Third place was captured by Betty Renner of Central Lake for her Cherry Almond Upside Down Cake.

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Winners were recently announced in Friske's 4th Annual Cherry Recipe Contest. Pictured above are the winners in the soup category. They are (from left) third place winners Laurie Hughes of Charlevoix for Lottie's Hot House Vegetarian Chili, first place winner Michelle Merrifield of Central Lake for her Cherry Plum Soup and second place was awarded to Bonnie Thomas of East Jordan for her Southwest Tortellini Cherry Chowder.

Following the judging and awards' presentations, everyone was able to sample the contestants' dishes.

The winning recipes are available at Friske's Farm Market, located 10 miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31 in Atwood or at www.friske.com.

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Winners in the cakes/tortes division of the Cherry Recipe Contest pictured above (from left) are second place winner Janice Harvey of Charlevoix, third place winner Betty Renner of Central Lake and first place winner Bethany Bowman of Boyne City.

Galley Gourmet offers kitchen 101 for Crooked Tree

Crooked Tree Arts Center is registering participants for their winter 2007 Culinary Arts Series.

The popular cooking series will be held from 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday night during February and March.

The following restaurants have agreed to share some of their culinary secrets with students: March 6 Chandlers; March 13 The Galley Gourmet; March 20 Stafford's Hospitality; and March 27 City Park Grill.

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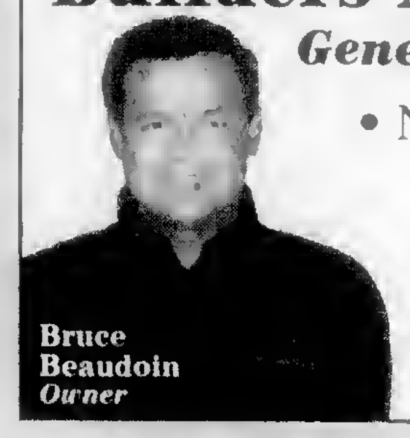

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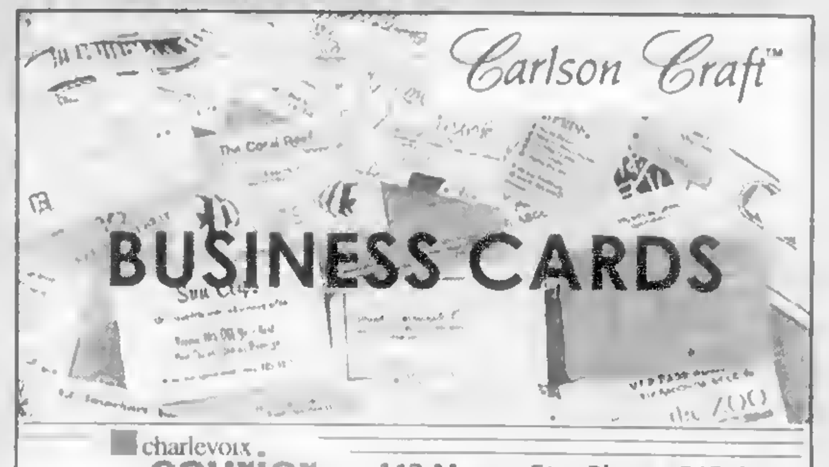

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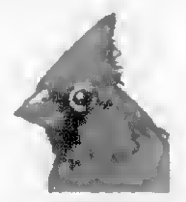

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The 19,000 square foot private jet hangar is in the early stages of construction, with footings and foundation now in place.

The private air hangar features several unique elements to its form and function. It is designed and being constructed to have enough clearance, entry space and accommodations to house large private jets. All finishes are very high-end and the facility will be highly customized. When complete, it will have a 105-foot wide by 28-foot tall sliding double-door that will allow private jets enough room to safely maneuver within the hangar for maintenance and storage. And 14 inches of concrete is being poured for the heated interior floor of the hangar. Also included in construction will be 3,000 square feet of office space for pilots and crew as well as a clubroom for the guests.

"Pelican Air Hangar is a highly specialized project in that we must create a space that is very secure, able to support the unique functions of a private jet hangar and look and feel like a first class facility from the moment you walk in," said Rockford Construction Company project manager, Eric Monroe. "Everything in this building is looked at with a scrutinizing eye so we're sure that when it is turned over, the owner will be completely satisfied."

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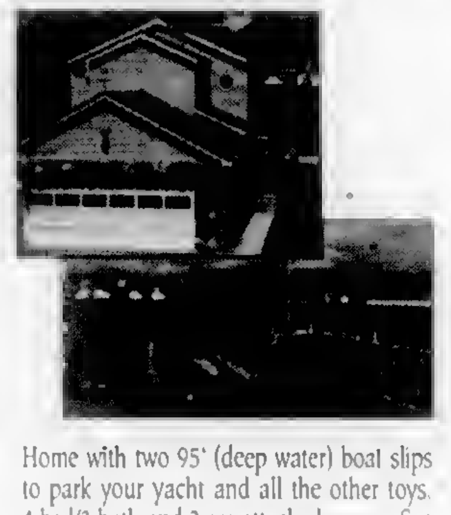

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New airplane hangar project underway

HANGAR

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The facility, owned by Pelican Products of Torrence, Calif., is expected to be complete in June 2007. The project is on schedule. Dixon Architects designed the facility. Rockford is serving as the general contractor and managing this project through its northern Michigan regional office, located in Traverse City. This is the second private jet hangar Rockford has been awarded in less than two years.

Local woman named Petoskey chamber membership director

Lisa Hoyt

The Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce has announced the hiring of a new membership director.

Lisa Hoyt, 37 of Charlevoix, joined the chamber's staff last month and was given the task of retaining and recruiting new members to the chamber, a 750-member business advocacy organization.

"Lisa comes in with the skills and experience to do the job," said the chamber's executive director, Carlin Smith. "We're excited to have her on the team and look forward to the ideas and expertise she will bring to the organization."

Hoyt has worked for nearly 15 years at LexaLite International in Charlevoix, most recently as international sales manager. Other roles she filled in that organization include marketing manager and media coordinator.

Hoyt was selected from nearly 40-applicants by a search committee made up of the chamber's executive director and members of the board of directors.

In addition to fostering strong member relations, Hoyt will also coordinate the chamber's communications pieces including the organization's monthly newsletter Back to Business. She will also provide the staff leadership for the chamber's Ambassadors and Membership Committees, and will be the staff leader for the chamber's networking events, Breakfast for Champions, the golf outing and Festival on the Bay.

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Rayder volleyball miss district title

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Aubrey Way dives for a save against Rogers City during district semifinals on Saturday, March 3. The lady Rayders will now spend some time recovering from a hard fought season before getting back into training for next season.

CHARLEVOIX — After earning an emotional, hard-fought victory over rival Boyne City in the Class C volleyball district semifinals on Saturday, Charlevoix knew it had a little more work to do in the finals against Rogers City.

Unfortunately, the Rayders couldn't match the intensity they showed against Boyne as they fell to the Hurons, 25-13, 16-26, 25-21, 20-25, 15-8.

It was Rogers City's first district crown since 2004, and the Hurons advance to the Saturday, March 10, regional at Gaylord High School.

"I'm still a little bit in shock," Charlevoix coach Liz Grunch said. "The girls got pretty fired up for Boyne City and I think we came in a little mentally exhausted for Rogers City.

"We just had a lot of errors against Roger's City. We had to play a lot of games going into that match and we had two girls go down with cramps. It was exhausting for us to play that many games."

Charlevoix advanced to the final with a 19-25, 25-23, 25-18, 25-23 victory over Boyne City, while Rogers City advanced by defeating Harbor Springs. Charlevoix opened the tournament with a 25-15, 25-19, 25-18 win over Inland Lakes.

The Rayders, Lake Michigan Conference champions, close a 41-12-1 season.

"We accomplished quite a bit this year," Grunch said. "We put another mark on the board for our program. We have nothing to hang our heads about and one game doesn't stamp out our entire season."

For the Rayders on the day, Aubrey Way had 98 assists, 34 digs, five blocks; Sasha Spencley added 45 digs, 23 kills and six blocks; Emily Heffling had 41 digs; Ashlie Bradley had 38 kills, 28 digs and five aces; Murphy Gillespie had 36 digs, 10 kills and four aces; Bethany Pearson had 30 kills and 17 blocks; Desi Faust had 34 kills; and Zita Anderson had 29 digs.

"We just didn't play that well against Rogers City," Grunch said. "We didn't play our game and we made too many errors at the wrong time.

"It's going to be hard to say good-bye to our seniors. A lot of them have been with me for three years, but our group is where it should be for next year. We should be just as competitive next year."

For Boyne City against Charlevoix, Jessica Nichols had 21 digs, 13 kills and two blocks; Lindsay Clemens had 41 assists; Stacey Spaniak had 21 digs; Lindsay Baic had 17 digs and eight kills; Amber Kotalik had eight kills and five blocks; and Jessica Kynsz had eight kills.

"We came out strong the first game, then we lost our momentum," Boyne coach Casie Parker said. "We never gave up. We've had a great season and are really going to miss the seniors."

The Ramblers finished 31-12-7.

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Desi Faust leaps above her teammates during Class C district competition last Saturday. The lady Rayders beat Boyne City, but were unable to best Rogers City.

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Basketball team just short of conference title

It took overtime to decide it and in a clash of arguably northern Michigan's top two basketball programs, Bellaire prevailed over Charlevoix, 64-59. Earlier in the week, the Rayders wrapped up the Lake Michigan Conference title, beating East Jordan, 52-46.

"I thought we outplayed them but we just couldn't get the ball to go in," Rayder coach Keith Haske said. "The thing that impressed me was that we were still in the game when we shot so poorly."

It looked as if Bellaire would win in regulation as they led 52-46 after sinking two free throws with 47.6 seconds left to play.

Ty Haske scored on a jump shot – capping off a run during which he scored six straight Rayder points. Then, after the Eagles made only one of two free throws, Nate LaBlance sank a three-pointer to cut the lead to 53-51 with 14 seconds to play.

Charlevoix fouled immediately on the inbounds and Bellaire missed two free throws to give the Rayders a chance with 12 seconds left.

LaBlance missed a three-point shot but Trevor Mays grabbed the offensive rebound and missed. Kyle Jones rebounded the shot and was fouled on his putback. He calmly sank two free throws with 0.8 seconds on the clock to put the game into overtime.

In overtime, however, Bellaire took control, scoring six straight for a 59-53 advantage. LaBlance sank a three to cut the lead in half, at 59-56 but Charlevoix would get no closer.

"Give (Bellaire) credit," Haske said. "They made some key free throws in overtime."

After stumbling at the line down the stretch in regulation, the Eagles were seven for 10 in the extra period.

LaBlance led the Rayders in scoring with 13 points. Ty Haske scored 12.

"Ty played a whale of a game, looking for his shot," coach Haske said. "And Nate really came up hig for us."

Against East Jordan, the Rayders fought off a sluggish start and a deliberate Red Devil attack. The score was tied at an uncharacteristic 14-14 at the half before Charlevoix took charge with a 23-7 third quarter bulge.

Mitch Crandall scored 15 points and Corey Gotshall added 10 to lead the Rayders.

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Rowley maintains giant slalom crown

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Defending state giant slalom champion Katherine Rowley (above) of Charlevoix-East Jordan maintained her crown at the Feb. 26 Division II state finals at Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs.

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Rowley won in 1 minute, 11.58 seconds. Rowley's finish was almost a full second ahead of second-place finisher Lucy Causley of Harbor Springs.

"I still can't believe I've won this two years in a row," said Rowley, a junior who now has five state medals in her stellar career. "It's an amazing feeling to be able to pull off two great runs like this."

The Charlevoix-East Jordan skiers did not qualify as a team to compete at the state finals.

Boyne City secured its first state ski title at the event. According to Boyne City ski coach Bob Simpson the Ramblers used a strong team performance in giant slalom to win the state championship

"I knew we'd do good in GS on this hill," said Simpson, who's coached both Boyne City teams since the mid 1980's. "I wasn't so sure about slalom. The slalom course was a long, hard course, but we didn't have hardly any disqualification's and in GS, we skied really, really well."

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

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	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	267	183
Ferguson & Chamberlain	240	210
Lutherans	239	211
Mark White Paint & Stain	230	220
Lakeshore Tire	224	226
R & C Roofing	214	236
State Farm Insurance	202	248
St. Mary's	184	266

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	563	
Jim Potter	632	237
Larry Potter	593	244
Bob Rozema		236

TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES
FEB. 27, 2007

	W	L
DM Construction	25	11
Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	21.5	14.5
Oleson's Food Store	19.5	16.5
Central Drug Store	18	18
St. Mary Cement	18	18
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	16	16
Paul Bunyan Lanes	14.5	14.5
Mary Ann's Takeout	11.5	11.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Cathy Sullivan	575	213
Janice Thanasiu		223
Jane Holm	540	
Leanna Mosoryak	526	205

YOUNG AT HEARTS
MAR. 1, 2007

	W	L
Sparetime	29	11
Past Timers	24	16
Misfits	24	16
Alley Cats	19.5	20.5
Twilighters	19	21
Irish Rollers	17	23
Half & Half	15.5	24.5
Has Beens	12	28

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Ralph Kitson	454	177
Bob Sutliff	492	
Chuck Metzger	472	174
Dick Wells		170
Nancy Bambach	450	158
Shirley Flower	416	163
Patty Sitzema	420	157

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE
FEB. 26, 2007

	W	L
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	20	8
Paul Bunyan Lanes	16	12
Bud's Buds	16	12
J Arnold Painting "2"	16	12
The Flight Deck	15	13
B VanLoo & Sons	10	18
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Darrel VanLoo	624	264
John Gregoy	551	
John Fiedorek	599	221
Greg Stachle		216

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	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	138	42
Laural & Company	85	95
Burger King of Charlevoix	79	101
Paul Bunyan Lanes	58	122

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	445	
Jane Holm	488	196
Connie Pischner		177
Mary O'Brien	498	174

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	W	L
Grunch/Crain	31	17
Webb	30.5	17.5
Browe	27	21
Blanchard/Crain	25	23
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Bradley	23	25
Spencer	22	26
A & J Russell	21	27
Patton	20	28
Sharrow/Roloff	20	28
Thomas	19.5	28.5
Potter	18	30
Sladek	18	30
Ferguson	17.5	30.5
Stein	16.5	31.5
Nordman	12	36

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jerry Russell	538	214
Joe Sladek	525	205
Gary Spencer		202
Jim Potter	505	
Lynette Webb	491	182
Amy Russell		174
Carla Spencer	460	171
Laural Sladek	448	

Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowlers of the Week:	Series	Game
Jim Potter of the Church League:	632	237
Cathy Sullivan of the Tuesday Night Ladies:	575	213
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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of THEODORE D. PIERCE, Deceased.
Date of Birth: June 20, 1921

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Theodore D. Pierce, the decedent, who lived at 218 Zeiter Lane, Central Lake, Michigan 49622 died on December 26, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Barbara A. Staph, Successor Trustee of the Theodore D. Pierce Living Trust, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: February 26, 2007

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-9941

Barbara A. Staph,
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103 Belvedere Avenue
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(L-03/05, 03/19)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

ROSEMARY BEAN,
Plaintiff,

v

File: 07- 570-21 -CH

JONATHAN EASTERWOOD and LYNETTE EASTERWOOD, their heirs, successors, assigns, executors and any claiming thereunder, Defendants.

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
Attorney for Plaintiff
111 State Street, Suite 1
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-4059

ORDER TO ANSWER

At a session of said Court, held at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan on the 22nd day of February 22nd, 2007.
PRESIDING: The Honorable Richard M. Pajtas

On February 20, 2007, an action was filed by the above named Plaintiff, against the above named Defendants, in the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, to quiet title to real property situated in the Township of Marion, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, and more specifically identified as follows:

Township of Marion, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, to-wit:

Commencing at a concrete monument on the North line of Section 23, Township 33 North, Range 8 West, 900.7 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Section; Thence South 30°45' East, 133.6 feet to en iron stake; Thence South 23°53' East, 592.57 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; Thence continuing South 23°53' East, 48.32 feet to an iron stake; Thence South 66°41' West, 56.35 feet to an iron stake on the shore of West Twin Lake; Thence North 19°39' West, 50 feet to point on said shore; Thence North 68°25' East, 52.69 feet to the Point of Beginning. The above described lot includes all land to the water's edge of West Twin Lake Southwesterly of the course between the points described on said shore and is intended to include all land between said lake and the county road.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants JONATHAN EASTERWOOD and LYNETTE EASTERWOOD, and any heirs, successors, assigns, or others claiming thereunder, and any other parties claiming interest shall answer or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before April 20, 2007. Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the complaint.

PLEASE NOTE that a hearing will be held on:

May 11, 2007, at 2:15 p.m.

in the Circuit Courtroom of the Charlevoix County Building in Charlevoix, Michigan, in connection with this matter.

Date Entered: 02/22/2007

Richard M. Pajtas
Circuit Court Judge
(L-02/28, 03/07, 03/14)

2091 PROPOSALS

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

ACCEPTING PROPOSALS

The City of Charlevoix will accept proposals until 2:00 p.m., March 15, 2007, in the office of the City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, for "Weeding Maintenance" of the petunia beds.

All proposals are to be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Petunia Weeding". Specifications can be obtained from and all inquires are to be directed to Street Superintendent Pat Elliott at (231)547-3276.

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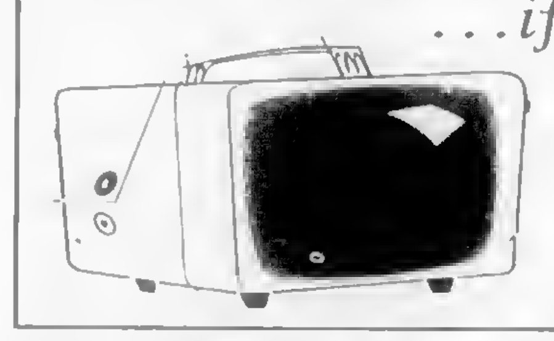

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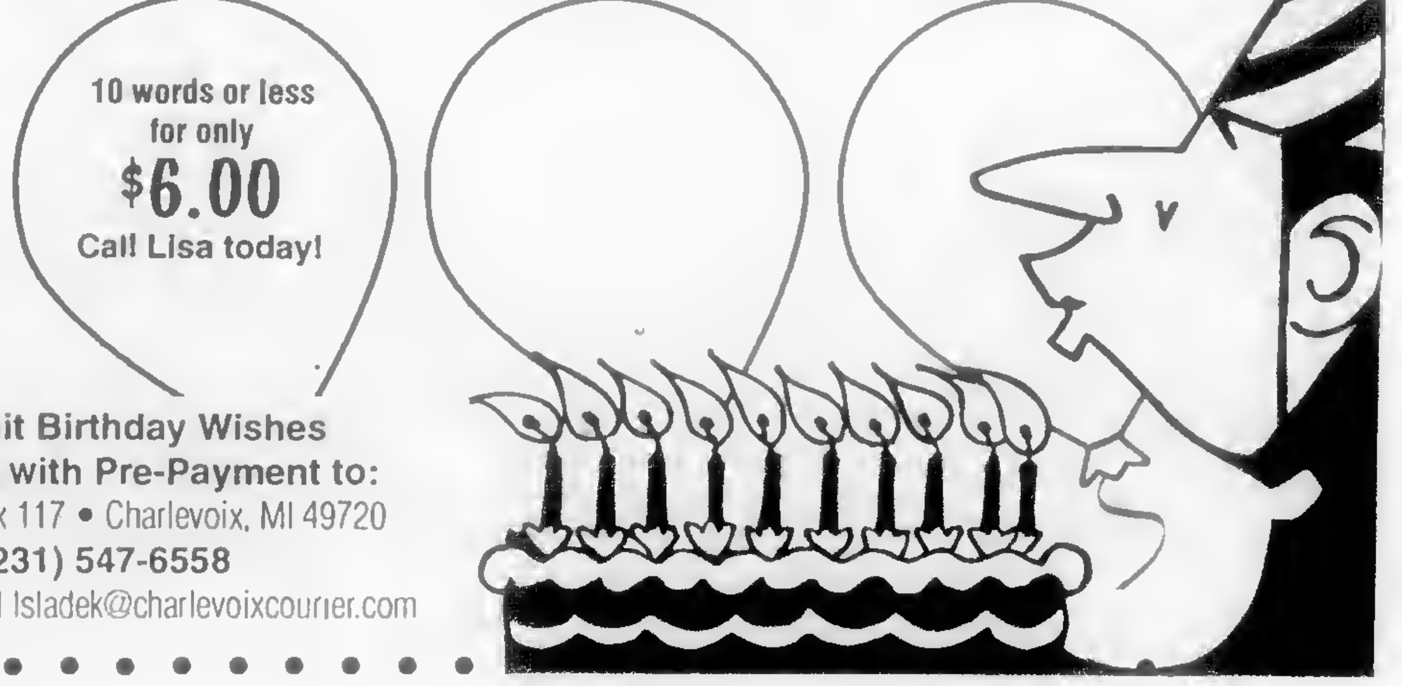

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THAT'S **MY** PHOTO!

The photos on this page taken by Charlevoix residents and visitors were submitted to the Charlevoix Courier for this monthly feature. Photos can be dropped off at the Courier office at 112 Mason Street or e-mailed to news@charlevoixcourier.com. Information about the photographer and photo, including when it was taken and a brief description of what is pictured must also be submitted.

Photo by Chris Martin

Charlevoix resident Chris Martin described the moment he took this shot as "spiritual." Martin was vacationing in Orlando, Fla. when he captured this majestic moment.

Photo by Dave Christiansen

Charlevoix resident Dave Christiansen took this rare image of bald eagles on Sunday, Feb. 18 on frozen Round Lake. As he approached them, the one on the right flew away.

Photo by Tom Conlan

Chairman of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Tom Conlan captured a picturesque view of a February sunset over Lake Michigan.

Photo by Janine Warner

Charlevoix resident Janine Warner took this picture while walking her girls on her property. The dog in front is Lady and the back one is Gaea and they are both 1-year-old. They are watching her other dog, a Border Collie named Gates, as she was lagging behind.

Photo by Bern Cannan

On Feb. 6, Charlevoix resident Bern Cannan took this picture of a rare occurance, the Pine River Channel iced over.

That's my photograph!

Photo by Mike Schlitt

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Officials debate to build or to renovate

SCHOOLS

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currently do not have a facility large enough to house the busses.

"As with your car, you can always make it last longer if you keep it in a garage rather than a driveway. We want to get the busses inside a building or under a canopy, and doing some combination of a bus garage/central office facility on that site would provide us some savings in a lot of ways," Trubilowicz said. "My vision is you would have a separate bus barn from a maintenance facility and wash rack. If that building was in the same part as central offices they could share a wall and share a heating plant, that would be a savings."

He added, "The plans haven't gelled yet, but we would try to utilize the parts of the building which are in relatively good shape

The building and grounds committee, which consists of board members Trubilowicz, Dean Spencley and Jeff Stevens, is awaiting a recommendation from an architecture and engineering firm.

"Both of these projects (bus barn and central office) have been on a short list of sinking fund projects," Trubilowicz said. "When we laid out the budget I think we had earmarked a half a million dollars just for central offices and obviously we would like to do it cheaper than that, so we could ideally pull off a savings."

If the board was to OK this particular plan, Trubilowicz said, "It would then be a matter of bidding out the project and ideally we would like to have something out there by next fall. A lot of that is going to depend on how the plan lays out."

Though the issue appears to be foregone, Trubilowicz addressed the repeated statements made by Connie Saltonstall, the person he feels was the roadblock to the school's acquisition of the 109 Clinton St. property, that she supported an even swap of the old library building for the new library building several years ago.

"The one thing that never seems to come out here is the problem for us at the time was the old library building was appraised at almost $600,000 and we had an offer for $750,000," Trubilowicz said. "We couldn't trade buildings and walk away from that kind of money. We would have lost $150,000 and then people would have been on us for that."

He added, "I'm disappointed (Saltonstall refused to sign off on the reverter clause) because we thought it was a great location for us."

While the library was willing to sell the 109 Clinton St. property to the school, the school would have been restricted to using the building for educational purposes in perpetuity or face having the property revert back to Saltonstall and her sister, the property's heirs.

The old library property, which is more than 6,000 square feet in size, was most recently appraised at $720,000.

"We're to the point with the old library we want to sell it and get our half of the money," Trubilowicz said. "We've gotten beyond our wishes and dreams and we're OK with it at this point."

Once the board's architect delivers a plan, the building and grounds committee and superintendent will make a recommendation to the full board.

What: School board members on the building and grounds committee are looking into the viability of using the nearly 3.8 acres of land located at 1021 May St. where the bus barn currently resides to build a new central office site.

Other options: Renovate existing central office or buy an existing facility.

What's next: Consideration of the building and grounds committee recommendation by the full Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education.

Parenting programs offered at local library

The Charlevoix Public Library is continuing to offer parenting programs in the youth activity center.

The free programs are geared towards parents and caregivers of young children and may count toward continuing education units for day care providers. Parents are welcome to bring their young children. Programs are held on three consecutive Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Activity Center of the Charlevoix Public Library.

"The New Scoop on Immunizations, Birth–College" will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13. Dr. Josh Meyerson, medical director of Northwest Community Health Agency, will discuss several new vaccines and recommendations for immunizations for your children.

"Music and Movement" with Gwen Sarya, music teacher at Concord Academy in Boyne City and Northwest Academy in Charlevoix, will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20. Gwen will lead a music exploration for toddlers using the Orff Schulwerk method of teaching young children music and movement. The Orff Schulwerk method encompasses singing, saying, moving and playing.

For more information about these or other youth programs at the library, call (231) 237-7350.

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MARCH 8
COUNTY DEMOCRATS TO MEET

The Charlevoix County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 8 at the East Jordan Senior Center, located at 110 Main St.

The program will include a report on the State Convention in Detroit and a discussion of the Voter Activation Network Program in preparation for the 2008 elections.

Anyone who would like to meet at the Jordan Inn for dinner at 5:30 p.m. before the meeting should contact the Jordan Inn at (231) 536-9906.

MARCH 8
LITTLE LEAGUE

Charlevoix Little League 2007 season registration for boys and girls, ages 7-14 will take place on March 8.

To be eligible to play a child must be 7 before April 30.

Registration will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on March 5 in the cafeteria at Charlevoix Middle School.

The cost is $45 per child. Family discounts are available. The registration cutoff date is March 16. A $1 fee will be assessed for late registrants. Children new to the league will need to have a copy of their birth certificate to register.

For more information, call Todd Klinger at (231) 590-0623.

MARCH 9
FRIDAY FEATURES

The Charlevoix Yacht Club's free Friday Features 2007 events lineup will feature a program entitled, "Get Optimum Performance from your Engine" at 7 p.m. on March 9 at the club, located at 209 Ferry Avenue. At the program, Don Voisin, crew chief for son Vince in the American Power Boat Association, will discuss what it takes to go fast and stay in top performance mode. The discussion will include an overview of the motors, propellers, maintenance and safety equipment required for optimum performance.

For more information, call (231) 547-9170 or visit www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

MARCH 10
CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

A Care for the Caregiver Conference will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 10 at the Friendship Center, 1322 Anderson Road in Petoskey.

The free event will serve persons caring for someone who is disabled due to chronic illness or disease, Alzheimer's, dementia, memory impairment, advanced age or terminal illness. Transportation and respite care is available.

Duane Pajak will present a talk on self care and stress management and Diane Lagerstrom, will present the topic "When you Forget What you Forgot." Other extras include chair massages and paraffin hand wax treatments.

Registration is requested by March 1. To register or for more information, call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or visit hospiceltb.org.

MARCH 13
CULINARY ARTS

Crooked Tree Arts Center is registering participants for their winter 2007 Culinary Arts Series.

The popular cooking series will be held from 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday night during February and March.

The following restaurants have agreed to share some of their culinary secrets with students: March 13 The Galley Gourmet; March 20 Stafford's Hospitality; and March 27 City Park Grill.

For more information or to register for a class, visit www.crookedtree.org.

MARCH 13
GARDEN CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Charlevoix Evening Garden Club is holding a membership drive from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13 at Charlevoix Public Library.

The club meets the second Tuesday of every month to enjoy guest lectures and field trips on a variety of topics including herbal teas, pest control, garden tool care, holiday crafts and of course gardening.

Members maintain the gardens at the three "Welcome to Charlevoix" signs and assist with maintenance of the Depot Heritage Garden. In addition, they participate in community projects like the annual petunia planting, junior master gardener classes and the construction of the water garden at the new library.

MARCH 13
THEATRE PARTY

Northern Community Mediation, a local nonprofit dispute resolution organization, will host a Theatre Party fundraiser on Tuesday, March 13 at the Petoskey Cinema, located at 1540 Anderson Road.

The evening will include appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages from 5:30 to 7 p.m., drawings for raffle and door prizes and your choice of movie at 7 p.m.

Tickets are $25 each.

For more information, call (231) 487-1771.

MARCH 14
BASEBALL CAMP

The 2007 Rayder Baseball Camp will take place on Saturdays, March 17, 24 and April 14 at Charlevoix High School.

The camp is open to all students, in first through sixth grades.

Camp times are 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for first through third graders and 10:30 a.m. to noon for fourth through sixth graders.

Campers will learn and practice all aspects of the game including pitching, hitting, fielding and base running. Camp counselors will be Charlevoix High School baseball coaches and players. Prizes will be awarded at the end of each session.

Camp cost is $15 with all proceeds benefiting the baseball program. All campers who register by March 10 will receive a camp T-shirt. Registration forms are available at Charlevoix Elementary School, Charlevoix Middle School and at Little League registrations on Feb. 28 and March 5, 8 and 10 at Charlevoix Middle School.

The sessions will take place either on the Rayder baseball field at Charlevoix High School or in the gym, depending on weather conditions.

For more information, call coach Allen Telgenhof at (231) 547-7388.

MARCH 17
THE GROUND TRUTH

The movie, "The Ground Truth: The Human Cost of War," will be shown at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 in Community Room A at the Charlevoix Public Library. This event, sponsored by the Veterans for Peace, is free and open to the public. Snacks and discussion will follow.

MARCH 24
WOMEN'S RETREAT

Charlevoix Assembly of God Women's Ministries is hosting a day retreat for women from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The church is located at 05291 M–66 North, near Castle Farms. "Date With Destiny" features keynote speaker Deborah P. Bayard from Grand Rapids, three keynote sessions, praise and worship, prayer, luncheon, personal testimonies, communion, special music and drama and the opportunity for fun and friendship.

Bayard is an anointed speaker, teacher and worship leader. She is involved in music ministry, women's ministry, prayer ministry and serves as a lay mentor and counselor at First Touch Ministry as part of Grand Rapids First Assembly.

The cost for the retreat is $20 per person, which includes lunch. Register by March 18 by calling Ginger Stevens at the church office at (231) 547-6430. Checks may be made payable to Charlevoix Assembly of God and sent to the church at P.O. Box 527, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Designate "Women's Retreat" in the memo line.

APRIL 14
CASH RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale for the 2007 Knights of Columbus 31st Annual Cash Raffle.

Ticket buyers will be entered to win cash prize including a $10,000 prize. Winners will be announced on April 14 at Castle Farms.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- Teen Advisory Group, 5 p.m., March 6.
- Writer's group, 6 p.m., March 7.
- Writer's group, 6 p.m., March 14.
- Flannel Appliqué Quilting class, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., March 15.

Youth Events

- Lapsit Story Time (birth – 3), 10:05 a.m., March 8.
- Pre-k Story Time (4-5), 10:30

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- Story Time (all ages), 3 p.m., March 13.
- Immunizations: Birth-College, 6:30 p.m., March 13.
- Stepping Stones Play Club, 10:30 a.m. to noon, March 14.
- Lapsit Story Time (birth – 3), 10:05 a.m., March 15.
- Pre-k Story Time (4-5), 10:30 a.m., March 15.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at (231) 237-0185.

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CLASS OF 1977

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DIVORCECARE

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HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

During the months of February and March the Harsha House Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The office side door will be open five days a week from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

GRANGE AUCTION

The Barnard Grange is planning an auction sale in spring 2007 in place of their annual Swiss steak dinner, to support its community service projects.

Those who wish to donate usable items or services may call (231) 547-9544.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRY

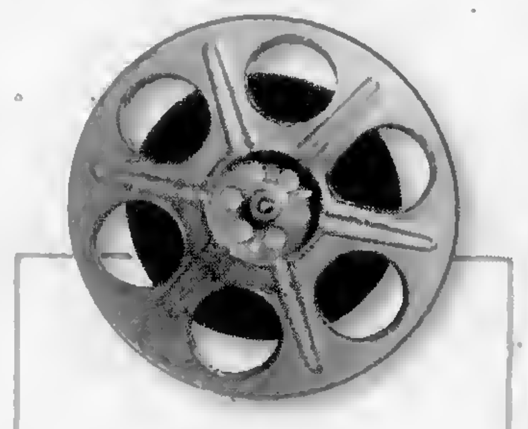
The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

FOOD PANTRY II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.



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Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 9 and 10, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. March 9, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. March 9 D.J.; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. March 10 TNT — country.

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Rayders reign

The Charlevoix High School varsity boys' basketball team claimed the Class C district championship on March 9. Charlevoix (20-3) defeated East Jordan, 82-58 to take the school's eighth district championship in the last nine years. (Above) Team members cheer as they accept their trophy. They are (front, from left) Charlie Hamilton and Justin Erskine, (center) Clifford Jones, Tyler Haske, Austin Wilhelm, Dan Swenor, Brad Cyr, Darron Munson, Kyle Jones, (back) assistant coach Bret Erskine, assistant coach Bryan Hawkins, coach Keith Haske, Nate LaBlance, Trevor Mays, Mitchell Crandall, Derek Friske, Justin Friske, Corey Gotshall, Jacob Hunt and assistant coach Jim Gels. Charlevoix began regional play Tuesday, March 13 at Gaylord High School against Traverse City St. Francis. The Gladiators eliminated the Rayders from the tournament in the regional finals last season. The winner of the St. Francis-Charlevoix game will advance to the regional finals against the McBain-Mio winner at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15 in Gaylord. For the complete story on the district win, see page 21 of this week's Courier.

Bellaire man charged in Central Drug Store holdup

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, March 6, local police, acting on a tip from Crime Stoppers, arrested the chief suspect in the mid-January attempted armed robbery of Charlevoix Central Drug Store.

Robert Jason Wilks of Bellaire, was arraigned via video conference from the Charlevoix County Jail by 90th District Magistrate, Larry Burgess and charged with one count of attempted armed robbery, a five-year felony; one count of possessing a firearm/handgun while attempting to commit a felony, which carries a two-year prison sentence; and one count of carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent, a possible five-year prison sentence or $2,500 penalty.

Jason Wilks

After Burgess advised Wilks of his rights and asked if the suspect planned to hire a lawyer, Wilks said, "I haven't given it much thought sir."

Before appointing Christopher Turkelson to represent Wilks, Burgess told the 25-year-old the charges he faced were serious.

From an affidavit of probable cause dated March 6, Charlevoix City Police Deputy-Chief, Scott Hankins, stated that he interviewed Wilks, who denied ever attempting to rob Central Drugs, located on Bridge Street in downtown

See ROBBERY, page 3

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater, sits with head of jail maintenance, Tom Meggison, during a meeting of the Charlevoix County personnel/internal government committee to discuss air quality concerns at the jail.

Sheriff responds to air concern

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

> *"Unfortunately, I was not aware of the orchestrated response they (jail employees) were going to give you and the civil counsel. To put it bluntly, I was embarrassed."*
>
> George T. Lasater
> CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF

In the days following a Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meeting fraught with accusations and quick tempers, the county's Personnel/Internal Government Committee voted two to one to allocate additional help to the jail's maintenance department.

District Two Commissioner, Chris Christensen voted against sending a county maintenance man up to the jail three days a week for 30 days.

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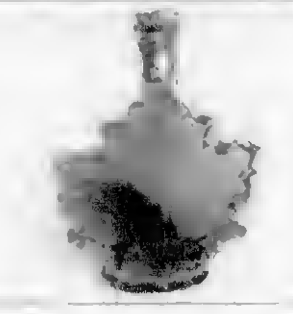

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DISTRICT COURT

The following case was recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Julie Mae Hersha, 45, Ellsworth. Operator with no license/multiple license. Fines and costs totaling $200.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following case was recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Donald Bruce Mayhew, 57, East Jordan. Count one: attempted assault or obstruction of a public safety officer. Served 93 days in jail. Count two: reckless driving. Served 93 days in jail. Count three: malicious destruction of property, less than $200. Served 93 days in jail; $10 in restitution.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Pennington Construction, 206 Nicholls St., East Jordan, by Lucas Pennington

DMH Engineering and Consulting, 626 Riverside Lane, Boyne City, by David M. Hicks

Bear Woods Carpentry & Finishing, 40 Manning Road, East Jordan, by Ryan L. Ennik

Great Lakes Seamless Gutters; Great Lakes Quality Roofing, P.O. Box 193 Walloon Lake, Melrose Township, by Joe Bridenstein

G & Papa's, 180 Antrim St., Charlevoix, by Thomas H. Awrey

K.B. Party Creations, 206 Bridge St., East Jordan, by Kanday Blair

BIRTHS

Lucas Xavier Sheridan weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces was born at Charlevoix Area Hospital on Feb. 21 to Wesly Sheridan and Katie Williams of East Jordan. His siblings are Gabriella, Dominic and Kilea. His grandparents are Mike and Belinda Sheridan, Keith Williams and Michelle Williams all of East Jordan.

Adam Joel Frye weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces was born on Feb. 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Keely Stark-Behling Frye and Daniel Frye of Boyne City. His grandparents are Rex and Maxine Stark-Behling of Boyne City, Joel Frye of Levering, Carol and Tim Finch of Calumet. His great-grandparents are Ruth Stark of Boyne City, Margaret Behling of Petoskey and Joyce Ellenberger of Conway.

Peyton Lee Hazel weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces was born on Feb. 28 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jason and Jodi Hazel of East Jordan. The siblings are Gabrielle and Emmitt. The grandparents are Ruth Anne Marky from Arizona, Robert and Kathy Hazel of Taylor and the late Sarah Brusse of East Jordan.

Cameron Xavier Henry weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces was born on March 2 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Meredith and Kenroy Henry of Petoskey and Oracebessa, Jamaica. His sibling is Sophia. His grandparents are James and Cloenda Fisher of Harbor Springs, Derrick and Carmen Henry of St. Anns Bay, Jamaica, and Annette and Mike Schliffer of Browntowns, Jamaica. His great-grandparents are Louis and Thelma Fisher of Harbor Springs, Greta Scott of Petoskey, Agatha Cameron of Clarendon, Jamaica, and Alfanso Henry, of St. Anns Bay, Jamaica.

Austin Cecil North weighing 5 pounds, 12 ounces was born on March 3 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Rachel North and Harvy Lee Smith of Mancelona. His sibling is Rosoe Lee. His grandparents are Connie Guess and Cheryl Lasich. His great-grandparents are Lavonne and Cecil Guess.

Kassie Daye Pawlak weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces was born on March 5 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Nathan and Kelly Pawlak of Marquette. Her sibling is Kately Beth Pawlak. Her grandparents are Paul and Beth Pawlak of Marquette and Mark and Daye Phillippo of Attica, Ind.

CORRECTION

Due to reporter's error in a column entitled "Beware of 'The greater good' trade-off" which was printed on page 4 of the March 7 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, it was stated that HB4163 would allow smoking in restaurants and bars. HB4163 would prohibit smoking in most businesses in the state, including restaurants and bars.

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Alleged robber weeps during arraignment

ROBBERY

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"(Wilks) showed Hankins a dark hooded sweatshirt that belonged to him," the affidavit shows. "Hankins photographed both the dark hooded sweatshirt and the dark colored vehicle belonging to Wilks. Hankins confirmed from Wilks' employer that he (Wilks) left work in Charlevoix on the morning Jan. 16 at approximately 7 a.m."

The affidavit further stated, "Hankins collected prints from Wilks, who consented, and sent them to the lab. The Michigan State Police lab confirmed that the prints on the holdup note matched the prints of Wilks."

The judge questioned Wilks on his financial state, during which the unemployed machinist lifted his glasses to wipe tears from his eyes.

Wilks said he lived with his parents and could not make payments on his automobile, therefore could not afford an attorney.

"When I was arrested, a local officer was present and I asked him if there was a chance I could go home because I was never in trouble before," Wilks said.

Burgess told Wilks he had taken the suspect's lack of a criminal history into account when he set bond at a mere $10,000.

Assistant Charlevoix Prosecuting Attorney, Mark Muniak interjected, "The people move to increase bond."

Burgess said carrying a gun during an attempted robbery was a serious offense and said while he would not increase bond at the time, "I am not inclined to reduce (bond) any more."

Following the arraignment, Muniak, who wished the bond to be raised to $20,000, said the prosecutor's office would likely seek to raise bond during the preliminary hearing.

Burgess entered a not guilty plea on Wilks' behalf before setting Wilks' preliminary hearing for 2:45 p.m. on March 20 in 90th District Court.

Wilks is accused of entering Charlevoix Central Drugs at approximately 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16, asking a clerk for paper and pen with which he allegedly wrote a note demanding OxyContin and morphine.

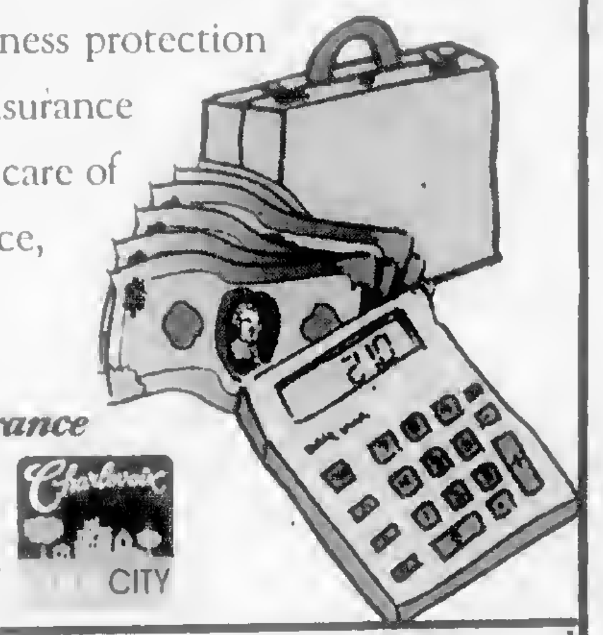
When both the owner and another pharmacist refused to comply with the suspect's demands, the subject then escaped using the rear door of the pharmacy and headed south in a dark-colored vehicle.

Wilks' attorney did not return calls by press time.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Musical force is strong

Charlevoix Elementary School third-grade student, Hunter Cox, practices his role of Obi-wan Kenobi for the school's upcoming Spring Musical "Star Search" set to a Star Wars theme. The annual event is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21 in the Charlevoix High School performing arts center.



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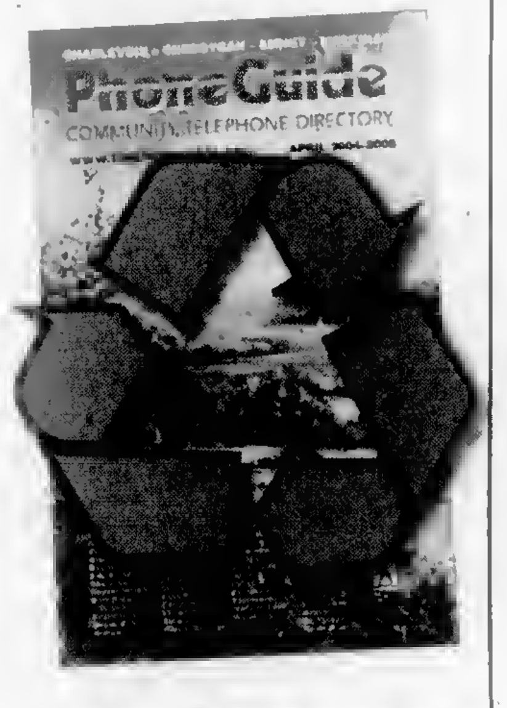

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Kudos to council for tackling stormwater

EDITORIAL

Charlevoix City Council and staff should be commended for their flexibility and support of eco-friendly treatment of stormwater in the East Park renovation plan.

Currently water from the curbed streets runs into the storm system and into Round Lake and the rest drains into the ground.

While the addition of filters and baffles (installed in manholes to remove oil and things that float like pop cans) in the East Park renovation plan will cost the city some additional cash, there is no price tag Charlevoix can put on its most valuable resource — fresh, beautiful lakes and streams.

Back in 2001, former City of Charlevoix Street Superintendent John Martin told the Courier, "Since God created the universe it has always been that way (stormwater has been discharged into the lake)."

Well, when God created the universe, industry and humans weren't pillaging fresh water resources with sewage and contaminated stormwater.

It's a positive move by city council to recognize that humans have changed the course of nature with pollutants and with park construction underway the time is now to make a change.

The city currently addresses stormwater impact minimization through water testing, catch basin cleaning and street sweeping. In the spring, after the snow melts, sand and salt that accumulated over the winter is cleaned up and hauled out to keep it out of the lake..

But with the health of fresh water resources being compromised by invasive species and pollutants, it's clear that what we're doing now won't be enough for future generations. This park renovation will serve the community for decades, the stormwater treatment plan should be built around the needs of future generations.

Sunshine Week: Exercise your right to access information

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

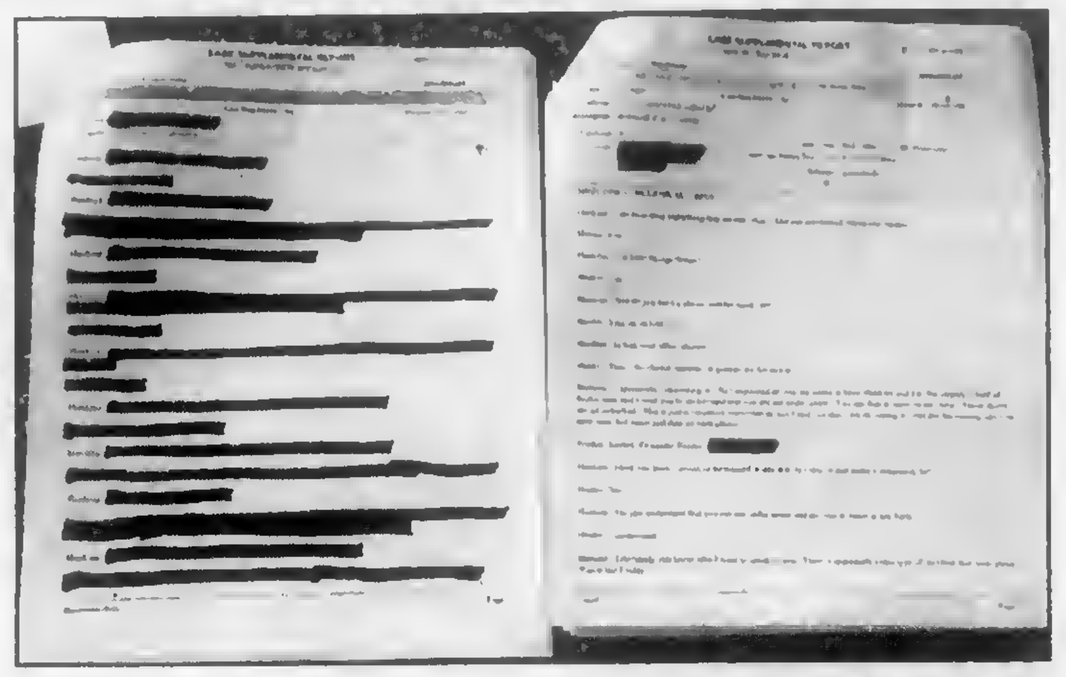
Another spring and another Sunshine Week, March 11-17, are upon us — so what do you care?

The baby is sick, the car needs new muffler bearings and the rent is due, so how are you supposed to make time to ensure your government is doing what it was intended to do?

Nobody's saying you should quit your day job. Frankly, I don't need the competition. But, the next time you visit city hall to pay your water bill or enter the county building to pay your taxes, you might want to ask for a copy of their budget. After all, it's your money.

Sunshine Week began a couple years ago by a group of newspapers, not with the intention of sending angry citizens into the streets with mob justice in their hearts, but rather to remind everyone they deserve an accountable government.

Congress need not allocate $12.6 million to a snipe farm in the Everglades or do a $750,000 study on whether the grass is greener on the other side to be held in contempt by its citizenry.



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(Above, left) A public record obtained by the Charlevoix Courier which was approximately 95 percent redacted or blacked out and in violation of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act. (Above, right) A copy of the same public document received from a different government body containing only 5 percent redaction. The organizers of Sunshine Week 2007 hope to bring awareness about this type of impropriety by government officials to light.

If it wasn't so easy for local, state and federal governments to hide things, we might not have as much waste as we currently do — at least $29 billion according to Citizens Against Government Waste.

In addition to wasting money, a lack of transparency at all levels of government allows things to transpire which ought not.

For instance:

- Why would a group of City Council members fail to omit something as big as firing the city manager from a meeting agenda?
- Why would a county board of commissioners constantly change their meeting times, often failing to give notice to the public?
- Why would a government secretary destroy public documents?

A responsible citizen demands to know what the government is doing.

A responsible journalist detects and disseminates governmental information pertinent to the citizen's life.

Both jobs are made easier when a commission, committee or congress is open and honest about their operations.

To learn more about what you can do this Sunshine Week, visit: www.sunshineweek.org.

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LETTERS to the editor

TURN BIG ROCK INTO QUARRY

Editor:

There is much discussion of the Big Rock Point site near Charlevoix now that the nuclear generating plant has been shut down and the site cleaned up save for the used fuel rods that are being stored until the Yucca Mountain storage facility is completed.

I have a good suggestion, especially given Michigan's poor economic state and poor outlook for the near future. Why don't the powers that be negotiate a mining agreement with St Mary Cement

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Research links messiness and superiority

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

I'm not too sure about this. I know I have it here somewhere on my desk. But anyway, I believe that January was Organization Month — meant to be devoted to getting our lives and desks in order. February has been declared by the more clear-eyed observer as Procrastination Month, and in celebrating Organization Month in February along with Procrastination Month, I did it mostly right.

In a previous life, when I was a part of the faculty of a small college, our business manager was chided by some compulsive higher-up administrative person for having a messy desk. Rather than taking such sound advice to heart and organizing his desk, the business manager trekked across the campus looking into other offices to find those desks that were far messier than his. I am proud to say that I was one of three offices that he visited which had desks that he could point to as "way messier" than his. It is not a distinetion that appears in my permanent personnel file, but maybe it should. I always maintained that the test was not whether the desk looked messy to some obsessive sort, but whether the proprietor of the desk was able to find the things that he needed. I always found everything on my desk which made sense since nearly everything was somewhere on it, from a small pile of seeds collected some time in the previous year, to a card with an absolutely vital telephone number, to some dark brown goo in a glass beaker that smelled wonderful when warmed in your hand. That last was a product of a flower that had bloomed for the first time ever in my greenhouse. The preceding is, of course, only a very partial inventory.

What I always knew for certain was that things I had placed there earlier were underneath things positioned later. I supported the idea of a geological, desktop filing system.

The first person who complained directly to me about my unsightly desk claimed not to be able to go home at the end of the work day until his desk top was completely cleared. I do not believe that his attitude was the cause of a serious mental breakdown a few years later, but I am certain it contributed to that problem. Unrealistic expectations are often the source of such difficulties.

With the above history in mind, I look for any evidence that messiness and superiority are somehow linked. Such evidence has emerged. The book "A Perfect Mess," by David Freedman and Eric Abrahamson points out that disorganization is often associated with efficiency, resilience, creativity and effectiveness. My desk was and is, not the result of sloth, but of one or more of those other, more appealing characteristics.

Participation in two of those declared months, Organization Month and Procrastination Month, at the same time seems to me to be efficient, maybe even effective. National Messiness Month may soon be on the calendar for some future month. The announcement is somewhere right here on my desk.

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LETTERS to the editor

LETTERS

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to put a quarry at the site with a channel and a harbor that would ultimately serve vacationers and residents of the area. That would take away some of the enormous pressure that the Charlevoix channel and marina feel during the busy summer months. The Beaver Island ferry system and/or barging companies could be allocated space which would be a huge benefit to the bridge problem in downtown Charlevoix in the summer. Further, this would be an excellent location to move the Charlevoix Airport. A move such as this would make it far more regional to the greater Charlevoix and Petoskey area. There could be service roads from terminal to terminal.

Think about it, everyone wins. A former industrial site gets new life, the bridge stays down, the current airport site could be put to better use and northern Michigan would receive an economic boost. This would take many, many years to come to fruition and allow everyone to adjust to the good and bad involved. Mind you, there are few of us who would be around to see the end result, but, with proper planning this could be a great and long lasting project for the north and our children and their children's children. Think about it.

Richard Gillespie
Beaver Island

WHERE DO NORWOOD PLANNERS' PRIORITIES LIE?

Editor:

Per your article of Feb. 21 regarding Wayne Boss' proposed site condominium development in the village of Norwood.

I am confused as to why the Norwood Township Planning Commission seems unhappy at the Sunset Ridge owners opposition to the project. I would think the commission would be more concerned with the liability and health issues arising from the two, four-foot deep retention basins which total 10,200 square feet. Also, the sewage going into the proposed 90-foot by 300-foot common drain field next to the Norwood Township Cemetery. In 1996 the Charlevoix County Planning Commission recommended that this property not be re-zoned to R1 due to severely limited septic problems. Yet in 1998, it was.

Nowhere in the legal complaint to this development was the subject of lake view brought up, yet the planning commission saw fit to seize upon this issue. The complaint contends no payment of fees, no DEQ permit, no road commission permit, incomplete site plan, no sense of blending into the village of Norwood, Part 41 regarding the common septic system and who is responsible for maintaining such a system.

Is it the planning commission's contention that 19 approximately 1,000 square foot homes on 12 acres with about half of them dumping sewage into a common drain field enhances the character of Norwood? Has the planning commission asked any of the people who have loved ones buried in the Norwood Township Cemetery if they mind that this proposal puts a 27,000 square foot drain field next to the graves?

Also, the Courier's article of Feb. 21 makes it seem like the only opposition to the project is Sunset Ridge. Actually, there are more people living in the village opposed to the project than those living in Sunset Ridge.

Sam MacLeod
Norwood Township

'THANKS' ANONYMOUS COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTORS

Editor:

I feel very lucky to live in a community where so many contribute so much to make Charlevoix all that it is.

They never get their names or pictures in the paper. There are no awards, speeches or dinners in their honor. We will never know the dollar amounts or the sum total of hours spent. They are no less deserving.

So here's to you. To those who give and continue to give gracefully, graciously and with humility. Thank you.

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Local fisheries research station to host March 22 open house

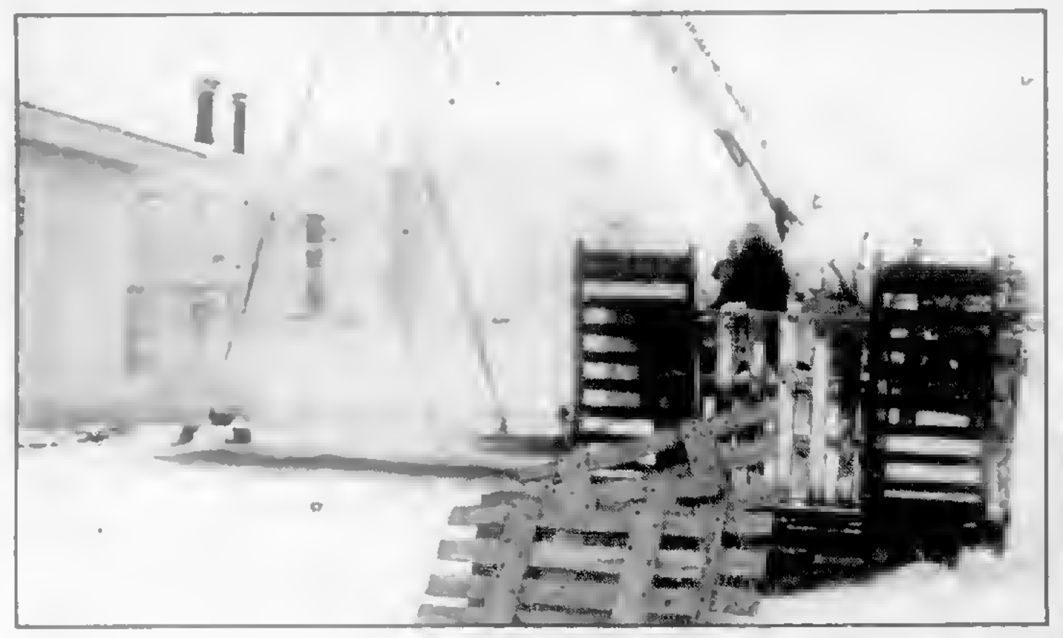
The staff of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station invites the public to an open house from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 22 at 96 Grant St. in Charlevoix (south side of the Pine River Channel, near Michigan Beach).

The program will include an overview of Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station history, current fisheries research programs and a description of salmon tagging and weir harvest at Medusa Creek. Also results from Charlevoix area creel/charter boat surveys, an update on Lake Charlevoix walleye tagging survey and an overview of Central Lake Michigan Management Unit activities will be given. There will be a question and answer session and a tour of the fisheries station.

Those interested in attending the open house are asked to reply by March 16 to Cathy Sullivan by calling (231) 547-2914. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should indicate such when contacting the station. All requests will be accommodated.

For more information about the meeting, contact Dave Clapp at (231) 547-2914.

Pool closes to make way for improvement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(Left) A new dehumidification system to be installed at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool arrived from Maine on March 8. The pool will be closed from March 19 to March 23 to allow for installation. The project cost is $111,000.

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will be closed during the week of March 19 to install a new dehumidification system. If things go as planned, the pool will reopen on Friday, March 23.

The unit, which was shipped from Maine, arrived at the pool on Thursday, March 8. Total cost of the project is about $111,000. With the passing of the Recreational Authority Millage in 2004, the pool has been able to put $105,000 aside to cover the expense.

Mounting repair bills to the current system in 2006 led to the decision to purchase the new system for dehumidifying the pool air space. The same technology is used at Avalanche Bay Water Park in Boyne Falls and at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. The closest pool with a Pool Environments system like the one being installed, is located in Ann Arbor.

The new system exhausts humid air and replaces it with fresh air. The goal is for the increase in fresh air to make it more comfortable for patrons and staff. While there will be an increase in the amount of natural gas used, a decrease in electric consumption is expected to offset the cost.

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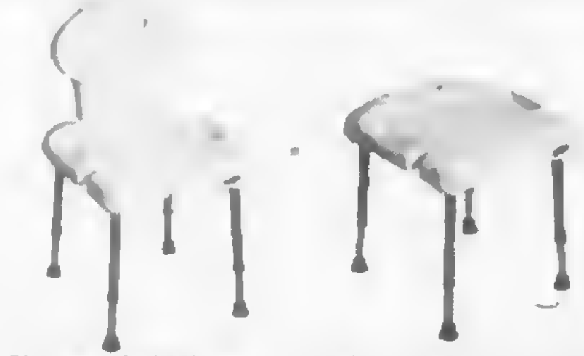

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Charlevoix Women Can/Women Do plan posh luncheon

Proceeds from the June 13 event to benefit Women's Resource Center

The Women's Resource Center will host a fund-raising luncheon on June 13 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

In preparation for the occasion, on Monday, March 12 the Women Can/Women Do luncheon committee met with table designers and table captains at the country club to familiarize them with the event specifics.

The event, patterned after the 2006 Women Can/Women Do luncheon in Petoskey, will feature the work of 15 area designers, each responsible for the theme and decoration of a table for eight guests.

Table captains will invite seven guests to enjoy lunch and a Women's Resource Center presentation for $150 at one of the individually and creatively designed tables.

Captains include Patti Aiken, Barbara Danly, Connie Saltonstall, Joyce Herbert, Mary Johnson, Vel Kammermann, Carolee Macfarlane, Marsha Newkirk, Ralph Stowe, Barb Malpass, Nancy Porter, Carole Vial, Linda Wertz, Nanette Winn, Robin Wottowa and Julie Wright.

Charlevoix County Women Can/Women Do luncheon committee members include co-chairs, Joyce Herbert and Gretchen Tambellini as well as Kathy Lame, Jan Mancinelli, Nancy Porter, Pat Rush, Jean VanDam, Carole Vial, Deb Smith and Trish Wright.

For more information about the event, contact Trish Wright at (231) 582-7601.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

In preparation for a Women's Resource Center June 13 fund-raising luncheon, on Monday, March 12 the Women Can/Women Do luncheon committee met with table designers and table captains at the Charlevoix Country Club. Pictured above are committee members Trish Wright, Pat Rush, Gretchen Tambellini, Carole Vial, Kathy Lame, Jean Van Dam and Nancy Porter. For more information, contact Trish Wright at (231) 582-7601.

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What's happening at the Library this week?

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Story Time 2 for all ages, 3:00 pm,
Lapsit story hour (birth-3) 10:05 am
Story hour, (3-5) 10:30 am
Join the library staff in the beautiful new youth activity center for stories, songs, and crafts.

A Guide to the Glycemic Index,
Tuesday, March 20 @ 6pm in the Community Meeting Room
Charlevoix Area Hospital dieticians will provide a definition and guide to using the glycemic index. Explore its relationship to diabetes, weight control and your health. The program is free and all are welcome to attend.

Music and Movement,
Tuesday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Activity Center
Join Gwen Sarya for a parenting class on using music and movement to have fun with your child.

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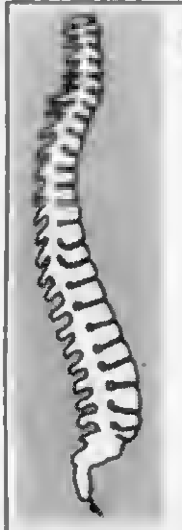

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OBITUARIES

Alice McClanathan: Jan. 18, 1913 - March 1, 2007

Alice McClanathan, 94, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, March 1 at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey.

A funeral will take place at 11 a.m. today Wednesday, March 14, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. Rev. Chip Sauer will officiate.

She was born Jan. 18, 1913 in Charlevoix, the daughter of Frank and Libby (Potter) Brock. On Aug. 13, 1940, she married James Henry McClanathan, and they made their home in Charlevoix. She was a lifetime member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. Alice retired from Hoskins Manufacturing in Charlevoix and her husband James preceded her in death on Aug. 5, 1989. Her hobbies included knitting, reading, crocheting and tending her small farm.

She is survived by her children, Shirley (Rolland) Daugherty, Darlene (Dale) Buckner, James (Beverly) McClanathan, Ronald (Cheryl) McClanathan, all of Charlevoix; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; brother, James Brock of Charlevoix; sister, Jenny Vanpolen of McBain; sister-in-law, Jessie Brock of East Jordan

Her son, Raymond and his wife, Mary; brothers, Minor, Hiram, Jacoh, John, Aaron and Harry; sisters, Ellis Brock, Lucy Hoffman and Lizzie Farrell also preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

Viora Baker: Oct. 1, 1912 - March 2, 2007

Viora I. Baker, 94, of Charlevoix, died Friday, March 2 at Bortz Health Care of Petoskey where she has been a resident since 2002.

A funeral took place on Wednesday, March 7, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Rev. Dan Gilmore of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene officiated and burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Viora was born on Oct. 1, 1912, in Charlevoix to Grant and Leah (Plante) Furgeson. She lived her entire life in Hayes Township and graduated from Petoskey High School in 1930. On Oct. 12, 1935, she married Floyd Baker in Charlevoix. Viora worked as a waitress at both Mont's Restaurant and the Parkside Restaurant in Charlevoix for many years. She was a memher of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene and the Charlevoix Senior Center. She was an active volunteer for the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild and the Rainbow Shoppe. Floyd preceded Viora in death on Oct. 25, 1970.

Surviving Viora are her sisters, Dorothy Finney of Rogue River, Ore., Marie Burkle of Petoskey; brother, Grant (Genevieve) Furgeson of Charlevoix; many nieces and nephews. Her hrothers Leonard and LeRoy Furgeson, nephew, Earl Green and nieces, Shirley Burkle and Carolyn Furgeson also preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Senior Center or to the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene.

Donna Stevens: Feb. 5, 1931 - March 2, 2007

Donna Jean Stevens, 76, of Charlevoix, died Friday, March 2 at her home, surrounded hy her immediate family.

A funeral took place on Tuesday, March 6, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.. Rev. Michael Maurer of the Barnard United Methodist Church and Rev. Chip Sauer of the Community Reformed Church officiated. Burial will be in Barnard Cemetery.

Donna was born on Feb. 5, 1931, in Ellsworth to Levi and Beatrice (Smalley) Donaldson. She graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1948, and then attended Muskegon Business College and Owosso Bible College. Donna married William J. Stevens in Ellsworth on Nov. 28, 1953. She was a member of the Barnard Grange, the Michigan State Grange, and the National Grange; the Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers, the Buckley Old Engine Show, the Original Michigan Fiddlers and the Jordan Valley Fiddlers. Donna attended the Barnard United Methodist Church and was a member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. She worked with her husband and family in their business, Stevens Concrete.

Donna is survived by her husband, William J.; sons, Gregory (Ginger) Stevens, Jeffrey Stevens, Rodney (Kim) Stevens, all of Charlevoix, Dudley (Paula) Stevens of Ellsworth; grandchildren, Vicki, Brandon, Bailee and Bill Stevens, Christopher and Cody Bradley; brothers, Alan Donaldson of Ellsworth, Ronald (Luanne) Donaldson, Terry (Nancy) Donaldson all of Central Lake, Joel (Lilly) Donaldson of Petoskey; sisters, Gwendolyn (Warren) Frank of East Jordan, Nancy (Renn) Haley of Petoskey, Sandra (Lawrence) Bergmann of Charlevoix.

Donna was preceded in death by her grandson, Riley Stevens; brothers, Jimmy and Jackie; sister, Barbara Poley.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, P.O. Box 233, Boyne City, MI 49712.

Richard Elzinga Sr.: April 19, 1937 - March 3, 2007

Richard L. Elzinga Sr. walked on to be with his precious Lord, Saturday, March 3 after a long and courageous hattle with cancer.

Dick was born on April 19, 1937 in Charlevoix, the son of Martin and Bernice (Giffin) Elzinga. In 1955, he married the former JoAnn Liston. In 2005, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Dick worked at Medusa Portland Cement Company for 34 years and would still be working if he were ahle. In his retirement he became an avid fisherman, going every chance he could. He loved to garden, coffee at McDonalds with the guys, boating and being a part of Greensky Hill Indian United Methodist Church, which he attended nearly every Sunday that he could.

He is survived by his loving wife, JoAnn (Liston); two daughters, Kim Marchewitz (Mike) of Charlevoix, Karen Funk (Russell) of Redfora; two sons, Richard Jr. (Pam) of Charlevoix, Joseph (Judy) of Boyne Falls; seven grandchildren, Suzanne of Boyne Falls, Daniel (Brandi) Elzinga of Daytona Beach, Fla. Joseph Jr., Josh and Jake Elzinga, Jerry and Jennifer Morden of Boyne Falls; two great-grandchildren, Dustin Burch and Ahni Elzinga. Special friends include Cal Gould, Darren and Christina Kassuba.

Memorial contributions may be made to Greensky Hill Indian UMC or to the Charlevoix Food Pantry at the First Congregational Church.

A funeral took place on Wednesday, March 7 at the Greensky Hill United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. Rev. Timothy Wright officiated. Burial will take place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

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Make Time to Worship

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Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	During Worship
Pastor: Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -516B**

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Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	**547-6322**

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
20S Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:2S a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:1S p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**58B-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlhut

Sunday School	9:4S a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	**547-2B75**

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Sunday Services B a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Church Office	**547-94B2**

ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
9323 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth

Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	**588-7805**

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4221**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times
Pastor: Michael Dennis	**547-4121**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9122**

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**237-0800**

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	**5B2-9262**

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-300B**
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	**599-2321**

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill	**231-347-6651**

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	**547-62B3**

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Father Jerry Hunko	**547-6652**

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Rabbinic Intern: Scott Segal	347-8740
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Greeting	7:45 p.m.
Friday Service	8:00 p.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.

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OBITUARIES

Jim De Hollander: Died March 7, 2007

Jim De Hollander of Allendale and Charlevoix, was called home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, March 7 after a brief illness.

He was a conductor for the CSX Railroad for 35 years until he retired. Jim was a loving husband who enjoyed spending time with his family. He enjoyed traveling, was an antique car enthusiast and loved the water, especially boating. He had the gift of storytelling and if anyone else had a story to tell, he always seemed to be able to top it with one even better.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Nancy (De Korte) De Hollander; brother, Casey De Hollander; sisters-in-law and hrothers-in-law, Carol De Korte and Dale Eding, Jim and Sue De Korte, Dr. Tom and Evelyn De Korte, Ed and Barb De Korte, Janet Potter May and Richard May; numerous special nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 9, at Matthysse-Kuiper-DeGraaf Funeral Home in Allendale.

Sidney Rayman:
Oct. 6, 1928 - March 11, 2007

A graveside service for Master Sergeant Sidney Rayman (United States Air Force, retired) took place on Sunday, March 11 at Memorial Gardens of Columbia with Rev. David Covington officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Carolina Children's Home, 3201 Trenholm Rd., Columbia, SC 29204.

Mr. Rayman passed away Saturday, March 3. He was born on Oct. 6, 1928 in Charlevoix, the son of the late James and Anna Kosila Rayman. He retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1972 after serving during World War II, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He then retired from Dorn Veterans' Hospital in 1990. After retirement he enjoyed spending time with his wife of 49 years, Darleen Coatta Rayman, also horn in Charlevoix, his children and grandchildren. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Surviving are his sons, Todd (Christy Souders) Rayman, Jeffery (Ruth Phillips) Rayman of Columbia; daughter, Tamara R. (Carroll, Jr.) Foreman of Schenectady, N.Y.; brother, Leonard Rayman of California; sisters, Alma Zietler of Florida, Annabell Sprague, of Michigan; grandchildren, Justin Matthews, Sarah Telford Meehan, Sean Rayman, Katheryn Rayman, Stephanie Foreman, Kymberlie Rayman, Brittany Foreman, Sidney Rayman, Carroll W. (Trey) Foreman, III; great-granddaughter, Hanna Grace Matthews.

He was predeceased by his wife, Darleen; brothers, James, Jerome, Albert Rayman; sisters, Genevieve Cautu and Mildred Castongway.

St. Mary to host March 17 St. Patrick's Day dinner

St. Mary Church will host a community St. Patrick's Day dinner from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 in the family center, located on 1003 Bridge St.

Corned beef and cabbage, ham, red skinned potatoes, vegetables, salad bar, breads and homemade pies will be served.

Adult tickets are $8, seniors are $6, children under 12 are $4. Family tickets are available for $25. Take-outs and delivery is offered. There will also be a cash bar.

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MAR 2007

Schools embark on competitive search for new superintendent

Charlevoix joins 23 Michigan schools in new super search

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

What would you like to see in the new Charlevoix Public Schools superintendent?

Seven people not affiliated with the school board attended the Thursday, March 8 public forum hosted by Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District Superintendent, Mark Eckhardt, at Charlevoix High School to give their input on what characteristics they would like to see.

"Right now there are 23 schools (across Michigan) looking for superintendents and we're competing against all of them," Eckhardt said during a short presentation leading up to the forum. "(We're) probably anticipating, by July, having 40 to 50 openings in the state."

Brochures containing pertinent information about the school district and what they are looking for in a superintendent were sent to every school district in the state.

Eckhardt is acting as the search consultant to Charlevoix Public Schools at no cost. Charlevoix schools spent only $742.47 on printing brochures and $225.81 in postage to mail brochures to 523 Kindergarten through twelfth-grade school districts and 56 intermediate school districts in Michigan.

Eckhardt said a consulting firm from Michigan could run $8,000 to $11,000 while a na-

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Charlevoix Public Schools superintendent hiring time line:

June 30 — Interim superintendent Jim Cooper will leave the district.

April 20 — Application deadline.

April 30 — That week the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education will screen applicants.

May 7 — That week first interviews will be conducted by the board of education.

May 14 — That week second interviews with the board will take place.

May 21 — That week site visits with the finalists will be done.

May 28 — That week selection of the new superintendent is expected.

July 1 — Targeted date for the new superintendent to take over.

Proposed salary for new superintendent will range from $105,000 to $125,000 per year.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis –February 28, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved minutes of the February 14, 2007 minutes as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-009, Robert's Rules of Order.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-010, Grandvue Operating Transfer.
- Motion approved hiring Sears to clean the duct work at the Jail and Flood Professionals to clean the walls, carpet and furniture at the Jail.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 718 OF 2007
BUDGET APPROPRIATION ACT

The Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2006 shall be amended for operating the City of Charlevoix. Ordinance # 710 of 2006, Budget Appropriation Act of 2006-2007 is hereby amended as follows:

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:
WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Charlevoix did give notice of the time and place when a public hearing would be held in conformity with provisions of Section 7.8, Article VII of the City Charter, which Public Hearing was duly held pursuant to said notice and in conformity therewith;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on April 1, 2007 and ending March 31, 2008 are hereby appropriated on an activity level basis (a detailed breakdown by detail level can be found in the Budget Details document) as summarized by the following:

GENERAL FUND

REVENUE:	Taxes	$ 2,118,300
	Licenses & Permits	6,200
	State Grants	281,300
	Charges for Services	649,600
	Fines & Forfeits	28,300
	Interest & Rents	131,900
	Other	5,100
	Fund Transfers (In)	82,300
	Appropriation from Surplus	184,500
TOTAL REVENUES:		**$3,487,500**
EXPENSE:	Legislative	$ 53,400
	General Government	611,500
	Public Safety/Health & Welfare	1,494,200
	Public Works	197,100
	Recreation & Culture	940,300
	Other	106,000
	Fund Transfers (Out)	85,000
TOTAL EXPENSE:		**$3,487,500**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Charlevoix does hereby levy a tax of 11.287 mills (9.05 mills operating and 2.237 mills infrastructure) for the period of April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 on all real and personal property in the City of Charlevoix according to the valuation of the same. This tax is levied for the purpose of defraying the general expense and liability of the City of Charlevoix and for infrastructure improvements, and is levied pursuant to Section 8.1, Article VIII of the City Charter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby levy a tax not to exceed 1.3631 mills for the period April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 on all real and personal property in the Downtown Development District, according to the valuation of the same within the district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby levy a tax not to exceed .80 mills for the period April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 on all real and personal property in the City of Charlevoix, according to the valuation of the same. This tax is levied for the purpose of defraying the cost of rubbish collection and other related services provided citizens allowed by the act, and is levied pursuant to Michigan Public Act 213 of 1969; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby approve the rate increases for Sewer and Water rates effective April 1, 2007, and the rate increases in the rate section of the budget for golf fees, airport rates, ambulance rates, recreation fees, marina docking fees and all rates listed in the "Rates" section of the Budget Details document; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council does hereby approve the following budgets for the period April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 in the amounts set forth below by fund:

FUND	REVENUE	EXPENSE
Major Street Fund	$624,500	$ 604,500
Local Street Fund	140,300	140,300
Electric Fund	6,586,291	6,586,291
Sewer Fund	1,668,000	1,668,000
Water Fund	1,138,100	1,138,100
Marina Fund	5,400,100	5,258,593
Motor Vehicle Fund	841,100	841,100
Downtown Development Auth	835,100	835,100
FUND	**REVENUE**	**EXPENSE**
Airport Fund	1,112,100	1,100,500
Employee Fringe Benefit	1,725,500	1,574,800
Perpetual Care Trust Fund	20,400	0
Fire/Ambulance Fund	33,700	0
Sewer Tap-in Fund*	150,000	150,000
Northside Sewer Fund*	155,900	155,900
Infrastructure Improvement	638,600	638,600
Public Works Site Fund	144,200	142,200
Industrial Park Fund	9,800	5,000
City Hall Improvement Fund	260,400	260,400
Mt. McSauba Recreation Fund	63,000	63,000
Downtown Parking Fund	5,800	0

ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2007.

Ordinance No. 718-2007 was adopted on the 5th day of March, 2007, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by:	Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain
Seconded by:	Councilmember Bob Timms
Yeas:	Beer, Chamberlain, Gennett, Gibson, and Timms
Nays:	None
Absent:	Stevens

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX)

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk   Norman Carlson, Jr. Mayor

Residents detail type of superintendent they want

SUPER

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tional firm could charge from $25,000 to $50,000 for similar services.

Aside from assisting in the search, the role of the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District in this process is to do the screening, act as a contact point for applicants, arrange meetings and answer questions applicants may have.

This is the second time the Intermediate School District has performed a superintendent search.

"We'll do the initial screening and reference checks on everybody that sends in their applications, but it's their (school board's) decision to make," he said. "We did this in Boyne City (search for superintendent). We had 44 applicants and we checked out all 44 of them."

Eckhardt, who wasn't surprised at the low turnout to the forum, explained the timeline in which the Intermediate School District will continue to conduct the proceedings.

Once all applications are received by the 4 p.m. April 20 deadline, screenings by the board will be done the week of April 30, first interviews will be conducted the week of May 7, second interviews will follow during the week of May 14, site visits with the finalists will be done the week of May 21, selection of the new superintendent is expected by the week of May 28. The goal is for the new superintendent to take over on July 1.

Audience questions and comments ranged from what the salary and job description will be, to the importance of hiring a superintendent with a strong background in balancing budgets.

Mark Eckhardt

Eckhardt said the salary will potentially range from $105,000 to $125,000 per year.

Tom Barnes, parent of two middle school Rayders, attended the forum.

"I'm concerned about the financial status of the school and I think we need to get somebody in here who can take care of that," he said. "I would ask (candidates) what their history has been with working through difficult financial times. Michigan has gone through cycles over the years of boom and bust, and if the superintendent has worked for any length of time, then they've probably lived through times of bust and I would like to hear how they handled that."

Currently, at least seven people have shown interest in the position.

"If Charlevoix would have had a position open 15 years ago, they would have gotten probably 75 to 100 applicants. Now if they get 20 to 30 they'll be doing good," Eckhardt said. "Right now in Michigan, the average superintendent's tenure is three to five years and in urban areas it's about 18 months."

Barnes found Eckhardt's remarks on superintendent tenure interesting and said he would support hiring an individual on a short-term basis to turn the district around financially.

"I understand this is a very political job and someone coming in and making tough choices might not want to stick around for the hard feelings that could result," Barnes said. "We just need to continue belt tightening and be very diligent with it. We have not made all the hard cuts we need to."

Barnes said his daughter rides the bus to compete in volleyball when she could be carpooling with her teammates.

"We're bussing those kids all over the countryside here and paying for that bussing," he said. "It seems parents could coordinate driving instead of using the busses."

He added, "I would be more than happy to see that cut than core curriculum or electives. I think we've got to get serious about cutting funding in those areas that aren't critical."

Current school board candidate, Dale (Bo) Boss Jr., attended the meeting and voiced his concerns with the proceedings.

"It seems like we're moving fast. I still think we have the cart before the horse," he said. "I think we need to slow down on the superintendent search until we can find the funding to take care of existing staff."

Boss added that he was disappointed more parents and community members didn't attend the forum.

All audience comments will be combined with comments and questions from Charlevoix Schools' staff members and were scheduled to be introduced to the school board during their Monday, March 12 meeting.

Results from this meeting were not available by press time.

> *"I'm concerned about the financial status of the school and I think we need to get somebody in here who can take care of that."*
>
> **Tom Barnes**
> PARENT OF CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS

Mark Eckhardt, superintendent of the Char-Em Intermediate School District, who is acting as the search consultant to Charlevoix Public Schools at no cost, said the following are the most common desirable attributes of an incoming superintendent:

- Strong financial and budgeting skills and ability to work with state legislators to impact and enhance school funding.
- Ability to work with students, staff, parents and in the community with governmental officials, business leaders, and other community agencies.
- Strong public relations and two-way, interactive communication skills and an ability to articulate a vision for the school.
- Passion for children and life-long learning.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, March 5, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members except Councilmember Stevens were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- A Public Hearing was held on an amendment to the 2006-2007 City Budget Ordinance.
- A Public Hearing was held on the 2007-2008 City Budget.
- Motion passed approving a subcontract for Ferguson and Chamberlain with Performance Engineering on the Dixon Avenue project.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to prohibit swimming in Pine River for Monday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
- Resolution 2007-03-01 adopted, Schedule #8 Records Management Handbook, Guidelines and Approved Retention and Disposal Schedule for Cities and Villages.
- Ordinance 717 of 2007 adopted, an ordinance to amend the 2006-2007 City Budget Ordinance.
- Ordinance 718 of 2007 adopted, the 2007-2008 City Budget Ordinance.

Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk   Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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TEEN SCENE inside the halls

There's more risk to spring break than sun burn

BY KIMBERLY WAY
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The month of March, otherwise known as "spring break season," is a time for traveling, relaxation and warmer weather.

For many students in this community, the end of this month means a whole lot of traveling, hot weather and fun in the sun.

Spring break starts for students at Charlevoix Public Schools on March 30 and lasts until April 9. Hot spots this year include Florida, Mexico, Hawaii and Europe.

For juniors Bethany Brodin and Sarah Klooster, this spring break is one well worth the wait as they will be traveling to Hawaii with Brodin's family.

Both girls have been looking forward to this trip all year because neither have ever been to the state. This is not only seen as a vacation for Klooster, she also sees it as a prime shopping location.

"I plan on searching for a gorgeously unique prom dress while I'm on the island," Klooster said.

For many seniors, this year marks a bit of freedom they've been waiting for as they will be traveling in a large group to Mexico. But when traveling to a foreign country, there's much more to keep in mind than protecting one's skin from the sun.

City of Charlevoix Deputy Police Chief Scott Hankins emphasized the importance of safety precautions while traveling to exotic locations.

"Common sense plays a large role in staying safe while traveling over spring break," Hankins said. "Don't trust everyone you meet, don't walk alone at night and don't partake in extreme activities like doing drugs or drinking alcohol with people you don't know are only a few pieces of advice to keep in mind while traveling."

Hankins also added that students should keep the law in mind anywhere they're traveling. Following the speed limit, not drinking and driving and being smarter than the situation by using common sense helps make vacations safer.

For more safety tips, call the Charlevoix police department at (231) 547-3258 or speak to local law enforcement officers.

Courtesy photo

Teen Scene writer Kimberly Way, pictured above with her family in Cape Canaveral, Fla. during spring break 2006, spoke with area teens regarding their plans for the upcoming break and local law enforcement regarding how they can enjoy a safe vacation.

Kimberly Way is the writer and coordinator of Teen Scene. This page will appear the second Wednesday of the month in the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by e-mail at way_kim@hotmail.com.

Northwest Academy Intermediate Band qualifies for state festival

The Northwest Academy Advanced and Intermediate Bands participated in the District II Band and Orchestra Festival on Saturday, March 3 in Petoskey.

The Northwest Academy Intermediate Band with only 15 members qualified for the State Band and Orchestra Festival to take place on April 24. The judges praised the band for their outstanding quality sound and the high level of technique for students in grades six through eight.

The Advanced Band made up of students from eighth through twelfth grades received a Division II rating in concert and a Division I rating in sight reading for an overall Division II rating.

Gary Stutzman, Northwest Academy director of bands, had high praise for all the band students.

"Our band students have been working hard to prepare for the festival. A special thank you goes out to Anna Kroon, Tim Riley and Patrick Hand for all the extra time they have put into working with the intermediate band to help get them ready," Stutzman said.

Advanced Band members are now working preparing for the State Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, March 24 in Manistee.

The Intermediate Band students are also working on solos and ensembles for the Junior High Solo and Ensemble Festival to take place on April 21.

Courtesy photo

Evan Kroon, a trumpet player with the Northwest Academy Intermediate Band, is one of 15 band members who qualified for the State Band and Orchestra Festival to take place on April 24.

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Northwest Academy school board openings

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Chris Martin

Anyone interested in filing for a seat on the Northwest Academy school board has until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 15.

The seats of Chris Martin and LuAnn Griffin both expire this year.

Board member selections for the two-year term will be made by Saginaw Valley State University officials, who hold Northwest's charter.

"This is open to the entire public. They need not have any connection to the school," said Northwest Academy School Board president, Joe Seidel. "Anyone who has a vested interest in education should apply."

Seidel added that candidates should be from within the school's target area.

Martin said he will definitely file for another term.

"I've had some interaction with the school previously from doing tech work with their computers and I just like what they're doing here," he said. "(If re-appointed) I'll just keep doing what I've been doing. I like the way the school is going, but I'd like to see more kids enrolled."

The 57-year-old added, "I'd like to get the enrollment up and make the community more aware of the school's existence. The fact that it's right in the neighborhood should be a good drawing point."

Applications can be found at Northwest Academy, 115 West Hurlbut in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-9000.

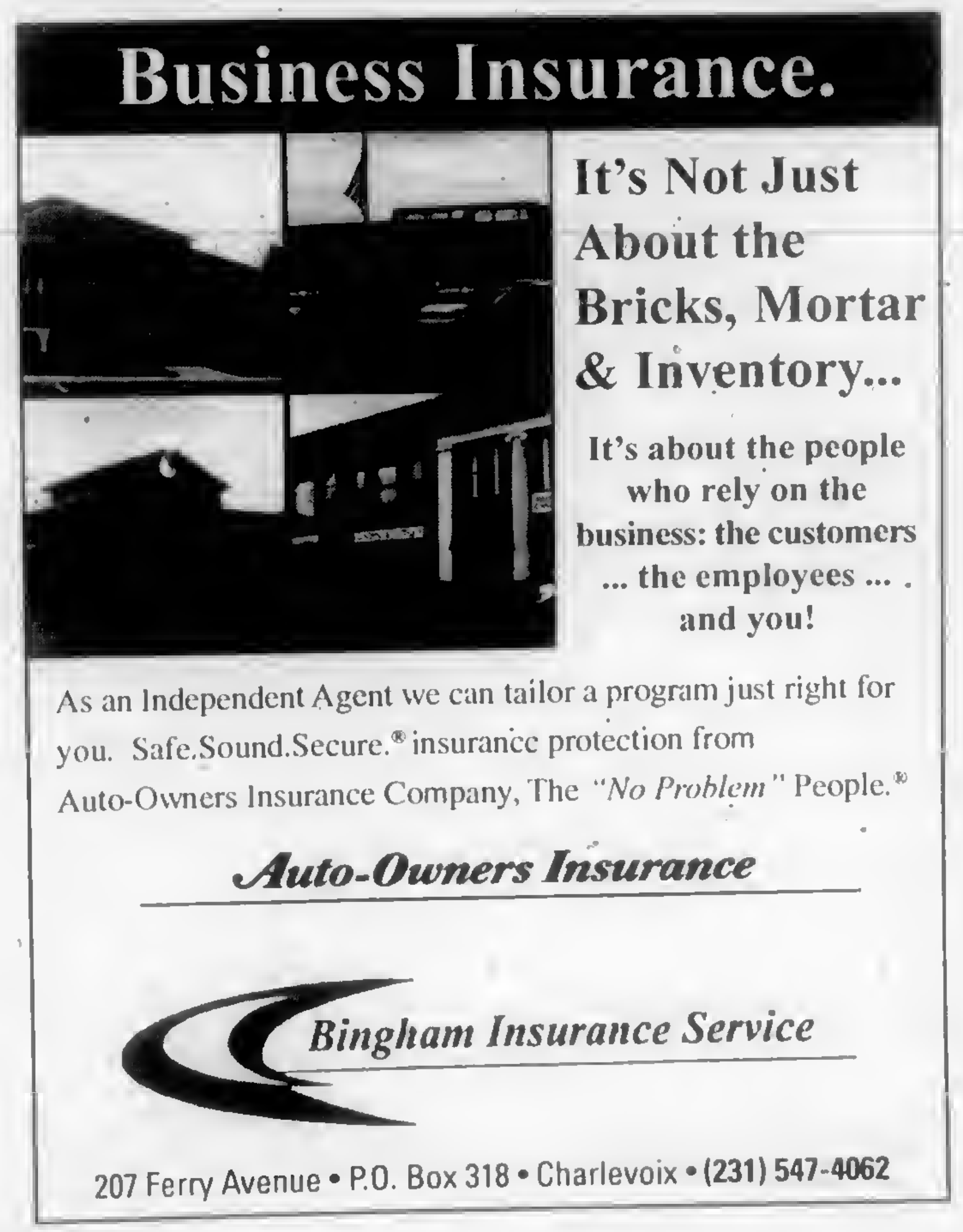
Griffin could not be reached by press time.

CPR class offered at Charlevoix hospital

Adult/child Heartsaver cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course is being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21.

This Heartsaver CPR course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults and children and the use of barrier devices. The cost is $30.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. For more information, call (231) 547-8570.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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 717 OF 2007
2006-2007 Budget Amendment

The Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2006 shall be amended for operating the City of Charlevoix. Ordinance # 710 of 2006, Budget Appropriation Act of 2006-2007 is hereby amended as follows:

		ORIGINAL BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	NET CHANGE
General Fund	RV State Grants	287,900	280,640	(7,260)
	RV Fines & Forfeits	28,900	23,254	(5,646)
	RV Other Revenue	19,900	11,060	(8,840)
General Fund	EX Gen. Government	554,400	554,686	286
	EX Public Works	180,700	191,916	11,216
Major Street	RV Total	555,700	225,113	(330,587)
Major Street	EX Total	586,700	277,122	(309,578)
Airport Fund	RV Total	1,112,800	262,455	(850,345)
Downtown Development Authority	RV Total	5,814,700	6,418,741	604,041
Downtown Development Authority	EX Total	5,718,542	6,187,711	469,169
PI#2 Sewer Capital Fund Tap Ins	RV Total	48,800	83,086	34,286
PI#2 Sewer Capital Fund Tap Ins	EX Total	130,000	175,000	45,000
PI#10 City Hall Improvement Fund	RV Total	245,100	244,700	(400)
PI#10 City Hall Improvement Fund	EX Total	243,438	246,856	3,418
PI#12 Mt. McSauba Recreation	RV Total	13,500	14,000	500
PI#12 Mt. McSauba Recreation	EX Total	10,000	12,000	2,000
Electric Fund	RV Total	5,749,161	5,647,941	(101,220)
Sewer Fund	RV Total	1,226,300	1,201,049	(25,251)
Water Fund	RV Total	941,600	766,780	(174,820)
Marina Fund	RV Total	10,800,600	7,433,595	(3,367,005)
Employee Fringe Benefit Fund	RV Total	1,668,400	1,547,919	(120,481)
Motor Pool	RV Total	608,400	559,781	(48,619)

BAD DEBT WRITE OFFS

General Fund	25,185	(ambulance & cemetery)
Marina Fund	75	docking
Electric Fund	5,857	
Water Fund	1,268	
Sewer Fund	1,703	
Motor Pool	165	weed cutting
TOTAL:	**34,253**	

ADOPTED this 5th day of March, 2007.

Ordinance No. 717-2007 was adopted on the 5th day of March, 2007, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by: Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain
Seconded by: Councilmember Bob Timms

Yeas: Beer, Chamberlain, Gennett, Gibson, and Timms
Nays: None
Absent: Stevens

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX)

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk Norman Carlson, Jr. Mayor

St. Patrick's Day: Taste it, play it, live it island style

Courtesy photos

(Above) The St. Patrick's Day games including the frozen fish toss (pictured above) kick off around noon this Saturday in front of the Shamrock Bar and Grill in downtown St. James. (Below) Former Courier editor, Jeremy McBain, will once again play the pipes at the Beaver Island St. Patrick's Day celebration. Island restaurants and pubs will feature authentic Irish cuisine and music acts.

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

THE GAMES

Everyone may be Irish on March 17, but no place outside of Dublin celebrates the Wearing of the Green like the flavorful folks on Beaver Island.

Where else can you race a shopping cart, throw a fish and recite a naughty limerick while drinking green beer with true Irish descendants?

"My favorite event is the fish toss," said executive director of the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, Steve West. "You get a 10-pound trout and freeze that baby solid, after our vet anesthetizes it of course."

While there are many techniques for hurling salmon while inebriated, West said most people grab either the tail or the head.

"You try to get a good purchase on the thing so you can actually throw the SOB," he said. "And, of course, after a couple of throws, the fish does not remain intact as you can imagine, so the fish gets lighter and harder to handle."

He added, "The fish holds together pretty good for the first 10 or 12 throws, but after that it gets pretty rough."

While numbers vary from year to year, anywhere between 10 and 30 people participate in the annual fish toss.

The St. Patrick's Day games kick off around the crack of noon this Saturday on the street in front of the Shamrock Bar and Grill owned by Eric and Dana Hodgson.

"Beaver Island time is different than time in the rest of the world," West said. "We don't do things on a real rigorous schedule."

Eric Hodgson said the party, which originated at the Shamrock, will rage between there and his restaurant, the Beachcomber, which hasn't been open on St. Patty's Day in a few years.

"The early games take place out in the street and then we have live music and other festivities which continue on late into the evening," Hodgson said. "It's usually a pretty raucous time, and since everybody's Irish on that day, the people have a really good time."

He added, "And, I want to thank Kathy Maudrie, who puts in a huge amount of effort planning the whole thing. She works for weeks and weeks to get this thing together."

West said the daytime games are family oriented with miniature games designed for children.

"You put somebody in a shopping cart and somebody else has to push it up and down the street and we have various obstacles where you run through tires like football players do and those sorts of things," West said. "Then we've got a tug of war and that's kind of the Island thing between the hayseeders and the fishmongers."

The feud between the farmers and the fisherman culminates with both sides battling for superiority

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, March 19, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed addition the City Code. The proposed amendment, if adopted, will repeal add Chapter 118 to Title IX, and will prohibit swimming or wading in specified locations.

The proposed chapter would also add Section 9.230 to Chapter 118, prohibiting swimming and wading in Pine River.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
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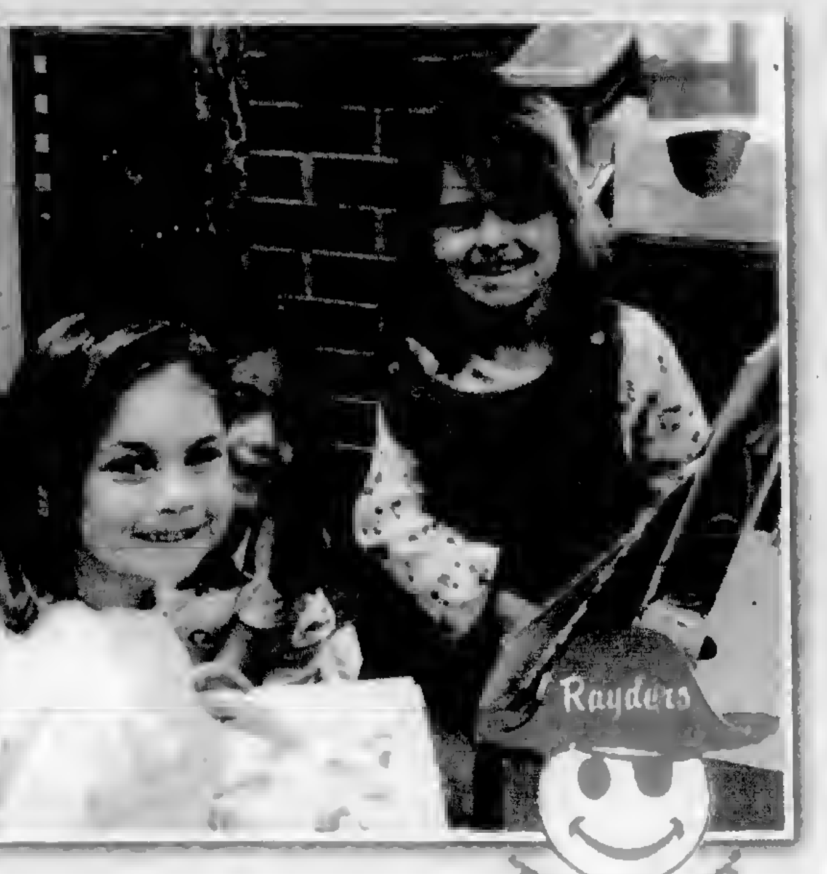

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Islanders gear up for St. Patrick's Day events

ST. PATRICK

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over the rope in a best of several competition.

"We probably have somewhere around 600 people living on the island right now and when the games get going, it's not unusual to have 1,000 people there," West said. "So, essentially, everyone who lives here plus visitors come for the games."

THE ENTERTAINMENT

The Shamrock will offer four authentic draft beers on tap, three of which are imported from Ireland, in addition to authentic Irish cuisine like Colcannon — the flavored mashed potato dish, bangers or pub sausages, fish and chips, Reubens, Irish stew and corned beef with cabbage.

The Doghouse Boodlers, a popular island band will play everything from Johnny Cash and original works to traditional Irish music.

Another popular hangout on the island is Donegal Danny's Pub and the Stony Acre Grill, which will also offer authentic Irish food, two imported beers and live music both Friday and Saturday nights.

"We're having a piper on Saturday and we're also having the debut of Inis Aman, which is Irish for Island Soul," said owner Marilyn Racine. "They'll be playing Irish and country favorites and we'll have two of our favorites, Danny Gillespie and Danny Johnson, who will be playing music."

The entertainment will run from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. both nights.

"And, we'll have our traditional Irish fare of Irish stew, soda bread, corned beef and cabbage, lake perch and some of the best Irish cheer you will ever have," she said. "The island is very Irish and this will be one of the best times you will ever have. It's a lot of fun with great people and authentic Irish stout (beer) from Ireland called O'Hara's which is brewed right in Ireland in both stout and red."

The Stoney Acre Grill will be playing John Wayne's "The Quiet Man" all day St. Patrick's Day.

HOW TO GET THERE

Both Island Airways and Fresh Air Aviation of Charlevoix will offer flights between now and St. Patrick's Day.

Round-trip on Island Airways: $75 — call (231) 547-2141 to book a flight.

Round-trip on Fresh Air: $85 — call (231) 237-9482 to book a flight.

Both airlines will fly nearly every hour into the late evening on Friday, March 16 and most of the day on Saturday, March 17.

Unless you have relatives or friends on the island, you may want to plan a day trip as the only lodging providers open are already booked solid.

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Heritage Gold syrup operation revamped

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Whether you pine for perfect pancakes or wish for wonderful waffles, Parsons' more than 80 years experience in making maple syrup guarantees a breakfast you'll never forget.

Ready to operate during the 2007 syrup season with cutting edge equipment and ready to tantalize you with maple-based treats, Parsons Centennial Farm welcomes you to their open house from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 18.

"We revamped our maple syrup making facility and we've pretty much got a whole new process in making maple syrup and we want to share it with anybody that wants to come in and take a look," said owner/operator and third generation syrup maker, David Parsons. "We have a new tubing system that's under a vacuum and we have a new evaporator and a reverse osmosis machine."

Sanitary tubes run from maple trees up to the syrup boiling house via a pump. The semisweet liquid is then cooked to allow a predetermined amount of excess water to evaporate leaving the sweet, maple flavored nectar.

"The new equipment is going to be much more efficient. We've gone from wood to fuel oil and that's going to be a big labor saver and more consistent heat," Parsons said. "We should be able to process sap much faster with the reverse osmosis and it should cut our boiling time down by more than 75 percent, which will make a lighter syrup."

Parsons said his new equipment will also allow him to extract more syrup from the sap.

"Generally the ratio is 40 gallons of sap to one gallon of syrup depending on how far you take it down, but I should be able to make 10 gallons of sap into a gallon of syrup," he said.

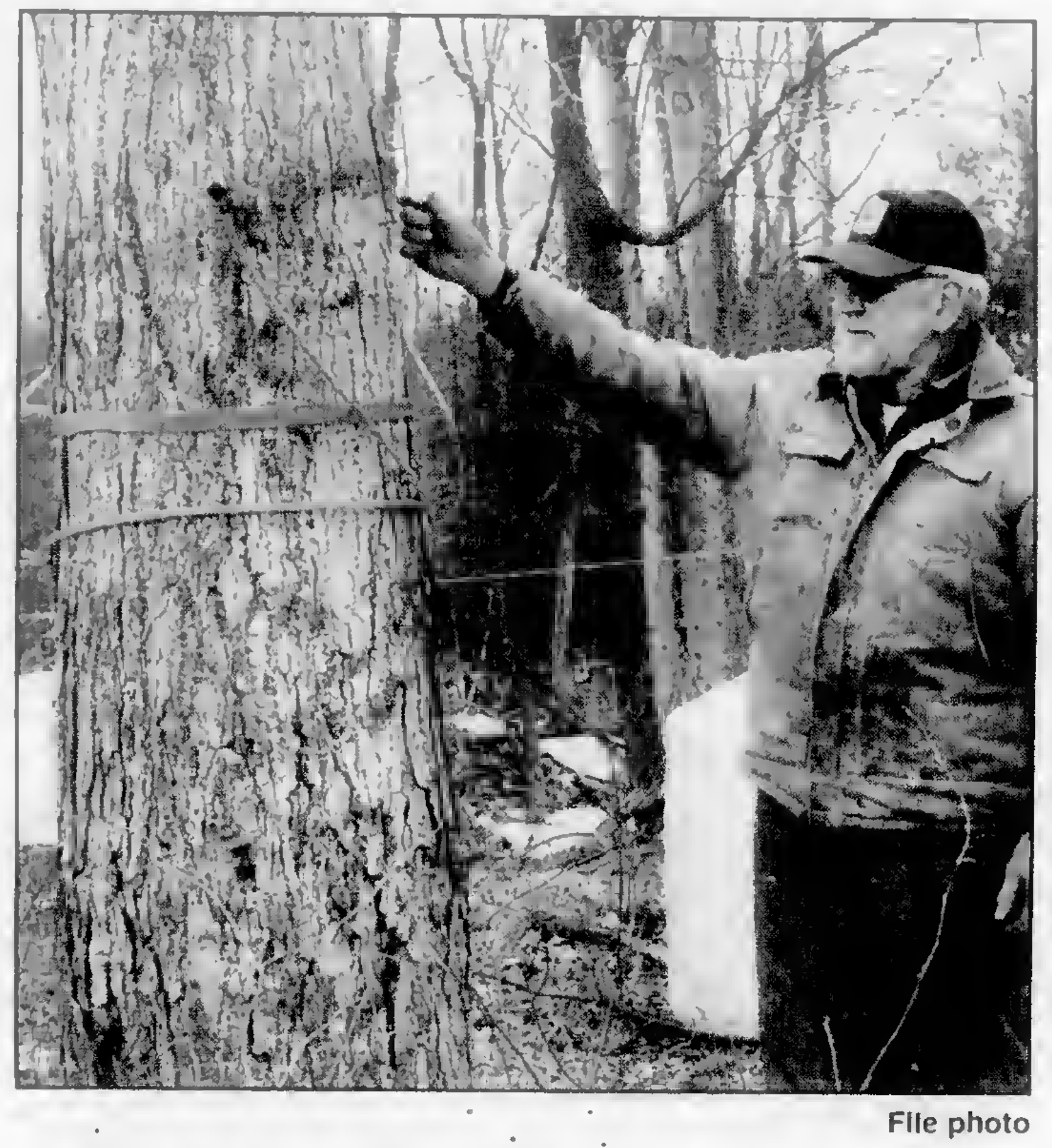
The Parsons sell their Harwood Heritage Gold syrup year-round in 50, 100 and 250 ml as well as half pints, pints, quarts, half gallons and gallons in special orders.

Parsons' syrup, which is made by him and his wife, Terri is carried in many local restaurants and shops.

"My wife made a bunch of maple flavored cookies for the open house," he said. "Anybody that's interested in seeing how maple syrup is made should come on out and see us."

For ordering information or to learn more about product history or to get a map to the open house, visit www.harwoodgold.com or call (231) 547-2038.

What? Open house to reveal the revamped Harwood Heritage Gold syrup operation.
When? 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 18.
Where? Parsons Centennial Farm. Take U.S. 31 south to Barnard Road (about nine miles) and turn left. Go about .8 mile to the first road on the right, which is Parsons Road. Then go 1.5 miles. Parsons farm is on the right-hand side.



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Owner/operator and third generation syrup maker, David Parsons checks taps on one of the maple trees that produce Harwood Heritage Gold syrup. He and his wife Terri will host an open house this Sunday at their centennial farm revealing the revamped syrup operation.

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Charlevoix COOL CITY

Charlevoix's Downtown Blueprint 2007 is available on-line.

The blueprint in the result of the Charlevoix Cool City Project, a cooperative effort of citizens, businesses and government seeking to create a thriving year-round downtown business district to attract jobs, people and opportunity to the entire area.

A first step of the Cool City Project was gathering the information needed to create the Charlevoix Downtown Blueprint 2007, an action-oriented strategy document produced by the nationally recognized downtown development consulting firm HyettPalma.

HyettPalma utilized a wide array of information about Charlevoix's downtown to construct a strategy to revitalize it in a three to five-year period."

Check out the Charlevoix Downtown Blueprint 2007 at http://www.cityofcharlevoix.org/CoolCity.pdf.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Strong defense steers Rayders to district win

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPORTS WRITER

Keith Haske's basketball teams continued their district dominance as Charlevoix (20-3) defeated East Jordan, 82-58 on March 9 to take the school's eighth district championship in the last nine years. Earlier the Rayders beat Boyne City, 66-52 and Mancelona, 76-46.

"I was really pleased with our effort on the defensive end and on the boards in all three games," Haske said. "We played with a lot of intensity. The kids are beginning to realize we will go as far as our defense carries us."

In the district final match-up, Charlevoix raced out to a 14-0 lead and never looked back.

"Our defense really set the tone early," Haske said. "We knew that East Jordan wanted to slow the game down but our defense took them right out of that."

The Red Devils three-man weave was no match for the Rayders' aggressive, hounding defensive pressure which forced numerous turnovers early on.

Another key to the hot start was the shooting of senior Mitch Crandall who buried three three-pointers in the first three-and-a-half minutes of the game and finished with 29 points on the night.

"I was excited to see Mitch break out like that," Haske observed. "He was just catching and shooting confidently. It is very important offensively for us to have him playing that way."

Charlevoix led 18-9 at the end of the first quarter and 35-23 at the half. The Rayders extended the lead to 25, at 51-26 midway through the third quarter.

Late in the fourth quarter, East Jordan closed to within 11, cutting the lead to 68-57 before solid free throw shooting by Charlevoix sealed the deal.

Justin Friske had 13 points and eight rebounds to support Crandall's game-high effort. Corey Gotshall contributed eight points and nine rebounds. Cliff Jones also scored eight.

"The bench kids — the Jones boys (Cliff and Kyle), Dan Swenor, Nate LaBlance, Corey Gotshall, and all of them — did a great job," Haske noted. "We didn't drop off a bit when they were in the game."

Senior Ty Haske, the Rayder point guard handed out six assists and had three steals. Crandall had four rebounds and four assists.

Against Boyne City,

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Rayders outpace Red Devils 82-58 to claim district crown

DISTRICT

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Charlevoix blew the game open early, leading 29-13 at the half and 49-30 after three quarters.

Four Rayders were in double figures with Gotshall scoring 15, Austin Wilhelm 12 and Haske and Crandall each with 10.

Leading the way against Mancelona were Crandall with 14 points, LaBlance with 13 and Justin Friske and Gotshall each with nine.

Charlevoix began regional play Tuesday, March 13 at Gaylord High School against Traverse City St. Francis. The Gladiators eliminated the Rayders from the tournament in the regional finals last season.

The winner of the St. Francis-Charlevoix game will advance to the regional finals against the McBain-Mio winner at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15 in Gaylord.

Photo by Scott Richards

Nate LaBlance of Charlevoix keeps the ball in spite of a last ditch attempt to take it away by East Jordan's Scott Hanson late in the third quarter.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

CHURCH LEAGUE • MAR. 7, 2007

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	307	193
Lutherans	261	239
Ferguson & Chamberlain	258	242
Lakeshore Tire	256	244
R & C Roofing	242	258
Mark White Paint & Stain	240	260
State Farm Insurance	230	270
St. Mary's	206	294

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Casey Crain	575	222
Larry Darrah	566	216
Larry Potter	558	206

TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES MAR. 6, 2007

	W	L
Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	25.5	14.5
DM Construction	25	15
Central Drug Store	21	19
Oleson's Food Store	20.5	19.5
St. Mary Cement	20	20
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	18	22
Mary Ann's Takeout	15.5	24.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	14.5	25.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	515	199
Cathy Sullivan		192
Janice Thanasiu	524	
Mary O'Brien	549	191

YOUNG AT HEARTS MAR. 8, 2007

	W	L
Sparetime	30	14
Misfits	27	17
Past Timers	24	20
Alley Cats	23.5	20.5
Twilighters	22	22
Irish Rollers	21	23
Half & Half	16.5	27.5
Has Beens	12	32

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	530	187
Bob Sutliff	466	172
Bill Zimmerman	459	182
Nancy Bambach	424	
Else Wells		158
Patty Sitzema	468	170
Sue Lochner		157
Nancy Zimmerman	418	

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE MAR. 5, 2007

	W	L
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	21	11
Paul Bunyan Lanes	19	13
The Flight Deck	18	14
Bud's Buds	18	14
J Arnold Painting "2"	18	14
J Arnold Painting "A"	13	19
B VanLoo & Sons	11	21
Selph Trucking	10	22

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Greg Stachler	590	257
Chris Putman	586	
Darrel VanLoo	577	221
Ron Chapman		256

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	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	142	58
Laural & Company	93	107
Burger King of Charlevoix	91	109
Paul Bunyan Lanes	74	126

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	540	199
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FILE NO. 07-011078-DE

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Allen Reich, who lived at 00222 N. Peninsula Road, East Jordan, Michigan, 49727 died February 8, 2007.

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Date: March 5, 2007

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE COUNTY
OF CHARLEVOIX

ROSEMARY BEAN,
Plaintiff,

v

File: 07-570-21 -CH

JONATHAN EASTERWOOD, and LYNETTE EASTERWOOD, their heirs, successors, assigns, executors and any claiming thereunder, Defendants.

Scott T. Beatty (P24202)
Attorney for Plaintiff
111 State Street, Suite 1
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ORDER TO ANSWER

At a session of said Court, held at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan on the 22nd day of February 22nd, 2007.
PRESIDING: The Honorable Richard M. Pajtas

On February 20, 2007, an action was filed by the above named Plaintiff, against the above named Defendants, in the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, to quiet title to real property situated in the Township of Marion, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, and more specifically identified as follows:

Township of Marion, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, to-wit:

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants JONATHAN EASTERWOOD and LYNETTE EASTERWOOD, and any heirs, successors, assigns, or others claiming thereunder, and any other parties claiming interest shall answer or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before April 20, 2007. Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default against said Defendants for the relief demanded in the complaint.

PLEASE NOTE that a hearing will be held on:

May 11, 2007, at 2:15 p.m.

in the Circuit Courtroom of the Charlevoix County Building in Charlevoix, Michigan, in connection with this matter.

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"My concern is we just agreed to spend $30,000 to clean the (HVAC) system...and to spend $30,000 in cleaning it and resetting it back to square one, with a history of (maintenance) not being done?" Christensen said. "My responsibility (is) to the taxpayer. I have a hard time spending $30,000 and then just continuing on the way we've been continuing on."

Christensen said a personnel change was necessary.

"I'm not suggesting termination, but maybe a (lateral) move where we send another maintenance guy up to the jail from the county building and maybe move Tom (Meggison, Charlevoix Jail Maintenance Supervisor) down from the jail to work in the county building," he said.

Members of the committee, which consist of Christensen, Chairman of the Board and District Six Commissioner, Shirley Roloff and District Four Commissioner, Joel Evans, made aware their concerns about Meggison's attitude and performance to Sheriff George T. Lasater and Meggison himself.

"I was very disappointed with the accusations at the last meeting (Wednesday, Feb. 28) from three people (of) the sheriff's office against John Jarema (Charlevoix County Prosecutor and board of commissioners' civil counsel) who I think, if anybody, wants that problem solved," Evans said. "I thought it was very uncalled for. Those people need to be sat down."

He added, "We're going to get that jail cleaned and make sure the heating and cooling system are working, but we've got to get along."

Several people at the Feb. 28 meeting questioned Jarema's motivations as civil counsel on the matter.

"I was very disappointed at the last meeting with people attacking John (Jarema). We the board wanted (him) to look into this, that's how he got involved," Evans said. "I want to encourage you (Meggison) to work together. You play a part in it, you're the maintenance man and there are certain duties you have to do up there and you need to do them."

"Unfortunately, I was not aware of the...orchestrated response they (jail employees) were going to give you and the civil counsel. To put it bluntly, I was embarrassed," Lasater said. "I felt that I was blind sided as much as anybody else in this room...there was a lack of respect and loyalty to me and I will deal with that and rest assured I will touch base with civil counsel and let him know exactly what I will be doing. I walked out of there saying, 'Jeez, I've been sheriff for 30 years and today I lost control of the sheriff's office.'"

Christensen said he believes the biggest concern in this whole issue is the morale at the jail.

"The conspiratorial attitude that was brought on to us seemed strange to me," he said. "It was almost as if they had their own conspiracy going."

He added, "Quite frankly, the maintenance department should have been handling this issue, not the prosecutor's office."

With such high levels of carbon dioxide in the building being blamed by some on the fact that the fresh air units weren't being left open as directed, an individual from the building department was sent up to the roof of the jail to see if the maintenance department was keeping them open as they had been told.

"It came out at the meeting that someone else in your department had been up on the roof taking photographs of his (building personnel's) footsteps," Christensen said. "Then I started to look through the hourly wages of some of these individuals. I'm sure you didn't hire your people to be wandering around up on the roof taking pictures."

He added, "How much of that was done on company time and on the company dime? I have a lot of concerns with that."

Committee members and civil counsel asked Meggison why he hadn't cleaned certain vents and why he wasn't keeping the fresh air intake units open despite repeated orders to do so.

"You don't work for us, but when we request something through our (civil counsel) like buying humidifiers or cleaning vents, you have to jump on those things," Roloff said. "I think we have a problem with getting things done up there (at the jail)."

Meggison said it doesn't matter how often the vents are cleaned, the internal portion of the system is so dirty it will continue to pose a problem.

Over the course of an hour, the topic of discussion went back and forth from Meggison's performance to accusations made during the Feb. 28 meeting.

"Civil counsel...was asked by the board to review the matter due to the fact that there was going to be some chance of a lawsuit that we had to look at the statute of limitations and make sure we were acting within that time frame and were we getting what we paid for," Charlevoix County Chief Assistant Prosecutor, Shaynee Fanara said. "That's why it was so offensive to say that there was a conspiracy, because we weren't even asked to look into it until May or June of 2006."

She added, "And if the board asks counsel to look at a civil issue, we need to do that."

Roloff said she understands the concerns of the jail workers but, "We're really concerned about the maintenance department up there (at the jail). They've got things in their head that we're trying to hide things from them for goodness sake."

She added, "We do want to do what we can as soon as we can (and) when we do get that cleaned out, I think it will make a big difference."

When asked if they are prepared for potential class action suit from employees and inmates of the jail, chairman Roloff put the question to acting civil counsel Fanara, "If there is a civil lawsuit presented to us, we'll have to address it at that time."

Because engineers all have different opinions on the matter, the commissioners said they, "Still don't really know" whether there is a problem with jail air other than high carbon dioxide levels and if there is a problem, whether it has an engineering, construction or maintenance causation.

Lasater presented copies of a letter dated Feb. 22 he sent to Jarema and Roloff requesting an open meeting with the corrections officers, civil counsel and county board of commissioners.

"It was brought to my attention...(Feb. 22) by the jail administrator that two of the agencies who were giving bids on cleaning the system made the following statements: 'This is a dangerous place to work, you (staff) should be receiving lung scans to see how much damage has been done. Statement made by Brent Raquepaw, Advanced Cleaning Experts,'" Lasater's letter stated. "'This is so bad, why are you (staff) not wearing masks while you're working here?' Statement made by (a) rep(resentative) from Krystal Kleen.'"

Fanara responded, "The two statements that you have (in the letter) listed in here one and two. Mr. Jarema did call both places and asked if those statements were said and they are not true."

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Charlevoix Group Itineraries

The Charlevoix Chamber is working in partnership with Castle Farms, Friske Orchards & Farm Market, the Convention and Visitor's Bureau as well as the Boyne City and East Jordan Chambers to organize and produce itineraries designed to attract groups and more families to the area. The itineraries highlight the many fun and unique activities that are available in our beautiful community while promoting Charlevoix as an active year round destination. The completed materials will serve as an organized tour guide of suggested activities, both local and countywide, for visitors who may not be familiar with the wonderful businesses, services and natural resources available in our area. Examples include the following specific guides: 1) A Taste of the Good Life...Around Lake Charlevoix, 2) Charlevoix: Small Town – Big Culture, 3) Girls Just Wanna Have Fun – in Charlevoix! 4) Winter in Charlevoix County – Not Just Fun in the Sun, 5) Family Fun for Everyone in Charlevoix County – Featuring Charlevoix, Boyne City, East Jordan and Beaver Island. Many hours of work have gone into this project, and we are proud to be a part of it. Upon completion, the itineraries will be posted on the Chamber website, www.charlevoix.org and the following websites: www.castlefarms.com, www.friske.com, www.charlevoixlodging.com, www.ejchamber.org, www.boynechamber.com. Plans include a printed piece for distribution to also market the suggested tours.

OPEN HOUSE

Harwood Heritage Gold Grand Opening

On Sunday, March 18, from 1:00 to 4:00pm, Harwood Heritage Gold will host a Grand Opening open house at the Parsons Centennial Farm located 9 miles south of Charlevoix at 00016 Parsons Road. Tour their newly renovated maple syrup building, see their new equipment, and enjoy some special maple treats; all treats will be made using Harwood Heritage Gold maple syrup (it's not just for breakfast anymore!). For more information visit HYPERLINK "http://www.harwoodgold.com" www.harwoodgold.com, or call 547-2030.

16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is coming to Charlevoix for the 16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7th at 2:00pm sharp in downtown Charlevoix compliments of Northwestern Bank. Don't forget to bring a basket to hold your child's share of the 6000 prize filled eggs. Prior to the Egg Hunt, Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant will host the annual Easter Bunny Luncheon from 11:00am to 1:30pm. Children may have a "free photo" taken with the Easter Bunny, courtesy of Charlevoix Camera, and then the whole family can stay for a special lunch. Call the Weathervane at 547-4311 for luncheon reservations.

Charlevoix Downtown Farmers Market

Due to the success of last year's test Farmers Market, the Charlevoix Chamber will sponsor a 15-week downtown Farmers Market this summer. Goals include promoting local agricultural business by providing a weekly venue for local farmers to sell their product, providing locally grown products to the community, and familiarizing the community with their agricultural neighbors. The Charlevoix Downtown Farmers Market will be held on Thursday mornings from 9:00am to 1:00pm beginning June 21st and concluding September 27th. Chairpersons Jacq Dipert and Judy Kehr along with committee members have been dedicating many hours of their time to establish market rules and arrange other details to sponsor a successful 2007 Downtown Farmers Market.

Customer Appreciation Week at Friske Orchards

Friske's Farm Market will show their appreciation to their loyal customers all this week through Saturday, March 17. Everyone who comes in the market will choose a Shamrock and receive the prize stated on it. Kids choose, too! It's a bushel of fun at Friske's. For more information call 599-2604 or visit www.friske.com.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Mar 12-17	Friske's Customer Appreciation Week 599-2604
Mar 30-31	Texas Hold'em Tournament 582-8800
Mar 23	Charlevoix Yacht Club Friday Feature on Boat Insurance 547-5616
Apr 07	16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt 547-2101

For information on the many programs and events offered by the Charlevoix Public Library visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-547-2651.

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on March 15 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant

People at the meeting will hear from Sandy Dryer, Countryside Tours who is partnering with Castle Farms to hold a Women's Only Weekend, WOW! Scheduled for September 14 and 15, 2007. This event will bring many visitors to stay overnight, eat and spend money in Charlevoix during our off-season.

The next First Friday Biz Breakfast is May 4, 2007 at Grey Gables at 7:30am

The speaker is Dr. Steve Hansen who will speak about global warming.

The Chamber is organizing an Ambassadors Committee. If you are interested in helping on this committee please contact the Chamber.

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MARCH 17
ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

St. Mary Church will host a community St. Patrick's Day dinner from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 in the family center, located on 1003 Bridge St.

Corned beef and cabbage, ham, red skinned potatoes, vegetables, salad bar, breads and homemade pies will be served.

Adult tickets are $8, seniors are $6, children under 12 are $4. Family tickets are available for $25. Take-outs and delivery is offered. There will also be a cash bar.

For more information, call (231) 547-6652.

MARCH 17
THE GROUND TRUTH

The movie, "The Ground Truth: The Human Cost of War," will be shown at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 in Community Room A at Charlevoix Public Library. This event, sponsored by the Veterans for Peace, is free and open to the public. Snacks and discussion will follow.

MARCH 17
BASEBALL CAMP

The 2007 Rayder Baseball Camp will take place on Saturdays, March 17, 24 and April 14 at Charlevoix High School.

The camp is open to all students, in first through sixth grades.

Camp times are 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for first through third graders and 10:30 a.m. to noon for fourth through sixth graders.

Registration forms are available at Charlevoix Elementary School and Charlevoix Middle School.

The sessions will take place either on the Rayder baseball field at Charlevoix High School or in the gym, depending on weather conditions.

For more information, call coach Allen Telgenhof at (231) 547-7388.

MARCH 20
TAI CHI

Tai Chi instructor Meg McClorey, will offer another group of sessions beginning on Tuesday, March 20 at the Charlevoix Public Library. The Beginner Class will take place from 10-11 a.m. The Intermediate Class will be scheduled from 11 a.m. to noon. The cost for a six-week session is $12 for seniors ages 60 and up. The cost for those under 60 is $40. To register, call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103.

MARCH 20
CULINARY ARTS

Crooked Tree Arts Center is registering participants for their winter 2007 Culinary Arts Series.

The popular cooking series will be held from 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday night during February and March.

The following restaurants have agreed to share some of their culinary secrets with students: March 20 Stafford's Hospitality; and March 27 City Park Grill.

For more information or to register for a class, visit www.crookedtree.org.

MARCH 21
RECYCLING MEETING

There will be a regular meeting of the Charlevoix County Recycling Committee at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21 at Boyne City Hall, located at 319 North Lake St. in Boyne City.

MARCH 21
CPR CLASS

CPR Classes available at Charlevoix Area Hospital

Adult/child Heartsaver cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course is being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21.

This Heartsaver CPR course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults and children and the use of barrier devices. This class is intended for those who have a duty to respond to a cardiac emergency because of job responsibilities or regulatory requirements. The cost is $30.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors through Charlevoix Area Hospital, an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information, call (231) 547-8570.

MARCH 22
FISHERIES STATION OPEN HOUSE

The staff of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station invites the public to an open house from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 22 at 96 Grant St. in Charlevoix (south side of the Pine River Channel, near Michigan Beach).

The program will include an overview of Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station history, current fisheries research programs and a description of salmon tagging and weir harvest at Medusa Creek. Also results from Charlevoix area creel/charter boat surveys, an update on Lake Charlevoix walleye tagging survey and an overview of Central Lake Michigan Management Unit activities will be given. There will be a question and answer session and a tour of the fisheries station.

Those interested in attending the open house are asked to reply by March 16 to Cathy Sullivan by calling (231) 547-2914. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should indicate such when contacting the station. All requests will be accommodated.

For more information about the meeting, contact Dave Clapp at (231) 547-2914.

MARCH 23
FRIDAY FEATURES

The Charlevoix Yacht Club's free Friday Features 2007 events lineup will feature a program entitled, "Does your Boat Insurance Really Cover all You Do?" at 7 p.m. on March 23 at the club, located at 209 Ferry Avenue. At the program, Mike Smith, president of Global Marine Insurance Agency, will discuss boating insurance stories — what went right, what was wrong.

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WOMEN'S RETREAT

Charlevoix Assembly of God Women's Ministries is hosting a day retreat for women from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The church is located at 05291 M-66 North, near Castle Farms. "Date With Destiny" features keynote speaker Deborah P. Bayard from Grand Rapids, three keynote sessions, praise and worship, prayer, luncheon, personal testimonies, communion, special music and drama and the opportunity for fun and friendship.

Bayard is an anointed speaker, teacher and worship leader. She is involved in music ministry, women's ministry, prayer ministry and serves as a lay mentor and counselor at First Touch Ministry as part of Grand Rapids First Assembly.

The cost for the retreat is $20 per person, which includes lunch. Register by March 18 by calling Ginger Stevens at the church office at (231) 547-6430. Checks may be made payable to Charlevoix Assembly of God and sent to the church at P.O. Box 527, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Designate "Women's Retreat" in the memo line.

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

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- Flannel Appliqué Quilting class, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 15.
- Computer Basics, 1 p.m., March 19.
- A Guide to the Glycemic Index, 6 p.m., March 20.
- Writer's group, 6 p.m., March 21.

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City manager opening attracts 39 people

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The City of Charlevoix is one step closer to choosing a new city manager.

As of the March 15 application deadline, 39 people had applied for the city manager's vacancy. Applications postmarked by March 15 that are still en route will be accepted.

While 39 choices may seem to some like a high number, Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. doesn't think so.

"I don't think that's that many. We had over 100 applicants for the police officer's job," he said.

Carlson believes two charter amendments approved by voters in November of 2006 are to blame.

The first, Proposal 5, eliminated the provision for the city manager to be appointed to an indefinite term. The new wording requires appointment for up to a three-year term. The second,

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Park renovation takes shape

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

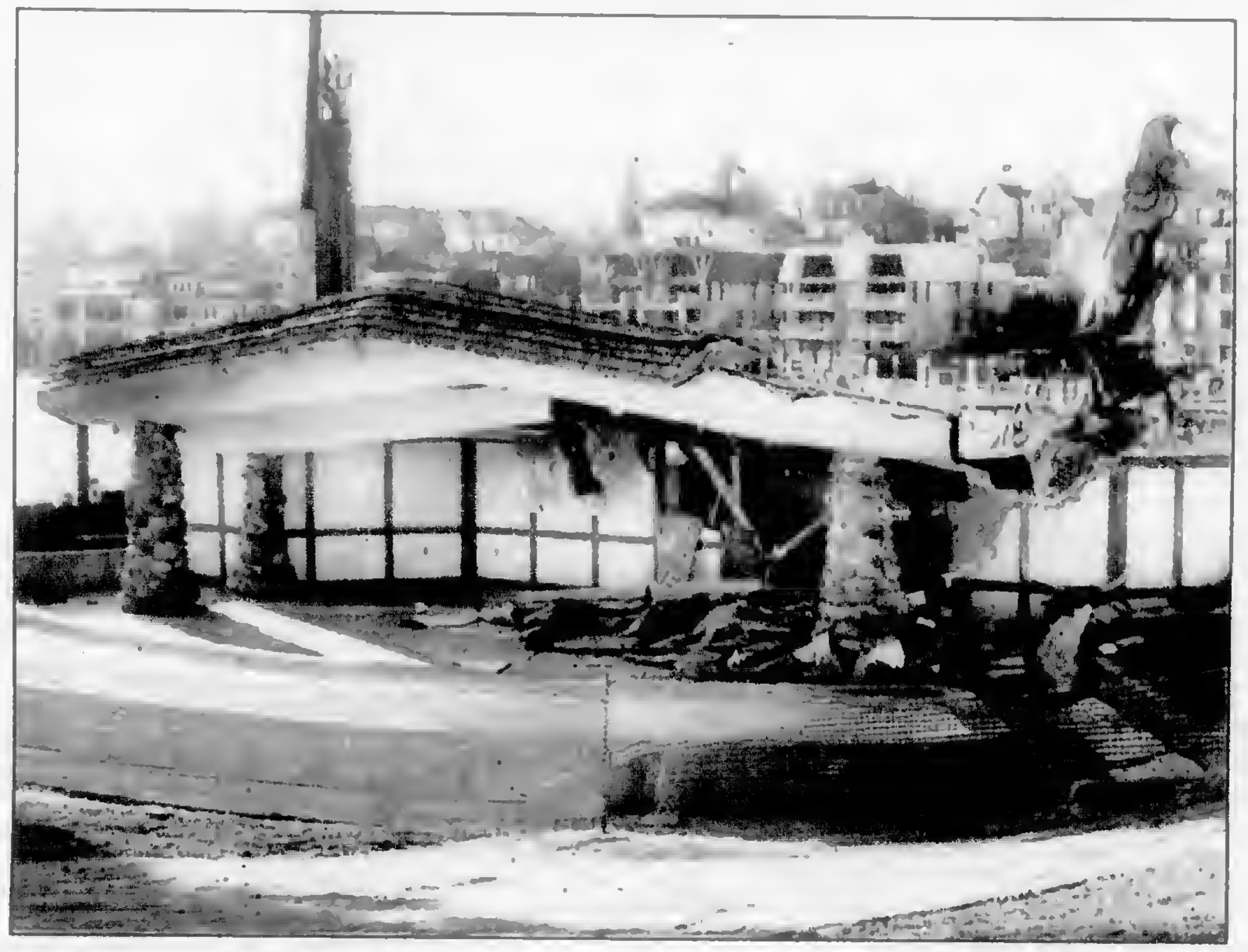

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The $7.2 million East Park renovation showed visible changes last week when on March 15 the Clarence Odmark Pavilion was torn down. The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce building is expected to be demolished this week.

After 49 years in the same location at 408 Bridge St., the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce made its big move — less than a half a mile away.

Now located at 109 Mason St., just across the road from the Charlevoix Courier, the new chamber building is nearly five-and-a-half times the size of the old one.

"I think it's exciting. It's a new era for the chamber of commerce and the community," said chamber president, Jacqueline Merta. "I think the park project and the marina project are wonderful, very positive things which are happening to the community."

She added, "I think this change is for the good."

Of the $10 million marina and East Park project, the East Park renovation being steered by Hallmark Construction of Traverse City, will cost about $7.2 million.

Demolition of existing buildings that include the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, the Clarence Odmark Pavilion commonly called the "handshell," the portable bathroom trailer and the fish pond kick off the renovation.

The Clarence Odmark Pavilion was torn down on March 15 with the chamber

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File photo

Consumers Energy is negotiating a sale agreement that will include its Palisades property in South Haven and a portion of Charlevoix's Big Rock Point property.

Big Rock sells dry fuel property

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Consumers Energy is working on a plan to unload its albatross.

Last week, Tim Petrosky, spokesman for Consumers Energy, a local utility provider which owns the Big Rock Point property in Charlevoix's Hayes Township, confirmed a sale agreement is in the works with Entergy Corporation, the second largest generator of nuclear power in the United States.

The plan is for Consumers to sell its Palisades Nuclear Plant in South Haven to Entergy for $380 million and for Consumers to pay Entergy $30 million to take over 107 acres of the Big Rock property where spent nuclear fuel is stored.

Palisades, an 800 megawatt nuclear power plant, is the only remaining active nuclear plant under Consumers' ownership.

"This makes economic sense for Consumers, for the customer and for Entergy," Petrosky said. "It's very difficult to be a single nuclear power plant utility — there's no opportunity to share

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Shawn Michael Hall, 20, Charlevoix. Attempted criminal sexual conduct-fourth degree. Credit for one day in jail, 334 days to be held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; no contact with the victim; $300 in fines and costs.

Joshua David Gardner, 22, Boyne City. Checking account-insufficient funds less than $100. Serve seven days of community service work in lieu of seven days in jail; $350 in fines and costs.

Michael Joseph Conti, 45, Mancelona. Operating while intoxicated-second offense; Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 294 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $2,030 in fines and costs.

Matthew Robert Rankin, 27, Petoskey. Open intoxicant-motor vehicle driver; and controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, 344 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $750 in fines and costs.

Richard Alexander Knight, 21, West Branch. Operating while intoxicated-first offense; three counts of attempted resisting and obstructing a police officer. Credit for one day in jail, 344 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,930 in fines and costs.

Nickolas Edward Bishaw, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession/purchase/consume alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Charles David Vandermey, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession/purchase/consume alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Newton Charles Sage; 28, address unknown. Assault/assault and battery. Credit for five days in jail, 87 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $300 in fines and costs.

William Rutgers Venhuizen, 58, Spring Lake. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Ashley Ann Dungan, 18, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Totaling $100 in fines and costs.

Rhonda Sue Richards, 29, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied-second or subsequent offense. Credit for seven days in jail, to serve 33 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Ryan Daniel Robinson, 21, Boyne City. Larceny-less than $200. Credit for five days in jail; $426.42 in fines and costs.

Julie Anne Crouterfield, 40, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, to serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,035 in fines and costs.

Sheehan David Bier, 27, Charlevoix. Domestic violence; and disturbing the peace. Credit for five days in jail, 78 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $800 in fines and costs.

Tammy Lynn Matuszczak, 32, Boyne City. Domestic violence. Credit for one day in jail, 77 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $850 in fines and costs.

Rebecca Euella Fettig, 29, Petoskey. Use of Oxycodone. Credit for two days in jail, to serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 353 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $500 in fines and costs.

Teresa Mae Boyd, 40, Charlevoix. Retail fraud-third degree. To serve 35 days in jail; $200 in fines and costs.

Jessica Rose Schrock, 24, Petoskey. Driving while license suspended-second offense. To serve six days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Lance Alan Dodson, 51, Van Nuys, Calif. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess

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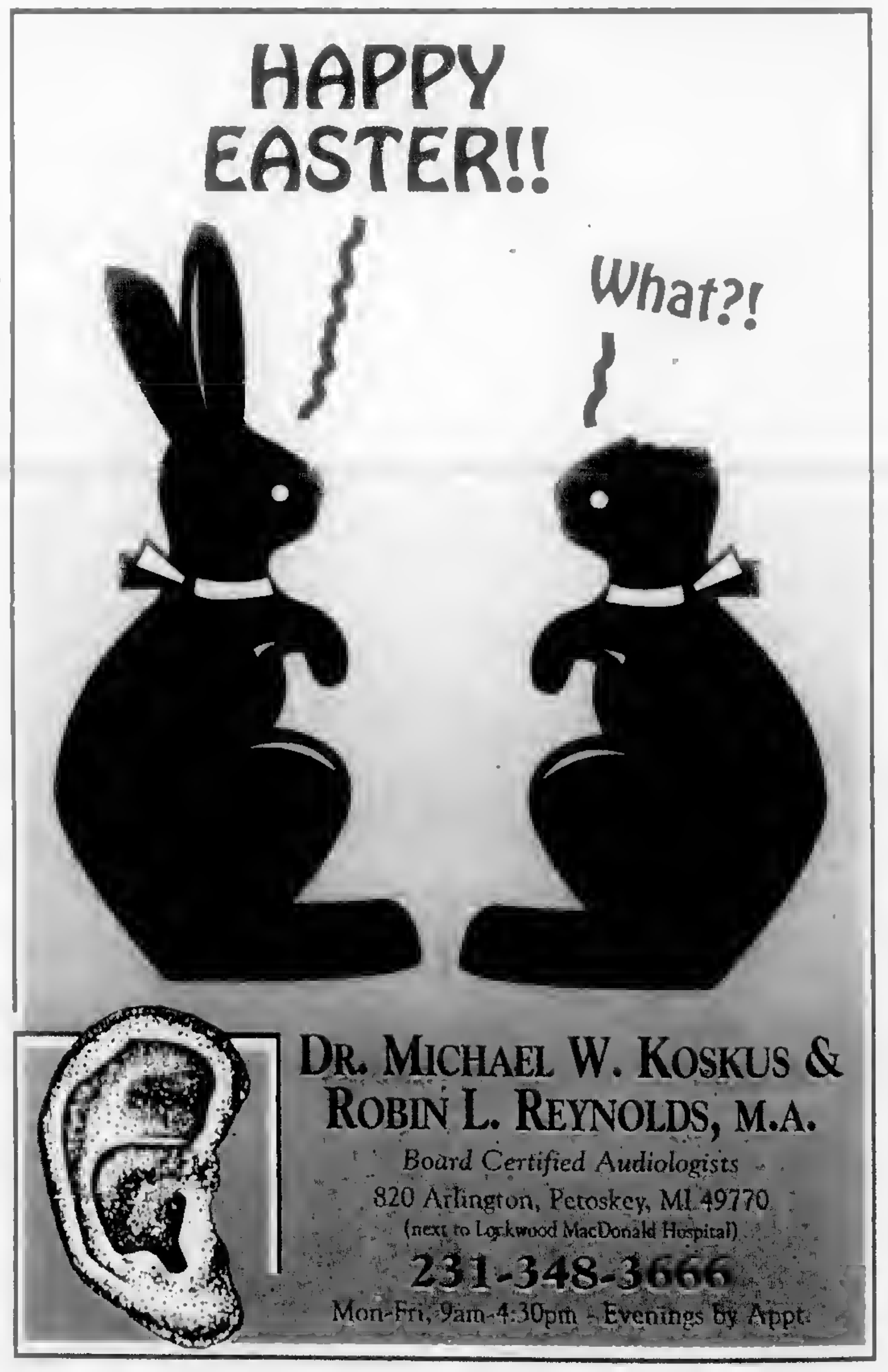
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Debate over the impact of charter amendments on manager applicant pool

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Proposal 6, limits severance packages to no more than three months pay.

"I know it (the amendments) scared off a few people who called me and asked about the job," Carlson said. "The three years is what scared them. There's no job security. It's not a perpetual job like it was before — every three years you're done unless they (Charlevoix City Council members) renew your contract. Why would someone uproot their family, give up a decent job they have now to come here for a three-year gig when you have no security?"

While Carlson is confident the charter amendments scared some candidates off, he said he doesn't know if the overall quality of the candidate pool was impacted.

First Ward Charlevoix City Councilman, Bob Timms, who supported both charter amendments, said he doesn't believe they chilled the hiring process.

"I think there's plenty of them (eligible candidates for city manager). It might have affected some of them but I don't think it's a problem. I think it's good to have a review (Proposal 5) and it's just so things don't fall through the cracks, I think it's a good change," Timms said.

The Charlevoix City Manager Hiring Committee, which includes Carlson, acting city manager Rick Brandi, Petoskey city manager George Korthauer and city residents John Kurtz and Mary Adams will begin reviewing the applications this week.

Brandi, 59, said he did not apply for the job as he plans to retire as early as next year.

The committee members have been given all the applications. They will bring their individual recommendations to the entire committee which will conduct interviews in early April. These committee meetings are not open to the public. Based on these interviews, the committee will pass along their top picks to Charlevoix City Council for its review. Council members can add or subtract any applicants to the final list they consider. City council interviews will be open to the public.

Brandi said the goal is to have a new manager hired in early June.

Former Charlevoix city manager, Mike Wiesner, was fired by city council in January after 22 years at that post. Council members who supported the action including Timms, first ward councilman, Lyle Gennett, second ward councilman, Gene Beer, and third ward council member, Shirley Gibson, cited mismanagement in a check debacle with a contractor, CCMS, that cost the city over $220,000 and failure to oversee wastewater treatment plant personnel who were charged with falsifying records, as grounds for Wiesner's dismissal.

What happened? As of the March 15 application deadline, 39 people had applied for the city manager's vacancy. Applications postmarked by March 15 that are still en route will be accepted.

What's next? The Charlevoix City Manager Hiring Committee, which includes mayor Norman Carlson Jr., acting city manager Rick Brandi, Petoskey city manager George Korthauer and city residents John Kurtz and Mary Adams will begin reviewing the applications this week.

They will conduct interviews in early April. Based on these interviews, the committee will pass along their top picks to Charlevoix City Council for its review.

When will a new manager be hired? The goal is to have a new manager hired in early June.

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alcohol/controlled substances; $830 in fines and costs.

Brandy Lynn Brookins, 26, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

CT Builders, 906 State St., Boyne City, by Chad Tousley

Applegate Stable, 11399 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix, by Marcia Pelon

Dancing Threads Embroidery and Screen Printing, 211 1/2 South Lake St., Boyne City, by Bethany G. Revoir

Claire Bear's, 3695 M-66 North, Charlevoix, by Claire Ransom

CLARIFICATION

In a Wednesday, March 14 Charlevoix Courier article entitled "Sheriff responds to air concern," it was stated, on page 24, that Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater, presented copies of a Feb. 22 letter he authored.

A statement attributed to Brent Raquepaw of Advanced Cleaning Experts, one of the companies giving bids to clean the Charlevoix County Jail, concerning the air quality has since been denied.

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Polygamy legislation violates First Amendment

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

I got to wondering the other day whether a law is just simply because it is law and why the subjective morality of a few is heaped onto the masses.

We have laws in this country enacted to punish people for and deter them from physically or fiscally harming others, I get that. We also have arbitrary laws passed to apparently indulge the intolerance of the ruling class.

Before I go any further, let me state that I support the legalization of polygamy for all Americans, from apostolic Christian to agnostic. And, while it might not surprise you to hear that Gohs heathen is once again defending the seemingly indefensible, it should shock you that the Bill of Rights is trampled by our politico police and their citizen tyrant toadies every day of the week.

Though it has existed arguably as far back as men and women have felt the need to covet one another, and was practiced by Jews, Muslims, American Indians, Africans, Asians and even some Christians, plural marriage's downfall in these United States began shortly after Latter Day Saint prophet, Brigham Young, announced in the mid-1800s that "the practice," as it is often called, was a vital part of Latter Day Saint life.

Over the next couple decades, Utah and the U.S. government did all they could to destroy the Mormons by seizing property, disincorporating the church and imprisoning known practitioners of plural marriage.

Young's own secretary, George Reynolds, after being found guilty of bigamy and hoping the freedom of religion clause in the U.S. Constitution would release he and his people from state mandated torment, sought relief from the U.S. Supreme Court.

In his opinion on the case, Chief Justice, Morrison Waite, wrote, "There never has been a time in any State of the Union when polygamy has not been an offense against society."

According to Waite, it was, "Impossible to believe that the constitutional guaranty of religious freedom was intended to prohibit legislation in response to this most important feature (marriage) of social life."

Though Waite's willful ignorance demonstrated otherwise, the constitution does not say only certain Christian religious beliefs are protected, it says, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

But, by passing laws based on certain sects of Christianity, lawmakers have established a national religion.

Waite further stated, "Polygamy has always been odious among the northern and western nations of Europe, and, until the establishment of the Mormon church, was almost exclusively a feature of the life of Asiatic and of African people."

Of course, Waite's statement came during a time when only certain white, Christian men enjoyed the full protections and benefits of the constitution. Knowing the brutality and subhuman treatment received by both of the nonwhite, aforementioned peoples, it is most certain Waite meant merely to further disparage the practice of polygamy.

Waite continued to express his knowledge of all things odious when he wrote that, while American laws, "Cannot interfere with mere religious belief and opinions, they may with practices."

I dare a modern-day judge to tell the NRA their members deserve only the opinion that they may own guns under the Second Amendment to the Constitution.

I hear the critics of freedom and equality conjuring their asinine arguments in hopes of destroying dissenters.

They say, "But Gohs, polygamy is a breeding ground for child molesters and misogynists."

Unfortunately they are partially correct, predators lurk everywhere, but we already have laws designed to punish pedophiles — as weak as those laws may be. We certainly cannot punish the thousands of those engaged in holy, plural matrimony simply because of a few rotters. To do so would be as silly as calling for prohibition of Catholicism simply because a few addled archbishops knowingly placed pederasts within arms reach of hundreds of young victims.

We must say no to the burning of a witch, the stoning of a heretic and the continued criminalization of civil liberties. Come on kids, just say no to neo-puritanism.

After all, protecting the freedom of those with whom we disagree is the first and most necessary of steps to protecting our own.

Between 10 a.m. and noon on Thursday, March 22, Gohs will discuss this topic on the Vic McCarty Show on WMKT 1270 AM.

You can also listen to the radio broadcast live on the web at www.wmktthetalkstation.com. Benjamin Gohs is staff writer for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at bgohs@charlevoixcourier.com.

Movement: The key to longevity for some

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

Movement is defined as "The ability to transcend from point A to point B with smooth transition." This was something I learned in beginning ballet at the tender age of 10. Spending this past week visiting dad at a skilled nursing facility was a re-education as to how important movement really is.

Dad arrived at this new chapter in his life by a fall he had taken involving face-to-face contact with the kitchen counter. The result, a fractured vertebrae near his neck and bruised vocal cords. I marveled at how well he was healing during his hospital stay until I was apprised of his second fall. This time his head met with the cold and unforgiving bathroom sink. Today, dad proudly sports the staples in his head like a child with a lost tooth. "Do you want to see my staples?" he asked.

"No thanks dad, I'm still feeling woozy from checking out your bed sores," I said.

The importance of exercise has played a role in our family for generations. The ability to move body parts and get our brain waves active is a lifeline to longevity. Family members utilizing their physical and mental abilities have outlived those who did not practice this concept. As a child, I was introduced to movement through exercise via exercise guru, Jack La Lanne. I came home from school one day in time to see mom sprawled on the living room floor. Before I could dial "O" for the operator (pre 9-1-1 days), I looked up with my youthful eyes and saw this muscular aperture of man on TV clothed in skintight gymnastics apparel. It was good old Jack urging mom to lift her legs over her head. Now there is a sight to behold and a memory I will never forget.

Let's fast forward to the present and you'll find me looking for a place to stay while visiting dad at his rehabilitation facility. I decided I already had squatter's rights to his apartment in assisted living so I would camp out there. It was quite an education. I wasn't certain how I should react as the residents welcomed me more than the casual visitor. I was quick to remind the aides that I did not require medical attention, a 6 a.m. feeding or to be personally bathed. Some of my new friends invited me to exercise class. "Use it or lose it honey," announced an exuberant, spry, white-haired woman.

As the sun would set near this busy facility the residents could be found scurrying to the sounds

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LETTERS to the editor

FIGHT SECONDHAND CHILD ABUSE

Editor:

Wow. Which screw came loose prior to staff writer, Benjamin Gohs, penning last week's edition of The Crying Towel? (entitled "Beware of 'The greater good' trade-off," page 4 of the March 7 edition of the Courier). The tone of that piece was so paranoid, it was more reminiscent of the Unabomber Manifesto than real journalism.

I take greatest exception with the list Mr. Gohs presented as proof of the egregious nature of government oppression. Included in his list of atrocities was the ban in Bangor, Maine against smoking in an automobile with children.

People who smoke near an infant should go to jail. The damaging effects of secondhand smoke on an adult lung are clearly known, but the additional injury to the developing neonatal lung can only be estimated. It is thought that 6,200 children die annually in the United States due to their parents smoking. To break that down, 2,800 die from low birth weight due to women smoking during pregnancy, 2,000 die from sudden infant death syndrome, 1,100 die from respiratory infections and 250 die from burns. Another 5.4 million children are treated annually by the medical profession for asthma, ear and respiratory infections, due to living in a smoking environment. The annual cost of these smoking related illnesses in children is $4.6 billion, with another $8.2 billion estimated lost based on loss of life.

Mr. Gohs ended his diatribe by stating "We're all going to die — at least allow us to do so with dignity as we see fit." That is exactly what a law banning smoking near children will do for those kids whose parents are not enlightened or intelligent enough to protect their own children.

So, if my being against what amounts to secondhand child abuse puts me in a category the author calls "conniving cowards," so be it. Mr. Gohs, I have only one question left: Who are you calling a pansy?

Dylan Stewart MD
Baltimore, Md.
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THANK YOU, SUPPORTERS

Editor:

I would like to thank the whole northern Michigan community and my family for their love, support and prayers throughout my health and financial concerns. The last 10 months have been a mental and physical roller coaster for me. But I would never have kept such a positive attitude without your support. I still have a couple medical hurdles to overcome, but the outlook and future is very promising. I feel very lucky and privileged to live in a community that rallies together when someone or a family is in need for help. Thank you.

Branden Kanoff
Charlevoix

SUPPORT SMOKING BAN

Editor:

I believe that Mr. Gohs is off-base with his criticism of the Bangor, Maine, law regarding smoking around children. While to the great disappointment of your local physicians, our Michigan legislators have not found it necessary to produce a similar law regarding shielding our children from the secondhand smoke in homes and automobiles.

Secondhand smoke contains more than 40 known carcinogens which children take into their lungs with each tiny breath. The federal government estimates that this smoke is the major contributing agent for nearly 15,000 hospital admissions in children less than 18 months of age every year.

The tobacco-producing states of Arkansas and Louisiana passed laws in 2006 forbidding anyone from smoking in cars containing children. Vermont and Washington state prohibit foster parents from smoking in homes or automobiles containing children of any age. Our former surgeon general, Dr. Richard Carmosa, said in June of 2006 that children exposed to second-hand smoke are at a significant increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome.

A Democratic state representative in Arkansas, Bob Mathis sponsored the law that bars smoking in a car carrying a child young enough to require a car seat. Mathis was quoted saying, "We have laws on the books in every state of the union against child abuse. This is child abuse."

Gary Nolan, spokesman for The Smoker's Club Inc., a smoker's rights group, likens smoking bans to the "Salem witch hunts." He states that secondhand smoke is "not dangerous," and states that "If we don't reverse this, they'll be telling us what we can eat and what we can feed our children."

Mr. Gohs' article seems to subscribe to Nolan's perspective. And that's a shame.

F. James Stewart, M.D.
Pine River Medical
Charlevoix

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Lessons learned from assisted living residents

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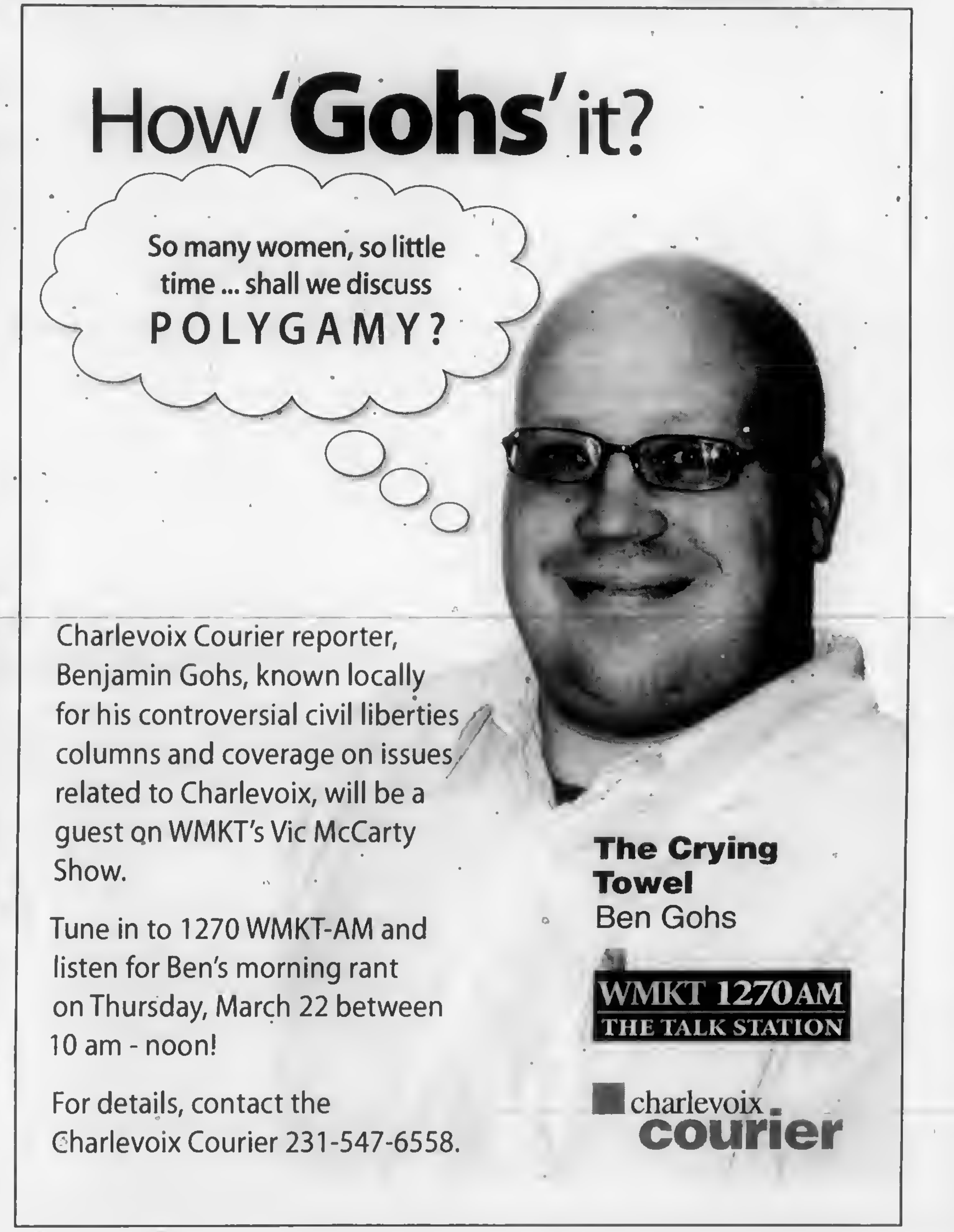
coming from the TV in the commons area. I joined in — taking turns guessing which letter should appear as Vanna White elegantly moved across this life size projection. Soon after the show had ended, the evening papers were brought in, but many were tossed aside as the print was too small to read. I did find a few individuals fighting over the pages containing cross word puzzles, another mind exercise. Again, the banter would begin as we all wanted to guess which word would fit correctly into the assigned squares.

Now feeling like a member of the village, I decide to help by reading the paper aloud to those who could no longer read the fine print. Trying to keep things positive, I avoided articles that dealt with crime and conspiracy. I focused on the war in Iraq and job layoffs. This was followed by the obituary page, which brought about a flurry of vocal activity. Writing your own obit may be the new creative writing class I'll offer them.

My good deeds and exercising with the group paid off. I did get a part in the Spring Fling Musical, "We Move You." I'm the one in the back row without a walker. I'll be holding a daisy as a sign of spring in case you miss me. You can catch our performance this April at the Oakwood Commons Assisted Living Complex in Melvindale.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.


So many women, so little time ... shall we discuss POLYGAMY?

How 'Gohs' it?

Charlevoix Courier reporter, Benjamin Gohs, known locally for his controversial civil liberties columns and coverage on issues related to Charlevoix, will be a guest on WMKT's Vic McCarty Show.

Tune in to 1270 WMKT-AM and listen for Ben's morning rant on Thursday, March 22 between 10 am - noon!

For details, contact the Charlevoix Courier 231-547-6558.

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Lake Charlevoix Association sponsors student photo contest

The Lake Charlevoix Association is looking for photographs of Lake Charlevoix or its watershed taken by a student going to school in Charlevoix County.

The association will award a $50 prize for the best picture taken in each of the four seasons. To enter, send a photo as an e-mail attachment to photo@lakecharlevoixassociation.org and in the text of the message state the title of the photo, where and when it was taken, the photographer's name, school and grade. Entries should not exceed 1 MB in size. One entry per student will be accepted each season.

The deadline for entering winter season pictures is March 28. Spring shots must be received by June 20, summer by Sept. 20 and fall by Dec. 20.

Winning entries will be featured on the Lake Charlevoix Association Web site.

A $100 grand prize will be awarded for the best picture for the year.

For more information, visit the Lake Charlevoix Association Web site at www.lakecharlevoixassociation.org.

File photo

The Lake Charlevoix Association is looking for photographs of Lake Charlevoix or its watershed, like the one of sail boat racing pictured above, taken by a student going to school in Charlevoix County. The submission deadline for winter shots is March 28.

Make a 'Date with Destiny' March 24

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Who: Charlevoix Assembly of God Church
What: 'Date with Destiny' women's retreat
When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 24
Where: Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, 05291 M–66 North, near Castle Farms

Charlevoix Assembly of God Women's Ministries is hosting a day retreat for women from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The church is located at 05291 M–66 North, near Castle Farms. "Date With Destiny" features keynote speaker Deborah P. Bayard from Grand Rapids, three keynote sessions, praise and worship, prayer, luncheon, personal testimonies, communion, special music and drama and the opportunity for fun and friendship.

Bayard is an anointed speaker, teacher and worship leader. She is involved in music ministry, women's ministry, prayer ministry and serves as a lay mentor and counselor at First Touch Ministry as part of Grand Rapids First Assembly.

The cost for the retreat is $20 per person, which includes lunch. Register by calling Ginger Stevens at the church office at (231) 547-6430. Checks may be made payable to Charlevoix Assembly of God and sent to the church at P.O. Box 527, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Designate "Women's Retreat" in the memo line.

Street Legends announces scholarship

The Charlevoix Street Legends Classic Car Club is offering a scholarship to high school graduates and seniors who have been accepted to an approved school for any phase of practice within the automotive field or in a vocational/technical program in September following graduation from high school or registered home school.

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Cancer Crusaders plan luncheon for Donna Russell

The Cancer Crusaders and the Commission on Aging are sponsoring a fund-raising lunch from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 25 at the Boyne Area Senior Center to benefit Charlevoix resident, Donna Russell.

Russell is a part-time homemaker for Charlevoix County who was diagnosed with stomach cancer in October 2006. She had major surgery and part of her stomach removed in December 2006 and is currently undergoing chemotherapy to be followed by radiation treatments.

Russell has not been able to work since October and the fund-raiser will offset her bills and medical expenses.

The meal will feature barbecued beef on a bun, chips, cole slaw and a drink with a dessert bar and bake sale.

The Cousins Music Group will perform. Donations will be accepted. All checks for donations should be made out to Donna Russell.

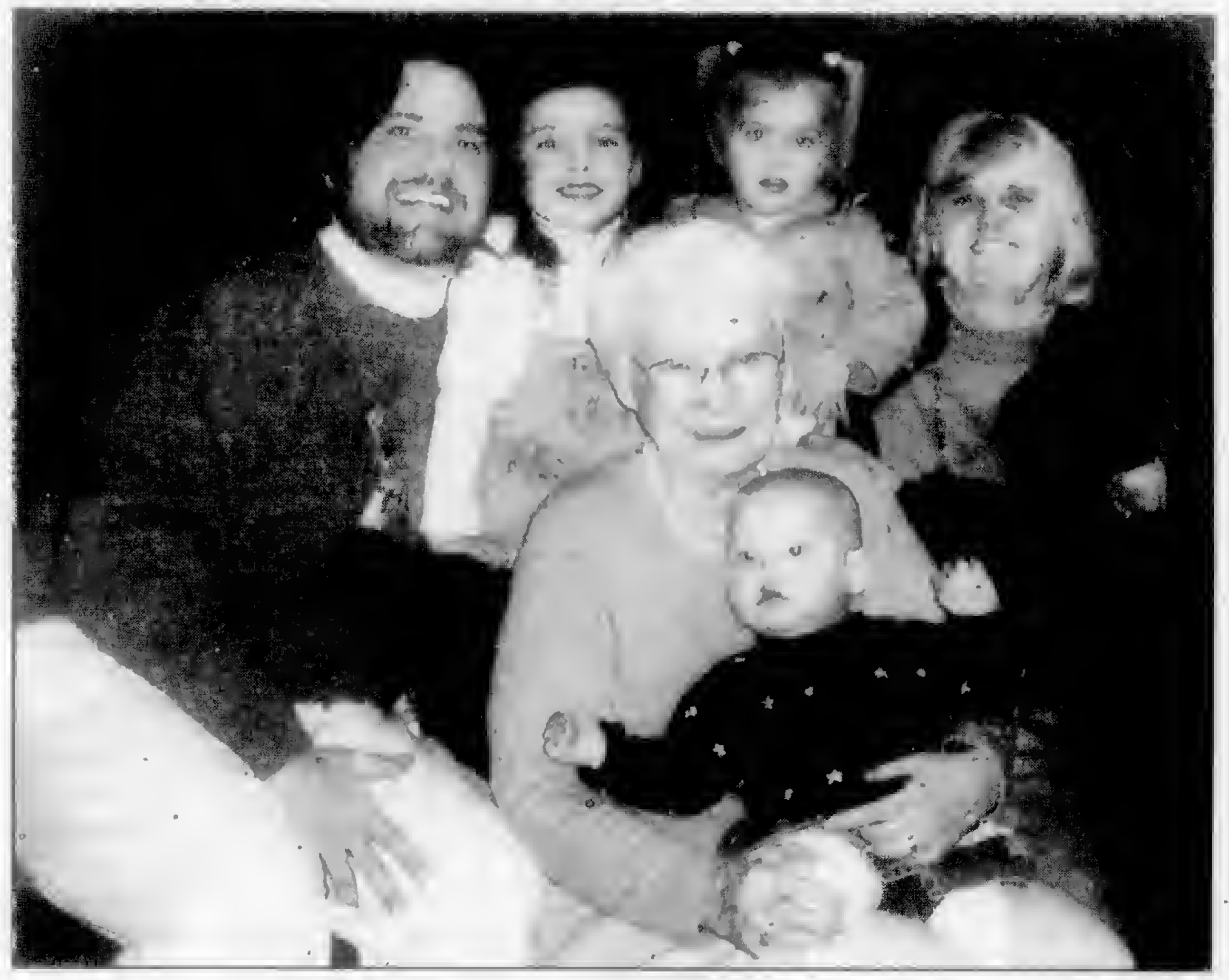
Bourassa hosts March 24 benefit guitar recital

Eric Bourassa

Eric Bourassa will host a classical guitar recital at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 in Community Rooms A and B at Charlevoix Public Library.

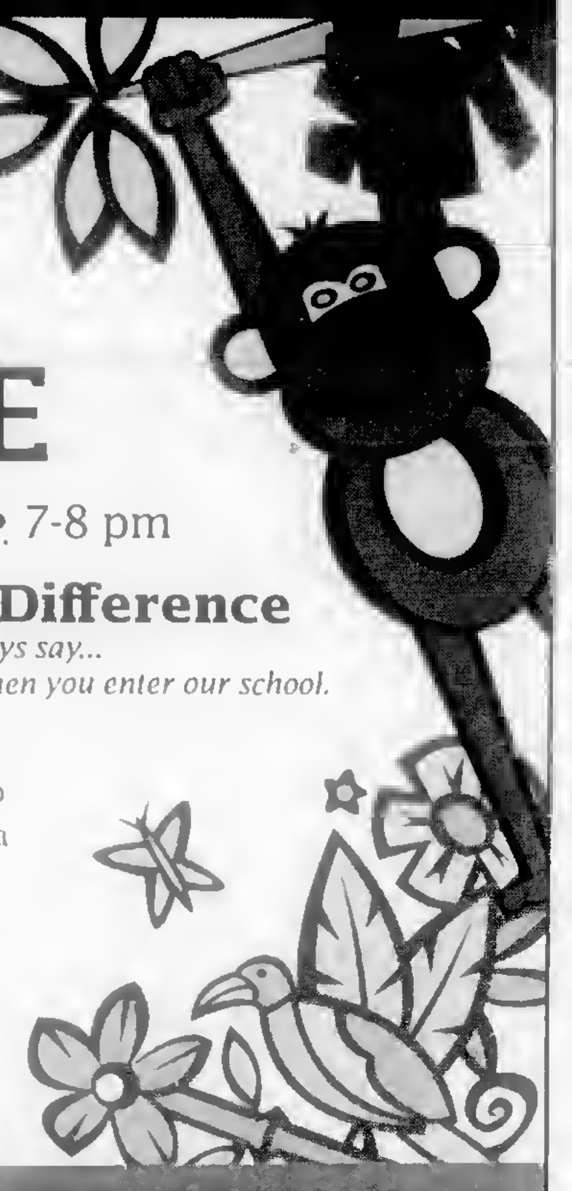
Admission is free. Donations will benefit Christina Bourassa's internship with Teen Mania Ministries which will take place in fall of 2007.

FOUR GENERATIONS



Courtesy photo

Four generations of Charlevoix's Riley family recently gathered for a family photo. They are pictured above, from left Ty Wagner, Rilyn Wagner, Katherine Wagner, Joan (Riley) Wagner, June Riley and Jonelle Wagner who was Charlevoix Area Hospital's first baby born in 2006.



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OBITUARIES

Edna Kennedy: Nov. 6, 1912 - Feb. 17, 2007

Edna Marie Neff Kennedy, 94, of Traverse City died on Feb. 17. She was born on Nov. 6, 1912 to Lance and Esther (Nelson) Neff of Charlevoix.

Edna Marie graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1932 followed by Lewis/Chapin School of Business and Detroit Business College.

Edna Marie married Basil Kennedy of Traverse City in 1941 in Charlevoix. She retired from Munson Medical Center medical records department in Traverse City.

Edna Marie is survived by her children B. Lance (Kathy) Kennedy of Lake Orion, Janice Kennedy Verhage of Traverse City and Bruce Kennedy of Wetmore as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Mrs. Robert (Eleanor) Neff, many Neff nieces and nephews, Neff and Nelson cousins.

Edna Marie was preceded in death by her husband Basil Kennedy, parents Lance and Esther Neff, brothers Gordon N. and wife Catherine J. Neff, and L. Robert Neff.

Memorials can be sent to Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Traverse City.

Elizabeth Forker: Died Feb. 22, 2007

Elizabeth Nichols Forker, former president of the Junior League of Cincinnati and the Garden Club of Cincinnati, died Feb. 22 at her home in Hyde Park, Ohio. She was 94.

Mrs. Forker, known as Betty, was a founding trustee of the Children's Heart Association and the Visiting Nurse Association and president of the Children's Convalescent Home. She was a board member of the Southwestern Ohio Chapter of the American Heart Association and chairwoman of its annual Christmas card campaign in 1976.

During her younger years, Mrs. Forker was an excellent amateur golfer. She was president of the Greater Cincinnati Women's Golf Association and promoted women's and girl's golf until her death. In 1997, the association's amateur invitational championship named its junior medalist award the Betty Forker Trophy in her honor.

Her husband, David Matthews Forker Jr., died in 1979.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret Smith of Hyde Park; and two grandchildren. Services have been held. Interment was at Spring Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be directed to Charlevoix Area Hospital, Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix, MI 49720; or Belvedere Club Memorial Fund, Belvedere Club, P.O. Box 218, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Mrs. Forker had been coming to Charlevoix's Belvedere Club since the 1940s and celebrated her 50th summer here in 1996. She was also a five-time ladies golf champion at the Belvedere Golf Club and an accomplished tennis player at the Belvedere.

The club would like to honor Mrs. Forker's memory with a new emphasis on recycling.

Robert Sladics: Jan. 30, 1945 - March 7, 2007

Robert Joseph Sladics, 62, of Hot Springs Village, Ark. died March 7 at National Park Medical Center after a courageous battle with lung cancer.

Robert was born Jan. 30, 1945 to Joseph and Ann Sladics in Baltimore, Md. He attended school at Dundalk High School and Towson State University. He retired from General Motors after 35 years of service at their Baltimore, Detroit and Shreveport plants. He was also a Navy veteran.

Robert is survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Margaret Helkowski Sladics; daughter, Devra (Jeff) Bafs, son, Brian (Marcie); and granddaughters Abigail and Tessa of Fishers, Ind., Reylin and Laina of Charlevoix; his sister, Kathleen Sladics; and niece, Jessica of Baltimore, Md.

Robert was predeceased by his parents.

Services were held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Hot Springs Village, Ark. Donations can be made to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, P.O. Box 27105, New York, NY 10117-2504; (212) 629-2000; www.mskcc.org.

Thode Thodeson: Jan. 8, 1914 - March 12, 2007

Thode B. "Ted" Thodeson, 93, died Monday, March 12 at Chelsea Community Hospital.

Thode was born on Jan. 8, 1914 near Swift Current, Saskatchewan, the first child of Peder and Tilla (Jorgenson) Thodeson. Educated through the eighth-grade on the prairie, he completed his education in the Canadian Navy and served on a mine sweeper off Canada's east coast in World War II. In 1945, following the war, he attended Bible school in Toronto where he met and married Dorothy Wright. They became American citizens in 1949. She preceded him in death on Dec. 19, 1989.

Thode's first pastorate was in Glennie in the Pigeon National Forest of upstate Michigan. He also pastored in Reed City, Charlevoix, Ludington and Chelsea, and was camp caretaker at the Assembly of God, Fa-Ho-Lo campground in Grass Lake. Thode was active for a time in the Chelsea Ministerial Association and served as voluntary chaplain at the Cassidy Lake Correctional Facility. He was an avid gardener.

Thode is survived by his daughter, Loreen (Joel) Aguirre of Spokane, Wash.; two sons, Paul (Kathryn) of Atlanta, Ga., and Robert of Ann Arbor; two brothers, David and John; three sisters, Esther Collins, Toni Seal and Thelma Alexander; five grandchildren, Reed, Drew, Lucas, Susan and Jana; one great-granddaughter, Emily Rose; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service took place on Friday, March 16, at the Chelsea Christian Fellowship with Pastor Jeffrey Thomas officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Chelsea Christian Fellowship, 339 Wilkinson St., Chelsea, MI 48118, or North Sharon Baptist Church, 17999 Washburne Rd., Grass Lake, MI 49240; or a charity of your choice.

MORE OBITUARIES SEE PAGE 9

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	**547-6430**

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	During Worship
Pastor: Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -5168**

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	**547-6322**

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Horlhol

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	**547-2875**

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Church Office	**547-9482**

ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	**588-7805**

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4221**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times
Pastor: Michael Dennis	**547-4121**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9122**

FREEDOM HOUSE
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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**237-0800**

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	**582-9262**

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-3008**
Pastor: Harold E. Krose	**599-2321**

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
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SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	**547-6283**

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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Widows, widowers offered free grief support program

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is offering a four-week Grief and Loss Support Group for widows and widowers.

The sessions, which are part of hospice's Safe Crossings Program, will meet from 6 – 8 p.m. on four consecutive Tuesdays beginning on April 3 at the Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. Participation in the group is free.

Registration at least one week prior to the support group sessions is appreciated. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or visit hospiceltb.org.

Who? Hospice of Little Traverse Bay
What? Four-week Grief and Loss Support Group for widows and widowers
Where? Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.
When? from 6 – 8 p.m. on four consecutive Tuesdays beginning April 3

OBITUARY

Lorah Foley: March 10, 1944 - March 14, 2007

Lorah Jean Foley, 63, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, March 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Lorah was born on March 10, 1944, to Laurence A. and Lorah A. (Cole) Foley. She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1962, and then took nurses training at Saint Luke's Hospital in Marquette, earning her registered nurse at Northern Michigan University. She then attended Warner Pacific College in Portland, Ore. for three years and then lived in California for three years when Lake Michigan drew her home to Charlevoix.

In 2006, Lorah retired from Charlevoix Area Hospital where she had worked for 22 of her 41 years in nursing.

She is survived by her sister, Mary (Herb) Hilliker of Bloomington, Ind.; brother-in-law, David (Eileen) Juilleret of Charlevoix; nieces and nephews, Becky (Jeff) Resch, Dan (Carol) Juilleret, Jennifer (Charles) Montgomery, Greg (Janet) Hilliker, Jenny (Curt) Byrd, Becky (Rick) Batterbee, Beverly Hilliker, Betsy (Mike) Jarvis, Shelly Mosier, Julia (Todd) Ronngren, Andrew (Nicole) Hilliker, Jodi (Ian) Loudon; many great-nieces and nephews. Lorah's sister, Margaret Juilleret, and nephew, William Mosier, preceded her in death. Memorial contributions may be made to Charlevoix Area Hospital or the Community Church of God.

A graveside service will be held at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey this summer. Services will be announced at a later date.

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LETTERS to the editor

COMMISSIONERS SUPPORT FLEXIBLE LAW FOR BARKLEY

Editor:

Apparently the old adage about the squeaky wheel getting fixed is alive and well in Charlevoix County. Three county commissioners (Joel Evans, Chris Christiansen and Shirlene Tripp) recently saw fit to meddle in township affairs by appearing at a Bay Township board meeting to plead for leniency for Lyle Barkley.

Lyle Barkley, a person who has gone all the way to the Supreme Court and back — and lost — a person who has thumbed his nose at the rules and regulations everyone else has to abide by and most importantly a person who in the summer of 2004, brought in an armed group of people who called themselves "militia" to threaten the lives of our local law enforcement officers if they enforced a court order issued against him. Apparently he and the commissioners believe that Barkley does not have to follow the rules that all of the rest of us have to follow. Rather, they believe he should garner sympathy. I don't get it.

Richard W. Stangis
Charlevoix

PIER JUMPING IS A GREAT PASTIME

Editor:

My letter is in regards to the letter from a resident concerning swimmers who jump off the pier during the summer time. In this letter a certain resident claimed that she does not approve of persons swimming by the pier and that it is an "awful pastime" as opposed to great pastime.

As a lifetime resident and longtime pier jumper I completely disagree with this resident and believe we should encourage pier jumpers and pier jumping responsibility. In my time pier jumping I have never seen someone jumping in front of a boat purposely and swim the channel as claims the concerned resident. For me pier jumping has been one of my favorite summer time memories. It has brought excitement and fun for many of the residents and tourists alike who need to cool off on a hot day. Stopping pier jumping would be like stopping the children from playing. Something you just can't do. The resident claims also that boats have the right to be in the channel as opposed to humans having the right to swim. What the resident might not be able to see from their Lake Michigan condo view is that most people jump into what is called the "square" or "safety zone" which most residents in the community are familiar with and for those who aren't I encourage you to walk out to the lighthouse someday.

Perhaps the residents who swim in the channel are seeking excitement and find it in our beautiful lakes. To me, this is a great pastime.

Marc Collier
Charlevoix

QUIT LEGISLATING AGAINST FUN

Editor:

(This letter was submitted to Charlevoix City Council.)

As I find myself unable to attend the upcoming public hearing on the proposed ordinance to ban swimming in the Pine River Channel, and assert fines for doing same, I hereby wish to convey my most sincere opposition to such an ordinance and hope this letter can be entered into the public record accordingly.

There are several logical reasons for my firm stand against the proposed measure beginning with the fact that for more than 100 years we have been able to exist without such a ban. And, our summer population really hasn't increased at all over that course of time. Certainly not to the point where a huge increase in density would serve as the basis for change.

Secondly, there really hasn't been a problem with swimmers in the channel to date. Our chief of police (Gerard Doan) has admitted as much, according to the local paper, by acknowledging only minor incidents where lifeguards have been on alert and where recently, one person sustained a cut which required stitches. An unfortunate circumstance which happens in many driveways each year. If we are to act on that logic, in view of the fact of life whereby we witness drownings on both Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan each and every year, not to mention numerous serious injuries, due to various swimming and boating mishaps, then perhaps swimming and boating should be banned from those respective waterways to insure our safety. At some point, and I hope that point is here, we have to stop contemplating laws whose sole purpose is to save ourselves from ourselves.

I personally know of many individuals, both young and old, who feel that taking a plunge in the channel is a traditional rite of summer in Charlevoix. One such person who is now 70 years old, claims to have followed that tradition for more than 50 consecutive years.

I am also an avid boater, and have never witnessed a problem with swimmers in the channel. I would propose a few well placed signs which would indicate swimming is at your own risk to mitigate any liability issues, and would steer clear of trying to establish fines along the lines of those imposed on those terrible sidewalk bicyclers, skateboarders, rollerbladers and other unwelcome visitors who seemingly want to spend their vacations in our "Cool City" without regard to our numerous ordinances already in place opposing such dastardly behavior. Need they be reminded of our latest unwitting slogan? "Leave for Charlevoix on vacation, go home on probation."

I think it would behoove us all to work together to embrace various behaviors as a part of the vacation mentality of enjoying oneself, and channel them (pun intended), where they might cause the least disruption. We can do that by finding ordinances we may safely eliminate, such as "No pets in East Park," rather than seeking to establish ever more confining dictates.

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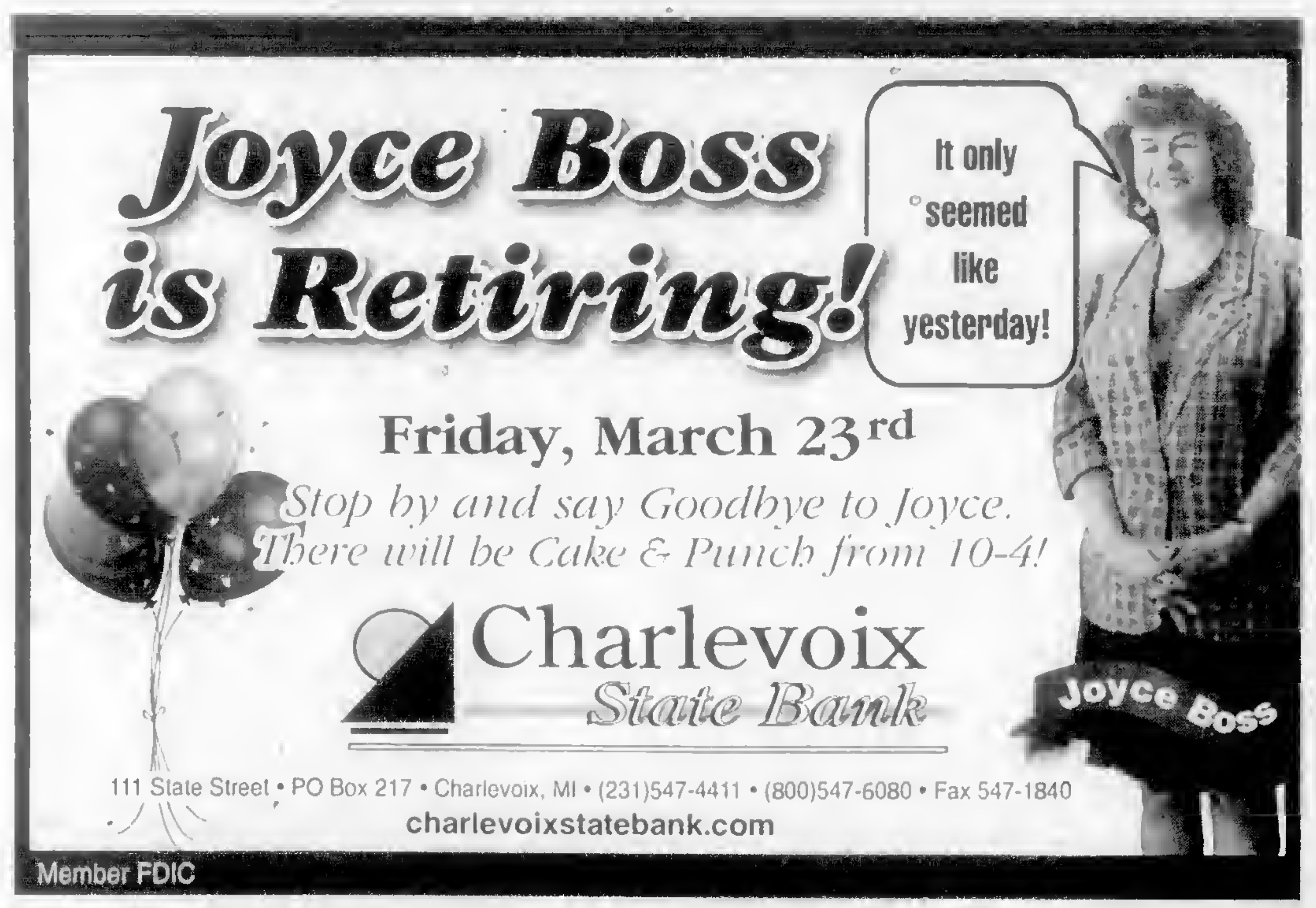
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Russell acquitted on Family Video robbery charges

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

After hearing more than five days worth of testimony, it took a jury just 40 minutes Wednesday, March 14 to acquit a Charlevoix man on all five charges he was facing in connection with an August armed robbery at a Charlevoix video store.

The five-man, seven-woman jury found Danny Lee Russell, 45, not guilty on charges of armed robbery, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, felon in possession of a firearm, carrying a firearm with unlawful intent and unlawful imprisonment.

During the trial the jury heard from Family Video employee Bethany Reeves, 21, who said that as she was leaving the store after closing at about 12:30 a.m. on Aug. 27 when a masked man approached her in the parking lot, put a pistol to her head, demanded the night's bank deposit, stole her purse and forced her into the trunk of her car.

Testimony in the case showed that police were essentially getting nowhere in the investigation, and indeed had included Reeves herself among the list of possible suspects until Oct. 24. That's the day that Russell's son, Daniel Scott Russell, 24, came forward from his cell at the Charlevoix County Jail telling police that his father had admitted to having robbed the Family Video store hours after the incident happened. He also said he saw his father burning checks taken in the robbery in a barbecue grill at his ex-wife's house early on Aug. 27.

Based on the son's information, police recovered a shirt that matched Reeves' description of the one her assailant wore. Police also recovered the charred remains of a Family Video bank deposit slip from the grill. Danny Lee Russell also roughly matched Reeve's physical description of the robber. Police arrested Russell on Oct. 25.

Based upon information provided by the son, police divers searched the Pine River Channel for two days but could not find the gun allegedly used in the robbery, nor any other evidence tied to the crime.

One of the key issues in the case was the credibility of Russell's son, who testified on March 13, and the lack of physical evidence tying Russell to the crime.

In his two-hour closing argument on March 14, defense attorney Daniel Hartman told the jury that despite all the evidence, the case came down to determining two things: Was there a robbery? And if there was, who committed it?

The primary defense theories in the case were that the robbery was either an elaborate sham pulled off by Reeves with the help of others and/or committed by someone else — namely Daniel Scott Russell — who was trying to make it look like the defendant committed the

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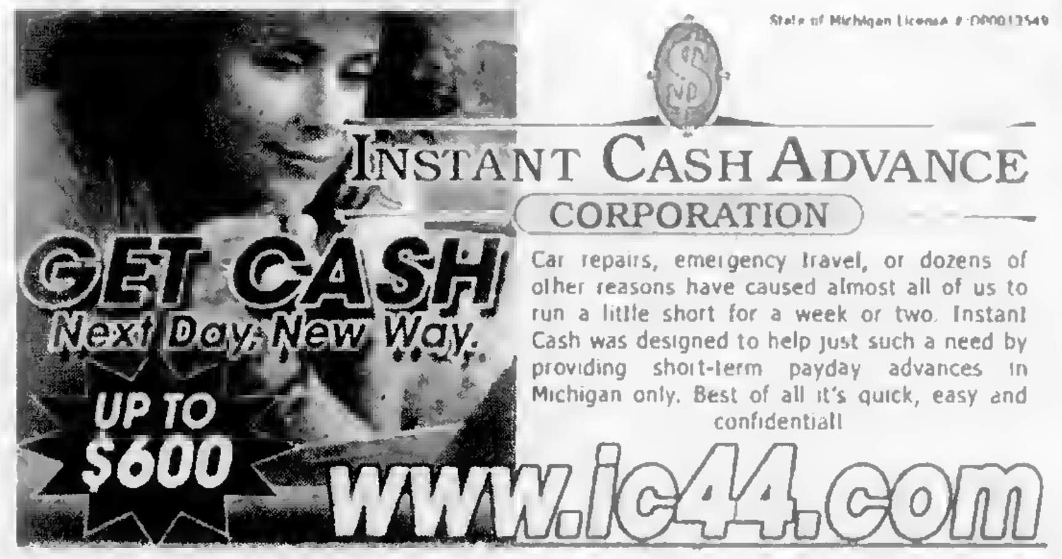

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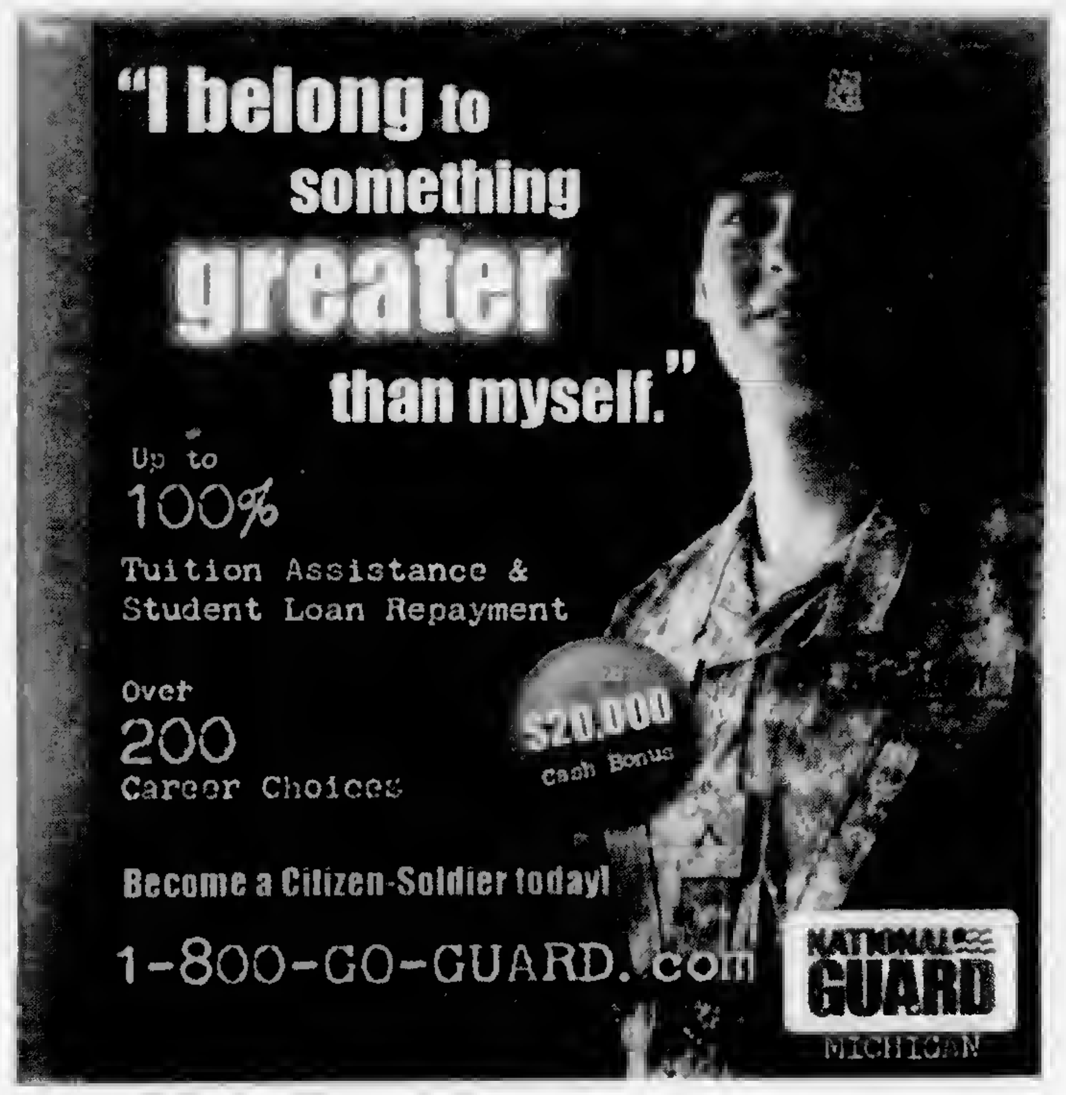

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Asian carp threatens Lake Michigan fishery

Electrified barrier proposed to stop spread

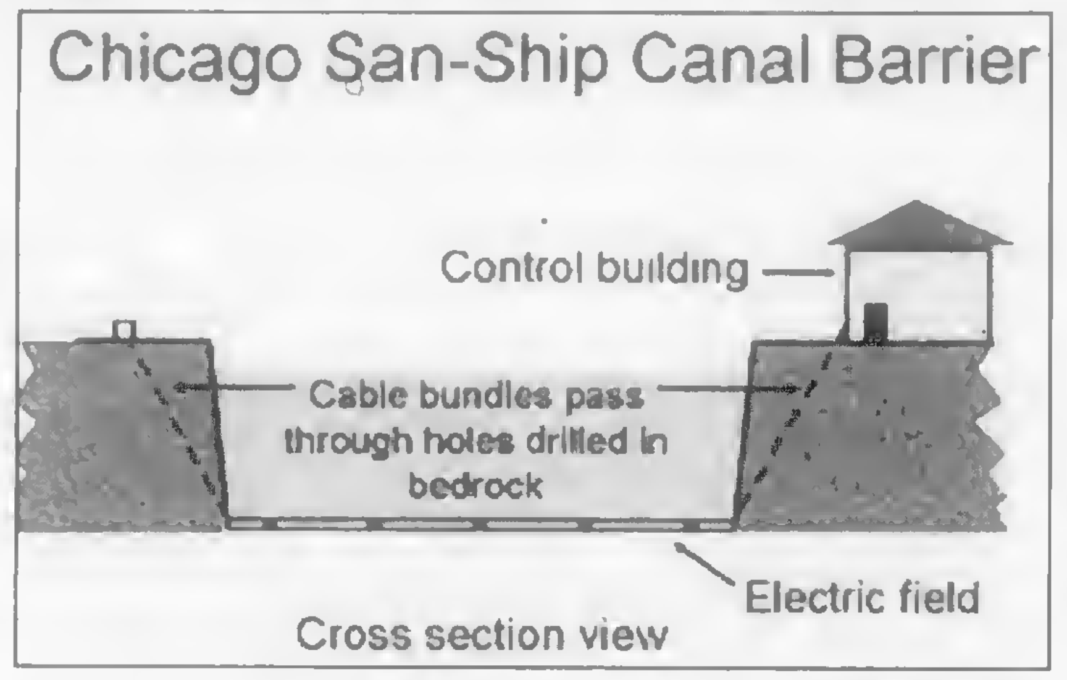
BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

"They would have pretty significant impacts on other fish like lake whitefish. Those are the things us biologists are worried about."

Randy Claramunt
RESEARCH BIOLOGIST,
CHARLEVOIX FISHERIES RESEARCH STATION

A larger than average menace lurks in waters 50 miles from Lake Michigan, and if action isn't soon taken, it could decimate Michigan's aquatic life.

Experts believe the Asian carp, used by southern catfish farmers to clean their ponds, entered the Mississippi River during floods in the mid-1990s which caused the catfish ponds to overflow. Since the Illinois River connects the Mississippi with Lake Michigan, U.S. Senators and Congressmen representing Michigan, local environmentalists and the leaders of other Great Lakes states are working to prevent the fish from entering Charlevoix's nearest Great Lake.


Chicago San-Ship Canal Barrier
Control building
Cable bundles pass through holes drilled in bedrock
Electric field
Cross section view

Courtesy graphic

Pictured above is a graphic of what the proposed electric barrier looks like. Legislation entitled, "Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act" and "National Aquatic Invasive Species Act" which would, among other things, support the completion of a permanent electric barrier in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal. This graphic was provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"Biologists believe if the Asian carp were allowed into the Great Lakes, the fish, which can weigh up to 100 pounds, would decimate native fish in the Great Lakes by eating the native fishes' food supply," stated U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) in a Feb. 8 press release.

Randy Claramunt, a research biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station, said the carp are an edacious fish which grow up to four-feet in length, reproduce rapidly in large quantities and would find the Great Lakes region to be a suitable home.

"Asian carp can spawn several thousands. A small fish can produce 5,000 to 10,000 eggs, and it only goes up from there," he said. "As far as the effect on ecology if they got into the Great Lakes, it's hard to predict. But one thing's certain, they grow extremely fast and they are planktivorous, so basically they filter the water. There is a lot of potential to consume base nutrients zoöplankton (the smallest non-plant life form) and phytoplankton (a basic plant organism in the Great Lakes)."

He added, "They would have pretty significant impacts on other fish like lake whitefish. Those are the things us biologists are worried about."

A significant reduction in different types of plankton would decrease the number of prey species such as alewife and rainbow smelt, upon which lake trout and salmon depend for food.

"They (Asian carp) eat too much, they can swim fast and they grow so quickly they could escape predation," he said. "After six months of life, nothing in the Great Lakes can prey on them so there's nothing to control them."

Since scientists don't really know what the carp would do to the Great Lakes, Claramunt said, "It's better to just keep them out." To that end, an electrified test barrier was erected in 2002 at a cost of more than $2 million in a section of the Illinois River.

U.S. Senators Carl Levin (D-MI) and Vernon J. Ehlers (R-MI), were among several to co-introduce the Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act and the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act which would, among other things, support the completion of the permanent electric barrier in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal.

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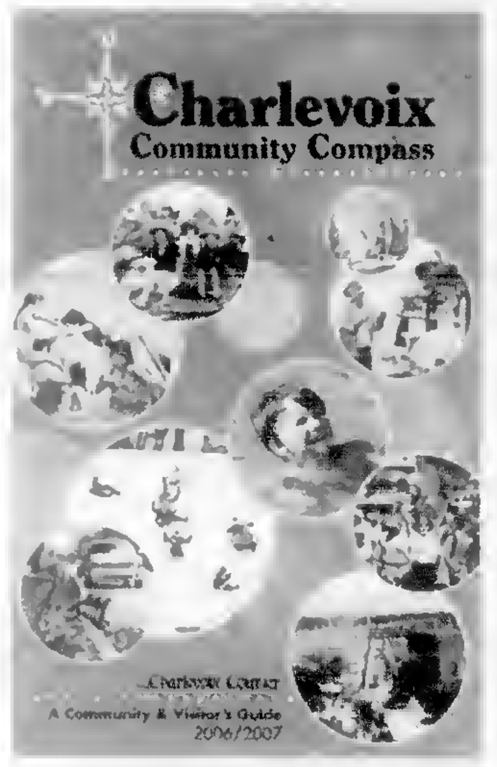
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Local fishery experts support electric Asian carp barrier

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is a $4 billion per year industry," Levin wrote in his March 2 column. "If the Asian carp reach the Great Lakes, it would be a body blow to an important industry and to Michigan's economy."

Stupak, who co-sponsored the Great Lakes Asian Carp Barrier Act, said the bill would allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to finish the permanent electric barrier started building in 2004 to keep the carp from using the Chicago Ship and Sanitary Canal on the Illinois River to enter Lake Michigan.

The idea behind the $9.1 million barrier is that the carp will not want to swim through the 220-feet wide electrical field. The Environmental Protection Agency has stated the barrier will pose no threat to humans.

"The temporary dispersal barrier has helped protect the Great Lakes, but Congress needs to develop a permanent solution to the Asian carp problem," Stupak further stated. "The legislation I am co-sponsoring would take a step in the right direction towards protecting our Great Lakes by giving the U.S. Army Corps the funding it needs to establish a permanent barrier."

Claramunt agrees that a temporary fix is no solution, but disagrees with the idea the electrical barrier method will be foolproof.

"My personal preference is a physical barrier. I'd rather see them separate the channel itself," he said. "I think it's a good effort that buys us time in the short-term, so I am not opposed to it at all, but it's not a long-term fix because no matter how many backups you have, you could have flooding events or power outages that basically open the door for a short period of time."

The Environmental Protection Agency stated no more than one tagged test fish made it through the current electrical barrier.

"The pulse just deters them. Basically what can happen (is) the electrical field can be disturbed when a large vessel moves through and the fish could move through enough to be stunned which means they couldn't swim, but could be alive and the vessel draft could carry them through," Claramunt said. "I don't think this is enough of a charge to kill the fish and all fish should be deterred by this."

Claramunt said the surest way to prevent an invasion of Asian carp would be to separate the Illinois River and Lake Michigan and force ships to dock and transport their goods via land back and forth from one ship to the other.

Courtesy photo

In this photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, an angler is shown holding an Asian carp. The fish can weigh up to 100 pounds, grow up to four-feet in length and can produce 5,000 to 10,000 eggs. Congressman, Bart Stupak co-sponsored the Great Lakes Asian Carp Barrier Act, which would allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to finish the permanent electric barrier they started building in 2004 to keep the carp from using the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal on the Illinois River to enter Lake Michigan.

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Paws on books

The Charlevoix Elementary School student body is joining together for a March Into Reading Challenge. Students read to earn minutes towards a paw print. When a paw print is earned, it is placed on the school wall on a pre-measured route to one of the 27 check-in points of the Iditarod. When students reach the finish line, no later than spring break, they will be met with yet another unique challenge by principal Dick Swenor. (Above) Caleb Pittman compares his hands to the sled dog paw print he earned by reading.

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Jarema to pursue new suspect if evidence arises

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crime.

"These type of cases are hard on a community," said Hartman, who along with co-counsel Mike Atchison served as Russell's court-appointed defense team.

Hartman went on to praise the conduct of the police and the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office in their actions leading up to and during the trial.

"I respect the way the city police department and prosecutor's office conducted themselves the entire case despite the fact that we disputed their interpretation of the facts," Hartman said.

Charlevoix County prosecutor John Jarema said he was disappointed with the verdicts, but he still has faith in the jury system.

"The jury had a lot of witnesses and a lot of exhibits put in front of them. They were attentive to it all and just didn't think we proved our case," he said.

He also commended the case put on by Russell's defense attorneys.

"They are of the same mind we are: Let all admissible evidence come in either through witnesses or stipulations and let the jury decide," Jarema said.

Jarema said he would be willing to consider looking into the robbery again if further information came out pointing to another person.

Russell, who has been in jail since his arrest on Oct. 25, was released March 15 following a court hearing on warrant for failure to pay child support.

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Veterans records security breach uncovered

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

> *"I came and opened every single drawer."*
>
> **Bob Drebenstedt**
> DISTRICT FIVE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND MICHIGAN VETERANS TRUST FUND VOLUNTEER

Local military veterans in financial distress have since World War II received a helping hand from the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund.

According to District Five Charlevoix County Commissioner, volunteer Veterans Trust Fund board member and former Charlevoix County Veterans' Affairs director, Bob Drebenstedt, now that he no longer works out of the veterans' affairs office, he has no place to store the records of veterans and no place to meet them when they need help.

"Usually the spouse comes in and she is in tears and usually the husband is too embarrassed to come in to (say) the wolves are at my door and I need financial assistance," Drebenstedt told fellow commissioners during the Wednesday, March 14 board meeting.

Drebenstedt presented the board with a bid for $2,716 to add two walls to a corner near the county building's east entrance which would make an enclosure of approximately seven by 14-feet — enough to house a couple file cabinets, a table and a few chairs.

A cabinet containing vital information pertaining to the trust fund, from addresses to social security numbers, recently remained in the hallway with a chain and lock to prevent identity theft until Drebenstedt moved it to the county's law library for safe keeping.

But, Drebenstedt said, "I went and opened every single drawer."

Drebenstedt said the chain did nothing to slow him from opening the file cabinet.

While Drebenstedt contends he has talked about needing meeting space since January, District Six commissioner and chairman of the board, Shirley Roloff, said he never officially presented it to the Charlevoix County Building and Grounds Committee.

"I told everybody this in January that Michigan Trust Fund needs their own space," Drebenstedt said. "We're in the third month and we still don't have this room completed."

Roloff told Drebenstedt to take his bid to the Building and Grounds Committee for approval.

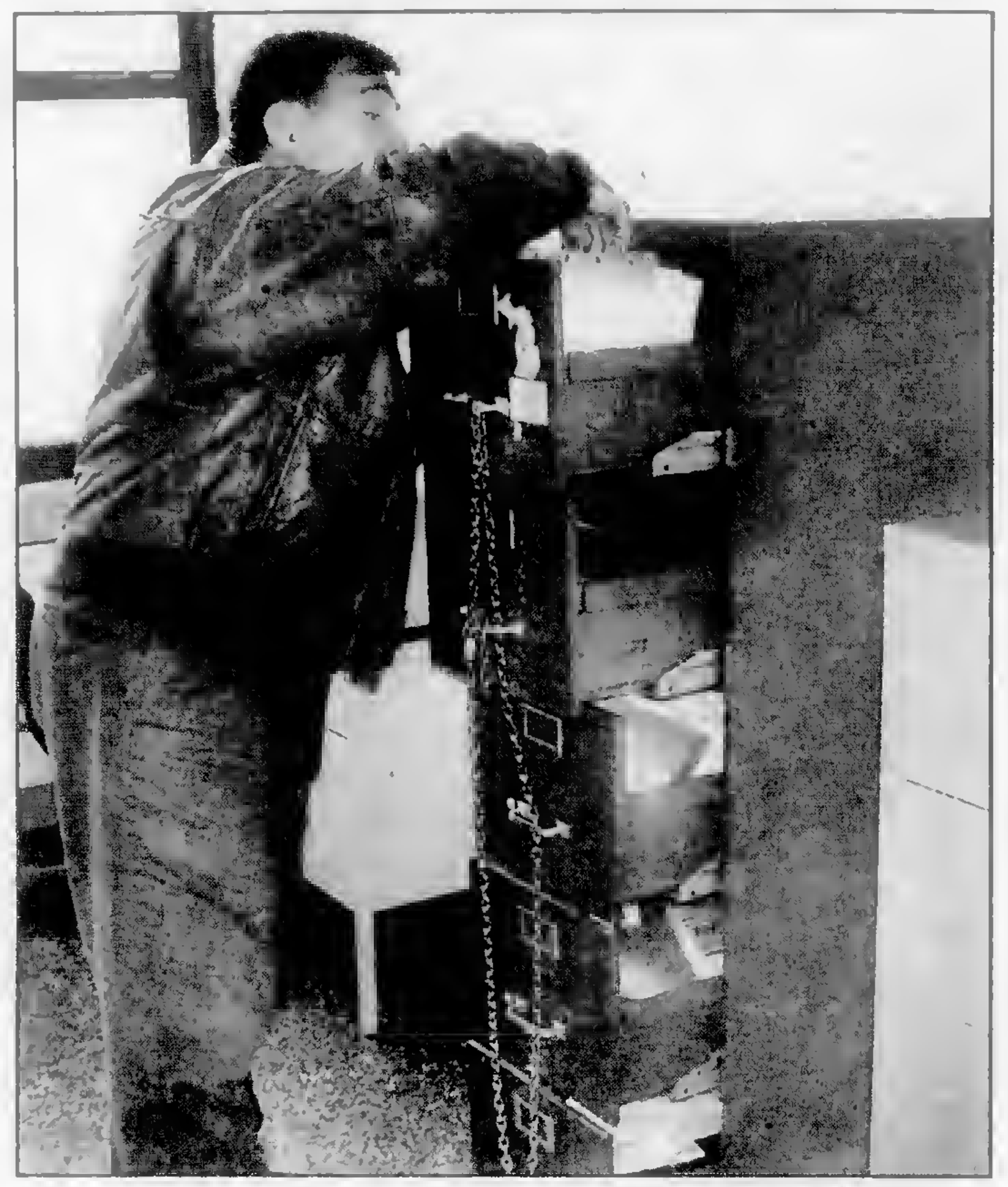
"I think we all should know you can't just come in and say I want to build a room somewhere," Roloff said.

When asked why the room is necessary, Drebenstedt said, "We're out initially $2,700 and they've got a space to sit down with somebody who's a little intimidated walking in here. They don't want to be sitting in the hall."

He added, "They can't be sitting in Ed's (Holm, the new veterans' affairs director for Charlevoix County) room because like on Monday (with) me talking to Ed, three times we were interrupted. I can't be in there using his office when he has to be in there talking to veterans and doing veterans' forms."

The trust fund board members meet every Wednesday and on a per case basis for veterans with emergencies.

Drebenstedt said he will likely address the issue at the Tuesday, April 3 Building and Grounds Committee meeting.



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This filing cabinet containing vital information pertaining to the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, from addresses to social security numbers, recently remained in the hallway at the Charlevoix County building with a useless chain and lock to prevent identity theft. District Five Charlevoix County Commissioner and volunteer Veterans Trust Fund board member, Bob Drebenstedt, is pictured accessing files with ease. He later moved it to the county's law library for safe keeping.

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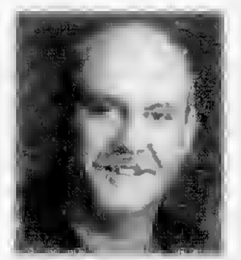

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Emmet County agencies received a total of $33,939 which will be distributed to the Women's Resource Center, Salvation Army, Manna Food Project, Brother Dan's Food Pantry and St. Francis Church.

In Charlevoix County $22,218 has been awarded to the Women's Resource Center, Salvation Army, Manna Food Project, Good Samaritan Family Services, East Jordan Care and Share, Charlevoix Community Food Pantry and the Seventh Day Adventist Boyne City Community Service Center.

The awards were made by a local board that is chaired by Char-Em United Way and includes representatives from the Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Temple B'Nai Israel, Catholic Human Services, Emmanual Episcopal Church, The Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, county commissioners, the Department of Human Services, community foundations and a representative of the homeless population.

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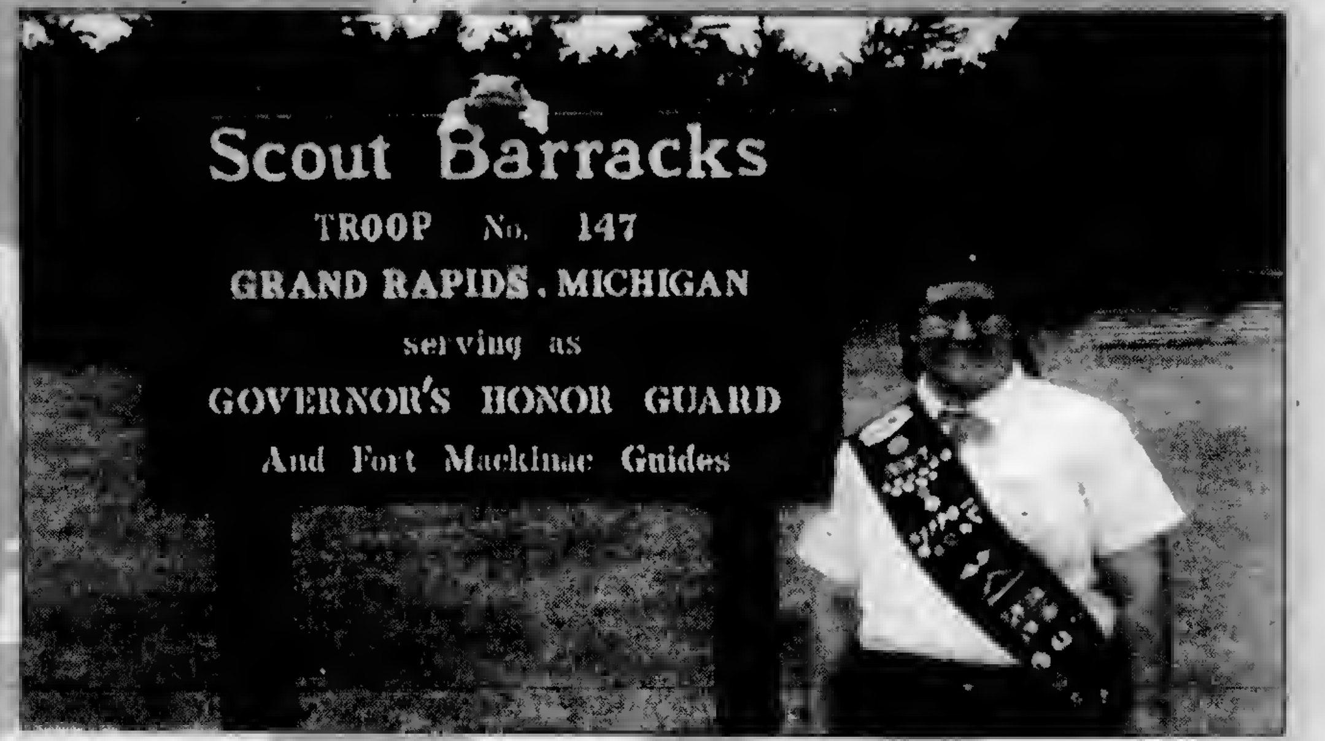

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Enlightened Elder: When to ask for help at home...

Sue Bergmann

Seniors are becoming more educated and pro-active in their decision making for care at home.

Preventing a crisis instead of waiting for a medical catastrophe to occur can empower you to choose the people who care for you and the living situation in which you are cared for. The problem is how to recognize when the time is appropriate to ask for help. Here are 10 areas of common behaviors and concerns to consider when is the right time to ask for help.

HOME MANAGEMENT

You are not physically able or experiencing chronic fatigue that prevents you from completing tasks. You are unable to keep your yard free of safety hazards of snow, ice or lawn debris. Hiring a homemaker through the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging or privately can help you manage and stay in your home much longer. You may need help looking for other living arrangements, assisted living or long-term care.

SAFE DRIVING ISSUES

Experiencing fear or inability to drive. Lacking ability to get to the store or doctors and lack of social support and friends or family to assist you in errands and driving. You find yourself canceling appointments to the doctors, dentists, haircuts because you can't get there. Knowing when to give up the driving for your safety as well as the safety of others is being responsible. Ask a friend or neighbor, offer to buy gas and or lunch for a ride. Using the Charlevoix County transit is easy to do and inexpensive. There are local taxicabs now or hiring someone privately can help.

NUTRITION PROBLEMS

Weight loss and improper nutrition. Not eating enough or not eating properly because you can't get to the store. You find yourself eating a lot of take out pizza when meals on wheels, or your local senior center would be a better choice. There are Commodity Food Programs and assistance if you can't afford to purchase your groceries.

MOBILITY/SAFETY

You've been falling more frequently in your home, bumping into things, slipping on rugs and can't maneuver your stairs, your home needs handrails or lift chairs, you need help modifying your home for safety. Having someone come in and install grab bars, handrails, safety lights, removing throw rugs, modifying your bathroom and purchasing a Lifeline or Personal Emergency Response System is relatively inexpensive and can save your life.

BATHING ISSUES

You are neglecting your personal hygiene or are afraid to get into the shower because you might fall or need help with bathing. Personal Care Aides are available to assist you in and out of the bathroom and with personal hygiene, hair care, etc. Registered nurses and cosmetologists are available for foot care/haircutting in your home.

INCONTINENCE ISSUES

Seek medical attention if you are having incontinence problems that require you to get to the bathroom quickly and frequently. This can be a symptom of a urinary tract infection or incontinence problem for which you may need medical treatment.

LACK OF SOCIAL SUPPORT

Have you had a recent change in your support system, loss of a spouse/caregiver due to illness or death. You feel like you don't want to ask your family, friends or neighbors to perform small task's for you. There are volunteer agencies, churches and programs including Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Catholic Human Services for Senior Companion that can help.

MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

Are you are forgetting to take your medicine, taking too much or not enough because it's too expensive? Consider signing up for a Medicare D prescription plan or Medicaid. If you are getting the medicines mixed up and it's overwhelming to manage multiple medications, consider a Medication Management program through the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging or private care. Automatic medication dispensers are available through medical supply companies.

FORGETFULNESS

If you are experiencing forgetfulness, anxiety, paranoia, hallucinations and memory loss, mood changes, depression or withdrawal from social situations, you may need to be evaluated and treated by your physician or Cognitive Assessment Clinic for signs and symptoms of dementia, Alzheimer's or depression.

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Hey Jane!

Jane

Hey Jane!

My parents drink too much since they've retired. When they worked it was a one-a-day drink now that they have more time they begin with a glass or two of wine at lunch and it continues all day. By the time dinner comes along they can be smashed. I've mentioned to them casually that "they sure can put it away." I've been hoping they get the message but so far they aren't getting it. Worse, their group of friends also drink too much. Nobody seems to be making the connection that arguments, falls and fender benders are way too common. I worry about the bad combination of alcohol and all the medicine they take. I only know, if I say, "Join Alcoholic's Anonymous," they'll get mad at me and deny there is a problem. Is this a common problem with seniors and how do I get them to see the light? SLS

Dear SLS:

A prominent Yale professor, Sherwin Nuland, has written a book called "The Art of Aging." Of course, he says the obvious: Keep an active mind, exercise, be careful what you eat, no cigarettes and no heavy booze. It seems some of us are ignoring the doctor's orders because alcoholism among seniors is at epidemic levels. A senior citizen, living alone can often go undetected as abusing alcohol because they are isolated. They don't have a job to go to and they drink at home so they don't come into contact with the law. They are lonely, could be grieving or fighting pain. Couples like your parents could still be pretending they are social drinkers and, as you say, that makes it easy to deny they have a problem. The up side of this difficulty, in your case, is that if your parents have a non-addictive history they might listen to reason. So at risk of making them mad, you need to confront them. Not easy, I know. But you need to call it what it is. When they are drunk, say so. Don't stay around them. Go home. Tell them the grandchildren can't be around drunken people. I know a family that videoed an event including a drunken grandfather. After he saw the tapes he changed his own habits. A video can be worth 1,000 words. So tell them you've joined Al-Anon. Do it! 1-888-4AL-ANON. Help them shine a light on what they are doing. Flip that switch!

Jane

Contact: Do you have experience/regrets/hopes with a long term relationship that is not what you want it to be? Jump on board and share yourself so others might benefit, anonymously of course. Contact us at "Hey Jane" P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or e-mail heyjane@heyjaneonline.com.

Tai Chi classes offered at Charlevoix Public Library

Tai Chi instructor Meg McClorey, will offer another group of sessions beginning on Tuesday, March 20 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

The Beginner Class will take place from 10-11 a.m. The Intermediate Class will be scheduled from 11 a.m. to noon.

The cost for a six-week session is $12 for seniors ages 60 and up. The cost for those under 60 is $40.

To register, call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103.

WHAT'S GOING ON

senior activity calendar

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 28 APRIL 4, 11

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 29 APRIL 5, 12

Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.

Computers 10 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Pinochle 1 p.m.

Cribbage 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 30 APRIL 6, 13

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m

Ladies' Cards 7 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 26, APRIL 2, 9, 16

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Woodcarving 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, APRIL 3, 10, 17

Acrylic painting 9:30 a.m.

Crafts 9:30 a.m.

Computers 10 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m

Roast beef dinner 5-7 p.m. March 27

Ladies' Cards 7 p.m.

All events listed above take place at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 547-5361.

Tackle life changes with local resources

HELP

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to manage or balance your checkbook? You may be able to get help at your local bank to balance your checkbook, set up automatic bill payment or may need further help with financial aid through Medicaid, budgeting or conservatorship. It may be time to seek legal assistance to set up power of attorneys, living wills and Medicaid estate planning with your attorney of choice.

Regardless of what type of help you need, if you have or are currently experiencing difficulties at home with any of these problem areas, you need help, whether it is asking the neighbor or the mailman to bring in your mail, taking a bus to the grocery store or purchasing a lifeline to ensure your own safety.

For assistance, call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103. *Sue Bergmann RN, BSN is the director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. She can be contacted by calling (231) 237-0103.*

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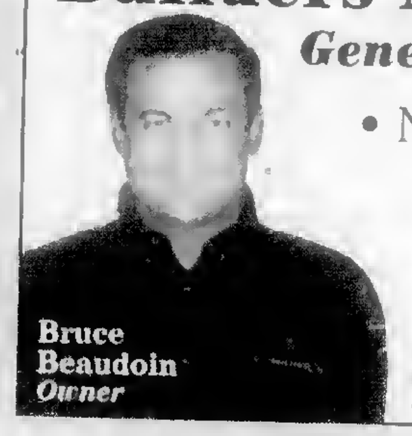

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Business Week Customer Service ranks Edward Jones sixth

The global financial services firm Edward Jones is the highest-ranking brokerage firm on BusinessWeek magazine's first-ever ranking of "Customer Service Champs," according to Derek A. Chowen, an Accredited Asset Management Specialist and financial advisor in Charlevoix.

The St. Louis, Mo. based firm ranked No. 6 among 25 national and international companies that — according to the magazine's March 5 edition — are the "best providers of customer service."

Derek Chowen

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Soft opening, solid response

Scovie's Waterfront Grille opened its doors last week with a two-day invite only soft opening. Hundreds tried menu items inspired by flavors of the Pacific Rim and used comment cards to let owners know what the new restaurant's strengths and weaknesses are. The results were resounding support. Pictured above are owners of the new restaurant, Leonard and Joan Forreider and Scott and Vi Forreider. The Forreiders purchased the former Ferry Beach Inn, located at 230 Ferry Avenue, in November and have since completely renovated the facility.

Local quilter's work selected for major international show

Kathie Briggs

The International Quilt Association recently announced that Kathie Briggs, a Charlevoix quilter, has had her work, Luna, named as a finalist in the association's annual spring Judged Show, "Celebrate Spring."

The International Quilt Association founded in 1979, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the art of quilting, the attainment of public recognition for quilting as an art form and the advancement of the art throughout the world.

This year, the "Celebrate Spring" contest prizes will include Best of Show ($2,500 cash and hotel/travel accommodations) first place ($650), second ($350), third ($250) and Viewers' Choice ($100).

Finalists had to pass a stringent screening process by noted quilt artists and teachers.

The winners will be announced and all of the finalists will be on display from April 13-15 at International Quilt Festival at the Donald E. Stephens Center in Rosemont, Ill.

For more information on "Celebrate Spring," the International Quilt Association or International Quilt Festival visit www.quilts.com.

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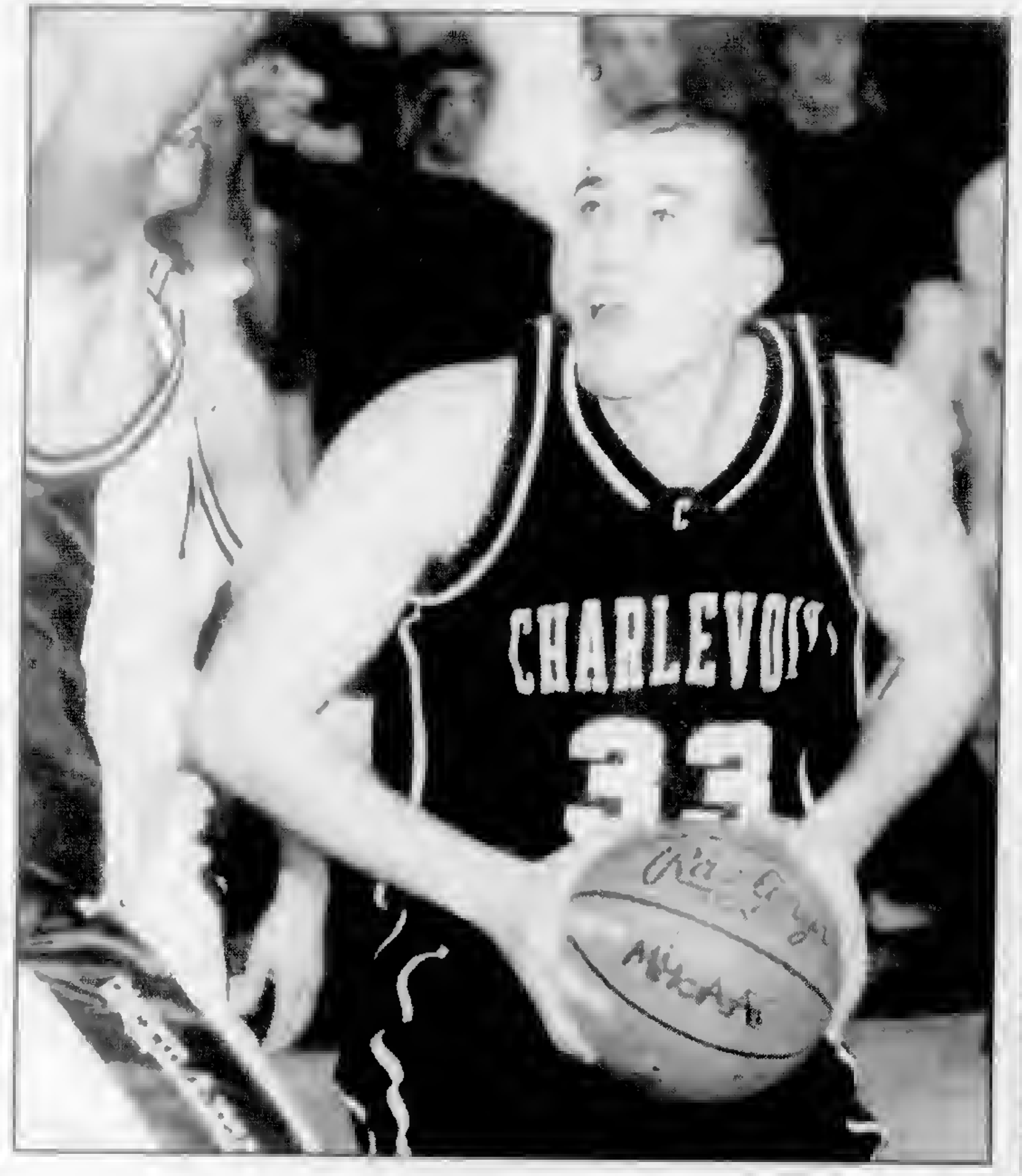

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Corey Gotshall protects the ball on his way to the hoop during a March 14 game when rivals Charlevoix and McBain faced off for the regional title. Charlevoix won 63-54. Gotshall scored seven points during the game.

Just like old times. Charlevoix against McBain in basketball regional action.

The Rayders (21-3) renewed their rivalry with McBain, defeating the Ramblers, 63-54 before a near capacity crowd, March 15 at Gaylord High School to move on to the state quarterfinals and within one game of a return trip to the Breslin Center for Class C's final four.

"It was fun," coach Keith Haske said. "I've been getting on our guys all year long about their toughness. They really won the game with toughness and grittiness and just grinded it out."

From 2001 to 2003, Charlevoix and McBain met each year in the regionals, with the Rayders prevailing in 2001 and 2003, while the Ramblers won in 2002 on their way to a state championship.

Each of those three games were close, with the Rayders winning in miracle fashion. 78-76 in 2001 on a last second Scott Parrish shot, winning 63-58 in overtime in 2003, and suffering their only loss of the season at the hands of McBain, 71-70 in 2002.

This game was no different as Charlevoix came back from an early 12-point deficit for the victory.

"It was interesting," Haske said. "Before the game I sensed we didn't have the same intensity that we came out with against St. Francis."

McBain led 21-9 with 5:47 to go in the second quarter, largely on their intense physical pressure and physical presence underneath the basket. The Rayders' inability to score also left them unable to get into their trademark full court pressure defense.

The ball finally bounced Charlevoix's way late in the first half as four McBain missed free throws helped and two three-point baskets by Nate LaBlance, keyed a 10-0 Rayder run to close the first half, slicing the lead to 23-22.

The Rayders took their first lead since a 2-0 start on a Justin Friske bucket for a 25-23 advantage but the lead changed four times and neither team led by more than three in the stanza.

Cliff Jones scored seven of the Rayders' final eight points of the third quarter, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give Charlevoix a 40-37 lead.

Depth became a factor in the fourth quarter as a McBain player fouled out early in the quarter and the Ramblers, using a much shorter bench than the Rayders, saw many shots fall short.

McBain took a 45-41 lead with 5:26 to go but Charlevoix's Corey Gotshall scored seven points to key a 12-2 Rayder run for a 53-47 lead with 2:57 left to play. The Ramblers cut the lead to one, 53-52, but Ty Haske – previously scoreless in the game - calmly drained eight free throws in eight attempts in the last 52 seconds of the game to salt it away.

Justin Friske led Charlevoix with 14 points. Cliff Jones, in his best game as a Rayder, scored 11.

Austin Wilhelm had 10 points and five rebounds. Gotshall scored eight points and grabbed five rebounds. LaBlance also finished with eight points. Haske dished out four assists.

Earlier in the week, the Rayders finished the season of another rival, Traverse City St. Francis, eliminating them with a convincing 67-44 win. The Rayders jumped out to a 10-2 lead, upped it to 29-15 at the half, and never looked back.

The win avenged last season's regional loss to the Gladiators that ended the Rayders' 2006 season.

Mitch Crandall led the Rayders with 16 points, five rebounds and three blocks. Wilhelm had 11 points and five rebounds. LaBlance scored 10. Gotshall contributed seven points and eight rebounds.

Charlevoix played Houghton in quarterfinal play at Cheboygan High School on Tuesday, March 20. The winner advances to play at 2:50 p.m. Thursday, March 22 at the Breslin Center on the campus of Michigan State University, against either Detroit Community or Saginaw Nouvel.

The Class C state finals will be played at noon on Saturday, March 24 at the Breslin Center. The results of the Rayders' march to the Breslin will appear in next week's Courier.

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Alex Gooch posts personal bests at state swim meet

The weekend of March 9-11, Charlevoix resident Alex Gooch, 12, participated in the United States Swimming 12 and under State Championships at the Jenison Aquatics Center in Jenison.

This was the first time a swimmer from Charlevoix has qualified for three events at this meet. Two years ago, Evan McCormick qualified in two events.

He was one of 642 swimmers who qualified for the meet. Gooch placed 21st in the 200 breaststroke. His seed time was 3:02.89 and he finished with a personal best time of 2:57.51. In the 100 breaststroke. Gooch placed 22nd, his seed time was 1:22.94 and he finished with a personal best time of 1:21.9. His last event was the 50 breaststroke where he placed 20th. His entry time was 37.82 and he finished with another personal best time of 36.89.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Waha signs full-ride with Grand Rapids Raiders

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Chris Waha (center) , recently signed a letter of intent sealing a full-ride baseball scholarship with Grand Rapids Community College, a two-year junior college. He also plans to play football for the school and pursue studies in either business or education. He is pictured above with his baseball coach, Allen Telgenhof, his father, Doug Waha, and his football coach, Don Jess.

Chris Waha's time on the mound won't end this spring when he completes his final high school pitching season.

Waha, an 18-year-old senior at Charlevoix High School, recently signed a letter of intent sealing a full-ride baseball scholarship with Grand Rapids Community College, a two-year junior college. He also plans to play football for the school and pursue studies in either business or education.

While Waha said managing the workload and athletics will be challenging, he's focused on establishing himself in Grand Rapids and transferring to a four-year Division I school.

This is a common path for players at Grand Rapids Community College — Central Michigan University, Western Michigan University and Oakland University each have two former Grand Rapids Raiders on their baseball team rosters.

The local student-athlete credits Charlevoix High School boys' baseball coach Allen Telgenhof with helping secure the scholarship. Telgenhof was integral in getting Waha involved in a competitive summer baseball program in Traverse City, setting up training opportunities with the Traverse City Beach Bums and making connections with college coaches.

Telgenhof promoted Waha's impressive stats — with pitches burning in at 86 mph, a 2.15 earned run average and 1.4 strikeouts per inning. He's a valuable player.

The accomplished athlete started his high school career as a Rayder, then in his sophomore year moved to California's Bay Area with his mom. Wendy Waha. He attended Terra Linda High School in San Rafael, Calif.

After two years in California, this fall he returned to Charlevoix to live with his father, Doug Waha who played football in 1982 and 1983 at Grand Rapids Community College and later walked on at Michigan State University.

He opened the year as Rayder quarterback, passing for 1,310 yards and 15 touchdown passes, helping lead the team to their best finish since 1977. The Rayders ended the season 6-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference, wrapping up second place behind Traverse City St. Francis, the only team to beat the Rayders this season and made their second straight playoff appearance.

"He had a great year. We put a lot of pressure on our quarterbacks," Rayder football coach, Don Jess, said. "He's a great athlete and a great kid."

While his excitement to join the Grand Rapids Raiders in the fall of 2007 grows, Waha's focus is on leading the Charlevoix Rayder baseball team to a strong season finish. The season officially started on March 12.

Grand Rapids Community College won the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 2 baseball championship in 2003, 2004 and 2005. In 2006, they were national runners-up in Division 2. The football program is also successful. In 2005, the football team was runner-up in the National Junior College Athletic Association.

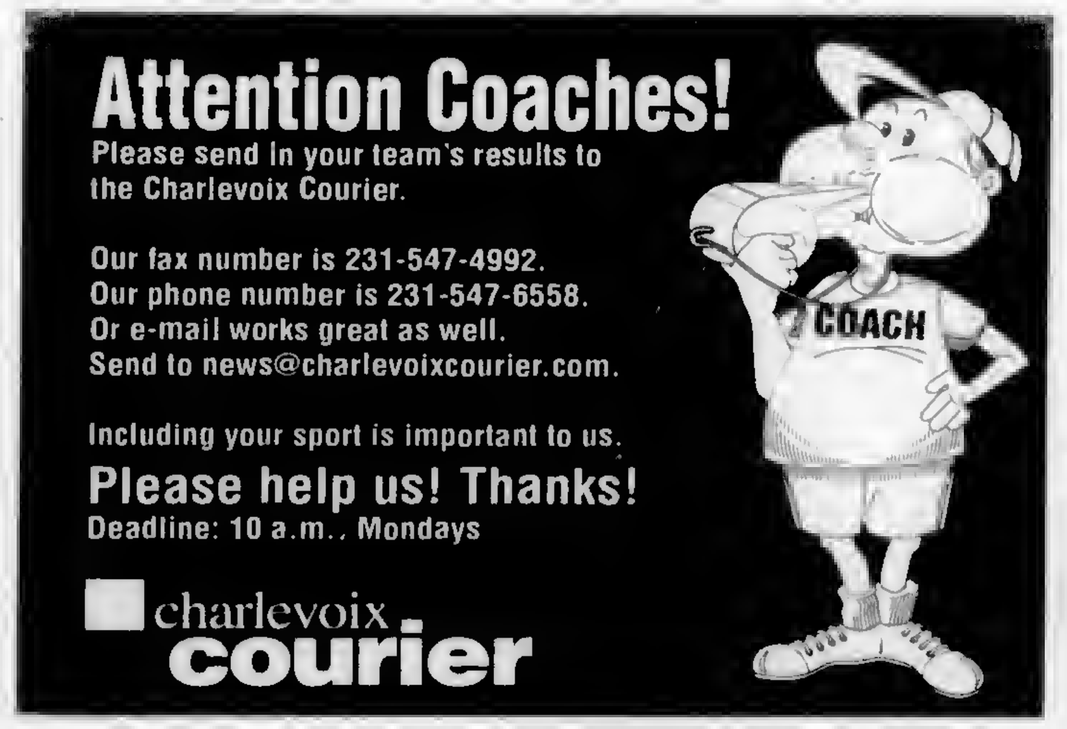
Harbor Health hosts triathlon pre clinic

Harbor Health and Fitness will host a free triathlon clinic at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21.

Experts will be on-site to discuss the upcoming Third Annual Women's Non-competitive Tri*4*Fun Sprint Triathlon to take place in May.

The event will include a scenic 20K hike, a 5K run and a half mile indoor pool swim.

Participants will receive information on getting a team together, proper equipment, creating a training schedule, staying motivated as well as tips on running, biking, swimming and stretching. Harbor Health and Fitness is located at 110 Clinton St. in Charlevoix.



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	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	347	203
Ferguson & Chamberlain	298	252
Lakeshore Tire	289	261
Lutherans	271	279
Mark White Paint & Stain	270	280
R & C Roofing	259	291
State Farm Insurance	240	310
St. Mary's	226	324

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Casey Crain	572	236
Randy DeYoung	593	225
Larry Darrah		202
Roger Crain	552	

TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES MAR. 13, 2007

	W	L
Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	29.5	14.5
DM Construction	28	16
St. Mary Cement	24	20
Central Drug Store	23	21
Oleson's Food Store	20.5	23.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	18	26
Paul Bunyan Lanes	16.5	27.5
Mary Ann's Takeout	16.5	27.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Debbie Odlum	509	203
Jane Holm	549	201
Leanna Mosoryak	495	
Patty Sitzema	192	
Doreen Burns	192	

YOUNG AT HEARTS MAR. 15, 2007

	W	L
Sparetime	30	18
Misfits	30	18
Alley Cats	17.5	20.5
Twilighters	26	22
Past Timers	25	23
Irish Rollers	21	27
Half & Half	17.5	30.5
Has Beens	15	33

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	511	197
Bob Sutliff	424	
Don Wells		170
Dick Wells		168
Don Bambach	432	
Irene Cellner	422	156
Dolly Coen	418	158
Patty Sitzema		160
Zettie Kitson	400	

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE MAR. 12, 2007

	W	L
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	23	13
Paul Bunyan Lanes	22	14
J Arnold Painting "2"	22	14
Bud's Buds	21	15
The Flight Deck	20	16
J Arnold Painting "A"	14	22
B VanLoo & Sons	11	25
Selph Trucking	11	25

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Vanniman		235
Ron Champman	607	220
Del Hart	595	
Ryan Potter		216
Ron Grulke	564	

GUTTER GALS • MAR. 15, 2007

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	156	64
Burger King of Charlevoix	105	115
Laural & Company	99	121
Paul Bunyan Lanes	80	140

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

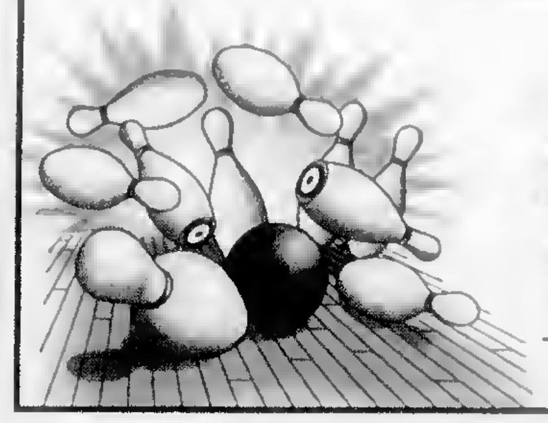
	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	535	221
Jane Holm	498	178
Mary O'Brien	497	176

DOUBLE DECKERS • MAR. 18, 2007

	W	L
Grunch/Crain	34.5	17.5
Webb	31.5	20.5
Blanchard/Crain	28	24
Browe	27.5	24.5
Russell C & R	26	26
Spencer	25	27
Bradley	24	28
A & J Russell	24	28
Sharrow/Roloff	23.5	2.5
Patton	21.5	30.5
Thomas	20	32
Ferguson	19.5	32.5
Stein	19	33
Potter	19	33
Sladek	19	33
Nordman	15	37

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	643	242
Jerry Russell	515	
Gary Spencer		193
Kelly Bradley	514	193
Carrie Blanchard		157
Amy Russell	423	
Jackie Stein	416	154
Didi Sharrow	421	154



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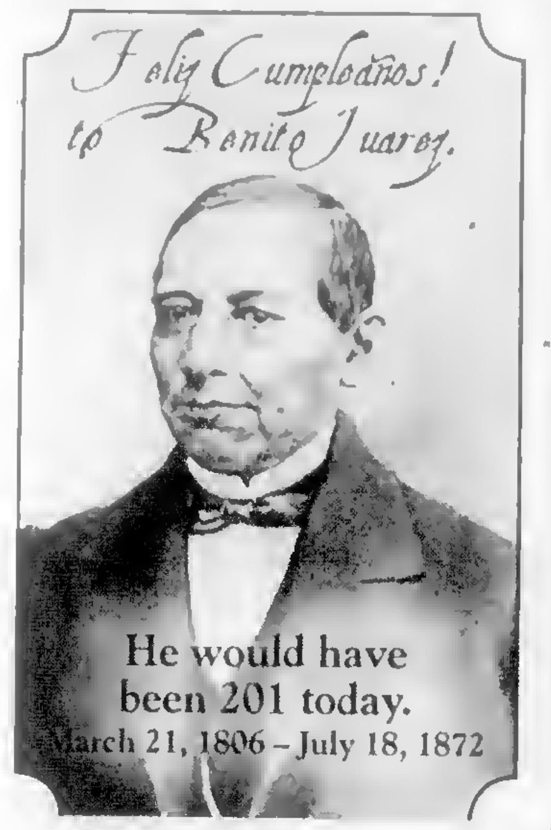

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Date: March 21, 2007

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The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: March 12, 2007

Northwestern Bank
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Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 31, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on November 7, 2001, In Liber 442, Page(s) 423, et. seq., on which Mortgage there Is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $78,565.99, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 12.77 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on April 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

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Dated: March 14, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 8th day of July, 2002, by Benjamin J. Morey, a single man, to Northwestern Bank, and recorded on July 23, 2002, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 478, page 883, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice FORTY SIX THOUSAND NINETY FOUR AND 15/100 DOLLARS ($46,094.15) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

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Dated: March 12, 2007

Northwestern Bank
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(L- 03/21, 03/28, 04/04, 04/11)

NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of THEODORE D. PIERCE, Deceased.
Date of Birth: June 20, 1921

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Theodore D. Pierce, the decedent, who lived at 218 Zeiter Lane, Central Lake, Michigan 49622 died on December 26, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to Barbara A. Staph, Successor Trustee of the Theodore D. Pierce Living Trust, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: February 26, 2007

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
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Pat Elliott, Street Superintendent
(B-3/21)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 07-011082-DE

Estate of Dorothy A. Kelly
Date of Birth: February 12, 1923

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Dorothy A. Kelly, who lived at 09110 Whippoorwill, Charlevoix Township, Michigan died February 8, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Karen K. LaVanway, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: March 14, 2007

Barron & Engstrom, P.L.C.
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Karen K. LaVanway
09110 Whippoorwill
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)675-3029
(L-3/21)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 07-011074-DE

Estate of Muriel Viola Archer
Date of Birth: November 5, 1933

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Muriel Viola Archer, who lived at 10926 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix, Michigan died December 25, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mary Christine Wilson, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

Dated: March 14, 2007

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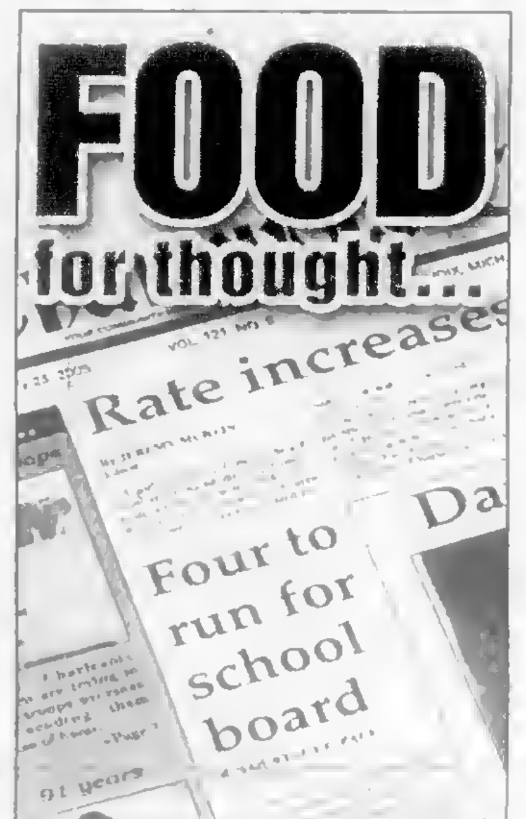
(L-3/21)



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Chamber moves to make way for office demolition

EAST PARK

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building expected to come down sometime this week. The complete project also includes construction of the new performance pavilion and harbormaster's facility as well as site work, landscaping and underground excavation.

The new chamber building features more lobby room, efficient windows, a newly insulated ceiling, kitchen and bath facilities for the employees.

"It took approximately three months to do the ($100,000) renovation," Merta said. "We put new drywall in, new flooring, there is an employee break room — our staff will be able to eat lunch there and that will be nice because we've never had a place where we could do that."

The new 2,300 square foot chamber building dwarfs the old 425 square foot building, according to Merta.

"Now more people can look at brochures and come to the reception area, so that's a big plus," she said. "The other thing we have is a meeting room, so we will be able to have board meetings on site and there is definitely more space there for employees to work."

While chamber operations in their new facility were up and running by Monday of this week, an open house for the community will be forthcoming.

The move, which was expedited with help by movers from Harbor Industries and the Belvedere Club, took approximately one week.

Even Violet Dinwiddie, the chamber's office manager, volunteered to help move all week for no pay.

"I don't know what we would have done, without those work crews and volunteers coming in to move all that major stuff," Merta said.

Merta said the only downfall she can see to the move is that the chamber won't be as visible to traffic.

"It will be interesting to see," she said. "Maybe it won't make a difference."

Other than Merta and Dinwiddie, chamber of commerce staff consists of Shelly Ferguson, finance manager, Dianne DuPont, retail special projects manager, and Mallory Mahoney, an administrative assistant who works summers.

Merta said no new staff will be added.

The 409 Mason St. building, home of the old Charlevoix post office, will be leased to the chamber by the City of Charlevoix for $1 per year for 10 years with an automatic five-year renewal.

The last known appraisal of the former post office building showed the value to be $208,927 — a figure determined before two major renovations were completed in 2003 and 2007.

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Entergy to buy Big Rock fuel storage acreage

BIG ROCK

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resources across an entire fleet. Entergy has multiple nuclear sites."

According to information provided on the Entergy Web site, www.entergy.com, Entergy delivers electricity to 2.6 million utility customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas and has annual revenues of more than $10 billion and approximately 14,000 employees.

While both Big Rock Point and Palisades are nuclear power plants they are totally different animals.

Big Rock, which used a boiling water reactor, is the nation's longest running and oldest operating nuclear plant which came online in September of 1962 and permanently ceased operations in August of 1997. Palisades, which uses a pressurized steam reactor, was built in the 1970s. When Big Rock was operating it was a 67 megawatt facility — the Palisades plant is over 10 times larger.

The sale is expected to be complete by the end of April.

Petrosky said under the proposed agreement, Entergy will own and operate the dry fuel storage area at the Big Rock site until Yucca Mountain in Nevada accepts and stores spent fuel from commercial nuclear plants. Consumers will maintain ownership of the remaining 435 acres that make up the Big Rock property.

The Big Rock property Entergy will now own will be governed by the same requirements the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has of Big Rock. Petrosky said maintenance and oversight of that site which houses eight idle canisters containing used fuel requires about 20 employees, not including required security personnel.

The acreage that remains in Consumers hands has been released by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for unrestricted use and is currently on the market. No official price tag has been attached to the property. In a previous interview, Tom Bailey, executive director of the Little Traverse Conservancy, said $20 million is a ballpark figure.

Petrosky stressed that there is nothing in the sale agreement with Entergy that restricts Consumers' use of the remaining land:

"We will continue to work with the state to see if an agreement can be reached to keep that property in public hands," he said.

Initial attempts to secure funding for state purchase of the property were delayed in December of 2006 when a funding request with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund board was withdrawn because of uncertainties in the agreement between Consumers and the Department of Natural Resources.

According to Bailey, who is acting as the liaison between Consumers, the Department of Natural Resources and community groups, an application for $3 million to purchase the property will be submitted to the Trust Fund by April 1.

While Entergy now becomes a third player involved in the Big Rock property, Bailey said he doesn't feel the proposed sale hurts the chances of the Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Board approving funding.

"This was known last year and discussed by the Trust Fund board. Entergy is a big company with a lot of nuclear experience," he said.

Bailey hopes the Trust Fund board will grasp the myriad benefits he and other supporters see to public purchase of the property. These include preservation of the largest and least disturbed section of Lake Michigan shoreline available to the public in this part of the state, its significance in terms of its human and natural history, habitat preservation for several threatened species of plants and animals and its accessibility along U.S. 31.

But not all people concur. Beaver Island resident, Richie Gillespie, thinks the property should be sold to a private entity.

"The state can't afford to maintain the parks and facilities it has," he said. "I'm not against doing something if the need is there. I'm against doing something because maybe it's the easiest thing to do. Why not take a look at what we leave behind for our descendants. If the state takes tax dollars to buy the land and take it off the tax rolls, what good does that do all of us? What good does it do the people feeding their families?"

What? The plan is for Consumers to sell its Palisades Nuclear Plant in South Haven to Entergy Corporation for $380 million and for Consumers to pay Entergy $30 million to take over 107 acres of the Big Rock property where spent nuclear fuel is stored. Palisades, an 800 megawatt nuclear power plant, is the only remaining active nuclear plant under Consumers' ownership.

When? The sale is expected to be complete by the end of April.

What will happen with the land? Under the proposed agreement, Entergy will own and operate the dry fuel storage area at the Big Rock site until Yucca Mountain in Nevada accepts and stores spent fuel from commercial nuclear plants. Consumers will maintain ownership of the remaining 435 acres that make up the Big Rock property valued at around $20 million.

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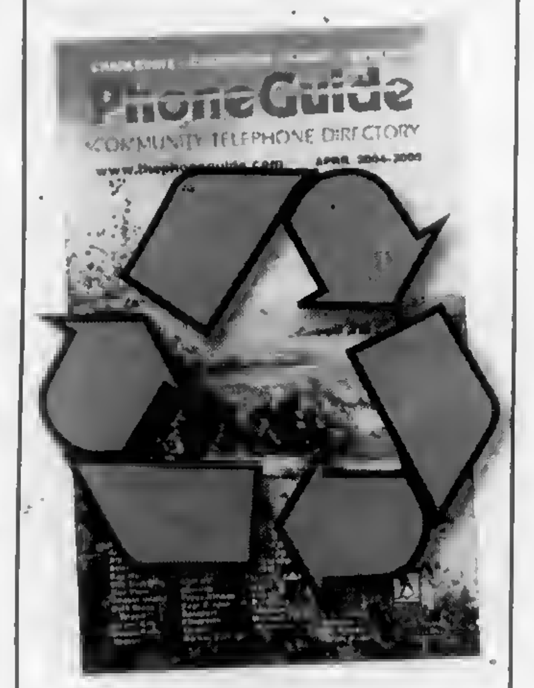

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MARCH 21
RECYCLING MEETING

There will be a regular meeting of the Charlevoix County Recycling Committee at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21 at Boyne City Hall, located at 319 North Lake St. in Boyne City.

MARCH 21
CPR CLASS

CPR Classes available at Charlevoix Area Hospital

Adult/child Heartsaver cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course is being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21.

This Heartsaver CPR course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults and children and the use of barrier devices. This class is intended for those who have a duty to respond to a cardiac emergency because of job responsibilities or regulatory requirements. The cost is $30.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors through Charlevoix Area Hospital, an American Heart Association Community-Training Center.

Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request. For more information, call (231) 547-8570.

MARCH 22
FISHERIES STATION OPEN HOUSE

The staff of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station invites the public to an open house from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 22 at 96 Grant St. in Charlevoix (south side of the Pine River Channel, near Michigan Beach).

The program will include an overview of Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station history, current fisheries research programs and a description of salmon tagging and weir harvest at Medusa Creek. Also results from Charlevoix area creel/charter boat surveys, an update on Lake Charlevoix walleye tagging survey and an overview of Central Lake Michigan Management Unit activities will be given. There will be a question and answer session and a tour of the fisheries station.

Those interested in attending the open house are asked to reply by March 16 to Cathy Sullivan by calling (231) 547-2914. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should indicate such when contacting the station. All requests will be accommodated.

For more information about the meeting, contact Dave Clapp at (231) 547-2914.

MARCH 23
FRIDAY FEATURES

The Charlevoix Yacht Club's free Friday Features 2007 events lineup will feature a program entitled, "Crossing the Atlantic and Cruising the Med." Christine Staats will present a Power Point presentation on her travel with her husband, Jack, aboard JONA their Camper Nicholson 35. Staats will talk about how she does positioning, gets weather information and prepares for the Atlantic crossing at 7 p.m. on March 23 at the club, located at 209 Ferry Avenue. For more information, call (231) 547-9170 or visit www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

MARCH 24
GUITAR RECITAL

Eric Bourassa will host a classical guitar recital at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 in Community Rooms A and B at Charlevoix Public Library.

Admission is free. Donations will benefit Christina Bourassa's internship with Teen Mania Ministries which will take place in fall of 2007.

MARCH 25
CANCER CRUSADERS

The Cancer Crusaders and the Commission on Aging are sponsoring a fund-raising lunch from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 25 at the Boyne Area Senior Center to benefit Charlevoix resident, Donna Russell.

The Cousins Music Group will perform. Donations will be accepted. All checks for donation should be made out to Donna Russell.

MARCH 27
CULINARY ARTS

Crooked Tree Arts Center is registering participants for their winter 2007 Culinary Arts Series.

The popular cooking series will be held from 6-8 p.m. on March 27. City Park Grill will be the featured restaurant.

For more information or to register for the class, visit www.crookedtree.org.

APRIL 8
EASTER SERVICE

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church will host a special Easter service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 8 at 05291 M-66 North in Charlevoix near Castle Farms.

A drama ministry entitled "The Man Who Carried Jesus' Cross" will be performed by Dean Elliot. This drama focuses on the life of Joseph of Arimathea and his pivotal role during the death and burial of Jesus Christ.

For more information, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

APRIL 14
CASH RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale for the 2007 Knights of Columbus 31st Annual Cash Raffle.

Ticket buyers will be entered to win cash prizes including a $10,000 prize. Winners will be announced on April 14 at Castle Farms.

APRIL 16
FREE FROM SMOKING

Charlevoix Area Hospital along with the American Lung Association wants to help you quit smoking.

If you have reached the point where you are ready to quit smoking this program will provide support, guidance and advice to help you reach your goal.

This free eight-session, seven-week program, starts April 16 and ends June 4. Sessions will be conducted at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The clinic will meet at 3:30 p.m. on April 16 for an orientation and registration session. Seven sessions will follow at 3:30 p.m. on April 23 and 30, May 7, 9, 14 and 21 and June 4.

To register, call (231) 547-8672 or e-mail potterm@cah.org.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

- Writer's group, 6 p.m., March 21.
- Book discussion about Edith Wharton's classic, "The House of Mirth," 6 p.m. March 26.

Youth Event

- Sleepytime Stories, 7 p.m., March 27.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at (231) 237-0185.

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Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at (231) 547-2979.

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

During March the Harsha House Museum will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The office side door will be open five days a week from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

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FOOD PANTRY

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

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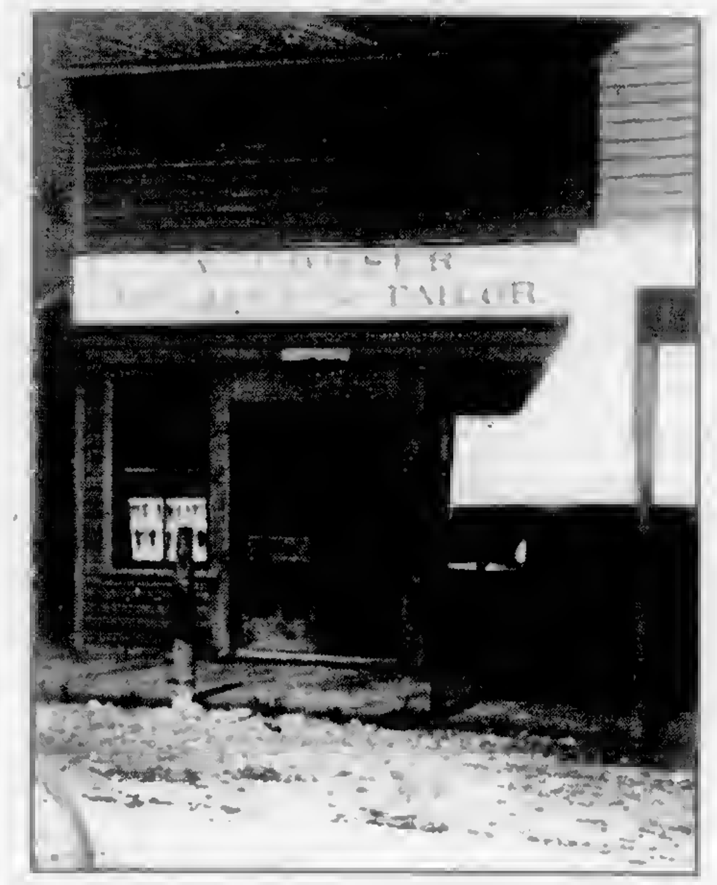

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Courier readers were stumped by this installment of 'Did you know?' which asked where W.J. Orser, the Artistic Tailor, was located on Bridge Street?

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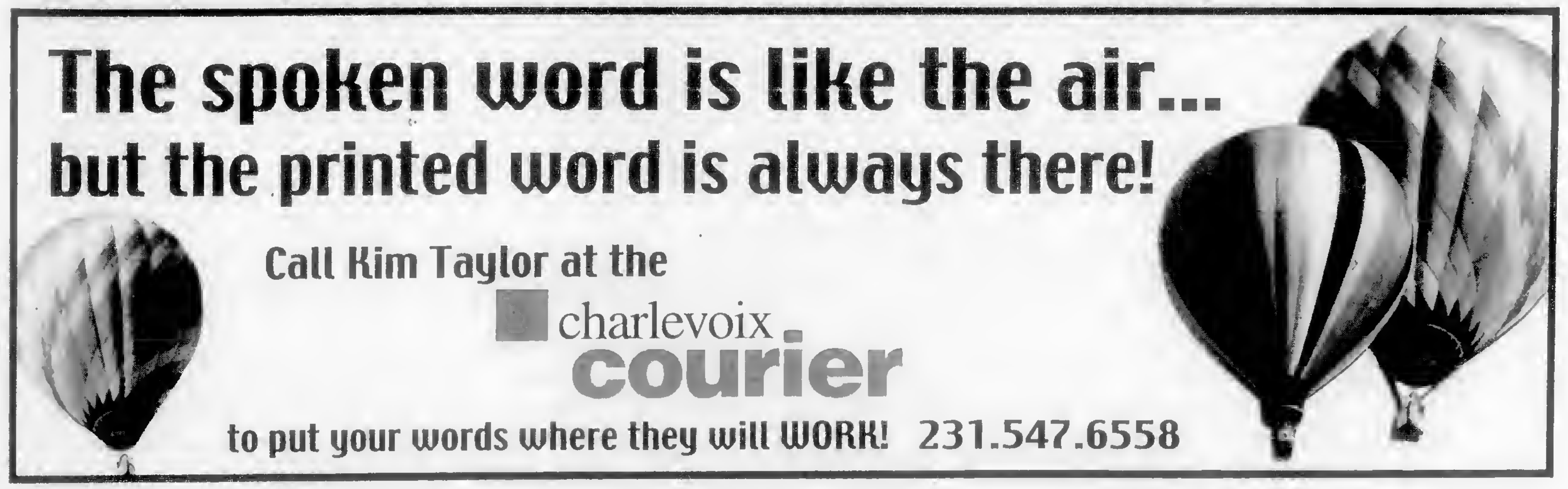
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New team tackles jail air debacle

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners' March 19 meeting to determine the next steps necessary to address issues with the jail's HVAC system began with a letter from Sheriff George T. Lasater, transferring maintenance head, Tom Meggison, and ended with the appointment of an overseer for the rectification process.

Lasater stated it was prudent, in the face of Meggison's impending July 30 retirement and the possibility of new equipment and procedures to be installed and introduced, to train a long-term replacement and send Meggison to work his final months at the county building.

"I'm just an advisor for the board and for the prosecutor's office at this time," said county mechanical/plumbing inspector and project overseer, Robert Hilton, a day after the special meeting. "I'm giving them technical advice on how to move forward."

Beginning Friday, March 23, Sears will clean the jail's air ducts. In the following days, Flood Professionals will clean the jail's walls, carpet and furniture.

"I have gotten with the new maintenance person (Rick VanLoo) and he's working with the prosecutor's office and they're getting a maintenance program together for checking filters and contacting the control people to check the computer systems that run the rooftop units," Hilton said. "We're meeting with them hopefully next week to go through and make all corrections to get the system up and running."

He added, "Right now everybody is on the same page."

While several entities involved with the jail's 2001 addition and a subsequent HVAC study were invited to the special meeting, only representatives from Landmark Design Group and Haggard's Plumbing & Heating appeared.

District Two Commissioner, Chris Christensen, voiced his frustrations to fellow commissioners and representatives from Landmark, Bob VanPutten and Morgan Landon and a field supervisor from Haggard's, Tim Rainey.

"There's a lot of ball dropping that's been going on," he said. "We need to move forward at this point. Somebody has to be the general on

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The transfer of Tom Meggison (above), former head of maintenance at the Charlevoix County Jail, was announced by Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater, during the Monday, March 19 special Charlevoix Board of County Commissioners meeting to discuss the best course of action to fix problems with the jail's HVAC system.

Council: 'Lights out on signs'

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

For now, beacons for Charlevoix businesses won't include internally lit signs.

On Monday, March 19 Charlevoix City Council unanimously passed a revised sign ordinance banning internally lit signs outside the central business district.

"They rejected it for what they felt were good reasons.

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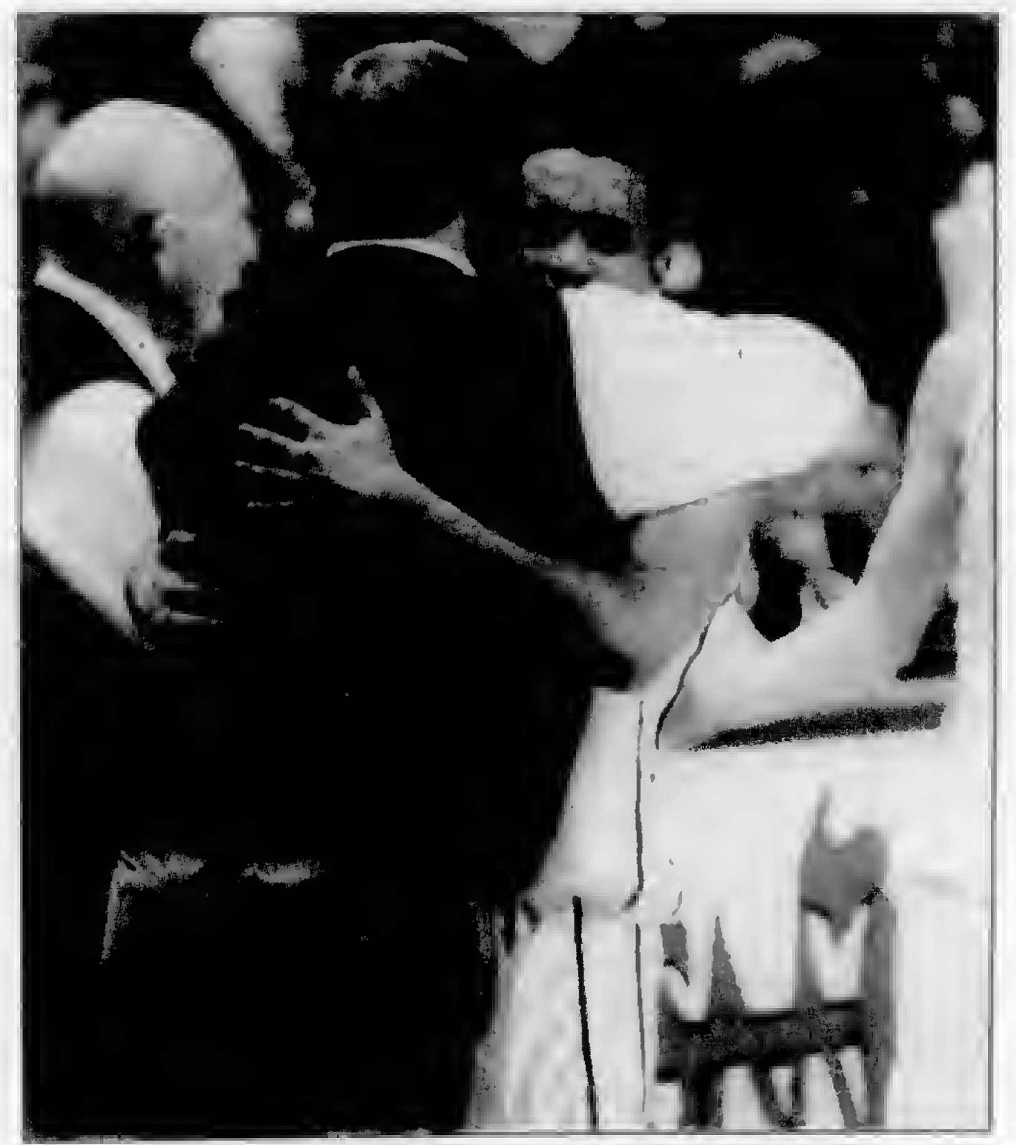

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Father, son team farewell

The Charlevoix High School Rayder basketball team ended its successful season on March 22, losing 67-54 to Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central in the Class C semifinals at the Breslin Center on the campus of Michigan State University. (Left) Ty Haske, playing in his last game as a Rayder under the direction of his father, head coach Keith Haske, scored seven points and played relentless defense. The two shared a hug following the loss. For the full story on the semifinal heartbreaker, see page 32.

Channel swimmers to face fines

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Thrill seekers were trumped by Charlevoix City Council members waving the safety and liability flag on March 20.

At the public hearing that night, city council voted unanimously to pass a law banning swimming in the Pine River Channel in spite of letters and comments made encouraging them not to. Police officers will now be able to ticket and fine swimmers in the Pine River Channel.

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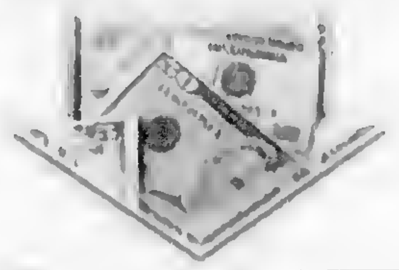

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Tina Marie Jaruzel, 19, Waterford. Driving while impaired; no operator license on person. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

Gerald Joseph Levesque, 45, Ellsworth. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Credit for two days in jail, to serve 18 days in jail, to serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 63 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,230 in fines and costs.

Ryan David Kneeshaw, 26, Petoskey. Motor vehicle operator without security; motor vehicle/forging proof of insurance. Fines and costs totaling $700.

Taya Leann Scott, 29, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Marvin Dwight Henry, 37, Detroit. Driving while license suspended. To serve 15 days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Caleh Michael McCary, 19, Charlevoix. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol. Serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $300.

John Edward Ariganello, 57, Boyne City. Reckless driving. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 20 days in jail, to serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $835 in fines and costs.

Stanley Albert Harwood II, 44, Charlevoix. Checking account-insufficient funds, more than $100, but less than $500. Credit for nine days in jail, to serve 30 days in jail, 311 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend a substance abuse program; $1,474.47 in fines and costs.

Jordan Lee Burke, 24, Charlevoix. Checking account-insufficient funds, less than $100. Fines and costs totaling $457.42.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

James Ryken Bruening, 18, Williamsburg. Stolen property-receiving and concealing $1,000 or more, but less than $20,000. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for one day in jail, to serve 150 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $470 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Scott Briggs, 17, Williamsburg. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $470 in fines and costs.

Brett Ronald Evans, 20, Boyne City. Criminal sexual conduct-fourth degree (incapacitated victim). Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 12 days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $470 in fines and costs.

Sean Michael Dennis, 24, Petoskey. Assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault); police officer-fleeing, third degree vehicle code; operating while intoxicated-third offense. Count one: Sentenced to two to four years in prison with jail credit of 52 days. Count Two: Sentenced to two to five years in prison with jail credit of 52 days. Count three: Sentenced to two to five years in prison with jail credit of 52 days; $14,925.67 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Create Your Own, 5 West Main St. Suite 2A, Boyne City, by Helen R. English

True Health and Wellness, 1007 Hull St., Boyne City, by Bridget Foltz

Neumann's Own Construction, 307 Union St., East Jordan, by Jon Neumann

Bear River Construction & Floor Covering, 1766 Bear River Road, Petoskey, by Daniel H. Wagenschutz

True Home Solutions, 00322 South Springbrook Road, Boyne Falls, by Tomislav E. Dimitrijevic

Johnecheck Brothers Custom Homes, 03610 Reycraft Road, Boyne City, by Steve Johnecheck Jr.

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Stanley Thomas Sutherland vs. Deborah Dawn Sutherland

Philip John Peterson vs. Shirley Joyce Peterson

Terry Clark vs. Kimberlee Clark

Kimberly Drost vs. Larry Drost

Kenneth Wisdom vs. Traci Lynn Wisdom

Wayne Vanderhoof vs. Lisa Vanderhoof

David Sevenski vs. Janice Sevenski

Raymond John Ard II vs. Kimberly Anne Ard

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Spencer Mitchell Hankins, 17 and Riki Marie Lent, 17, both of Charlevoix

Timothy James Rothenberger, 20, Temple Pa. and Amber Lynn Fuller, 20, of Charlevoix

BIRTHS

Garrett Austin-Dale Kunz weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces was born on March 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jeremy and Crystalann Kunz of Bellaire. His siblings are Seth Jordan and Analyse. His grandparents are Jim and Lucretia Taraszkiewicz of Bellaire and Karen Kunz of Toledo.

Derek William Stoops weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces was born March 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Robert William

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Cleaning of jail air system is underway

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this project."

While Landon appreciated Christensen's concerns, he said the commissioners need not make a mountain out of a molehill.

"I don't think this is the kind of thing where you need 24-hour representation," he said. "As I see it, you need somebody like (Hilton), like (Jarema), whoever you want to have do it, maintain a checklist of what's being done by who and when so you know you're making forward progress."

Landon told the commissioners it is common to tweak HVAC systems upon installation.

"There is both art and science that goes into these systems," he said. "You go through these things in a step by step manner. You try to eliminate this problem and you try to eliminate that problem. Commercial HVAC systems are not simple systems. There's a lot of moving parts, a lot of interaction among different systems within the building. It's frequently a challenge to get them to work the way they ought to."

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>
> **Chris Christensen**
> DISTRICT TWO CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Landon said he is confident the system will be adequate to heat and cool the jail when it is up and running properly.

"You never say never, but we don't have any expectations that the building will not function if the systems are operating properly," he said.

However, VanPutten added, no matter how effective or efficient an HVAC system is, individual comfort levels could always be an issue.

"We could have two identical people — same sex, age, weight — one will be hot (and) one will be cold," he said. "Until we figure out a way to give everyone personal control over their temperature, we'll always have that."

Hilton will give his first progress report at the 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 11 meeting.

Rhoades Engineering, authors of the cited, Rhoades report of May 30, 2006, refused to attend without pay.

In the report, Rhoades recommended replacing any faulty roof mounted exhaust fans, rooftop units and all associated ductwork, reinstall makeup air unit number three, fix roof leaks and replace all ceiling tiles, replace carpet in certain areas and clean furniture and walls.

While several of the recommendations have been followed, Jarema said it would be extreme at this point in time to replace large, expensive pieces of machinery.

"Every option is going to be on the table once we (get) the system we have functioning properly, optimally," he said. "Then we will be able to determine whether the sizes of those are correct or if we need bigger units or supplemental units."

Meggison, a 20-year county employee, spent seven of those years working at the jail. He did not return calls regarding his transfer by press time.

Sept. 6, 2001 Eight employees of the Charlevoix County Jail responded to a form distributed by Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater and former head of jail maintenance, Tom Meggison, asking any employees who thought they might have health conditions caused by the jail to list them.

Sept. 10, 2001 Meggison forwarded employee symptoms to the designer of the jail's addition, Landmark Design Group, and stated he would send an estimate for duct cleaning to Landmark as soon as one was available.

July 14, 2005 Environmental Testing & Consulting Inc., stated airborne mold samples did not warrant corrective action but suggested fresh air exchange be increased in areas with high carbon dioxide levels and clean ductwork if necessary.

May 30, 2006 Rhoades Engineering Company LLC's study of the Jail's HVAC system suggested replacing defective exhaust fans, replacing roof top HVAC units and related ductwork and cleaning furniture and walls.

Nov. 14, 2006 Environmental Testing stated "No hazardous constituents," existed in dust samples taken at the jail.

March 19 A special board meeting began with Lasater announcing Meggison's transfer to the county building in light of Meggison's impending July 30 retirement and likely new procedures and equipment which may be forthcoming.

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Stoops and Lindsey Merle Gilmer. His siblings are Joseph and Leo Stoops.

Taryn Marie Losee weighing 9 pounds, 11 ounces was born on March 16 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Michael and Amanda Losee Jr. of Central Lake. Her sibling is Kendall. Her grandparents are Maurice and Lynda Gardner of Charlevoix and Michael and Suzie Losee of Central Lake. Her great-grandparent is Luella Losee of Saginaw.

Bailey Lynn and Wailand Luke Smith, twins, weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces and 6 pounds respectively, were born on March 16 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Luke and Andrea Smith of Boyne Falls. Their grandparents are Kevin and Karen Thomas of East Jordan and Brian and Mardi Smith of Boyne City. Their great-grandparents are Ernie and Janett Walden of East Jordan and Herb and Linda Howard of Boyne City.

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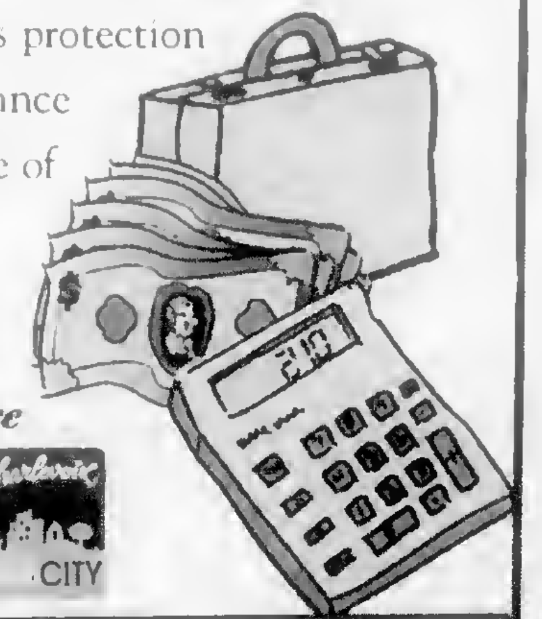

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Healthy choice: Eat outside of the box

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Choosing what to eat is a relatively new problem for humans.

For nearly all of the our history we ate whatever we could find. In more modern times food choices are nearly endless. Just visit any food market and measure the choices not in numbers, but in acres. As with all choices, it is possible to make good ones or bad ones. The epidemic of overweight Americans suggests that in this country and at this time, we aren't handling the choices too well.

It is not that we are short of advice. Books and articles about diet form a large fraction of available reading material, both on and off the Internet. We are advised to eat less protein or more protein, to avoid fats all together or to make them a major part of our diet, to load up on carbs or cut down on carbs. What is a person to do?

Michael Pollan, who has written well and wisely about gardens, tulips and what we eat, has provided an extremely useful primer in the New York Times Magazine of Jan. 28. He suggests that you do not need a college degree in nutrition or biochemistry to eat well. In fact, too much information from nutritional science may be as bad for you as a diet lacking sufficient fiber or high in saturated animal fat. His major piece of advice will not be popular with the makers of most of the items on grocer's shelves, nor will it rest well on the ears of much of the nutritional science establishment. We do not eat nutrients like proteins, antioxidants or minerals, he claims, rather we eat food, or at least we could.

According to Pollan, the journalists who endlessly report on the latest nutritional studies are equally at fault, since they mostly hype the most recent trends or ideas about diet. He suggests that what to eat is remarkably simple if we look at the history of what humans have been eating during most of our evolutionary past.

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It all boils down to three simple rules in only seven words. "Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants." He makes a compelling, not too lengthy or complex case for his rules.

The definition of "food" is critical. It does not usually come in a box, for example. And real food has no health claims printed on it. The plants in the definition should consist of fewer seeds and grains and more leaves, roots and berries. "Don't eat anything your great-grandmother would not have recognized as food," is another significant piece of advice.

It was particularly notable to me that he includes the admonition to cook our own food, and, if possible, keep a food garden as part of the path to a healthier population. If I plan to have my homegrown potatoes in the root cellar last until spring, I am likely to eat fewer of them over the winter months. And the added exercise involved in caring for a garden is a beneficial plus.

During my years as a professor of biology, people asked what I thought about nutrition, and while my answer never developed to the comprehensiveness of Mr. Pollan's advice, it still seems sound to me. When asked what was best as a diet, I would suggest that a person eat as many different things, plant and animal, as possible, and they should be eaten as near to alive as possible. Such advice requires you to recognize that vegetables are alive until they are cooked or frozen. The dead vegetables are the soft, slimy ones you throw out of the refrigerator. Maybe if we applied the same rules to food generally that we apply to fresh fish, we would do better.

I had a friend of many years whose father always grew a vegetable garden. My friend reported that his father would set a pot of water boiling on the stove. Then he would go to the garden, pick the fresh ears of corn and run to the house to drop them in the boiling water. That may sound a little extreme, but it makes the point.

What to eat will remain a problem for us as long as we live surrounded by easily available, inexpensive, processed substances that Mr. Pollan would not include in his category of food. The simplest advice possible? Eat stuff that does not come in a box.

Finally, enjoying what is eaten may have more to do with health than any amount of information about the food's nutrient content. Eat, drink and be merry is still good advice.

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New Courier feature highlights locals

What's his story anyway?

JUST A THOUGHT

Julie Witthoeft

The same guy delivered lunch to the Courier for over a year.

For a while the office not so unusual food connoisseur/staff writer was on a sub sandwich kick which soon became known as the "Gohs classic" at Village Inn Pizza — a turkey sub, no cheese, no mayo, toasted bread, mustard on the side. I on the other hand am a pizza junky. I like pizza any way but with fruit — pineapple pizza lovers are truly a breed all their own.

But does this pizza delivery man who we count on almost every day to bring us lunch like pineapple pizza? Does he like pizza at all? What's his name anyway?

This got us thinking about all the people we interact with daily that we really know nothing about.

As inquisitive, nosy journalists we decided this just won't do. From the person who bags your groceries to the one that delivers your mail, there are dozens of anonymous average Joes out there that serve important roles in our community and have great stories to tell.

Their lives are full of love, loss and adventure. In an effort to truly bring you closer to your neighbors, the Courier staff is dedicating a feature entitled, "10 things you never knew about..." to this sea of untapped information. The format is simple, 10 straightforward questions and 10 word for word answers. The section will run the fourth Wednesday of the month on the Courier's Community page.

Kicking things off this week is the Courier's favorite pizza delivery man, Matt Kondrat, who manages Village Inn Pizza. We quickly learned Kondrat has interests and aspirations beyond sauce and dough.

If there is someone in your life you think would be a perfect fit for "10 things you never knew," let us know, they could be anonymous no more.

To nominate a person for "10 things you never knew," shoot an e-mail to news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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LETTERS to the editor

SAVE MONEY, COMBINE POSITIONS

Editor:

It is not too late for the Charlevoix School Board to make a sound financial decision that is necessary to balance the budget. The current board president, Bill Trubilowicz stated that a new superintendent must be hired before July 1 when the current superintendent (Jim Cooper) leaves. After a little research I feel this timeline was created by Mr. Trubilowicz so that a new superintendent would be chosen before he also leaves office in July.

I raised the following question at the community forum to Mark Eckhardt, the superintendent of the Char-Em Intermediate School District. If the board fails to hire a new superintendent by July 1 is it not true that Char-Em could make arrangements to be our temporary superintendent for up to one year? He answered, "Yes, this could be arranged." Recently among all the budget cuts being made at the state level, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, stated that it will be necessary for schools to become more creative and try to share expenses to cut cost. She even mentioned that school districts that reduce spending will be rewarded by the state.

What I am trying to say is that we have a rare opportunity to slow down the hiring process of a new superintendent. I strongly feel that as a temporary solution we should explore hiring a combination superintendent/high school principal. This would save the school over $100,000 per year. If funding becomes available in the future I would support adding a permanent principal at the high school.

Charlevoix Public Schools have a top notch business administrator who is able to handle all of the day-to-day financial dealings and year-to-year budgeting for the school. Not too long ago, this job was handled by the superintendent and his secretary. The high school currently has an excellent leader in the vice-principal who would fit in very well with a combination superintendent/principal. I feel very strongly that this arrangement can work well with our current enrollment. This rare opportunity should not be overlooked with the economy lagging in Michigan.

To put this all in perspective, it will be August at best before the schools learn how much revenue per student will be allocated by the state. The school is also unsure if the total student count will be up or down. Tell me, is this any way to run a business? I say, let's not get the cart before the horse and sit back and see what happens later. By slowing down the process of hiring a superintendent, our business manager can put together a responsible budget that can keep our school financially sound.

I feel it is totally irresponsible to be hiring high priced administrators before we can be sure that our existing staff will not be threatened with layoffs. Please help slow down this process as our current board president will be leaving in July and the rest of the board will be left to deal with the consequences.

Dale (Bo) Boss
Charlevoix

DOES PROSECUTOR HAVE CONFLICT?

Editor:

In the March 7 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, prosecuting attorney John Jarema stated that, "I have found nothing that says anything was installed improperly." He also said "Those are the specs that we bargained for."

The Charlevoix County Commissioners hired Rhoades Engineering Company to study the problems at the Charlevoix County Jail. The report is dated May 30, 2006. Included in this study was an evaluation of the existing HVAC system. In this report on page 3, III. F. I quote: "Environmental Balance Co. report states: Some RTU's System's Airflow Quantities: Jail Control Room's RTU-5 airflow is at 69% of design. Sheriff's N.W. Admin. Office's RTU-11 airflow is at 79% of design. Sheriff's Detectives & N.E. Office's RTU-12 airflow is at 78% of design. Some Individual Room Airflow Quantities: Control Room #110 airflow is at 70% of design. Receptionist Room #108 airflow is at 50% of design. Squad Room #131 airflow is at 42% of design. Sheriff Office #137 airflow is at 80% of design.

Under section IV. Construction Documents and Installed HVAC Systems it states, "Approximately 30% to 40% HVAC ductwork distribution systems installation are not installed as shown on construction documents."

"Specifications require air handling systems airflow quantities to be adjusted to plus or minus 5% to 10% of design. Some room airflow quantities are 60% to 42% of design. Deficiencies are noted on Test & Balance Report."

At my last commission meeting I recommended that the county hire Rhoades Engineering Company to oversee the necessary changes required at the jail. John Jarema is a prosecutor, not an engineer.

Judging by his statements in the Courier, he does not understand the extent of the problem, even though he has the report. He claims the county got what they asked for. The above report disputes that. How can John Jarema say "Those are the specs that we bargained for."

When the County Commission first asked the prosecutor to become involved, I asked him if he had a conflict of interest. Based on his statements and the actual report, you can draw your own conclusion.

Connie Saltonstall
Former District 1 County Commissioner
Charlevoix

CHANNEL SWIMMING DISAPPOINTING

Editor:

The other night I attended my first Charlevoix City Council meeting to voice my opinion on the banning of jumping from the pier, a favored summer pastime for many young and young at heart in Charlevoix. It was an enlightening, albeit disappointing experience.

From the gist of the discussion, I gathered that the primary reason for the ban was a request from the police chief (Gerard Doan) and a seconded opinion from (First Ward) councilman (Lyle) Gennett, who, as a fireman, had once had to assist in rescuing trained scuba divers from the ravaging currents of the Pine River during a winter dive. When questioned, the mayor and several council members hinted that they might have participated in this fun, healthy summertime activity. They also mentioned some stitches a swimmer needed some time ago but the specifics were sketchy at best.

At the risk of sounding skeptical, cynical, negative or even bitter, and also at the risk of incurring retribution, I would like to point out some observations as a resident of Charlevoix for only the past five years.

I have witnessed our police force chase speeders at night with their headlights out. I learned that when you dial 911 to report this, my business cell phone reverts to the city it came from and the Traverse City sheriff couldn't do anything but take the report. I have witnessed our police force do "Starsky and Hutch" wheel spinning burnouts and U-turns on Bridge Street during morning commutes to catch speeders. The latest practice of driveway hiding and darting into evening traffic by our law enforcement officers is almost comical.

I live in the (short of the Holiday parking lot) most patrolled neighborhood I have ever seen. Upwards of 20 patrols per day are not uncommon, less than one block from our chief's home on a quiet side street. I have witnessed officers being rude when questioned by citizens and ultimately defensive of any criticism, constructive or otherwise. I fear that now we have empowered these same officers with yet another tool to harass our young and young at heart visitors.

The actions and attitude of our council was seemingly geared toward keeping Charlevoix the ultimately quiet retirement community it is becoming. But our largely absent population (at least during the winter months) needs young families to provide the services they require. Young families, unfortunately, come with "baggage" like children who like to have fun. Young families need long-term reasonable wage jobs and affordable housing — issues that council should be addressing. Did council even ask the city attorney if "Swim at your own risk" signs might mitigate what I suspect was the driving force behind this new ordinance, that being the ever-ugly liability and litigation concerns? I doubt it.

My 14-year-old son and I jump from the pier occasionally and boat regularly. I have never seen the regular pier jumpers interfere with boat traffic. I have never seen them be overly rowdy. I have never seen them do anything but be helpful to each other in climbing out and helping each other be as safe as possible to avoid collisions. They know how to have fun properly, but apparently our law enforcement and city council don't trust them do what they themselves did when they were young.

One note of appeasement was sounded during the miscellaneous business portion of the meeting when it was suggested that they might consider dredging the end of the Ferry beach pier so kids could jump off there. Guestimated cost might be "as little as $10,000." When I considered that, I wondered how "asinine" (as the mayor called it) my statement that we might consider hiring a lifeguard for the pier jumpers rather than an officer to patrol for potential perpetrators was. $10,000 might fund a lifeguard for a couple of summers, and dredging might not last long.

Cool City? Charlevoix's right to that title went out with the ravaging "currents" of the Pine River along with the St. Patrick's Day green dye we enjoyed so many years ago. As for the aforementioned incident resulting in stitches, I once used a too sharp knife to cut some Cracker Barrel cheese and received six stitches in my thumb. Perhaps council should pass an ordinance against sharp cheddar.

John McNabb
Charlevoix

SLEEP AS IMPORTANT AS DIET AND EXERCISE

Editor:

An estimated 47 million American adults may be putting themselves at risk for injury as well as health and behavior problems because they aren't meeting their minimum sleep needs in order to be fully alert the next day, according to polls by the National Sleep Foundation.

What are "minimum sleep needs?" Sleep experts agree that most adults need between seven and nine hours of sleep on average each night in order to function most effectively the next day. Lack of sleep can have an impact on cognition, performance and state of mind.

National Sleep Foundation's 2005 Sleep in America poll found that about one-half of America's adults say that on most nights they get a good night's sleep. People who sleep well, in general, are happier and healthier. But when sleep is poor or inadequate, people feel tired or fatigued, their social and intimate relationships suffer, work productivity is negatively affected, and they make our roads more dangerous by driving while sleepy or less alert.

Sleep is as important as proper nutrition and exercise for good health. Sleep deprivation in America affects people of all ages, from children to older adults. Sleep deprivation is a choice. And if it's a choice, then many of us can make a healthier choice — to get the amount of sleep we need tonight for a better tomorrow.

This is National Sleep Awareness Week, the perfect time to make that commitment.

Sharon L. Smorch, RRT, RPSGT
Charlevoix Area Hospital Sleep Center
Manager

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10 things you never knew about Matt Kondrat

Bringing you closer to your neighbors ...

1. Why make Charlevoix your home?

Most of my family lives in Detroit, but my immediate family is in Boyne Falls. I love the area. It's quiet, not like Petoskey, and has a heck of a lot nicer downtown. I have a son and my girlfriend has a 3-year-old. As a place for kids to grow up, you can't beat it.

2. Who has been your biggest influence?

My biggest influence is my dad. We both love the same things and every weekend I go down there (Boyne Falls) and we're always working on cars and listening to music — he plays a mean air guitar and he is a champion pool player. From day one everything I like to do is because of him.

3. What really makes you mad?

The same song played on the radio all day at work. I'll throw a shoe at the radio if I have to.

4. Where do you see yourself in five years, in other words, what are your aspirations?

I plan on staying there (Village Inn Pizza) for a while. I just had a son last year, so that motivates me to stick with it as long as I'm making money, but I would like to get my degree for (auto) mechanics.

5. What do you do for fun in Charlevoix?

I go to the Flight Deck to play pool and go bowling. I go to the movies once in awhile but I work too much during the week to do much of anything.

6. What is your biggest vice?

Playing guitar is just the ultimate. I've been playing for about three years — everything from Staind to Lynyrd Skynyrd.

7. If you had a magic wand and could change one thing about yourself or your world, what would it be?

I don't know, I have it pretty good. My son is excellent, my girlfriend is great. I guess I'd love to have a house here in town. My car doesn't bother me and with material things I don't ask for a lot, but a nice house would be great.

8. What is your favorite food?

Definitely homemade lasagna that I make — boil the noodles, brown the beef, make the sauce — it takes about two hours.

9. If you could meet anyone for an hour lunch, who would it be?

Jimmy Paige from Led Zeppelin. I just love watching him play.

10. What's something few people know about you?

I like the movie "Titanic." Whenever I see it on TV or at the movie store, I just have to watch it.

Easter Blessings

Christ Episcopal Church

Corner of State Street and Clinton, Charlevoix
547-6322

Stations of the Cross
Wednesday, April 4, 5 pm

Maundy Thursday, **April 5, 7 pm**

Good Friday Service**, April 6, 7 pm**

Easter Sunday, **April 8, 10 am**

Community Reformed Church

100 Oak Street, 231-547-9482

Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 1, 9:30 am & 11 am
"Cleansing & Curses." message by
Pastor Chip Sauer from Mark 11:1-25

Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Thursday, April 5, 7 pm
"The Last Supper," message by Pastor Chip Sauer from Mark 14:12-25 - Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Community Good Friday Sevice
Friday, April 6, Noon
At the First Baptist Church, 06781 M-66 Hwy (Carrying of the cross from Rite Aid to the church, beginning at 11:30 am). Worship led by members of area churches - Sponsored by the Ministerial Association of Charlevoix

Easter Celebration
Sunday, April 8, 10 am - 11:15 am at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium
"He is Not Here", message by Pastor Chip Sauer from Mark 16:1-8

Ellsworth Christian Reformed Church

9323 Main St., downtown Ellsworth, 231-588-7805
Email inquiries: ellsworthcrc@gtlakes.com
Sunday, April 8, 10 am
We welcome everyone to join us in celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus at our Easter morning worship service. (barrier free facilities, nursery provided)

We also welcome you to join us for the following combined, community services:

Good Friday Service **- April 6, 1 pm**
held at the Belltower Reformed Church on the corner of Church and Essex roads.

Easter Sunrise Service **- April 8, 7:30 am**
Held at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church at 6346 Elm St. in Ellsworth

First Congregational United Church of Christ

Corner of State & Park St., 547-9122
Pastor: Rev. Mary Snell Willis

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service
Thursday - 7 pm

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
Sunday 6:30 am at Depot Beach.

Traditional Worship at 11 am

Ironton Congregational United Church of Christ

03582 Washington Ave, Charlevoix
Off Highway M-66 in Ironton, 237-0270

Breakfast **- 9:30 am** Everyone Invited

Easter Egg Hunt **- 10:30 am,** Kids

Sunday Worship Service, **11 am**
Adorning the Cross with flowers.

St. Mary of the Assumption

1003 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, 547-6652

Holy Thursday **- April 5, 7 pm**

Good Friday **- April 6, 12 pm**
Stations of the Cross - **Noon**
Good Friday Liturgy - **12:30 pm**

Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil - **8:30 pm**

Easter Sunday
Mass - **9 am & 11 am**

United Methodist Church of Charlevoix

104 State Street, Charlevoix, 547-2654

Maundy Thursday Service
April 5, 7 pm

Good Friday Service
Friday, April 6, Noon
11:30 am Cross procession beginning at Rite Aid and ending at Ist Baptist Church for
12:00 pm Community Good Friday Service

Easter Services
Sunday, April 8, 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Ferry Beach
9:30 am Easter Breakfast
11 am Easter Worship

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Historic baptism

On March 18, Brayden Greensky was baptized at Greensky Hill United Methodist Indian Mission Church in Charlevoix. He is the son of Amanda and Ray Greensky, grandson of Leslee and Woody Pearson of Charlevoix, Steve and Laura May of Petoskey, and Jacob and Lowanna Greensky of Minnesota. Brayden is a direct descendent of Peter Greensky, a Chippewa missionary to his people who built the Greensky Hill church in the 1850s. Brayden was baptized in the same log structure his ancestors built long ago.

Wagbo maple syrup fest on tap for March 31

The Wagbo Peace Center will celebrate the 2007 northwest lower Michigan maple syrup season with its 5th Annual Maple Syrup Festival and Raffle from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 31.

Pancake and sausage breakfast will be served all day under the tent. The event will also include sugar shack tours and syrup tasting, horse-drawn sleigh rides out to the sugarbush, a maple syrup themed bake sale, children's activities and entertainment for the whole family, plus maple syrup gift basket raffle.

Member and advance tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for kids (5 and under free) and $20 for a family. Tickets on the day of event are $8 for adults, $6 for kids (5 and under free) and $23 for a family. Volunteers stay for free.

The farm is located at 5745 North M-66, three miles south of East Jordan. For more information or to order tickets, call (231) 536-0333.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS SCORE BIG

On Friday, March 9 there was no school due to the weather conditions but area bands still met in the Petoskey Middle School Auditorium to perform for the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 2 Band Festival. Both the Charlevoix seventh and eighth-grade bands performed three pieces and sight reading for four judges. They each earned a second division rating.

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY GRADUATE

Kirsten Senger Brendtro is a December 2006 graduate with a masters of science degree from the College of William and Mary located in Williamsburg, Va. Her degree is in marine biology, fisheries genetics from the Virginia Institute of Marine Biology. Kirsten is a 2000 Charlevoix High School graduate and completed an undergraduate degree in natural science from Michigan State University in 2004.

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S LIST

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Wednesday, March 28, 6 pm
Writer's Group
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Wednesday, March 28, 6-7:30 pm
Play Club
Calling all parents with young children! Join us in the Youth Activity Center for playtime with other families.

The Big Read is here!
"To Kill a Mockingbird"
is the book to grab to join in with other community members in reading, sharing and talking about one of America's great literary achievements. Check it out at the library!

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Edsel Lauer: Dec. 13, 1916 - March 14, 2007

Edsel W. Lauer, born Dec. 13, 1916, passed away peacefully March 14 at the age of 90. He was an avid golfer and a former member of the Petoskey/Bayview Country Club. He won the club championship six times at Edgewood Country Club in Detroit. He moved to Florida and Pine Point in Charlevoix when he retired from Aro Equipment Corporation, where he was sales engineer for 38 years.

Surviving is his wife, Edith, of 67 years; son, Bruce and his wife, Norlene, daughter Bonnie, who is general manager of Cypress Ridge in Arroya Grande, Calif., and a pro golfer; three grandchildren, Dawn Anderson, Denver, N.C., Shawn, Bessemer, N.C. and Heidi of Cherryville, N.C.; and seven great-grandchildren all of North Carolina

The family summers at Pine Point in Charlevoix.

LETTERS to the editor

LETTERS

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CAUSE AND EFFECT

Editor:

Everyone has a reason why they want things to be a certain way. They see things in the world and they think they should be different. Some shake their heads and go about their business. Some call the police or some government agency related to the problem and demand change or correction of the problem. Some take matters in their own hands and try addressing the problem at its core. (my personal favorite).

I guess everyone thinks that if the problem bothers them it is important and that we should all band together to remedy it. This problem is what we will call the cause. There are many causes out there too numerous to mention. In Charlevoix there are channel jumpers, jay walkers, dogs, cats and even one mountain lion that I know of, snowmobiles, the list goes on. If the leader of the cause can convince enough people to rally behind the cause they can affect a change. The problem with affecting change is expensive, due to the legislation of writing laws, creating another problem for the police and the inevitable court costs. The second problem is it never stops, give them an inch and they take a mile. If you don't believe me, try keeping track of how many new laws are already on the books.

I do not want to drag this out but those rules people have made me crazy. I have jumped off diving boards (remember them), lit real firecrackers, used my table saw without the blade guard or ear protection, and tubed down Mt. McSauha without a safety helmet and somehow lived to write this letter.

All I can say is if we continue to try controlling every little thing that causes some people distress, the effect will be less and less of the freedom that we hold so dear.

The Cool City won't be that cool if it isn't any fun.

Mike Eickhoff
Atwood

BRING ON COOL

Editor:

It was very interesting to see the Cool Cities downtown blueprint for Charlevoix. It reminded me of another city my family visits frequently, South Miami Beach, Fla. Ocean Drive in South Beach has much in common with Bridge Street in Charlevoix. Both communities are very seasonal with a park on a body of water on one side of the street and restaurants and businesses on the other side. Fifteen years ago Ocean Drive was struggling with empty storefronts and old tired art deco hotels with very low occupancy. One of the things the city did was permit the restaurants to put tables out on the sidewalk in the public right-of-way. Soon several restaurants opened using small kitchens in store fronts or in the hotels. Most of the tables were out on the sidewalk so the restaurants had little or no overhead and could pull back in the slower summer months.

Today the 10 block stretch of Ocean Drive is packed with outdoor restaurants and almost all of the hotels have gone through extensive remodeling and renovation. There are so many people in the winter that you have to walk slowly on one side of the street to work your way through all the diners. Nobody minds because it is a place to see and be seen. On special occasions, like New Year's Eve and the Superbowl, they close off the street and push the traffic one block over onto Collins Avenue. The restaurants put more tables out into the street to handle the additional people.

The Cool Cities report mentioned one potential problem. "By attracting more people to the area though, traffic and parking will become even worse." Fifteen years ago traffic was not a problem on Ocean Drive. Now it is one of the area's major concerns.

Steve Conway
Charlevoix

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Editor:

Eight weeks ago a boy named Boddy came into the world. This little bundle of love was so anxious that he was born at 24 weeks. When Michelle's water broke and the doctors told us she would probably deliver within two to three days, we were more than a little concerned. We had no idea what to expect. The thing that we could never have imagined was the love that poured down on us from the community, friends and everyone who heard Boddy's story.

Within days, Terry (Left) and all our friends from the Villager were planning a benefit dinner which turned out as standing room only. The local lodge D-480 at the cement plant had a raffle; the Knights of Columbus; the Men's Monday Night Bowlers; St. Mary School, all gave contributions.

We have received phone calls, cards and letters from people continuously and we can't thank all of you enough. People ask about Boddy every day and I never tire of keeping you all informed. Michelle and I could never have gotten through these last eight weeks without all the support financially and spiritually, from our great friends and family.

We are both looking forward to bringing Boddy home to this loving community.

Boddy has a care page. For updates and pictures visit Boddy Whitley at www.carepages.com/ServeCarePage.

Thanks again for all the love and support.

Gregg Whitley and Michelle Mailloux
Charlevoix

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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Pastor: Michael Arp........ 547-4221

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County dishes out $275,000 to settle Rozema lawsuit

BY FRED GRAY
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

Former Charlevoix County employee Jacqueline Rozema settled for $275,000 — which will come out of county coffers — in her second successful suit against the county, according to court documents obtained by the Petoskey News-Review through a Freedom of Information Act request.

Last May, a jury awarded Rozema and her colleague Sandra Ward over $1 million in a suit they filed against the county and their one-time employer, former county prosecutor Mary Beth Kur.

In her second suit against the county settled last month, Rozema claimed at least $400,000 in medical benefits she alleged had been denied her when she was "constructively discharged" by Kur.

The amount of the settlement was not publicly disclosed until Wednesday, March 21 when a request for court documents was granted.

The settlement provides that Rozema release the county from further liability and not disclose the terms of the settlement to anyone other than tax advisers. The same section describes the terms of the agreement as "confidential" but nowhere in the agreement is there a parallel statement preventing the county from disclosing the terms.

Rozema claimed that prior to resigning, she had been assured that she was entitled to, and would receive, retirement health benefits for herself and her husband for life upon retirement.

She claimed that two days after the May 2006 jury award, the county terminated her health benefits.

Rozema claimed the denial of health benefits was a violation of the Michigan Whistleblowers' Protection Act, which was the basis for the suit she and Ward had filed against the county and Kur.

At the time of filing, county clerk Jane Brannon said Rozema was not entitled to the health benefits. Brannon said that in order to retain retiree health benefits Rozema would have to draw a pension, but she was not eligible to retire because she did not have enough years of service credit.

In May 2005, a six-member jury found that Kur had "constructively discharged" Rozema and Ward through abusive behavior that created intolerable working conditions in the office.

County board chair Shirley Roloff, who with Brannon signed the settlement agreement on behalf of the county on Feb. 5, 2007, told the Petoskey News-Review earlier this month that the county's attorney in the case, Jan Hildenbrand of a Southfield law firm, had advised her not to disclose the terms of settlement.

Repeated efforts to reach Hildenbrand for comment were unsuccessful.

Roloff said even though she had signed the papers, she found the secrecy requirement to be "outrageous" and put the current county commissioners in a bad situation.

"It's not fair to them," she said. "They have to answer to the people of the county for this."

Former board chair Vic Patrick, who had negotiated on behalf of the county until his term expired at the end of last year, said it was the attorneys for both sides and the judge who wanted the final settlement amount kept secret.

"And I don't know why," he said.

Roloff said last Wednesday she regretted not having read the final settlement document more closely.

"I didn't read it. I only glanced through it," she said.

Speaking of the amounts of awards the county has made in lawsuits over the years, Roloff said:

"We've made some drastic mistakes. I hope we have learned by some of them. I wish this case never had happened."

She said the next thing on her to-do list is partnering with a new labor attorney for the county.

"We need someone closer by, but we need a good one," she said.

Fred Gray can be contacted at (231) 439-9374, or fgray@petoskeynews.com.

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Synopsis –March 14, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved the February 28, 2007 minutes as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-011, Surveyor Contract, and authorized Chairman Roloff to sign said contracts as soon as notification from the state is received.
- Motion approved grant application to Charlevoix County Community Foundation by Probate Court.
- Motion approved appointments.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Courtesy photo

Free drug testing

John Jarema (right), Charlevoix County Prosecutor, is shown presenting a check to Scott Kelly, executive director of BASES, that will allow families of Charlevoix County students to have drug tests done at no cost. If parents are concerned that their son or daughter may be doing drugs, they can now access a free, confidential drug test at BASES. The tests are limited to those teens who are not already mandated to have drug testing through court or school. The funds for this free drug test come from fees collected in Charlevoix County for drinking and driving related offenses. The drug testing is done confidentialy and no results or identities are shared with anyone other than the family. Contact BASES at (231) 547-1144 for more information.

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A healing ride

Young Charlevoix Area Hospital patient, Zoe Haney and her mom, Kallie Haney, spent many hours tooling around the halls in the hospital's new Radio Flyer red wagon that was donated by the Starlight Starbright Foundation. Starlight Starbright helps seriously ill children cope during their illness. They donate playroom and fun centers so kids can play games, chat with friends and even do their homework from their hospital bed, as well as distribute hundreds of thousands of books and toys every year.

St. Mary School announces new fall 3-year-old program

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Parents of Charlevoix's youngest students will have a new education option this fall.

Charlevoix St. Mary School will introduce a new preschool program for 3-year-old students.

According to St. Mary School principal, Keisha Veryser, the decision to initiate the program followed requests from interested parents. She said it's a natural fit for the school which currently offers curriculum for students age 4 through sixth-grade.

"The programs piggy back each other like building blocks. It's an easy flow," she said.

The 3-year-old preschool morning program will run from 9 to 11:45 a.m. in the school's Marion Room, a classroom, and will follow the school schedule. Three and five-day options are available. It is open to 10 students — six of whom have already registered. A teacher is expected to be hired in May.

The classroom curriculum will be based on a progress report system the school uses and will include counting, gross motor skill development, early literacy and social studies learning, among other elements.

"One thing about keeping the class size small is the kids can learn at their own level," Veryser said.

Keisha Veryser

The 4-year-old, five-day program follows the same morning schedule and is currently at capacity. Afternoon sessions may be added to both the three and 4-year-old programs if enough interest is generated. The afternoon session would likely meet from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

The school also offers extended care until 5:30 p.m. for students in both preschool classrooms. The cost is $3 per hour, per student.

Enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year is currently underway. The school's capacity is 120 students. There are 76 enrolled this year and the school is expected to expand to 94 students next year.

The school will host a free enrollment breakfast from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on April 22 in the school's family center, located at 1005 Bridge St. in Charlevoix. Staff members will be on hand to answer questions and offer tours and parents and alumni will speak about their St. Mary experience.

For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

What? Charlevoix St. Mary School will introduce a preschool program for 3-year-old students.

When? Classes will meet for three or five-day sessions from 9 to 11:45 a.m. starting in fall 2007.

Cost? Three-day program is $1,086 per year for St. Mary Church parishioners and $1,352 for non-parishioners; five-day program is $1,810 per year for St. Mary Church parishioners and $2,262 for non-parishioners. (The five-day fee schedule also applies to the four-year-old program).

How to learn more? The school will host a free enrollment breakfast from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on April 22 in the family center, located at 1005 Bridge St. in Charlevoix.

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New gym teacher signs on at Northwest Academy

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Chris Way

Northwest Academy of Charlevoix welcomed a new physical education instructor last week.

Wife and mother of four, Chris Way, formerly of Brighton, moved to Charlevoix in August 2006.

"I came in late in the year, but I'm not going to let that deter me from any goals I've got for the kids and the program," she said. "With the lower elementary kids I'm going to concentrate on motor skills, and we are hopefully going to run a water safety unit."

She added, "I want to introduce the kids to fitness as a way of life."

In addition to the possibility of swimming classes, Way hopes to offer volleyball for sixth and seventh graders in the future.

"For the upper grades, we want to concentrate on individual fitness for life," she said.

For nearly 20 years Way has worked on and off as a coach, phys-ed and art teacher.

"I have coached basketball, volleyball and swimming," she said. "I have been at Michigan Tech University for three years in the PE department and I designed their aerobic classes and was their head volleyball coach.

Way went to school at Ferris State University where she played basketball and softball before transferring to Central Michigan University where she graduated with a physical education degree and a minor in art and coaching.

Way has worked with elementary students and directed a swimming program in Brighton which qualifies her to teach swimming and water safety.

And, while she said it's too early to tell, one of the best parts of her new job is the small class size.

"The smallness in numbers is going to allow me to do some things that you can't do in a public school with larger numbers of students," she said. "I'll be able to individualize activities to meet the needs of students kind of like a personal trainer if you will for the students."

She added, "It's going to be refreshing to be able to focus on kids individually."

Way, who comes from a family of educators had a father who was a coach and athletic director.

"Naturally I went that route. But, back then, sports for girls (were) at a minimum," she said. "There weren't near the caliber of programs we offer girls here."

She added, "There was a natural draw for me to be physical and competitive, but I was in a minority being athletic as a girl."

A major reason for choosing her career path was because she saw a need for women teaching athletics and promoting fitness for all children, male and female.

"I guess I just have a love for teaching fitness for life. These are skills they will be able to take with them when the graduate," Way said. "An appreciation and love of physical exercise will help them continue to make fitness a part of their lifestyle instead of just a game they once played."

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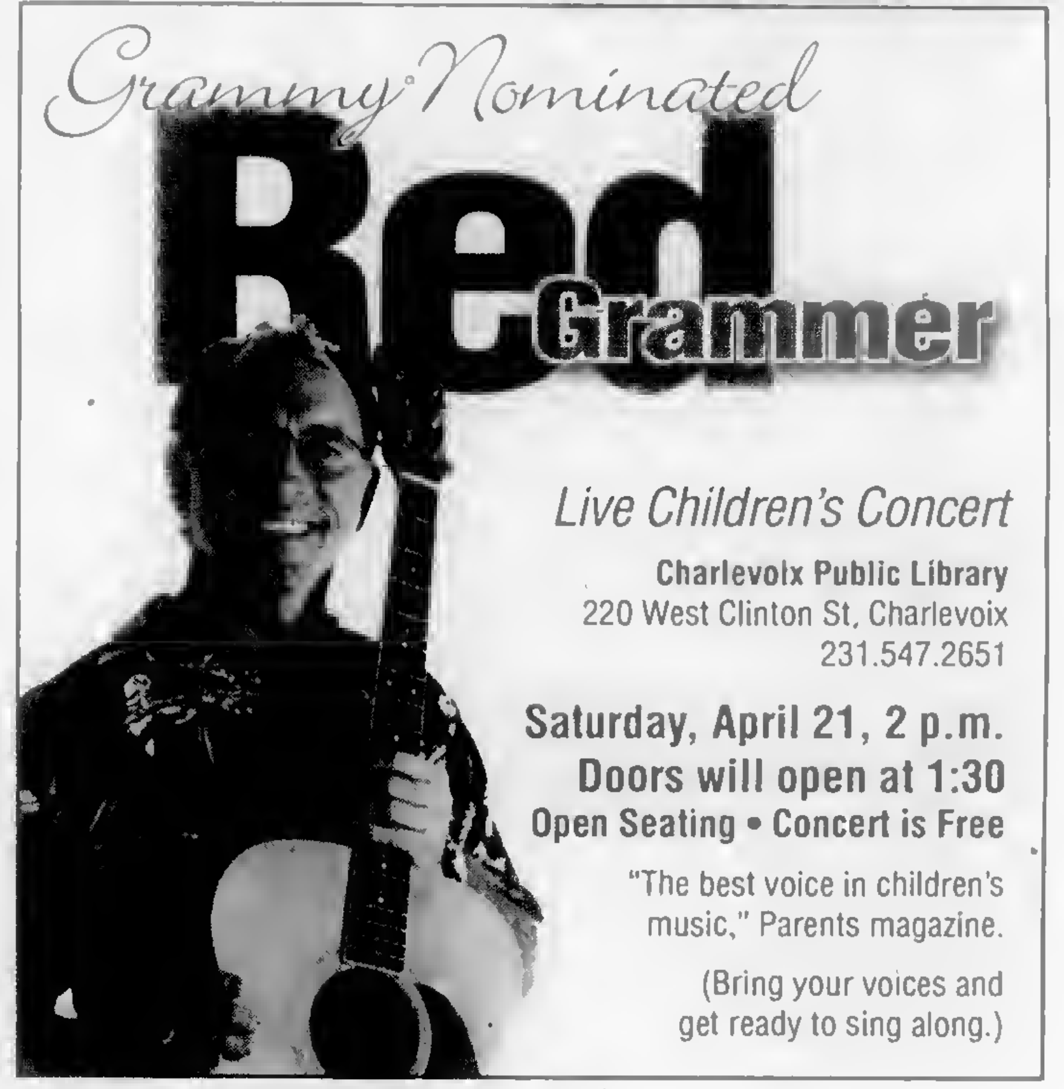

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Beaver Island Fire Department receives $125,000 new tanker grant

Photo by Frank Solle

Beaver Island Fire Department fire chief, Tim McDonough, stands by the department's new water tender purchased this month using a $125,000 grant.

On March 20, CRC Insurance Services Inc. and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company awarded a $125,000 grant to the Beaver Island Fire Department for the purchase of a new water tender.

Representatives of the Beaver Island Fire Department joined those from CRC Insurance Services and Fireman's Fund at a special public event on March 20 at the fire department where the water tender was presented.

A tender is a large truck that carries a 3,000 gallon water tank. With the remote location of the island and the lack of fire hydrants supplying water, the department relies on a tender for adequate water during a fire.

Beaver Island fire chief, Tim McDonough, said his department's previous tender was so old and full of leaks, it was nearly inoperable. Last summer, during a fire, his crew struggled to put out the flames because of a lack of water.

"This new water tender is critical to ensure our ability to put out fires on this island, not only during the winter, but especially during the summer when our population balloons to several thousands of people," said McDonough. "Without this donation, it would have been nearly impossible to raise the kind of money needed to buy a new truck."

"I grew up visiting this island nearly every summer when I was a child and wanted to give back for all the fond memories I have of the wonderful people who live there," said Tim Turner, president of CRC Insurance Services. "Because of limited budgets, small fire departments like Beaver Island are often unable to purchase the equipment and tools they need. We hope this vehicle will ensure the safety of everyone who lives on and visits the island."

The grant package is part of a nationwide program called Fireman's Fund Heritage (SM) which is funded by Firemen's Fund Insurance Company. The program is designed to provide needed equipment, training and educational tools to local fire departments.

COATS program warms up talk of teen substance abuse

Communities Offering Alternative to Substances (COATS), a group of concerned citizens who take an educated, proactive approach to preventing and intervening on teen substance abuse issues, is meeting locally.

Monthly meetings take place at 6:30 p.m. at BASES, located at 208 West Lincoln in Charlevoix.

The group meets for one hour the third Monday of the month. Scheduled meeting dates are as follows: April 16, May 21, Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17.

For more information, call (231) 547-2298.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 219 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE BY CREATING
TITLE IX, CHAPTER 118: PROHIBITED SWIMMING/WADING AREAS
WHICH WILL PROHIBIT SWIMMING OR WADING IN SPECIFIED LOCATIONS

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Creation of Chapter 118, Sections 9.230 and 9.231 in the City Code.

Chapter 118: Prohibited Swimming/Wading Areas is created in the City Code and shall consist of Sections 9.230 and 9.231 unless this Chapter is amended at a later date.

SECTION 2. Section 9.230. Swimming and Wading Prohibited in Pine River.

Section 9.230 shall read as follows:

9.230. Swimming and Wading Prohibited in Pine River.

It shall be unlawful for any person to swim or wade in Pine River. As used in this section, Pine River shall mean the water that constitutes the river and all its extensions and further which is bounded on the north by the cement walkway located on the shore; on the east by the inlet of the river at the westerly end of Round Lake; on the south by the cement walkway on the shore; and on the west by the pier heads at the outlet of the river on Lake Michigan.

SECTION 3. Section 9.231. Violation—Civil Infraction.

Section 9.231 shall read as follows:

9.231. Violation—Civil Infraction.

A violation of Chapter 113 shall be a municipal civil infraction pursuant to Section 1.12 of this Code.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ADOPTED, this 19th day of March, 2007.

Motion by: Councilmember Bob Timms
Seconded by: Councilmember Lyle Gennett

Ordinance No. 719-2007 was adopted on the 19th day of March, 2007, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Yeas: Chamberlain, Gennett, Stevens, Timms, Beer
Nays: None
Absent: Gibson

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New deputy joins sheriff's department

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Aaron Westrick Jr.

Charlevoix County Sheriff Deputy, Aaron Westrick Jr., 22 of Boyne City recently joined the department to replace deputy Jim Pettis, who is scheduled to retire this month.

According to Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater, of the nearly 12 applicants and six interviewees for the position, Westrick was chosen for several reasons.

"It's always been my feeling that I try to hire locally if at all possible and he is a local Charlevoix County lad, so that was in his favor," Lasater said. "His background proved excellent and he had good recommendations from the college he went to. And, he did very well in the interview process."

He added, "His training officer gives him high marks and he's not afraid to ask questions if he's unsure about a procedure. I think on a scale of one to 10 he'll be a 10."

Westrick said he has yearned to be a policeman since he was a kid.

"My dad has been a police officer my entire life and it always sounded like a good thing to be doing," he said. "I just like getting out and talking to people in the area and you don't exactly know what you're going to see everyday and that makes it exciting."

He added, "It's a job with good times, bad times, funny times and sad times. It's a very dynamic job."

Westrick, who recently received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Lake Superior State University, is enjoying his first job in law enforcement.

"It feels good to police the area where I grew up and know people," said the former Boyne City Middle and High School graduate. "It feels great. I've been waiting to do this for years. I put myself through school and put my right foot forward in the academy and I'm finally doing the best thing I could be doing right now."

Westrick hopes to be the best road deputy he can be before possibly moving up to the detective division and eventually narcotics enforcement.

"I'm happy to be here (and) proud to be working for this community," he said. "I look forward to serving Charlevoix County."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Drug Death Team deputized

Members of the Charlevoix County Drug Death Team were deputized by Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater, on Friday, March 16 at the sheriff's department. Members of the team, pictured above (from left) are detective corporal Chuck Vondra, detective lieutenant Mike Wheat, Boyne City patrolman Todd McGuire, deputy chief of Charlevoix Police Scott Hankins, Chief of East Jordan Police Dan Reece and Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema. The team will investigate drug related deaths across Charlevoix County. The Drug Death Team is the first team of its kind in the State of Michigan. Not shown is detective sergeant Gwen White-Erickson of the Michigan State Police.

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East park, marina renovation continues on schedule

Progress report week of March 19:

Work is continuing on the marina seawall construction with anticipated completion on April 20.

Floating docks have begun arriving on site.

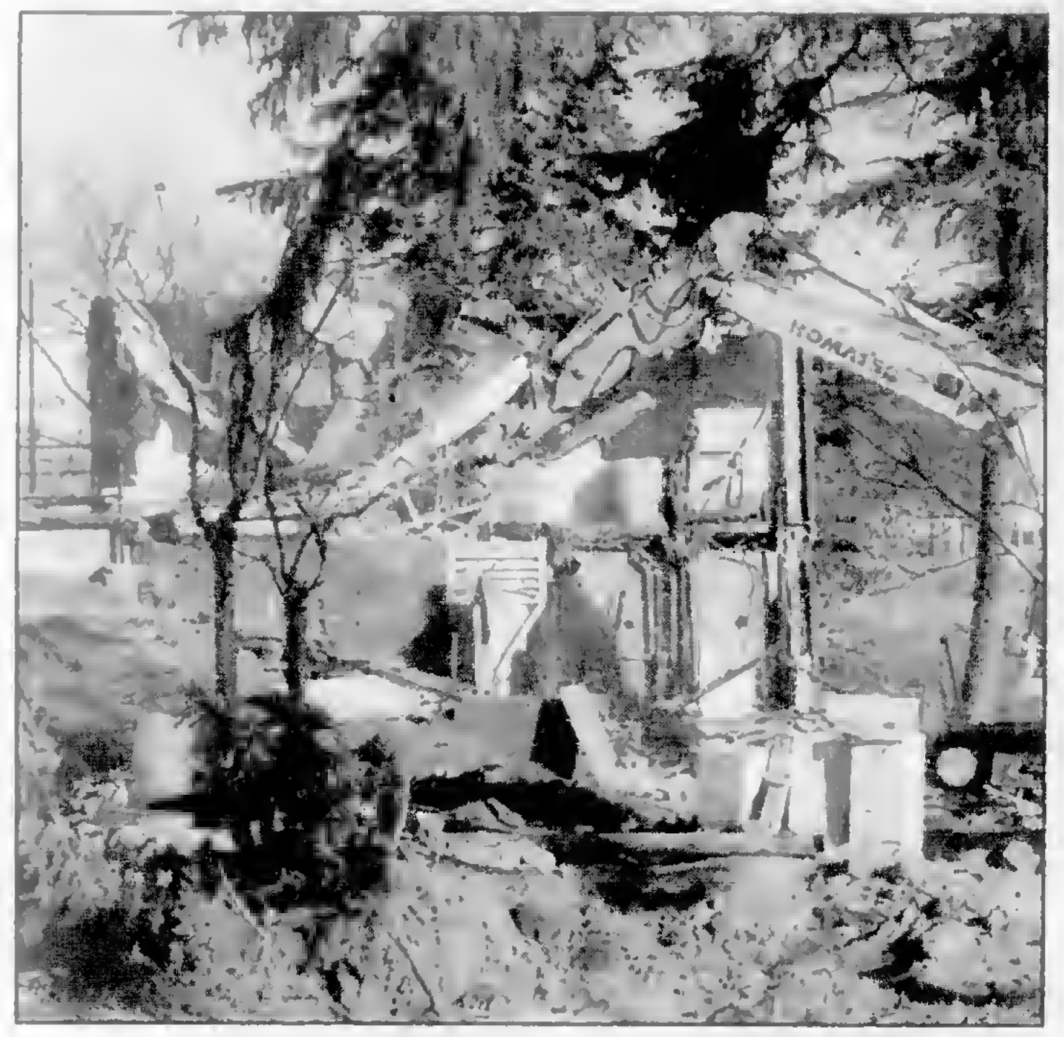
Work has begun on East Park with the demolition of the Odmark Pavilion and the Chamber of Commerce building.

Upcoming events week of March 26:

Possible continuation of installation of the floating dock systems.

Begin installation of construction safety fencing along Bridge Street.

This report was generated by Pat Elliott, City of Charlevoix Street Department superintendent. If you have any questions, please contact Elliott at (231) 547-3276.



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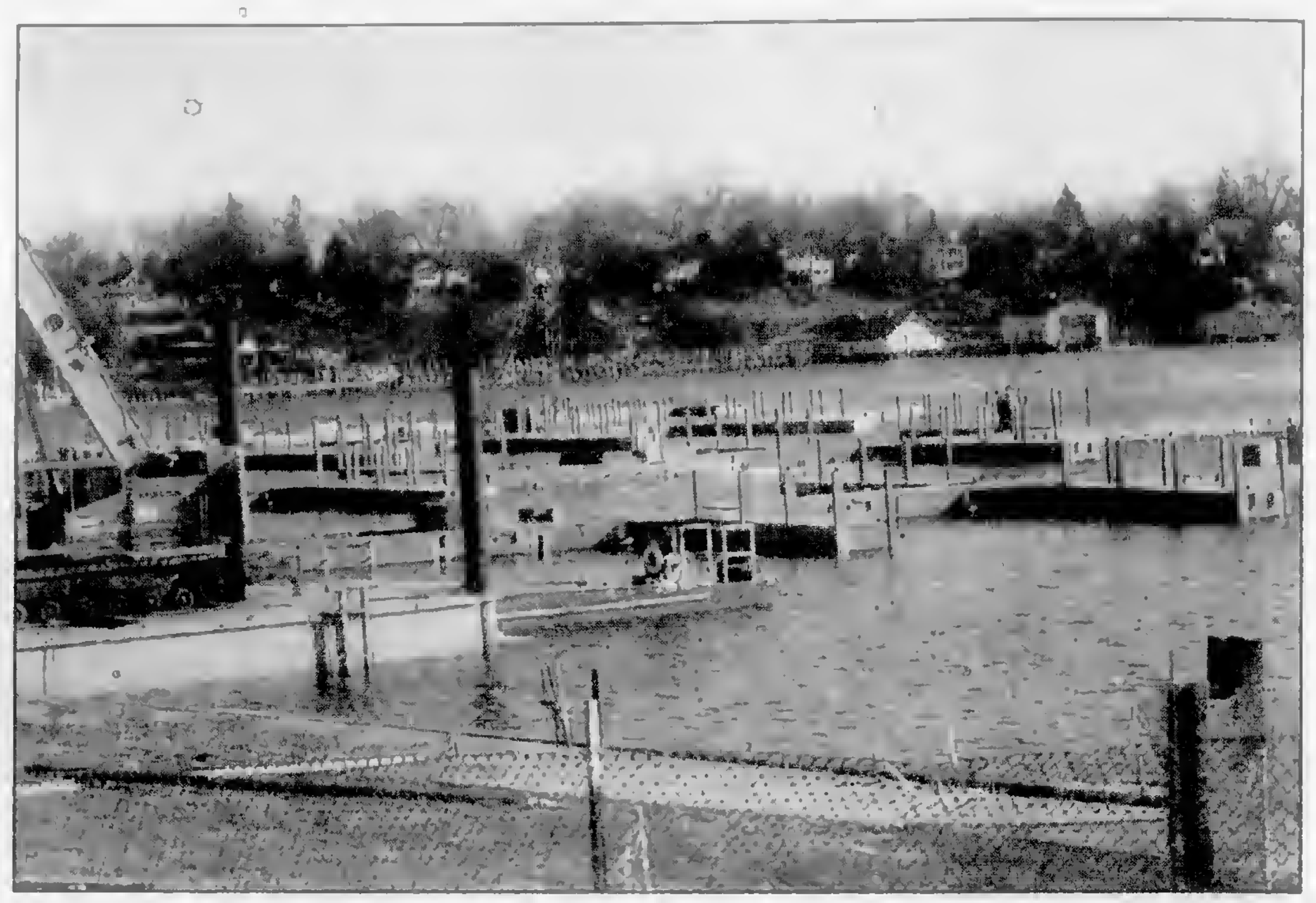
After 49 years in the same location at 408 Bridge St., the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce building was torn down on Friday, March 23. The chamber is now open for business at 109 Mason St. The new chamber building is nearly five-and-a-half times the size of the old one. Of the $10 million marina and East Park project, the East Park renovation being steered by Hallmark Construction of Traverse City will cost about $7.2 million. Demolition of existing buildings including the chamber, the Clarence Odmark Pavilion commonly called the "bandshell," the portable bathroom trailer and the fish pond has taken place. The complete project also includes construction of a new performance pavilion and harbormaster's facility as well as site work, landscaping and underground excavation.



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Phase 1 of the East Park and marina renovation project includes the seawall replacement, removal of the 17 existing piers, which at the furthest point extend 75-feet into Round Lake, installation of new sheet pile running the length of the park, 850-feet, and other miscellaneous work. The targeted completion date for Phase 1 is near the end of April. Installation of the new docks, Phase 2, is underway simultaneously. It includes installation of a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220-feet into Round Lake at the furthest point. Docks which were fabricated this winter are currently being installed (above) once ice conditions allow in the spring. Utilities are expected to be hooked up and operational near the end of June. The total cost for Phases 1 and 2 is $3.8 million.

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Lack of funds delays road repairs until 2011 or 2012

Sheriff George Thomas Lasater advises that Boyne City-Charlevoix Road (C-56) has deteriorated in various sections of the roadway and citizens traveling the roadway should drive according to conditions.

This roadway is very unforgiving and the sheriff's office encourages drivers to use "due care and caution."

The Charlevoix County Road Commission employees are working almost daily to fill potholes and are making every effort to make C-56 as safe as possible.

The sheriff has contacted Charlevoix County Road Commission manager, Pat Harmon, and he advises that due to a lack of state and federal funding for road construction, Boyne City-Charlevoix Road may not see any funding for reconstruction until 2011 or 2012.

Sheriff Lasater was further advised that the defeated road millage in 2006 may appear once again at the 2008 general election.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 720 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 99 OF TITLE VIII AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 51 of TITLE V OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX BY INCORPORATING THE REGULATION OF SIGNS INTO THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE AND TO RENUMBER CHAPTER 52.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

Section 1. Repeal of Chapter 99 of Title VIII

Chapter 99 of Title VII of the Charlevoix City Code is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Chapter 51 of Title V is hereby amended as follows:

A. The following definitions in sections 5.5 and 5.11 regarding signs are hereby repealed in their entirety:

5.5(7) Billboard
5.11(2) Sign
5.11(3) Sign area.

B. Section 5.11(1a) Shrubs is hereby renumbered as 5.11(2). The text remains the same.

C. Section 5.11 (3) Sign related definitions is hereby added and shall read as follows;

5.11 (3) Sign related definitions

(a) "Awning": A shelter, constructed on a supporting framework, projecting from and supported by the exterior wall of a building.

(b) "Awning Sign": A sign painted, printed, attached flat against, or integrated within the surface of an awning.

(c) "Banner": A sign made of a non-rigid material; however, not including pennants or flags.

(d) "Billboard-Highway Advertising Sign": An off-premises sign owned by a person, corporation or other legal entity that engages in the business of utilizing and/or selling the space on that sign for advertising. See "Off-Premises Sign."

(e) "Building Elevation": All of that part of a building facade(s) which would be included in an elevational view rendering of the building drawn parallel to and for the entire length of a lot line.

(f) "Business Center Sign": An on-premises sign which identifies or gives direction to a business complex or group of contiguous stores which may contain the names of the individual stores, businesses, institutions, or other organizations located within the complex or group. See 5.11(3)(y)

(g) "Canopy (Building)": A rigid structure covered with fabric, metal, or other material and supported by a building at one or more points or extremities and by columns, posts, or other forms of support not a part of the building.

(h) "Canopy (Freestanding)": A rigid structure covered with fabric, metal, or other material and supported by columns, posts, or other forms of support not a part of a building.

(i) "Canopy Sign": A sign affixed or applied to or a part of a canopy.

(j) "Construction Sign": An on-premises sign erected during a construction project which identifies the project, the owner or developer of the site, the architect, engineer, contractor and subcontractors working on the project, and any funding sources for the project, but which does not act to advertise a product or service.

(k) "Directional Sign": An on-premises sign which directs visitors or customers to a particular land use. See 5.11(3)(y)

(l) "Flag": A sign made of non-rigid material having a distinctive size, color, and design used as a symbol or emblem.

(m) "Flashing Sign": Any illuminated sign on which the artificial light is not at all times stationary or constant in intensity and color.

(n) "Ground Sign": A sign, the height of which does not exceed eight (8) feet, supported by one (1) or more uprights, poles, braces, or some other structure, placed in the ground surface and not attached to any building.

(o) "Home Occupation Sign": A non-illuminated, on-premises sign announcing a home occupation or professional service. See 5.11(3)(y)

(p) "Identification Sign": An on-premises sign that contains the name and/or street address of the business or residents operating or residing on the premises where located. An identification sign shall contain no other advertisement display, except that the identification sign for a business may identify the type of business being conducted on the premises.

(q) "Illuminated Sign": A sign that includes artificial light by either emission, reflection, or refraction.

(r) "Informational Sign": A non-advertising sign used to identify architectural features of a land use such as building entrances, drop boxes, restrooms, handicapped ramps, and similar features. Informational signs on fuel pumps.

(s) "Ingress-Egress Sign": A directional sign located adjacent to the entrance or exit drives of a development to identify the points of vehicular ingress and egress.

(t) "Internally Lighted Sign: A sign having an internal lighting source which allows light to be visible through the sign face.

(u) Marquee: A permanent roof-like structure or canopy of rigid materials supported by and extending from the facade of a building.

(v) "Marquee Sign": Any sign attached to or supported by a marquee.

(w) "Non-Commercial Speech": Legal speech, in written form, by an individual or group of individuals expressing thoughts, ideas, opinions, etc. to the public.

(x) "Off-Premises Sign": A sign which contains a message related to a business or profession conducted on or to a commodity, service or activity sold or offered for sale on property other than the premises where such sign is located.

(y) "On-Premises Sign": A sign which contains a message related to a business or profession or to a commodity, service, or activity sold or offered for sale on the property where such sign is located.

(z) "Pennant": A small, often triangular, flag used in multiples as a device to call attention to a land use or activity.

(aa) "Political Sign": A sign relating to the election of a person to public office, to a political party, or to a proposition to be voted on at a scheduled election.

(ab) "Portable Sign": A freestanding sign, usually having a changeable message, not permanently anchored or secured to either a building or the ground, or a sign mounted on a trailer or other vehicle when supporting the sign is the principle use of the vehicle.

(ac) "Projecting Sign": A sign which is affixed to any building or structure other than a marquee or canopy and projects in such a way that the sign face is not parallel to the wall to which it is attached.

(ad) "Pylon Sign": An elevated sign supported by one (1) or more bearing columns.

(ae) "Real Estate Development Sign": A sign placed on the premises of a subdivision or other real estate development to indicate the proposed start of the development project or to inform the public that property within the development is available.

(af) "Real Estate Sign": A sign containing the message that the real estate on which the sign is located (including buildings) is for sale, lease, or rent, together with information identifying the owner or agent.

(ag) "Roof Sign": Any sign or any part of a sign which is erected on or as a part of the roof of a building.

(ah) "Sign": An exterior display surface or display device, including associated structures, foundation and erection supports when a part of the sign containing elements organized, related, and composed to form a unit upon which is displayed any words, letters, figures, emblems, symbols, designs, or trademarks by which any message or image is afforded public visibility from out-of-doors on behalf of and for the benefit of any product, place, activity, individual, firm, corporation, institution, profession, association, business, or organization.

The use of any word, numeral, letter model, banner, flag, pennant, insignia, device, design or trademark which is affixed to, painted, or represented upon a building, structure, or parts thereof, piece of land or natural object, and which is used as or is in the nature of an announcement, direction or advertisement by attracting attention to an object, place, activity, person, product, institution, organization or business.

(ai) "Sign Face": That portion of a sign excluding its base, foundation, and erection supports on which identifications, descriptions, illustrations, displays or devices are placed pertaining to a product, use, occupancy, function, service, or activity.

(aj) "Temporary Sign": A sign, banner or advertising display, with or without a structural frame, intended for a limited period of display, including displays for holidays or public events.

(ak) "TOD Sign" - TODS: Michigan Tourist Oriented Directional Sign Program sign.

(al) "Wall Sign": A sign which is attached directly to or painted upon a building wall, the exposed face of which is essentially in a plane parallel to the building wall or structure.

Articles VII-XIII, Sections 5.221-5.263 of Chapter 51 are hereby redesignated as Articles VIII-XIV, Sections 5.251-5.293 of Chapter 51. The text shall be unchanged. Any cross references referring to these sections shall also be

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renumbered to provide accurate cross-referencing.

A new Article VI is hereby added to Chapter 51 of Title V and shall read as follows:

ARTICLE VI. SIGN REGULATIONS

5.216 PURPOSE

The purpose of this article is to regulate outdoor signs, designed to be visible to the public, in a manner which does not restrict the content thereof while:

(1) Recognizing the mass communications needs of both businesses and other parties.

(2) Protecting property values and neighborhood character.

(3) Creating a more attractive business climate.

(4) Promoting pedestrian and traffic safety by reducing sign distractions, obstructions, and other hazards.

(5) Promoting pleasing community environmental aesthetic...

5.217 PROHIBITED SIGNS

ALL ZONE DISTRICTS: The following signs shall not be allowed in any district:

(1) Signs which are not consistent with the standards of this chapter.

(2) Signs which are not clean, i.e. are covered with materials that obscure the message, in whole or in part. Signs that are not in good repair, i.e. having broken foundation, base, or support structures, lighting fixtures, etc., and/or having a faded appearance.

(3) Signs that are not securely affixed to a substantial structure that will hold the sign in a fixed position under normal weather conditions.

(4) Signs that are attached to any natural growth, such as trees, shrubs, or other natural foliage.

(5) Signs, which by reason of their location, shape, size, or color appear to regulate, warn, or direct the movement of traffic on public thoroughfares or interfere with or resemble an official traffic sign, signal, or device.

(6) Signs other than utility company signs affixed to power utility poles or other utility structures or fixtures.

(7) Signs located so as to interfere with the view necessary for motorists to proceed safely through intersections or to enter onto or exit from public streets or private roads. (See Section 5.185. Intersection Visibility)

(8) External neon signs other than in the C-1, CBD, or M-H Districts where the wording specifically states "Open," "Closed," "Vacancy," or "No Vacancy." These specific signs shall be no larger than two (2) square feet.

(9) The following miscellaneous signs are prohibited:

(a) Commercial advertising flags

(b) All types of banners, pennants, streamers, and airborne devices attached to the ground or buildings ("Over Highway Banners" are allowed only by permit from the City Manager and MDOT.)

(c) Portable signs

(d) Roof signs

(e) Signs in public rights-of-way other than those allowed by the City Highway Banner Program.

(10) Billboard-Highway Advertising Signs

(11) Internally Lighted Signs.

5.218 SIGNS EXCLUDED FROM PERMITS

The following signs are permitted without a Sign Permit, but shall conform to the applicable requirements of this chapter and the applicable building codes.

(1) One (1) identification sign not exceeding three (3) square feet in sign face area used to identify a residential non-commercial use.

(2) Signs not exceeding two-and-one-half (2.5) square feet in sign face area on mailboxes or newspaper tubes, or posted on private property relating to private parking or warning the public against trespassing or danger from animals.

(3) Signs erected by or on behalf of or pursuant to the authorization of a governmental body, including legal notices, identification and informational signs, historical markers, traffic, directional, and regulatory signs, public displays for holidays and public events.

(4) Official signs of a noncommercial nature erected by public utilities.

(5) Flags or insignia of any governmental or nonprofit organization when not displayed in connection with a commercial promotion or as an advertising device.

(6) Integral decorative or architectural features of buildings or works of art, so long as such features or works do not contain letters, trademarks, moving parts or lights.

(7) Signs directing and guiding traffic on private property that do not exceed four (4) square feet each and that bear no advertising matter.

(8) Informational signs not exceeding one-and-one-half (1.5) square foot in sign face area.

(9) Street name signs located at street intersections.

(10) Non-commercial speech signs placed on private property, outside of any street right-of-way, not exceeding four square feet in sign face.

(11) External neon signs no larger than two (2) square feet in sign face area in the C-1, CBD, or M-H Districts which specifically state "Open," "Closed," "Vacancy," or "No Vacancy."

(12) Public signs or signs sanctioned by a public body on public land are not subject to this chapter.

5.219 CERTAIN TEMPORARY SIGNS - PERMIT EXEMPTIONS AND ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS

The following signs, related to temporary land uses, are permitted without a Sign Permit. However, such signs shall conform to the requirements set forth herein as well as all other applicable requirements of this chapter.

(1) Construction Signs. One (1) construction sign is permitted along each street frontage upon which the property faces. In the place of one large sign, a maximum of four (4) individual smaller signs may be erected on the site, upon the condition that each smaller sign shall not exceed four (4) square feet in sign face area per sign.

(2) Political Signs. Political signs are allowed in connection with elections or political campaigns. Such signs shall be removed within three (3) days following the election or conclusion of the campaign. No such sign may exceed eight (8) square feet in sign face area or be placed in any public street right-of-way.

(3) Real Estate Development Signs. One (1) real estate development sign is permitted for each street frontage upon which the property faces. Such sign(s) may be present only for the duration of the development's construction.

(4) Real Estate Signs. One (1) real estate listing sign is permitted for each street frontage upon which the property faces. Such sign(s) shall be removed within ten (10) days after sale, lease, or rental.

(5) Temporary Signs.

(a) Special temporary events. One (1) sign not exceeding twenty-four (24) square feet in sign face area indicating a special temporary event such as a carnival, circus, festival, or similar event, is permitted on the lot where the activity is to take place. Such signs may be erected not sooner than one (1) month before the event and must be removed not later than three (3) days after the event.

(b) Yard sales and similar events. Signs for yard sales or other similar temporary activities, not covered in the foregoing categories, are permitted. Not more than one (1) sign may be located on any lot, no sign may exceed four (4) square feet in surface area, signs shall be erected not more than three (3) days prior to the event and shall be removed immediately following the event.

(c) Other temporary signs. Temporary signs not listed in Section 5.219 shall be regarded and treated in all respects as permanent signs.

5.220 NUMBER AND SQUARE FOOTAGE OF SIGNS REQUIRING A PERMIT

(1) Not more than one (1) sign as regulated in Section 5.223 (Table of Use Districts) may be used along or on any single building elevation per principal use.

The total accumulated square footage of all signs related to any single principal use may not exceed one hundred fifty (150) percent of the allowed sign area of the primary (first) sign, i.e., ground, projecting, pylon, etc., as specified in Section 5.223, Table of Use Districts. Secondary signs, if a type differing from the primary, shall be sized in proportion to the allowed sign area as set forth in Section 5.223 for the differing sign.

Example: If the primary sign is a wall sign and the second sign selected is a ground sign, the second sign shall be fifty (50) percent of the area allowed for a ground sign.

(2) Business Center Sign. Not withstanding Section 5.220(1), in the case of a shopping center or other integrated group of stores or commercial buildings one (1) free-standing business center sign may be erected. The maximum area for such sign face shall be equal to one-half (0.5) square foot of sign face area for each foot of building frontage, or sixty (60) square feet, whichever is less.

(3) For the purpose of determining the number of signs, where graphic material is displayed in a random manner without organized relationship of elements, each element shall be considered a single sign. A number of small signs randomly placed on a wall cannot be construed to be a single sign.

(4) A two-sided or multi-sided sign shall be regarded as one (1) sign so long as:

(a) The interior angle of a "V" type sign does not exceed thirty (30) degrees and the two (2) sides are at no point separated by a distance that exceeds five (5) feet; and

(b) The distance between the backs of each face of a double faced (back-to-back) sign does not exceed three (3) feet.

5.221 COMPUTATION OF SIGN AREA

(1) The sign face area of a sign shall be computed by including the entire area within a single, continuous perimeter of a circle, triangle, rectangle, or parallelogram enclosing the extreme limits of the writing, representation, emblem, or other display, together with any material or color forming an integral part of the background of the display or used to differentiate the sign from the backdrop or structure against which it is placed, but not including any supporting framework or bracing that is clearly incidental to the display itself.

(2) If the sign consists of more than one (1) section or module, all of the area, including that between sections or modules, shall be included in the computation of the sign face area.

(3) Subject to the provisions of Section 5.220(4), the sign face area of two-sided, multi-sided, or three-dimensional signs shall be computed by including the total of all sides designed to attract attention or communicate information that can be seen at any one time by a person from one vantage point.

5:222 HEIGHT, SETBACK, AND PROJECTION REQUIREMENTS

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(1) No sign may extend above any parapet or be placed upon any roof surface, except that for purposes of this chapter, roof surfaces constructed at an angle of seventy-five (75) degrees or more from horizontal shall be regarded as wall space. This subsection shall not apply to displays, including lighting, erected in connection with the observation of holidays on the roofs of residential structures.

(2) No wall sign attached to a building may project more than twelve (12) inches from the building wall. In those instances, where a wall sign is affixed to the wall of the structure, which lies on a right-of-way line, the bottom of the wall sign may be no closer than ten (10) feet from the ground.

(3) No part of a pylon sign may exceed a height of twenty (20) feet, measured from ground level.

(4) No part of a ground sign may exceed a height of eight (8) feet, measured from ground level.

(5) No part of a ground or pylon sign may be closer than four (4) feet to the right-of-way line.

(6) No part of a projecting sign may extend more than eight (8) feet over private property or a public right-of-way nor be less than ten (10) feet from ground level.

(7) Except for awning signs hanging entirely over private property, no part of an awning sign may be closer than ten (10) feet from ground level.

5.223 TABLE OF USE DISTRICTS

HOW TO READ TABLE -

Sign face size in Square Footage / Setback from Right-of-Way / Height

Example: 36 square feet / 4 feet from R-O-W / 8 feet in height

FOOTNOTES TO TABLE

@	- Home Occupations may have one wall sign no larger than two (2) square feet.
*	- Churches and schools will be allowed ground signs in any district.
+	- In the PUD Zone District, signs are not allowed in residential areas, but signs are allowed in commercial areas.
#	- Each business, using a wall sign as its principle sign, may have one half (0.5) square foot of sign face area for each foot of building frontage, not to exceed thirty (30) square feet in sign face area.
&	- Canopy signs and Marquee signs are allowed the same square footage as a wall sign.
o	- Public signs or signs sanctioned by a public body on public land are not subject to this chapter.
BC	- See Section 5.220(2).
TOD	- At location approved by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and installed in accord with the State of Michigan TODS program.

5.223 TABLE OF USE DISTRICTS

ZONING DISTRICT	AWNING	GROUND *	PROJECTING	PYLON	WALL &	DIRECTIONAL	INGRESS/EGRESS	CONSTRUCTION	REAL ESTATE	REAL EST DEV	TEMPORARY	BUSCT.	INFO SIGN	POLITICAL	TOD
R-1, R-2, R-2A, SR	0	16/4/8	0	0	@	4/4/8	2/4/4	36/4/8	8/0/8	36/4/8	6/4/8	0	1.5/4/0	8/0/0	TOD
R-3	0	16/4/8	0	0	0	4/4/8	2/4/4	36/4/8	8/0/8	36/4/8	6/4/8	0	1.5/4/0	8/0/0	TOD
R-4	0	16/4/8	0	0	0	4/4/8	2/4/4	36/4/8	8/0/8	36/4/8	6/4/8	0	1.5/4/0	8/0/0	TOD
PUD +	0	16/4/8	36/0/10	0	#	4/4/8	2/4/4	36/4/8	8/0/8	36/4/8	6/4/8	0	1.5/4/0	8/0/0	TOD
C-1	16/0/8	16/4/8	36/0/10	36/4/20	#	4/4/8	2/4/4	36/4/8	8/0/8	36/4/8	6/4/8	BC	1.5/4/0	8/0/0	TOD
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PO	16/0/8	16/4/8	36/0/10	0	#	4/4/8	2/4/4	36/4/8	8/0/8	36/4/8	6/4/8	BC	1.5/4/0	8/0/0	TOD
I	16/0/8	16/4/8	36/0/10	36/4/20	#	4/4/8	2/4/4	36/4/8	8/0/8	36/4/8	6/4/8	BC	1.5/4/0	8/0/0	TOD
MC	16/0/8	16/4/8	36/0/10	0	#	4/4/8	2/4/4	36/4/8	8/0/8	36/4/8	6/4/8	BC	1.5/4/0	8/0/0	TOD
MCS	16/0/8	16/4/8	36/0/10	0	#	4/4/8	2/4/4	36/4/8	8/0/8	36/4/8	6/4/8	BC	1.5/4/0	8/0/0	TOD
CS	16/0/8	16/4/8	36/0/10	0	0	4/4/8	2/4/4	36/4/8	8/0/8	36/4/8	6/4/8	BC	1.5/4/0	8/0/0	TOD
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5.224 AUTOMOBILE GASOLINE SERVICE STATIONS

(1) Automobile gasoline service stations, including any business selling gasoline, in addition to the signs allowed by Section 5.220, may display one (1) other sign, with a sign face not exceeding eighteen (18) square feet, for the purpose of advertising the price of gasoline or other accessory products sold on the premises, including information regarding accepted credit cards. Signs on pump canopies may be considered secondary to a station's primary sign should the primary sign, for example, be a pylon sign.

(2) Directional signs or lettering displayed over individual entrances or service bays, shall be permitted, provided they consist only of the words, "washing," "lubrication," "repairs," "mechanic on duty," or similar words directly relating to motor vehicle services offered on the premises. Not more than one (1) such sign, per bay, shall be permitted and each sign shall not exceed four (4) square feet in total sign face.

5.225 SIGN ILLUMINATION AND LIGHTING

(1) All electrical wiring to the sign shall be placed underground.

(2) SEQ CHAPTER \h \r 1Signs must be lighted indirectly and not internally. Indirect lighting shall be directed down onto the sign face and shielded so that it illuminates only the sign face and does not shine directly into a public right-of-way or residential premises.

(3) No sign may contain or be illuminated by flashing or intermittent lights or lights of changing degrees of intensity.

5.226 NONCONFORMING SIGNS

(1) Subject to the remaining restrictions of this Section, nonconforming signs that were otherwise lawful on the effective date of this chapter may be continued, repaired, and maintained as is necessary to keep in a sound condition.

(2) No person may engage in any activity that causes an increase in the extent of nonconformity of a nonconforming sign. In addition, no person may add illumination.

(3) A nonconforming sign may not be moved or replaced except to bring the sign into greater conformity with this chapter.

(4) If a nonconforming sign is destroyed to the extent it is impractical to be restored using a majority of its existing major components, it may not thereafter be repaired, reconstructed, or replaced except in conformity with all the provisions of this chapter, and the remnants of the former sign structure shall be cleared from the land.

(5) The message of a nonconforming sign may be changed so long as this does not create any new non-conformities.

5.227 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR SIGNS

(1) Except as otherwise provided in Sections 5.218 (Signs Excluded from Permits) and 5.219 (Certain Temporary Signs-Permit Exceptions and Additional Exemptions), no sign may be constructed, erected, moved, enlarged, illuminated or otherwise altered unless a Sign Permit has been issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Repainting or changing the message of a sign shall not in and of itself be considered an alteration.

(2) Application for a sign permit shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator on appropriate forms supplied by his/her office. Said application shall contain the following information:

(a) Name, address, and telephone number of applicant.

(b) Written permission of property owner on which the sign will be located.

(c) Type of sign as defined in this chapter.

(d) Scaled drawing showing sign size, height, type of support (if applicable), zone district in which the sign will be located, location of sign on property including front and side yard setback distances and any other information required herein.

(e) Street address of the property upon which the sign will be located.

(f) The name of the sign contractor, who shall erect the

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sign and/or sign structure.

(3) No permit shall be issued for the erection of any sign or signs until such sign(s) have been reviewed and approved by the Zoning Administrator and without first having paid a permit fee as established by the City Council.

(4) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Zoning Administrator may appeal that decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals following the procedures of the City of Charlevoix Zoning Ordinance, as amended, for appeals to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Any such appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of the decision from which the appeal is taken. During the appeal, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall conduct a de novo hearing of the matter and to that end shall have all powers of the Zoning Administrator. In rendering its decision, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall receive and consider evidence and data relevant to the case and shall issue its decision in writing within a reasonable time after receiving all evidence and data in the case. The decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall then be sent promptly to the Applicant, to the person who filed the appeal (if different than the Applicant), and to the Zoning Administrator.

5.228 SIGN VARIANCES

(1) The Zoning Board of Appeals shall have the power to authorize, upon appeal, specific variances from the various requirements specified in this chapter and to extend the term to continue nonconforming signs otherwise provided for herein.

(2) Application for a variance as provided for herein shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator on a form supplied for such purpose accompanied with an application fee as established by the City Council, and shall be processed in the following manner:

(a) The Zoning Administrator shall forward the application and supporting data to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

(b) The Zoning Board of Appeals shall hold a public hearing or hearings on the subject application. The notice of public hearing shall be posted not less than seven (7) days in advance, in writing, by first class mail to such property owners or occupants located within one hundred (100) feet of the property which is the subject of the application. After a public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals may grant, grant with conditions, or deny the requested variance. The decision shall be in writing, shall be based on facts presented at the public hearing, and shall specify any conditions imposed.

(c) The Board shall have the power to authorize upon an appeal specific variances from the requirements of this chapter when the applicant establishes that all of the following general standards and all of the applicable special findings apply.

(d) General Standards

(1) The need for the requested variance is due to unique circumstances or physical conditions of the property involved and is not due to the applicant's personal or economic situation.

(2) The need for the variance is not a result of a self-created hardship by the property owner.

(3) The requested variance is the minimum variance necessary to grant substantial relief to the applicant while at the same time minimizing any adverse impacts to other property owners in the general neighborhood.

(e) Special Findings

(1) To obtain a variance from the requirements of this chapter the applicant must establish that strict compliance with its provisions will render conformity unnecessarily burdensome.

5.229 UNSAFE SIGNS

(1) No person, corporation, business organization, or other legal entity shall own or maintain any sign or advertising device that is structurally unsafe. For purposes of this section, the term "structurally unsafe" shall mean being in a state of disrepair or being designed and/or constructed so as to pose a likely threat of a total or partial collapse.

(2) The Zoning Administrator and other City officials shall have the right to inspect signs and advertising devices to determine whether they are structurally unsafe. The Zoning Administrator and other City officials may exercise this right of inspection by consent of the owner of the sign or advertising device and the owner of the property on which the sign or advertising device is located or by administrative or criminal search warrant.

(3) If the Zoning Administrator or other City official finds that a sign or advertising device is structurally unsafe, he or she shall serve on the owner of the sign or advertising device and the owner of the property on which the sign or advertising device is located a written notice which specifies all of the following:

(a) The location of the sign or advertising device that is structurally unsafe.

(b) The nature of the unsafe condition.

(c) The date, no less than twenty (20) days after the written notice was served, before which the owner of the sign or advertising device or the owner of the property on which the sign or advertising device is located shall remedy the unsafe condition.

(d) A statement that if the owner of the sign or advertising device or the owner of the property on which the sign or advertising device is located fails to remedy the unsafe condition within the time specified in the written notice, the City may enter onto the property to remedy the unsafe condition and charge the costs of such action, including reasonable attorney fees, to the owner of the sign or advertising device and/or the owner of the property on which the sign or advertising device is located.

(e) A statement that the owner of the sign or advertising device and the owner of the property on which the sign or advertising device is located has the right before the expiration of the deadline contained in the written notice to request a hearing before the City Council regarding whether the sign or advertising device is structurally unsafe.

The service required by this subsection shall be personal service or service by certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested. For purposes of this section, the phase "remedy the unsafe condition" shall mean repairing the sign or advertising device so that it does not pose a serious threat of a total or partial collapse or removing the sign or advertising device from the property.

(4) If the owner of the sign or advertising device or the owner of the property on which the sign or advertising device is located requests a hearing before the City Council as provided in this section, the City shall take no action to remedy the unsafe condition until, after notice and hearing, the City Council finds that the sign or advertising device is structurally unsafe. A notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing before the City Council shall be served on the owner of the sign or advertising device and on the owner of the property on which the sign or advertising device is located no less than fourteen (14) days before the scheduled hearing. The service of this notice may be made by first class mail. The owner of the sign or advertising device or the owner of the property on which the sign or advertising device is located may appeal an adverse decision by City Council to the circuit court as provided by law.

(5) In exercising its right under this section to remedy the unsafe condition, either with or without a hearing before the City Council, the City shall remove the sign or advertising device from the property if the repairs necessary to remedy the unsafe condition exceeds fifty (50) percent of the value of the sign or advertising device.

(6) The costs of remedying the unsafe condition by the City, including reasonable attorney fees, may be collected in a lawsuit against the owner of the sign or advertising device or the owner of the property on which the sign or advertising device is located.

5.230 ABATEMENT OF DANGEROUS SIGNS

(1) To protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Charlevoix, the City Manager is hereby authorized and empowered to order city officials to enter onto private property to remove, repair, or otherwise make safe any dangerous sign or advertising device without notice to the owner of the sign or advertising device or the owner of the property on which the sign or advertising device is located. For purposes of this section, the phrase "dangerous sign or advertising device" means a sign or advertising device that is in such a state of disrepair or has such a design and/or construction flaw that it poses an imminent threat of total or partial collapse such that following the procedures of Section 5.229 would result in a substantial likelihood of injury to persons or property.

(2) If the City Manager exercises the authority granted in subsection (1) above, he or she shall cause a written notice of such action to be served on the entity who benefits from the sign or advertising device and on the owner of the property on which the sign or advertising device is located as soon as possible after the action is taken. The service required by this subsection shall be by personal service or by first class mail. Service shall be deemed completed when the notice is mailed. Acceptance of the certified mail is not required.

(3) The costs incurred by the City in removing, repairing, or otherwise making a dangerous sign or advertising device safe under this section, including reasonable attorney fees, may be collected in a lawsuit against the owner of the sign or advertising device or the owner of the property on which the a sign or advertising device is located.

5.231 INTERPRETATION

If these regulations relating to signs conflict with any other City ordinance, then, the provisions of this Article shall control.

Section 3. Chapter 52 of Title V is renumbered.

Sections 5.270-5.273 of Chapter 52 of Title V are hereby renumbered as Sections 5.300-5.303. The text remains the same. Any cross references relating to these sections shall also be renumbered to provide accurate cross-referencing.

Section 4. SEVERANCE CLAUSE

All sections of this ordinance shall be deemed to be severable and should any Section, paragraph, or provision hereof be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holdings shall not affect the validity of this chapter, as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment by the City Council.

ADOPTED this19th day of March, 2007.

Ordinance No. 720-2007 was adopted on the 19th day of March, 2007, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by: Councilmember Sherm Chamberlain

Seconded by: Councilmember Greg Stevens

Yeas: Chamberlain, Gennett, Stevens, Timms, Beer

Nays: None

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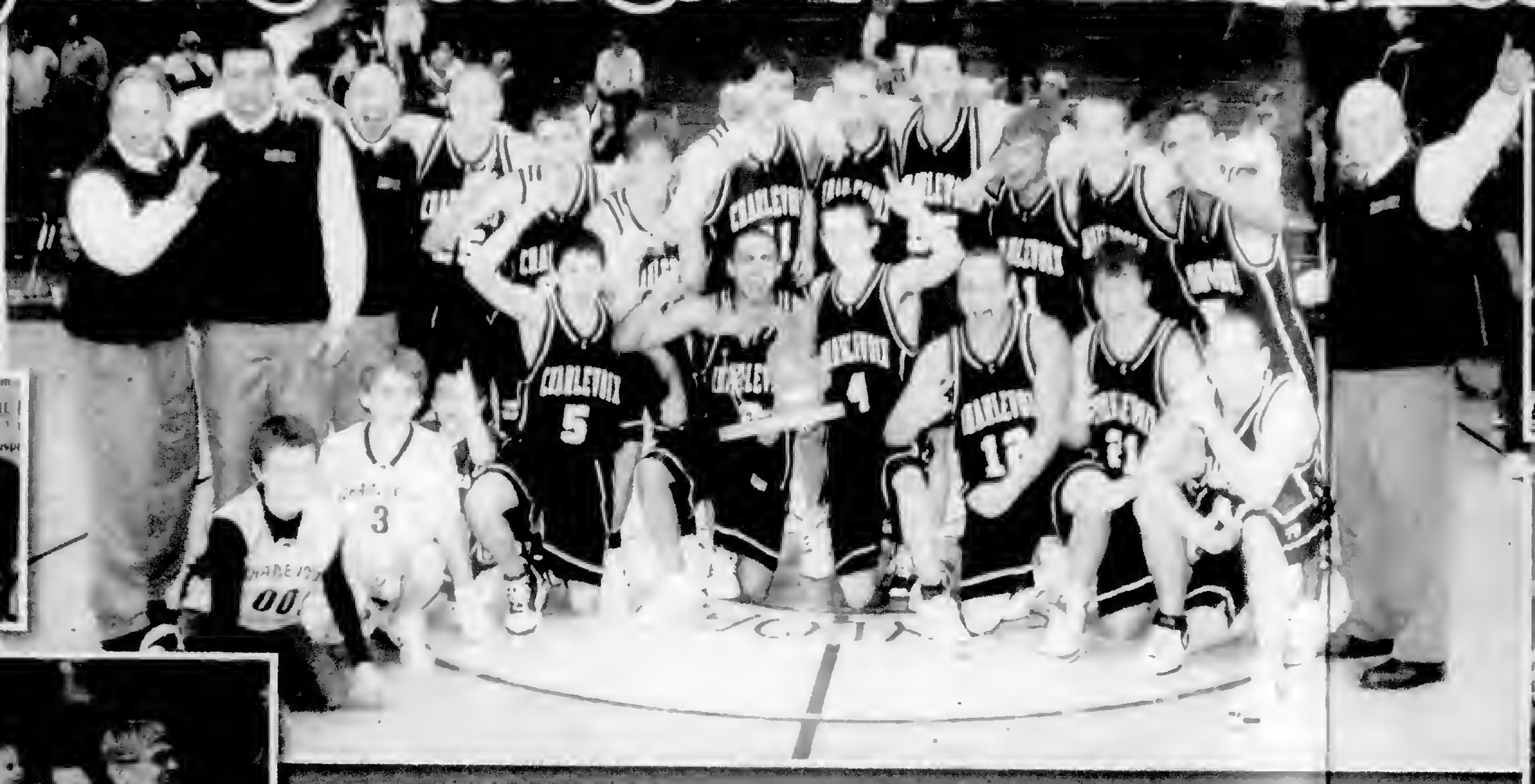

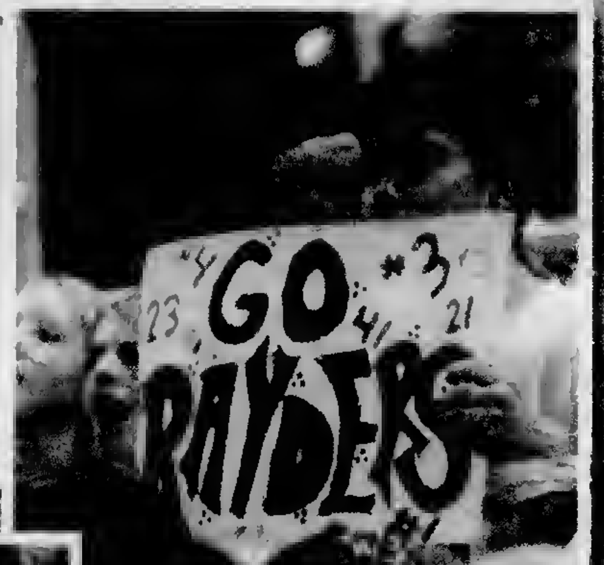

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Downtown Development Authority plan revision underway

Revisions under consideration:

Designated bike route

Extend landscaping to State Street and the Pine River Channel

Maximize use of public property

Provide recommendations regarding development of private property

BY LOUISE NELLE
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
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The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority is updating its downtown plan, created in 1982, considering aesthetic changes as well as ways to develop public property.

"Basically, our purpose is to get prepared for the next 20 years," said Charlevoix city planner, Gerry Harsch. "Since 1982, there has been a lot of land acquired by the DDA, and part of the plan is to identify public improvements needed."

The Downtown Development Authority's plan joins two other plans focused on Charlevoix's downtown. Others include that of the Charlevoix Planning Commission, and HyettPalma's downtown blueprint as part of the Cool Cities project.

Unlike the other two, Harsch said the Downtown Development Authority's plan does not target marketing strategies and instead targets physical aspects and infrastructure.

Harsch added, "The DDA's plan has nothing to do with the Cool Cities blueprint. We just had the opportunity to (update) it now."

Presented in the plan are illustrations regarding the Downtown Development Authority's future vision of the public and private sectors.

Overall, the Downtown Development Authority proposes designating a downtown bike route, extending landscaping to State Street and the Pine River Channel, maximizing the use of downtown public property and providing recommendations regarding the development of downtown private property.

Public property remains the Downtown Development Authority's main focus. Most of the public land has been set aside for parking and the authority is brainstorming ways to maximize its use.

Harsch said the Downtown Development Authority has been considering HyettPalma's suggestion for mixed-used property and sub-level parking. Combined public and private projects in the private sector are one option the Downtown Development Authority is considering.

For example, the city could move parking to the private sector based on an agreement with a private developer that the city would own the underlying property and the developer would own the air rights. As a result, parking would remain on public property and upper floors would remain private.

However, Downtown Development Authority members raised concerns such as cost, lot size and water level. Members agreed that certain lots are not large enough to provide adequate sub-level parking because of the space required for descending ramps and maneuvering. Also, the water level could place restrictions on the ability to supply sub-level parking.

While the Downtown Development Authority continues to revise the downtown plan, members said they would like to see concept drawings showing how sub-level parking would look beneath a private structure.

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Ragamuffin group presents April 2 and 4 drama workshop

Who? Ragamuffin Theatre & Company.

What? Spring Fling Thing, a drama workshop for ages 5 and up.

When? "Bold Beginners" a workshop specially designed for ages 5-8, meets from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and "Creatively Courageous" a workshop geared toward youth and adults meets from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

Where? Charlevoix Public Library community room 220 West Clinton St.

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company is presenting Spring Fling Thing, a drama workshop series for lovers of creativity and pure imagination, April 2 and 4 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

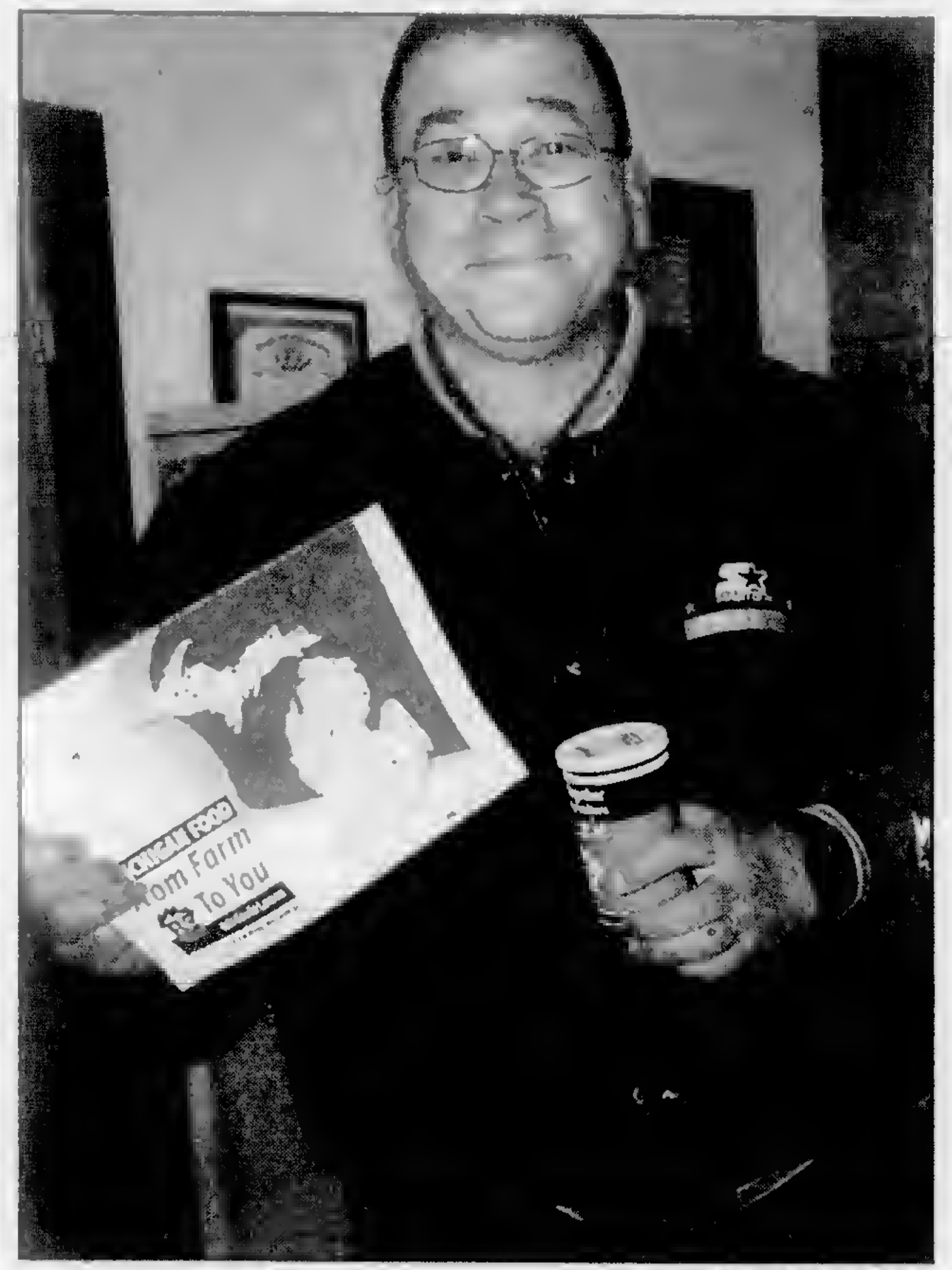
"Bold Beginners" a workshop specially designed for ages 5-8, meets from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and "Creatively Courageous" a workshop geared toward youth and adults meets from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in the library Community Room.

The cost for each workshop is $25 per person and includes both snacks and materials.

Workshops for the younger ages will include demonstrations, pantomime techniques, acting exercises and a variety of imaginative games that can be played at home, in school or during playtime. Students will get to learn from one of Ragamuffin Theatre's best comic actors, Christina Bourassa who will be assisting in both teaching and performing during the workshops.

For those looking to sharpen their ability as actors, the youth and adult workshops feature a combination of challenging skill building exercises to help inspire and equip.

To register in advance, call (231) 237-9686, or visit www.ragamuffintheatre.com.



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Auditions will take place on Monday, May 7. Applicants will be notified of time and place for the auditions. Successful applicants will be invited to perform in the Northern Michigan Chorale's fall or spring concerts.

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(Above) Third-grade students Gracie Smith, representing Uranus and Shelby McCormack, representing Neptune, performed, March 21 at the Charlevoix Elementary School spring concert entitled "Star Search" set to a Star Wars theme. (Below) Students in Traci Mailloux's fourth-grade class played cantina music on recorders. They are (from left) Kylie McCree, Parker Elowsky and Bryan Noirot.

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(Above) Third and fourth-grade students performed a group piece on kazoo from the Star Wars series. (Left) Luke Skywalker played by third-grade student, Nick Hoffman, faces his father and foe, Darth Vader, played by fellow third grader John Kagabitang.

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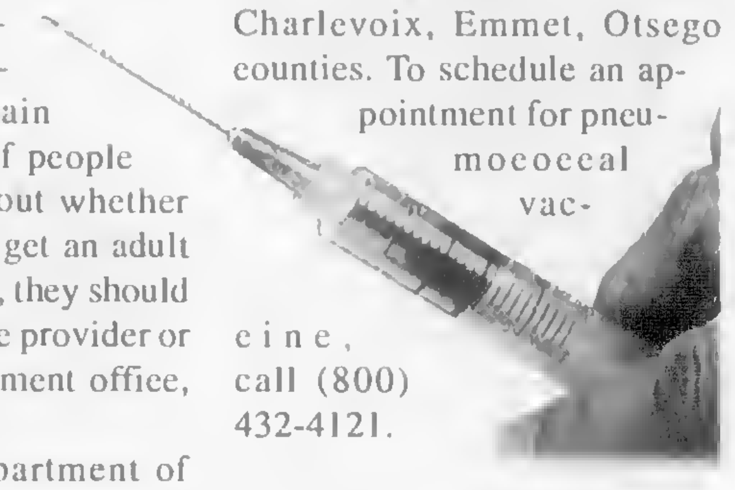
The adult pneumonia shot is available at physicians' offices and through the local health department.

"Pneumococcal disease is a serious illness. It kills more people in the U.S. each year than all other vaccine-preventable diseases combined," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, medical director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Preventing pneumococcal disease in adults is even more important now than in the past because it has become resistant to antibiotics, making treating infections like pneumonia and meningitis very difficult."

Although anyone can get pneumococcal disease, some people are at greater risk, including people 65 and older, very young children and people with special health problems like alcoholism, heart or lung disease, kidney failure, diabetes, HIV infection or certain types of cancer.

One dose usually provides lifetime protection for adult pneumococcal disease. However, under some circumstances, a second dose may be given. A second dose is recommended for people 65 and older who got their first shot under 65, or if five or more years have passed since that dose. A second dose is also recommended for people who have certain health problems. If people have questions about whether or not they should get an adult pneumococcal shot, they should call their health care provider or local health department office, Meyerson said.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is the local health department for Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Otsego counties. To schedule an appointment for pneumococcal vaccine, call (800) 432-4121.



Movies for Seniors program kicks off March 29 at Cinema III

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is announcing Movies for Seniors. The discount program will be offered at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 29 at the Charlevoix Cinema III featuring The Shooters (R), Last Mimzy (PG), and Wild Hogs.

Popcorn and a beverage is $3 and a movie ticket is $3.

If transportation is needed, call Earl Muma at the Charlevoix Senior Center (231) 547-5361.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Charlevoix City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 9, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the second floor Council Chambers at 210 State Street, City Hall, Charlevoix, MI to discuss proposed amendments to Chapter 51, Zoning and Planning of the City Code. Below is a list of the proposed amendments.

- Amend Section 5.82 (23) - to include a new sub-section (d) "Clustered Housing Developments".
- Amend Section 5.200 - Building Heights, to allow building heights to be averaged in all zone districts and establish conditions to permit institutional buildings in residential and commercial zones to exceed district limitations and permit principal and accessory buildings in the Industrial zone district to be up to 50% higher than allowed in Section 5.200 (1).
- Definition for "Height of Building, Overall" - Section 5.7 (7) (a).
- Amend Section 5.7 (15) (b), definition of Building Roof, to permit turrets and similar architectural features located up to 5% of the total roof area to be up to 15% higher than the permitted building height.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Planner/Zoning Administrator's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Planning Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan

Gary Harsch, City Planner

Official Notice

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS OF
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All electors are hereby given notice that the regular school eletion will be held in the City of Charlevoix, Hayes Township and Marion Township on Tuesday, May 8, 2007.

Electors who wish to vote in the school election must be registered to vote no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2007. If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the city or township in which you live you may do so at the following locations listed in this notice.

IN PERSON:

- At the city or township clerk's office where your residence is located or at the office of the Charlevoix County Clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

BY MAIL:

- By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting any city, township or county clerk.

NOTE: A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Electors who wish to register with the county or city/township clerk are advised to call ahead for the location.

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AND the following proposition(s) (if any) will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the regular school election:

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Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the office of the County Clerk listed below.

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Updated sanitary codes are in effect

Following near unanimous approval by the members of county boards of commissioners from Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties, revised sanitary codes have taken effect in the four counties.

The District Sanitary Code for Antrim, Charlevoix and Otsego counties and the District Sanitary Code for Emmet County reflects advances in waste treatment technology, according to Scott Kendzierski, Director of Environmental Health Services for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

"The major changes to the new sanitary codes include septic system options that were not available when the codes were written many years ago, such as pressure distribution systems and advanced treatment systems. Using these innovative technologies can provide a very high level of treatment, making some properties that would have been considered 'unbuildable' in the past, developable under the new regulations."

Some of the old sanitary codes had been in effect for over 40 years — Antrim/Otsego code since 1966, Charlevoix code since 1984 and Emmet code since 2002.

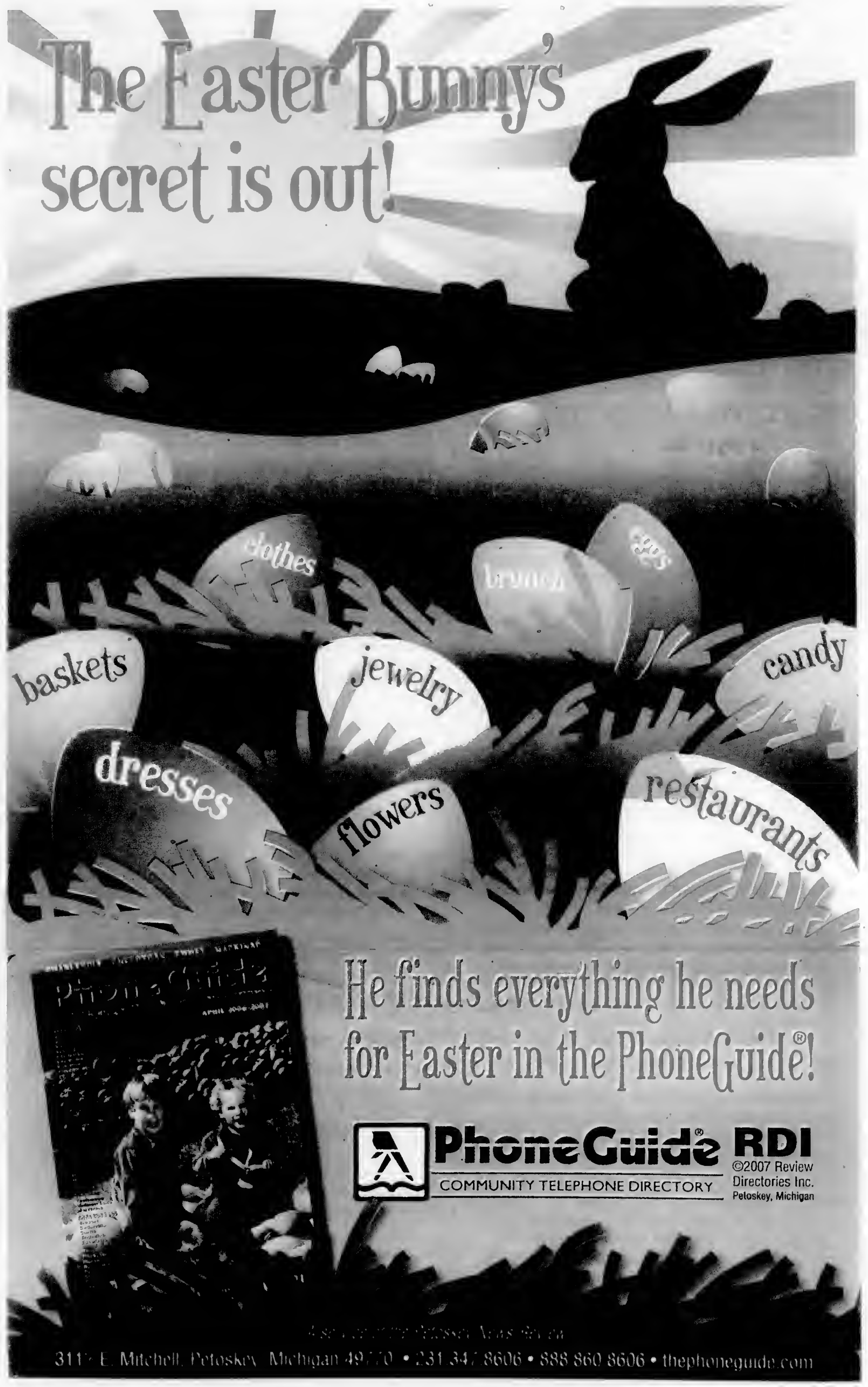
The new sanitary codes also provide for improved designs that extend life expectancy of septic systems.

"One of the greatest risks to our environment is failing septic systems," Kendzierski said. "We've developed both construction and performance standards for systems based on the environmental sensitivity of the site where a septic system is proposed. These standards are based on best management practices for wastewater treatment and demonstration of performance."

The new sanitary codes are the result of three years of study and review. The health department convened a Septage Waste Advisory Committee early in 2003. Among the committee's recommendations was the inclusion of standards for the installation and maintenance of advanced treatment systems in the revised sanitary regulations for the four-county health district.

"It is a balanced regulation, permitting waterfront properties for development while at the same time, protecting our water resources."

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is the local health department for Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. For more information about the sanitary codes, visit www.nwhealth.org.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Fishing for information

Local Boy Scouts attended an open house on March 22 at the Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station. (Above) Station manager Dave Clapp delivers the program to the Scouts. The event included an overview of Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station history, current fisheries research programs and a description of salmon tagging and weir harvest at Medusa Creek. Also results from Charlevoix area creel/charter boat surveys, an update on Lake Charlevoix walleye tagging survey and an overview of Central Lake Michigan Management Unit activities were given.

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United Way funding applications available

Char-Em United Way's 2007 agency funding applications are now available.

Non-profit agencies which provide programs and services meeting the health and human service needs of Charlevoix and Emmet County residents are encouraged to apply.

Applications can be requested by contacting United Way at (231) 487-1006 or charemuw@sbcglobal.net. A complete application packet will be sent by mail or e-mailed within a few days. Completed applications are due to United Way on April 2.

"We are very excited to announce this year's funding availability," said Martha Lancaster, United Way Executive Director. "In 2006 we awarded $78,500 to 22 agencies in grants ranging from $250 to $7,600. This year we anticipate being able to provide even more funding, as the response to our increased campaign goal has been very generous. We are still accepting contributions, and all donations received through the end of April will be awarded in this allocation cycle."

United Way staff and board members will review the submitted applications. Those agencies whose requests meet United Way's guidelines will then be contacted to make a presentation to United Way's Citizens' Review Panel in mid April. The Citizens' Review Panel reviews the requests for funding, hears the presentations, seeks additional information, and makes recommendations to the United Way Board of Directors. The board of directors will meet in early May to consider the recommendations of the panel and make funding decisions.

For more information about Char-Em United Way or the funding allocation, call (231) 487-1006.

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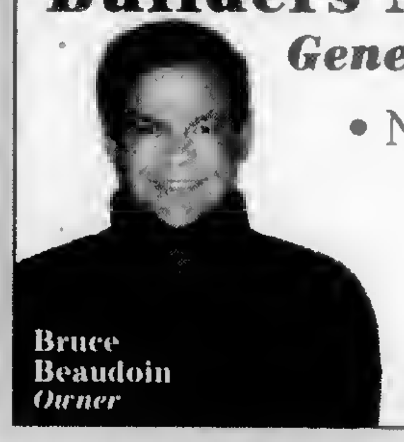

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Local leaders join entrepreneurial community initiative

Teams of area leaders from Charlevoix, East Jordan and Boyne City have been selected to participate in a new program led by Michigan State University (MSU) Extension that is aimed at building community capacity around entrepreneurship.

The groups are three of nine teams selected on the basis of their proposed economic goals, vision, composition and organization, as well as their communities' readiness, resources and unique ability to become models for other Michigan communities.

"What makes Creating Entrepreneurial Communities unique is that most programs like this focus on attracting new businesses," says Barb Fails, assistant director of the MSU Product Center and one of the program's organizers. "This program encourages communities to look for entrepreneurial talent within their own area, then to provide the tools, resources and access to others so the whole community becomes more entrepreneurial."

Other teams participating in the program are from South Haven, Ionia, Marine City, Meridian Township, Huron Shores, Newaygo and St. Clair County.

For more information about the Creating Entrepreneurial Communities pilot program, visit the MSU Product Center Web site at http://www.product-center.msu.edu/ed.htm.

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Dry Harbour sales and service

Representatives of Dry Harbour Marine in Charlevoix recently attended the 2007 Formula Boats Seminar at Thunderbird Products' in Decatur, Ind. Thunderbird manufactures luxury fiberglass powerboats sold and serviced by Dry Harbour Marine. This year's seminar featured sales and service workshops focusing on product benefits, improving customer relations and product improvements. Dry Harbour Marine received a certificate of completion award recognizing their Formula sales and service efforts. Dry Harbour was also honored for Marine Industry Certification and is one of only three certified marinas in Michigan. Pictured at the seminar awards presentation are (front, from left) Tim Novotny, Don Pero, Jason Brooks, Ernie Kallman of Dry Harbour Marine, Formula president Scott Porter, (back, from left) Formula executive vice-president Grant Porter, Barney Way, Scott Boss, Jim Bemis, Jeff Novotny and Jim Bryant of Dry Harbour Marine.

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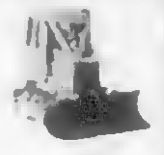

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Charlevoix cardiology practice changes name

The doctors and staff of the Petoskey Cardiology office located at 14730 Park Avenue, Building C in Charlevoix have announced a new name for the practice — Michigan Heart and Vascular Specialists, PC — and a renewed focus to providing patients with the latest technological advances and state-of-the-art, quality care.

"Our new name truly reflects our renewed energy and fresh, collaborative approach to the practice of cardiology," said Larry Gold, CEO of Michigan Heart and Vascular Specialists, PC. "As Michigan Heart and Vascular Specialists, we are committed to expanding our full range of services and promoting a heart healthy community."

As northern Michigan's largest and most comprehensive heart and vascular center, Michigan Heart and Vascular Specialists, PC is a patient-focused practice dedicated to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular diseases. As specialists in diseases of the heart, arterial and venous systems, the doctors and staff of Michigan Heart and Vascular Specialists, PC are committed to working closely with patients to provide them with an expert team of cardiovascular specialists, advanced treatments and innovative technology.

The practice features state-of-the-art facilities and nationally accredited echocardiography and nuclear cardiology labs, with seven regional offices located in Alpena, Cheboygan, Charlevoix, Gaylord, Newberry, St. Ignace and Rogers City.

Who were they? Petoskey Cardiology
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Lighthouse school, hospital foundation awarded Great Lakes Energy People Fund grants

Of the $60,600 awarded, $6,500 stays in Charlevoix and Beaver Island

Grants totaling $60,600 from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund were awarded in 2006 to local community organizations.

The People Fund is supported solely by Great Lakes Energy customers who allow their electric company to round up their bill each month to the next dollar.

In 2006, the rounded-up amounts totaled nearly $127,000 that was collected and distributed to help charitable causes throughout Great Lakes Energy's 26 county service area, which stretches from Kalamazoo to the Mackinac Straits.

"We would like to thank all our customers who participated last year in our billing round-up program for the People Fund," said Great Lakes Energy president/CEO Steve Boeckman. "Because of their generosity, many worthwhile organizations in their own communities were helped."

In the Charlevoix area, People Fund grants were awarded last year to the following organizations:

Beaver Island Lighthouse School: $2,500 toward construction of a wood shop at the school.

Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation: $4,000 for a wheelchair lift in the Boyne Rehabilitation Center.

The 2006 People Fund Annual Report is available by contacting Great Lakes Energy at 1-888-485-2537.

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Photo by Jim Stewart

Charlevoix High School boys' basketball coach Keith Haske answers post-game questions at a press conference following the team's loss to Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central in the Class C semifinals on March 22 at the Breslin Center on the campus of Michigan State University. Sitting at either side are tearful all-stater Mitch Crandall and Tyler Haske.

It was a bittersweet ending to the 2006-2007 season for the Rayders as Charlevoix fell to Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central in the Class C semifinals, 67-54 on March 22 at the Breslin Center on the campus of Michigan State University.

The Rayders, who finished their season 23-4, saw two of last year's top three scorers transfer prior to the start of the season, seeming to hurt any chances for another Breslin visit.

But the remaining players and their coaches never wavered.

"My expectations don't change from year-to-year," coach Keith Haske said. "What we had this year was very special with 14 kids deciding 'I'm going to give of myself for the betterment of the team.' The guys got the point where 'whatever it takes' was their attitude and that's special."

Nouvel fell in the state finals to Bath, 65-60. Ironically, the Rayders lost to Bath in their first trip to the semis under Haske in 1999 by a score of 72-58.

This was Charlevoix's fourth trip to the Breslin in the past nine years — tied with Kalamazoo Christian and Saginaw for second-most in any class, trailing only Wyoming Tri-Unity Christian's five.

The Rayders' six quarterfinal appearances in that same period are tied with Kalamazoo Christian and Wyoming Tri-Unity Christian for the most in the state in any class.

Charlevoix's fourth trip to the Final Four in the past nine years is tied for second (tied with Kalamazoo Christian and Saginaw) behind Wyoming Tri-Unity with five.

The Rayders had their chances against Nouvel as they led 48-47 with 7:10 to play in the game. The Panthers held Charlevoix scoreless for nearly four minutes though as they took a 55-48 lead.

Austin Wilhelm scored four straight points on a tip-in and two free throws to cut the lead to three, at 55-52 with 3:10 left. On the ensuing play, Nouvel's all-stater Tim Ryan missed but teammate John McColgan scored on a putback.

After a Charlevoix time-out, Justin Friske's jumper rolled just off the rim, and Nouvel took advantage with a successful free throw attempt followed by a wide-open lay-up to push the lead back to 60-52 with only 1:39 to go.

In the game's final seven minutes, Nouvel's Ryan scored nine points while Charlevoix's first team all-state senior Mitch Crandall was held scoreless.

"We knew Crandall had been having a good game up to that point and we needed to limit his touches," Nouvel coach Warren Wood said. "We changed our defense on him and let the other four guys shoot the ball."

Crandall led the Rayders in scoring with 16 points, also pulling down six rebounds. Sophomore Justin Friske had nine points and six rebounds. Wilhelm finished with eight points.

Ty Haske, playing in his last game as a Rayder, scored seven points and played relentless defense.

"It was really cool (to finish his career playing at the Breslin for his father)," Ty Haske said. "I was down here years ago as the manager (when the Rayders played). I always wanted to play here."

Other Charlevoix standouts on defense were Darren Munson, Dan Swenor and Kyle Jones who combined to guard Ryan, who finished with 25 points.

Charlevoix was only 18 for 51 from the field, for a 35.3 percent rate, including 3 for 16 (18.8 percent) from the three-point line. Nouvel shot 44.7 percent from the field and 33.3 percent from three-point range.

"If we shot the ball like we usually do, maybe it's a different outcome," coach Haske said. "Our depth has worn teams down all year long and we thought it was going to happen (in the semis)."

Charlevoix earned the trip to the Breslin by defeating Houghton on March 20 in a thriller, 57-56.

Ty Haske again used his magical touch at the free throw line to lead the Rayders, sinking two shots with 12.7 seconds left in the game to seal the win.

Haske had earlier put Charlevoix ahead to stay, at 48-47 with a three-point play with five minutes left in the game. In the late third quarter and early fourth, the Rayders had gone 7:26 without a point, while Houghton turned a 43-37 deficit into a 47-43 lead with 5:30 left in the game.

Justin Friske scored nine points in the pivotal fourth quarter en route to the win. He finished with a game-high 17. Trevor Mays scored eight and Wilhelm added seven.

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Charlevoix players lead Petoskey hockey team to championship

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Pictured above are members of the Petoskey Area Hockey Association's BB Midget team who recently earned a tournament championship. The team is comprised of boys from Petoskey, Boyne City and Charlevoix. They are (back, from left) coach John Miller, Alex Molter, Dwayne Aulgur, Chris Loyselle, Ryan Ruggles, Travis Gunderson, Isaac Krey, Justin Stolt, Anthony Waugh, coach Bob Molter (center, from left) John Miller, Russ Williams, Evan Keller, Scot Suttliff and goalie Nick Ferree.

Teamwork, communication and determination took the Petoskey Area Hockey Association's BB Midget team to a tournament championship on the weekend of March 9 in Alpena.

The team dropped the first game to Royal Oak 2-4. Russell Williams scored unassisted and John Miller scored off a Travis Gunderson pass. Nick Ferree was in goal.

They ruled the next game, beating Alpena 5-1. Justin Stolt netted the first goal with a pass from John Miller. Miller, assisted by Gunderson, scored the next three, earning Miller a hat trick and Gunderson a play maker. Alex Molter took a Scott Sutliff pass for the last goal. Ferree made 17 saves while Petoskey put 27 shots on net.

Gaylord edged out Petoskey in the third game 2-3. Isaac Krey blasted one in from the blue line and Miller scored the other. Evan Keller assisted on both goals. Ferree was between the pipes.

The semi final game was a rematch with Gaylord. Petoskey controlled the fast paced, end-to-end game to win 6-3. Ryan Ruggles and Miller each scored twice, Anthony Waugh and Isaac Krey netted the others. Chris Loyselle and Waugh gave two assists, Russell Williams, Miller, Gunderson, and Krey, had one apiece. Ferree was in goal.

The championship game was with Royal Oak, who went in undefeated in the tourney. The first period went scoreless, then Petoskey broke loose and scored six times in the second period. Williams and Miller each netted two, and Molter and Ruggles the others. Assists came from Williams, Loyselle, Gunderson, Anthony Waugh and Keller. Goaltender Ferree took the win.

The team is comprised of boys from Petoskey, Boyne City and Charlevoix. They are coached by John Miller and Bob Molter. The team also won the league championship and the banner will be displayed at Griffin Arena.

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Free throw champion

Maggie Hamilton, 10, of Charlevoix recently won the Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship at Sacred Heart High School in Mt. Pleasant. Hamilton (above) made 22 of 25 free throws.

Football players place at Power Lifting Championships

Several members of the Charlevoix High School football team competed in the Upper Peninsula State Power Lifting Championships on March 17.

Charlevoix placed fifth as a team and had several players receive medals. The event consisted of the dead lift, parallel squat and the bench press. Once again Charlevoix top lifter was Ray Jones with a combined lifting total of 1,220 pounds which included a 500 pound dead lift. Cliff Jones had a great day with a 985 pound total.

Charlevoix also had two state champions in their weight classes at the event. Clayton Mitchell won the 123 pound class and Josh Wolletz won the 132 pound class.

Others that placed were Trevor Cole fourth, Justin Klooster fifth, Bill Ivan sixth, Drew Largent sixth, Jake Rankl sixth, Ian Gauthier seventh, Drew Klooster eighth, Hunter Boss thirteenth.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

CHURCH LEAGUE • MAR. 21, 2007

	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	386	214
Ferguson & Chamberlain	344	256
Lakeshore Tire	309	291
Mark White Paint & Stain	298	302
Lutherans	293	307
State Farm Insurance	270	330
R & C Roofing	270	330
St. Mary's	230	370

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Scott Kehrer	561	234
John Fiedorek	583	212
Jim Potter		222
Tom Rankl	573	

TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES
MAR. 20, 2007

	W	L
Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	33.5	14.5
DM Construction	31	17
Central Drug Store	25	23
St. Mary Cement	25	23
Oleson's Food Store	23.5	24.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	20	28
Mary Ann's Takeout	17.5	30.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	16.5	31.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Cathy Sullivan	571	222
Carol Kerr	589	206
Mary O'Brien		188
Jane Holm	513	

YOUNG AT HEARTS
MAR. 22, 2007

	W	L
Misfits	33	19
Alley Cats	31.5	20.5
Sparetime	30	22
Twilighters	27	25
Past Timers	27	25
Irish Rollers	22	30
Half & Half	21.5	30.5
Has Beens	12	40

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	528	210
Art Ruis	435	179
Chuck Metzger	463	
Al Bergman		177
Zettie Kitson	456	171
Irene Cellner	448	165
Shirly Flower		162
Dolly Coen	428	

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE
MAR. 19, 2007

	W	L
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	27	13
Paul Bunyan Lanes	25	15
Bud's Buds	25	15
J Arnold Painting "2"	22	18
The Flight Deck	21	19
J Arnold Painting "A"	15	25
B VanLoo & Sons	14	26
Selph Trucking	11	29

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Chris Putman	601	227
Don Potter	596	216
Ron Grulke	574	208

GUTTER GALS • MAR. 22, 2007

	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	164	76
Burger King of Charlevoix	117	123
Laural & Company	111	129
Paul Bunyan Lanes	88	152

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	476	164
Mary O'Brien	515	182
Annette Hosler	450	
Jane Holm		183

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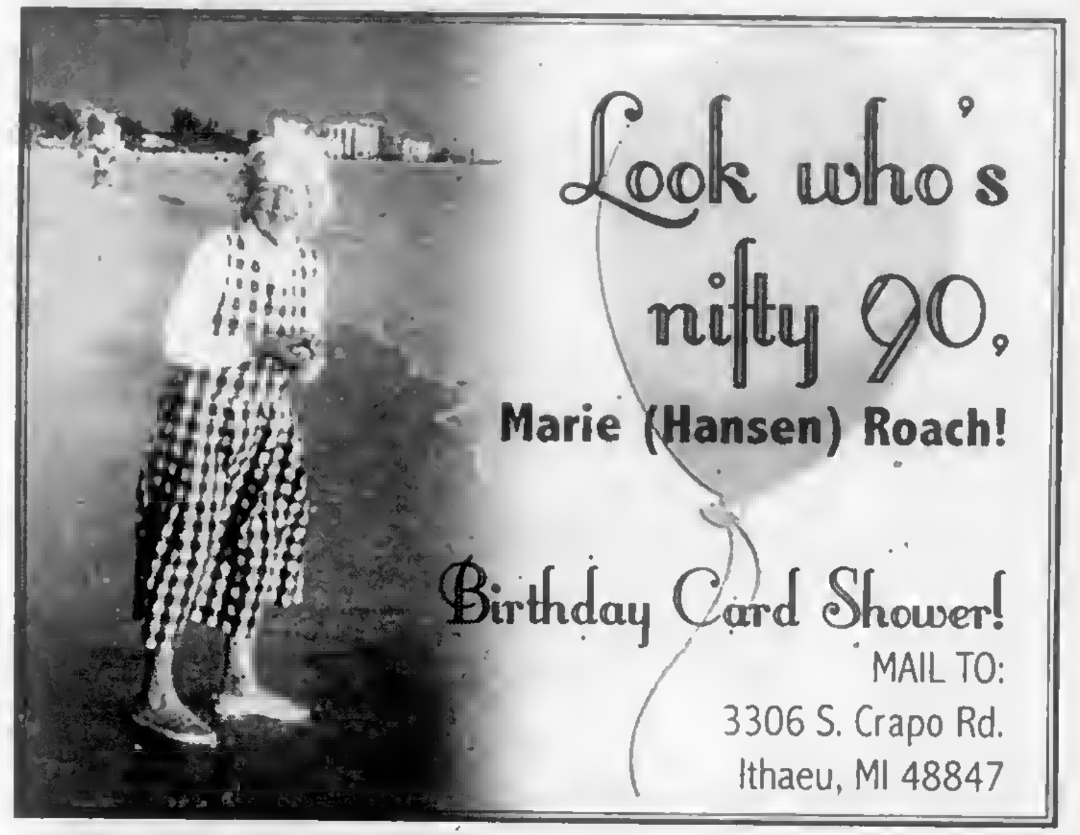

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FILE NO. 07-011083-NC

In the matter of Bethany Ruth Baker

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 1:30 P.M. at the Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose: The Petition(s) to Change Name filed by Bethany Ruth Baker requesting that the name of Bethany Ruth Baker be changed to Morrigan Oran.

Dated: March 16, 2007

Bethany Ruth Baker
211 Bridge Street
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(231)536-7306
(L-03/28)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 21st day of April, 2005, by Benjamin J. Morey, a single man, to Northwestern Bank, and recorded on May 18, 2005, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 681, page 970, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETYSIX AND 58/100 DOLLARS ($2,196.58) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

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Dated: March 12, 2007

Northwestern Bank
Mortgagee

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Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 31, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on November 7, 2001, in Liber 442, Page(s) 423, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $78,565.99, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 12.77 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on April 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

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Dated: March 14, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
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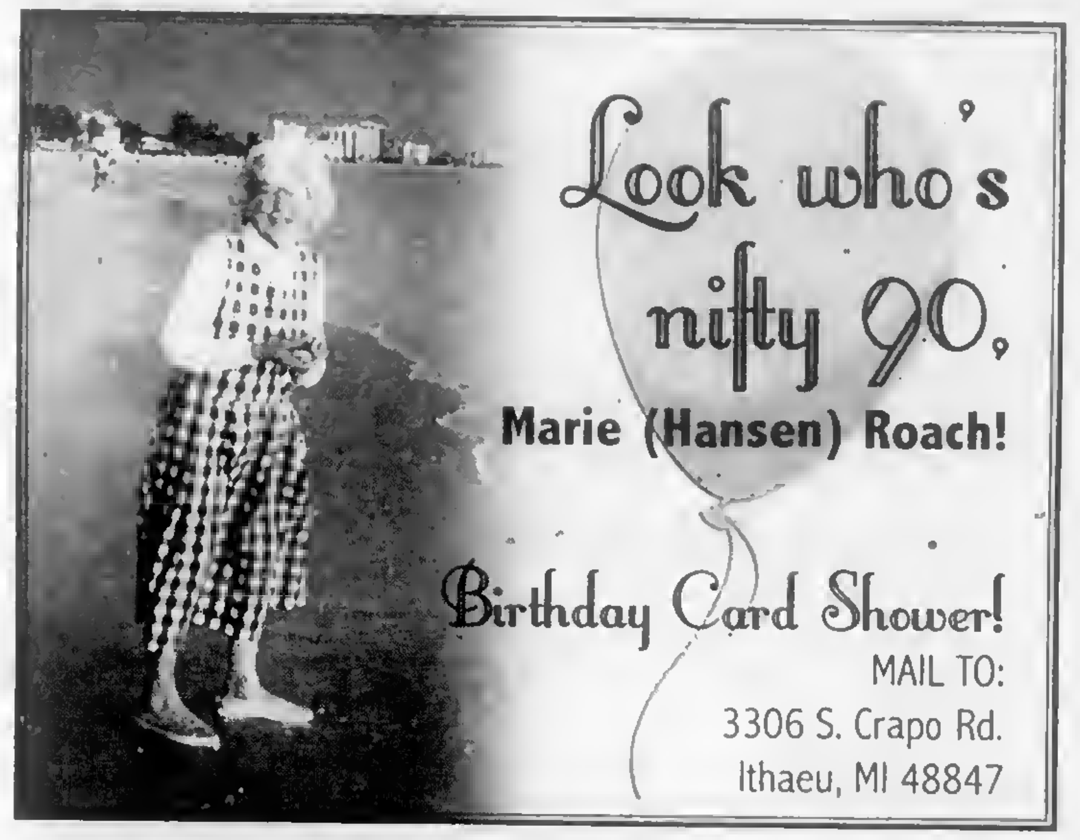
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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CIRCUIT COURT -
FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO. 07-011083-NC

In the matter of Bethany Ruth Baker

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 1:30 P.M. at the Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose: The Petition(s) to Change Name filed by Bethany Ruth Baker requesting that the name of Bethany Ruth Baker be changed to Morrigan Oran.

Dated: March 16, 2007

Bethany Ruth Baker
211 Bridge Street
East Jordan, MI 49727
(231)536-7306
(L-03/28)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 21st day of April, 2005, by Benjamin J. Morey, a single man, to Northwestern Bank, and recorded on May 18, 2005, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 681, page 970, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETYSIX AND 58/100 DOLLARS ($2,196.58) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgege contained having become operative by reason of such default.

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Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 31, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on November 7, 2001, in Liber 442, Page(s) 423, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $78,565.99, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 12.77 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on April 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered et public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 29' 43" EAST 1393.05 FEET TO THE WEST 1/8 POST; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 28' 42" WEST 726.00 FEET, ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE (AS MONUMENTED), TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 06' 01" EAST 391.10 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF FERRY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 25 DEGREES 19' 59" EAST 105.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 89 DEGREES 01' 06" WEST 439.21 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION (AS MONUMENTED); THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 54' 01" EAST 100.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCLA 600.3241e(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: March 14, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.)

DONALD A. BRANDT (P30183)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1241 E. Eighth Street
P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, MI 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660
(L-03/21, 03/28, 04/04, 04/11, 04/18)

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Commissioners explore new avenues for lighting signs

SIGNS

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Now, we want to rethink internal lighting. The interesting thing is it can be used, if used properly. We have to create a proper method to create an internally lit sign that looks like a carved sign," said John Hess, chairman of the City of Charlevoix Planning Commission.

Hess and city planner, Gerry Harsch, are exploring opportunities with internal lighting that address city council's aesthetic concerns and meet the objectives of business owners.

In early February, Harsch was directed by council to remove provisions for internally lit signs outside the central business district from the sign ordinance revision. Resident complaints were focused on internally lit signs threatening Charlevoix's small town feel and their aesthetically displeasing look.

"I can understand what they are concerned with. We will go back and find a type of sign that will be internally lit but has the look of the old-fashioned carved sign. If that doesn't work out, we won't have internally lit signs in certain areas of the city," Hess said.

The proposal to allow internally lit signs was proposed by the planning commission due to concerns with glare from up-lighting and other unsightly measures businesses take to light their signs.

Businesses who want to push for an internally lit sign in spite of the ordinance can request a variance through the City of Charlevoix Board of Appeals.

Other revisions to the ordinance which were adopted include a ban on billboards in the City of Charlevoix and provisions for Tourist Oriented Directional (TOD) signs to announce businesses off the main drag.

The program included in the proposed sign ordinance revision is sanctioned by the Michigan Department of Transportation. Now that city council has sanctioned the program through its sign ordinance, businesses can apply to the state for a sign.

Harsch said those that have expressed interest include Castle Farms and the Belvedere Golf Club. Both would have signs on U.S. 31 directing motorists to their locations.

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The work generally consists of constructing a 40' wide x 30' long extension of the existing boat launching facility at Ferry beach in Charlevoix Michigan. A steel frame is being connected to fifteen H-piles that will support ten 12" thick concrete planks. Also a skid dock with decking four feet wide and 30 foot long will be constructed and placed at the boat launching facility.

Federal Labor Standards Provisions apply to this project.

The Drawings and Specifications under which the work is to be done will be on file after March 26, 2007 and may be examined at the Office of the City Manager, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, phone (231)547-3270, and at the office of Performance Engineers, Inc., located at 406 Petoskey Avenue, in Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, phone (231)547-2121.

Drawings and Specifications may be obtained from Performance Engineers by submitting a fee of Twenty Five Dollars ($25.00) per set. The purchaser must supply the telephone number, fax number, and street address of the individual or firm to whom addenda (if any) can be directed.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX, MICHIGAN
Carol Ochs, City Clerk

Residents argue council overdid it with channel swimming reg

SWIM

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Charlevoix resident John McNabb, who described himself as a swimmer, boater and father, told city council, "I think we go too far when we try to regulate everything."

"The tradition (jumping from the pier into the channel) goes back years and years in this town."

He went on to suggest that instead of instating a new law for police to enforce that the city assign a lifeguard to the area and allow pier jumping during designated hours.

Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. balked at the idea.

"It's not a safe situation. To put a lifeguard in jeopardy I think is asinine," Carlson said. "There have to be rules. It's a situation where someone can get hurt. And we need to fix the problem before something happens. I don't think it's taking that much away from someone."

Council members did try to throw adrenaline junkies a bone by asking city staff whether the lake bottom off the pier at Ferry Beach could be dredged and the pier which has been closed for years due to low lake levels reopened for swimmers.

Staff members did not have a concrete answer as to the cost and potential liability involved with reopening the Ferry Beach pier and are expected to report back to council.

City council's decision to pass the Pine River Channel swimming ordinance was based on a recommendation from city police chief, Gerard Doan.

Doan feared someone would be injured jumping too shallow, jumping out in front of a boat or slipping on the pier. He said a strong current runs through the rock-lined channel and the dangerous situation is further degraded by declining water depths.

He added that over the years the number of complaints coming through city hall regarding pier jumpers swimming in the channel has increased and the activity has strained lifeguards at nearby Michigan Beach whose attention is regularly turned from the swimming area to the channel.

Under the ordinance, Charlevoix officers are authorized to patrol the area and fine swimmers $50 for a first time offense, $75 the second time and $100 for third and subsequent offenses.

The city will post signs at Michigan Beach warning swimmers that the channel is off limits. The ordinance was modeled around the law that bans skateboards, bikers and in-line skaters from riding on sidewalks in the city.

Prior attempts to address channel swimming and pier jumping were quashed by complications with pier ownership. The South Pier is owned and maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The key this time is the city ban on swimming in the channel, not jumping from the pier.

In a previous interview, representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Grand Haven office, have said the Corps will not be involved in the enforcement effort because they don't have the authority or manpower to tackle a project like this. But the Corps backs the city's effort.

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>
> **John McNabb**
> CHARLEVOIX RESIDENT

What happened? Charlevoix City Council voted unanimously to pass an ordinance banning swimming in the Pine River Channel.

When? March 20

What does it mean? Police officers will now be able to ticket and fine swimmers in the Pine River Channel.

What fines will be handed down to violators? Under the ordinance, Charlevoix officers are authorized to patrol the area and fine swimmers $50 for a first time offense, $75 the second time and $100 for third and subsequent offenses.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, March 19, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members except Councilmember Gibson were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- A Public Hearing was held on a proposed ordinance to amend the City Code, Creating Title IX, Chapter 118, Prohibited Swimming/Wading Areas.
- Motion passed approving the minor development plan amendment for case #07-05ADP, 123 and 125 Belvedere Ave.
- Motion passed to accept the bid of $24,254.00 from A.B.I. Mechanical Contractors for the repair of water reservoir piping at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Motion passed to ratify the contract with Pollack Design Associates.
- Motion passed to approve the amendment to Mark Buday Architect Services Contract – Insurance Specifications.
- Resolution 2007-03-02 adopted. Waterways Grant Agreement for Ferry Launch Ramp.
- Ordinance 719 of 2007 adopted, an ordinance to amend the City Code, Creating Title IX, Chapter 118, Prohibited Swimming/Wading Areas, specifically prohibiting swimming in the Pine River Channel.
- Ordinance 720 of 2007 adopted, an ordinance repealing Chapter 99 and amending Chapter 51 – Incorporating the Regulation of Signs into the City Zoning Ordinance.

Council adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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MARCH 29
MOVIES FOR SENIORS

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is announcing Movies for Seniors. The discount program will be offered at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 29 at the Charlevoix Cinema III featuring The Shooters (R), Last Mimzy (PG), and Wild Hogs. Popcorn and a beverage is $3 and a movie ticket is $3. If transportation is needed, call Earl Muma at the Charlevoix Senior Center (231) 547-5361.

MARCH 31
MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

The Wagbo Peace Center will celebrate the 2007 northwest lower Michigan maple syrup season with its 5th Annual Maple Syrup Festival and Raffle from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 31.

Pancake and sausage breakfast will be served all day under the tent. The event will also include sugar shack tours and syrup tasting, horse-drawn sleigh rides out to the sugarbush, a maple syrup themed bake sale, children's activities and entertainment for the whole family, plus maple syrup gift basket raffle.

Member and advance tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for kids (5 and under free) and $20 for a family. Tickets on the day of event are $8 for adults, $6 for kids (5 and under free) and $23 for a family. Volunteers stay for free. Ticket price includes the raffle drawing for three gourmet maple syrup-themed gift baskets and all activities the day of the event.

The farm is located at 5745 North M-66, three miles south of East Jordan. For more information or to order tickets, call (231) 536-0333.

APRIL 2
DRAMA WORKSHOP

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company is presenting Spring Fling Thing, a drama workshop series for lovers of creativity and pure imagination, April 2 and 4 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

"Bold Beginners" a workshop specially designed for ages 5-8, meets from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and "Creatively Courageous" a workshop geared toward youth and adults meets from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in the library Community Room.

The cost for each workshop is $25 per person and includes both snacks and materials.

To register in advance, call (231) 237-9686, or visit www.RagamuffinTheatre.com.

APRIL 3
WIDOW GROUP

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is offering a four-week Grief and Loss Support Group for widows and widowers.

The sessions, which are part of hospice's Safe Crossings Program, will meet from 6 – 8 p.m. on four consecutive Tuesdays beginning on April 3 at the Charlevoix Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. Participation in the group is free.

Registration at least one week prior to the support group sessions is appreciated. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or visit hospiceltb.org.

APRIL 7
CHAMBER EASTER EGG HUNT

The 16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 7 in Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix. Thousands of treat filled eggs will pack the park. The Easter bunny will be there to have his picture taken with children. For more information, call the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

APRIL 7
SAFE HARBOR EASTER EGG HUNT

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APRIL 13
FRIDAY FEATURES

The Charlevoix Yacht Club's free Friday Features 2007 events lineup will feature a program entitled, "What's Hot and What's Not in Boating Electronics" at 7 p.m. on April 13 at the club, located at 209 Ferry Avenue. At the program, Corrine Cox from West Marine will be sharing the latest and greatest of the electronics market.

For more information, call (231) 547-9170 or visit www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

APRIL 14
CASH RAFFLE

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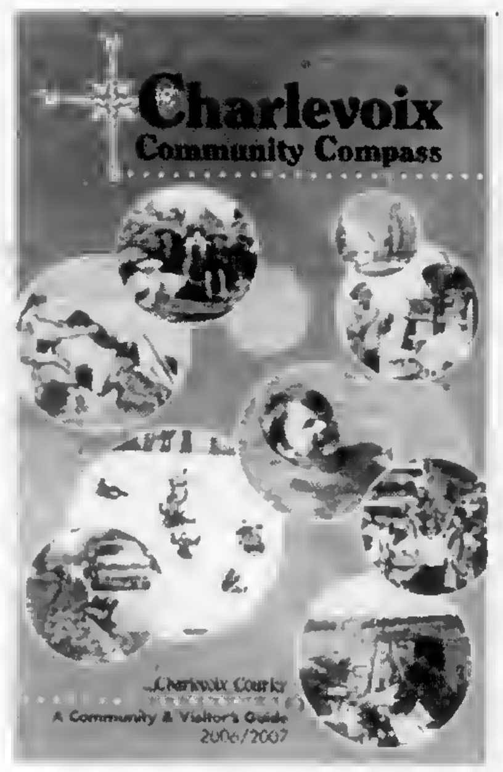

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MAY 19
CONSERVANCY FIELD TRIP

Join Loon Ranger Jacque LaFreniere from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at Barney's Lake on Beaver Island, a 120-acre preserve which hosts nesting loons annually. LaFreniere who is the ranger for all Beaver Island lakes, has vast knowledge about these intriguing birds, and has collected data about their nesting habits and behavior for 15 years.

JUNE 10
LOU OPEN

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Registration will take place from noon to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 10 at the Charlevoix Golf Club. Shotgun starts at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 4 p.m. followed by Bill Stevens' world famous Swiss Steak dinner.

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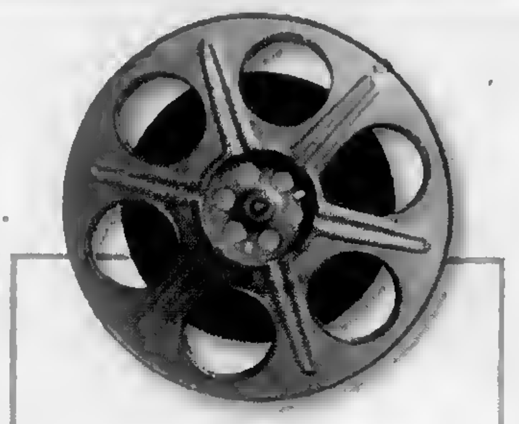

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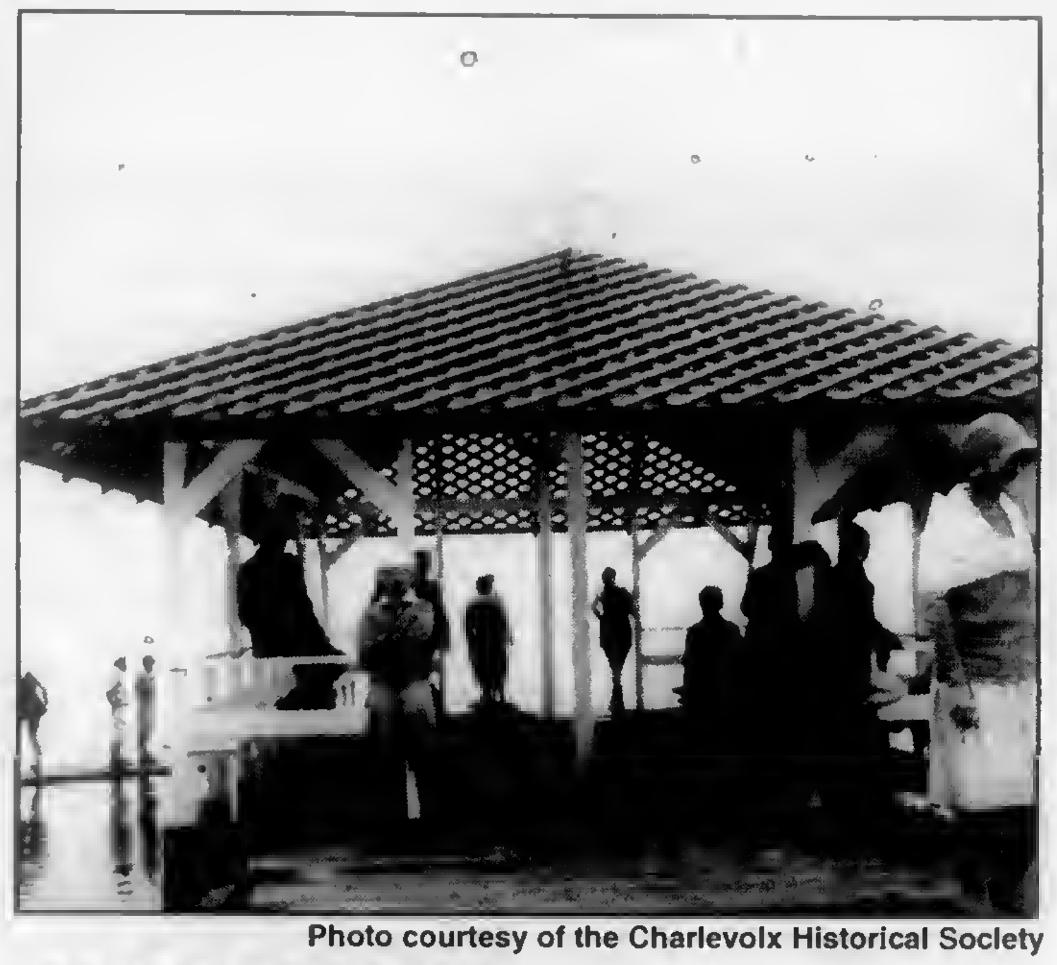

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JUKEBOX

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., March 29 karaoke; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., March 30 and 31 Bacon and Eggs Blues Band — blues.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, March 30 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. April 3 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 30 and 31, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. March 30, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

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Mush Scooby

Charlevoix Elementary School principal Dick Swenor is cheered on by one of the top readers from this year's March is Reading Month competition. Students read to earn minutes towards a paw print. When a paw print was earned, it was placed on the school wall, on a pre-measured route to one of the 27 check-in points of the Iditarod. The top readers from each grade received a dog sled ride compliments of the peppy principal dressed as everybody's favorite canine sleuth, Scooby Doo.

Library fights newly revised tax status

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson is preparing to go toe-to-toe with the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

As of Dec. 31, 2006 the classification for the former library property at 109 Clinton St. was changed from tax-exempt to commercial.

"We put it back on the tax roll because (as of Dec. 31, 2006, tax day) it's not being used for library or public purposes," said Betsy Mason, assistant equalization director for Charlevoix County and City of Charlevoix assessor.

The nearly 6,500-square-foot building in question has been vacant since the Charlevoix Public Library relocated in fall 2006 to 220 West Clinton St. and is currently on the market.

The reclassification means the property which used to have no assessed value will be taxed using a commercial, non-homestead rate for the 2007 tax season.

Mason said the building was measured and an assessed taxable value of $247,700 was assigned to it as well as a true cash value of $495,350. Based on the 2006 millage rate the library will have to fork over an estimated $12,448 a year in taxes for the unused building.

While Mason claims each year she contracts with the City of Charlevoix to review properties for classification and value, Meyerson questions how the library property is any different than the former Charlevoix Middle School property or the city-owned building at 109 Mason St. where the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce now operates.

The former middle school, which is now the renovated library, was vacant and tax exempt for two years. And the new chamber site was unused with the exception of short-term use by city employees since the Charlevoix

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File photo

Norwood Township resident Wayne Wynkoop will request special use permits to mine his property at a Norwood Township Planning Commission meeting April 12.

To mine or not to mine

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Wayne Wynkoop's limestone mine will once again be the subject of scrutiny during the 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 12 meeting of the Norwood Township Planning Commission.

Now that nearly two months have passed since a Traverse City judge told Wynkoop to

Wayne Wynkoop

cease sand and gravel extraction on his property, Wynkoop has requested special use permits on five parcels of land to extract, process and transport materials from the property.

"I just want to get this behind me so my family and I can move forward," Wynkoop said.

When asked whether he will attend the meeting, Wynkoop said, "I'm still deciding that one."

According to Norwood Township Planning Commission chairman, Tom Mielke, the original public hearing scheduled for March 27 was

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NEW FORMAT

Today, April 4, the Charlevoix Courier will debut a new width, part of an industry-wide narrowing of newspapers. The news columns will be narrower than in the past.

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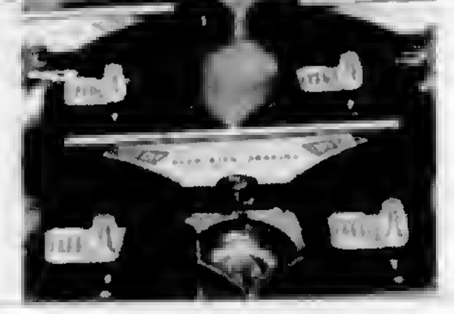

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Everett Brian Ridenour, 23, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended. Fines and costs totaling $800.

Molly Rae Hayes, 23, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Credit for three days in jail, to serve 50 days in jail, 40 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,035 in fines and costs.

Christopher George Pavwoski, 31, Buckley. Attempted interfering with electronic communications. Credit for one day in jail, 349 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; $850 in fines and costs.

Curt Allen Derenzy, 23, East Jordan. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling $100.

Aaron Dale Lenartz, 25, Grand Rapids. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Diana Lee Towns, 51, East Jordan. Reckless driving. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, to serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 69 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Travis Cody VanNorman, 17, Charlevoix. Use of OcyCodone. Credit for one day in jail, to serve six days in jail, 163 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $850 in fines and costs.

Albert Kelli Nahinu, 36, Boyne City. Domestic violence - second offense. Credit for 36 days in jail, to serve 60 days in jail, 269 days held in abeyance; serve two years probation; $500 in fines and costs.

Nathaniel Steven Page, 20, East Jordan. False pretenses, less than $200. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 30 days in jail, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; write a letter of apology; $1,693.59 in fines and costs. Use of marijuana. Credit for one day in jail, 89 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $500 in fines and costs.

Therese Marie McClelland, 40, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Brian Phillip Antvelink, 25, Caledonia. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Corey Jerome Sulak, 23, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Robert Harold Williams, 50, Dryden. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $830 in fines and costs.

Francis Thomas Buchannon, 38, Boyne City. Checking account - insufficient funds, less than $100. Pay $150 or serve 15 days in jail; fines and costs totaling $193.68.

Donovan William Schuil, 24, Petoskey. Operating while license suspended. Credit for six days in jail; $750 in fines and costs.

James Neil Harshman Jr., 40, Drummond Island. Operating while intoxicated - second offense. Credit for 30 days in jail, to serve 30 days in jail; $950 in fines and costs.

Abigail Lee Vanhorn, 19, Charlevoix. Minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol - third or subsequent offense. Serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $300 in fines and costs. Minor driving with any blood alcohol content. Submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $500 in fines and costs.

Mark Wesley Morey, 45, Clarkston. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of communi-

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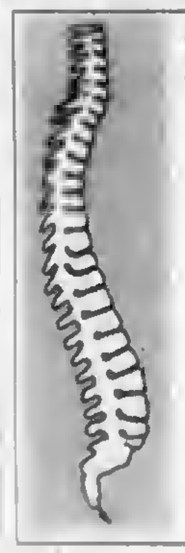

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Change may cost library $13,000

LIBRARY

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Downtown Development Authority bought it in 1986.

"We didn't feel it was within the exemption as a public library — it's not being used as a public library and it's not open to the public," Mason said.

But Meyerson argues the library falls under the same exemption as government entities including the city and school district.

"There's a statute that says if your property is not being used for the reason your organization exists it can be taxed. That's for a non-profit library but we are a district library, that's how we were formed and she (Mason) doesn't understand that," Meyerson said. "We are a governmental entity. We are a district library. We are a tax collecting agency. How can you use tax dollars to pay taxes. We are formed legally as a district library — a governmental entity of the State of Michigan the same way the school district and city are."

This reclassification and taxation shift which Meyerson was notified of in a letter sent by the City of Charlevoix Board of Review at the end of February not only raised her eyebrows but also gained the attention of representatives of Charlevoix Public Schools who may also have to foot a portion of the library tax bill.

Shawn Biddle, business manager for Charlevoix Public Schools, and school board president Bill Trubilowicz joined Meyerson and library board members Mary Ann Chew, Cynthia Posmus and Yvonne Wendt at the Board of Review meeting on March 13 to express their angst over the reclassification and to request a reversal.

Then, on March 28 Meyerson received the board's response stating the reversal was denied.

"I'm shocked that they didn't change it. We are a governmental entity. We brought all these statutes as to why we are tax exempt and they didn't care. It's absolutely ridiculous," she said. "This is a waste of taxpayers' dollars. Now I have to go to the Michigan Tax Tribunal with an attorney — that's more tax dollars."

Meyerson is currently researching the appeal process to the Michigan Tax Tribunal in Lansing. She plans to use a property specialist from the library's law firm to represent the library's interest. She estimated the attorney's hourly rate at $150-$200.

If this appeal fails, she said the library will have to come up with the money somehow.

"We'll have to get the money from somewhere. It comes right out of our budget. I don't know if that means cutting services, less computers, we can provide. I don't know yet," she said.

What happened? As of Dec. 31, 2006 the assessor for the City of Charlevoix changed the classification for the former library property at 109 Clinton St. from tax-exempt to commercial.

What's being disputed? The assessor claims the property was put back on the tax roll because it's not being used for library or public purposes. But library officials argue the library falls under the same exemption as government entities including the city and school district.

What does it mean? The reclassification means the property which used to have no assessed value will be taxed using a commercial, non-homestead rate for the 2007 tax season. An approximate cost for the year is $12,448

What's next? Library director Valerie Meyerson is currently researching the appeal process to the Michigan Tax Tribunal in Lansing.

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ty service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $830 in fines and costs.

Deborah Raye Palcowski, 43, Levering. Driving while impaired. Credit for two days in jail, 58 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,180 in fines and costs.

Tina Marie Jaruzel, 19, Waterford. Driving while impaired; and no operator's license on person. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

Gerald Joseph Levesque, 45, Ellsworth. Operating while intoxicated - first offense. Credit for two days in jail, to serve 18 days in jail, to serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 63 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,230 in fines and costs.

Ryan David Kneeshaw, 26, Petoskey. Motor vehicle operator without security; and motor vehicle forging proof of insurance. Fines and costs totaling $700.

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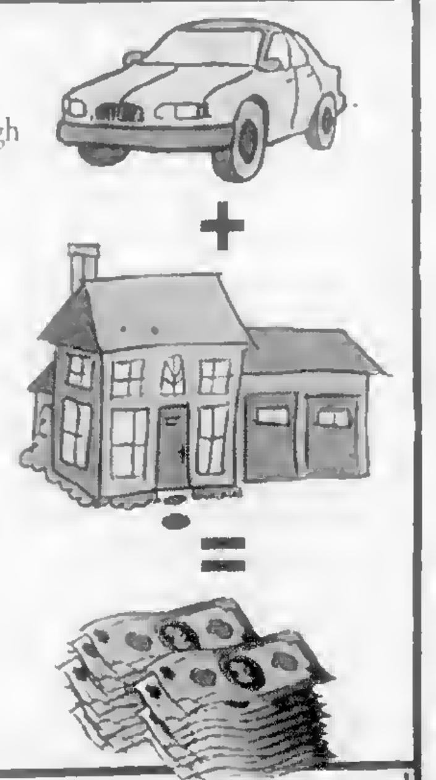

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Gohs delves into the politics of paddling

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Not to gloat, but the wife and I are repeatedly told how lucky we are to have such well behaved kids. However, instead of basking in the compliment, I'm insulted by people who dismiss the structure, attention, reward and punishment employed to produce kids possessing good manners and respect.

Then again, if lazy parents convince themselves good kids are the result of Leprechaun magic, they are absolved of their dereliction of duty.

Self adulation aside, this feared child fighter from way back was disheartened to hear of recent efforts to ban spanking in California. Now, before you call Child Protective Services to haul me away, I'm advocating corporal punishment, not child abuse.

A roomful of eggheads could argue the emotional and physical damage of slapping the hand of a youngster reaching for the stove, but it cannot be compared to snuffing cigarettes on your child because daddy didn't hug you enough — one is punishment, one is abuse.

"I think it's pretty hard to argue you need to beat a child 3 years old or younger," said 22nd District California State Assemblywoman, Sally Lieber, author of the Child Abuse and Infant/Toddler Protection Bill, in a Mercury News article by Mike Zapler. "Is it OK to whip a 1-year-old or a 6-month-old or a newborn?"

Lieber's original proposal made spanking kids 3 and under a misdemeanor punishable by a $1,000 fine and/or a year in jail. Due to a lack of support, Lieber altered the bill to allow spanking, but outlaw shaking, hitting the head or using sticks, belts, electric cords and other implements on kids.

When I asked the assemblywoman the difference between responsible parents smacking a child's bottom for running toward a highway and one who forces their kid to drink bleach out of craziness, she told me of a man who beat his girlfriend's daughter to death after what he said began as an attitude adjustment. I got the distinct feeling from Lieber that any parent who spanks their child could find themselves suddenly flailing a dead body.

Remember, in the government's eye, the citizenry consists of codependent morons hell-bent on self-destruction and in dire need of policing.

I find it ironic, though more morbid than funny, that Lieber is childless, and according to the League of Women Voters of California, "strongly pro-choice."

Kill your unborn child, but for safety's sake, don't spank it once born.

So why was Gohs wasting the company dime on long-distance to discover a southwestern politician feels all physical punishment is abuse?

In case you haven't noticed, Michigan legislators are nearly as hyperactive and arbitrary in action as those of the Golden State, so I figure it won't be long before a Great Lakes' senator decides slapping a 4-year-old's bottom is the same as drop-kicking a newborn.

The new version of Lieber's bill will go to committee soon and could be up for a final vote by August. While I agree the use of implements is unnecessary when doling a spanking, I fear that ultimate goal of outlawing all forms of physical punishment.

For now, a majority of states including Michigan support reasonable force, though there is a de facto ban on spanking since so many parents think it illegal.

The term, "Reasonable force" was penned with a wink and a nudge for a reason. After all, defend spanking and face condemnation by Generation Touchy-Feely, those anti-punitive punks convinced ignoring bad behavior will end wars, stop violence and give ordinary tap water just the right hint of lemon-lime.

One needn't be stranded with Piggy and Ralph to know, left alone, children will not choose courtesy and obedience. Children must learn a healthy fear of the illegal and dangerous that is so vital to the human animal's survival and success in modern society.

Lieber and the other ghouls feasting on the parental rights corpse say children are the only people in society who legally receive physical punishment. They must be unfamiliar with war, prison, the death penalty and "Make My Day" laws.

The world is a dirty dangerous place where limits must be learned. Our prisons overflow with the mistreated, in part, because there are so many inadequate parents. So we jail adults for thievery or euthanize them for murder because many of them grew up without balance.

On one matter I agree with my opponents, let us teach our kids to be productive members of society — to fail one is to fail the other. But in the end, child abuse is already illegal and though corporal punishment is far from a cure-all, for many, spanking is an important tool in the child rearing repertoire, outlawing it will do nothing to stop people who cut, burn, starve or molest their kids.

If you don't want to spank your child, don't. But continue applying the "One Rotten Apple" solution to society's problems and it won't be long before the government dictates what food, clothing, entertainment and amount of time families spend together is legal — or not.

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To voice your view on the corporal punishment debate, tune in to WMKT 1270 AM when Gohs and show host Vic McCarty discuss the topic live between 10:30 a.m. and noon on April 5. Call WMKT at (866) 371-1270.

Make lasting memories this Easter Sunday

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

It was April 1993, the last time I would spend Easter with mom.

We packed ourselves into the maroon colored, wood paneled van. A bright red cooler filled with ice and assorted sandwiches sat in the back of the vehicle for snacks on the long trip to Florida. Our two girls were in middle school back then, and their thoughts were filled with getting the perfect tan and visiting Planet Hollywood. I, on the other hand, found my thoughts drifting back to an earlier time and place when Easter meant something very different.

For my sister and me, Easter meant wearing dresses that mom sewed together with love and care only a mother could possess. She would diligently work through many evenings cutting patterns purchased from a small shop down the street or she would expertly design her own. While listening to the old Singer sewing machine whirring in the background, my eyes were glazed over watching the Ed Sullivan Show on our black and white Zenith. Mom would finish up the dresses, hemming them by hand. The final touch — adding delicate lace or satin ribbon to the hems and necklines. She had a talent for creating and designing clothes that made us look and feel like we'd walked off the pages of Life magazine.

. Easter also meant that we no longer had to give up chocolate and other assorted candy as Lent was over. The excitement of finding our Easter baskets carefully hidden behind a living room curtain were quickly diminished when we were reminded not to taste any of our goodies, as we would be leaving soon for church. In order to receive communion we needed to fast before receiving the sacrament. As a child I wondered who came up with the idea of not eating anything one hour before taking communion. I thought it was just a rule parents made to keep their kids clean before going to church. Thank goodness the Catholic church has found it in its heart to become flexible with the many rules that kids found difficult to follow.

After church, still donned in our new Easter bonnets and matching gloves, we gaily skipped about with our baskets while dad took out the old movie camera to record a bit of history that day. Easter also meant cousins, aunts, uncles and grandpar-

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LETTERS to the editor

LETTER RESPONSE

Editor:

As I read the letter from Bo Boss in last week's Courier (entitled, "Save money, combine positions," printed on page 5 of the March 28 edition) suggesting that I have some personal agenda in the superintendent search, I was struck by one glaring fact — he never spoke to me about the issue or the timetable for hiring a superintendent before writing to the paper. If he had taken the time to call me or attend a school board meeting to talk to me, here is what I would have told him.

To claim that the superintendent search is my personal agenda ignores the other six school board members who have an equal vote in setting the timeline and the search plan. The July 1 target for hiring a new superintendent is based on two facts — wanting to ensure a smooth transition from superintendent (Jim) Cooper and making sure that we have the best possible pool of candidates for our next superintendent. What we learned last year with the departure of Dr. (John) Sturock is that waiting until June to start looking left us with a small group of picked-over candidates. Charlevoix is competing with 23 other districts in the state that are currently looking for superintendents and we want a first round draft choice.

The superintendent/principal model for school administration appears to work effectively in only a handful of small school districts across the state. Charlevoix has more students in our high school than most of

districts, someone who is a skilled negotiator and is a leader in the community as well as at the schools. Few candidates that have this level of experience would consider filling the dual roles.

Schools are a people driven business. Charlevoix Public Schools has 130 employees that support roughly 1,300 students with an annual operating budget of $12 million. The dual role concept would provide theoretical savings by not filling the superintendent or principal position. The salary that either one of these positions draws is less than 1 percent of that budget. We could miss hiring the top quality superintendent that the district needs to guide us in the future for a less than 1 percent financial gain.

I agree with Mr. Boss in that we have top-notch business manager, Shawn Biddle. Shawn is very capable of developing the financial plans that we need. She needs a strong superintendent to provide the framework of the school operation during the budgeting process and then again, to implement those plans. There has always been strong superintendent/business manager team to manage the schools — think back to the Gordon VanWieren/Rich Kelly days.

Everyone knows that Michigan is in a financial crisis right now and that it will not be cured overnight. The threat of financial uncertainty in school funding and staff layoffs will not go away until the state finds its way out of trouble. We cannot operate our schools with a part-time superintendent for some unknown period of time and

the constitutional question before the court as it regards religious rights afforded to the citizens of the United States by the First Amendment and the practice of polygamy by a religious sect in the following excerpt:

"The inquiry is not as to the power of Congress to prescribe criminal laws for the territories, but as to the guilt of one who knowingly violates a law which has been properly enacted, if he entertains a religious belief that the law is wrong. Congress cannot pass a law for the government of the territories which shall prohibit the free exercise of religion. The First Amendment to the Constitution expressly forbids such legislation. Religious freedom is guaranteed everywhere throughout the United States, so far as congressional interference is concerned. The question to be determined is, whether the law now under consideration comes within this prohibition. The word 'religion' is not defined in the Constitution. We must go elsewhere, therefore, to ascertain its meaning, and no more appropriately we think, than to the history of the times in the midst of which the provision was adopted. The pre-

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The best thing about memories? No one can take them away

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ents would be caravanning over to our modest home to take part in the feast that mom had spent hours preparing. After eating until we thought we would burst, she then brought out the piéce de résistance — a cake made to look like a white rabbit. I'll always remember the bunny rabbit ears made from the white, dry cleaner cardboard that kept my dad's shirts nicely pressed. Mom had used round cake pans to bake this wonderful delicacy, and sliced the slightly cooled cake in two to form the body — the remaining cake formed his head. To this day, it's a pattern still gracing the magazines that women purchase from their local grocery store. The fluffy white frosting and handfuls of flavorful coconut made the rabbit come to life. The final display of black string licorice for the whiskers gave the rabbit its authentic look. As a small child I sat in awe of such a creation.

Years have passed, I am thinking back to those days as if they were yesterday. We're traveling down the road again to celebrate Easter, but this time it would be different. Mom had broken her back and the healing took its toll. She moved slower but still wanted to please us all by preparing food items and spending time listening to our girls share their latest escapades. I'll never forget those brief moments we shared. That trip would be our last — mom passed away from a massive stroke two months later.

Our girls are grown now with families of their own. If I could visit their memory banks it would be fun to see what they have kept from our many years traveling to Florida during their Easter vacation. Though their childhood memories and mine are vastly different, the important thing is that we took the time create them. The best thing about memories is that no one can take them away from you, they become endearing as we age and sometimes they are all we have left.

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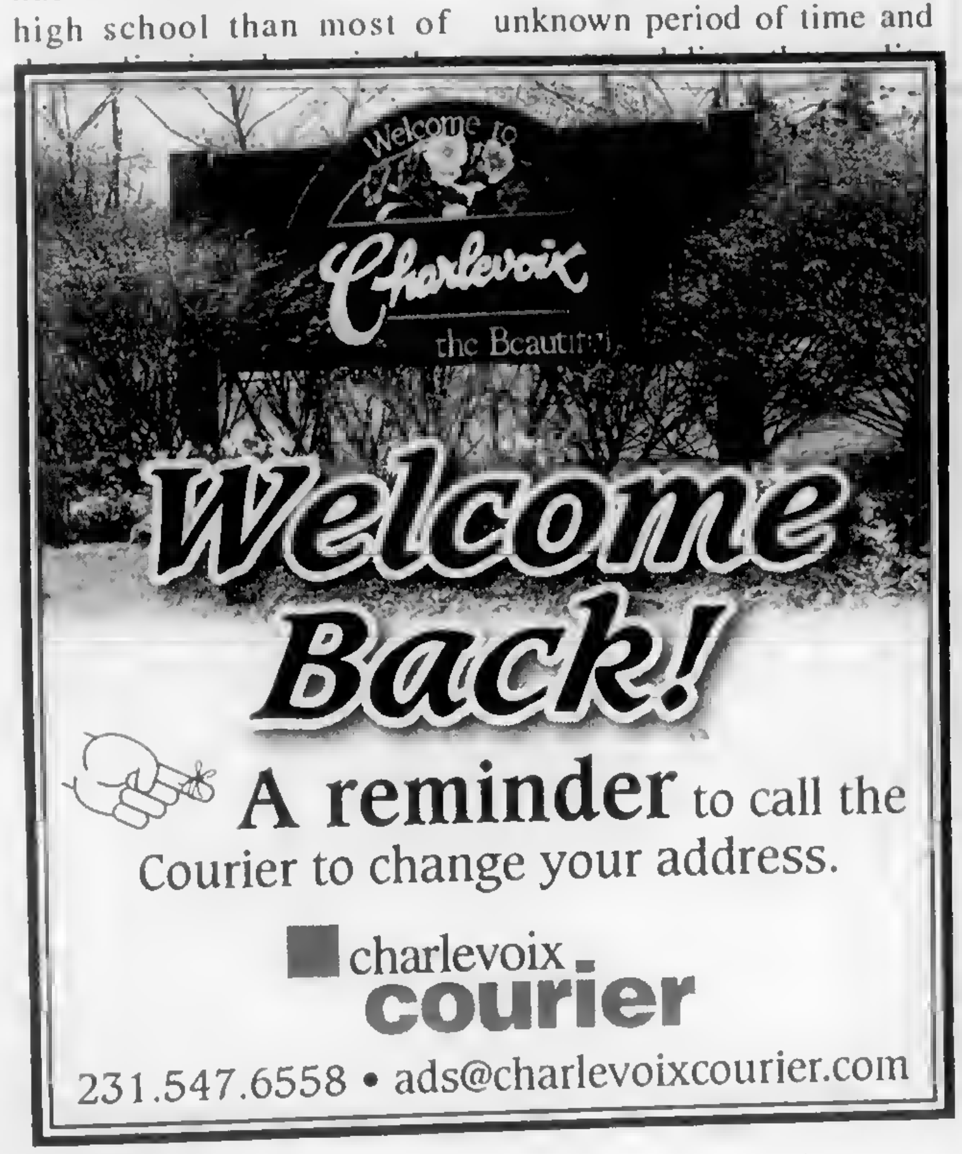
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Library invites book lovers to 'Read all about it' author event

Anne-Marie Oomen

'House of Fields'

Anne-Marie Oomen, author of "House of Fields," will pay a special visit to the Charlevoix Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, for an evening of first-rate storytelling, book signing and question-and-answer time with guests.

Oomen is visiting the Charlevoix library as part of the Library of Michigan's 2007 "Michigan Notable Authors Tour." This year, 18 authors whose engaging works were chosen as 2007 Michigan Notable Books selections will visit nearly 70 libraries throughout the state. The Charlevoix library is located at 220 West Clinton St. in Charlevoix. For details about this author event, call (231) 237-7340 or visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Oomen writes haunting lyrical stories of farm, fields and family. With rural culture as its heart, her first nonfiction collection, "Pulling Down the Barn," a Michigan Notable Book, is now in its second printing. "House of Fields" and "Un-coded Woman" as well as two books of poetry, "Seasons of the Sleeping Bear" and "Moniker" all offer insight into country living at its quirkiest and most tender. She has written and produced several plays. She serves as chair of creative writing at Interlochen Arts Academy where she is faculty editor for the Interlochen Review. She and her husband live in Empire.

High school, hospital to host April blood drives

Charlevoix High School and Charlevoix Area Hospital will host upcoming blood drives.

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host an American Red Cross blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Friday, April 13.

All presenting donors can enter to win a 2007 Tigers ticket game package. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (231) 547-8906.

Charlevoix High School student council will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 at the high school. To make an appointment call (231) 547-3222, extension 2032.

WEDDING

Knapp — Clark

Courtesy photo

Shawnee Marie Sellers Knapp and Thomas Lee Clark, both of East Jordan were married in a double ring ceremony at 4 p.m. March 11 at the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church in East Jordan. Rev. David Crain officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Bobby Sellers Sr. (deceased) and Betty Sellers of East Jordan. The groom is the son of Robin and Sandra Clark, also of East Jordan.

The bride was escorted to the alter by Joe Frost. The maid of honor was Tamatha Oliver and the best man was Steve Hawkins, both of East Jordan. A reception was held after the ceremony.

The bride is employed by the Petoskey News-Review as a driver/carrier and the groom is employed as a mechanic.

The couple made their home in East Jordan.

Pictures, Pictures

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Charlevoix native, fourth generation farmer wins 2007 Marge Karker Scholarship

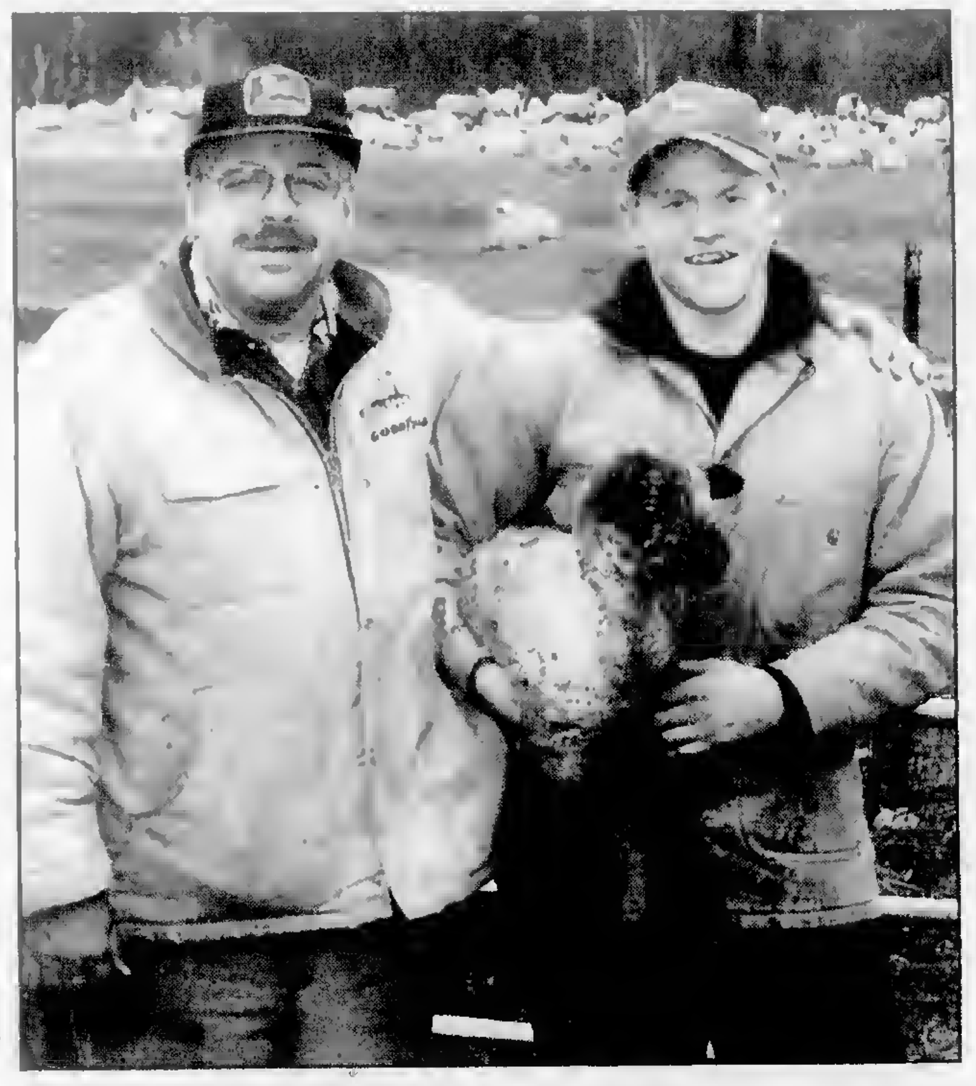

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix native, Isaac Matchett, pictured above on his family farm In Marion Township with his father, Tim Matchett, has been named the recipient of Michigan Farm Bureau's 2007 Marge Karker Scholarship. He is a freshman at Michigan State University, studying livestock management and plans to work on the family sheep farm after graduation.

Isaac Matchett of Charlevoix has been named the recipient of Michigan Farm Bureau's 2007 Marge Karker Scholarship.

Matchett, 19, is a freshman at Michigan State University, studying livestock management.

"After college, I plan to work with my dad on the family sheep farm," Matchett, who will be the fourth generation to tend the herd, said. "My goal is to become a full-time farmer, producing lamb and buying and selling feeds."

Prior to attending Michigan State University, Matchett was an active student at Charlevoix High School, where he graduated in 2006 with a 3.8 grade-point average. There he earned achievement awards in construction, robotics, management support and accounting, and was a member of the National Honor Society. He also earned his academic letter and competed in both cross country and track and field.

Throughout high school Matchett worked on his family's 275-acre, 160-head sheep operation near Charlevoix. He also pitched in on some neighboring operations, shearing sheep and doing other farm chores.

The son of Timothy and Linda Matchett is also involved in his county Farm Bureau organization as the Young Farmer representative to the board of directors.

The $1,500 Marge Karker Scholarship is awarded annually to a student enrolled in a two-year, agriculture-related program at Michigan State University. He was honored at the Agriculture and Natural Resources Award program, March 16 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

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Calling all egg hunters

The 16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 7 in Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix. Prior to the Egg Hunt, Stafford's Weathervane restaurant will host the annual Easter Bunny Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Children may have a free photo taken with the Easter Bunny, compliments of Charlevoix Camera. Following the luncheon and photographs, the Easter bunny will hop down to Bridge Park, located above the Beaver Island Boat Company, for the Easter Egg Hunt compliments of Northwestern Bank. Don't forget to bring a basket to hold your child's share of the 6,000 prize-filled eggs. Prior to the egg hunt, the children ages 2 to 10 will be divided into four age categories. For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce office at (231) 547-2101.

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At 11:30 a.m. on Good Friday, April 6, members of area churches will meet at Rite Aid off M-66 in Charlevoix to carry a cross to First Baptist Church, commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus at Calvary. Special prayer services will also take place that day at Charlevoix churches.

DEATH NOTICE

Robert Houtman: Died March 31, 2007

Robert Houtman, 72, of Williston, Fla., passed away March 31. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

OBITUARIES

Ada Kelly: Feb. 2, 1907 - March 27, 2007

Ada Kelly, 100, of Charlevoix, beloved mother-in-law and grandmother, died Tuesday March 27 at Boulder Park Terrace.

She was born Feb. 2, 1907, in Clarksburg, W.Va., daughter of James Richardson and Eliza Jane Partridge, originally from West Bromwich, England. Ada lived most of her childhood and young adulthood in Cleveland, Ohio where her father worked for the steel mills.

Ada met and married her husband, Paul Ahem Kelly in Cleveland where they both worked for The Cleveland Press. They later moved to Columbus, Ohio where Paul eventually became owner of a successful advertising agency. The Kelly's of Columbus, Ohio, also became known for their loyalty to the Ohio State University Buckeyes. That affiliation was Ada's trademark as years went by, and her family is certain that she has entered through the pearly gates to the tune of the Ohio State University fight song. Ada worked for 25 years at the Ohio State Medical Association while in Columbus. In her leisure, she enjoyed sports, playing golf and cards, reading, baking cookies and participating in family activities.

Ada resided with her son's family in Charlevoix for the past 15 years. She has been a resident of Boulder Park Terrace for a year-and-a-half. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul A. Kelly of Columbus, Ohio, two daughters, Patricia Anne and Rosemary Kelly of Columbus, Ohio, and a son, Richard A. Kelly of Charlevoix. Ada is survived by a daughter-in-law, Anne Kelly of Charlevoix; five grandchildren, R. Scott Kelly (Anu) of Washington, D.C., Amy Ellen Kelly (Chris) Warner of Fenton, Jennifer Anne (Michael) Guglielmi of San Carlos, Calif., Laura Elizabeth (Brian) Kelly of Charlevoix, Patricia Jill Kelly of Charlevoix; and eight great-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial Mass offered for Ada at Charlevoix St. Mary Church at a future date, still to be determined. She will be buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

Gerald 'J.T.' Boulton:

July 27, 1945 - March 30, 2007

Gerald Eugene "J.T." Boulton, 61, died Friday, March 30 at his apartment in Charlevoix.

Rite of Christian Burial took place on Tuesday, April 3 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Fr. Jerry Hunko officiated. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

J.T. was born on July 27, 1945 in Charlevoix, the son of Eugene Karison and Mary K. McSawby Boulton. He has lived in Charlevoix his entire life. He was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by his mother, Mary K. Washagesic of Charlevoix; two sisters, Janice (Duane) Newstead of Alanson and Donna Washagesic of Charlevoix; one brother, Robert Washagesic of Charlevoix; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Deanna Belcher and Glenda Cantu; and one brother, Richard Boulton.

Visitation was on Monday, April 2 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Memorials may be given to Charlevoix County Humane Society.

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Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

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Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
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Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
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LETTERS to the editor

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cise point of the inquiry is, what is religious freedom which has been guaranteed."

The principle historical documents presented by Chief Justice Waite in his opinion to reveal the thinking at the time the Bill of Rights as ratified (1791) comes from two sources: "The Virginia Act For Establishing Religious freedom," written by Thomas Jefferson in 1785, and Jefferson's letter to the Danbury Baptist Association which was written in 1802.

The Virginia Act passed by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1786 made it perfectly clear that there was to be a "true distinction between what properly belongs to the church and what to the state."

"...that to suffer the civil magistrate to intrude his powers into the field of (religious) opinion, and to restrain the profession or propagation of (religious) principles on supposition of their ill tendency, is a dangerous fallacy which at once destroys all religious liberty, 'it is declared' that it is time enough for the rightful purpose of civil government for its officers to interfere when (religious) principles break out into overt acts against peace and good order."

In the following excerpt from Jefferson's Danbury letter he reiterates the same clear-cut distinction he made in the Virginia Act:

"Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God; that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship; that the legislative powers of the government reach (religious) actions only, and not opinions..."

Mr. Gohs and his fellow travelers at the Charlevoix Courier may have foolishly chosen not to agree with Chief Justice Waite's Constitutional analysis of where the appropriate legislative boundary lines may be drawn through the First Amendment to protect the citizenry from the oftentimes murderous application of religious doctrine, but nevertheless to sensible clear thinking people Chief Justice Waite's opinion was well argued and the correct reading of Thomas Jefferson's and the other founding fathers' intent.

Steve A. Redder
Petoskey

WHAT NEXT IN NORWOOD?

Editor:

In a long line of apparent indiscretions and glaring conflict of interest maneuvers, Mr. (Wayne) Wynkoop, Norwood Township supervisor, is at it again.

Most recently, an emergency meeting was held, at the very awkward weekday time of 8 a.m. to discuss budget issues regarding proposed pay raises for certain township officials. Also noteworthy, on March 19 pay raises were approved for the members of the planning commission and the zoning administrator.

Conveniently, this meeting was held just weeks prior to Mr. Wynkoop's plan to present his new improved limestone quarry proposal, to the very same planning commission.

It should be noted, Mr. Wynkoop currently has a court ordered injunction prohibiting current or future use of his land for any commercial use, revoked only with a court order.

As time goes by, it is becoming more apparent that the current issues in Norwood Township are less about the rights of land ownership, but rather center around misuse and abuse of political power for personal and financial gains, an overt neglect of local zoning, nearby neighbors and the township as a whole, and finally, a viscous cycle of "an old boys' network" gone bad.

Sadly, it appears that the Norwood Township governmental bodies, all appointed by Mr. Wynkoop, are quickly losing their credibility, or at the least their decisions rendered, need to be reviewed with the highest scrutiny, and possibly held in question in a higher court of check and balance.

But hey, they must be doing something right, for the whole gang just received a nice pay raise, including, a self-nominated raise for the township supervisor himself, Mr. Wynkoop.

In Norwood, we need to save our community and our hard earned tax dollars. A change is desperately needed.

Ryan McConnell
Norwood

HOW TO BE THE MVP

Editor:

It was a fantastic year for boys' high school basketball. I took my 10-year-old son to most of the games including the recent one at the Michigan State University Breslin Center. I would like to congratulate all the players for an outstanding season filled with tremendous teamwork. You never knew from one night to the next which boys were going to end up scoring the points. It seemed like there were at least two starting teams.

But there was one player who I told my son is probably the most valuable player. He didn't start on the first team and he didn't start on the second team. But in some ways he played more than any other player on the court.

I do not know any players personally but was always taken how this player was continuously motivating the rest of the team to victory. He was there when they went on the court yelling with enthusiasm. He was there when his fellow players came off the court with words of encouragement. He was there at each time out going from player to player pumping each of them up.

I remember the first time I saw him take the court at the end of the game. His teammates and the students roared with cheers. The roars turned into hysterics as he shot a three-pointer and it was all net. Each game my son and I would watch this young man "play the game" of basketball with his team. It takes a spark to make a flame and a little wind to make it a roaring fire. I told my son that this young man is the spark and the wind that keeps the fire burning. That is why I think number 11 should be considered the MVP of the 2007 Charlevoix High School basketball season.

Glenn Wachler
Charlevoix

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PARENTING expert help

During the school year, the Charlevoix Courier publishes a Parenting page that runs the first Wednesday of the month. Headlining the section is a column written by area health practitioners and other kid experts. Also included are book picks for all ages. Send column ideas to news@charlevoixcourier.com or mail then to Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117 Charlevoix, MI 49720

Do you know what your kids are watching?

KIDS CORNER

Benjamin Gohs

Whether viewed at the theater or home, kids love movies. Many a Saturday evening I join the wife and kids for some new or classic picture, but nothing makes me madder than a movie that goes from PG to NC-17 in some lame attempt to reach adults in the audience.

And, while Dr. Spock I ain't, I don't appreciate my 11-year-old daughter seeing Pinocchio in a thong in "Shrek 2," Wolverine dry humping Jean Gray in "X-Men III," or hearing a robot talking about getting a Brazilian wax in the movie "Robots."

Before you call me a prude, Google "define: Brazilian wax" and ask yourself why an X-rated procedure is referenced in a movie obviously aimed at kids.

The Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) instated a voluntary and unenforceable rating system since 1968. The MPAA ratings board is an anonymous group of parents who view, discuss and then vote on what they feel a movie should be rated.

A recent study for the Harvard School of Public Health on changes in movie ratings from 1992 to 2003 claims more and more objectionable material has made its way into lower rating classifications.

"Age-based ratings alone do not provide good information about the depiction of violence, sex, profanity, and other content, and the criteria for rating movies became less stringent over the last decade," stated study authors Kimberly M. Thompson, Sc.D and Fumie Yokota, Ph.D.

Disney's 2002 film "The Rookie" is a good example of what some are calling "Ratings creep." Though G-rated, the movie contains the depiction of alcohol and cigarette use, a woman grabbing her husband's butt and minor profanity. The Motion Picture Association of America Web site contradicts itself by stating G-rated movies contain no bad language, sexuality or drug use.

A movie rated PG-13 may contain nudity, drug use, gore, rape and foul language, leading some to believe today's PG-13 is the new R rating.

Movies and DVDs have brief and often vague explanations for why they received a given rating, but that is of little comfort when halfway through a kids' movie you are mortified by a reference or scene which the Motion Picture Association of America board didn't find offensive.

To this end, some have called for movie makers to be fined or regulated by the government. While I wouldn't go that far, I would like to know what I'm about to let my kids watch.

Lucky for concerned parents there are several Web sites including: www.kids-in-mind.com, www.pluggedinonline.com and www.screenit.com which can help.

Each site offers detailed information on thousands of old and new movies including types of profanity, instances of nudity, drug use and much more.

All three sites are fast, effective and free ways to check out a movie without investing two hours of your life or spending money on tickets and DVDs.

While all three sites were helpful, I spent most of my time at www.screenit.com, a site run by a husband and wife team tired of not knowing what they were about to let their kids watch.

Let's say you are unsure whether "The Last Mimzy" (PG) is right for your youngster. The Screenit.com crew detailed the following and more: alcohol/drugs-none, blood/gore-minor, guns/weapons-mild, sex/nudity-mild, smoking-none, violence-mild.

Critics of concerned parents say your kids will be exposed to junk in the media regardless of what you do, and that may be true, but just because your children have the potential to be hit by a car while on the sidewalk doesn't mean you should push them into traffic.

For more information on the Motion Picture Association of America visit www.mpaa.org.

Benjamin Gohs is staff writer for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at bgohs@charlevoixcourier.com.

Movie ratings at a glance

From the Motion Picture Association of America's Web site www.mpaa.org, what ratings mean:

G — General Audiences: Though not automatically a kids' movie, a G-rated film contains no themes, language, nudity, sex or violence that would offend parents of young children.

PG — Parental Guidance Suggested: A film the Motion Picture Association of America warns should be examined by parents before allowing kids to watch. PG-rated films may contain profanity, violence, brief nudity or other elements not suitable for children, but not drug use.

PG-13 — Parental Guidance Suggested for children under 13: A PG-13 movie is supposed to be even more of a warning to parents. The Motion Picture Association of America says the PG-13 rating, "leaps beyond the boundaries of the PG rating in theme, violence, nudity, sensuality, language, or other contents, but does not quite fit within the restricted R category. Any drug use content will initially require at least a PG-13 rating."

R — Restricted: Children 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian due to the depiction including strong language, violence, nudity, drug abuse, rape, gore and more.

NC-17 — No one 17 or under admitted. The NC-17 rating is an R-rated movie with much more apparently objectionable material.

'Must reads' from library director Valerie Meyerson

The following is a list of age specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for April reading.

JOANNA HARRISON, "DEAR BEAR"
PRE-K TO FIRST-GRADE

Katie is afraid of what might be under the stairs. She's sure it's a bear. Katie's mom suggests she write a letter to the bear and what follows is a gentle correspondence encouraged by Katie's parents reaching a lovely ending. Read it one-on-one or to a group to explore creative ways to face your fears.

JILL DAVIS, "OPEN YOUR EYES"
MIDDLE SCHOOL AND UP

Well-known children's authors including Lois Lowry, Harry Mazer and Jean Fritz, share personal stories of living and traveling in other countries "opening their eyes" to the world. An Army brat is given a precious gift by a poor Tokyo shop keeper. A missionary kid growing up in China is awestruck to come home to America – a country she had only heard about. The African-American daughter of a U.S. senator hosts an exchange student from South Africa and both are forever changed. Their stories give us a greater appreciation for the world and perspective for home, wherever that may be.

ANTHONY HOROWITZ, "ALEX RIDER, THE GADGETS"
MIDDLE SCHOOL AND UP

Fans of the Alex Rider series have a treat. All the high-tech gadgets used by the teen spy in the series are pictured and explained here. Typed "confidential" in the front, readers get to peruse the spy's weapons of choice including the stun grenade key ring, pizza delivery assassin kit and the ejector seat and missile system on the cannondale

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Beaver Island's lone scout reaches out

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

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Danny LaFreniere shows off a few of the dozens of hats he made. LaFreniere, who was inspired by a friend of his who is currently fighting breast cancer, hopes the hats will keep the heads of chemotherapy patients warm while they fight for their lives.

Courtesy photo

Beaver Island's lone Boy Scout, Danny LaFreniere, measured, cut and sewed enough material to make nearly 70 hats which he later had hand delivered to the oncology clinics of both Northern Michigan Hospital and Charlevoix Area Hospital.

If you ever doubt the kind of positive influence one person can have on complete strangers, take heart.

One Beaver Island Boy Scout of Troop 200, in fact the only Beaver Island Boy Scout of Troop 200, has touched the lives of at least 60 people suffering from a terrible illness. But you wouldn't know it to hear his humble take on things.

"I did this for the people that were going through chemotherapy," 13-year-old scout Danny LaFreniere said. "So, I sewed some hats together and sent them over (to the mainland)."

Danny made 64 fleece skullcaps over the course of several weeks.

"I just really wanted to do this," he said. "My grandma bought some (of the materials) and she sent it to my mom."

Danny was inspired by his friend Liz Lanier who has been fighting breast cancer since October 2006.

"I've known Danny for about four years," Lanier said. "I think what he's doing is very touching."

She added, "We gave one (hat) to a man receiving chemotherapy right next to me and he loved it."

Lanier said one person can truly make a difference in the lives of others.

"I don't remember thinking outside of the box at 13 like that," she said. "When they find out he's (Danny) only 13, it's really something else."

She added, "I have two hats and I believe most of them in Petoskey (Northern Michigan Hospital) are gone already. They have a hat tree and when I went there last, there was only one left."

Danny's hats went to the oncology clinics of both Northern Michigan Hospital and Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Despite being the lone scout on the island, Danny makes his presence known.

"He's a pretty famous kid in his own right over here," said Danny's mom, Jacque LaFreniere. "I'm pretty proud of him. He's a good kid."

She added, "This was supposed to be a six-hour service project for his star rank, though we probably spent that or more."

While Danny has no fellow scouts to share his contribution to people suffering with cancer, Jacque said Danny isn't really alone.

"Danny has role models in his cousins who are both Eagle Scouts and that's kind of what he is aiming at," Jacque said. "I think he's doing really good. He's got a good goal to become an Eagle Scout and I think he has the stick-to-itiveness to hang on 'til he gets the status he wants."

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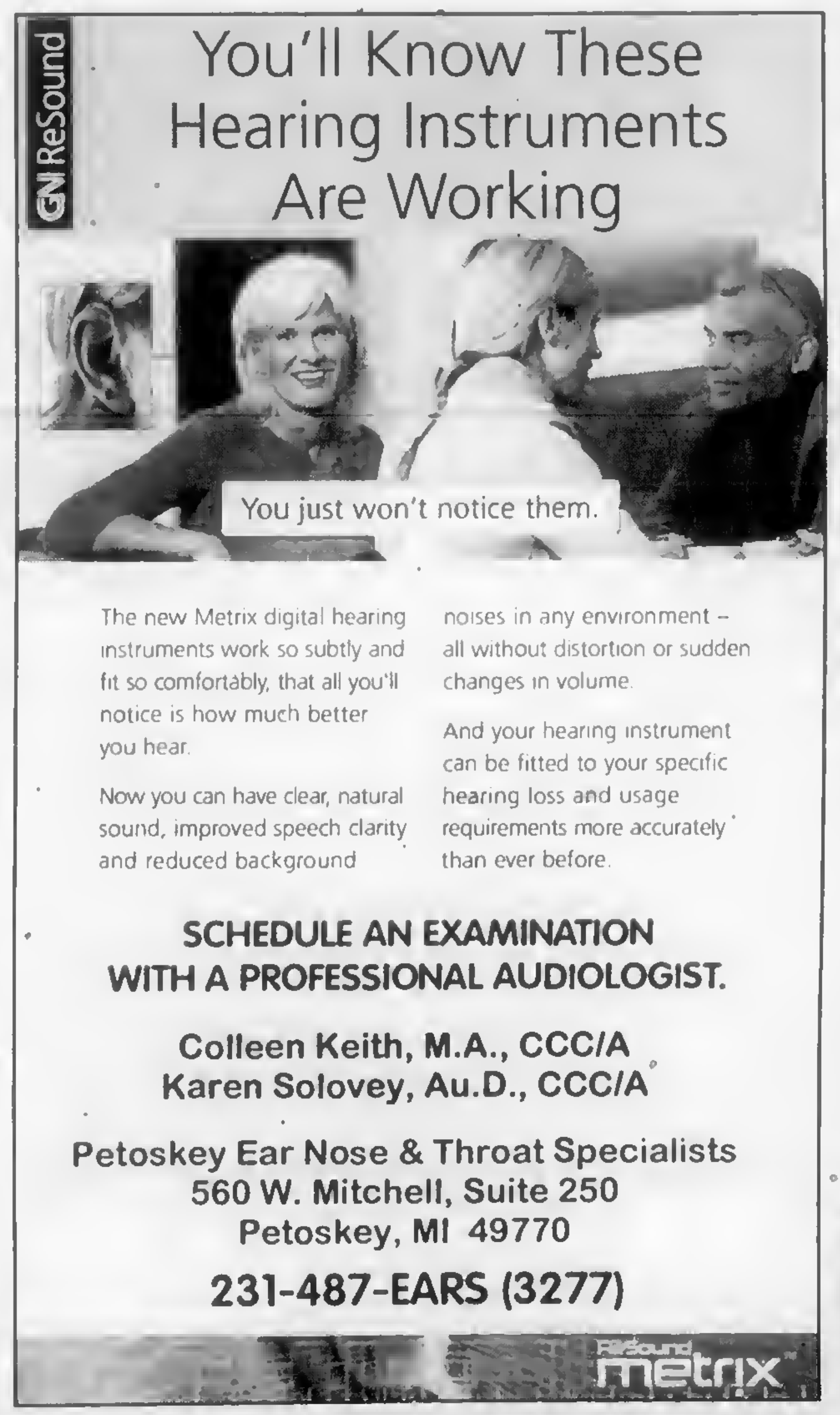
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Photo by Julie Christiansen

Julie Christiansen snapped this action shot of Mt. McSauba snowboarding instructor Marvin Witthoeft on Saturday March 24 at Mt. McSauba. Skiers and snowboarders celebrated the last day of the snow season while enjoying the water hole.

Photo by Larry Smith

Larry Smith, a Charlevoix resident and nephew of Charlevoix Courier columnist Edith Gilbert took this shot of his dog Cocoa enjoying spring break on March 27 at Michigan Beach.

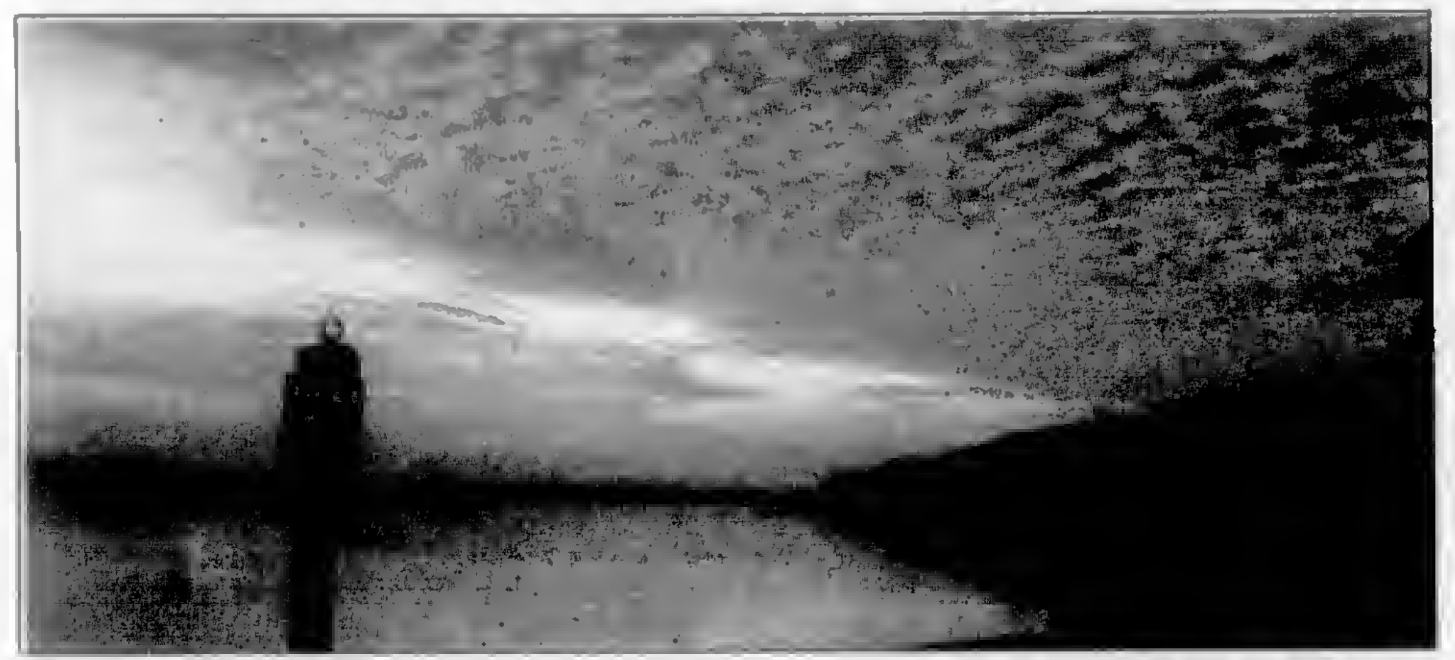

Photo by Geri Creasey

Geri Creasey of Charlevoix captured this beutiful sunset over Lake Charlevoix's north end in November 2006.

Photo by Michelle Utley

Michelle Utley took this shot of her son Jeremiah Utley, a second-grade student at Northwest Academy reading to Douglas through the PAWS program at Charlevoix Public Library.

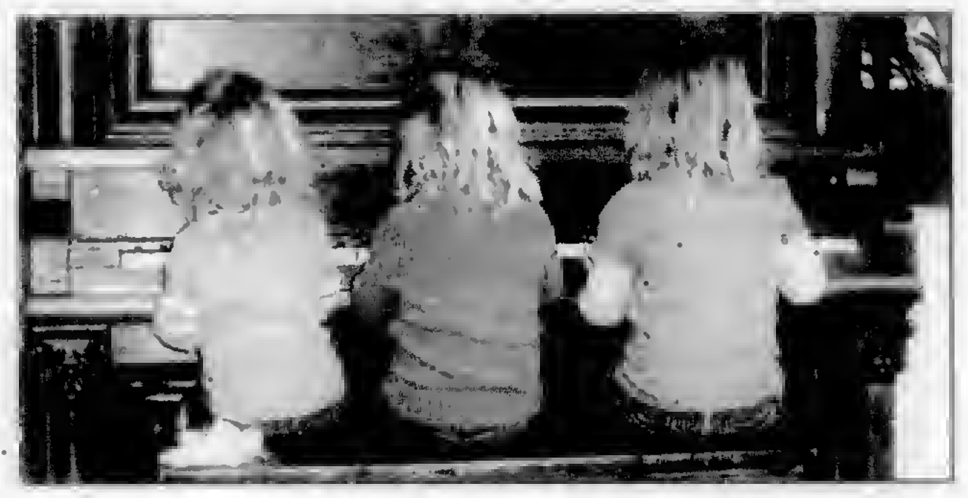

Photo by Breanne Dawson

Breanne Dawson, a Charlevoix graduate living in Central Lake, took this picture of her daughter (left) Ellie Dawson, 2, and Breanne's nieces LeAnne Marr, 4, and Callie Marr, 6 in Sault Ste. Marie where they were in early March for a hockey tournament. The girls were singing their ABC's and playing the piano.

That's my photograph!

Photo by Mike Schlitt

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Development authority names Carey director

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

A Charlevoix native has been given the opportunity to shape his hometown's future.

On April 1, Keith Carey, 31, was officially hired as the new executive director of Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority.

"I'm excited to be official. It's been a tenuous few weeks in no man's land," said Carey, whose Cool Cities coordinator contract with the City of Charlevoix expired at the end of March. "Folks are expecting the project (Cool Cities) to continue but I didn't have the authority to start implementation."

His Cool Cities contract was approved in November 2006 for $3,500 a month for three to six months. His new contract provides a salary of $42;800 a year plus full medical benefits.

"We have a lot of projects going and a lot of things we want to do. We need someone there (at city hall) more than the board that meets once or twice a month. He's done a great job and we are happy to have him on board," said Hugh Mason, chairman of the Downtown Development Authority.

Keith Carey

Carey, who coordinated the development of a market study of the downtown area, and of a five-year economic enhancement action strategy through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Cool Cities Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns grant, said he now has the clout he needs as a true city employee at the department head level to bring elements of the plan to fruition.

"It seems to me, the DDA would like to see as many first-year HyettPalma recommendations as possible," Carey said of his immediate priorities.

These first-year recommendations were developed by consultants with the firm, HyettPalma, who formulated the Cool Cities Blueprint market study and action strategy. The main elements of the first-year plan are listed in the graphic at right.

According to representatives of the Downtown Development Authority, Carey's main focus will be to implement the blueprint, coordinate downtown activities, act as a mediator between businesses and city government and explore funding opportunities.

"At this point, the sky's the limit. We have a to-do list, significant goals and a great downtown that still needs some improvements," he said. "I want to do something that gets people excited about downtown Charlevoix from a shopper's, business owner's and visitor's perspective."

His plans including a hefty marketing element focused specifically on downtown Charlevoix that will incorporate development of a Web site aimed at promoting what exists and attracting potential new business opportunities.

Carey is a 1997 graduate of Alma College with a degree in history and a double minor in political science and communications.

He moved back to Charlevoix in the fall of 2006 from the Lansing area where he lived for 10 years. While in Lansing, he spent over four years as chief legislative aid for former Republican State Representative Scott Shackleton. He also worked for three years as a lobbyist for the National Federation for Independent Business, a small business advocacy group.

While his career in Lansing was rewarding, Carey said after the birth of his son, Camden, 1, he and his wife Heather felt the need to settle in a place well-suited to raising children and Charlevoix was their choice.

Carey is the son of Bill and Judy Carey of Charlevoix and is a 1993 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

Carey can be contacted by calling the Charlevoix city manager's office at city hall, (231) 547-3270.

What happended?

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Blueprint first-year action plan initiatives:

Hire a downtown coordinator

Install way finding sign system

Fully link downtown with the Little Traverse Wheelway

Place bike racks throughout downtown

Reintroduce ice rink into East Park plan

Remove parking meters

Introduce two-hour parking time limit and license tag monitoring system

Balance transient and shopper's dock slips

Encourage maximum amount of outdoor seating at food establishments

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DDA debates message meters send

City officials debate benefit of removing Bridge Street parking meters

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

File photo

Whether or not the City of Charlevoix will follow the consulting firm HyettPalma's recommendation to remove parking meters on Bridge Street is a topic of debate. Meters are traditionally in place by Memorial Day, May 28.

HyettPalma's golden rule for success of the Downtown Blueprint marketing plan for Charlevoix is to follow the plan but one of the first recommendations considered was met with opposition.

On March 26, Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority discussed the consulting firm's recommendation to remove parking meters from Bridge Street this year and enforce a two-hour parking limit similar to that which exists on side streets including the 100 block of Mason Street.

Downtown Development Authority executive director, Keith Carey, said the concept behind meter removal is, "Throwing out the proverbial welcome mat."

City police chief Gerard Doan was in attendance and discouraged the authority from supporting Bridge Street meter removal.

"The idea with the meters is they keep people moving. Pull the meters and I have an enforcement issue," Doan said.

Enforcement of non-metered, regulated parking is currently accomplished on side streets by meter readers who chalk tires and check the markings.

While enforcement is one concern, Downtown Development Authority member, Kirby Dipert, who also owns and operates retail stores on Bridge Street, said another is employees of businesses and downtown residents parking there.

"We want Bridge Street spaces to turn," he said.

While the city faces possible Bridge Street squatters if a decision is made to remove the meters, they also grapple with a potential loss of revenue. In 2006 parking violations, including payments for expired meter fines, generated $21,446. The meter readers cost the city $17,600. The $3,846 balance is directed to the city's general fund. The projected revenue this year is estimated at $21,500 and expenses at $17,600.

Fines for meter violations are $2. After 24 hours the fine spikes to $10 and to $20 after 72 hours.

Interim city manager and treasurer Rick Brandi said revenue from Bridge Street meter violations is not "a big percentage" of the total parking violation revenue pie.

"I wouldn't say all of that $21,000 would go away," he said.

The meters are generally put in place before Memorial Day, May 28 and are no longer enforced after Labor Day, Sept. 3.

No official decision was reached by the Downtown Development Authority. The power to make this change lies in the hands of Charlevoix City Council. Carey said he does not know if the Downtown Development Authority will make an official recommendation to city council.

The next scheduled Downtown Development Authority meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 23 in city council chambers located on the second floor of Charlevoix City Hall.

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Marina FLASHBACK

In an effort to remind readers of how the East Park and municipal marina property have evolved, the Courier has teamed up with the Charlevoix Historical Society to bring readers a photo history of the property. This will run weekly in a "Then and Now" format with a picture from the past and the current construction schedule.

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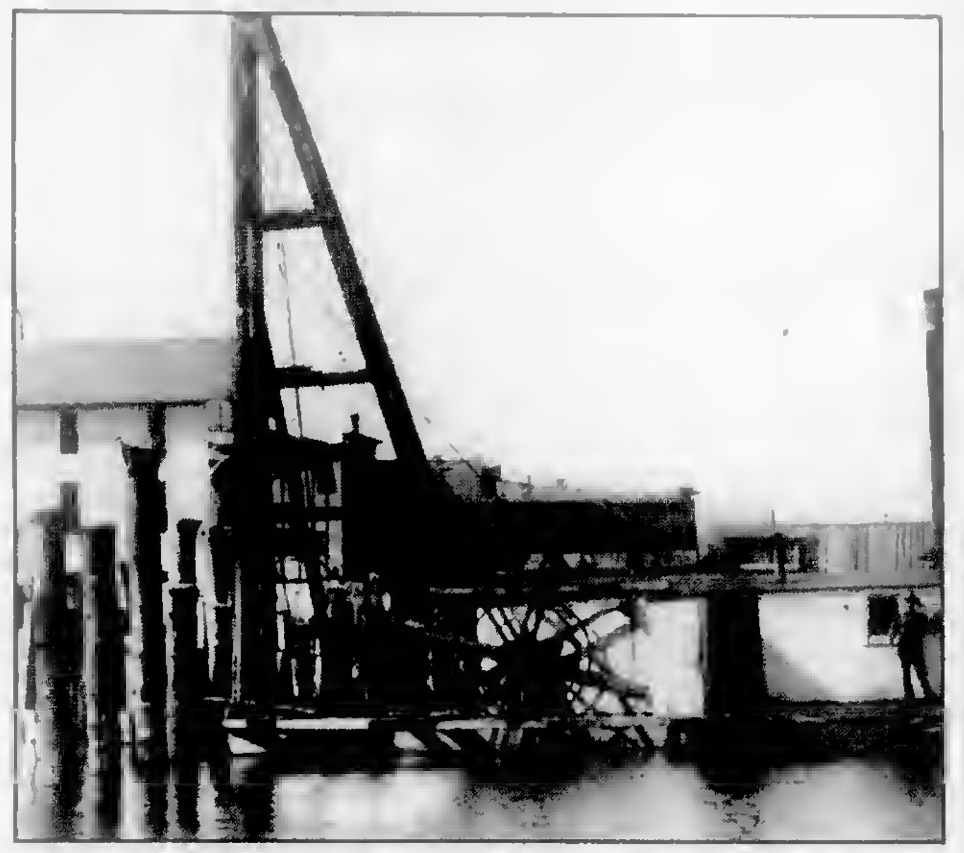

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(Left) The port of Charlevoix began to boom in the late 19th century with the cutting through and enlargement of a navigable waterway from Lake Michigan into Round Lake. The town was now able to accommodate the largest lake vessels. Expanded dock space became an immediate priority. Soon the entire waterfront from the channel to Antrim Street became filled with wharfs, pilings and docks. The pilings were driven into the lake bed using machines mounted on barges like the one seen at left near today's East Park.

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Background

Phase 1 of the $10 million East Park and marina renovation project includes the seawall replacement, removal of the 17 existing piers, which at the furthest point extend 75-feet into Round Lake, installation of new sheet pile running the length of the park 850-feet, and other miscellaneous work. The targeted completion date for Phase 1 is near the end of April. Installation of the new docks, Phase 2, is underway simultaneously. It includes installation of a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220-feet into Round Lake at the furthest point. Docks which were fabricated this winter are currently being installed. Utilities are expected to he hooked up and operational near the end of June. The total cost for Phases 1 and 2 is $3.8 million.

Progress report week of March 26:

Continuation of installation of the floating dock systems.

Began installation of construction safety fencing along Bridge Street.

Tree protection installed.

Some underground work including water main installation for the new performance pavilion.

Upcoming events week of April 2:

Molon Excavating is making their connection at the seawall's southerly point with steel sheet pile.

Molon will continue to drive the sheet pile down to the final elevation.

This report was generated by Pat Elliott, City of Charlevoix Street Department superintendent. If you have any questions, please contact Elliott at (231) 547-3276.

Easter Blessings

Christ Episcopal Church
Corner of State Street and Clinton, Charlevoix
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Good Friday Service, April 6, 7 pm
Easter Sunday, April 8, 10 am

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"Cleansing & Curses," message by Pastor Chip Sauer from Mark 11:1-25
Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Thursday, April 5, 7 pm
"The Last Supper," message by Pastor Chip Sauer from Mark 14:12-25 - Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion
Community Good Friday Sevice
Friday, April 6, Noon
At the First Baptist Church, 06781 M-66 Hwy (Carrying of the cross from Rite Aid to the church, beginning at 11:30 am). Worship led by members of area churches - Sponsored by the Ministerial Association of Charlevoix
Easter Celebration
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Easter Sunday
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Friday, April 6, Noon
11:30 am Cross procession beginning at Rite Aid and ending at 1st Baptist Church for 12:00 pm Community Good Friday Service
Easter Services
Sunday, April 8, 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Ferry Beach
9:30 am Easter Breakfast
11 am Easter Worship

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Man accused of attempted robbery waives exam

Robert Wilks

A northern Michigan man accused of attempted armed robbery at a Charlevoix drug store in January has waived his preliminary examination in the case.

On March 20 Robert Jason Wilks, 25, of Bellaire waived the hearing and was bound over to circuit court to face trial on charges of attempted armed robbery and possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony. The charges are punishable by up to five years and two years in prison respectively.

The case is now slated for a Charlevoix County Circuit Court scheduling conference on April 13.

Wilks is accused of entering Central Drug Store, located at 301 Bridge St., at about 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 16 and writing a note which he allegedly used to demand painkillers from the pharmacist. Police said the pharmacist who reported seeing the handle of a pistol sticking out of the robber's waistband, refused the man's demand, after which the robber fled.

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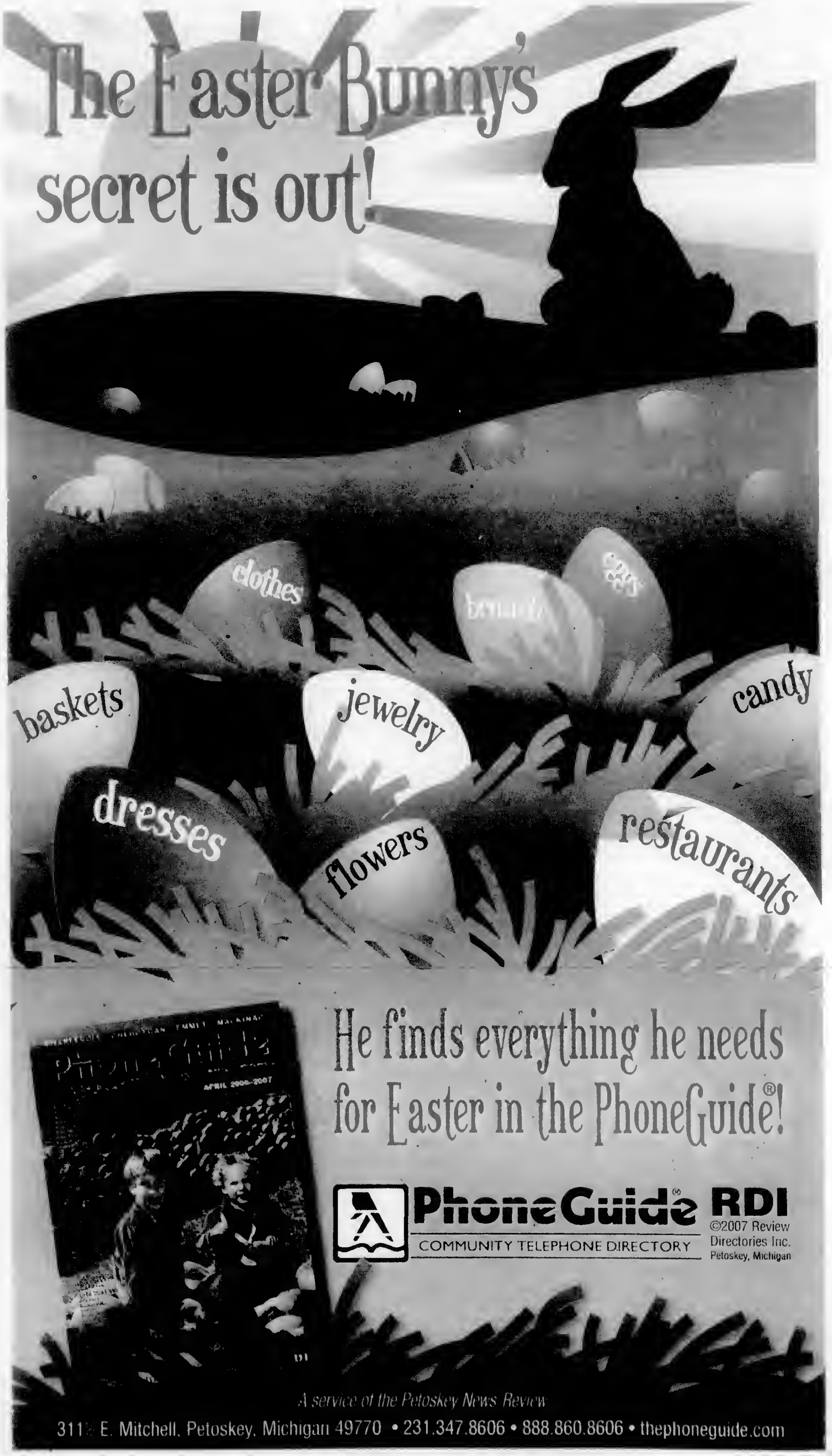

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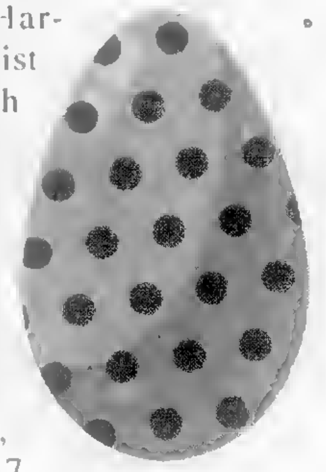
The students of Kids' Corner Preschool participated in their annual Easter Parade March 29 around downtown Charlevoix. Included in the event was their furry classmate, Captain Jack, a rabbit. The class instructor, Katie Reed led the charge. Kids' Corner Preschool meets at the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Safe Harbor to host April 7 Easter egg hunt



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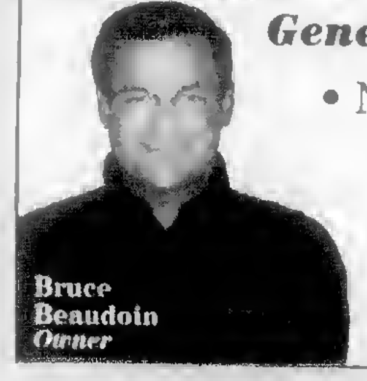

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Citizens Bank merges with Republic Bank

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix patrons of Citizens Bank recently became customers of the largest bank with its headquarters in Michigan.

According to Chris Cuffaro, community bank president of the Charlevoix branch, results of the completion of the Dec. 29, 2006 merger of Citizens and Republic Bank Corp. are 270 offices with 287 ATMs serving Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana and Iowa.

"Republic brings with them the small business administration or SBA as we like to call it, with experience which may appeal to business owners," Cuffaro said. "Citizens Bank was recognized as the new market lender of the year for 2006 during the annual Michigan District SBA awards program. This award is given to the lender that demonstrates the greatest commitment to lending to veterans, minorities and women owned businesses."

He added, "Citizens Republic Bancorp is committed to growing relationships and continuing to provide great service and ensure a smooth integration process by implementing the best practices of both companies."

The Charlevoix branch currently has nine employees.

According to a press release from Citizens Republic Bancorp, the merger will allow Citizens Republic to provide a full complement of commercial, cash management, wealth management and specialty lending products and services to Republic customers as well as enhanced small business administration, commercial real estate and mortgage banking products and services for Citizens' customers.

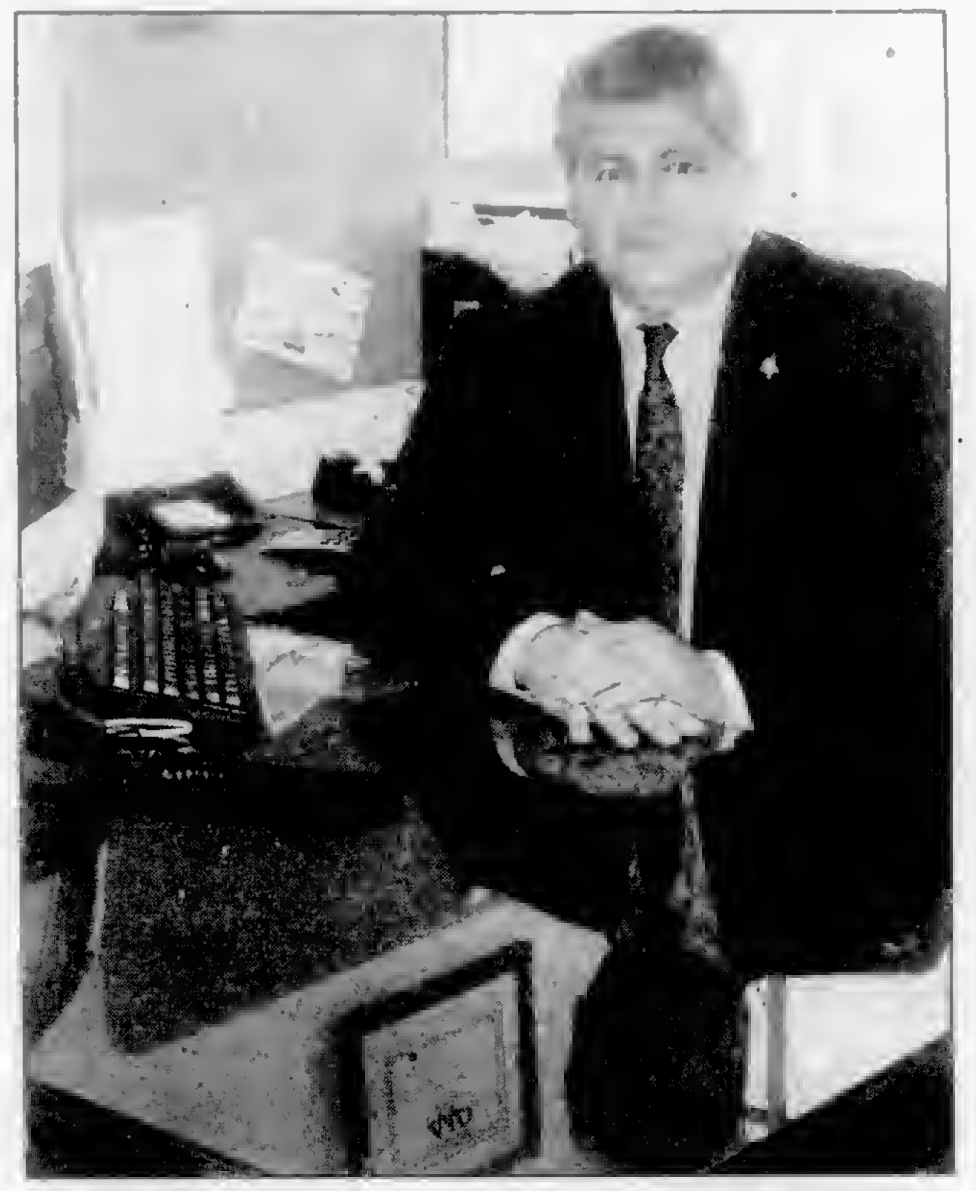
"The transaction will improve financial returns by utilizing existing operating capacity to improve efficiency. Annual cost savings of $28 million, or 9 percent of the combined expense base, are expected, of which 70 percent are projected for 2007 and 100 percent for 2008 and thereafter," the release states. "Citizens Republic anticipates $87 million in pre-tax restructuring costs, comprised of personnel, facilities/branch, systems and other expenses."

The publicly traded Citizens Bank was established in Flint in 1871 and has always maintained its headquarters in Michigan.

"A handful of Flint business owners got together to start Citizens Bank and their first loan was to William Durant to start Fisher Body for $2,000," Cuffaro said. "So, we like to think Citizens Republic Bancorp is Michigan's bank."

Cuffaro said customers won't notice any significant changes at the Charlevoix office.

"For the small business community I'm really excited about it (the merger) because I'll have more opportunities to help local small business," he said. "This is two very good banks coming together. It's just going to be a very great opportunity for us as employees to bring some new services to the market place."



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Chris Cuffaro, community bank president of the local branch of Citizens Bank discussed the benefits and new opportunities for customers following Citizens' merger with Republic Bank Corp.

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Maura Snabes earns exchange specialist certification

Maura Snabes

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Snabes is one of only seven Certified Exchange Specialists in the State of Michigan and is the only one in the northern Michigan area.

The exam is a comprehensive testing of all aspects of real estate and personal property tax-deferred exchanges. The Federation of Exchange Accommodators (FEA) is the only national trade association organized to represent professionals who conduct like-kind exchanges under Internal Revenue Code 1031.

Snabes and her partner, Jerome E. Jelinek, are both licensed attorneys and owners of Corporate Title Exchange Services. The company, established in 1995, is a member of the Federation of Exchange Accommodators and handles delayed and simultaneous forward, reverse, improvement and reverse improvement real estate and personal property exchanges.

Contact Maura Snabes at (231) 237-1100 visit 802 Bridge St. in Charlevoix or e-mail msnabes@corporatetitle.com.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayders earn All-Lake Michigan recognition

Sixteen Charlevoix High School athletes earned recognition on the All-Lake Michigan Conference volleyball, boys' basketball and competitive cheer teams for the 2006-07 season.

The Rayders won both league championships in volleyball and basketball, and placed three players on the all-league basketball first-team, and four on the all-league volleyball first-team.

Mitch Crandall

Senior Mitch Crandall, the Rayders' leading scorer at 17.0 points per game in basketball and an Associated Press Class C first-team All-Stater, earned a spot on the all-league first-team along with teammates Ty Haske and Justin Friske.

Haske, the point guard, averaged 8.0 points and 6.0 assists in quarterbacking Rayders to the Class C state semifinals. Friske, a 6-foot-4 sophomore, emerged as a go-to post player in averaging 12.0 points and 7.0 rebounds per game.

Ty Haske

Two other Rayders, seniors Darron Munson and Trevor Mays, received honorable mention all-league.

The Rayders finished 13-1 in the Lake Michigan Conference, earning their first league title since 2002. They also won district and regional championships, and finished 23-4, falling to Saginaw Nouvel in a state semifinal at Michigan State University's Breslin Center.

Emily Heffling

Seniors Sasha Spencley, Emily Heffling and Bethany Pearson, and junior Aubrey Way, were named to the All-Lake Michigan Conference volleyball first-team.

Bethany Pearson

Way, one of the Rayders' two regular setters and an outside hitter, finished with 532 assists, 277 digs, 61 aces and 115 kills.

Spencley, a middle hitter/left-side defender and three-year varsity letter winner, finished the season with 200 kills, 89 blocks, 58 aces and 424 digs.

Pearson, also a middle hitter and also in her third year on the varsity, had a team-high 218 kills, 118 block solos, 128 block assists and 166 digs.

Aubrey Way

Heffling, the Rayders' libero, finished with 540 digs, served at 97 percent, and finished the season at 90 percent in serve reception.

Two other Rayders, seniors Ashlie Bradley and Zita Anderson, received honorable mention.

The Rayders finished 14-0 in the league, winning their third conference championship in four years, and were 41-12-1 overall.

Charlevoix's Kim Way and Ashley Price earned spots on the All-Lake Michigan competitive cheer first-team, while teammates Bailey Yenglin, Kara Cieselczyk and Janay

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Official Notice

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

Pursuant to Section 6.71 - 6.74 of the City of Charlevoix Weed Control Ordinance, Chapter 63 of the Code of the City of Charlevoix:

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SPORTS reviewing the action

NorthStar91 travel soccer records undefeated season

NorthStar91 went undefeated to claim the under age 16 Premier Classic Division 2 Championship in the Michigan State Premier Soccer League this fall.

The team scored 34 points and only allowed two goals in 10 games. Members of the team also recently competed in the regional qualifying event in the National Indoor Championship League in Grand Rapids and qualified for the Nationals. Due to the high school female soccer season schedule, it is not possible for NorthStar91 to continue in the National Indoor Championship competition. NorthStar91 will reconvene following the high school female soccer season this spring to compete in regional tournaments and travel to Minnesota for the USA Cup.

Courtesy photo

NorthStar91, a travel soccer team, went undefeated to claim the under age 16 Premier Classic Division 2 Championship in the Michigan State Premier Soccer League. Charlevoix players include KC McCary. Tryouts for NorthStar91, as well as all other NorthStar teams, are held in late June and early July.

Next season, the team will again compete in the Michigan State Premier Soccer League moving up a division to Classic 1.

NorthStar91 team members are drawn from regionwide tryouts. This season's team includes players from four counties including Antrim, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse and Leelanau. Players include: Kelsey Bartosek (Traverse City), Maddisen Coil (Traverse City), Julie Doherty (Traverse City), Jessica Dugan (Traverse City), Helene Dryden (Traverse City), Kelsey Kuhn (Traverse City), KC McCary (Charlevoix), Kelyse McKeon (Elk Rapids), Carly Moore (Traverse City), Chelsea Moyer (Suttons Bay), Kali Moyer (Suttons Bay), Marian Schubert (Traverse City), Mikaela Smith (Traverse City), Natalie Sutherin (Traverse City), Carolyn Vlach (Traverse City), Kelly Wendels (Lake Ann), Chelsea White (Traverse City) and Lorin Zelinski (Traverse City) coach Steve Taylor (Glen Arbor).

Tryouts for NorthStar91, as well as all other NorthStar teams, are held in late June and early July. Visit www.northstarsoccer.org for more information.

Volunteers needed for Exceptional Riders program

Volunteers are needed for the Exceptional Riders Program.

The Exceptional Riders Program, at the Equestrian Center of Bay Harbor, is gearing up for its spring session. Classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17. Orientation for students and parents will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12. The spring session continues for eight consecutive Tuesdays.

Classes are open to the physically, mentally and emotionally challenged of all ages. Students are taught to ride a horse. A volunteer horse leader and, depending on the students' ability, one or two side walkers assist each student. Safety is emphasized, with each student wearing a helmet.

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The Exceptional Riders Program is a non-profit, tax-exempt charitable organization that is run by volunteers. Every session requires approximately 30 volunteers to lead horses, assist the students and help in the barn and class area.

There is no fee for these classes, but students need to arrange for their own transportation to the center.

For further information about the program or volunteering, call Barb Lane at (231) 347-3300. A volunteer training meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10 at the Bay Harbor Equestrian Center. Riding experience is not necessary for volunteers.

All-conference honors given to 16 CHS athletes

RAYDERS

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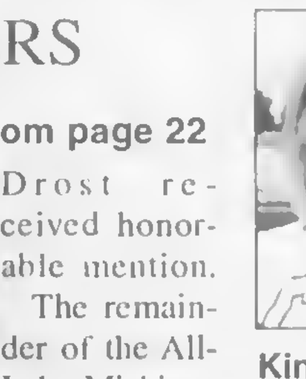
Ashley Price

Drost received honorable mention.

The remainder of the All-Lake Michigan boys' basketball first-team: Josh Graybiehl, Kyle Sanderson and Josh Vandermus, Harbor Springs; Taylor Voice and Jeff Moore, Boyne City; Jeff Keyser and Adam Daneff, East Jordan; Skyler Hindes, Elk Rapids; Mike Boylan and Steve Hodge, Grayling; Chris Kellor, Kalkaska; and Ben Wheelock and Holden Greiner, Traverse City St. Francis.


Kim Way

The remainder of the All-Lake Michigan volleyball first-team: Jessica Nichols and Lindsay Baic, Boyne City; Jill Drenth, East Jordan; Hannah Brogger, Harbor Springs; Kelsey Hawkins, Elk Rapids; Shantile Apps, Grayling; Katie Jones and Megan Dunn, Kalkaska; and Abby Clear and Kristina Droste of Traverse City. St. Francis.

The remainder of the All-Lake Michigan competitive cheer first-team: Jessica Dunlop, Courtney Leazier, Abby Mapes and Carina Shope, Boyne City; Courtney Jackson, East Jordan; Krissy John and Tiffany Glotz, Elk Rapids; Amanda Moran, Grayling; and Whitney Duque and Katherine Robinson, Kalkaska.

The teams were selected by league coaches.

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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
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Jerry Russell	582	221
Marc Cole		222
Larry Potter	563	

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Mary Ann's Takeout	20.5	31.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	19.5	31.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Leanna Mosoryak	548	199
Cindy Pallagi		192
Cathy Sullivan	501	
Lisa Nicola		188
Mary O'Brien	491	

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	W	L
Misfits	34	22
Alley Cats	32.5	23.5
Sparetime	31	25
Twilighters	30	26
Past Timers	30	26
Irish Rollers	25	31
Half & Hall	24.5	31.5
Has Beens	13	43

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	498	193
Ralph Kitson	486	183
Chuck Metzger	487	176
Irene Cellner	414	165
Sue Lochner	416	188
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MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE MAR. 26, 2007

	W	L
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	29	15
Bud's Buds	27	17
Paul Bunyan Lanes	26	18
The Flight Deck	25	19
J Arnold Painting "2"	22	22
B VanLoo & Sons	17	27
J Arnold Painting "A"	16	28
Selph Trucking	14	30

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Chris Putman	585	240
Darrel VanLoo	598	
Jon Kieman		215
Jim Dixon		211
John Fiedorek	565	

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	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	180	80
Laural & Company	127	133
Burger King of Charlevoix	121	139
Paul Bunyan Lanes	92	168

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Diana Speigl	516	200
Mary Keem	465	186
Mary O'Brien	527	187

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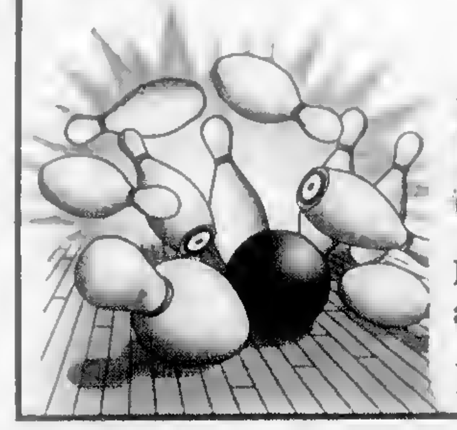
	W	L
Grunch/Crain	37.5	18.5
Webb	32.5	23.5
Blanchard/Crain	32	24
Browe	31.5	24.5
Russell C & R	28	28
A & J Russell	26	30
Bradley	25	31
Spencer	25	31
Thomas	24	32
Sharrow/Roloff	23.5	32.5
Potter	23	33
Patton	22.5	33.5
Stein	22	34
Ferguson	19.5	36.5
Sladek	19	37
Nordman	18	38

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	526	191
Jim Potter	561	231
Robert Russell		190
John Ferguson	492	
Carrie Blanchard	453	159
Jackie Stein	450	167
Lynette Webb	415	152



Paul Bunyan Lanes

Bowler of the Week: Jim Potter of the Church League had a high game of 236 & high series of 564. Congratulations!

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Happy 90th Birthday
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A Happy Ad in the Charlevoix Courier fits everyone!
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0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

Healthcare

GRANDVUE MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

Grandvue will be starting a new nurse aide training class April 30. If you have an interest in helping others, this is your opportunity to start your medical career in a state-of-the-art facility. Training is paid after 3-day probationary period, with starting wages at $9.25/hour. Upon receiving CNA certification, hourly wages increase to $9.84/hour. Positions will be available on the afternoon and midnight shifts. Fill out an application at the facility: 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan. Call Jane Korthase at (231)536-2286 with any questions.

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$600 per week to start.
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Local office outlet for large Michigan company has several immediate openings. Local company must add to its work force. All jobs/positions are entry level with advancement opportunity. No layoffs projected due to expansion. Call for a one on one interview. No. 3 shift. No experience necessary. Call (989)732-7349 (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to set up an interview date and time.

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

Healthcare

SOCIAL WORKER

Grandvue Medical Care Facility has an opening for a full-time licensed Social Worker to join our resident centered care team. Successful candidate will have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in social work or related human service profession, strong verbal and written communication skills, and a passion for resident advocacy. Full benefits package includes competitive salary, health, vision, and dental insurances, company paid life insurance and retirement plan, and generous time off options.

Interested applicants should complete an application and submit a resume demonstrating: Minimum 2 years experience in long term care social work, Knowledge of MDS and OBRA federal regulations, Familiarity with local community resources for discharge planning, Experience in participating in an interdisciplinary team approach to compassionate dementia care and Understanding of psychosocial needs of the geriatric population.

Apply in person at, 1728 S. Peninsula Road, East Jordan or call Jane Korthase (231)536-2286 with any questions.

New Today!
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Northern Affiliation a federally funded prepaid health plan managing mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse services for a 13 county area in northern, lower Michigan. Responsibilities include implementation of Compliance Program, a reporting and monitoring system, the development of training programs and execution of investigations. Minimum of a bachelor degree in human services, business or public administration and five years experience in a community mental health setting working with regulatory documentation. Salary rate $35,266 to $49,555 with excellent benefits. Send resume to HR, North Country CMH, One MacDonald Dr., Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770. Fax (231)347-1241 or e-mail to: hr@norcocmh.org. EOE.

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General

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Graphic Party Crew
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P.O. Box 528
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Your questions may be directed to
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1340 MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

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WANTED: FOG BELL
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CHARLEVOIX
Bridge Street Access Location

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RENT A LOG HOME
On Lake Susan in Charlevoix. Weekend rate $1,000. Weekly rates available. Call (989)463-3937 and ask for Linda.

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2030 BOATS & MARINE EQUIPMENT

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 21st day of April, 2005, by Benjamin J. Morey, a single man, to Northwestern Bank, and recorded on May 18, 2005, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 681, page 970, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETYSIX AND 58/100 DOLLARS ($2,196.58) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Township 34 North, Range 6 West; thence East 600 feet; thence South 133 feet; thence West 50 feet; thence South 25 feet; thence West 550 feet to the West line of said Section 31; thence North 158 feet to the Point of Beginning. Township Bay, Charlevoix County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: March 12, 2007

Northwestern Bank
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(L- 03/21, 03/28, 04/04, 04/11)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barry Bott and Alisha Bott, Husband and Wife, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2005 and recorded November 28, 2005 in Liber 718, Page 579, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Argent Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2006-W1 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2006, Without Recourse by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Eight and 13/100 Dollars ($123,008.13) including interest at 7.9% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on MAY 4, 2007. Said premises are located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3 of Bay Shore West, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 263 through 265 of Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 4, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
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Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 214.4857
ASAP# 839873
(L-04/04, 04/11, 04/18, 04/25)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No: 07-011079-DE

TOO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, PATRICIA A. McLEAY, who lived at 4337 Coash Road, Vanderbilt, Michigan 49795, died February 11, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to KEVIN D. McLEAY, named Personal Representative, or to both the Charlevoix County Probate Court, at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, and the named Personal Representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: March 28, 2007

Ronald J. Kirkpatrick (P24887)
Attorney for Personal Representative.
KIRKPATRICK & DuBOIS PLC
213 East Main, Second Floor
Gaylord, MI 49735
(989)732-2912

Kevin D. McLeay,
Personal Representative
1739 Scheifle
Walled Lake, MI 48390
(L-04/04)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 8th day of July, 2002, by Benjamin J. Morey, a single man, to Northwestern Bank, and recorded on July 23, 2002, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 478, page 883, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice FORTY SIX THOUSAND NINETY FOUR AND 15/100 DOLLARS ($46,094.15) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Township 34 North, Range 6 West; thence East 600 feet; thence South 133 feet; thence West 50 feet; thence South 25 feet; thence West 550 feet to the West line of said Section 31; thence North 158 feet to the Point of Beginning. Township Bay, Charlevoix County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, In accordance with that statute.

Dated: March 12, 2007

Northwestern Bank
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
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MORTGAGE SALE

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 31, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on November 7, 2001, in Liber 442, Page(s) 423, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $78,565.99, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 12.77 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on April 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 29' 43" EAST 1393.05 FEET TO THE WEST 1/8 POST; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 28' 42" WEST 726.00 FEET, ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE (AS MONUMENTED), TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 06' 01" EAST 391.10 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF FERRY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 25 DEGREES 19' 59" EAST 105.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 89 DEGREES 01' 06" WEST 439.21 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION (AS MONUMENTED); THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 54' 01" EAST 100.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: March 14, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.)

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NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of ANN A. DANLY,
Deceased.
Date of Birth: September 24, 1924.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Ann A. Danly, the decedent, who lived at 6240 Pine Lake Club Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died on December 30, 2006. There are no Personal Representative of the Grantor's Estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to David A. Danly, Successor Trustee of the Ann A. Danly Trust Agreement Dated June 10, 1994, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: March 26, 2007

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
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David A. Danly,
Successor Trustee
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(L-04/04, 04/18)

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

File No. 05-925-20-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, a Michigan banking corporation, Plaintiff,

V

WALLOON WINDS COMMUNITY, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; WALTER BREIDENSTEIN; WALLOON LAKE PROPERTIES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; and TERRANCE BURKHARDT and ANNA BETH BURKHARDT, husband and wife, Defedants,

and all Counter, Cross, and Third Party Complaints.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE MORTGAGE SALE

1. On February 5, 2007, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale for and on behalf of Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt.

2. On May 25, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Land located in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel 1: Lot 52, Springbrook Hills No. 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 2: Lot 92, Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 3: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along South line of Said Section, 200.85 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Said Section 13.

Parcel 4: A parcel of land situated in part of the East 2 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Beginning at the East 3 corner of said Section 13; thence South 01°00'22" West 1313.42 feet along the East line of said Section, to the 1/8 corner of said Section 13; thence North 88°55'38" West, 170.25 feet; thence South 86°17'34" West, 29.84 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 138 of the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the Northerly line of said plat the following 4 courses: thence North 89°29'07" West 129.98 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 130.00 feet); thence South 65°56'25" West 268.76 feet (previously recorded as South 64°57'05" West 268.81 feet); thence Northwesterly 215.27 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°21'39" and the long chord of which bears North 56°23'31" West 203.43 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 215.34 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°25'10", and the long chord of which bears North 57°17'15" West 203.48 feet); thence North 89°33'36" West, 402.92 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 404.10 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 13 per the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2); thence Southwesterly 85.09 feet along the arc of a 169.37 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 28°47'10" and the long chord of which bears South 76°04'43" West 84.20 feet; thence South 61°41'03" West 95.72 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line; thence North 00°53'47" East 105.09 feet to the 1/8 corner on the South 1/8 line of said Section 13; thence North 00°53'47" East 1313.44 feet along said East 1/8 line; thence South 87°54'28" East 1315.46 feet along the East-West 3 line of said Section 13 to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 5: A Parcel of land situated in part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 87°54'18" West 200.85 feet along the South line of said Section (previously recorded as North 87°54'31" West); thence North 01°11'01" East, 331.00 feet (previously recorded as North) to the point of beginning; thence South 71°29'30" West 238.44 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way of Townhouse Trail in the recorded Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along said Easterly right of way line the following 5 courses; thence North 05°35'48" West 195.70 feet (previously recorded as North 06°36'05" West); thence Northwesterly 207.44 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 15°25'49" and the long chord of which bears North 13°24'07" West 206.81 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 207.68 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 15°26'55" and the long chord of which bears North 14°19'30" West 207.06 feet); thence North 21°07'49" West 75.00 feet (previously recorded as North 22°03'00" West); thence Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'28" and the long chord of which bears North 03°50'34" West 171.35 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'30" and the long chord of which bears North 04°45'45" West, 171.35 feet); thence North 13°26'41" East 50.00 feet (previously recorded as North 12°31'30" East) to the Southwest corner of Lot 140, Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the boundary line of said plat the following three courses: thence North 85°09'05" East 324.38 feet (previously recorded as North 84°10'25" East); thence North 04°38'12" East 126.00 feet (previously recorded as North 03°30'40" East); thence North 00°57'22" East 213.42 feet (previously recorded as North 213.34 feet) to the Northeast corner of Lot 138, Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence North 86°17'34" East 29.84 feet; thence South 01°00'34" West 214.92 feet (previously recorded as South 214.52 feet); thence South 04°30'28" West 484.11 feet (previously recorded as South 03°30'40" West); thence South 00°59'48" West 280.68 feet (previously recorded as South) to the point of beginning.

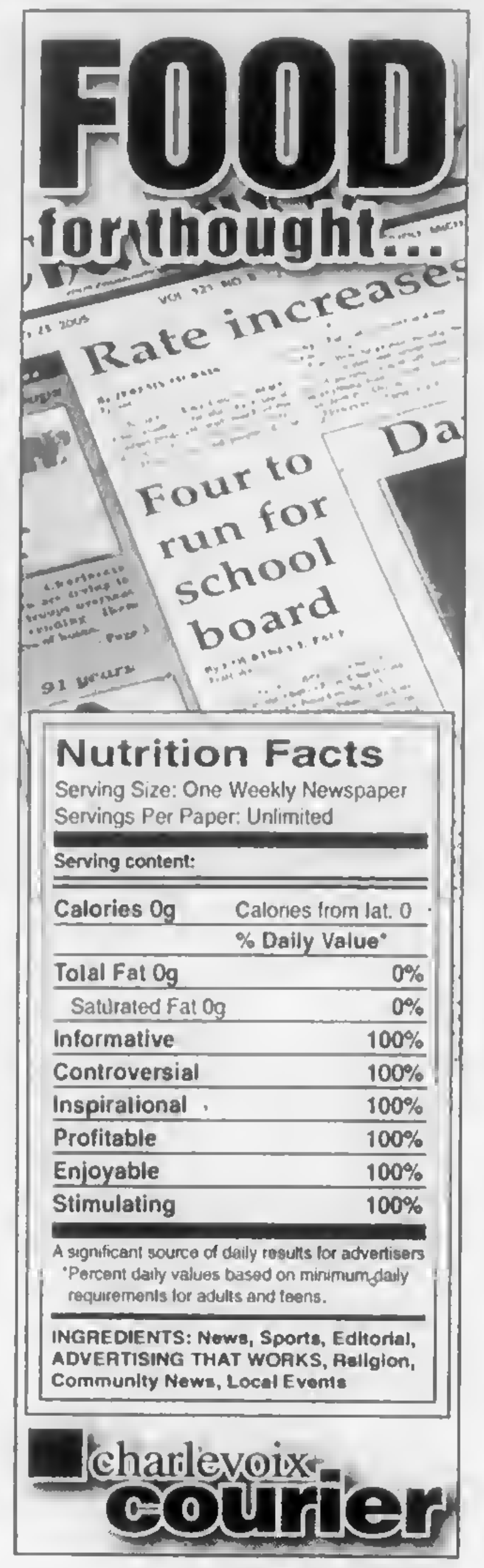
Parcel 6: That part of Southwest 3 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, which lies Northeasterly of the centerline of Springvale Road; EXCEPTING THEREFROM the plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 271, 272 and 273, Charlevoix County Records, AND the plat of Springbrook Hills No. 1, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 7: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence along the North line of said Section 24, South 89°59'36" West (also having been described as West) 170.22 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 15°38'39" West (also having been described as South 15°37'30" West) 447.80 feet; thence South 87°39'50" West (also having been described as West) 220.00 feet; thence North 03°35'32" East 441.01 feet to the intersection of the North line of said Section 24 and the Southeast corner of Lot 115, Springbrook Hills No. 2, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records; thence along said North section line, North 89°59'36" East (also having been described as East) 312.94 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24.

3. The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

Date: March 27, 2007

Sharon M. Selissen,
Deputy Court Clerk
(L-04/04, 04/11, 04/18, 04/25, 05/02, 05/09)



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The City of Charlevoix will accept sealed proposals for restroom cleaning until 1:00 p.m. April 12, 2007 in the office of the City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix. Bid packages and all inquiries are to be directed to Street Superintendent Pat Elliott at (231)547-3276.

The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Charlevoix.

City of Charlevoix
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Wayne Wynkoop pursues special use permit to mine his Norwood property

MINE

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> *"I just want to get this behind me so my family and I can move forward,"*
>
> **Wayne Wynkoop**
> NORWOOD TOWNSHIP MINING SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICANT

rescheduled because it was improperly noticed to the public.

"The notice didn't include the address of the property and there were four tax ID numbers listed when there should have been five," he said. "There's going to be a large crowd. Anybody in the township that is interested in this project should attend."

Commission members could decide the fate of Wynkoop's business as early as the evening of April 12.

"The applicant makes his case and presents his application and then we ask for comments from the public in support, then we ask for comments from the public against," Mielke said. "And then, after all the comments are done, the public hearing portion of the review process is closed."

Commission members will then compare the Norwood zoning ordinance with Wynkoop's request.

"All these findings of fact have to be in favor of the special use permit for it to be approved," Mielke said. "If we find out one of these things is not met, then the special use permit is not approved."

This next event in the Norwood mine saga follows the preliminary injunction imposed by Judge Thomas G. Power in January which overturned a Norwood Township Zoning Board of Appeals decision from May 2006 which had allowed Wynkoop to mine his property.

Powers cited what he felt was Wynkoop's willful abandonment of mining rights to the property when he signed a land contract which forbid him from mining the property until the property was paid for in full.

Norwood zoning states that abandoning rights for at least one year is sufficient to dissolve any previously held non-conforming uses of property.

The Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety lauded Powers' judgment as a win against what they call an environmental and safety issue.

Though Wynkoop is Norwood Township supervisor, Powers did not see a conflict of interest in Wynkoop's desire to apply for the right to mine his property.

The hearing will occur at the Norwood Township Hall, located at 19759 Lake St. in Norwood. For more information call (231) 237-9226.

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Who: Norwood Township Planning Commission

What: A public hearing to discuss a special use permit application submitted by Wayne Wynkoop for five parcels of land to extract, process and transport materials from the property at 1195 Norwood Road.

When: 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 12.

Where: The Norwood Township Hall, located at 19759 Lake St. in Norwood.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 719 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE BY CREATING
TITLE IX, CHAPTER 118: PROHIBITED SWIMMING/WADING AREAS
WHICH WILL PROHIBIT SWIMMING OR WADING IN SPECIFIED LOCATIONS

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Creation of Chapter 118, Sections 9.230 and 9.231 in the City Code.

Chapter 118: Prohibited Swimming/Wading Areas is created in the City Code and shall consist of Sections 9.230 and 9.231 unless this Chapter is amended at a later date.

SECTION 2. Section 9.230. Swimming and Wading Prohibited in Pine River.

Section 9.230 shall read as follows:

9.230. Swimming and Wading Prohibited in Pine River.

It shall be unlawful for any person to swim or wade in Pine River. As used in this section, Pine River shall mean the water that constitutes the river and all its extensions and further which is bounded on the north by the cement walkway located on the shore; on the east by the inlet of the river at the westerly end of Round Lake; on the south by the cement walkway on the shore; and on the west by the pier heads at the outlet of the river on Lake Michigan.

SECTION 3. Section 9.231. Violation—Civil Infraction.

Section 9.231 shall read as follows:

9.231. Violation—Civil Infraction.

A violation of Chapter 113 shall be a municipal civil infraction pursuant to Section 1.12 of this Code.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ADOPTED, this 19th day of March, 2007.

Motion by: Council member Bob Timms

Seconded by: Council member Lyle Gennett

Ordinance No. 719-2007 was adopted on the 19th day of March, 2007, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Yeas: Chamberlain, Gennett, Stevens, Timms, Beer
Nays: None
Absent: Gibson

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APRIL 5
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society invites the public to attend the group's annual "Welcome Back" meeting.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, in the lower level community room of the Boyne District Library, located at 201 East Main St. in Boyne City.

Those interested in genealogy and preserving family history are invited to attend. Attendees are asked to bring a family treasure or two to participate in heirloom "show and tell."

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Joy at (231) 582-3440.

APRIL 7
CHAMBER EASTER EGG HUNT

The 16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 7 in Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix. Thousands of treat filled eggs will pack the park. The Easter bunny will be there to have his picture taken with children. For more information, call the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

APRIL 7
SAFE HARBOR EASTER EGG HUNT

Safe Harbor Baptist Church will host an egg hunt from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 7, rain or shine. A light brunch will be served, as well as plenty of eggs to hunt. Children of all ages are welcome. Safe Harbor is located in Charlevoix at 06046 Old 31 South, near the intersection of U.S. 31. For more information, call the church at (231) 547-6283.

APRIL 13
FRIDAY FEATURES

The Charlevoix Yacht Club's free Friday Features 2007 events lineup will feature a program entitled, "What's Hot and What's Not in Boating Electronics" at 7 p.m. on April 13 at the club, located at 209 Ferry Avenue. At the program, Corrine Cox from West Marine will be sharing the latest and greatest of the electronics market.

For more information, call (231) 547-9170 or visit www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

APRIL 13
HOSPITAL BLOOD DRIVE

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host an American Red Cross blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Friday, April 13.

All presenting donors can enter to win a 2007 Tigers ticket game package. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (231) 547-8906.

APRIL 14
CASH RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale for the 2007 Knights of Columbus 31st Annual Cash Raffle.

Ticket buyers will be entered to win cash prizes including a $10,000 prize. Winners will be announced on April 14 at Castle Farms.

APRIL 16
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Board will meet from 10 a.m. to noon on April 16 at the commission office, located at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

APRIL 16
FREE FROM SMOKING

Charlevoix Area Hospital along with the American Lung Association wants to help you quit smoking.

If you have reached the point where you are ready to quit smoking this program will provide support, guidance and advice to help you reach your goal.

This free eight-session, seven-week program, starts April 16 and ends June 4. Sessions will be conducted at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The clinic will meet at 3:30 p.m. on April 16 for an orientation and registration session. Seven sessions will follow at 3:30 p.m. on April 23 and 30, May 7, 9, 14 and 21 and June 4.

To register, call (231) 547-8672 or e-mail potterm@cah.org.

APRIL 17
AUTHOR EVENT

Anne-Marie Oomen, author of "House of Fields," will pay a special visit to the Charlevoix Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, for an evening of first-rate storytelling, book signing and question-and-answer time with guests.

Oomen is visiting the Charlevoix library as part of the Library of Michigan's 2007 "Michigan Notable Authors Tour." This year, 18 authors whose engaging works were chosen as 2007 Michigan Notable Books selections will visit nearly 70 libraries throughout the state. The Charlevoix library is located at 220 West Clinton St. in Charlevoix. For details about this author event, call (231) 237-7340 or visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

APRIL 17
GRIEF SUPPORT

Loss of any kind is the focus of a series designed to help people cope.

A series of five weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays from April 17 through May 15 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 207 Nichols St. in East Jordan.

The Grief Support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Charlevoix Area Hospital and North Country Community Mental Health. The program is designed to help those grow through grief and learn the five tasks of grief work.

The facilitators for this program are Rev. Nancy Rhode, hospice spiritual advisor and Margaret Lasater, bereavement coordinator. Anyone is invited who has suffered a loss or who is helping a loved one deal with a loss and who would benefit from the support of others.

Pre-register by calling the hospice office at (231) 582-8800. There is no charge for this program.

APRIL 19
BLOOD DRIVE

Charlevoix High School student council will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 at the high school. To make an appointment call (231) 547-3222, extension 2032.

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APRIL 21
RED GRAMMAR CONCERT

Charlevoix Public Library will host a live children's concert featuring Grammy nominee Red Grammar at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 21. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. Admission is free. General admission seating is available.

APRIL 22
ENROLLMENT BREAKFAST

St. Mary School will host a free enrollment breakfast from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on April 22 in the school's family center, located at 1005 Bridge St. in Charlevoix. The school offers curriculum for children age 3 through sixth-grade. Staff members will be on hand to answer questions and offer tours and parents and alumni will speak about their St. Mary experience.

For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

APRIL 28
RAYDER BASEBALL GOLF CLASSIC

The Charlevoix Rayder Baseball team is hosting the 2nd Annual Rayder Baseball Golf Classic on Saturday, April 28 at Antrim Dells Golf Course. The fund-raiser helps the Rayder baseball team with equipment costs, travel costs and field upkeep. There will be games, prizes, a raffle, silent auction and a chance to win a car with a hole-in-one. The cost is $65. The group is also looking for tee sponsors and item donations for the raffle or auction.

To register, contact Kirk Heckendorn at (231) 675-1941 or visit www.rayderbaseball.com

MAY 10
MEDIATION TRAINING

Northern Community Mediation will offer 40-hour general civil mediator training in Charlevoix on May 10, 11,12, 17, 18 and 19.

This training is Michigan Supreme Court approved. Whether you're interested in becoming a community mediator, or are a business owner or human resources professional, this course is an excellent way to learn dispute resolution skills. Class size is limited. If you are interested, call Jane Millar at Northern Community Mediation, (231) 487-1771 for more information.

The training is free for those who become community mediators. The cost is $600 for those who do not become community mediators.

MAY 19
CONSERVANCY FIELD TRIP

Join Loon Ranger Jacque LaFreniere from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at Barney's Lake on Beaver Island, a 120-acre preserve which hosts nesting loons annually. LaFreniere who is the ranger for all Beaver Island lakes, has vast knowledge about these intriguing birds, and has collected data about their nesting habits and behavior for 15 years.

MAY 20
TRI4FUN WOMEN'S TRIATHLON

Registration is underway for the third annual non-competitive Tri4Fun Women's Triathlon.

Forms are available at Harbor Health and Fitness, located at 110 Clinton St. in Charlevoix and at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool located at 11905 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix. Women ages 14 and older are eligible to participate.

The triathlon will take place at noon on Sunday, May 20. A mandatory pre-race meeting will take place at 11 a.m. at Charlevoix Public Library, located 220 West Clinton St.

The event will include a scenic 20K bike, a 5K run and a half mile indoor pool swim. The bike portion starts in Petoskey and winds along the shore of Lake Michigan and ends at the community pool. The run extends from the pool, along a rural road and loops back to the pool property.

Participants can register to partake in all three events individually or as a team. Registration fees are $100 for a team of two or three and $50 per individual.

The triathlon is a fund-raiser for two local cancer support groups in Charlevoix and Emmet counties, Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders and Circle of Strength.

For more information contact Michelle Rick-Biddick at (231) 547-4369 or e-mail tlc.fitness@hotmail.com.

JUNE 10
LOU OPEN

Mark your calendars for the Lou Open Golf Tournament fund-raiser with proceeds going to St. Mary School.

Registration will take place from noon to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 10 at the Charlevoix Golf Club. Shotgun starts at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 4 p.m. followed by Bill Stevens' world famous Swiss Steak dinner.

Teams can be men, women, mixed men and women, parents/kids. Skill and raffle prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call (231) 547-5125.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at (231) 237-0185.

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FOOD PANTRY

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at (231) 547-6430.

FOOD PANTRY II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

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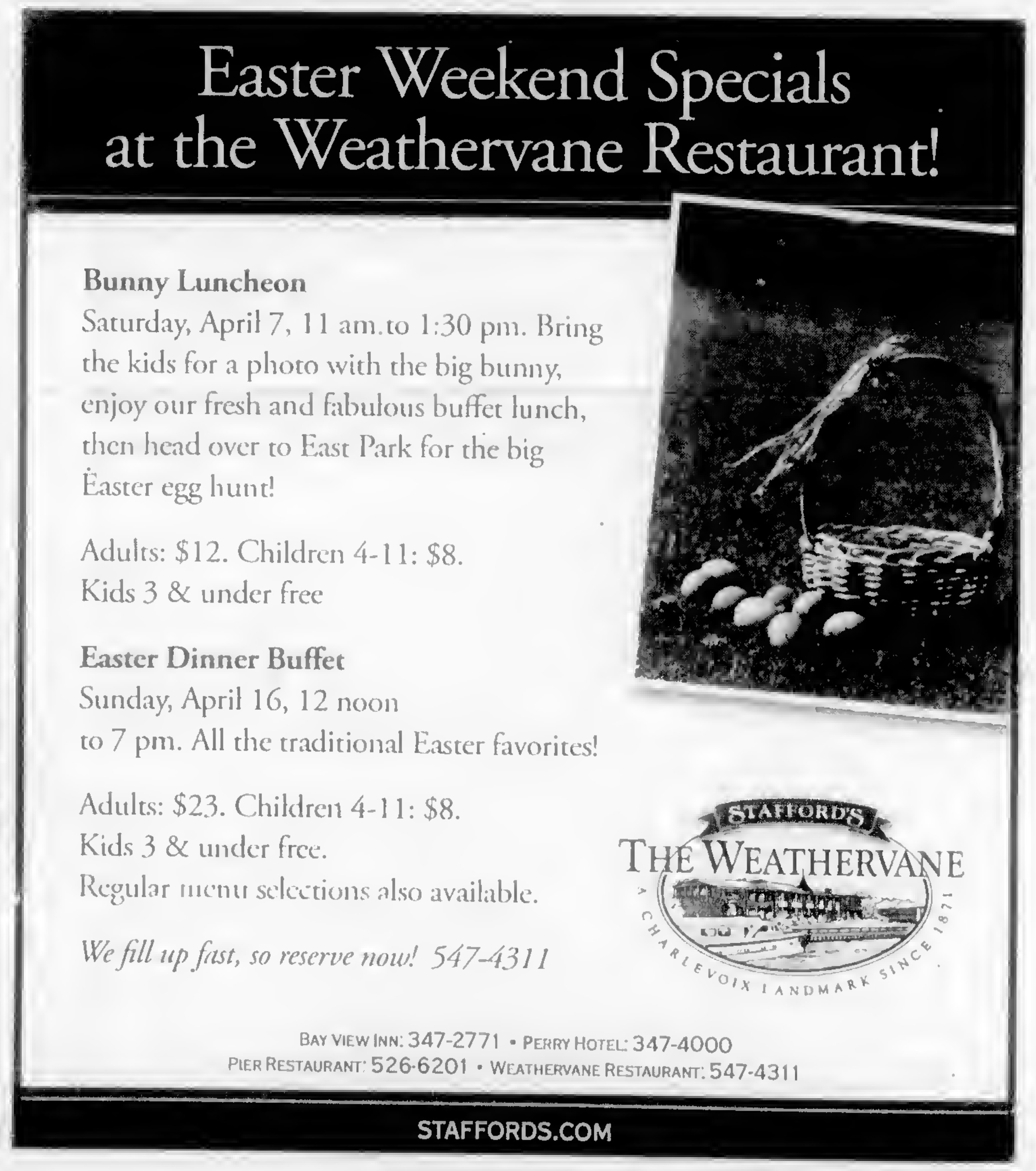
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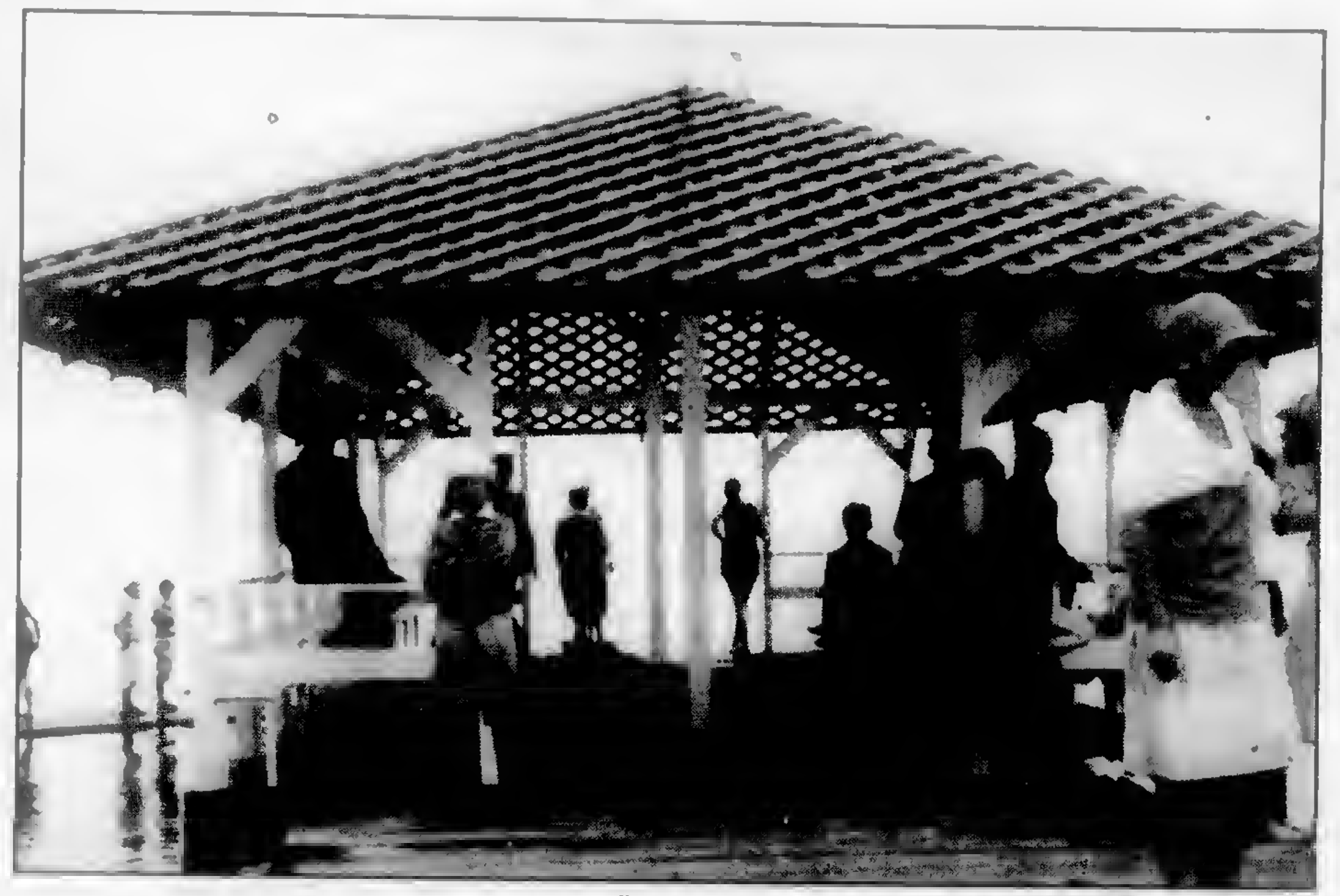

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Where was this swimming, diving and promenade pavilion located?

Congratulations to Charlevoix resident Louis McKenzie who was drawn from a group of seven people who correctly identified the former location of this swimming, diving and promenade pavilion. The pavilion was located at the end of a dock that extended from Depot Beach. It was constructed mainly for use by the guests of the gigantic Inn Hotel that once sat on the bluff above the Depot at the east end of Dixon Avenue on Mercer Boulevard. McKenzie won a free three-month subscription to the Courier.

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Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, April 6 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. April 10 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 6 and 7, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. April 6, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. April 6, D.J.; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. April 7, Breakaway — classic rock.

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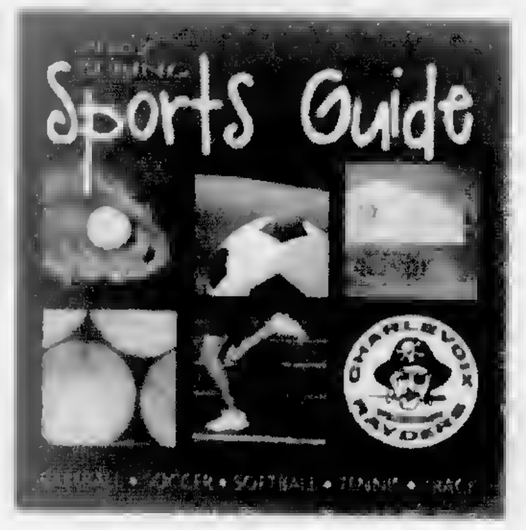

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Buried treasure

(Above) Cold temperatures and snow weren't enough to keep egg hunters and the Easter bunny home. Parents and kids filled Bridge Park, April 7, for the 16th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Here, Dustin Crandall poses with his son, Andrew, 2, and the hare of the holiday himself. (Left) Kaleb Pollington, 19 months and Jordan Faloon, 2, dig for buried eggs in the snow.

Coast Guard: No boat bound for Charlevoix

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix citizens in limbo over the possibility of a replacement ship for the decommissioned Acacia might not want to start holding their breath now.

According to Greg Fondran, United States Coast Guard (USCG) public information officer at the Cleveland office of public affairs, this part of northern Michigan won't likely see any additional Coast Guard assets.

"Right now there is not a plan for a specific cutter to go to Charlevoix," Fondran said. "This is actually the first season we've had with the new cutter Mackinaw and not having the Acacia, so we'll have to reevaluate and see if there is a pressing need to replace Acacia. But right now, there are no plans."

He added, "But, we're always looking to ensure we are staffed and manned to do the job whether ice-breaking or homeland security."

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> **Greg Fondran**
> U.S. COAST GUARD PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Fondran said the Coast Guard is sympathetic to the concerns of Charlevoix citizens and appreciative that Charlevoix has been such a good host for so many years.

"Absolutely we still have the (rescue) station there to provide all the other Coast

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Courtesy photo

In 2006, the Straights Area Narcotics Enforcement task force dealt with 19 complaints, 23 arrests and 59 counts in Charlevoix County.

SANE busts down in county

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The 2006 Straights Area Narcotics Enforcement (SANE) task force's annual report shows a decrease of drug related complaints and arrests in Charlevoix County.

"It is important to remember that this is only a small sample of the investigations we worked on during the past year," stated Detective/Lieutenant Ken Mills, the SANE Unit Commander in his report. "The difficult economic times for our state have been felt by each of our communities. These difficult times have also affected SANE."

Despite their financial difficulties, SANE seized numerous drugs, amounts of cash and put drug dealers in prison.

During 2006, SANE saw 19 complaints, 23 arrests and 59 counts in Charlevoix County.

The 19 complaints in Charlevoix County were fewer than the 34 in Cheboygan County, the 55 in Chippewa County, the 39 in Emmet County and the 21 in Mackinac County, but more than the three in Luce, zero

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Robert Donald Paul, 71, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated — first offense. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 62 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,230 in fines and costs.

Timothy Jay Daugherty, 27, Kalamazoo. Driving while impaired. Credit for nine days in jail, 74 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $1,130 in fines and costs.

Sarah Jane McBee, 20, Boyne City. Animals — abandon/cruelty. Fines and costs totaling $250 or serve 10 days in jail.

James Robert Newson, 19, Boyne Falls. Larceny — more than $200, but less than $1,000. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, 159 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; write a letter of apology; $950 in fines and costs.

Jeremiah Bricker Grove, 21, Boyne City. Possession of marijuana — first offense. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 30 days in jail, 334 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,055 in fines and costs.

Timothy Allen McMillon, 39, Vanderbilt. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Russell Joseph Poma, 36, Royal Oak. Controlled substance — possession of marijuana. To serve 20 days in jail, 160 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Donald Craig Goodrich, 45, East Jordan. Disturbing the peace. Credit for three days in jail, 87 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $350 in fines and costs.

Robert Joseph Matheny Jr., 43, East Jordan. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Stefan David Hanneman, 35, Petoskey. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling $50.

Renne John Okkonen, 28, East Jordan. Domestic violence — second offense. Credit for two days in jail, 348 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; attend substance abuse classes and men's group; $850 in fines and costs.

Marsh Wabanimkee Miller, 30, Charlevoix. Disorderly person. Credit for 18 days in jail, to serve 42 days in jail, forfeit knife; $350 in fines and costs.

Matthew Jacob Gerloff, 23, East Jordan. Use of methadone. Credit for 26 days in jail, to serve 64 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Taya Leann Scott, 29, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Marvin Dwight Henry, 37, Detroit. Driving while license suspended. To serve 15 days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Norman Brumm, 06462 Old U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, by Norman Brumm

Anthony J. Unlimited, 9420 Pincherry Road, Charlevoix, by Tony Amato

The Collision Center of Charlevoix, 06395 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, by Brian L. VanMeter

Paradigm Energy Services, 11195 Essex Road, Ellsworth, by Richard K. Evans

The Scented Troll, 5546 Marion Center Road, Charlevoix, by Donald M. Avery

Create Your Own, 5 West Main St., Suite 2A, Boyne City, by Helen R. English

True Health and Wellness, 1007 Hull St., Boyne City, by Bridget Foltz

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Donald R. Dawson, 45 and Janet Leigh Testa, 43, both of East Jordan

Jeffery D. Burns, 28 and Molly L. Fettig, 27, both of Boyne City

BIRTHS

Ariana Naomi Mignon Koons weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces was born March 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Branden and Michelle Koons of Eastport. Her sibling is Caleb of Cleremont, Fla. Her grandparents are Ruth and Jim Allen from Eastport, Tammy Koons of Eustis, and Les Koons from Fruitland Park, Fla. Her great-grandparents are Harold and Naomi Kuise of Eastport and Martha Koons of Fruitland Park, Fla. Her great great-grandparent is Clem Dehnke (103 years old) of Bellaire.

Dana Louise Brown weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces was born March 23 to Eric and Melodie Brown of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are William and Rosemarie Brown of Shepherd, Lorna Puisis of Muskegon and William Puisis of Mulberry, Fla.

Jacob Scott Chamberlain weighing 5 pounds, 9 ounces was born March 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Joshua and Maegan Chamberlain of Charlevoix. His sibling is Sherman. His grandparents are Sherman A. Chamberlain Jr. of Charlevoix, Connie Kay Chamberlain of Kalkaska, Sharon Ann Kitson of Mancelona and Scott and Sue Mount of Rockford, Ill. His great-grandparents are Betty Chamberlain and Virginia Smith.

William Arthur George Jr. weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces was born March 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to William George, Sr. and Amanda Burkhead of Jacksonville, Fla. His grandparents are James Burkhead of Plainwell, Letha Blurkhead (deceased), Daniel

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Weather

	Hi	Lo	Snow
April 2	28	40	—
April 3	32	33	—
April 4	44	34	—
April 5	36	20	2
April 6	14	20	2
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No guarantee Coast Guard will replace Acacia

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Guard services," he said. "This winter we've had pretty good ice conditions to test our capability, and if it looks like something we need to look at further (as far as) a replacement cutter, that is something we would do."

Results on the Mackinaw's ability to maintain ice-breaking capabilities in the waters off northern Michigan were not available by press time.

"We're still doing ice breaking up in St. Mary's area, once we wind down from the season we'll get a better handle on that," Fondran said.

Nearly nine months ago, H.R. 889, the $8.1 billion bill passed through the House of Representatives by a vote of 413-0 was signed into law by President George W. Bush and is now known as Public Law 109-241.

When asked if Charlevoix could ever be expected to receive a replacement ship, U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak's press secretary, Alex Haurek said, "The Congressman will continue to press the Coast Guard to ensure it complies with Congress' clearly expressed intent of maintaining the same level of vessel capacity on the Great Lakes."

When asked how long the process may take, Haurek said, "As to the Coast Guard's timetable, I would need to refer you to the Coast Guard's public affairs office."

In a September 2006 interview referring to H.R. 889 Stupak had argued, "The congressional intent is a vessel. It wasn't service, it was a vessel — assets, things like that."

While it is true that section 210(b) of H.R. 889 states, "The secretary shall take all necessary measures to ensure that the Coast Guard maintains, at a minimum, its current vessel capacity for carrying out ice-breaking in the Arctic and Antarctic, Great Lakes, and New England regions, including the necessary funding for operation and maintenance of such vessels, until it has implemented the long-term re-capitalization of the Coast Guard polar icebreakers Polar Star, Polar Sea, and Healy," it doesn't specifically mention a ship going to Charlevoix.

Stupak had previously argued that Public Law 109-241 requires the Coast Guard to maintain current vessel capacity and that there was a notable difference between maintaining a level of service and maintaining vessel capacity.

Coast Guard officials have consistently expressed confidence in their ability to maintain the Great Lakes with the assets currently under their direction.

So far, a paid lobbyist, a mayor, Charlevoix citizens and state and federal representatives to name a few have toiled with no avail for a replacement of the cutter Acacia which was decommissioned on June 7, 2006 after more than 60 years of service.

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While Charlevoix has never officially been told it won't be receiving a replacement ship for the decommissioned cutter Acacia seen above, United States Coast Guard officials have said there are no specific plans to bring a ship to Charlevoix's harbor.

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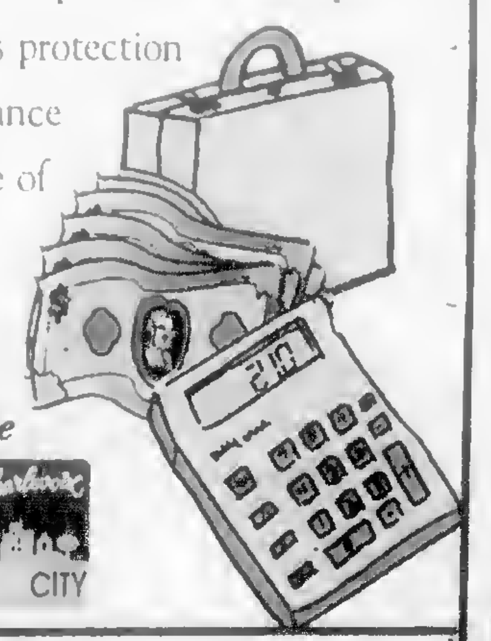
George of Lansing and Carol Leonard of Jacksonville, Fla. His great-grandparents are Linda Schultz of Longview Texas, and Dick Leonard of Vermontville.

Corbin Cedric Scott weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces was born March 30 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Brittany Scott of East Jordan. His grandparents are David and Corinna Scott of East Jordan.

Ellie Lynn Clausen weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces was born March 31 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Steve and Sandy Clausen of East Jordan. Her siblings are John, Jay and Rachel. Her grandparents are Kathy Schmidt of Boyne City, Court and Sandy Clausen of East Jordan and Bob Schmidt of Harbor Springs.



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Boss offers realistic approach to budget

EDITORIAL

There is, they say, a first time for everything. In that vein, the editorial department of the Charlevoix Courier would like to endorse a candidate for office, and though we generally avoid this as a practice, we cannot ignore our duty to promote the right person for the job, especially when that person embodies the pinnacle of passion for the education of our youth.

At a time when so many merely bemoan the dismal direction in which public education is headed, Charlevoix Public Schools board candidate and father of two Rayders, Bo Boss, has come up with some viable ideas.

Critics of Boss' plan to combine the high school principal position with the superintendent position say saving 1 percent of the schools' $12.2 million budget isn't worthwhile.

We say $120,000 or so would cover the starting salaries of three teachers, unlimited field trips or put a nice chunk of emergency cash in the rainy day fund — that's $1.2 million over 10 years.

Mon dieu, if nothing else, it would certainly bring back the French program.

We also like Boss' idea of selling the current administration building and moving the business manager and human resources director to the school with the principal/superintendent.

And while MDOT might not like it, sporting events would be much less hectic with a second outlet at the north side of the school's parking lot — we certainly have the money in the sinking fund for such a project.

Some opponents say Boss' ideas are too extreme. We say hard times call for radical plans by courageous individuals.

We can sit around with crossed arms, refusing to do little more than saying something needs to be done, but that won't stop the repo man from coming to town, and make no mistake, he is coming.

Detroit will soon close 34 school buildings for a savings of over $18 million a year — that's more than 90 school buildings scheduled for extinction between 2005 and 2009. We can only assume much of this would have been unnecessary if the proper steps to remain solvent would have been taken in previous years.

The bottom line is cheap foreign labor, lopsided trade agreements and greed have driven away the majority of what made this state successful in the last century.

Barring a gold rush in Norwood or the discovery of oil off the beaches of Lake Michigan, our economy will continue to flounder forcing class sizes to increase, offerings to shrink and pay-to-play to be the state norm.

The worst is yet to come, we'd better elect people who will make decisions based on what's right and not what's popular.

That's why on Tuesday, May 8, we're voting Bo Boss for school board member.

Bright idea: Direct light, achieve energy efficiency

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

One night a few weeks ago I walked around Charlevoix in a fog.

To some people who know me that may sound like a very common condition. But this was no mental fog, this was a real cloud on the ground moisture in the air fog — the sort of fog that creeps into Charlevoix from Lake Michigan when there is still some ice on the big lake.

I like to walk in the fog. It commonly provides a perspective lacking in more usual circumstances. In this case the new perspective was about light. When there is thick fog, it is impossible to see light. Not things illuminated by light, but the direction of the light itself. In fog the headlights of a car or truck can be seen to point up or down and it is possible to see just how far the lights of the vehicle penetrate the fog.

The most remarkable observation from my walk in the fog was the amount of light that we are sending into space, rather than to what might illuminate if properly directed. If an outdoor fixture sends half of its light into space rather than directly onto what it should illuminate, then part of the light is wasted. Space directed light may help to make us visible to some extraterrestrial observer or someone passing overhead in an airplane, but it does not help us see what we need to see in the darkness of night. Any outdoor light that does not focus on what it is supposed to illuminate is not only wasted light, it is, in a very real sense, wasted electricity, wasted energy and a contribution to global warming. Any person or municipality that has an outdoor fixture sending some light into the upper air, is wasting energy.

As an example, imagine this. If an outdoor fixture uses a 100 watt bulb and 50 percent of the light is sent off into the outer air, then only 50 watts are providing the light we need. And the other half of the cost in electricity and global warming is simply wasted. We could save half the cost of the electricity and atmospheric pollution leading to global warming if we had outdoor lighting that focused on putting light exactly where we need it.

I have been pleased to see that much of recent construction in Charlevoix has taken serious account of controlling the direction of light. Nonetheless, a walk in nighttime fog shows an enormous amount of light, and the electricity that generates it, is simply sent off into space as a total waste of electricity resulting in cost to the environment and the future. We can do better than that by deciding to put light more precisely where it is needed.

A vivid example of our waste of light is obvious on a night with low clouds when we can easily see the location of East Jordan or Boyne City by the sky-directed light reflecting off the bottom of the clouds. And East Jordan or Boyne City can see Charlevoix location just as easily. Proper and efficient outdoor lighting would eliminate most of that visible waste.

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Using more efficient compact fluorescent bulbs that give the same amount of light with less electricity is clearly an additional way we can all reduce the amount of wasted electricity and energy. Conservation is something we can all do, without big government intervention.

It may be that one of the best things we collectively could do would be to form an official and permanent commission installed by the city government that concerns itself with community-wide energy use. Local governments in more and more cities and towns around the country are developing agencies to consider how the community as a whole might better use electrical energy in outdoor and indoor lighting. A healthy regional competition to see which community could reduce its energy use the fastest would certainly be a possibility.

We could help save the world and in the process please all the astronomers who are concerned about the amount of stray light we put out into the night sky. Not only astronomers, but everyone will be pleased when energy use and cost are reduced. Starting locally seems to me a good idea.

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LETTERS to the editor

AVOID QUICK FIX SPANKING

Editor:

Benjamin Gohs spoke to the "politics" of paddling in his column published April 4 (published on page 4, entitled "Gohs delves into the politics of paddling"). At stake is the welfare of our children, and of our society as a whole, since today's poorly-reared children are tomorrow's non-contributors, or worse. It is too important to be relegated to the political arena where popular opinion rules. Let's instead talk about the science of paddling.

Here's a quick summary of the results of a large body of research on the subject:

1. The only demonstrated benefit of corporal punishment of children is short-term compliance.
2. Physically punished children are more likely to commit crimes as adults.
3. People who commit violent crimes as adults were almost always subjected to severe corporal punishment as children.
4. The more a child is spanked, the more likely he is to assault siblings and other children.
5. The more a child is spanked, the more likely he is to be alcoholic, depressed, masochistic and suicidal as an adult.
6. Parents who use corporal punishment are more likely to physically assault each other.
7. Parents who abuse their children generally started with corporal punishment.

Not every person who was spanked grows up to be a criminal or depressed or suicidal. Not every parent who spanks ends up an abuser. But given its questionable benefit, and its harmful effects, a number of countries, including many of the European countries and Israel, have banned the use of corporal punishment by parents (nearly all countries ban its use in schools). New Zealand and Australia are considering doing the same. In many Asian countries it is legal, but frowned upon. And yes, California (with an economy that puts it among the top 10 countries of the world) is also considering banning it. The official policy of the American Academy of Pediatrics discourages its use, in part because stresses on parents may push them past punishment into abuse.

As Mr. Gohs points out, child-rearing requires considerable patience and commitment. Those of us who take it seriously know that the end game isn't good kids we can brag about, but good adults. It takes more effort and more time to use discipline (training by instruction and practice) than corporal punishment (infliction of pain to effect behavior change). We should commend and thank those parents who do the hard, slow work of parenting and eschew the quick fix called spanking.

Raechel Wright
• Charlevoix

LETTER RESPONSE

Editor:

As I read the letter from Bo Boss in last week's Courier (entitled, "Save money, combine positions," printed on page 5 of the March 28 edition) suggesting that I have some personal agenda in the superintendent search, I was struck by one glaring fact — he never spoke to me about the issue or the timetable for hiring a superintendent before writing to the paper. If he had taken the time to call me or attend a school board meeting to talk to me, here is what I would have told him.

To claim that the superintendent search is my personal agenda ignores the other six school board members who have an equal vote in setting the timeline and the search plan. The July 1 target for hiring a new superintendent is based on two facts — wanting to ensure a smooth transition from superintendent (Jim) Cooper and making sure that we have the best possible pool of candidates for our next superintendent. What we learned last year with the departure of Dr. (John) Sturock is that waiting until June to start looking left us with a small group of picked-over candidates. Charlevoix is competing with 23 other districts in the state that are currently looking for superintendents and we want a first round draft choice.

The superintendent/principal model for school administration appears to work effectively in only a handful of small school districts across the state. Charlevoix has more students in our high school than most of these districts have in the whole district. In my mind it would be difficult, if not impossible, for a person to maintain the independent oversight of all three schools, the relationships in the community and at the state level while staying involved in the day-to-day operation of the high school.

During our search process, the Char-Em Intermediate School District took time to interview the school staff and the community to gather their desires for an "ideal" superintendent. They gathered four pages of comments. One of the common themes running through the data was that the school community wanted an experienced superintendent who has shown the ability to turn around financially troubled districts, someone who is a skilled negotiator and is a leader in the community as well as at the schools. Few candidates that have this level of experience would consider filling the dual roles.

Schools are a people driven business. Charlevoix Public Schools has 130 employees that support roughly 1,300 students with an annual operating budget of $12 million. The dual role concept would provide theoretical savings by not filling the superintendent or principal position. The salary that either one of these positions draws is less than 1 percent of that budget. We could miss hiring the top quality superintendent that the district needs to guide us in the future for a less than 1 percent financial gain.

I agree with Mr. Boss in that we have top-notch business manager, Shawn Biddle. Shawn is very capable of developing the financial plans that we need. She needs a strong superintendent to provide the framework of the school operation during the budgeting process and then again, to implement those plans. There has always been strong superintendent/business manager team to manage the schools — think back to the Gordon VanWieren/Rich Kelly days.

Everyone knows that Michigan is in a financial crisis right now and that it will not be cured overnight. The threat of financial uncertainty in school funding and staff layoffs will not go away until the state finds its way out of trouble. We cannot operate our schools with a part-time superintendent for some unknown period of time and expect to deliver the quality of education that the families of Charlevoix deserve.

Bill Trubilowicz
• Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education
President

COURT OPINION MISINTERPRETED

Editor:

After reading Benjamin Gohs' thought provoking article entitled, "Protect polygamy from politics," I decided to deepen my understanding of the topic. Whereby I discovered that Mr. Gohs presented a less than honest appraisal of Chief Justice Morrison Waite's opinion and therefore the true intent of the founding fathers.

In Raynolds vs. United States (October, 1878, term), Chief Justice Waite outlined the constitutional question before the court as it regards religious rights afforded to the citizens of the United States by the First Amendment and the practice of polygamy by a religious sect in the following excerpt:

"The inquiry is not as to the power of Congress to prescribe criminal laws for the territories, but as to the guilt of one who knowingly violates a law which has been properly enacted, if he entertains a religious belief that the law is wrong. Congress cannot pass a law for the government of the territories which shall prohibit the free exercise of religion. The First Amendment to the Constitution expressly forbids such legislation. Religious freedom is guaranteed everywhere throughout the United States, so far as congressional interference is concerned. The question to be determined is, whether the law now under consideration comes within this prohibition. The word 'religion' is not defined in the Constitution. We must go elsewhere, therefore, to ascertain its meaning, and no more appropriately we think, than to the history of the times in the midst of which the provision was adopted. The precise point of the inquiry is, what is religious freedom which has been guaranteed."

The principle historical documents presented by Chief Justice Waite in his opinion to reveal the thinking at the time the Bill of Rights as ratified (1791) comes from two sources: "The Virginia Act For Establishing Religious freedom," written by Thomas Jefferson in 1785. And Jefferson's letter to the Danbury Baptist Association which was written in 1802.

The Virginia Act passed by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1786 made it perfectly clear that there was to be a "true distinction between what properly belongs to the church and what to the state."

"...that to suffer the civil magistrate to intrude his powers into the field of (religious) opinion, and to restrain the profession or propagation of (religious) principles on supposition of their ill tendency, is a dangerous fallacy which at once destroys all religious liberty, 'it is declared' that it is time enough for the rightful purpose of civil government for its officers to interfere when (religious) principles break out into overt acts against peace and good order."

In the following excerpt from Jefferson's Danbury letter he reiterates the same clear-cut distinction he made in the Virginia Act:

"Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God; that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship; that the legislative powers of the government reach (religious) actions only, and not opinions..."

Mr. Gohs and his fellow travelers at the Charlevoix Courier may have foolishly chosen not to agree with Chief Justice Waite's Constitutional analysis of where the appropriate legislative boundary lines may be drawn through the First Amendment to protect the citizenry from the oftentimes murderous application of religious doctrine, but nevertheless to sensible clear thinking people Chief Justice Waite's opinion was well argued and the correct reading of Thomas Jefferson's and the other founding fathers' intent.

Steve A. Redder
Petoskey

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Northwest Advanced Band takes top honors at festival

On Saturday, March 23, members of the Northwest Academy Advanced Band traveled to Manistee to participate in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival.

"The students performed at a very high level on Saturday and received high praises from the adjudicators for their performances," Northwest Academy director of bands, Gary Stutzman, said.

The following students received Superior ratings: Anna Kroon, clarinet solo in Proficiency II: clarinet choir, Anna Kroon, Evan Themm, Kelly Breathauer, Janiece Kroon, Emma Maynard, Phoebe Allport and Gary Toton; clarinet and tenor sax duet, Anna Kroon and Alanna Leslie: bass clarinet and baritone sax duet, Emma Maynard and Gary Toton.

The following students received Division II ratings: Gary Toton, baritone sax solo in Proficiency II; clarinet and tenor sax duet, Phoebe Allport and Alanna Leslie.

"The leadership that these students show day in and day out is one of the reasons the band programs at Northwest Academy have been so tremendously successful throughout the years," Stutzman said.

For more information, call (231) 547-9000.

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On Saturday, March 23, members of the Northwest Academy Advanced Band traveled to Manistee to participate in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival. Several students received Superior and Division II ratings. Pictured above are Emma Maynard, Alanna Leslie, Phoebe Allport and (back) Gary Toton.

WEDDING

Ramsey — Clark

Susan Ramsey and Eric Clark of East Jordan were married on Aug. 19 at Elm Point in East Jordan. She was escorted down the aisle by her father.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Marge Ramsey of Charlevoix. The groom is the son of Eric Clark of East Jordan.

The maid of honor was Jill Kline. Bridesmaids were Michelle King, Danielle Clark, Becky Hosier and Julie Merriner. The flower girl was Taylor Clark and the ring bearer was Weston Ramsey. The best man was Matt Ingalls. The groomsmen were Nate Clark, Ryan Clark, Brad Ramsey and Erik Wittfong. The ushers were John Heise and Mike Crick. Music was provided by Jessica Dominic.

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The couple is residing in East Jordan.

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OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Danaé Drebenstedt, a senior at Olivet Nazarene University was recently named to the dean's list for the fall 2006 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, each student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Danaé's major is foreign public policy with a minor in history. She graduated in June 2003 from Concord Academy. She is a teacher's assistant in the political science and history department and is the daughter of Bob and Malys Drebenstedt of Charlevoix

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Gina E. Attee, Tess L. Hoaglund, Rachel M. Kanine, Stephanie L. Murray, Nina K. Rogers, Marjorie P. Romig and Jeremiah J. Teuscher, all of Charlevoix, were placed on Grand Valley State University dean's list for the fall 2006 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average while enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Charlevoix residents recently completed their degrees at Central Michigan University. They are Christopher Ames who received an MA, Jennifer McClellan who received a BS and Matthew McClellan a BSBA degree.

INTERLOCHEN DEAN'S HONORS

Interlochen Center for the Arts is pleased to announce the recent recognition of Andrew Tuck for artistic and academic achievement during the first semester of the 2006-2007 school year. He accomplished a 3.5 grade point average and has been named to the semester honor roll as receiving dean's honors distinction.

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY ART HONORS

Western Michigan University is pleased to announce that Alexandra Cummings, a senior to graduate in December with a bachelor of fine arts with a concentration in ceramics and an art teaching certificate, was selected by the ceramics area to be this year's recipient of the "Art Star" award. The award was presented on March 15 in the Dalton Center Recital Hall in Kalamazoo. Cummings also received a "School of Art Enrichment Grant" in December 2006. She is the daughter of Lawrence and Shannon Cummings of Harbor Springs, granddaughter of Marell Staffel and great-granddaughter of Bonnie and Bill Staffel, all of Charlevoix.

FOUR GENERATIONS

Courtesy photo

Lydia Wheaton, 4 months old and her mother Marie Matchett Wheaton recently came from Virginia to surprise her grandpa Melvin Matchett for his birthday as well as her grandma Judi Matchett, both of Elk Rapids, and her great-grandma Agatha Matchett of Charlevoix. Pictured above (from left) are great-grandma Agatha Matchett, mother Marie Matchett Wheaton holding Lydia Ruth Wheaton and grandpa Melvin Matchett.

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OBITUARY

Rose Waffle: Nov. 16, 1912 - April 7, 2007

Rose M. Waffle, 94, of Charlevoix died Saturday, April 7 at the Cambridge Care Center in Clawson.

Rose was born on Nov. 16, 1912 in Charlevoix, the daughter of James and Mammie (Pratt) O'Brien. She married Medrick F. Waffle on Oct. 25, 1930 in Hastings. He preceded her in death on May 14, 1985.

Rose had lived in Charlevoix all of her life except the last few years. She had lived in Clawson with her daughter and at the nearby nursing home.

Rose was a very active member of the Barnard Grange and the Charlevoix Senior Center. She loved to knit. She volunteered many hours making pies and afghans.

She is survived by her daughter, Fern (Donald) Keegstra of Clawson; three grandchildren, James Russell of Charlevoix, Dennis Keegstra of Center Line and Dawn (Randy) Truscott of Rochester Hills; great-grandchildren, Jamie (Ed) Bogart of Charlevoix, Devon Truscott of Rochester Hills, Mackenzie Truscott of Rochester Hills, Kyle Keegstra of Ohio, Lexie Keegstra of Ohio and Autumn Keegstra of Ohio. She was also preceded in death by one son, Robert Waffle on July 26, 1969; one grandson, Donald Keegstra in 1982; and three brothers, Ernie, Edward and James O'Brien.

Funeral services took place on Tuesday, April 10 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Pastor Chip Sauer of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix officiated. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorials may be directed to the Charlevoix Senior Center, Barnard Grange or In-house Hospice, 24293 Telegraph #102, Southfield, MI 48034.

LETTERS to the editor

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Editor:

A name can be very misleading if you don't check it out and one such name is the Federal Reserve that controls all our money. It is neither federal nor a reserve. It is run by about 10 international bankers who loan us our own money, charge us interest and control the quantities of fiat paper money in circulation that causes inflation and recession or a depression that usually takes a war to bring our economy back.

Another misleading name is Planned Parenthood that appears to be quite innocuous and one would guess that the organization would help new parents cope with the trials and tribulations of raising their children and possibly help them decide what size family they can afford. But Planned Parenthood is the single largest abortion provider in America — and receives more than $265 million in taxpayer funding every year. In addition to using this taxpayer money to help them abort larger numbers of babies every year, they also lobby Congress for pro-abortion causes, lobby against pro-life judges, and target their abortion agenda to children and young adults through expensive advertising campaigns. This taxpayer funding helps Planned Parenthood turn a profit of up to $125 million per year, enabling them to commit even more resources to performing abortions.

There is a bill in Congress, Senate 2206, that if passed, would cut off all taxpayer grants to abortion providers. This bill should be passed and sent to President Bush for his immediate signature. This is not a question of whether you are pro-abortion or pro-life, it's just a fact that it's immoral for pro-life taxpayers to be forced to support the work of Planned Parenthood regarding abortions.

If you have an opinion on the above, contact your representatives in Congress at (202) 224-3121 or the White House at (202) 456-1414 and express your views. As Americans, our voices do count, but only if we speak out.

Gerald E. Evans
Ellsworth

THANK YOU SUPPORTERS

Editor:

I would like to thank everyone at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, Cancer Crusaders of Northern Michigan, Country Cousins band and the whole community for making the fundraiser for me a great success.

Donna Russell
Charlevoix

PRACTICE POISON PREVENTION

Editor:

According to figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are approximately 2.2 million poison exposures reported by poison control centers annually. Of those exposures, six out of every 10 cases involved a child younger than six years of age.

In an effort to raise awareness of the dangers of accidental poisonings and to encourage people to take preventive measures, March 18-24 was designated as National Poison Prevention Week.

Because many poisonings involve common medications such as analgesics, cough and cold preparations and vitamins, pharmacists play an active role in poison prevention. Take time to ask your pharmacist about ways to store and take your medications to prevent a poisoning incident from occurring.

For example, don't take medicine in front of children. Since children often imitate the actions of adults, a child might decide to be just like you and swallow your medication. And when giving medicine to a child, never refer to it as candy. To children, candy is tasty and good to eat and they could mistake a pain-relieving tablet for a candy-coated chocolate.

If a medicine has changed color or smells funny, don't take it — the chemicals may have broken down into a new substance that can hurt instead of help you.

Be sure to take the time to ask your pharmacist about ways to poison proof your home for the safety of all in your household.

Lani and John Ochs
Charlevoix

PUSH ASIAN CARP BARRIER BILL

Editor:

Asian carp are invasive species that escaped from southern fish farms and moved up the Mississippi and Illinois rivers. They dominate the rivers and now threaten to enter Lake Michigan and the rest of the Great Lakes. If they get into the lakes, these fish will take a chunk out of the food web and likely destroy the commercial and sport fishing industries.

The carp can be stopped by an electronic barrier proposed in a bill presently before Congress. Please get behind this bill and push. Show that you care about the Great Lakes. Urge our people in Congress to vote for the Great Lakes Asian Carp Barrier Act (S.336 and HR 553).

We can't afford to have the best electronic barrier money can buy up and running six months after the carp have entered Lake Michigan.

Jim Lang
Royal Oak

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05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	During Worship
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

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State Street at Clinton

Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	547-6322

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205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	588-2112
or Missionaries	547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

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M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times
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US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

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Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

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June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

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Registration underway for May 12 cancer walk

The 4-1-1

What: 2007 Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk

When: Walker registration and contribution forms are available now for the May 12 walk.

Where: The walk will leave from Bridge Park. Forms are available at Charlevoix County Chambers of Commerce, the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital, local health clubs and Prudential Preferred Properties' Charlevoix office.

Organizers of the 2007 Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk which will take place May 12 in Charlevoix urge community members and supporters to "Lend a hand."

The theme for the upcoming walk, "Lend a Hand — the Factor of Five" encourages walkers and supporters of the fight against breast cancer to find five people they know who are willing to "Lend a hand" towards the walk's success.

There are a number of ways to participate including collecting contributions using a walker registration form available at Charlevoix County Chambers of Commerce, the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital, local health clubs and Prudential Preferred Properties' Charlevoix office.

Individuals are welcome to come out and show support by walking or by creating a team of walkers.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 12. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the walk will follow at 10 a.m. leaving from Bridge Park in Charlevoix. Walk routes ranging from 2.5 to 5 miles will be offered. Refreshments will be served in the park at the close of the event.

In the past, this walk has raised over $100,000 for breast cancer research, and cancer victims through hospice, Charlevoix Area Hospital and Camp Daggett scholarships.

Five years ago it was decided that the money raised by the walk would be dedicated to local cancer-related needs and has been directed to the Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund, which operates under the umbrella of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The fund was started with money given in memory of Judy Edger who died of breast cancer in 1999. Edger was an enthusiastic supporter of the Sue DeYoung walk during the last years of her life and her name was added to the walk following her death.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency's Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program and Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

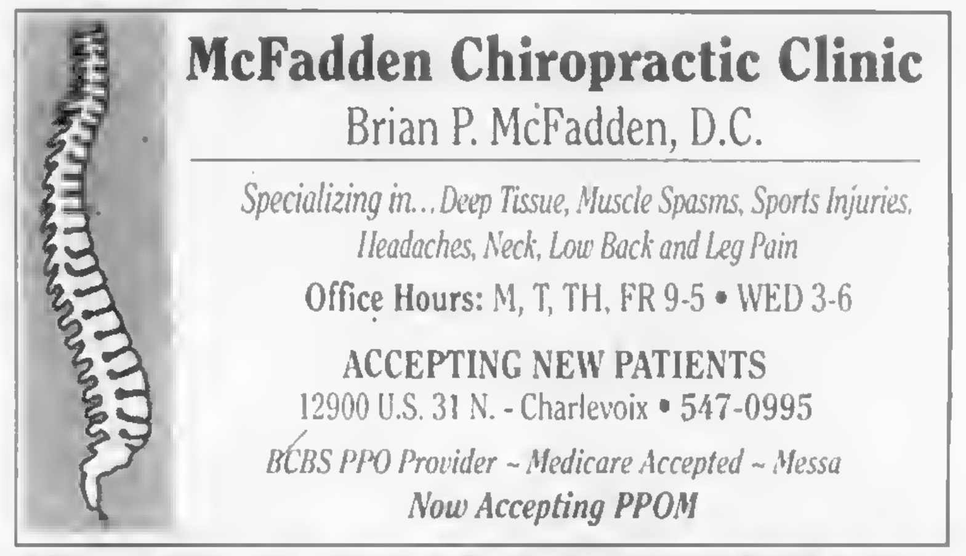
Individuals can volunteer their time with the walk organization committee by contacting Amy Salatino at 547-7663 or Nicole Kurtz at 330-6060. Both Kurtz and Salatino are members of the Sigma Phi Sorority's Kappa Sigma Chapter which is assisting in organizing the event.

Those wishing to make a contribution may do so by sending a check to the Charlevoix County Community Fund (CCCF), P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727. Donors are asked to print Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund in the memo line.

Corporations and individuals can also direct their contributions to the endowment portion of the fund. By electing to do this, a donor is eligible for a 50 percent tax credit as well as a charitable deduction on their federal tax form for those who itemize deductions.

File photo

Teen walkers secure memorial markers to their shirts before participating in the 2006 Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk. Registration for the 2007 event which will take place on May 12 in Charlevoix is underway now.



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Marina FLASHBACK

In an effort to remind readers of how the East Park and municipal marina property have evolved, the Courier has teamed up with the Charlevoix Historical Society to bring readers a photo history of the property. This will run weekly in a "Then and Now" format with a picture from the past and the current construction schedule.

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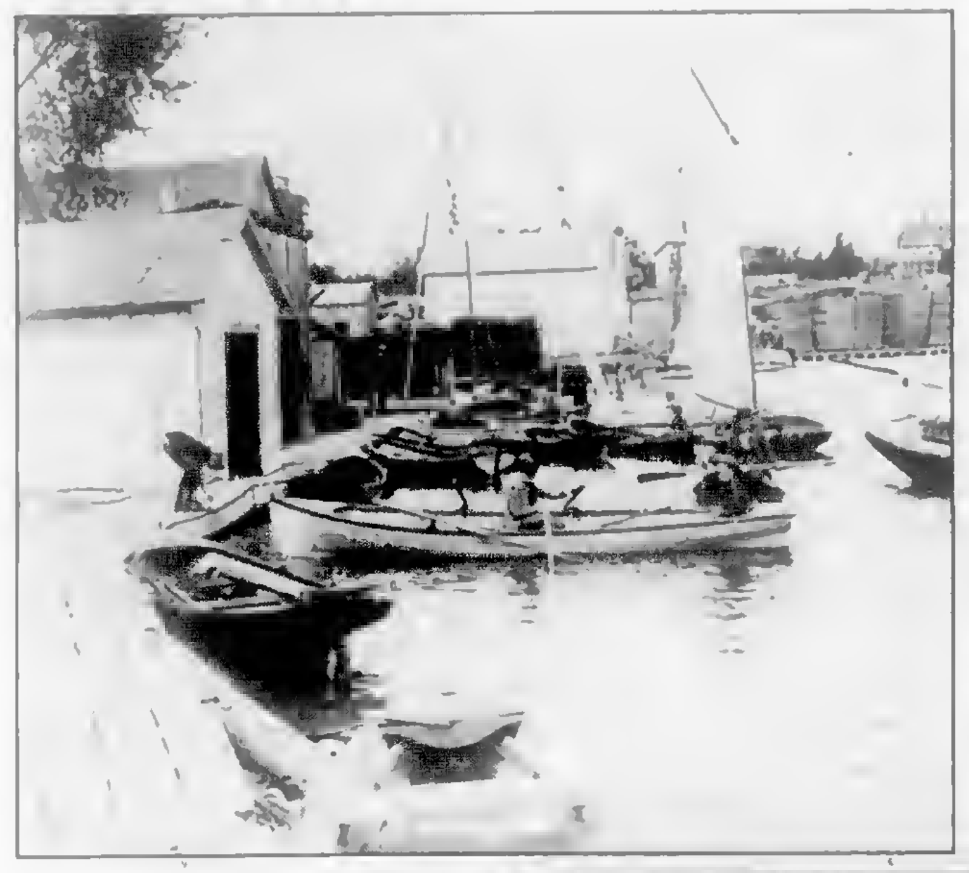

(Left) This dock at the foot of Clinton Street was constructed at the request of the Belvedere and Chicago Club resorts in the late 1800s. Belvedere Avenue did not yet exist. Dixon Avenue was a rutted dirt road. The resorters found it more convenient and comfortable to row or sail across the lake to downtown than to go by land. But there was little adequate dockage for them, the existing commercial wharfs and docks being too high for their rowboats and the small sailboats. So the resorts petitioned the city, and the Clinton Street dock came into being for their exclusive use.

NOW...

Background

Phase 1 of the $10 million East Park and marina renovation project includes the seawall replacement, removal of the 17 existing piers, which at the furthest point extend 75-feet into Round Lake, installation of new sheet pile running the length of the park 850-feet, and other miscellaneous work. The targeted completion date for Phase 1 is near the end of April. Installation of the new docks, Phase 2, is underway simultaneously. It includes installation of a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220-feet into Round Lake at the furthest point. Docks which were fabricated this winter are currently being installed. Utilities are expected to be hooked up and operational near the end of June. The total cost for Phases 1 and 2 is $3.8 million.

PROGRESS REPORT WEEK OF APRIL 2:

Molon Excavating made connection at the southerly point with steel sheet pile wall work on the marina seawall.

Continuation of installation of the floating dock systems.

Installation of construction safety fencing along Bridge Street.

UPCOMING EVENTS WEEK OF APRIL 9:

Continuing to install tieback wall.

Continuing to drive the sheet pile down to the final elevation.

Construction staking for the parking lot adjacent to Charlevoix Public Library and possible start of construction.

This report was generated by Pat Elliott, City of Charlevoix Street Department superintendent. If you have any questions, contact Elliott at (231) 547-3276.

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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

2007 Member Surveys

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out and return the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 Member Surveys. The feedback we received will be used to help the Board shape programs and services to better help our member businesses. The Chamber Board of Directors will call on those businesses that have requested to be contacted in order to further discuss concerns, ideas and suggestions. We are your Chamber of Commerce, and your input is vital to the success of our business community.

Charlevoix Downtown Farmers Market Update

Charlevoix Downtown Farmers Market

The Charlevoix Chamber will sponsor a 15-week downtown Farmers Market this summer. Goals include promoting local agricultural business by providing a weekly venue for local farmers to sell their product, providing locally grown products to the community, and familiarizing the community with their agricultural neighbors. The Charlevoix Downtown Farmers Market will be held on Thursday mornings from 9:00am to 1:00pm beginning June 21st and concluding September 27th. Chairpersons Jacq Dipert and Judy Kehr along with committee members have established the rules and prepared the applications which will be mailed to interested farmers early next week. And, we have a new logo, too!

Knights of Columbus Cash Party – April 14

The famous Knights Cash Party is Saturday, April 14. This year will feature several "asked for" changes including: new location- Castle Farms; new menu- grilled strip steaks or chicken; three ticket "hold back", more fun, more excitement, tickets always sell-out so get yours now- still $150 couple. See any Knight for your ticket-today!

Friske Farm Market Fruit Tree Sale – April 15

Professional grade, high quality, bare root fruit trees will be on sale at Friske's on Saturday, April 28. To reserve your favorite variety, pre-pay by April 15 by calling 231-599-2604. Free Norway Spruce seedlings to the first 100 guests. For more information visit www.friske.com.

Starlight Dinner & Live Auction – May 6

The Bergmann Center invites you to join them for the 5th annual "Starlight" Dinner & Live Auction on Sunday, May 6 at the Belvedere Club. Browse the wonderful auction items and enjoy great entertainment starting at 12:00pm. Dinner will begin at 1:00pm with the auction immediately following. Tickets are $25. To make a donation to the auction or purchase tickets call 231-547-2979.

Camp Daggett Wilderness Adventures

Camp Daggett is accepting applications for their 2007 Wilderness Adventure Camps where you can challenge yourself and learn new skills in a wilderness setting. Sessions include: Pathfinder Backpacking Trip to Pigeon River State Forest on June 24 – 30, Explorer Backpacking Trip to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore on July 22 – 28, and Voyager Canoe Trip on the Northern Shore of Lake Superior on July 8 – 14. For more information call 347-9742 or visit www.campdaggett.com.

Harwood Heritage Gold Grand Opening

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Harwood Heritage Gold hosted a Grand Opening Open House at the Parsons Centennial Farm on Sunday, March 18 during which everyone enjoyed a tour of their newly renovated maple syrup building as well as some special maple treats all made from their maple syrup. For product information and availability visit www.harwoodgold.com, or call 547-2038.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Apr 13	Charlevoix Yacht Club Friday Feature-Boating Electronics 547-5616
Apr 14	Knights of Columbus Annual Cash Raffle Party 547-5125
Apr 24 -Jul 8	The Beatles Backstage Exhibit at Crooked Tree 347-4337
Apr 28	Friske Farm Market Fruit Tree Sale 599-2604
May 06	Bergmann Center's Annual "Starlight" Dinner & Auction 547-2979

For information on the many programs and events offered by the Charlevoix Public Library visit charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-547-2651.

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on April 19 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant

The next First Friday Biz Breakfast is May 4 at Grey Gables at 7:30am.

The speaker is Dr. Steve Hansen who will speak about global warming.

The Regional Business After Hours is at Castle Farms on May 31.

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If you have news for the Chamber Monthly please call the Chamber at 547-2101.

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TEEN SCENE inside the halls

Glik's glimpse at spring fashion for teens

BY WENDY BUDNIK
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Glik's is geared towards the young and fun surf, skate customer.

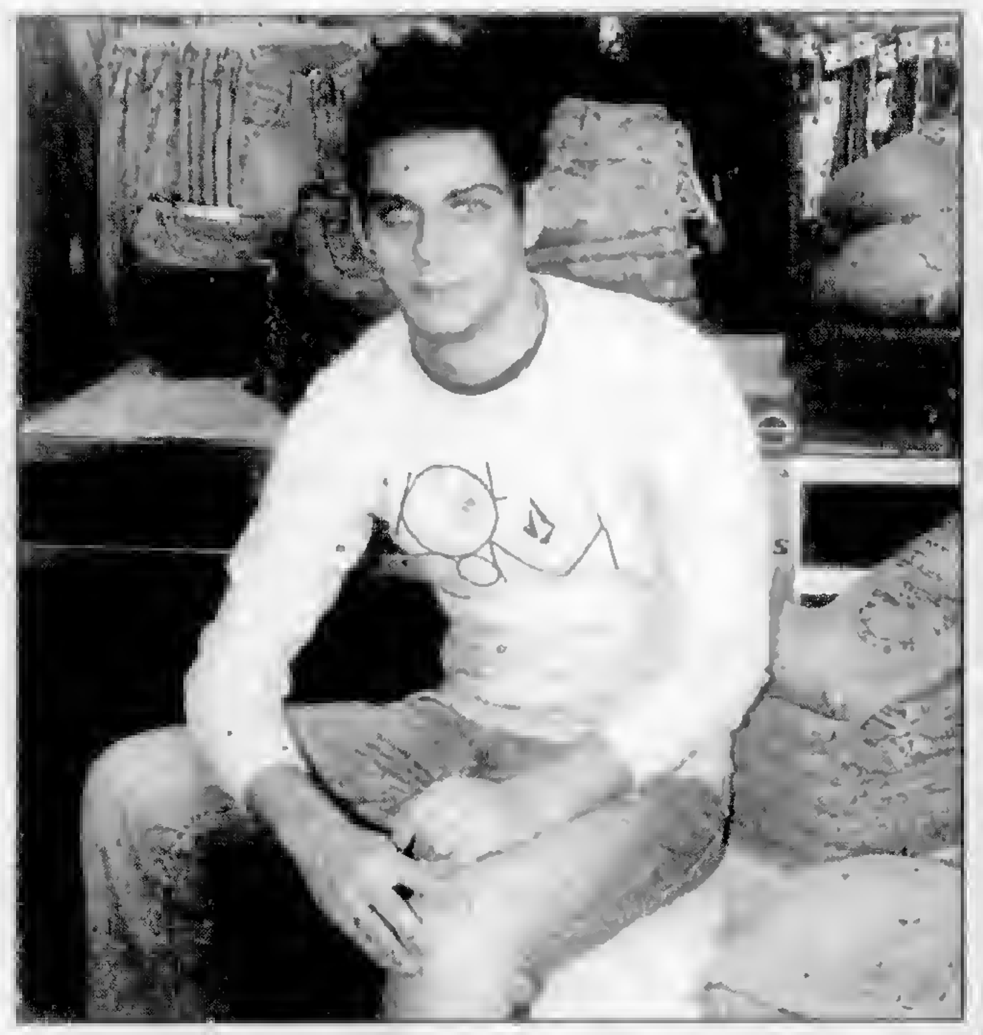
This spring, hot items for young male customers are cargo shorts paired with a striped polo and plaid shorts with a screen tee.

For our young junior girl customer, our big must-have pieces are all over screen print tees with lace tanks underneath. These can be paired with popular Silver jeans. Plaid shorts are a hot buy for teen girls as well as summer dresses and Roxy and Hurley swimsuits.

Glik's newest item is the Lacoste line for men and women. Lacoste big sellers are a variety of polos as well as plaid and plain shorts.

With tops and bottoms covered in hot spring fashion, the footwear must-haves this spring include skateboarding shoes and flip flops.

Wendy Budnik is manager of Glik's Charlevoix located at 113 Bridge St. For more information about spring fashion for teens, call (231) 237-9183. This page will appear the second Wednesday of the month in the Charlevoix Courier.



Photos by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) Colin Ford, 24, senior assistant manager at the Charlevoix Glik's store, models a Volcom shirt, Silver jeans and Etnies skateboarding shoes.

(Right) Dustin Flory, a 17-year-old Ellsworth resident and sales associate at Charlevoix Glik's models a Modern Culture polo shift layered over a Lost t-shirt, paired with Chor shorts and Circa skateboarding shoes.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Erica McIntire, 19, of Boyne City, who is a sales associate at the Glik's store in Petoskey, models hot summer fashion for teen girls. Decked from head to toe in Lacoste, her look includes white shorts paired with layered polo shirts and DC shoes, perfect for a Sunday afternoon on the golf course. This is Glik's first season carrying Lacoste. The Charlevoix location is the only store out of 52 to offer the brand.

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Forum explores local impact of globalization

What: "Perspectives: Understanding through education" forum on globalization's impact on northern Michigan.
When: 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 19
Where: Charlevoix Public Library located at 220 West Clinton St. in Charlevoix.

Anyone interested in globalization's impact on northern Michigan should plan to attend a forum on that topic at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 at the Charlevoix Public Library located at 220 West Clinton St. in Charlevoix.

The "Evening of Informed Discussion" is the second in a series of forums at the library entitled "Perspectives: Understanding through education" sponsored by North Central Michigan College, Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, Charlevoix State Bank, Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Public Schools and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The keynote speaker at this free event is Alan Deardorff, Ph.D., a professor of economics and public policy at the University of Michigan, who will provide an overview of globalization, free trade, trade restrictions and explore the respective roles of government, business and labor groups in addressing the needs of workers whose careers have been disrupted.

Charlevoix High School government teacher, Annemarie Conway, will moderate a panel discussion by experts in the areas of labor, manufacturing and education.

Guest experts scheduled to appear include Neil Owen Leighton, Ph.D., professor emeritus at University of Michigan-Flint who has taught international relations, labor politics, foreign policy and has studied the trade union movement in the U.S. and South Africa, the economic impact of Flint auto plant closings and the GM sit-down strike of 1936 to 1937.

Tom Teske, general manager of East Jordan Iron Works Inc., which operates foundries and other plants in East Jordan, Denham Springs, La., Ardmore Okla., Youngstown, Ohio and St. Crepin, France, has testified before Congress and the International Trade Commission on issues related to jobs and free trade.

Cameron Brunet-Koch, Ph.D., the president of North Central Michigan College, will discuss the increase in laid-off Michiganders who turn to community colleges in search of new job skills.

Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. Audience participation is encouraged.

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The Grief Support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Charlevoix Area Hospital and North Country Community Mental Health. The program is designed to help those grow through grief and learn the five tasks of grief work.

The facilitators for this program are Rev. Nancy Rhode, hospice spiritual advisor and Margaret Lasater, bereavement coordinator. Anyone is invited who has suffered a loss or who is helping a loved one deal with a loss and who would benefit from the support of others.

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Little Traverse Conservancy offers electronic mapping of properties

The Little Traverse Conservancy recently announced a new in-house computer station that allows visitors to learn about the organization's 175 nature preserves.

Using a mapping program called Google Earth, visitors can now browse maps of the conservancy's service area and find information about every nature preserve protected by the conservancy since it was founded in 1972. Google Earth allows the viewer to see aerial images of the earth's surfaces close enough to distinguish ground cover and general topography. With the nature preserves, this allows the user to get a bird's eye view of a property before actually visiting it which is helpful when making a decision about which properties to visit.

"This new resource is available for people who don't have access to our Web site at home or who want to know about each nature preserve," said Tom Bailey, executive director of the Little Traverse Conservancy. "Our Web site features the nature preserves we describe as most 'user friendly' whereas the Google Earth station tells something about even the smallest preserves."

This resource can also be used at home for those with high speed Internet access. A free version of Google Earth can be downloaded by visiting www.earth.google.com. Then go to the conservancy's Web site at www.landtrust.org and click on "Nature Preserves" for a download of the conservancy's Google Earth nature preserve.

More than 30 of these properties are featured on the conservancy's Web site, www.landtrust.org which includes maps, directions and photos of the properties.

For more information about the Little Traverse Conservancy, call (231) 347-0991.

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More information: Call (231) 347-0991.

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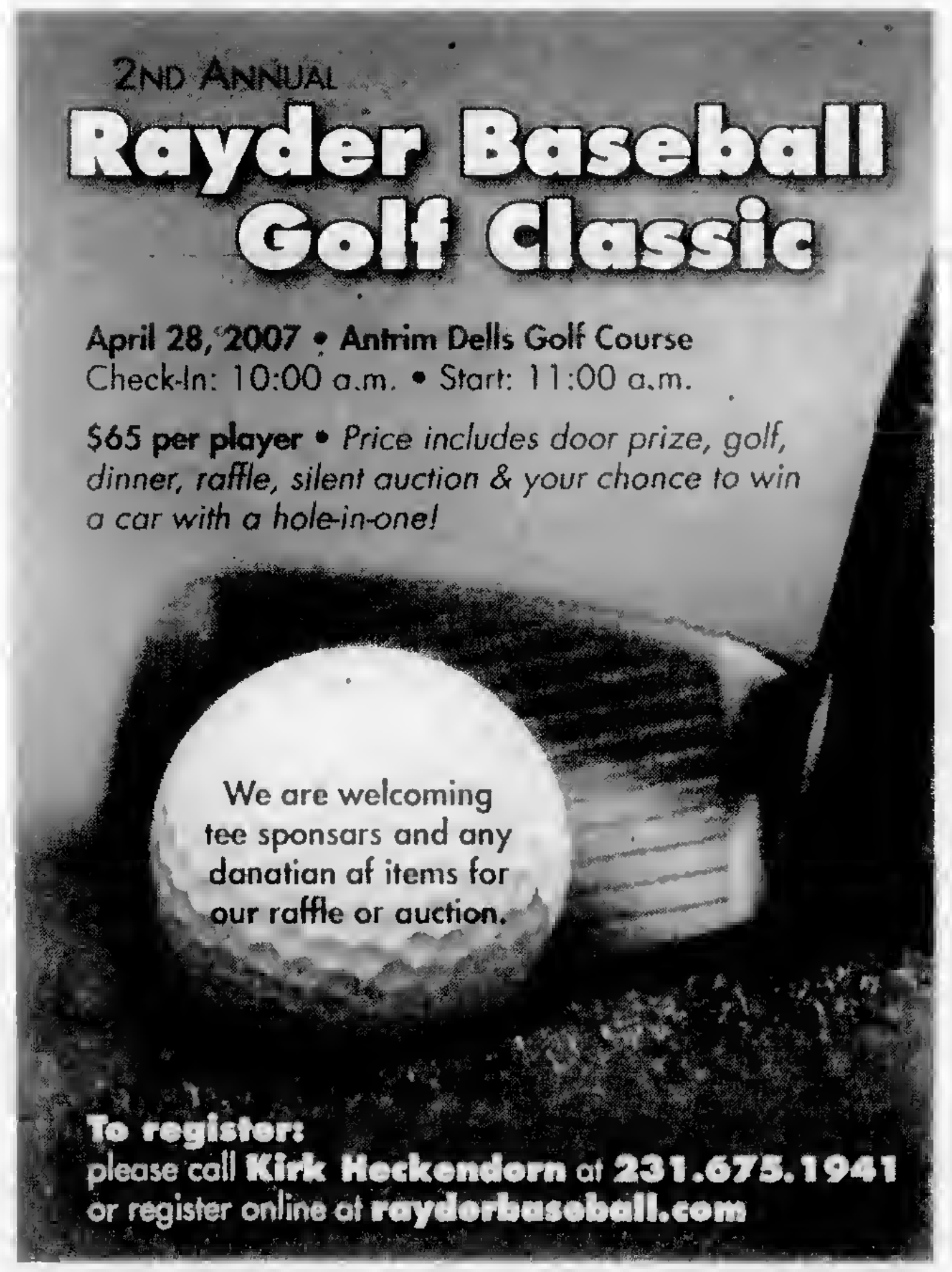
People behind the petunias

Recently installed Keep Charlevoix Beautiful board members for 2007 are pictured above. They are (back, from left) Julie Voci, Jennifer Lindfors, vice-president Nancy Kline, Michelle Witthoeft, (front, from left) Ken Kline, Julie Thompson, president Erin Bemis, secretary Chris Good, Donna Waters, Lorie DeGrazia, Linda Boss, treasurer Marell Staffel, Bob Hoffman and Dale Boss. Board members Dianne DuPont, Jackie Krutsch Laurie Hodgson, Michael Barton and Derek Chowen are not pictured. The group's major event of the year, organizing planting of petunias along five miles of Bridge Street in the City of Charlevoix, will take place on Thursday, May 24. This community event brings out the best in everyone as the community works to make Charlevoix even more beautiful with these colorful flowers. For more information on Operation Petunia, contact the organization at (231) 547-5494.



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Tribe leads Big Read discussion on April 13

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Frank Ettawageshik, chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, is caught reading Harper Lee's 1960 classic, "To Kill a Mockingbird," in preparation for the month-long community read. Also pictured is Rebecca Fisher, executive assistant to the tribal chairman.

Charlevoix Public Library is one of many northern Michigan libraries participating in the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians Big Read initiative.

The library offered patrons free copies of Harper Lee's 1960 classic, "To Kill a Mockingbird." The library's supply of books has run out.

The books were made available through a $20,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to promote reading American classics across the country.

Frank Ettawageshik, chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, will discuss the novel's enduring themes of tolerance and justice on Friday, April 13 at the North Central Michigan College Luncheon Lecture Series.

Free books will be available at the event.

For more information, contact Melissa Claramunt, education director for the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians at (231) 242-1490 or visit www.NEABigRead.org.

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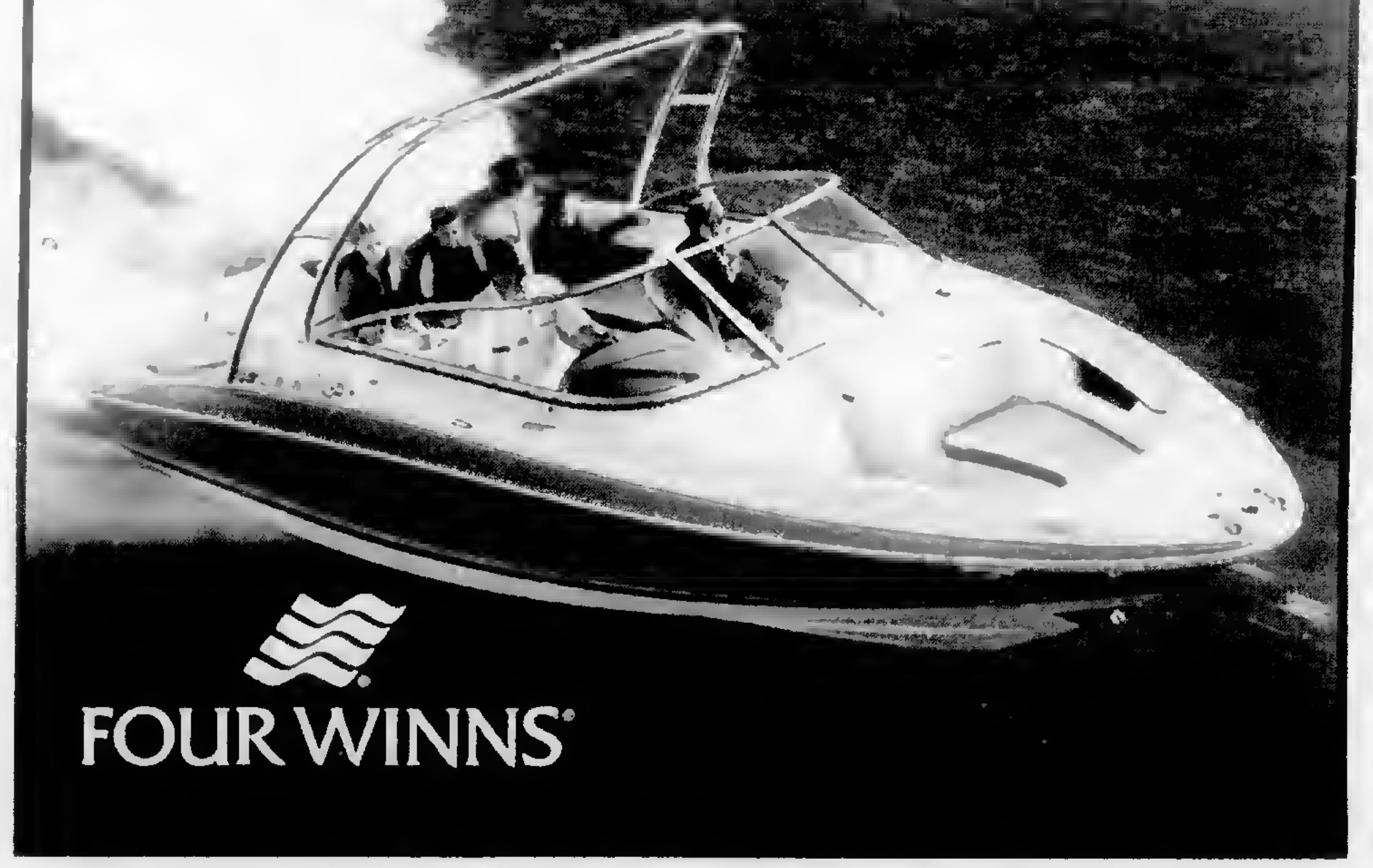

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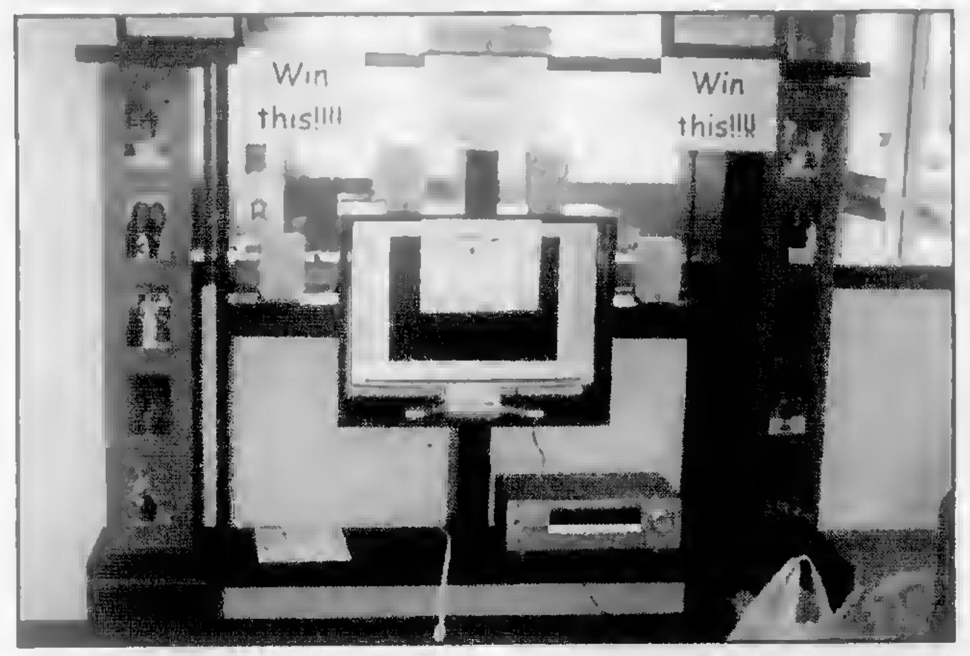

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The cold rugged cross

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Synopsis - March 28, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix. Commissoner Evans was absent.

- Motion approved minutes of the March 14, 2007 and March 19, 2007 meetings as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-012, Purchase of Delinquent Taxes.
- Motion approved the hiring of Superior Mechanical and Sears to finish cleaning systems at the jail.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-013, Whiting Park Renovation and authorized Chairman Shirley Roloff to sign and submit said grant application on behalf of the County.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Event packed National Library Week celebration

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Chris Hauke (above), youth services supervisor at Charlevoix Public Library recently booked 2006 Grammy Award nominee Red Grammer to perform a concert on April 21 at the library. This is one of many events that will take place April 15-21 in recognition of National Library Week.

April 15-21 is National Library Week — a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide.

The Charlevoix Public Library is celebrating National Library Week by hosting different programs each day. The festivities begin with Michigan Notable author, Anne-Marie Oomen at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17. The Oomen presentation will be followed by computer classes and story-hour sessions during the week. And the celebration will culminate with a concert by Emmy nominated children's musician, Red Grammer. Red Grammer will be performing at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 21.

"Every day, libraries in big cities and small towns, colleges and universities, in schools and in businesses help transform their communities," said Mary Ann Chew, president of the Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees. "At our library, people of all backgrounds can come together for community meetings, lectures and programs, to do research with the assistance of a trained professional, to find homework help, to meet with friends, or even to check out a book."

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information, visit the Charlevoix Public Library at www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call (231) 547-2651.

The Charlevoix Library is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

National Library Week headline events at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

- Michigan Notable author, Anne-Marie Oomen at 6:30 p.m on Tuesday, April 17.
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New bead store offers crafters a creative outlet

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Crafters of all ages have found a new local refuge.

In mid-March, Ellsworth resident and bead fanatic, Nicole Hallberg, opened Niki's Beads and Things at 1100 Bridge St., across from Dairy Queen.

Hallberg, 27, who is a full-time water meter reader in Petoskey, has spent seven years crafting bead jewelry and said she's ready to turn her hobby into a profession.

"It's a hobby, entrepreneurship. I love playing with beads," she said.

To make her bead dream a reality, she and her mother, Lori Hallberg, scouted locations. She said they chose Charlevoix because of its lack of existing crafting stores and its tourist draw.

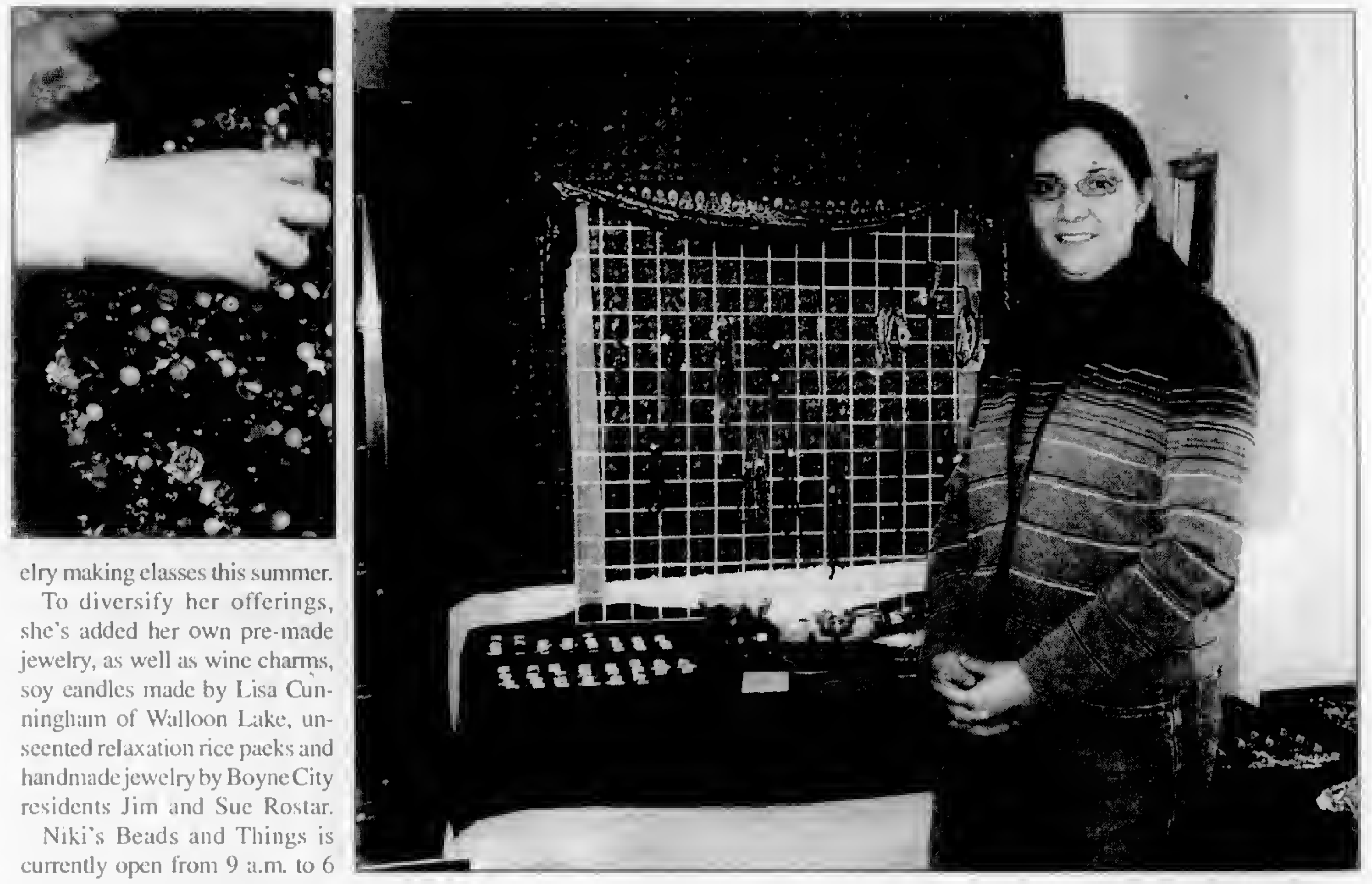
With a store name determined, stocking the shelves was simple — beads. She sells everything from plastic to poly-clay, glass, ceramic, stone and crystal beads.

Stations are set up at the business where customers can craft necklaces, bracelets, earrings and more. She plans to schedule jewelry making classes this summer.

To diversify her offerings, she's added her own pre-made jewelry, as well as wine charms, soy candles made by Lisa Cunningham of Walloon Lake, unscented relaxation rice packs and handmade jewelry by Boyne City residents Jim and Sue Rostar.

Niki's Beads and Things is currently open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, or to schedule a jewelry making event, call Hallberg at (231) 237-9722.



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Consumers Energy grants recognize Big Rock employees

Tim Petrosky

Kenneth Pallagi

The Consumers Energy Foundation has awarded$1,150 in grants to two community service organizations in Charlevoix and Emmet counties to recognize outstanding volunteerism by three utility employees.

The Volunteer Investment Program grants recognize Jim Wilhelm, an electric lineman apprentice at the Prudenville service center, Tim Petrosky, area manager and Kenneth E. Pallagi, radiation protection and environmental services, both at Big Rock Point, who performed a combined total of 130 hours of volunteer service over the past 12 months with the Char-Em United Way in Petoskey.

Petrosky served as board president and Pallagi served on the board of directors. A $500 grant will be used to support local nonprofit agencies.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Shifts in girls' sports seasons coming fall 2007

BY DAVID EGGERT, STEPHEN BELL AND STEVE FOLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS AND PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW SPORTS WRITERS

Shift in sports seasons at a glance

- Girls' basketball will move from fall to winter.
- Girls' volleyball will move from winter to fall.
- Golf, tennis and soccer seasons for boys and girls also will be altered, depending on when those sports are played in the Upper and Lower peninsulas. Starting in the 2007-08 school year, boys' golf and girls' tennis will move from fall to spring in the Lower Peninsula. Girls' golf and boys' tennis in the Lower Peninsula will move from spring to fall.
- The soccer seasons will stay the same in the Lower Peninsula, but boys' soccer will move from fall to spring and the girls from spring to fall in the Upper Peninsula.

After a nine-year fight, two moms from the Grand Rapids area won a legal victory Monday that will resonate with high school girl athletes in Michigan for years to come.

The U.S. Supreme Court, by refusing to hear an appeal, let stand a ruling that Michigan's prep sports scheduling discriminates against girls. Eight sports seasons will switch next school year as a result.

Girls' basketball will move from fall to winter and girls' volleyball from winter to fall. Golf, tennis and soccer seasons for boys and girls also will be altered, depending on when those sports are played in the Upper and Lower peninsulas.

"This is for all the young ladies in Michigan," said Diane Madsen, a Grand Rapids-area teacher and one of the original plaintiffs who filed a class-action lawsuit in 1998.

Madsen's three daughters have graduated high school since then. Still, she was thrilled by Monday's outcome.

"You can't discriminate based on gender, even though it may be convenient to do so," said Madsen, who sued with another mother, Jay Roberts-Eveland, in conjunction with their group, Communities for Equity.

"I'm excited," Pellston volleyball coach Tim McNitt said. "It evens things out, makes it a little more fair."

The high court's decision disappointed the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the governing body for high school sports, which said its scheduling helps girls and ensures their high sports participation rate in Michigan.

MHSAA Executive Director Jack Roberts listed a number of headaches that could result from the ruling but said he felt the worst for athletes who no longer can play multiple sports. Girls' tennis and soccer, for example — which now are played in the fall and spring — will both be played in the spring.

"Thousands of boys and girls will find that the combination of sport that they had in mind is not a combination that's going to be available to them," Roberts said.

Petoskey girls' basketball coach Nelson Greenier also sees a number of headaches that could arise from the ruling.

The first being coaching.

"It's going to be tough," Greenier said.. "(Traverse City West girls' basketball coach) Patti Tabaldi told me there are 28 coaches in our state that coach both boys and girls basketball. That's a large number of coaches doing both and it's going to make for a lot of coaching vacancies."

Greenier also worries about vacancies in the stands with girls' basketball competing with boys in the same season.

"I think at first girls' crowds will be affected," Greenier said. "It's going to be something tough all the way around and it's going to be different."

In 2001, U.S. District Judge Richard Enslen in Kalamazoo ruled that the scheduling policies violate the equal-protection clause of the 14th Amendment, the federal Title IX statute and Michigan civil rights law. He ordered a realigned sports schedule, but the case was tied up in appeals courts for more than five years.

Enslen said girls' sports often haven't been moved because of concerns about the inconvenience to boys' programs.

The suit especially sought to eliminate the practice in Michigan of scheduling the girls' basketball season in the fall and the girls' volleyball season in the winter. Because colleges and high schools in most other states flip-flop those two sports seasons, critics say Michigan's schedule limits the exposure of the state's female prep athletes and hurts their chances of winning sports scholarships.

Michigan is the only state where volleyball is a winter sport, and one of two to play girls' basketball outside of winter. Hawaii girls play in the spring.

McNitt said travel will be much easier with volleyball in the fall.

"We won't have to worry about Saturday tournaments being canceled because of the weather," he said. "Whether we're going to tournaments at Suttons Bay, Leland, Ferris, we won't have to go through the snow to get there."

New conference schedules for volleyball could also have an impact academically.

"With Thursday games, the girls have to get their homework assignments done for Friday," McNitt said. "On road trips to Forest Area, the girls all have their books cracked open. When the boys take that trip on Friday, they all have their headphones on."

Greenier said he preferred the girls' basketball season in the fall.

"We had our own tournament run at the end of the season and it was nice," Greenier said. "You could actually do your summer stuff right before the season and then jump right into the season. Now, that's different.

"I know it's going to affect AAU basketball for girls as well."

Greenier also worries about other aspects of the change including gym practice times, officials and non-conference scheduling.

"It's going to be tough to get used to and it'll be interesting to see what happens to some coaches that coach both, with officials and with smaller schools like Boyne Falls, Alanson and Harbor Light who'll have basically six teams trying to practice with one floor. I kind of feel bad for smaller schools like that.

"It's going to be an adjustment for the boys as well," added Greenier. "They may not have the same practice times they had this year."

The MHSAA, whose members include more than 1,500 public and private schools, says the purpose of having some different athletic seasons for boys and girls is to maximize opportunities for participation. Many coaches and administrators disagree that Michigan's schedule is discriminatory.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

MHSAA loses battle over sports season shift

SPORTS

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The MHSAA had vigorously fought the schedule switch, and worries some schools will struggle to find enough coaches, officials and gym availability to make the new setup work.

The case doesn't just affect volleyball and basketball.

Starting in the 2007-08 school year, boys' golf and girls' tennis will move from fall to spring in the Lower Peninsula. Girls' golf and boys' tennis in the Lower Peninsula will move from spring to fall.

The soccer seasons will stay the same in the Lower Peninsula, but boys' soccer will move from fall to spring and the girls from spring to fall in the Upper Peninsula.

At least one of those planned switches will face a legal challenge. Richard Friedman, a University of Michigan law professor, said Monday he will try to intervene on behalf of parents and a tennis coaches' association to keep the girls' tennis season in the fall. Friedman said the fall is considered preferable for tennis in Michigan because of better weather conditions.

Supporters of the season switch say it will help girls beyond sports. They say Michigan's prep scheduling has treated girls like second-class citizens — affecting their self-image and academics as well as their opportunities in athletics — without most people in the system even realizing it. They also argue the switch will help more Michigan girls be recruited for college sports.

"Unfortunately, the existing damage cannot be undone," said Neena Chaudhry of the Washington-based National Women's Law Center and one of the lead attorneys in the case. "But we can look forward. Future generations of Michigan high school girls who want to participate in athletics will get the equal opportunities for which they have long waited."

Roberts, whose group faces $1.4 million in legal bills and could be responsible for the plaintiffs' attorney fees, said schools don't want the changes. He argued it will be a struggle to maintain Michigan's high sports participation rate among high school girls. But he said schools must do their best to respond.

"The job just got harder," Roberts said. "But blame, pity and whining will not help now. Imagination and energy are what we need now."

Courtesy photo

Rec League champs

The Charlevoix grades fifth and sixth Recreation League basketball championship team is pictured above. They are (from left to right) coach Ron Way, Autumn Sobleski, Rachel Schull, Carolyn Boss, Madi Carey, Paige Ager and Anna Way. Taylor Markgraf and assistant coach Madison Way are not pictured.

Scores from Local Bowling Leagues

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	W	L
Ferguson & Chamberlain	428	272
Paul Bunyan Lanes	428	272
Lakeshore Tire	375	325
Mark White Paint & Stain	340	360
Lutherans	317	383
R & C Roofing	311	389
State Farm Insurance	303	397
St. Mary's	298	402

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jim Potter		233
Tom Browe	575	233
John Kiernen	575	219
Larry Potter	574	

TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES
APR. 3, 2007

	W	L
Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	38.5	17.5
DM Construction	35	21
St. Mary Cement	29	27
Central Drug Store	28	28
Oleson's Food Store	26.5	29.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	25	31
Mary Ann's Takeout	21.5	34.5
Paul Bunyan Lanes	20.5	35.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Annette Hosler	519	204
Carol Burry	534	202
Marlene Evans		194
June Kunkle	518	

YOUNG AT HEARTS
APR. 5, 2007

	W	L
Misfits	37	23
Alley Cats	35.5	24.5
Sparetime	32	28
Twilighters	32	28
Past Timers	32	28
Irish Rollers	27	33
Hall & Half	26.5	33.5
Has Beens	14	46

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Mo Dixon	513	194
Bob Sutliff		174
Art Ruis	490	172
Don Wells	471	
Irene Cellner	410	142
Patty Sitzema	465	186
Nancy Bambach	385	140

MONDAY MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE
APR. 2, 2007

	W	L
St. Mary's of Charlevoix	31	17
Bud's Buds	30	18
The Flight Deck	28	20
Paul Bunyan Lanes	27	21
J Arnold Painting "2"	23	25
B VanLoo & Sons	19	29
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Selph Trucking	17	31

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Scott Blechel	542	211
Bob Bourassa	543	
Shawn Putman	536	208
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	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	188	92
Laural & Company	139	141
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Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Thomas A. Carson, A single man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Aegis Funding Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 2005 and recorded October 6, 2005 in Liber 708 Page 761 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5, by assignment dated June 20, 2006 and recorded October 24, 2006 in Liber 771, Page 105, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents ($139,776.33) including interest 9.51% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, May 11, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Walloon Lake, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at T-Iron Stake at the West Quarter Corner of Section 9, Township 33 North, Range 5 West ; thence South 88 degrees 50 minutes 17 seconds East along East and West Quarter Line of Said Section 2648.26 feet to a 3-4 Inch Iron Bar at the Center Quarter Corner of Said Section; thence South 0 Degrees 35 Minutes 15 Seconds West along the North and South Quarter Line of Said Section 1313.91 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod on the South Eighth line of Said Section, as monumented; thence North 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 42 Seconds West along said Eighth Line 491.59 feet to a Point which is 801.90 feet South 89 Degrees 0 Minutes 42 Seconds East of an Iron Stake at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section, as monumented; thence North 1 degree 147 Minutes 21 Seconds East 33.0 feet to a One-Half inch Rod on the Northerly line of Highway M-75, Being the Point of Beginning of this Description; thence Continuing North 1 Degree 47 Minutes 21 Seconds East 259.50 Feet to a T-Iron Stake at the Southeast Corner of the Alan L. Deneau Property, as Monuments; thence North 0 Degrees 34 Minutes 31 Seconds West Along said Deneau Property 176.17 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod; thence South 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 42 Seconds east Perallel with said Eighth Line 142.57 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod, thence South 0 Degrees 35 Minutes 15 Seconds West parallel with said North and South Quarter Line 435.60 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod on said Highway Line; thence North 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 42 Seconds West 144.44 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Being a Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 9, Township 33 North, Range 5 West. Commonly known as 4405 M 75 North, Walloon Lake MI 49796 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: APRIL 6, 2007

Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-68324 ASAP# 841767.
(L-04/11, 04/18, 04/25, 05/02)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 21st day of April, 2005, by Benjamin J. Morey, a single man, to Northwestern Bank, and recorded on May 18, 2005, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 681, page 970, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETYSIX AND 58/100 DOLLARS ($2,196.58) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of setisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Township 34 North, Range 6 West; thence East 600 feet; thence South 133 feet; thence West 50 feet; thence South 25 feet; thence West 550 feet to the West line of said Section 31; thence North 158 feet to the Point of Beginning. Township Bay, Charlevoix County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: March 12, 2007

Northwestern Bank
Mortgagee

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MORTGAGE SALE

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 31, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on November 7, 2001, in Liber 442,

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Page(s) 423, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $78,565.99, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 12.77 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on April 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 29' 43" EAST 1393.05 FEET TO THE WEST 1/8 POST; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 28' 42" WEST 726.00 FEET, ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE (AS MONUMENTED), TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 06' 01" EAST 391.10 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF FERRY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 25 DEGREES 19' 59" EAST 105.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 89 DEGREES 01' 06" WEST 439.21 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION (AS MONUMENTED); THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 54' 01" EAST 100.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: March 14, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barry Bott and Alisha Bott, Husband and Wife, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2005 and recorded November 28, 2005 in Liber 718, Page 579, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Argent Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2006-W1 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2006, Without Recourse by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Eight and 13/100 Dollars ($123,008.13) including interest at 7.9% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on MAY 4, 2007. Said premises are located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3 of Bay Shore West, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 263 through 265 of Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 4, 2007

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 8th day of July, 2002, by Benjamin J. Morey, a single man, to Northwestern Bank, and recorded on July 23, 2002, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 478, page 883, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice FORTY SIX THOUSAND NINETY FOUR AND 15/100 DOLLARS ($46,094.15) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 31, Township 34 North, Range 6 West; thence East 600 feet; thence South 133 feet; thence West 50 feet; thence South 25 feet; thence West 550 feet to the West line of said Section 31; thence North 158 feet to the Point of Beginning. Township Bay, Charlevoix County, Michigan

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: March 12, 2007

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

File No. 05-925-20-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, a Michigan banking corporation, Plaintiff,

V

WALLOON WINDS COMMUNITY, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; WALTER BREIDENSTEIN; WALLOON LAKE PROPERTIES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; and TERRANCE BURKHARDT and ANNA BETH BURKHARDT, husband and wife, Defedants,

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

1. On January 19, 2007, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment and Order For Sale for and on behalf of First Community Bank and all rights arising from that Judgment were assigned to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt on or about February 16, 2007.

2. On June 8, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Land situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

Parcel 1: Lot 52, Springbrook Hills No. 1, according the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 2: Lot 92, Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 4: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along South line of said Section, 200.85 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 3 of the Southeast 3 of said Section 13.

Parcel 5: A parcel of land situated in part of the East 2 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Beginning at the East 3 corner of said Section 13; thence South 01°00'22" West 1313.42 feet along the East line of said Section, to the 1/8 corner of said Section 13; thence North 88°55'38" West, 170.25 feet, thence south 86°17'34" West 29.84 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 138 of the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the Northerly line of said plat the following 4 courses: thence North 89°29'07" West 129.98 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 130.00 feet); thence South 65°56'25" West 268.76 feet (previously recorded as South 64°57'05" West 268.81 feet); thence Northwesterly 215.27 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°21'39" and the long chord of which bears North 56°23'31" West 203.43 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 215.34 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left; the central angle of which is 66°25'10", and the long chord of which bears North 57°17'15" West, 203.48 feet); thence North 89°33'36" West 402.92 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 404.10 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 13 per the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2); thence Southwesterly 85.09 feet along the arc of a 169.37 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 28°47'10" and the long chord of which bears South 76°04'43" West 84.20 feet; thence South 61°41'03" West 95.72 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line; thence North 00°53'47" East 105.09 feet to the 1/8 corner on the South 1/8 line of said Section 13; thence North 00°53'47" East 1313.44 feet along said East 1/8 line; thence South 87°54'28" East 1315.46 feet along the East-West 3 line of said Section 13 to the Point of Beginning

Parcel 6: A parcel of land situated in part of the Southeast 3 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 87°54'18" West 200.85 feet along the South line of said Section (previously recorded as North 87°54'31" West); thence North 01°11'01" East, 331.00 feet (previously recorded as North) to the Point of Beginning of Parcel 2; thence South 71°29'30" West 238.44 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way of Townhouse Trail in the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along said Easterly right-of-way line the following 5 courses; thence North 05°35'48" West, 195.70 feet (previously recorded as North 06°36'05" West); thence Northwesterly 207.44 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left the central angle of which is 15°25'49" and the long chord of which bears North 13°24'07" West 206.81 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 207.68 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angel of which is 15°26'55" and the long chord of which bears North 14°19'30" West 207.06 feet); thence North 21°07'49" West 75.00 feet (previously recorded as North 22°03'00" West); thence Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right the central angle of which is 34°34'28" and the long chord of which bears North 03°50'34" West 171.35 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 173.98 feet, along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'30" and the long chord of which bears North 04°45'45" West, 171.35 feet); thence North 13°26'41" East 50.00 feet (previously recorded as North 12°31'30" East) to the Southwest corner of Lot 140, Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the boundary line of said plat the following three courses: thence North 85°09'05" East 324.38 feet (previously recorded as North 84°10'25" East); thence North 04°38'12" East, 126.00 feet (previously recorded as North 03°30'40" East); thence North 00°57'22" East 213.42 feet (previously recorded as North 213.34 feet) to the Northeast corner of Lot 138, plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence North 86°17'34" East 29.84 feet, thence South 01°00'34" West 214.92 feet (previously recorded as South 214.52 feet); thence South 04°30'28" West 484.11 feet (previously recorded as South 03°30'40" West); thence South 00°59'48" West 280.68 feet (previously recorded as South) to the Point of Beginning.

3. The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

Date: April 5, 2007

Sharon M. Selissen,
Deputy Court Clerk
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE MORTGAGE SALE

1. On February 5, 2007, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale for and on behalf of Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt.

2. On May 25, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Land located in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel 1: Lot 52, Springbrook Hills No. 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 2: Lot 92, Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 3: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along South line of Said Section, 200.85 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Said Section 13.

Parcel 4: A parcel of land situated in part of the East 2 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Beginning at the East 3 corner of said Section 13; thence South 01°00'22" West 1313.42 feet along the East line of said Section, to the 1/8 corner of said Section 13; thence North 88°55'38" West, 170.25 feet; thence South 86°17'34" West, 29.84 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 138 of the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the Northerly line of said plat the following 4 courses: thence North 89°29'07" West 129.98 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 130.00 feet); thence South 65°56'25" West 268.76 feet (previously recorded as South 64°57'05" West 268.81 feet); thence Northwesterly 215.27 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°21'39" and the long chord of which bears North 56°23'31" West 203.43 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 215.34 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°25'10", and the long chord of which bears North 57°17'15" West 203.48 feet); thence North 89°33'36" West, 402.92 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 404.10 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 13 per the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2); thence Southwesterly 85.09 feet along the arc of a 169.37 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 28°47'10" and the long chord of which bears South 76°04'43" West 84.20 feet; thence South 61°41'03" West 95.72 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line; thence North 00°53'47" East 105.09 feet to the 1/8 corner on the South 1/8 line of said Section 13; thence North 00°53'47" East 1313.44 feet along said East 1/8 line; thence South 87°54'28" East 1315.46 feet along the East-West 3 line of said Section 13 to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 5: A Parcel of land situated in part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 87°54'18" West 200.85 feet along the South line of said Section (previously recorded as North 87°54'31" West); thence North 01°11'01" East, 331.00 feet (previously recorded as North) to the point of beginning; thence South 71°29'30" West 238.44 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way of Townhouse Trail in the recorded Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along said Easterly right of way line the following 5 courses; thence North 05°35'48" West 195.70 feet (previously recorded as North 06°36'05" West); thence Northwesterly 207.44 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 15°25'49" and the long chord of which bears North 13°24'07" West 206.81 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 207.68 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 15°26'55" and the long chord of which bears North 14°19'30" West 207.06 feet); thence North 21°07'49" West 75.00 feet (previously recorded as North 22°03'00" West); thence Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'28" and the long chord of which bears North 03°50'34" West 171.35 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'30" and the long chord of which bears North 04°45'45" West, 171.35 feet); thence North 13°26'41" East 50.00 feet (previously recorded as North 12°31'30" East) to the Southwest corner of Lot 140, Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the boundary line of said plat the following three courses: thence North 85°09'05" East 324.38 feet (previously recorded as North 84°10'25" East); thence North 04°38'12" East 126.00 feet (previously recorded as North 03°30'40" East); thence North 00°57'22" East 213.42 feet (previously recorded as North 213.34 feet) to the Northeast corner of Lot 138, Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence North 86°17'34" East 29.84 feet; thence South 01°00'34" West 214.92 feet (previously recorded as South 214.52 feet); thence South 04°30'28" West 484.11 feet (previously recorded as South 03°30'40" West); thence South 00°59'48" West 280.68 feet (previously recorded as South) to the point of beginning.

Parcel 6: That part of Southwest 3 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, which lies Northeasterly of the centerline of Springvale Road; EXCEPTING THEREFROM the plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 271, 272 and 273, Charlevoix County Records, AND the plat of Springbrook Hills No. 1, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 7: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence along the North line of said Section 24, South 89°59'36" West (also having been described as West) 170.22 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 15°38'39" West (also having been described as South 15°37'30" West) 447.80 feet; thence South 87°39'50" West (also having been described as West) 220.00 feet; thence North 03°35'32" East 441.01 feet to the intersection of the North line of said Section 24 and the Southeast corner of Lot 115, Springbrook Hills No. 2, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records; thence along said North section line, North 89°59'36" East (also having been described as East) 312.94 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24.

3. The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

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Prosecutor: SANE drug busts down, use climbs

SANE

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in Montmorency and equal to those complaints in Otsego.

The 23 drug related arrests in Charlevoix were fewer than the 43 in Cheboygan, 42 in Chippewa, 36 in Emmet, 27 in Otsego and more than the three in Luce, one in Montmorency and equal to those arrests made in Mackinac County.

"SANE conducted two search warrants in Charlevoix County, where marijuana and cash were seized," Mills stated in the report. "One of the search warrants in Charlevoix County uncovered an indoor marijuana grow operation."

While the number of complaints and arrests have dropped from the previous year, Charlevoix County law enforcement officials are seeing a steady increase in the sale and use of drugs and at least five drug related deaths over the past few years.

"Drugs are not declining, drugs are on the increase, but SANE targets the bigger fish or end line user," said Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarema, so the increase in drug use in Charlevoix County may not be as evident in their report.

Some of the major charges levied across SANE's seven county coverage area in 2006 included 97 for delivery of crack or powdered cocaine, 17 for cocaine possession, 16 for habitual offender, 113 for maintaining a drug house, 93 for marijuana delivery, 43 for opium delivery, three for Methamphetamine delivery and nine for heroin delivery.

"We are seeing the comeback of heroin, we are seeing cocaine in stronger numbers, but the bulk of what we are seeing is prescription drug use — pills like Vicodin, methadone, OxyContin," Jarema said. "They are readily available on the street. In fact, I just spoke with Rep. (Kevin) Elsenheimer to push for legislation to mandate new laws that will stop doctor shopping."

Doctor shopping is when a person complains of symptoms and receives prescriptions from numerous doctors in a short time span with the intent of either abusing the drugs or selling them on the street.

"This is a huge problem," Jarema said. "The last two drug deaths (in Charlevoix County) were related to prescription drugs."

He added, "Age doesn't seem to be a factor, social status, financial status doesn't seem to be a factor either, it's totally across the board."

The complaint comparison of the last decade for SANE's seven county coverage area shows an increase from 120 in 1996 to 190 in 2006 with a spike of 294 in 2003. An arrest comparison over the last decade of the entire coverage area shows an increase from 122 in 1996 to 198 in 2006 with a spike of 226 in 2005. SANE task force's yearend balance comparison for all activity shows a decrease from $202,922 in 1996 to $146,275 in 2006.

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APRIL 13
FRIDAY FEATURES

The Charlevoix Yacht Club's free Friday Features 2007 events lineup will feature a program entitled, "Does your Boat Insurance Really Cover all You Do? Don't find out the hard way," at 7 p.m. on April 13 at the club, located at 209 Ferry Avenue. Mike Smith, president of Global Marine Insurance Agency, will present a program on boating insurance stories. Participants will learn what to look for in boat insurance coverage.

For more information, call (231) 547-9170 or visit www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

APRIL 13
HOSPITAL BLOOD DRIVE

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host an American Red Cross blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Friday, April 13.

All presenting donors can enter to win a 2007 Tigers ticket game package. Appointments may be scheduled by calling (231) 547-8906.

APRIL 14
CASH RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale for the 2007 Knights of Columbus 31st Annual Cash Raffle.

Ticket buyers will be entered to win cash prizes including a $10,000 prize. Winners will be announced on April 14 at Castle Farms.

APRIL 15
PIZZA TIP FUND-RAISER

A celebrity tip night fundraiser will take place from 4 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, April 15 at Charlevoix Pizza Hut.

Proceeds from the event will be directed to Kimberly Isaac (formerly Kimberly Thorp), a 32-year-old mother of two battling cancer. All tips and donations will be given to the Isaac family.

APRIL 16
COMMISSION ON AGING MEETING

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Board will meet from 10 a.m. to noon on April 16 at the commission office, located at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

APRIL 16
FREE FROM SMOKING

Charlevoix Area Hospital along with the American Lung Association wants to help you quit smoking.

If you have reached the point where you are ready to quit smoking this program will provide support, guidance and advice to help you reach your goal.

This free eight-session, seven-week program, starts April 16 and ends June 4. Sessions will be conducted at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The clinic will meet at 3:30 p.m. on April 16 for an orientation and registration session. Seven sessions will follow at 3:30 p.m. on April 23 and 30, May 7, 9, 14 and 21 and June 4.

To register, call (231) 547-8672 or e-mail potterm@cah.org.

APRIL 17
AUTHOR EVENT

Anne-Marie Oomen, author of "House of Fields," will pay a special visit to the Charlevoix Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, for an evening of first-rate storytelling, book signing and question-and-answer time with guests.

Oomen is visiting the Charlevoix library as part of the Library of Michigan's 2007 "Michigan Notable Authors Tour." This year, 18 authors whose engaging works were chosen as 2007 Michigan Notable Books selections will visit nearly 70 libraries throughout the state. The Charlevoix library is located at 220 West Clinton St. in Charlevoix. For details about this author event, call (231) 237-7340 or visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

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GRIEF SUPPORT

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will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays from April 17 through May 15 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 207 Nichols St. in East Jordan.

The Grief Support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Charlevoix Area Hospital and North Country Community Mental Health. The program is designed to help those grow through grief and learn the five tasks of grief work.

The facilitators for this program are Rev. Nancy Rhode, hospice spiritual advisor and Margaret Lasater, bereavement coordinator. Anyone is invited who has suffered a loss or who is helping a loved one deal with a loss and who would benefit from the support of others.

Pre-register by calling the hospice office at (231) 582-8800. There is no charge for this program.

APRIL 19
BLOOD DRIVE

Charlevoix High School student council will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 at the high school. To make an appointment call (231) 547-3222, extension 2032.

APRIL 19
GLOBALIZATION FORUM

Anyone interested in globalization's impact on northern Michigan should plan to attend a forum on that topic at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 at the Charlevoix Public Library located at 220 West Clinton St. in Charlevoix.

The "Evening of Informed Discussion" is the second in a series of forums at the library entitled "Perspectives: Understanding through education" sponsored by North Central Michigan College, Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, Charlevoix State Bank, Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Public Schools and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

APRIL 21
RED GRAMMER CONCERT

Charlevoix Public Library will host a live children's concert featuring Grammy nominee Red Grammer at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 21. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. Admission is free. General admission seating is available.

APRIL 22
ST. MARY ENROLLMENT BREAKFAST

St. Mary School will host a free enrollment breakfast from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on April 22 in the school's family center, located at 1005 Bridge St. in Charlevoix. The school offers curriculum for children age 3 through sixth-grade. Staff members will be on hand to answer questions and offer tours and parents and alumni will speak about their St. Mary experience.

For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

APRIL 28
RAYDER BASEBALL GOLF CLASSIC

The Charlevoix Rayder Baseball team is hosting the 2nd Annual Rayder Baseball-Golf Classic on Saturday, April 28 at Antrim Dells Golf Course. The fundraiser helps the Rayder baseball team with equipment costs, travel costs and field upkeep. There will be games, prizes, a raffle, silent auction and a chance to win a car with a hole-in-one. The cost is $65. The group is also looking for tee sponsors and item donations for the raffle or auction.

To register, contact Kirk Heckendorn at (231) 675-1941 or visit www.rayderbaseball.com

MAY 10
MEDIATION TRAINING

Northern Community Mediation will offer 40-hour general civil mediator training in Charlevoix on May 10, 11,12, 17, 18 and 19.

This training is Michigan Supreme Court approved. Whether you're interested in becoming a community mediator, or are a business owner or human resources professional, this course is an excellent way to learn dispute resolution skills. Class size is limited. If you are interested, call Jane Millar at Northern Community Mediation, (231) 487-1771 for more information.

The training is free for those who become community mediators. The cost is $600 for those who do not become community mediators.

MAY 12
BREAST CANCER WALK

The Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk will take place May 12 in Charlevoix.

There are a number of ways to participate including collecting contributions using a walker registration form available at Charlevoix County Chambers of Commerce, the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital, local health clubs and Prudential Preferred Properties' Charlevoix office.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the walk will follow at 10 a.m. leaving from Bridge Park in Charlevoix. Walk routes ranging from 2.5 to 5 miles will be offered. Refreshments will be served in the park at the close of the event.

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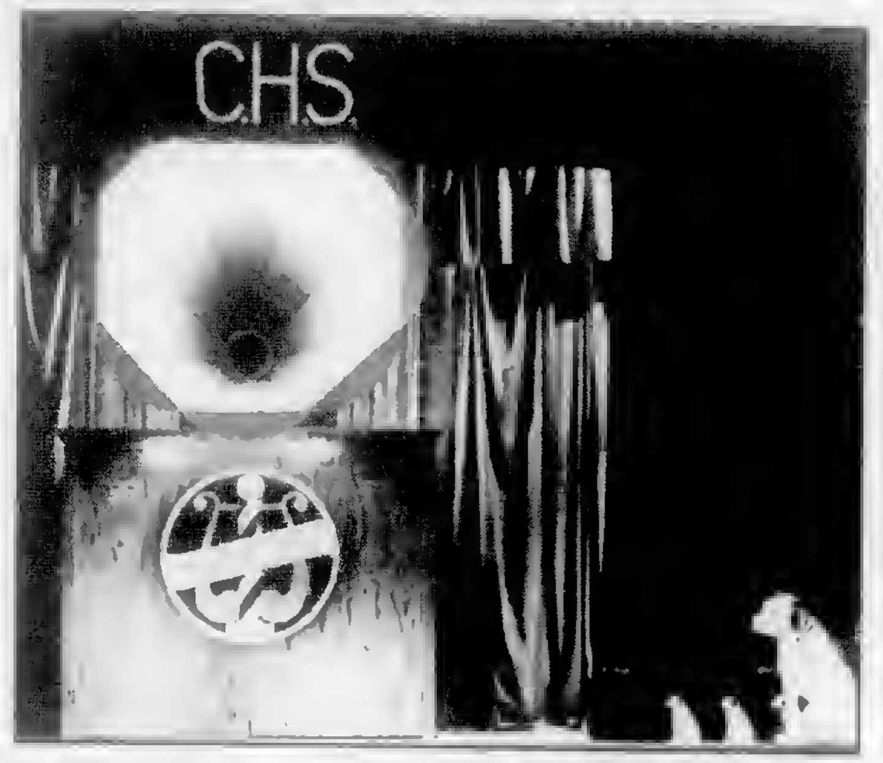

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Pizza Hut to host celebrity fund-raiser

A celebrity tip night fundraiser will take place from 4 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, April 15 at Charlevoix Pizza Hut.

Proceeds from the event will be directed to Kimberly Isaac (formerly Kimberly Thorp), a 32-year-old mother of two battling cancer. All tips and donations will be given to the Isaac family.

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Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 13 and 14, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. April 13, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

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BASEBALL

Pitching power leads baseball attack

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) The varsity baseball team is (front, from left) bat boy Will Telgenhof, Travis Jakeway, Zach Scharenbroch, Cliff Jones, Ethan Towsley, Nic Williams, Ty Telgenhof, bat boy Luke Telgenhof (back, from left) assistant coach Kirk Heckendorn, assistant coach Neil Friske, J.D. Speigl, R.J. Moore, Danny Waldron, Chris Waha, Jon Putman, Michael Heckendorn and coach Allen Telgenhof. Tyler Monroe is not pictured.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) The junior varsity baseball team is (front, from left) Mike Kras, Jimmie Kilgore, Chase Moore, Zach Amstutz, Drew Largent, Corey Loucks, (back, from left) coach Terry Largent, Jake Rankl, Steve Coen, Tanner Fisher, Gunnar Whitley, Matt McKenzie, Casey Helstrom, Bill Ivan, C.J. Kunkle and coach Brian Certa. Alex Foster, Clayton Mitchell and Tyler Jones are not pictured.

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Can a balanced Rayder baseball team put 20 years of trampled district championship hopes to rest?

Head coach Allen Telgenhof thinks so.

"We want our program to be about winning championships — the conference, districts, regionals and a state championship," he said. "Everyone is really ready to step up. I hear the guys talking about the final four in Battle Creek and setting the school record for wins. That's exciting."

With the help of assistant coaches, Kirk Heckendorn and Neil Friske and junior varsity coach, Brian Certa, Telgenhof is grooming a 2007 championship team.

Of the 13 players he said he has two senior leaders that will be the key to the season — pitchers Chris Waha and Danny Waldron.

"Chris (who returns this season after two years in California) has a chance to be the best pitcher in northern Michigan and Danny is a solid number two guy — these are men pitching," coach Telgenhof said.

While these two are the cornerstone of the Rayders' defensive outfit, if opponents get a hit off they have a powerful infield and outfield backing them up.

The infield includes two power players Jon Putman, a sophomore at shortstop and Cliff Jones, a junior at second base. The outfield is secured by experienced players Ty Telgenhof, R.J. Moore and Zach Scharenhroch.

Coach Telgenhof said the one place the team needs to make strides is at the plate and Certa has been working with players on hitting skills.

The number one challenge to the Rayder plight for the Lake Michigan Conference championship crown is rival East Jordan. The first Rayder-Red Devil showdown of the season will take place at 4:30 p.m. on April 17 on Charlevoix's diamond.

"We'll know early on where we stand in the conference based on how we do with them," Telgenhof said.

Other tough conference competitors include Traverse City St. Francis and Elk Rapids.

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SOFTBALL

Softball team ready to build on success

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) The varsity softball team is (front, from left) Leah Kelly, Amber Hoffman, Caitlin Mitchell, Felicia Moses, Ericka Faust, (back, from left) Charisse Rogers, Desi Faust, Lauren Mielke, Jill Loper, Janay Drost and coach Tony Zimmerman. Sasha Spencley, Renee Drew, Kara Cielsielczyk, Kim Rosen and assistant coaches Ken Hoffman and Patrick Faust are not pictured. (Below) The junior varsity baseball team is (front, from left) Megghan Golovich, Jenna Kirby, Brooke Nemchak, Sarah Potter, Kristin Bradley, (back, from left) coach Ann Gorney, Megan Klooster, Nikki Speigl, Katlynn Johnson, Kristina Alden and assistant coach Waja Dixon. Omega Hang is not pictured.

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The Charlevoix High School softball team is planning to continue its climb to the top.

In 2006, the softball team ended the season 12-12 and in third place in the Lake Michigan Conference, the program's best record in 15 years.

"We want to build off what we accomplished last year. We want to bring a district title back to Charlevoix," said Tony Zimmerman, head coach of the varsity Rayder softball team.

The players Zimmerman feels are team leaders include senior, Sasha Spencley at shortstop, junior, Leah Kelly at second base, junior, Desi Faust on the mound and at first hase and sophomore Amber Hoffman, a pitcher.

"We are experienced but have some growing to do. It's just a matter of getting some playing time," Zimmerman, who is in his second season coaching the team, said.

While defensive play is one of the team's strengths, hitting skills are an area Zimmerman said needs polishing. Top hitters are Spencley, Faust and senior outfielder, Charisse Rogers. Assistant coach Ken Hoffman has been working with the team on offensive skills and strategy. Patrick Faust is a second assistant coach.

Hopes of clinching the conference title could be dashed by Kalkaska, Traverse City St. Francis and East Jordan — all of whom Zimmerman described as strong teams.

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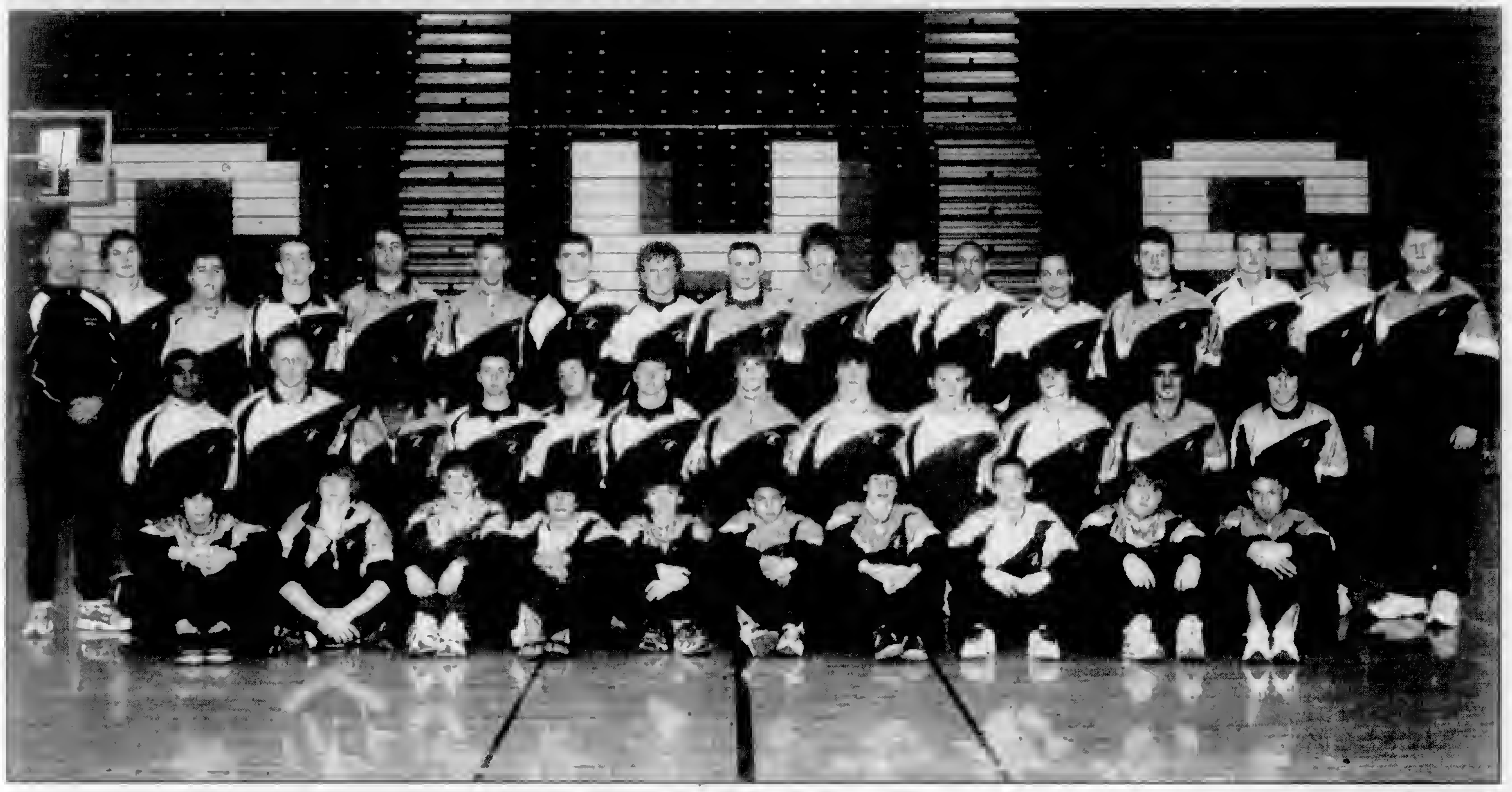

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The boys' varsity track team is (front, from left) Mat Golovich, Ace Edicm, Nick Wimmer, Neil Salisbury, Jonathan Kelly, Isaac Hosper, J.T. Lawrence, Alex Buday, Justin Williams, Doug Reynolds, (middle) Tony Cepeda-Molholland, David Klintworth, Bennie Comish, Billy Roloff, Shawn Hodgkinson, Dan Swenor, Jacob Wimmer, Nate Golovich, Dustin Arp, Stephen Beck, A.J. Marafi, Michael Whister, (back) coach Ken Plude, Andy Ennis, Corey Cielsielczyk, Jacob Hunt, Trevor Cole, Scott Plude, Drew Klooster, Dan Myers, Hunter Johnstone, Brock Yenglin, Phil Michaud, Darron Munson, Cliff Jones, Zak Rankl, Hunter Boss, Joseph Stevenson and Caleb Arp III.

Senior leaders guide huge track team

Over 50 come out for 2007 boys' track

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

"We have experience in our leadership and a lot of depth (56 players total). It will take a while to mold it but I think we'll be successful."

Ken Plude
CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' TRACK COACH

Ken Plude

With just under 100 players competing, Charlevoix High School girls' and boys' track teams have their sights set on winning regionals and making an appearance at the team state finals.

The boys' track team is coming off back-to-back district and regional wins as well as strong showings at the team state finals where they finished fourth in 2005 and third in 2006.

"We have experience in our leadership and a lot of depth (56 players total). It will take a while to mold it but I think we'll be successful," said boys' track coach, Ken Plude, who has worked with the Rayder program since 1986.

Key players on the boys' team who helped carry them to regional championships in 2005 and 2006 include four seniors — Darron Munson, who specializes in sprints and short/middle distance running, Jacob Wimmer, who is a distance runner, Scott Plude, a hurdler, and Ray Jones, a thrower.

"We'll rely heavily on our senior leadership," Ken said.

Ken said his team's strongest showing will be in the mile and two mile relay events.

Standing in the boys' team's path on their trek to a regional win is Kalkaska — a Lake Michigan Conference compet-

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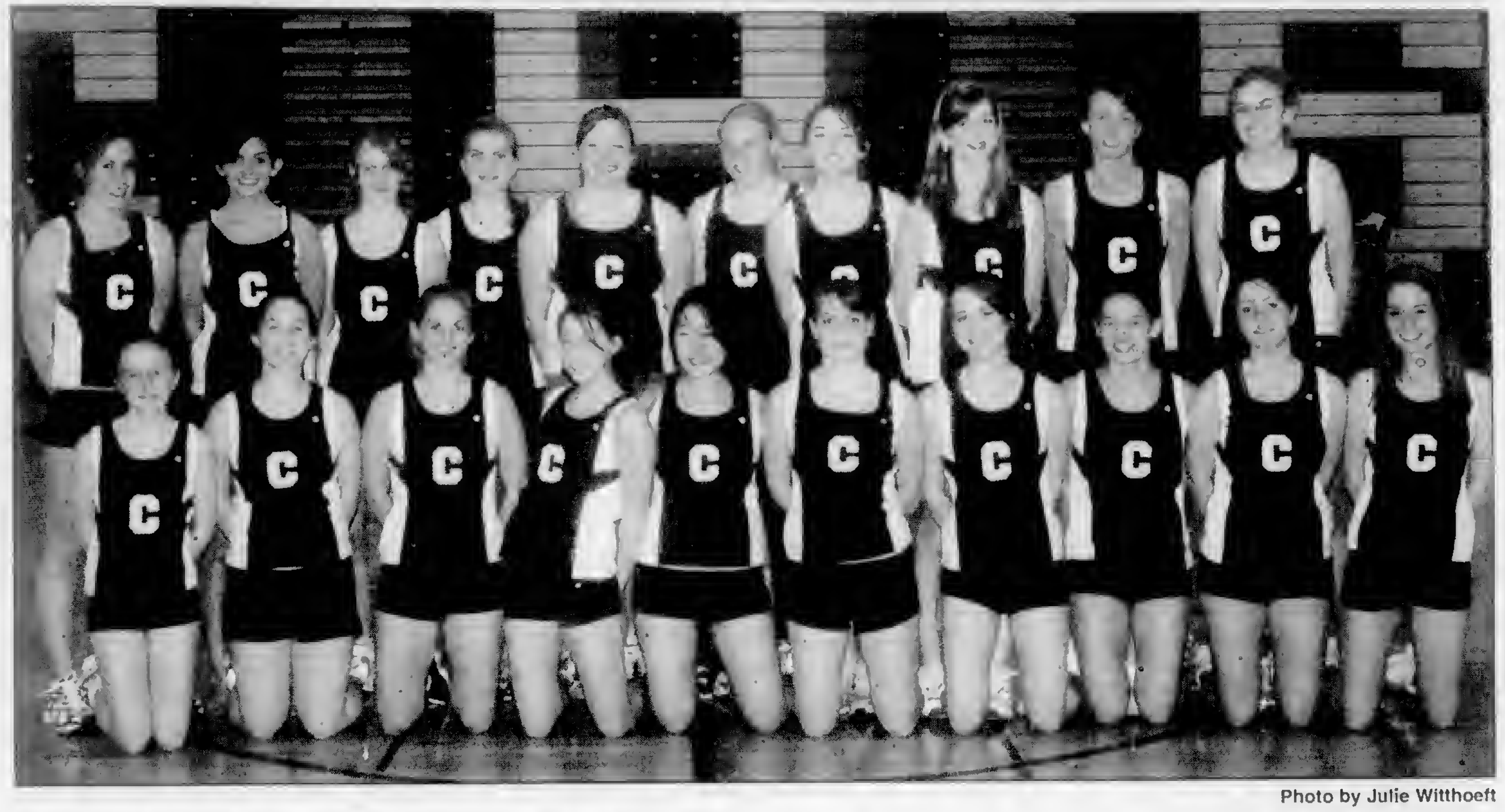

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The girls' varsity track team is (front, from left) Alina Dhaseleer, Caitlin Taylor, Emily Heffling, Alyssa Smith, Tanya Wynkoop, Emily Westenbroek, Alyssa Belfy, Taylor Storm, Alyssa McCormack, Annie Schoonover, (back, from left) Ellise Smolenyak, Shauna Spencley, Katie Young, Krista Pischner, Ashley Pett, Tammy Potter, Sarah Green, Madeline Jeakle, Katie Withrow and Shelby Goss. Brittney Lamb, Lindi Edger, Jessie Bills, Caity Bryant and coaches Mary Plude and Marilyn Morehead are not pictured.

Girls' track aims to tackle state finals

"I think this is the team. If what I've seen in the first three weeks continues, it's a good sign that they can accomplish these goals."

Mary Plude
CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' TRACK COACH

TRACK

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itor that didn't graduate any of their top competitors in 2006.

Mary Plude, head coach of the varsity girls' track team, listed Kalkaska along with Boyne City and East Jordan as conference teams presenting her players with competition this year. The conference championship will take place on May 23 in Kalkaska.

While these teams are obstacles they aren't road blocks. Mary believes her team has what it takes to make an appearance at the state finals.

"They are focused from the new ones right on up. I think this is the team. If what I've seen in the first three weeks continues, it's a good sign that they can accomplish these goals," she said.

The girls' team ended the 2006 season with a seventh place finish at the state finals. The state qualifying 2007 regional meet will take place on May 19 in East Jordan.

To meet their goal, Mary said the 27-person team, 19 of whom are new to the sport, is focusing on form, conditioning and strength training.

Leadership will come from the team's four seniors — Lindi Edger, a middle distance and distance runner, Brittney Lamb, a middle distance runner, Emily Heffling, who specializes in sprints and hurdles and Ashley Pett, a thrower. Rounding out the team are Tammy Potter, a second thrower and Madeline Jeakle and Alyssa Smith, two high-powered high jumpers.

"We need April to put things together. I can see a picture, they've dreamed it but we need to put it on the track," Mary said.

The girls' and boys' teams will have the chance to lay it on the track for the first time this season at 4 p.m. on April 16 at a Lake Michigan Conference meet in Grayling.

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SOCCER

Soccer squad plans to top record breaking season

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) The girls' varsity soccer team is (back, from left) coach Carol Madison, Madison Way, K.C. McCary, Tammy Potter, manager Megan Cross, Becca Madison, Bridget Peters, Meridith Rich, Emily Foster, Kaleigh Blanchard, coach Tom Conlan, (front, from left) Caroline Dupuis, Olivia Catt, Zita Anderson, Ariel Ramsey, Marie Greene and Breanna Londgren. Lori Zimmerman and Teresa Potter are not pictured. (Below) The girls' junior varsity club soccer team is (back, from left) Lily Left, Mikaela Witthoeft, Elisabeth Drost, Rosa Salazar, Elizabeth Salazar, Kris Broman, (middle, from left) Brianna Cepeda, Ally Telgenhof, Hillary Lutz, Rachel Boss, Kelsey Decoster, (back, from left) Erica Moses, Bobbie Molter, Jaimee Eubanks, Celina Wanek, Sara Wilkinson and coach Charlyn Gray. Isis Hang is not pictured.

The Charlevoix High School girls' soccer team plans to top their 2006 record breaking season this year.

"This is the most skilled team we've ever had. All 16 players can play at a high level and we've never been able to say that before," said assistant coach, Tom Conlan.

The team ended last season undefeated in the Lake Michigan Conference and 15-3-1 overall. They graduated top performers including sweeper Stevie Murray and all-state goalkeeper Laura Nitchman.

While Conlan said the loss of Nitchman and Murray is substantial, he has players that can and will fill their cleats.

Leading the 2007 soccer season are tri-captains, Zita Anderson, Lori Zimmerman and Becca Madison. Conlan described Madison, a junior, as an all-state candidate and "one of the best lady soccer players in northern Michigan. Giving the Rayders their offensive edge will be Zimmerman, a forward, and junior, Ariel Ramsey, who was named all-conference, all-district in 2006.

Protecting the Rayders' interests in goal will be sophomore Tammy Potter who was Nitchman's backup in 2006 and saw some game time. Conlan is confident in her skills and said she covers the goal well.

While the team is stacked with talent, Conlan said he and head coach, Carol Madison, are focused on bettering the group by improving their overall fitness and polishing their ball skills.

"We have some work to do on defense," he said.

Key defensive players are sophomore, Meredith Rich and sweeper, Emily Foster.

With offensive and defensive attacks in place, Conlan said his team's ultimate goal is to three-peat as Lake Michigan Conference champions, to take a third district title and to make a run at the regional championship.

The teams potentially standing in the way of reaching those goals are Elk Rapids, Harbor Springs and Traverse City St. Francis.

The legacy of greatness being established by the Charlevoix High School girls' soccer team is also showing promise for the future. For the first time since 1999 there is a junior varsity team.

"I think that speaks for the success of the program. We'll have a strong program for some years to come," Conlan said.

Because there is no funding for the 17-member team being coached by Charlyn Gray, who heads the Charlevoix County 4-H soccer program, it is being referred to as a junior varsity club soccer team

The girls' varsity Rayder soccer team will open regular season play at 5 p.m. on April 12 against East Jordan at Charlevoix High School. They travel to Elk Rapids on April 13 and to Harbor Springs on April 16.

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TENNIS

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The Charlevoix varsity tennis team is (front, from left) Sarah Hagen, TidaNate Chintanomankhong, Christina Miller, Katherine Forrester, Julia Holdsworth, Nicole Cyr, Ashley Devries, Lauren Dupuis, (center, from left) Kevin Greyerbiehl, Peter Londgren, Kevin Moore, Taylor Witthoeft, Brad Cyr, Justin Klooster, Rob Rundblad, Zach Smith, Jennifer Rich, Ian Hughes, Geoff Baier, (back, from left) coach Erik Lundteigen, Alex Myers, Calvin Towsley, Weston Bryan, Dan Swenor, Kris Bartling, Colin McDonough, Alex Mackenzie, Scotty Silberhorn, Thomas Parrish, Jeff Miller, Kyle Smith, David Left, Ted Dilworth, Mike Pelon and coach Neil Turner. Trevor Mays, Tyler Haske, Anna Farrell, Lauren Bradley, Kaitlyn Wojan, Meagan Sell, Rachel Gilmore, Becca Jadwin and Alex Molter are not pictured.

Tennis team ready to ace 2007 season

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix High School varsity tennis coaches, Erik Lundteigen and Neil Turner (above) are ready to lead their team to the state finals in June.

After missing the state finals by one point in 2006, the Charlevoix High School tennis team is ready to ace the 2007 season.

Head coach of the tennis team, Erik Lundteigen and his assistant, Neil Turner are counting on the team's senior leadership to guide them to a Lake Michigan Conference championship and an appearance at the state finals June 1-2.

"We've got some nice stability from returning seniors," he said. "We've got a lot of very solid players. The key will be improving between now and mid-May."

Of the team's 40 players, 15 are seniors. Top senior performers are Dan Swenor, who will likely play #1 singles, Tyler Haske, who is a singles player with a strong baseline game, Brad Cyr who can go doubles or singles and Trevor Mays, a doubles players with a powerful net game. Other players in the running for top positions are Taylor Witthoeft, Lauren Dupuis, Sarah Hagen and Jeff Baier.

Lake Michigan Conference teams that will present the greatest competition for the Rayders are Traverse City St. Francis and Harbor Springs.

"The conference is very competitive. It keeps it interesting," Lundteigen said.

The team will get a taste of conference competition at their first meet of the season on April 14 when they face Boyne City on the Ramblers' home turf.

"The first meet is always tough — kids are playing in different spots, nerves. I think our chances (of beating Boyne City) are good but we'll see," Lundteigen said.

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April 17	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE East Jordan
April 19	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Roscommon
April 21	Saturday	10:00am	HERE Gaylord, Cheboygan, Boyne Falls
April 24	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Harbor Springs
May 1	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Kalkaska
May 3	Thursday	4:30pm	AT Elk Rapids
May 8	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT TC St. Francis
May 10	Thursday	4:30pm	AT Gaylord
May 11	Friday	4:30pm	HERE Harbor Light
May 15	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT Boyne City
May 17	Thursday	4:30pm	AT Suttons Bay
May 19	Saturday	10:00am	AT Mt. Morris Tourney
May 22	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT Grayling
May 23	Wednesday	4:30pm	HERE Leland
May 24	Thursday		Make-Up
May 25	Friday	4:00pm	AT Bellaire
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JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL

Coach: Brian Certa

April 11	Wednesday	4:30pm	HERE Petoskey
April 17	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT East Jordan
April 19	Thursday	4:30pm	AT Roscommon
April 24	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT Harbor Springs
May 1	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT Kalkaska
May 3	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Elk Rapids
May 8	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT TC St. Francis
May 10	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Gaylord
May 12	Saturday	9:00am	AT Boyne City Tourney
May 15	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Boyne City
May 19	Saturday	10:00am	AT Rudyard Tourney
May 22	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Grayling

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Coach: Tony Zimmerman

April 10	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Rudyard
April 13	Friday	4:30pm	HERE Pellston
April 17	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE East Jordan
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April 24	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Harbor Springs

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May 25	Friday	4:00pm	AT Bellaire
May 29	Tuesday		Pre-Districts
June 1	Friday		Districts
June 9	Saturday		Regionals

JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

Coach: Ann Gorney

April 11	Wednesday	4:30pm	HERE Petoskey
April 17	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT East Jordan
April 19	Thursday	4:30pm	AT Roscommon
April 24	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT Harbor Springs
May 1	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT Kalkaska
May 3	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Elk Rapids
May 8	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE TC St. Francis
May 10	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Gaylord
May 12	Saturday	9:00am	AT Boyne City Tourney
May 15	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Boyne City
May 19	Saturday	10:00am	AT Rudyard Tourney
May 22	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Grayling
June 9	Saturday		Regional

VARSITY SOCCER

Coach: Carol Madison

April 12	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE East Jordan
April 13	Friday	5:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
April 16	Monday	5:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
April 19	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE Grayling
April 23	Monday	5:00pm	HERE Kalkaska
April 26	Thursday	5:00pm	AT TC St. Francis
April 27	Friday	5:00pm	AT Petoskey
April 30	Monday	5:00pm	AT Boyne City
May 3	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids
May 7	Monday	5:00pm	AT East Jordan
May 8	Tuesday	5:00pm	HERE Suttons Bay
May 10	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE Harbor Springs
May 14	Monday	5:00pm	AT Grayling
May 17	Thursday	5:00pm	AT Kalkaska
May 18	Friday	5:00pm	HERE Gaylord
May 21	Monday	5:00pm	AT TC St. Francis
May 24	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE Boyne City
May 25	Friday	5:00pm	AT Suttons Bay

VARSITY TENNIS

Coach: Erik Lundteigen

April 12	Thursday	4:30pm	AT Leland
April 13	Friday	4:30pm	AT Boyne City
April 17	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE TC St. Francis
April 19	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Elk Rapids
April 20	Friday	4:30pm	AT Grayling
April 23	Monday	4:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
April 24	Tuesday	4:30pm	HERE Grayling
April 26	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE Boyne City
April 27	Friday	4:30pm	AT Boyne City
April 28	Saturday	10:00am	AT TC St. Francis Invitational
May 1	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT TC St. Francis
May 2	Wednesday	4:30pm	AT Elk Rapids
May 3	Thursday	4:30pm	HERE Harbor Springs
May 7	Monday	4:30pm	HERE Petoskey
May 8	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT Elk Rapids
May 11/12		4:30pm	Conference
May 18/19			Regionals
June 1/2			Finals

VARSITY TRACK

Coaches: Ken & Mary Plude

March 23	Friday	12:00pm	AT Saginaw Valley State
April 16	Monday	4:00pm	AT Grayling
April 18	Wednesday	4:30pm	AT Boyne City Invit.
April 23	Monday	4:00pm	HERE Charlevoix, Boyne City, Harbor Springs
April 27	Friday	3:00pm	AT Clare Invitational
April 30	Monday	2:00pm	AT Bellaire Heidi Steiner Invit.
May 4	Friday	4:00pm	AT TC Central Invit.
May 7	Monday	4:00pm	AT Boyne City
May 10	Thursday	3:00pm	AT East Jordan
May 15	Tuesday	4:00pm	AT Petoskey Kwanis
May 19	Saturday	8:00am	MHSAA Regional
May 23	Wednesday		AT Kalkasa Championship
May 26	Saturday	10:00am	AT Team State
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Park design guru quits

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Peter Pollack

On Monday night, April 17, the mastermind behind the East Park design, Peter Pollack, principal designer with the Ann Arbor firm Pollack Design Associates, told Charlevoix City Council he's done.

"I'm disappointed with the scope of work we've been as-

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Tool time

Bryan Lindfors of Performance Engineering shows third-graders the finer points of engineering tools during Charlevoix Elementary School's annual Tool School on April 13.

Who pays for boat safety in the Narrows?

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Local residents argue environmental health and human safety could be at risk in the narrows on the south arm of Lake Charlevoix if four failing informational buoys are not replaced.

According to concerned resident Paul Witting, no-one is willing to pay for their replacement.

"I took this on because I had received a letter from the Lake Charlevoix Association last May asking for donations to buy the new buoys and I sent in my donation," Witting said. "I called the trea-

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Tanner Owens (left) and Eric Oshaben (right) pose with Charlevoix County Sheriff, George T. Lasater after being awarded with certificates of deputization.The boys volunteered to clean litter from their neighborhood.

Youth pitch in at Pine Point

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department recently added two deputy's, and at 8 and 9 years old, they may be the youngest recruits in the state.

While their new assignments may be honorary, Erik Oshaben and Tanner Owens' efforts to clean up their neighborhood are the real thing.

"A group of kids from the Pine Point neighborhood have found over 100 pieces of litter. Most of the litter was beer cans or alcohol bottles," stated the boys in a letter to Sheriff George T. Lasater. "We were just wondering if there was anything you could do to help us keep our neighborhood 'litter-free."

Lasater said the boys' efforts reminded him of when he was in Scouts doing projects in his community.

"These fellows did this on their own. I think that shows a lot of character," he said. "They were upset with people throwing trash and bottles out in their community and wanted their neighborhood to look nice."

For their continued efforts, the boys received honorary certificates of deputization, sheriff department ball caps and rubber gloves to keep them safe while removing litter.

"Eric Oshaben's mother called me and asked if the kids wanted to go around and pick up garbage," said Ben Owens, Tanner's father. "I'm proud as a parent that he wants to take responsibility for his neighborhood."

He added, "They got two bags of garbage and picked (many) beer cans and several alcohol bottles.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Robert James Cronk, 18, East Jordan. Minor in possession/purchase/consume alcohol. Serve 10 days of community service work; serve six months probation; attend substance abuse classes; submit to PBT/urine test; $300 in fines and costs.

Victor James Hart, 48, Boyne Falls. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Michael Owen Bradford, 19, East Jordan. Minor in possession/purchase/consume alcohol-second offense. Serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $300 in fines and costs.

Jeremy Scott Booze, 24, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $780 in fines and costs.

Zachary Dane Whitley, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession/purchase/consume alcohol. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Joseph Devere Harshman, 29, Charlevoix. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied-second or subsequent offense. Credit for three days in jail, to serve 143 days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Paul Warren Reinhardt, 35, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated-second offense. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 294 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend within 120 days; $1,485 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Sue Schreiber, 35, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied-second or subsequent offense. Serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Sidney Duane Coville, 20, Remus. Minor in possession of alcohol; disorderly conduct; malicious destruction of property less than $200. Credit for one day in jail, to serve four days in jail, 73 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; write a letter of apology; attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $975.79 in fines and costs.

Anthony Hugh Connaghan, 53, East Tawas. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. To serve seven days in jail, 45 days on an electronic monitoring device, 76 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend within 120 days; $1,235 in fines and costs.

Geoffrey Glenn Pasfield, 37, Petoskey. Attempted insufficient funds in checking account, three within 10 days. Credit for two days in jail, 73 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve six months probation; $733.27 in fines and costs.

Dennis Wayne Andrick, 61, Boyne City. False pretenses, more than $200, less than $1,000. Credit for five days in jail, to serve 40 days in jail; $1,841.71 in fines and costs.

Dennis Donald Erfourth, 29, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Serve eight days in jail or pay $200 in fines and costs.

Derek David Zorn, 25, Royal Oak. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Phillip Mykola Price, 38, Clarkston. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Marsh Wabanimkee Miller, 29, Charlevoix. 750.170. Credit for 15 days in jail, to serve 45 days in jail; $200 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Castle Construction, Apartment 10, Valley Road, Rapid City, by Joshua Castle

Speed Freaks Entertainment, 223 Franklin St., Boyne City, by Curtis S. Justin

A Women's Touch, 1003 May St. Apartment 316, Charlevoix, by Michele L. Adams

Celestial Sisters Mystical Moon, 5090 West Road, Boyne City, by Tanya Marie White

Janice Ruback, 1254 Marshall Road, Boyne City, by Janice Ruback

Lakeshore Community Free Clinic, 624 State St., Boyne City, by Dave Crumbaugh

G & G Real Estate, 01959 Valley View Road, Boyne Falls, by Norman E. Gardner and Lorna J. Gardner

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Weather

	Hi	Lo	Snow
April 9	31	24	—
April 10	32	20	—
April 11	34	23	—
April 12	40	30	3.5
April 13	35	32	1.5
April 14	40	27	—
April 15	44	29	—

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Designer walks citing loss of control

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signed. Thank you, but no. I'm here to terminate involvement with the Charlevoix park and marina as of now," Pollack told council. "I would not have chosen to end this, this way. But it is. Good luck with the rest of the project."

Pollack's decision stems in part from a decision made at a special meeting of city council that took place on March 14. At that meeting, council voted to enter into a contract with Harbor Springs architect Mark Buday to oversee phase three of the East Park renovation contract.

The $6.7 million third phase of the project is being handled by Hallmark Construction of Traverse City and began this winter. It includes demolition of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, the Odmark Pavilion commonly called the "bandshell," the portable bathroom trailer and the fish pond. This phase also includes construction of the new performance pavilion and harbormaster's facility as well as site work, landscaping and underground excavation.

Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said the decision to hand the reigns over to Buday was based on a Waterways Commission requirement for project oversight because Buday was the licensed architect whose stamp appeared on the approved drawings. The Waterways Commission is funding 75 percent of the marina project and marina related East Park changes.

Buday is one of the members that Pollack assembled to see the project through. However, under the contract city council approved in early March Buday became the project leader with Pollack working under him. In that setup, Pollack said he lost control.

Pollack said his new role greatly reduced the scope of work he was given to "surface treatments" and didn't include the project elements he and his team designed.

"And that's an untenable circumstance," he said. "Not to be fully involved is not taking advantage of the capabilities Pollack Design brings to Charlevoix."

Carlson said the roles Pollack ultimately rejected included control over park plantings some walls and railings and other above ground design. Carlson said at this time it is not clear who will take over those roles.

Pollack said he doesn't feel the project is vulnerable without his direct oversight but he does feel the city is losing a key player.

"They (Buday) have our confidence. What they don't have is our perspective over time — the community awareness of larger goals. That's no longer here," he said. "We have been here for six years working with this community to produce a plan. Look at it today, it's remarkable. You can begin to see a great deal of what's happening."

"Construction supervision isn't interpreting lines on paper. Decisions during construction should be made based on everything that's happened to date. And that's not here now," he added.

The Buday design team was brought on in early 2006 but Pollack's role in the design phase started with the first public planning meeting in December 2001.

His ultimate masterpiece for East Park, which spans two blocks running 614 feet north to south and stretching 284 feet at its widest point, was approved in December 2002 after countless hours of planning and numerous public input meetings.

As he bid farewell to almost six years of work, Pollack urged council to pay attention to details as they evolve and to turn the summer construction disruption into a celebration of milestones.

"Turn the disruption into a celebration of progress and change. Find something to do on a consistent basis. That's something we would have done," he said. "The potential is remarkable. I hope it comes out the way everyone expects it to."

Pollack was given a certificate of appreciation from Carlson for his work which he accepted.

"I'm angry and ornery but not ungrateful," he said.

Pollack and his consulting team are still owed $101,000 for work they've completed. Attorneys for both parties are now working on an agree-

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Jessica's Herbal Blends, 06796 Behling Road, East Jordan, by Jessica Hoogendoorn

Neiret Painting, 05907 M-66 North Highway, Charlevoix, by Alve L. Neiret III

Walker Technical Services, 10550 Catherine St., Charlevoix, by Martin Walker

N & M Independent, 426 Lake St., Boyne City, by Nancy Waldorf

Colleen's Housekeeping Plus, 921 Wilson Road, Boyne City, by Colleen Barkdoll

North Shore Management; North Shore Property Management and Consulting, 12727 Pine Ridge Drive, Charlevoix, by Mark Snyder

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BIRTHS

Tyler Louis Carpenter weighing 6 pounds, 5 ounces was born April 3 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Christina VandenBosch and Todd Carpenter of Charlevoix. His sisters are Aysia and Lauren.

Cameron Lee-Amick Snyder weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces was born April 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Josh and Brittany Snyder of Ellsworth. His grandparents are Evie and Don Snyder of Ellsworth and Jody and Rodney Amick of Port Charlotte, Fla.

Sarah Elizabeth Drury weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces was born to Dan and Kathy Drury of Atlanta, Ga. on April 6. Her grandparents are Condit and Elaine Drury of Charlevoix and Frank and Janice Garcia of Seneca, S.C.

Philip Robert Mogford weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces was born April 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kevin and Angela Mogford of Pellston. His sister is Victoria. His grandparents are Robert and Ruth Mogford of Oden, David Himebauch of Petoskey and Ruth Gregg. His great-grandparents are Phil and Lil Gregg of Beaver Island and Sue Tacey of Essexville.

Logan Leroy Cockerill weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces was born April 8 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Amy Brea and Adam Cockerill of Bellaire. His grandparents are Gaye Hurst of Central Lake, Bob O'Neal of Bellaire, Cheryl Collet and the late Leroy Cockerill of Lapeer. His great-grandparents are Harold Cockerill of Davison, Carol Brea of Bellaire and Sam Brea from Texas.

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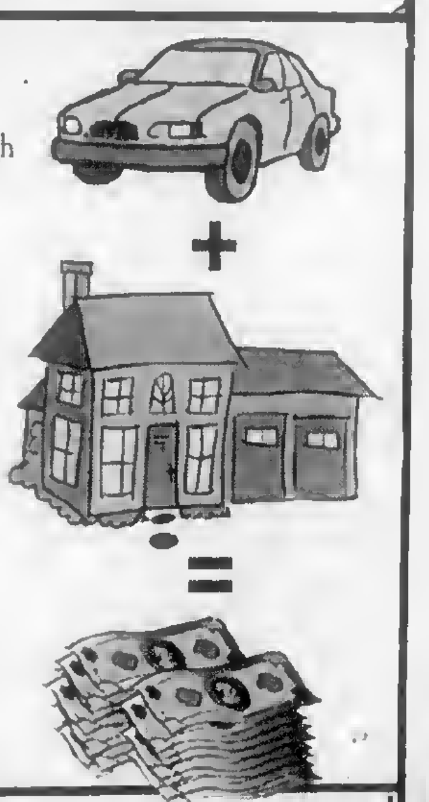

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Auto insurance, safeguard or extortion?

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

At age 19 I dealt blackjack at a casino in the U.P. It was back then, watching people fork over their rent, grocery money and kids' college fund, that I learned you cannot beat the house, and just like insurance in blackjack, mandatory auto insurance is a sucker's bet.

Don't get me wrong, I understand why insurance is mandatory — after all, the taxpayer teat nurses every hobo admitted to a hospital and supports everyone with a bad back for the rest of their life because they got in an auto accident without insurance.

So what does all this government mandated extortion produce?

An LA Times piece by Peter Gosselin shows home and auto insurers profited nearly $45 billion in 2006 even after hurricane Katrina claims of 2005.

Some say insurance companies prosper due to wise investing, but just like the casino, the house wins by taking more of your money than they pay.

But doesn't everybody get into a severe accident in their life?

The truth is, only about two percent of the population crash each year. In my 13 years on the road, I've had zero accidents and paid more than $20,000 in insurance premiums — cash I'm certain could have been better spent.

I thought the answer would be to instate a waiver program wherein those who decline insurance could sign a form forfeiting all state and federal welfare/disability claims resulting from an auto accident. Those who refuse to sign a waiver would automatically forfeit any benefits, but would be subject to severe fines and penalties if found driving without either insurance or waiver.

I know, it would never work.

The insurance industry is a fear-fueled business and it wouldn't take long before some handsome huckster in a lab coat started presenting pie charts and predictions on how long it would be before the earth was knocked off its axis by the irresponsible move toward personal responsibility.

I figure it wouldn't take long before some group, possibly Mangled Michiganders for Money would spring up saying, while it's true we signed the waiver, it really wasn't fair to offer morons like us the choice. With our economy, the taxpayers could not handle a trillion-dollar out-of-court settlement right now.

But what to do?

I remember being 19 and paying a tenth of my salary of $12,000 per year in auto premiums while supporting a woman and child. Sour grapes or not, I have serious moral issues with laws which punish the poor simply for being poor.

Some of the 20 to 30 percent of uninsured American drivers have never been forced to choose between groceries or auto insurance, but it happens, and when those uninsured people are stopped by the police, they face up to a year in jail and hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars in fines.

The only thing which seems to assuage my anguish over this whole issue is something started in Texas a few years ago. And while I'm still against mandatory auto insurance, at the very least their Cents-Per-Mile law is more fair.

Texans now have the option to purchase a policy of cents-per-mile instead of the current standard of miles per year.

I recently spoke with Dr. Patrick Butler, director of the Cents-Per-Mile-Now Insurance Project, who told me your credit score, not your driving record, is the main measure of what your policy costs.

He said accidents tend to increase in direct relation to miles driven and poor people tend to insure and drive one car to save money on their yearly premiums, so they end up statistically with more accidents per year.

According to insurance industry standards, it costs between three and six cents per mile to insure an automobile — someone like me who drives less than 3,000 miles per year would pay a couple hundred dollars a year under a cents-per-mile system, as opposed to well over $1,000 annually.

Butler went on to say the National Organization of Women supports cents-per-mile because the old miles-per-year insurance fees are discriminatory since men drive more miles and average more accidents than women. According to the centspermilenow.org Web site, this is what the insurance industry refers to as, "skimming the cream," when they charge the same rates for men and women but pay fewer women's claims.

Cents-per-mile in Michigan would likely reduce the number of uninsured drivers and stop punishing the poor for their unfortunate financial situation.

Cents-per-mile rates would apply to driving related losses, so the costs for any comprehensive insurance would be similar to what they are now, but the overall savings would still be dramatic — hundreds and thousands of dollars per household per year.

Arbitrary government actions and insurance industry shills will never stop working to scare you into buying insurance. After all, there is big money in fear.

And while I have no illusions our state will give back this particular slice of personal responsibility pie, at the very least we might reform an industry taking advantage of preposterous political mandates.

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A historical perspective on April showers

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

I am resting at my computer rubbing my hands together, not because I am deep in thought or anxious, but I need to warm them from our unusual cool spring weather.

Looking out the window I gaze at the landscape which is not the April I used to know. The sun should be shining much more often to lessen the irritability many of us experience when we don't see this orb. My mind began to wander and a thought came to me. I wondered if there were any studies on the effect of long winters and its relationship to events that take place. After perusing my Britannica, I realized I may have hit on something — could long winters correlate historically to our present lives? Now my mind has awakened from its thoughtful state and I sit ready and eager to figure this one out.

Lo and behold, I read through the good old Encyclopedia and I think I'm on to something. During the month of April a variety of events occurred that changed the face and future of today. The American Revolution started with Paul Revere's ride during the month of April. From there I discovered the great San Francisco Earthquake of 1906 and the sinking of the Titanic in 1912 — both took place during this month. It doesn't stop here. The lives of Abe Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr. were snuffed out — you guessed it — the month of April. Was Seasonal Affect Disorder the cause to blame or just politics of the time?

Thinking about the name given this month I was drawn back to my high school Latin class which I usually slept through, but I remember that April comes from the word "Aperire." Loosely translated, "Trees and flowers begin to open." With global warming we may need to change the name of this month to "cold" loosely translated-chilly, lack of heat, followed by sneezing.

The month of April is experiencing changes and not without growing pains.

With the environmental fluxes brought about by our own wants and needs, the snow cap continues to melt and we in the northern regions will experi-

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ENDORSEMENT RESPONSE

Editor:

After reading editor Witthoeft's April 11 editorial in the Charlevoix Courier I was very disappointed to read that she would endorse any candidate in the Charlevoix school board election.

As she said herself, the Courier usually avoids the practice of promoting candidates. As you well know, the media plays a big role in influencing the opinions in today's society. They can control the public's perception of candidates and influence people's thoughts. But should they? You, editor Witthoeft, have exploited your position with your support of one candidate in this election without first gathering all of the facts as a good journalist should do.

I expected fair, accurate and unbiased treatment from the Charlevoix Courier. I had hoped for thorough representation of all aspects of the issues surrounding our school system and both candidates' views. Are you solely basing your decision to endorse Mr. (Bo) Boss on one letter to your paper or did you talk with him at length before doing so? It's a shame Ms. Witthoeft that you have never taken the time to personally interview me. If you had, you may have learned that I am also a very passionate, proud and involved parent of two Rayders in the Charlevoix School system — a school system that I am very proud of and one that does not need to be fixed, because it isn't broken.

I believe in our administrators, teachers, support staff and school board and I would like to be a part of that team. I am confident they are all currently working hard to determine what adjustments (financial) can be made while still maintaining the high-quality education our children currently receive. This has been a real learning process for me and I can assure you there are not only one or two answers as suggested by Mr. Boss and supported by you that will fix the financial problems our school system faces. You complain that so many merely bemoan the dismal direction schools are headed — what have you done to be involved?

I look forward to the public forum to be held at 7 p.m. on May 3 at Charlevoix Public Library where Mr. Boss and I will have the opportunity to answer questions and share our thoughts with the public.

When I decided to run for school board I did so because I feel I have an obligation not only to my children, but future students as well to be more involved on a different level than I currently am. If I am elected on May 8 I will embrace the responsibilities and challenges required of a school board member and I will not take this lightly. I can promise you that I will listen to public concerns and make decisions based on facts. It takes patience to make changes and implement new ideas. Things don't happen overnight. I don't pretend to have all of the answers, but I will tell you that I know how to be a team player and will work side-by-side with all those involved to insure our school continues to be successful and the best it can possibly be.

Lisa Carlson
Charlevoix Public Schools
Board of Education
Candidate
Charlevoix

GO WITH BO

Editor:

After reading the letter from (Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education president) Mr. (Bill) Trubilowicz referring to Bo Boss in last week's Charlevoix Courier I could not wait to get to my calculator. When he mentioned a budget of $12 million to educate 1,300 children, I had to see what that came to per student — $9,320.77.

I realize that this is to feed, (parents do provide for some percentage of this as meals were never free unless you were in a poverty bracket) educate and provide transportation to and from school and sporting events. And yes, there are lots of other money aspects the schools incur to educate but come on. I have lived in Charlevoix County all of my life and have raised three children who attended Charlevoix schools.

If someone offered me $9,230.77 per child, per year ($27,692.31 a year) for 13 years that would amount to $360,000.03, I'll bet that my children could have had limo service to and from the best private tutor and all sporting events in the area and there would have been lots of money left over.

On the subject of only a "few candidates" of the best qualified superintendents from the first round draft would accept this dual role of principal, superintendent, let's find one of the few. I say, "Go with Bo."

I also noticed that Mr. Trubilowicz mentioned that we have 130 employees in the school system. With a $12 million budget that comes to an average of $92,307.69 per employee, not too shabby.

As long as I am on the subject of schools it still bugs the heck out of me every time I drive by the old high school and I look at the huge front yard there. Picture a nice double decker building attached to the old building. It would have given us everything we needed and saved us millions and millions. Maybe even a triple decker or a full basement to house administration.

Michael Moore
Charlevoix

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April snow showers bring May flowers

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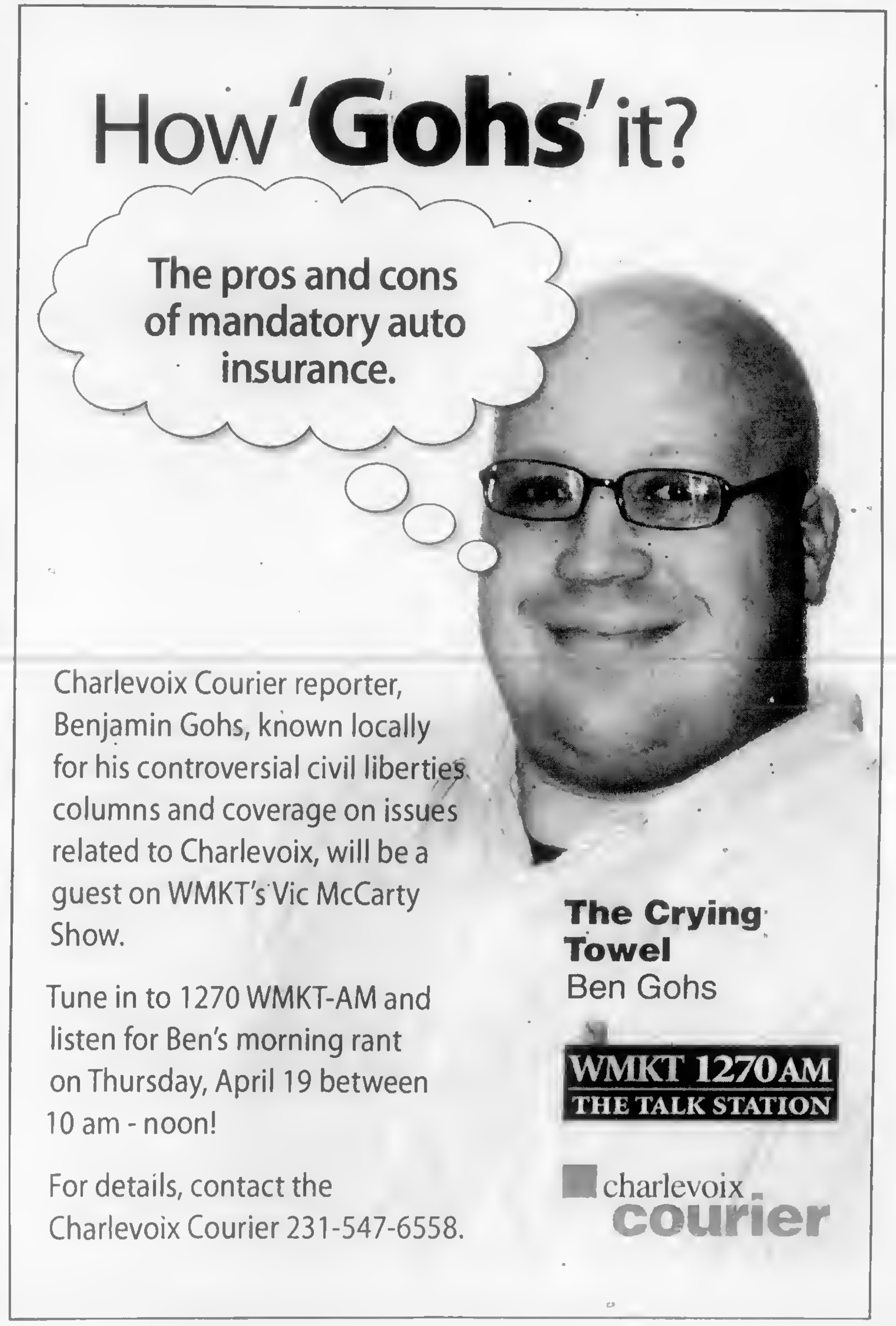
ence increased moisture and colder temperatures in the winter and spring. Another change taking place this April will assist those that procrastinate. Our income taxes were due later this year. Since April 15 fell on a Sunday, and Monday was observed in some parts of the country as Patriot's Day our taxes weren't due until April 17.

Not one to dwell on the downside of April, I'll bring you up to speed on some good things that are happening too. Maybe we can turn history around.

During the third week of April we celebrate National Volunteer Week. Let's give recognition to all our friends in the community, yourself included, who have shared their time helping others. In the last week of April we celebrate Professional Secretaries Week, Big Brothers Big Sisters Week and for trivia buffs the last week of April is also Mattress Turnover Week, Turn off TV Week and Egg Salad Week. Maybe this is our way of putting an upside on a long winter and recognizing it's not so bad to be in the month of April after all. Besides, April snow showers will bring small but very enduring May flowers.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.



How 'Gohs' it?

The pros and cons of mandatory auto insurance.

Charlevoix Courier reporter, Benjamin Gohs, known locally for his controversial civil liberties columns and coverage on issues related to Charlevoix, will be a guest on WMKT's Vic McCarty Show.

Tune in to 1270 WMKT-AM and listen for Ben's morning rant on Thursday, April 19 between 10 am - noon!

For details, contact the Charlevoix Courier 231-547-6558.

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School board candidates face off at forum

Bo Boss

Lisa Carlson

Who? Lisa Carlson and Bo Boss, candidates for one position on the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education.
What? A pre-election question and answer session.
When? 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 in the Community Room of the Charlevoix Public Library.
When is the election? Tuesday, May 8.

Lisa Carlson and Bo Boss, candidates for one position on the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education, will participate in a question and answer session at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 in the Community Room of the Charlevoix Public Library.

This position is a four-year term to replace outgoing president Bill Truhilowicz. Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 8.

Candidates will introduce themselves and answer questions regarding their views and priorities. There will also be an opportunity for them to answer questions from the audience. Mona Bergeon will be the moderator and students from Charlevoix High School government teacher Ann Marie Conway's class will assist. Following the one-hour event, informal discussion will continue for those who would like to remain.

This evening is one of a series of forums sponsored by the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library offering citizens an opportunity to become informed about issues and candidates before elections. The public is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call the library at (231) 547-2651.

Charlevoix High School to host April 19 blood drive

Charlevoix High School will host an upcoming blood drive.

Charlevoix High School student council will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 at the high school. To make an appointment call (231) 547-3222, extension 2032.

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April 21 benefit dinner for Martin Fassett

A spaghetti dinner to benefit Martin Fassett who has been diagnosed with lung cancer will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on April 21 at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

Proceeds from this dinner will be used to help pay for his medical bills and all donations will be accepted.

Dinner will include spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert and a beverage. There will also be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

For more information, contact Shirley Roloff at (231) 547-6169 or Sally Nye at (231)547-9880.

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Owens — Kiteley

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Jerry and Georgia Owens of Caledonia and Chuck and Gay Kiteley of Charlevoix are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Bethanne Owens and son, Adam Philip Kiteley, both from Middleville.

The wedding will take place June 16 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix. A reception will follow at the Castle Farms.

The bride-elect attended Northwestern Community College and is a retail manager at J.C. Penneys in Grand Rapids.

The groom-to-be attended Delta College and presently works for O.E.C. and Market Technologies out of the Grand Rapids offices as a design engineer.

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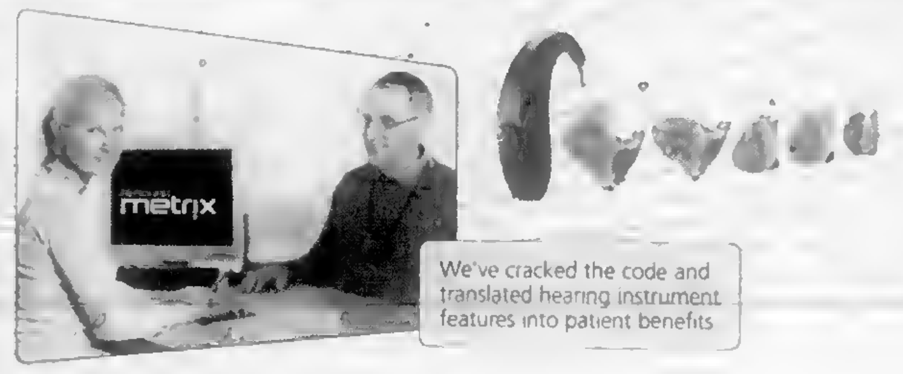

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Historical Society to honor Mr. and Mrs. Petunia

What? Potluck dinner to honor Dale and Marilyn Boss
When? 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18
Where? The Depot at Depot Beach in Charlevoix

The Charlevoix Historical Society will honor Charlevoix residents Marilyn and Dale Boss with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. on Wednesday April 18 at the Depot.

The Boss' "Mr. and Mrs. Petunia" have been involved over many years with the preservation of Charlevoix history and the beautification of Charlevoix with the annual planting of five miles of petunias along U.S. 31.

The event is open to the public. Call (231) 547-0373 for more information.

Starlight lunch, auction benefit at Belvedere

The Bergmann Center will hold its annual "Starlight" lunch and live auction with entertainment at noon and lunch served at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 6.

The event will be held at the Belvedere Club and catered by Grey Gables Restaurant.

The auctioneer will be Mike Bost.

To purchase tickets, call the Bergmann Center at (231) 547-7929.

Tickets are $25 per person.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE

Douglas A. Drenth graduated recently from Grand Valley State University having received a master of education degree.

BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC DEAN'S LIST

Eric Bourassa was named to the dean's list for the fall semester 2006 at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass.

STUDENT ORGAN RECITAL PERFORMANCE

Jerusha Londgren, daughter of Jeffrey and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix, was featured in a Student Organ Recital at Bethany Lutheran College on Sunday, April 15 at the Trinity Chapel on the Bethany campus located in Mankato, Minn.

BAKER COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Nicole Sladek of Charlevoix earned a 3.9 grade point average and was recently named to the dean's list for the winter 2007 semester at Baker College in Muskegon.

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OBITUARY

Hilda Gibson: July 29, 1911 - April 11, 2007

Hilda Gibson, 95, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, April 11 at the Boulder Park Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Rite of Christian Burial took place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Rev. Jerry Hunko officiated and burial will be in Saint Mary Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Hilda was born in Charlevoix on July 29, 1911, to Homer and Mae (Woods) Brady. She graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1929. On May 11, 1946, she married Elmer W. Gibson in Charlevoix. Hilda was a member of Saint Mary Church and the Saint Mary Altar Society, the Charlevoix Historical Society, and VFW Post #1153 Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Elmer; daughter, Shirley J. (Richard Clem) Gibson; son John W. (Shirley) Gibson, all of Charlevoix; sister, Jane Glidden of Hastings; sister-in-law, Geri Brady of Charlevoix; and many nieces and nephews.

Hilda's brothers, Homer, James and Hubert "Bill", and sister, Esther Doyle, preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Historical Society or to Saint Mary School.

LETTERS to the editor

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QUAINTNESS GONE

Editor:

I am sad to see the state of affairs our northern lower peninsula of Michigan is in. Sad for the locals and also the people who moved here and like a simpler life.

'We who moved here in the 1970s because of the beauty and the quaintness of the area, to leave behind the crowds, the rules, the crime, the malls. A place where our kids had freedom of movement and felt safe and also ourselves. The closeness of a small town, a simpler place.

I have no problem with people moving here. I moved here. But lately all I see and hear are changes they want to make, with that all the new rules and controls, any port USA. I applaud Leland for keeping their historic fish town and thank God you can still rent a cottage on Torch Lake.

There is no doubt that money talks and you know what walks.

It is sad to see the people of Charlevoix losing its quaint town appeal along with a lot of other ports in Michigan.

Look at our tax base, yikes. It's drawing a lot of people out of downtown Charlevoix to the surrounding areas, so sad.

No roller blading, no skating, no dogs, no rafts at the beach, no diving boards. I'm glad my kids that are grown now got to experience all things before they were a no.

Build a skate park on the edge of town away from everything and parents have to drive them there. I could go on and on.

How can all this happen in just a few years, who makes all these laws, who listens to the people and how they feel, or are the people of Charlevoix just silently sitting back and politely keeping their mouths shut.

Charlevoix is not a quaint lovely fishing town any more I will miss it.

Judith Eickhoff
Charlevoix

NOT SO BEAUTIFUL NORTHERN LIVING

Editor:

We have lived in Charlevoix for less than three years. We moved here because we thought Charlevoix was beautiful. We found a lovely old house in the older section of town within walking distance of the beach and downtown. A nice safe street halfway between the city police and the sheriff's department. At least that's what we thought at the time.

A few month's after our arrival, our lawn furniture was smashed with rocks from the garden, birdhouses were lying smashed on the side of the street. Last year, someone walked into our rose garden and kicked over a concrete statue, damaging it. Later a 20 inch color TV, a stereo receiver, a DVD player and some other items were stolen from our garage. Recently, a concrete statue was stolen from a garden bed next to the house.

We reported the vandalism to the police. "Ah, just kids, pranksters," the police officer said. Not worth writing up a report. When the TV, DVD player and receiver were stolen, again the police officer said, "Pranksters, just kids having fun."

All of the items meant something to us. The TV, DVD, receiver had monetary value, the furniture and bird houses were made by my husband and hand painted by me. The statue stolen was of a little boy who has watched over our flowers in the summer and wore a wreath during the holidays. We bought him in El Paso and he traveled across the southwest with us in the back seat of our car. His name is Juarez.

According to Webster's dictionary, a prankster is a somewhat malicious but not vicious trickster or practical joker. To us a prankster is someone who dyes the Pine River Channel green or jumps into it for a swim, not someone who steals and destroys property. We would bet more effort will be spent this summer ticketing the criminals jumping into the channel than on catching the vandals and thieves.

We are sorry to say Charlevoix isn't as beautiful as we thought it was. And, please, please bring Juarez back home.

If all of this isn't enough, my coat was stolen while I attended a meeting at the library on April 10. What next?

Terry and Peggy Brennan
Charlevoix

RAINBOW SHOPPE STILL IN DEBT

Editor:

To err is human and it certainly makes one feel very humble. Yes, I goofed. A few weeks ago I had an article in this fine paper thanking many people for their monetary contributions to the Charlevoix Rainbow Shoppe's loan at the bank.

I stated, through their donations, the loan was paid in full. I neglected to say it was the down payment loan on the building. This resulted in some people assuming that the complete balance on the building was paid in full.

My humble apologies for not editing my own article I probably wouldn't ever get a job at the newspaper.

Rita Orlowski
Board Member of the Rainbow Shoppe
Charlevoix

AN EASTER GIFT

Editor:

Thank you, Bill and Karen Schuiling.

On Sunday, April 8, Bill and Karen Schuiling hosted an Easter brunch at the Charlevoix Country Club. They extended the invitation to include many seniors from the Charlevoix Senior Center. We would like to take this time to say a big "thank you" to Bill and Karen for their great hospitality and in remembering the area seniors. The meal was great and all who attended had a great time.

Earl Muma
Charlevoix Senior Center
Director

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
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11906 US-31 North

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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

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05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

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Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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1404 Howard Street

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Posting snafu delays mine hearing again

Norwood permit hearing rescheduled for May 2

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

For the second time in several weeks, the Norwood Township Planning Commission hearing on the proposed Norwood Limestone Mine has been canceled.

The meeting, last scheduled for Thursday, April 12, was not properly noticed per Michigan's open meetings law and has been rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School.

"I feel very unfortunate that this is taking place," said mine owner and township supervisor, Wayne Wynkoop.

Wynkoop said the longer it takes to present his case to the planning commission, the more money he will lose.

"It's hard to put a dollar figure on it, but obviously with the season of mining itself being a short season because of frost laws and early winters, every day (lost) during this peak time interferes with production capabilities," Wynkoop said. "If I'm not able to bid on those projects because of an injunction or not having a special use permit, the season is going to come and go as I see it."

Wayne Wynkoop

Concerned Norwood citizen Bill Gnodtke was also disappointed the hearing has taken so long to be held.

"It shouldn't be that hard to get a legal notice posted," Gnodtke said. "But, if we're going to go through this legal process, it ought to be done right."

Wynkoop said it has been his dream for more than two decades to develop his property.

"My wife and I look at each other on a daily basis and say, 'We're not going to give up,'" Wynkoop said. "Why should we give up our dream for a few, just because they want to make a mountain out of a molehill and scare people that all these terrible things will happen."

He added, "My long-term plan is to stay here until the day I die, to raise my family and be able to pass something on to my children."

But, Gnodtke said, there are other families in the area to think about.

"When people can't sit out on their porch without hearing the, 'Beep, beep, beep' — that's not a natural sound out here in Norwood," he said.

> *"The people who have come out here have made substantial property investments. (They) are really concerned about placing a limestone quarry right in the middle of a residential, agricultural area."*
>
> **Bill Gnodtke**
> NORWOOD TOWNSHIP RESIDENT

Gnodtke said the planning commission need only recognize Wynkoop's property is surrounded by state land and property zoned agricultural and residential to know a mining operation will not fit.

"The people who have come out here have made substantial property investments," Gnodtke said. "(They) are really concerned about placing a limestone quarry right in the middle of a residential, agricultural area. This is a rural, quiet, pristine residential area."

Gnodtke said if people wanted to live near a quarry, they would have moved in next to St. Mary Cement Inc.

"If he (Wynkoop) is allowed to establish a limestone quarry in an area that is zoned residential, then nobody is safe — why have zoning?" he said. "As a resident of Norwood, the best case scenario will be if the planning commission fulfills its statutory duty and acts as the advocate for Norwood Township."

Wynkoop agreed that the planning commission should do the right thing.

"They need to look at the information on my application, and if it meets the zoning ordinance, they need to grant the permit. If it doesn't, they need to deny the permit," he said. "What's right is right and what's wrong is wrong. I'm going to keep moving forward and hopefully we'll get through it."

While Wynkoop said he isn't thrilled about the opposition to his project, he isn't surprised.

"There is a group of people and their intentions are to drag this out as long as they can to wear me down and bankrupt me so this thing will go away," he said. "I am an individual. I don't have any resources funding the battle we're fighting. We're supporting our own fight."

Gnodtke said anyone interested in the future of zoning and land use in Norwood Township should attend the meeting.

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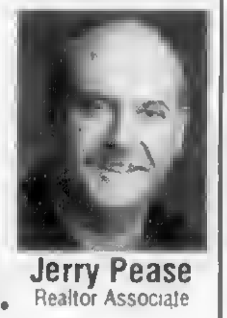

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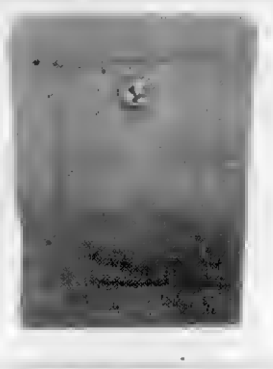

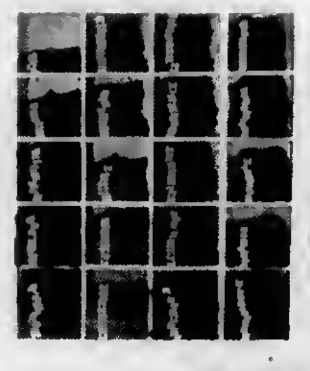

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Who decides when an older individual is no longer safe to drive? Ideally, the individual should assess their physical and mental fitness to drive and adjust their driving habits to stay safe on the road while retaining the independence that comes with driving. Here are some helpful hints provided by Michigan's Secretary of State's guide for older drivers and their families, "Driving for Life."

Be aware of your physical limitations and how they may affect your driving. Can you turn your head, lift your leg to step on the brakes, can you get into the car with little difficulty?

Listen to the advice from those who know you best and care about you. Have you been seen driving on the sidewalks, running through stop signs, swerving over the line, driving to fast or too slow, bumping into bank posts, mailboxes or other cars?

Discuss driving with your doctor. Have you been prescribed new medications that are safe to drive with?

Take a defensive driving class for older adults, this will be good for your insurance as well as your memory. AARP usually has a course for older drivers.

Plan your route, drive where you are familiar and not long trips out of town. Don't go out in bad weather unless it is an emergency.

Drive during the day and avoid prime time travel. Find alternate routes with less traffic.

Drive a car with automatic transmission, power brakes and power steering.

Always wear your glasses that are a current prescription. If you lose or break your glasses, replace them immediately. Avoid eye wear with side pieces or blinders that may block your vision. See your eye doctor every year to check for cataracts or glaucoma, macular degeneration or other conditions that may effect your vision.

Seek alternative transportation — public transit, taxi cabs, share a ride with a friend.

If you have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other declining cognitive abilities, it may be necessary to alter driving habits.

According to the Alzheimer's Association Ethics Advisory Panel, a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease is never itself a sufficient reason for loss of driving privileges. If an Alzheimer patient's driving is impaired, driving privileges must be limited. Driving privileges must be withheld when the individual poses a serious risk to self or others. The person with dementia, if competent, should participate in decision making re-

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WHAT'S GOING ON

senior activity calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 25 MAY 2, 9

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 26 MAY 3, 10

Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.

Computers 10 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Movies on Thursdays all day, Cinema III

Pinochle 1 p.m.

Cribbage 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 27 MAY 4, 11

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Ladies' Cards 7 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 30 MAY 7, 14

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Woodcarving 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, MAY 1, 8, 15

Acrylic painting 9:30 a.m.

Crafts 9:30 a.m.

Computers 10 a.m.

Tai Chi 10 a.m.-noon, Charlevoix Public Library

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Swiss steak dinner 5-7 p.m. April 24

Ladies' Cards 7 p.m.

All events listed above take place at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (231) 547-5361.

Hey Jane!

Jane

Hey Jane! My husband started using Viagra and is driving me crazy with demands for sex. We've been married 43 years and, frankly, I'm not much in the mood anymore. I didn't even know he wanted a more active sex life until he came home and announced he just had a prescription of Viagra filled and said, "Let's go!" Our infrequent sex life was good enough for me. He's so ready to go that I'm afraid to make eye contact with him. He has started to waggle his eyebrows at me in public as a sign of what he'd like to do the minute we get home. This is not an exciting invitation to me. What is the best way to get him to stop taking this medicine? EP

Dear EP:

I'm thinking your husband needs to have longer staying power in the area of romance. He can do sex but sounds like he needs some courting skills and these don't come in prescription form. This is going to take some work from both of you, particularly if his idea of foreplay involves eyebrows. Dust off those sex ground rules your relationship worked out years ago and put them back into action because one of you isn't done with that part of your relationship yet. In reality you may need some new rules so the difficult part may be keeping an open mind. Sex is one of those "use it or lose" areas facing seniors. So use it if you can — it's a very healthy activity both emotionally and physically. Importantly, don't either of you say yes or no to sexual intimacy until you've tried your hardest to work it out together!

Jane

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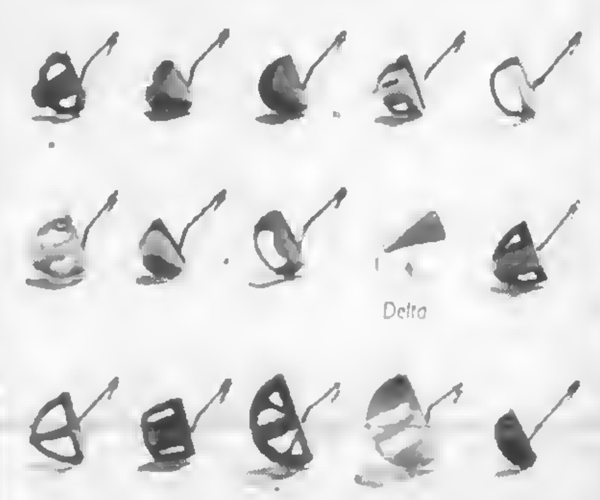

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Tips for gauging, addressing safety of senior drivers

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garding driving restrictions.

Most older drivers will limit or alter their driving habits when they detect a problem, however, it is not always obvious with subtle health or vision changes. That's when family, friends, law enforcement and health professionals need to intervene to ensure their safety as well as the safety of the public. Appropriate limits to driving can often be mutually agreed upon. Responses to proposed limits will vary from immediate acceptance to strong resistance. To encourage acceptance, individuals who agree to limits should be assured that others, such as family members, will provide transportation.

Reporting an unsafe driver can seem drastic, but may be the only way this person may comply with restrictions. Most referrals are made by health care workers or law enforcement but can be made by family, friends or concerned citizens. These referrals must be submitted to the Secretary of State by submitting a request for re-examination or write a letter explaining the circumstances. These requests cannot be made anonymously, but the information will remain confidential.

For more information regarding safe driving issues as an older adult, seek information at your local Secretary of State or Commission on Aging. You can still maintain your independence even with alternate forms of transportation. Your safety as well as the safety of the public is the most important objective.

For assistance, call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103.

Sue Bergmann RN, BSN is the director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. She can be contacted by calling (231) 237-0103.

Future Problem Solvers

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(Above) One of two groups of eighth-grade girls destined for the statewide competition of Future Problem Solvers at Michigan State University Friday April 20 and 21. Shown are Karinne Smolenyak, Emily Mielke, Lynzie Gotshall and Taylor Smith. Not shown are Abby Wilhelm, Lacey Greene, Katie Mays and Hallie Bills. Future Problem Solvers work on issues set in the future like racism and environmental crises. The girls are given two hours to write a booklet on how they would solve the problem with the most realistic and financially sound tactics. Charlevoix Middle School will have one of nearly 100 teams at the competition.

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Charlevoix's DDA 25 years and $12 million later

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Hugh Mason

A 35-year-old bright eyed young accountant with a passion for Charlevoix joined the Downtown Development Authority 25 years ago this month.

Since signing on as a member of the authority, Hugh Mason has cast a vote in bringing to fruition almost $12 million in improvements to downtown Charlevoix.

"We are here to help keep downtown Charlevoix up with the times. Charlevoix is such a beautiful place but we need to keep it looking vibrant. Everyone on the DDA is very proud of downtown — a lot of great people have served," Mason said.

Now, Mason who owns and operates a certified public accounting office on Park Avenue, is joining his fellow authority members in celebrating a quarter century of service and success at a 25th anniversary celebration to take place at 5 p.m. on April 23 in Charlevoix City Council chambers at city hall.

The Downtown Development Authority was created in 1982 with the goal of boosting the economic climate of downtown Charlevoix.

DDA history at a glance

1982: The DDA was established in April 1982.

1984: In 1984 the district had a state equalized valuation of $6.7 million.

2007: The DDA state equalized valuation is over $28.6 million. The DDA has completed almost $12 million in improvements.

Revenue 2007-2008: This year's DDA budget shows roughly $687,000 in proposed revenues.

Funding sources: The DDA receives funding from various sources, including the capture amount and a 1.314 mills tax levy within the DDA district.

The DDA district: The DDA district covers over 12 city blocks and was expanded in 2003 to include the old Charlevoix Middle School property. It extends from West Dixon Avenue to West Hurlbut, north to south, and from Round Lake to the State Street area.

In the early 1980s, the value of Charlevoix's downtown area was decreasing. In response, former city manager Bob Hunt called for the creation of a Downtown Development Authority to counteract the slip.

"He (Hunt) was quite a go getter," Mason said.

Fast-forward 25 years — the DDA has quadrupled the downtown's state equalized valuation (SEV). In 1984, the DDA had an SEV of $6.7 million, but as of 2007 they have increased their value to over $28.6 million. City treasurer and acting city manager, Rick Brandi, said the increase can be attributed to both the DDA's work and inflation.

Brandi said the city uses a tax increment financing plan to take improvements made to the district and put them back into the district in turn making its value grow.

Whenever the taxable value of the land increased, the DDA was able to capture a chunk of those taxes. When the parcels of land downtown increase in value, that amount, $19.3 million, is multiplied by the current millage rate, which sets the capture amount.

In a previous interview, Brandi said the city doesn't feel a pinch in its budget as a result of funds allotted to the DDA.

"They wanted to make sure there were improvements downtown, and we're willing to give that (money) up," he said.

The DDA budget is subject to approval from city council but they operate within their own confines. This year's DDA budget shows roughly $687,000 in proposed revenues.

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Who: Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority
What: 25th anniversary celebration
When: 5 p.m. on April 23.
Where: Second floor city council chambers at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St.

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The DDA district covers over 12 city blocks and was expanded in 2003 to include the old Charlevoix Middle School property. It extends from West Dixon Avenue to West Hurlbut, north to south, and from Round Lake to the State Street area.

Mason, who has served at his position since the board's creation, said it is up to the Charlevoix City Council how long the group will exist. It will be in existence until at least the year 2026 when the $5.5 million bond for the marina and East Park project is expected to be paid off, but could last longer if the council decides to extend its term.

Since it began the DDA has improved Hoffman Park, walkways under the bridge, and street lighting, created a stairway on the channel by the Weathervane and purchased and renovated parking lots. The DDA's costliest project thus far was the Bridge Park project which will soon be trumped by the East Park overhaul.

"We've tackled so many great projects. It's fun to be involved with it rather than sitting back and complaining about what's not getting done," Mason said.

But just because the DDA is in the process of paying off bonds, doesn't mean they have halted plans. The DDA has other projects in the discussion phase including installation of a water play area and an ice rink in East Park, as well as new lighting for State Street and other side streets.

DDA meetings are the last Monday of every month in city council chambers at city hall. An official meeting will follow the anniversary celebration at 6 p.m. on April 23.

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Charlevoix County Commission

The following issues were discussed during the Wednesday, April 11 meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners:

Item: The Northwest Michigan Council of Governments annual report

In brief: Representatives of this 10-county tax-funded organization gave a year in review on the services they offer including workforce development, business and economic development, regional planning and community development and prisoner reentry coordination. Visit www.nwm.org for more information.

Board action: None required

Item: Commission On Aging annual report

In brief: Representatives of the Charlevoix County Commission On Aging expressed a significant increase in usage of the commission's major programs and highlighted several new services available. For more information, call (231) 237-0103 or visit www.charlevoixcounty.org/coa.asp.

Board action: None required

Item: Medical examiner report

In brief: A letter to the board from Reed Freidinger, M.D., chief medical examiner for Charlevoix County detailing the 195 deaths in Charlevoix in 2006. Of the 32 cases referred to Freidinger for examination: Natural deaths, 22; suicide, three; and accidental deaths, seven.

Board action: None required

Item: Grandvue operating transfer

In brief: Funds to be transferred from the Grandvue Capital Depreciation account to the operating account to pay $5,000 for a bus; $9,245.33 to MDI Technologies, a deposit on computer software; and a $516.34 correction to a capital transfer.

Board action: Approved, 6-0

Item: Purchase of additional credited service

In brief: Charlevoix County Sheriff Deputy, Sherry Sproul, requested to purchase five years of additional credited service for a cost to herself of $39,871 so she may retire in 2012.

Board action: Approved, 6-0

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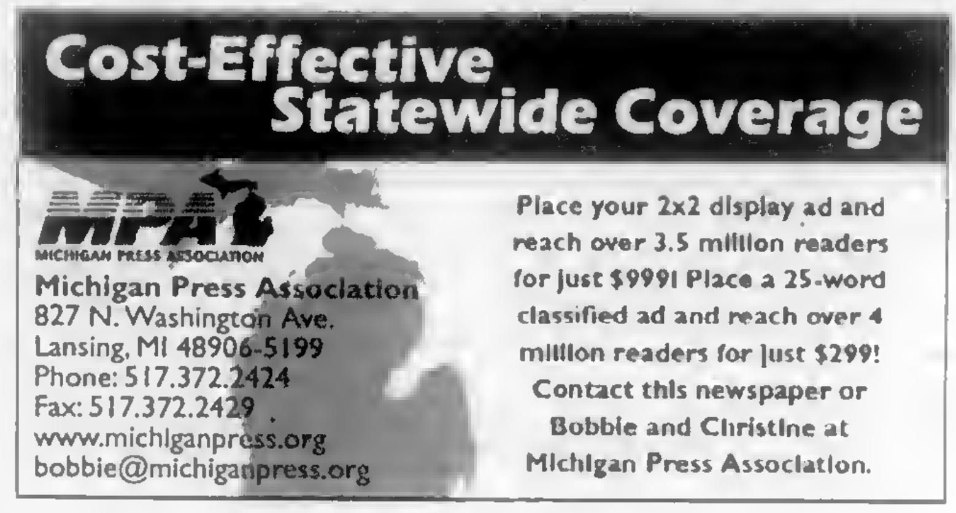

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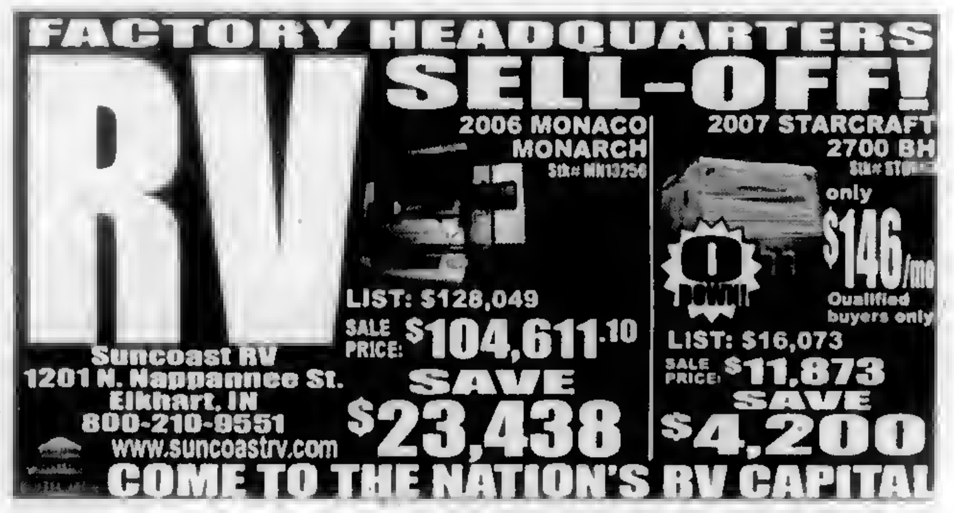

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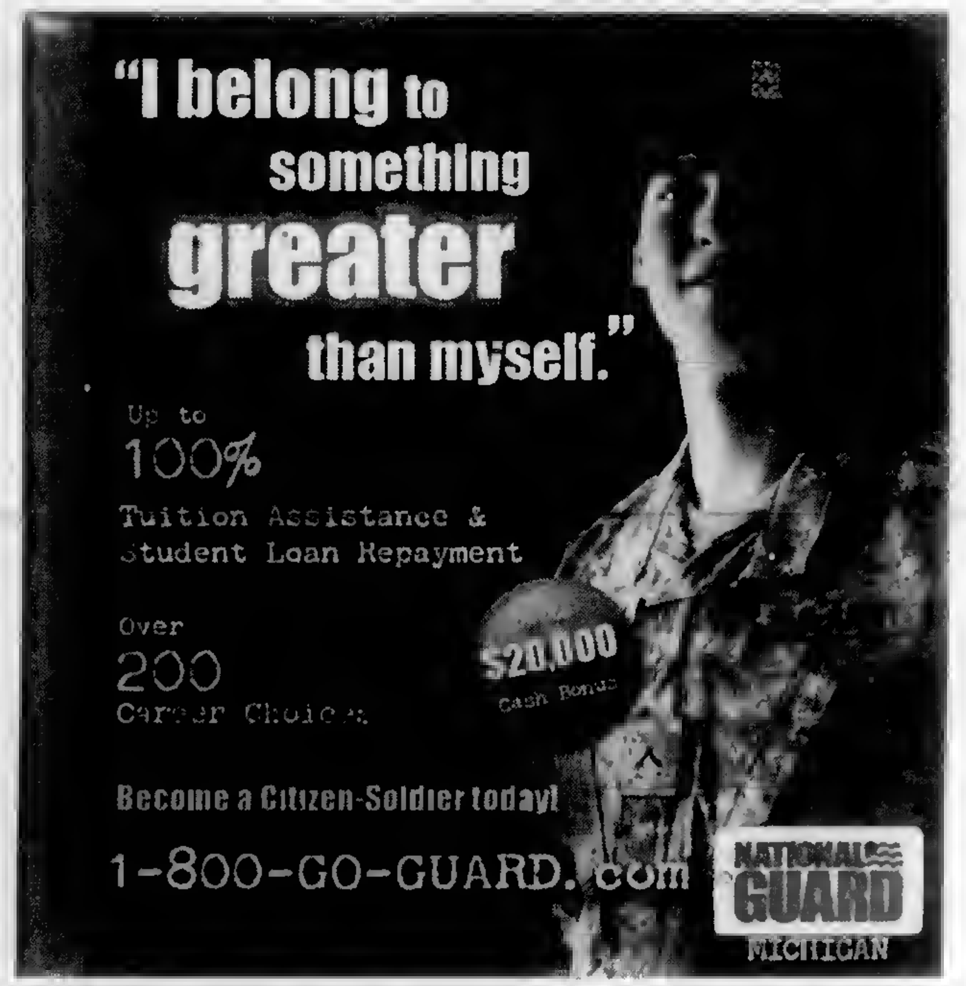

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Multi-county food pantry meeting April 28 in Charlevoix

Representatives from all food pantries in Emmet, Charlevoix, Antrim and surrounding counties are invited to a meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 28 at the Weathervane Restaurant in Charlevoix.

The meeting is being hosted by the Manna Food Project and Char-Em United Way to help the volunteers and staff of the many pantries in our communities work more closely to alleviate hunger in northern Michigan.

"This meeting will give people from the various pantries an opportunity to learn from each other, exchange ideas, and talk about the challenges they have in common," said Kathy Hart, executive director of the Manna Food Project. "We will also discuss how Manna can work with the pantries to help them access food at minimal cost. The more we all understand about each other, the more effectively we can work together on this critical challenge."

There is no cost for the meeting and refreshments will be provided.

Food pantry volunteers, board members, and staff and any other interested members of the public are encouraged to attend. To register or for more information, call (231) 347-8852.

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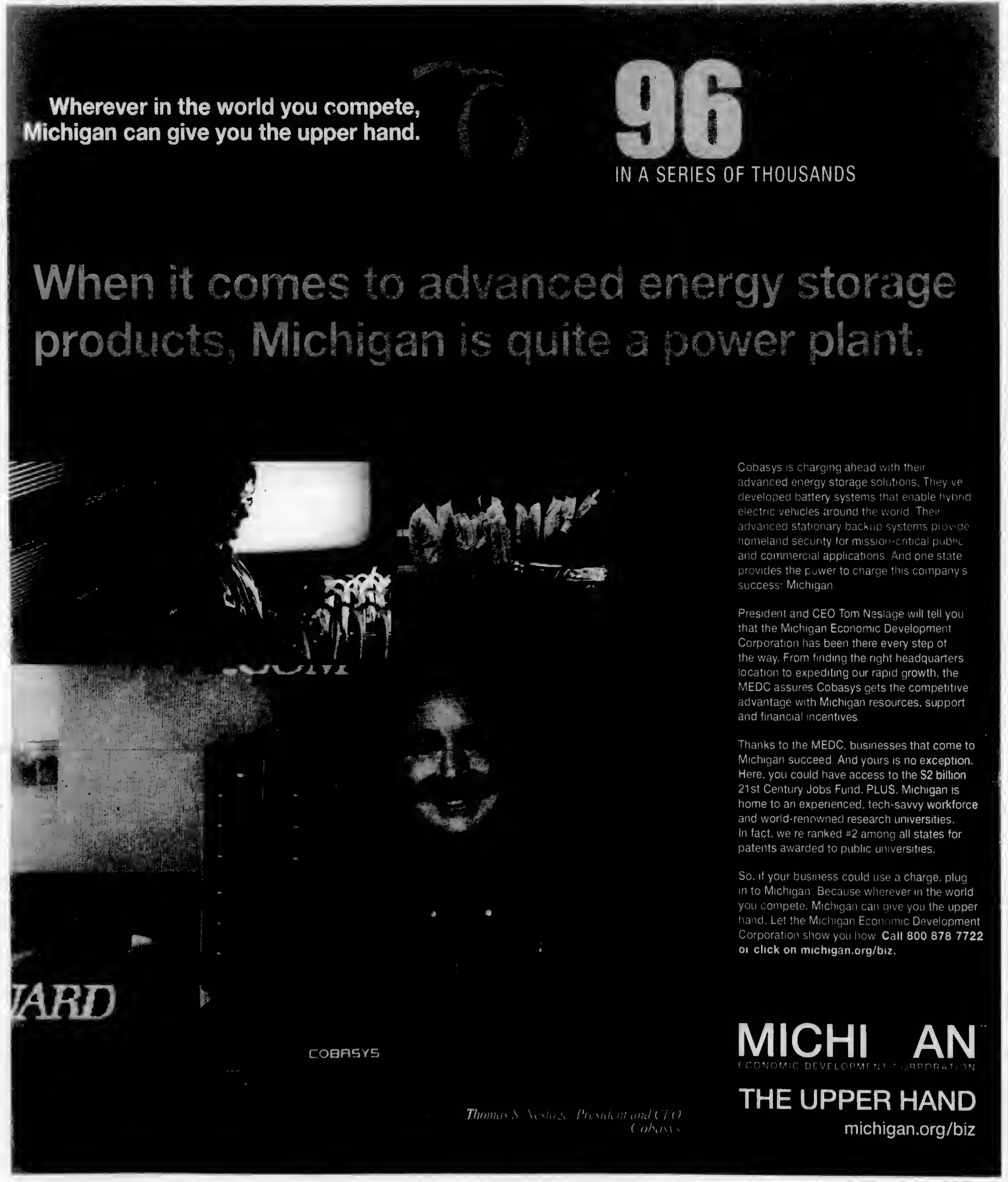

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Pageant queen makes mark at Mrs. Michigan

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

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(Above) Charlevoix pageant veteran Tanya Umulis (left) was named second runner up in the Mrs. Michigan America pageant on April 14 in Grand Rapids. She is pictured above with first place winner Laura Loveberry (center) and first runner up Jessica Cassidy.

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(Left) Charlevoix resident Tanya Umulis and her husband, City of Charlevoix patrolman Matt Umulis pose for a picture with her second runner up commemorative plate from the April 14 Mrs. Michigan America pageant.

When she left last weekend for the Mrs. Michigan America pageant in Grand Rapids, former Miss Charlevoix, Tanya Umulis, said this is it, her last pageant.

But after coming just two places from the crown, she's not so sure she'll retire her tiara.

"As many times as I said, 'This is my last one,' I can't help but be so consumed with the excitement of it all. I think I might do it again," she said. "I love competition I love challenge. I love to be pushed and people pushing me. I love organizing. Combine that and you have a pageant and I love it."

Umulis, 23, competed in the Mrs. Michigan America pageant April 13-14 at the Wealthy Theater in Grand Rapids. Laura Loveberry, 46, of Quincy and second runner-up in 2006, took first place and the Mrs. Michigan America 2007 title. Loveberry took home a prize package worth about $15,000 including a two-week trip to Mrs. America this summer in Tuscon, Ariz.

This was Umulis' second attempt at the title — in 2006 she finished third runner up. With last weekend's second runner up finish under her belt, her competitive spirit's sparked and she's ready for another round. Her prize package includes about $500 in gifts, memorabilia and breaks on next year's pageant entry fee.

"I am so pleased with myself. This is the first time in my pageant career that I really put my heart and soul into this and it really showed in the end," she said.

Umulis credits her top five finish to successful interviews and candid "from the heart" responses to questions like, "What's it like being married to a police officer day in and day out?" and "If you had one day left to live, how would you spend it?"

"Interview wise I realize my best weapon is to let my sense of humor and personality come through as real as I possibly can. That's what gets me in those top five positions — completely being myself and almost making a joke out of those ridiculous answers like world peace," she said.

Going into the event, Umulis was more confident than last year but knew the competition among the 18 registered women was steep.

"Any time you have some idea as to what to expect you feel like you are one step ahead of those that don't," she said.

To prepare, Umulis physically trained harder than in 2006, running at least five miles a day and walking another two to four miles. But the muscle spasms, broken toes, tendonitis and bone spurs that resulted from the intensive regiment weren't enough to slow her down.

"I just kept training," she said. "Physically I felt confident in a swimsuit and evening gown for the first time."

Umulis married Charlevoix city patrolman Matt Umulis on Jan. 7, 2006 a life changing event that not only chartered her future but also qualified her for the Mrs. pageant circuit.

She is thrilled to discover that marriage and the prospect of family don't mean the end to her pageant life which stretches back almost a decade.

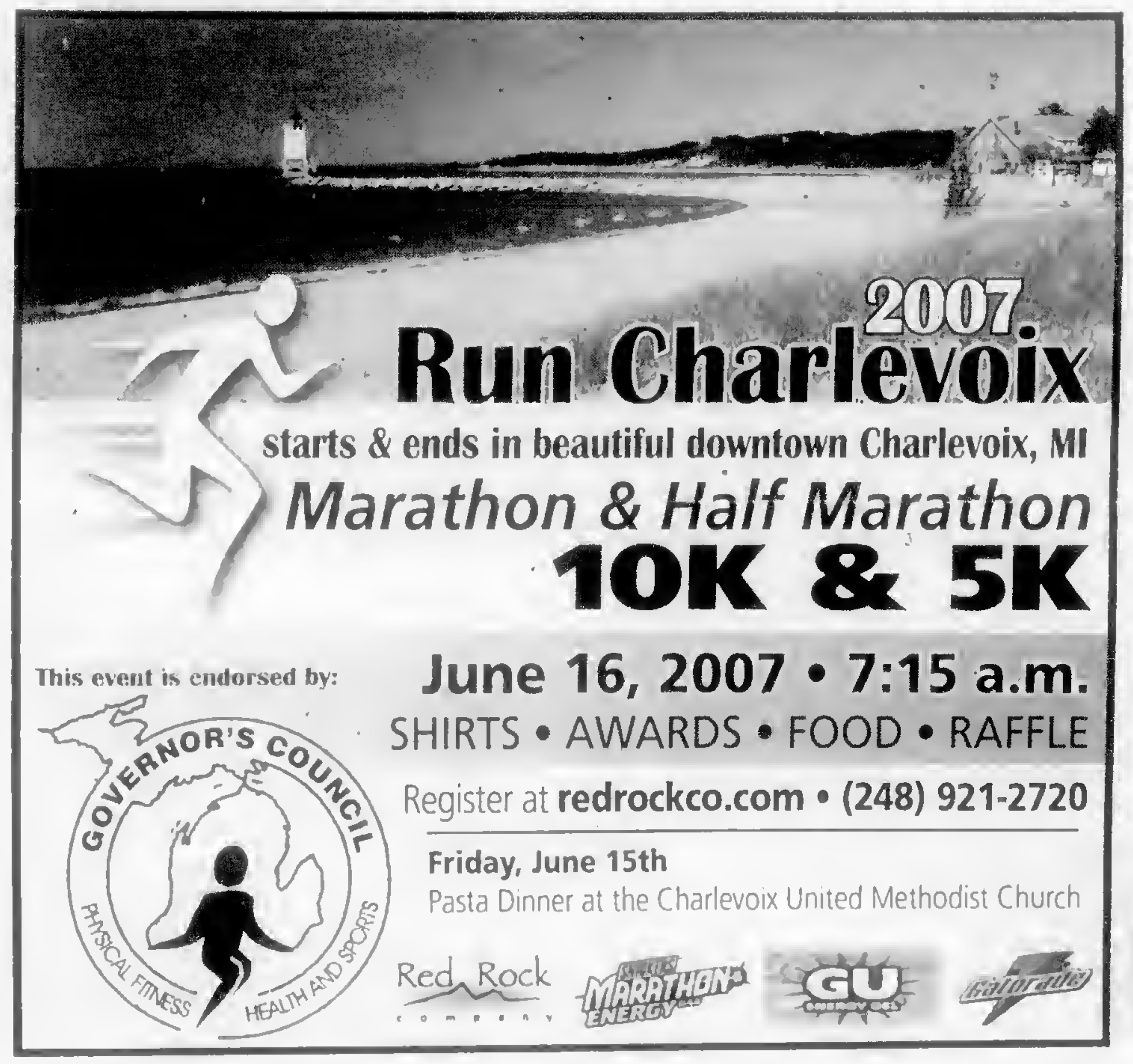
Umulis started her pageant career in 1998 when she was 14. After spending a season singing in between segments at the Miss Teen Northwest pageant in East Jordan, watching each of the contestants, she knew she could compete.

The following year, in 1999, she went on to win Miss Northwest.

Summer 2000 marked her favorite win, being crowned Miss Charlevoix during the Venetian Festival.

In 2001, as a freshman at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant Umulis competed against 22 girls and won Miss Greater Central Michigan, one of 28 preliminary competitions to qualify for the Miss Michigan pageant. In 2002, she competed in the Miss Michigan pageant where she didn't place.

In 2003, she was crowned Miss Lake Michigan USA, a preliminary to Miss Michigan USA. She competed twice at the state level for this title, finishing in the top 10 one year and earning third runner-up the second year.



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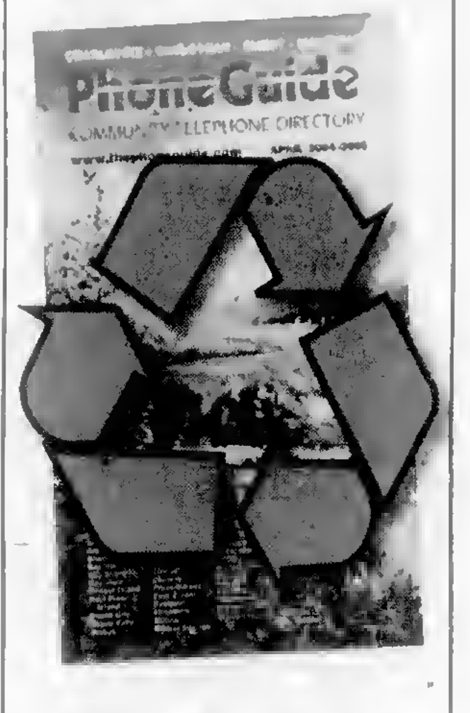

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Local fruit industry weathers late storm

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

> *"The buds that represent this year's crop are out on the trees and need to survive to make the fruit, but I am quite confident that everything will be fine."*
>
> **Richard Friske**
> OWNER/OPERATOR OF FRISKE ORCHARDS

Despite several inches of snow and cold temperatures this early spring, the real threat to local farmers has yet to come.

According to Richard Friske, owner/operator of Friske Orchards, while fruits grown in the area tend to be resilient against cold temperatures and light snowfall, it is the mid to late-May frost which does the real damage.

"For vegetable and field crops there is not any kind of problem because nothing has been planted yet and it's not too late to get stuff planted," Friske said. "Fruit is a different story because the buds that represent this year's crop are out on the trees and need to survive to make the fruit, but I am quite confident that everything will be fine."

He added, "This winter was pretty decent weather wise and not extreme in either direction. When it did warm up I don't think it was too warm for too long. The bottom line is, when it cooled off a week or so ago that was pretty cold, it got down into the low teens, but I do believe the fruit in this immediate area is still hardy enough because it has not developed enough to be vulnerable to these kinds of temperatures."

The most vulnerable time for the apples, peaches, plums, nectarines, tart cherries and other fruits grown in the area will be after those buds become blooms.

In Friske's decades of tending his family's orchard, he has yet to see weather conditions so severe or untimely as to destroy an orchard's entire crop.

"My parents bought this farm in 1962 when I was 3. I've been running the farm since 1983 and grew up on it," Friske said. "We had years where one or two crops were somewhat affected, but it only takes a small percentage of viable buds on viable trees to make a crop. You could freeze nine out of 10 blossoms and still have a crop."

He added, "In fact, last year we had sites where we had a late spring freeze and thought we were not going to have many apples at all in some areas but they ended up fuller than we needed them to be."

Steps taken to safeguard the trees, Friske said, include maintaining tree health and employing industrial wind machines.

"It's very important to keep them healthy by managing soil health and tree health by managing crop load so it does not over stress the trees," he said. "We make sure they have water if at all possible and manage nutrients because, if you have a healthy tree, they are definitely able to tolerate more adverse weather."

He added, "We have two large wind machines that move air around on cold frosty nights on low sites."

Temperature can vary greatly between ground level and four-feet up and constantly moving the air on those still, frigid nights can mean the difference between live and dead buds.

For fruit, cider and more, visit Friske Orchards and Farm Market at 10743 North U.S. 31 in Atwood.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Richard Friske, owner/operator of Friske Orchards said the early spring snow likely did not damage the northern Michigan fruit crop. Buds like these seen on a cherry tree are resilient this time of year. It is frost that could come after they bloom that is the real threat.

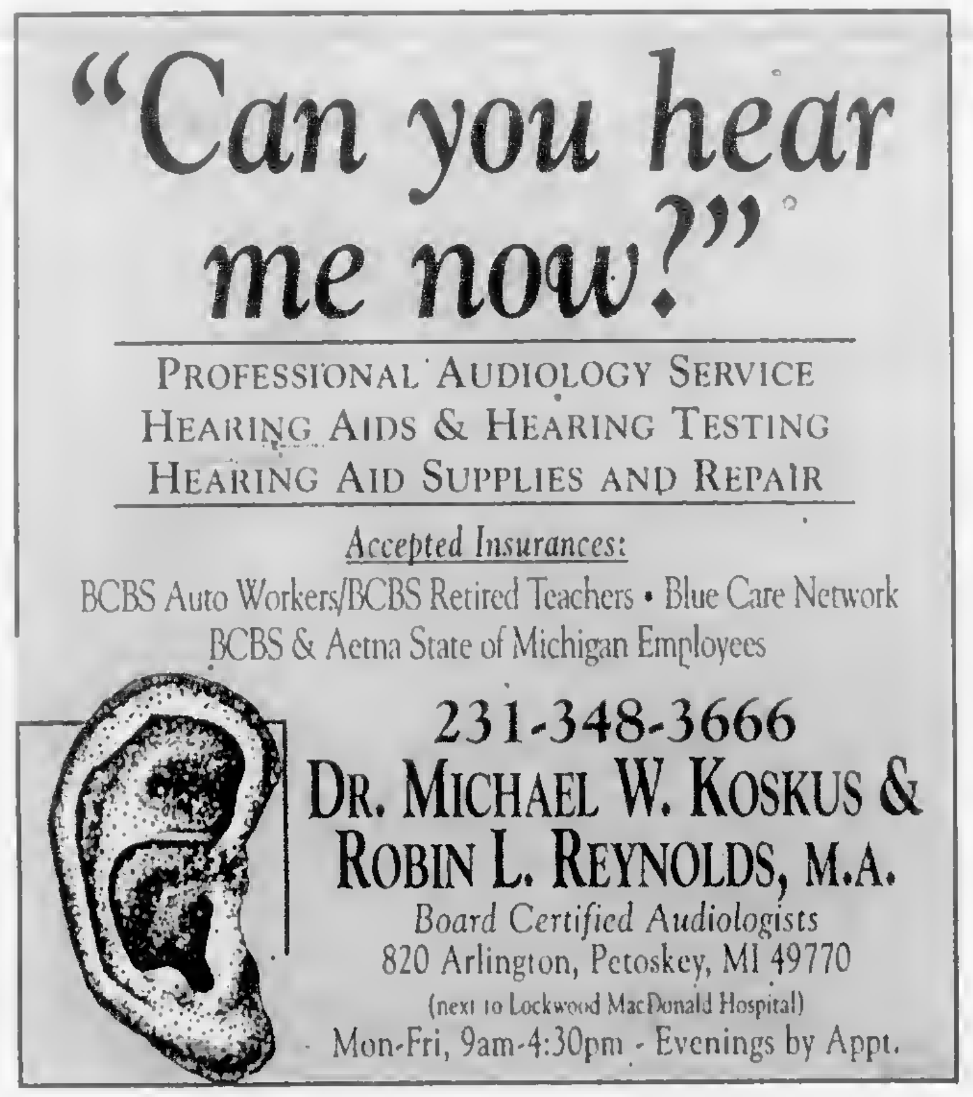
Cortright recognized for work at county MSU Extension office

Rodney Cortright

Rodney Cortright of Boyne City was recognized for his outstanding work as the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) director at the Michigan State University Retirees Luncheon April 10 at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center.

Cortright served Michigan State University Extension for 25 years. His work focused on land conservation, and he was well-known as an educator who taught decision makers about smart-growth land use philosophies. Cortright was also instrumental in the establishment of the Michigan State University Extension Citizen Planner Program, which helps build the capacity of local planning commission and zoning board members. Cortright previously served with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Ingham County Soil Conservation Service. Cortright graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in crop and soil sciences.

Cortright was one of seven Michigan State University Extension retirees to be honored.



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In an effort to remind readers of how the East Park and municipal marina property have evolved, the Courier has teamed up with the Charlevoix Historical Society to bring readers a photo history of the property. This will run weekly in a "Then and Now" format with a picture from the past and the current construction schedule.

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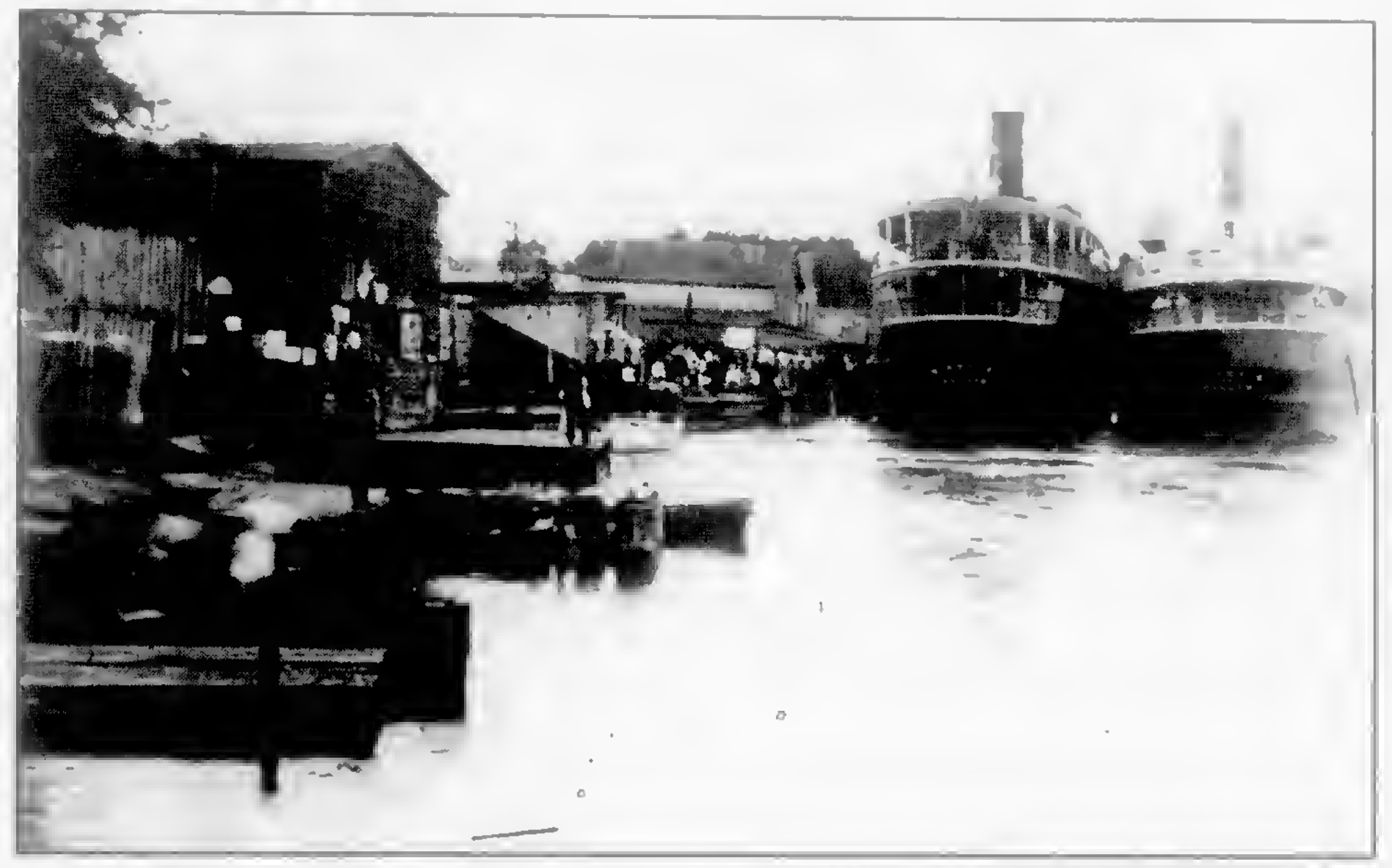

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(Above) The Round Lake waterfront in the early 1900s behind the 200 block of Bridge Street, approximately where Duke's Deli and Color Wear are today. Charlevoix's resort industry boomed during this period as people nationwide heard of the town's beauty and salubrious climate. Passenger liners arrived daily throughout the summer carrying hundreds of resorters and vacationers. Since Wilbur's Dock, later the city dock could only accommodate one large vessel at a time, the solution was to tie up side by side. Pictured above are sister ships, Missouri and Illinois, two of Charlevoix's most frequent and popular visitors. Passengers from one would walk through the other to disembark.

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Background

Phase I of the $10 million East Park and marina renovation project includes the seawall replacement, removal of the 17 existing piers, which at the furthest point extend 75-feet into Round Lake, installation of new sheet pile running the length of the park 850-feet, and other work. The targeted completion date for Phase I is near the end of April. Installation of the new docks, Phase 2, is underway. It includes installation of a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220-feet into Round Lake at the furthest point. Docks are currently being installed. The total cost for Phases 1 and 2 is $3.8 million.

Progress report week of April 9:

Continued installation of tieback wall.

Molon continued to drive the seawall sheet pile down to the final elevation.

Capped the main seawall to the foot of Clinton St.

Upcoming events week of April 16:

Completion of tieback wall.

Molon will continue to drive the sheet pile down to the final elevation — 98 percent complete.

Cap on main seawall installation continues.

Begin underground storm work.

Installation and compacting of fill material.

Construction staking for the parking lot adjacent to Charlevoix Public Library and possible start of construction.

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On Thursday, April 5 Charlevoix Scout, Paul Stolt submitted his Eagle Scout Service Project plan to the board of directors at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club. The plan includes extensive work at the club grounds. Pictured is Paul Stolt along with Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club president, Ron Svoboda.

Stolt's Eagle Project plan aims to improve Rod and Gun Club

Charlevoix Scout, Paul Stolt has targeted improvements to the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club for his Eagle Scout Service Project.

An Eagle Scout Service Project is a project in which a Life Scout plans, organizes and executes a project that will benefit a community organization. Paul's plan needed to first be approved by Tim May, Scoutmaster, Bob Fate, Northern Trails District Eagle Board Chairman and finally the Rod and Gun Club board of directors.

Paul's plan is to enhance the existing pond at the club to the state of a living pond ecosystem in which someone could fish or study its living ecosystem. The pond itself will be cleaned up, slightly enlarged to include spawning beds, outfitted with fish habitats and pond plants. The area that surrounds the pond will receive new landscaping including filling and improvements to the soil and drainage around the pond. Then the grounds will be seeded and fertilized and trees will be planted to give shade to the fish and the people who spend time there. A barrier of trees will be placed to provide a sound buffer between a new picnic area and the rifle range.

Pan fish and others will be planted in the pond. With the addition of the new trees and landscaping, Stolt will provide natural habitats for many other types of animals.

While the site plan is complete and approved the real work begins. Stolt will organize the largest details from securing permits and an excavator and operator to bringing in 200 yards of soil and supervising plantings.

Upon completion Stolt will submit his entire package with confirmation of each person's time and involvement, pictures to show progression and a write up detailing accomplishments and failures. Upon approval of his project from the District Eagle Board, Stolt will go through an extensive interview process with the board before a determination is made as to whether he will become an Eagle Scout.

Through the work and study that is done on this project, Paul will be able to complete merit badge work for Fish and Wildlife Management, Soil and Water Conservation and Landscape Architecture. He also hopes to receive the William T. Hornaday Award which recognizes those who have made a significant contribution to conservation.

For more information or to volunteer project assistantce, contact Paul Stolt at 547-4204.

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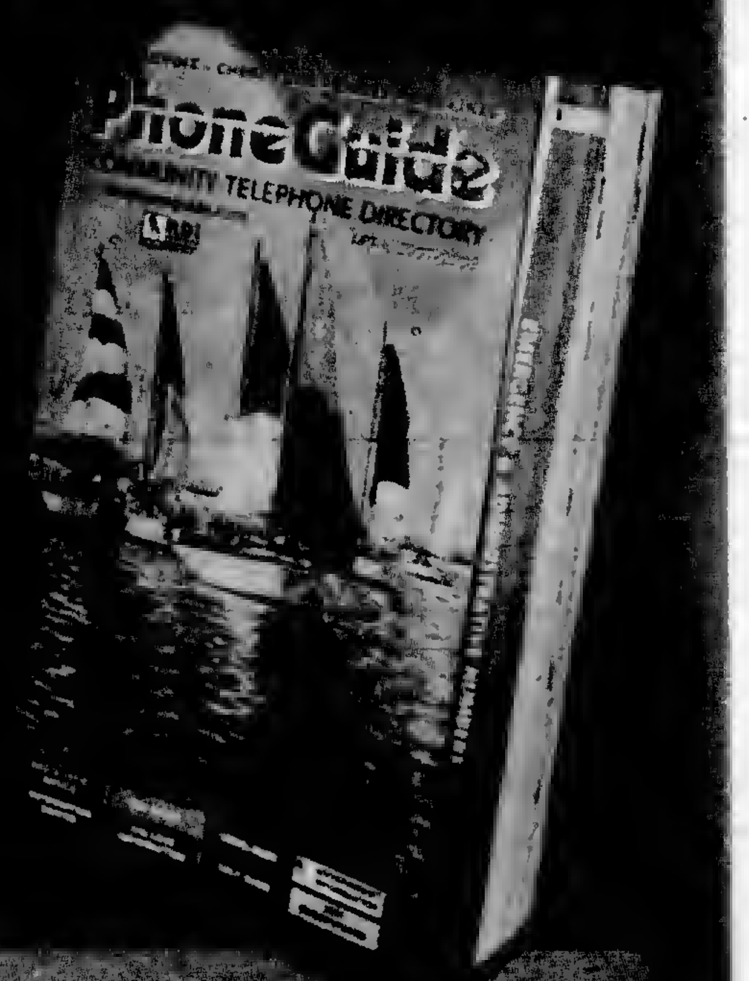

Red Grammer children's concert this Saturday

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One of the premier entertainers of children and families in America, Red Grammer, will perform live at 2 p.m. on April 21 at Charlevoix Public Library. A Grammy nominee and the winner of numerous Parents' Choice Awards, Grammer has been featured on Nickelodeon, the Disney Channel, the Today Show, CBS This Morning and has been described by Parent's Magazine as "the best voice in children's music."

Chris Hauke, youth services supervisor at Charlevoix Public Library recently booked 2006 Grammy Award nominee Red Grammer to perform a concert on April 21 at the library.

"I first heard him sing when I was still in Colorado," Hauke said. "Some friends of mine with small children had the DVD, 'Hooray for the World', and I loved it. He's energetic and fun and has a unique way of reaching children. I put his name in the back of my head for future reference."

Grammer performs internationally and was nominated for the Grammy Award in 2006 for his CD, "Be-Bop Your Best," the same year that Fred Rogers received this honor. Usually, performers of Grammer's caliber book concerts at least two years in advance. But Hauke thought she would call and give it a try.

Grammer agreed to include Charlevoix as a stop along his Midwest tour.

"It took several calls to arrange the logistics," said Hauke. "But we did it."

In addition to the Grammy nomination, Grammer has performed around the world, has six CD's which as of last year hit a half a million sales, has won a Parent's Choice Award and has appeared on TV.

What? Live children's concert featuring Grammy nominee Red Grammer
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Lawsuit challenges beach rights

**BY FRED GRAY
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
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The Charlevoix County Road Commission has heen named party to a suit by 11 front-lot landowners in a 1911 plat on Pine Point who claim they have exclusive rights to the Lake Charlevoix heach in front of their homes by proximity of Beach Drive to the lake.

The road commission says the road was dedicated to public use and therefore everything between it and the lake belongs to the use of the public.

"It will he a battle, hut we have to prevail on this," said road commission manager, Pat Harmon. "The front-lot owners want it all to themselves. And there are decisions in favor of the plaintiffs. But puhlic use of the lakefront is in the public interest and has been upheld in a case decided 40 years ago. This could turn into a classic case."

The landowner-plaintiffs asked the Charlevoix County Circuit Court for an injunction against further use of the beach by defendants, who include owners of other property in Pine Point, originally platted by the "North Charlevoix Company" and Charlevoix Township and the public at large.

The suit declares that the Plat of North Charlevoix describes the land platted as extending "along the waters (sic) edge of (Lake Charlevoix)." It says there is no unplatted land lying between the plat and the water.

The suit said all of the plaintiffs are "front lot owners" and own land depicted on the plat separated from the lake solely by Beach Drive.

"Beach Drive abuts each of the plaintiffs' properties with no other property line between the lake itself and Beach Drive," it states, and adds "Each of the plaintiffs own property to which riparian or littoral rights are appurtenant."

"Riparian" is defined generally as "of, on, or relating to the banks of a natural course of water," while "littoral" is "of or on a shore, especially a seashore." In law the terms are the subject of complex and specific definitions and rights.

The suit states that each of the defendants has asserted the right to erect dockage and to moor boats directly in front of plaintiffs' property and in violation of plaintiffs' riparian rights. It claims the defendants have trespassed on the plaintiffs' property, diminished its value, and caused a nuisance.

The suit also states that defendant road commission maintains Beach Drive and may, along with the township, claim an interest in the plaintiffs' properties.

Harmon produced a decision by Charlevoix Circuit Judge Charles Brown of Dec. 7, 1968, dismissing a request that the court invalidate the petition of some lot owners in the plat to Hayes Township to post Beach Drive as "open to the public."

In his ruling, Brown states, "Streets and alleys in the plat are dedicated to the use of the public — not merely the rights of the abutting property owners — therefore, many others besides plaintiffs would be effected (sic) were this court or any court to find the plat was never accepted or, if so, that the roads streets, street and alleys therein had been abandoned. Certainly such a finding would have the effect of vacating and altering the plat."

Brown's decision was upheld on appeal two years later.

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Alcove Café grand opening this Friday

**BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR**

Charlevoix's French roots will be celebrated at a new local eatery during a grand opening celebration this Friday, April 20.

Raechel Wright, a Charlevoix resident of five years, will open her new business, the Alcove Café at 103 Park Avenue, where she'll specialize in European cuisine with strong French country leanings.

Wright, who relocated to Charlevoix from the Columbus, Ohio area to give her daughter Emily a small-town high school experience, said her only lingering longing for big city life is variety in cuisine.

"Food tastes have changed in Charlevoix, the people who live here and come here in the summer are looking for the kinds of foods we're offering," she said.

With Emily having graduated in 2006, Wright said the time is right for her to develop her professional life again. The long-time software executive who enjoyed a lucrative career with JP Morgan Chase in Ohio and Chicago, Ill. had software bigwigs from Seattle, Wash. knocking at her door when another quieter knock earned her attention.

She saw a for sale sign at the Acorn Café.

"It just grabbed me. I thought I can continue doing what I've done or maybe I should do something completely different — I wanted the challenge. I love food and I love Charlevoix and have always dreamt about opening a restaurant," she said.

On Dec. 31, 2006 Wright closed on the business, which was formerly operated hy Scott McDonald, and spent three months upgrading, cleaning, painting and repairing the building.

"The goal was to make it warmer, to make it a nice, inviting place," she said.

While she has no restaurant experience she feels her business background and accomplished 10-person staff will be keys to her success. Wright earned a bachelor's degree in math and psychology from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, a law degree and master's degree in psychology from Ohio State University and a master's degree in computer science from the University of Phoenix. She has hired chef Aaron Wilcenski of Charlevoix. Wilcenski has worked in area kitchens including Whitneys, Chandler's, Tapawingo and the Acorn Café.

Wilcenski said the Alcove which will offer a four-star breakfast and lunch menu will likely be known for their signature Eggs Alcove, panini sandwiches made with meats braised and roasted on-site, homemade soups, sausages and fish smoked in-house, homemade rustic pizza, meal bowls, private label coffee and adventurous daily specials. A children's menu is available. Meals will cost up to about $10 each.

"Once the word is out and people hear and taste what we have, I think it will be pretty exciting," Wilcenski said.

The restaurant can seat 42 people inside and another 10 outside.

The Alcove Café grand opening will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on April 20. The hours of operation will then shift to 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The restaurant will open seven days a week this summer. Wright plans to be open year-round.

Additional offerings include in-house private parties and picnic lunches to go called "Boat Bags." Future plans include expansion into a dinner menu.

For more information, call Raechel Wright at (231)547-7490.

What? Grand opening celebration for Alcove Café
When? 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on April 20
Where? 103 Park Avenue in Charlevoix

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Owner of Alcove Café, Charlevoix resident, Raechel Wright (above, left), will open the doors at her new restaurant which features a breakfast and lunch menu with French country influences, this Friday, April 20. She is pictured here with her chef, Aaron Wilcenski.

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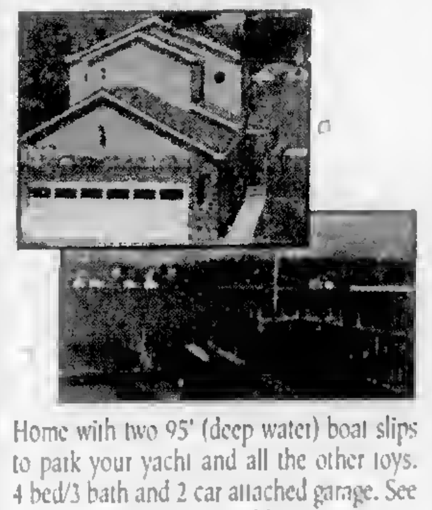

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Snyder joins Barron and Engstrom PLC

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Attorney Valerie K. Snyder has returned to Charlevoix and joined the law firm of Barron & Engstrom, PLC. Snyder (above, center) will team up with the firm's founder, Dan Barron (above, left) and fellow Charlevoix High School graduate Ed Engstrom (above, right).

Attorney Valerie K. Snyder has returned to Charlevoix and joined the law firm of Barron & Engstrom, PLC.

Snyder will team up with fellow Charlevoix High School graduate, attorney Edward Engstrom, and with attorney Dan Barron who founded the Charlevoix law firm in 1986.

Snyder began her law career in her hometown of Charlevoix in 1995, after having received her bachelor's degree from Adrian College and her law degree from Willamette University in Salem, Ore. Snyder is a former partner of the firm of Joseph, Corcoran, Telgenhof and Snyder, P.C. and practiced law for eight years in the areas of domestic relations, civil litigation and estate planning. Most recently Snyder has been at home full-time, raising two sons with her husband, Mark.

Snyder and Barron have both been very active in the local community. Snyder formerly served on the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, the Charlevoix City Council and City of Charlevoix Planning Commission, the board of Keep Charlevoix Beautiful and as past Commodore of the Charlevoix Yacht Club.

Barron has served as past president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, as a member of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority since 1993 and as president of the Charlevoix Venetian Festival since 1999.

Both Barron and Engstrom are pleased, noting that "Valerie is unquestionably a top caliber attorney." Barron added, "Valerie brings to the table outstanding ability, work ethic and commitment to success. Our clients and the community as well, will benefit from Valerie's dedication to her hometown."

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Amick Lakeside Realtors merge with Coldwell

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Amick Lakeside Realtors of Charlevoix has joined with Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors. Kimberly Engstrom (above), who has been in the real estate business for five years, purchased the Amick business in September 2005 from former broker, Carol Amick, who started the company in 1998 with her husband, the late Ed Amick. Engstrom and fellow agents with the Amick business, Carol Amick and Sharon Tormey have joined Coldwell.

Amick Lakeside Realtors of Charlevoix has joined with Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors.

Kimberly Engstrom, Carol Amick and Sharon Tormey bring over 50 years of experience in residential and luxury real estate to the new cooperative venture. The three will continue to offer real estate service from their location at 105 Clinton St., adjacent to the marina.

"We're very excited about joining with Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors," said Engstrom. "We know this will benefit our clients, as they will now have access to more potential buyers through the company's network of offices, its Internet site and various print materials. I think it's great to get some high-end exposure."

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SPORTS reviewing the action

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Attitude is everything

Girls' varsity basketball coach, Keith Haske (left) and boys' varsity football coach, Don Jess (right) pose with Charlevoix High School athletic director, Doug Drenth (center) after recently receiving good sportsmanship awards from the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the good sportsmanship of Rayder coaches, athletes and fans during MHSAA tournaments this and last year.

Snow cancels spring sports season openers

Due to inclement weather and poor field conditions, April 10-13 scheduled events for Charlevoix High School's sports teams were canceled.

The girls' and boys' varsity track teams will begin this week's events at 4:30 p.m. today, April 18 at the Boyne City Invitational.

On April 19 all other sports teams will compete. The baseball and softball teams will face Roscommon at 4:30 p.m. on April 19 at home. The soccer team will face Grayling at 5 p.m. on April 19 at home. And the tennis team will play Elk Rapids at 4:30 p.m. that day.

For more information, call Charlevoix High School at (231) 547-3222.

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St. Mary's of Charlevoix	32.5	19.5
Bud's Buds	31	21
Paul Bunyan Lanes	30	22
The Flight Deck	29	23
J Arnold Painting "2"	24	28
B VanLoo & Sons	22	30
Selph Trucking	20	32
J Arnold Painting "A"	19.5	32.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
John Fiedorek	608	218
Bryan VanLoo	590	215
Jon Kiernan	599	
Ron Grulke		215

TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES
APR. 10, 2007

	W	L
Birdie's Beauty Shoppe	42.5	17.5
DM Construction	36	24
Oleson's Food Store	30.5	29.5
St. Mary Cement	29	31
Central Drug Store	28	32
Mary Ann's Takeout	25.5	34.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	25	35
Paul Bunyan Lanes	23.5	36.5

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	Series	Game
Jane Holm		213
Leanna Mosoryak	552	204
Marlene Evans	510	
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	W	L
Ferguson & Chamberlain	460	290
Paul Bunyan Lanes	447	303
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Jane Holm	530	193
Diana Speigl	526	210
Mary O'Brien	460	172

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	W	L
Grunch/Crain	40.5	19.5
Webb	36.5	23.5
Blanchard Crain	36	24
Browe	32.5	27.5
Russell C & R	32	28
Bradley	29	31
A & J Russell	29	31
Spencer	29	31
Potter	26	34
Thomas	24	36
Patton	23.5	36.5
Sharrow/Roloff	23.5	36.5
Stein	23	37
Ferguson	19.5	40.5
Sladek	19	41
Nordman	18	42

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Roger Crain	643	242
Jim Potter	569	231
Mike Webb		234
Chuck Stein		231
Gary Spencer	562	
Carrie Blanchard	544	207
Lynette Webb	585	206
Lisa Bradley		189
Mary Jane Grunch	501	

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Bowler of the Week: Caset Crain of the Wednesday Church League had a high game of 211 & high series of 583. Congratulations!

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Breast cancer walk organizers extend 'Lend a hand' challenge

Organizers of the 2007 Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk, which will take place, May 12 in Charlevoix, urge community members and supporters to "Lend a hand."

The theme for the upcoming walk, "Lend a Hand — the Factor of Five" encourages walkers and supporters of the fight against breast cancer to find five people they know who are willing to "Lend a hand" towards the walk's success.

There are a number of ways to participate including collecting contributions using a walker registration form available at Charlevoix County Chambers of Commerce, the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital, local health clubs and Prudential Preferred Properties' Charlevoix office.

Individuals are welcome to come out and show support by walking or by creating a team of walkers.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 12. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the walk will follow at 10 a.m. leaving from Bridge Park in Charlevoix. Walk routes ranging from 2.5 to 5 miles will be offered. Refreshments will be served in the park at the close of the event.

In the past, this walk has raised over $100,000 for breast cancer research, and cancer victims through hospice, Charlevoix Area Hospital and Camp Daggett scholarships.

Five years ago it was decided that the money raised by the walk would be dedicated to local cancer-related needs and has been directed to the Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund, which operates under the umbrella of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The fund was started with money given in memory of Judy Edger who died of breast cancer in 1999. Edger was an enthusiastic supporter of the Sue DeYoung walk during the last years of her life and her name was added to the walk following her death.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency's Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program and Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

Individuals can volunteer their time with the walk organization committee by contacting Amy Salatino at 547-7663 or Nicole Kurtz at 330-6060. Both Kurtz and Salatino are members of the Sigma Phi Sorority's Kappa Sigma Chapter which is assisting in organizing the event.

Those wishing to make a contribution may do so by sending a check to the Charlevoix County Community Fund (CCCF), P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727. Donors are asked to print Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund in the memo line.

Corporations and individuals can also direct their contributions to the endowment portion of the fund. By electing to do this, a donor is eligible for a 50 percent tax credit as well as a charitable deduction on their federal tax form for those who itemize deductions.

Registration underway for 3rd Annual Tri4Fun Triathlon

Registration is underway for the 3rd annual non-competitive Tri4Fun Women's Triathlon.

Forms are available at Harbor Health and Fitness, located at 110 Clinton St. in Charlevoix and at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool located at 11905 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix. Women ages 14 and older are eligible to participate.

The triathlon will take place at noon on Sunday, May 20. A mandatory pre-race meeting will take place at 11 a.m. at Charlevoix Public Library, located 220 West Clinton St.

The event will include a scenic 20K bike, a 5K run and a half mile indoor pool swim. The bike portion starts in Petoskey and winds along the shore of Lake Michigan and ends at the community pool. The run extends from the pool, along a rural road and loops back to the pool property.

Participants can register to partake in all three events individually or as a team. Registration fees are $100 for a team of two or three and $50 per individual.

The triathlon is a fundraiser for two local cancer support groups in Charlevoix and Emmet counties, Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders and Circle of Strength.

For more information contact Michelle Rick-Biddick at (231) 547-4369 or e-mail tlc.fitness@hotmail.com.

File photo

(Above) Cancer survivor and Charlevoix resident, Michelle Rick-Biddick, is organizing the 3rd Annual Tri4Fun Women's Triathlon. Registration is underway for the event which will take place on May 20.

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NEW
Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday

0750 PERSONALS

LOOKING FOR items from the old Beddow property, site of the new Charlevoix High School. Particularly hand-made rocking horses, tall headboard single bed, two water color pictures and any photos of the property or people. Reply to P.O. Box 154, Rapid City, MI 49676.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

Advertisement for Bids

The City of Charlevoix will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., May 10, 2007 for a 35,000 GVW truck. All bids are to be in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Truck Bid". All bids are to be sent to the City of Charlevoix City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Bid packages can be obtained from, and all inquiries are to be directed to, Street Superintendent, Pat Elliott, 231-547-3276.

The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Charlevoix.

Pat Elliott, Street Superintendent
(B-4/1B)

2090 BIDS WANTED

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Charlevoix will be accepting sealed bids for the repair of the cement floor in the Police garage at City Hall.

Sealed bids will be accepted until Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 1:00 PM In the office of the City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720. Please note on the outside of the bid envelop that the bid is for "Police Garage Floor Repair". All inquires are to be directed to Fire Chief Paul Ivan at (231)547-3279. The worksite and scope of the work required may be inspected at City Hall during normal business hours.

A starting date and time table for the work must also be included with the bid. Bids must be all inclusive.

The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, to waive irregularities, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Charlevoix.

(B-04/18)

In memory of "Babe"

Winifred Natalie Giacone (1910-2005)

She was born January 11, 1910 in St. Louis, MO, the only child of Pierce Blanchard of Charlevoix, MI and Metta Schlauch of Evansville, IN. Almost a century later, on February 18, 2005, Winifred Natalie Blanchard Giacone, known to her family and friends all her life as "Babe", passed away, into God's hands.

Raised in the winters of Chicago and in the summers of Charlevoix, Michigan, Babe treasured most her Charlevoix summers in her early years with her mother, Metta Schlauch Blanchard Wallace and her step-father, Bill Wallace, Jr. There were also many years when Babe was quite young that she lived with her Grandparents, Chester and Cynthia Kendall Blanchard and Great Grandparent, Frances (Fanny) Vosburgh Kendall Howe in the Blanchard home just outside of Charlevoix limits, as well as the Vosburgh farm near Norwood.

Babe's ancestors settled in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties about 1860; they included Charlevoix pioneers, William B. Vosburgh and his wife, Cynthia Vosburgh, who moved from Tompkins County, Upstate New York and built the first schoolhouse in Charlevoix. Their daughter, Frances (Fanny) Vosburgh married Pierce Kendall, born in England about 1838; Pierce had made application to be an Apprentice Merchant Marine as a young boy. A rumor, never confirmed, suggests that Pierce came to America on an English ship landing in San Francisco during the Gold Rush. Tragically, Pierce died in October 1897 when a tornado destroyed the new Charlevoix Inn Hotel while he was constructing the roof.

About the same time that the Vosburghs were settling in the Charlevoix area, Chester Blanchard born in Willsboro (Essex City), NY about 1855 also moved to the Norwood Twp. area to join his Aunt Elizabeth (Betsy Bishop) and her husband, Avery Van Ousen in the lumbering business. Chester married Pierce Kendall and Frances Vosburgh's daughter, Caroline Kendall; their son, Pierce Blanchard, married Metta Schlauch, their only child being Winifred Natalie Blanchard, who was named after Mrs. Orton (Winifred) Van Ousen.

Bill Wallace was a wonderful father to Babe and a dearly loved Grandfather to her daughters, Jo-Ann and Bobette. Bill owned and operated the Mobile Oil station on the corner of Bridge and Belvedere Streets next to the beautiful red brick home on the top of the hill, which he built so that he and Metta could see the whole of Round Lake. Babe and her family spent many summers with Bill and Metta on the front porch of that home overlooking Round Lake and the Venetian Night Boat Parade.

Babe and Joe's daughter, Jo-Ann, enjoyed a decade of summers with Metta and Bill making friends with the Merica girls, the Granddaughters of Metta and Bill's friends, the Glados family, who owned the Sugar Bowl Restaurant next to the theater on Bridge Street. Bill was a contractor; he had built the theater many years before, but he is fondly remembered for building the long-gone lighthouses in the middle of the Koi ponds in the park.

Babe was a beautiful young woman with her auburn hair, hazel eyes and creamy white complexion; when she turned 85, her red hair turned white as snow, and she still had smooth alabaster skin. She was a very special lady, far ahead of her time; her wisdom and guidance played a great role in shaping the lives of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, for which they are very blessed.

Babe was an exceptionally bright student; she attended schools in both Chicago and Charlevoix, graduating from Highland Park High School, Chicago, IL in 1928, when she began a 45-year career as an accountant in the Chicago area. Babe was a "Super Woman" before the term even became known, her accomplishments far exceeding most women born in her era. She worked hard, but was able to manage home, career and raising her children in a loving and caring environment, long before such a role was the norm.

From the 1930s through the 1950s, Babe was a valued employee in the Chicago automobile Industry working for Foreman Motors, various trucking companies and Mogan David Wine retailers. Beginning in 1959, Babe co-managed Cook County Vending Company on Southwest Highway in Oak Lawn, IL which she and her husband of almost 66 years, Joe Giacone, owned and operated for 40 years.

Over their 66 years of marriage, Babe and Joe lived on the Southwest side of Chicago, Evergreen Park, IL, and Oak Lawn, IL where their daughters attended Oak Lawn High School. They lived and worked in Oak Lawn for over 20 years surviving a deadly tornado in 1967. In the 1970s, they built an oriental home in Indian Head Park area of La Grange, IL, which they enjoyed for another 25 years. Ultimately, Babe and Joe left the Chicago winters and made their final move to Los Angeles to retire in the Los Angeles suburb of Granada Hills, CA near their daughter, Jo-Ann Seitzinger of Northridge, CA.

Babe never looked her age. Even in her nineties, she was a beautiful, classy lady with her bright white mass of hair, her lavender manicured nails and her hand-pained floral cane. Everywhere she went people would compliment her; her pride kept her looking impeccable no matter how old she became. In June of 2000, she celebrated her 90th birthday in St. Louis, where she was born, with Joe, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Smiling proudly, Babe rode the zoo train with her whole family following behind her. It was a wonderful time for all, and the memories will long be treasured.

It has only been in the last few years that Babe has been unable to move about without the aid of, first a cane, then a walker and in the past year, a wheelchair. . .something she always dreaded. In addition, age-related Macular Degeneration slowly robbed Babe's eyesight; soon, her favorite past time, reading, became a chore. Only in the last year, could she no longer attend movies, and soon television became a bright light with sound. Pneumonia took its toll twice, weakening her body, but not her spirit; each time she fought her way back. In the last month, at the age of 95, Babe ran out of energy; peace was a blessing for a remarkable women loved by all whom had the fortune to have known her.

Winifred Natalie Blanchard Giacone's funeral service was held at Eternal Valley Mortuary and Cemetery, Newhall, CA on February 22, 2005. She is survived by her husband, Joseph Giacone, of Granada Hills, CA; her daughter, Mrs. Richard (Jo-Ann Giacone) Seitzinger, of Northridge, CA; her daughter, Mrs. Michael (Bobette Giacone) French, of Hudson, FL; her grandchildren, Mark Seitzinger of Louisville, KY, Mrs. Paul (Julie Seitzinger) Chesis of Leawood, KS, Mrs. Bradley (Angela French) Childs, Michael French and Mrs. Adam (Annette French) Oay, all of St. Louis, MO; and 16 great-grandchildren. Jo-Ann and her husband, Oick Seitzinger, continued to spend vacation time in Charlevoix and enjoy contributing their genealogy research material to the Charlevoix Historical Society.

A memorial has been established in Babe's name at the U.C.L.A. Jules Stein Eye Clinic, Oevelopment Office, 100 Stein Plaza, Los Angelas, CA 90095 with donations to be directed to "U.C. Regents" with a memo for "Research in Macular Degeneration". Her family has made a donation to the Charlevoix Historical Society in her memory.

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT-
FAMILY DIVISION
PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE NO: 07-011091-LG

In the matter of SUMMER MARIE HILDEBRANT

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Steven M. Hildebrant; Julia Hardy whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28B95) for the following purpose: The Petition(s) filed by Julia Hardy requesting that Joseph and Twiana Kishetsky or another suitable person be appointed limited co-guardians for the above-captioned person.

Twiana M. Kishefsky
P.O. Box 1316
203 Second Street
East Jordan, MI 49727
(231)536-0338
(L-04/18)

NOTICE TO ALL CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

Pursuant to Section 7504 of the Michigan Estate and Protected Individuals Code.

Trust of ANN A. DANLY, Deceased.
Date of Birth: September 24, 1924.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Ann A. Danly, the decedent, who lived at 6240 Pine Lake Club Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 died on December 30, 2006. There are no Personal Representative of the Grantor's Estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust Estate of the deceased will be forever barred unless presented to David A. Danly, Successor Trustee of the Ann A. Danly Trust Agreement Dated June 10, 1994, and any amendments thereto, at the office of Robert L. Hoffman, Attorney at Law, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: March 26, 2007

Robert L. Hoffman (P15046)
Attorney at Law
103 Belvedere Avenue
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-9941

David A. Danly,
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barry Bott and Alisha Bott, Husband and Wife, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2005 and recorded November 28, 2005 in Liber 718, Page 579, Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Argent Mortgage Securities, Inc. Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2006-W1 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2006, Without Recourse by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Eight and 13/100 Dollars ($123,008.13) including interest at 7.9% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the main lobby of Charlevoix County Courthouse in Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, Michigan at 11:00 a.m. on MAY 4, 2007. Said premises are located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3 of Bay Shore West, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 263 through 265 of Charlevoix County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: April 4, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 214.4857
ASAP# 839873
(L-04/04, 04/11, 04/18, 04/25)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Thomas A. Carson, A single man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Aegis Funding Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 2005 and recorded October 6, 2005 in Liber 708 Page 761 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5, by assignment dated June 20, 2006 and recorded October 24, 2006 in Liber 771, Page 105, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents ($139,776.33) including interest 9.51% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, May 11, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Walloon Lake, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at T-Iron Stake at the West Quarter Corner of Section 9, Township 33 North, Range 5 West ; thence South 88 degrees 50 minutes 17 seconds East along East and West Quarter Line of Said Section 2648.26 feet to a 3-4 Inch Iron Bar at the Center Quarter Corner of Said Section; thence South 0 Degrees 35 Minutes 15 Seconds West along the North and South Quarter Line of Said Section 1313.91 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod on the South Eighth line of Said Section, as monumented; thence North 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 42 Seconds West along said Eighth Line 491.59 feet to a Point which is 801.90 feet South 89 Degrees 0 Minutes 42 Seconds East of an Iron Stake at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section, as monumented; thence North 1 degree 147 Minutes 21 Seconds East 33.0 feet to a One-Half inch Rod on the Northerly line of Highway M-75, Being the Point of Beginning of this Description; thence Continuing North 1 Degree 47 Minutes 21 Seconds East 259.50 Feet to a T-Iron Stake at the Southeast Corner of the Alan L. Deneau Property, as Monuments; thence North 0 Degrees 34 Minutes 31 Seconds West Along said Deneau Property 176.17 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod; thence South 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 42 Seconds east Parallel with said Eighth Line 142.57 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod, thence South 0 Degrees 35 Minutes 15 Seconds West parallel with said North and South Quarter Line 435.60 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod on said Highway Line; thence North 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 42 Seconds West 144.44 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Being a Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 9, Township 33 North, Range 5 West. Commonly known as 4405 M 75 North, Walloon Lake MI 49796 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: APRIL 6, 2007

Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-68324 ASAP# 841767.
(L-04/11, 04/18, 04/25, 05/02)

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MORTGAGE SALE

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 31, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on November 7, 2001, in Liber 442, Page(s) 423, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $78,565.99, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 12.77 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on April 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 29' 43" EAST 1393.05 FEET TO THE WEST 1/8 POST; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 28' 42" WEST 726.00 FEET, ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE (AS MONUMENTED), TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 06' 01" EAST 391.10 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF FERRY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 25 DEGREES 19' 59" EAST 105.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 89 DEGREES 01' 06" WEST 439.21 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION (AS MONUMENTED); THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 54' 01" EAST 100.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: March 14, 2007

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

File No. 05-925-20-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

V

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WALLOON LAKE PROPERTIES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; and TERRANCE BURKHARDT and ANNA BETH BURKHARDT, husband and wife,
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE MORTGAGE SALE

1. On February 5, 2007, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale for and on behalf of Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt.

2. On May 25, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Land located in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel 1: Lot 52, Springbrook Hills No. 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 2: Lot 92, Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 3: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along South line of Said Section, 200.85 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Said Section 13.

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Parcel 5: A Parcel of land situated in part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 87°54'18" West 200.85 feet along the South line of said Section (previously recorded as North 87°54'31" West); thence North 01°11'01" East, 331.00 feet (previously recorded as North) to the point of beginning; thence South 71°29'30" West 238.44 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way of Townhouse Trail in the recorded Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along said Easterly right of way line the following 5 courses; thence North 05°35'48" West 195.70 feet (previously recorded as North 06°36'05" West); thence Northwesterly 207.44 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 15°25'49" and the long chord of which bears North 13°24'07" West 206.81 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 207.68 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 15°26'55" and the long chord of which bears North 14°19'30" West 207.06 feet); thence North 21°07'49" West 75.00 feet (previously recorded as North 22°03'00" West); thence Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'28" and the long chord of which bears North 03°50'34" West 171.35 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'30" and the long chord of which bears North 04°45'45" West, 171.35 feet); thence North 13°26'41" East 50.00 feet (previously recorded as North 12°31'30" East) to the Southwest corner of Lot 140, Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the boundary line of said plat the following three courses: thence North 85°09'05" East 324.38 feet (previously recorded as North 84°10'25" East); thence North 04°38'12" East 126.00 feet (previously recorded as North 03°30'40" East); thence North 00°57'22" East 213.42 feet (previously recorded as North 213.34 feet) to the Northeast corner of Lot 138, Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence North 86°17'34" East 29.84 feet; thence South 01°00'34" West 214.92 feet (previously recorded as South 214.52 feet); thence South 04°30'28" West 484.11 feet (previously recorded as South 03°30'40" West); thence South 00°59'48" West 280.68 feet (previously recorded as South) to the point of beginning.

Parcel 6: That part of Southwest 3 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, which lies Northeasterly of the centerline of Springvale Road; EXCEPTING THEREFROM the plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 271, 272 and 273, Charlevoix County Records, AND the plat of Springbrook Hills No. 1, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 7: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence along the North line of said Section 24, South 89°59'36" West (also having been described as West) 170.22 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 15°38'39" West (also having been described as South 15°37'30" West) 447.80 feet; thence South 87°39'50" West (also having been described as West) 220.00 feet; thence North 03°35'32" East 441.01 feet to the intersection of the North line of said Section 24 and the Southeast corner of Lot 115, Springbrook Hills No. 2, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records; thence along said North section line, North 89°59'36" East (also having been described as East) 312.94 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24.

3. The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

Date: March 27, 2007

Sharon M. Selissen,
Deputy Court Clerk
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1. On January 19, 2007, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment and Order For Sale for and on behalf of First Community Bank and all rights arising from that Judgment were assigned to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt on or about February 16, 2007.

2. On June 8, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

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Date: April 5, 2007

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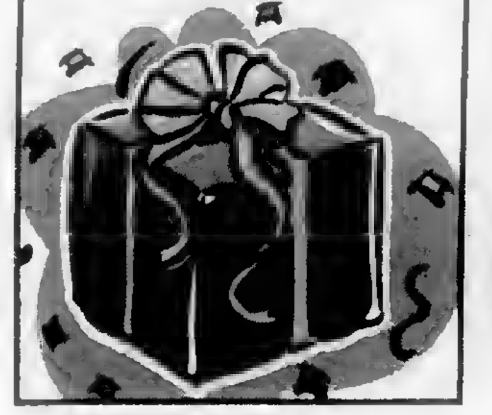

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Girl Scouts offer cookie booth sales

On Tuesday, April 17, 11,472 boxes of Girl Scout cookies arrived in Charlevoix by semi truck and filled up the hallway of the Community Reformed Church.

Some will be sold locally at cookie booths staffed by Charlevoix Girl Scouts.

Cookie booths will be set up at the following Charlevoix locations:

From 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. on Friday, April 20 at Charlevoix State Bank and from 3 to 8 p.m. at Glen's.

From 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 at Glen's, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at K-mart and from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church.

From 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 22 at St. Mary Church, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at K-mart and from 3 to 6 p.m. at Glen's.

From 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 24 at Subway.

From 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 at Charlevoix State Bank and from 6 to 8 p.m. at K-mart.

From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 27 at Glen's.

Courtesy photo

Local Scouts tackle neighborhood cleanup

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so they did a lot of work."

Tanner's mom, Angie Owens, said the kids were worried animals or other kids would get hurt by broken bottles or leftover alcohol.

"I think it's pretty cool that little kids would do something for their community like that, especially at their age, I'm pretty impressed," she said.

Pam Oshaben, assistant scout leader of Charlevoix Pack II, Bear Scouts, organized the event with several other children including Alan Webster and Mick and Danny Nesburg.

Mick and Danny's father, Roger Nesburg, said this project was completely voluntary and not a scouting assignment.

"If I was one of these parents, I would feel very proud," Lasater said. "This is a real reflection on the parents."

Lasater added that his patrolmen will keep an eye out for litterbugs in the Pine Point area.

History Preservation Society meeting offers viewing of 'Orphan Train'

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 23 at the Boyne District Library, at 201 East Main St. in Boyne City.

The program will include viewing of the film entitled, "The Orphan Train in Michigan 1854-1927."

The Orphan Train brought Children to Michigan as early as 1854. By 1927, orphan placement from New York City and Boston would bring 12,500 children to 44 Michigan towns.

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Neighbors seek funding for informational buoys

BUOY

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surer of the Lake Charlevoix Association just to ask him how donations were coming in and he said, "poorly."

Witting then addressed the matter with his neighbors along the narrows.

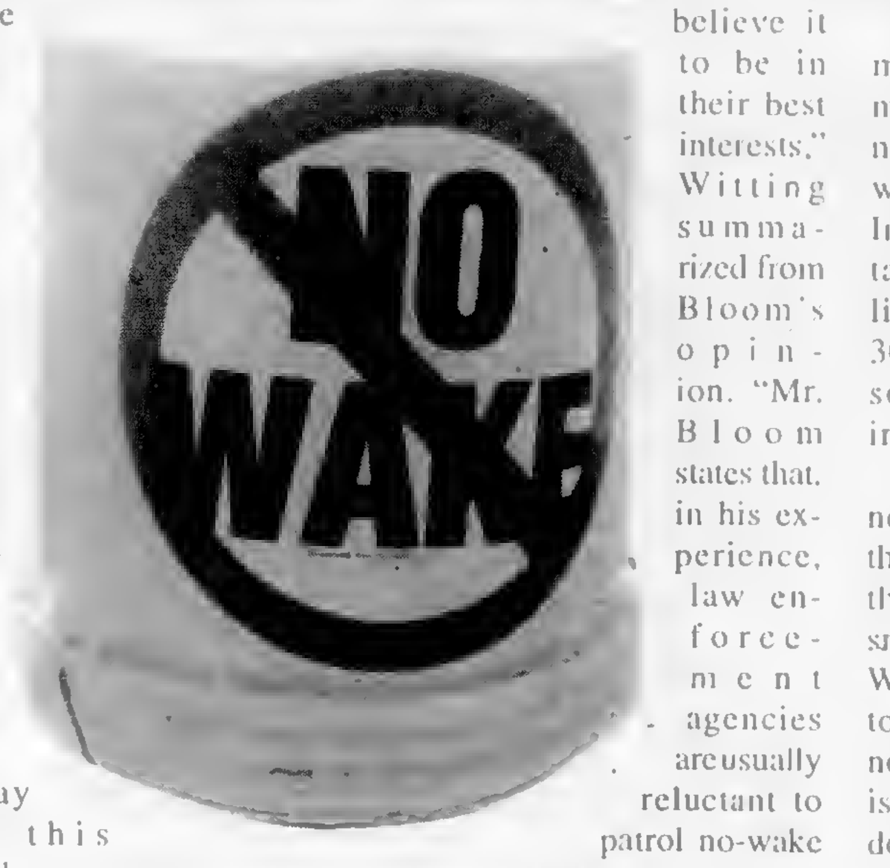
"People said, 'Why would I want to pay when it's the government who should be responsible for them?' Then I found out from our attorney that is not the case," he added.

Witting then took his concerns to the Tuesday, April 10 Eveline Township meeting and the Wednesday, April 11 meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners.

"I would like to see Charlevoix County bite the bullet and pay the $2,600 to get the buoys in and then Charlevoix County wouldn't have to worry about it again for 25 years," Witting told commissioners.

Board civil counsel, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema, expressed concerns about the county's legal liability if it purchased the buoys. He also suggested Witting determine exactly what, if any, Eveline Township and other governmental entities might be willing to pay toward the purchase before returning to the county board with a proposal.

"It's something we're going to have to look into," said District Two Commissioner Chris Christensen during an interview following the meeting. "I agree with our county lawyer that there might be a lot of liability if we pay for this and the taxpayers don't need that liability."



He added, "I would prefer he (Witting) exhaust all possibilities before coming to the county. Maybe some of the local businesses out there could pitch in for the $2,600."

WHY THE GOVERNMENT WON'T PAY:

Clifford H. Bloom, an attorney specializing in Michigan inland lake laws and regulations, opined on Oct. 11, 2006 that there is a difference between navigational aids and informational aids on Michigan waters.

"Government units are responsible for navigational aids (but) not responsible for information aids. Government units can authorize or approve information aids but are not responsible for implementing or servicing them unless they believe it to be in their best interests," Witting summarized from Bloom's opinion. "Mr. Bloom states that, in his experience, law enforcement agencies are usually reluctant to patrol no-wake areas unless there are no-wake buoys present."

The total cost to purchase the steel buoys and ready them for insertion in the narrows is $2,599.82.

Yearly maintenance and liability insurance on the buoys would be $950 and $900 respectively — figures not adjusted for future inflation.

The Lake Charlevoix Association is willing to pay for both the maintenance and insurance on the buoys.

According to Bloom, the county would be absolved of any liability if they gave the money to the Lake Charlevoix Association who would then purchase the buoys and insurance.

WHY RESIDENTS ARGUE THE BUOYS ARE NECESSARY:

The narrows are approximately seven-eighths of a mile where the waterway is merely 450 to 550 feet in width. The narrows house the Ironton Ferry, Landings restaurant and boat slips, public boat launch, more than 30 homes and property lots, some with docks protruding 45-feet into the water.

"To better understand the need of a no-wake zone in the Ironton narrows, think of the narrows as a congested small town like Charlevoix," Witting said. "When driving towards Charlevoix from the north or south, the speed limit is 55 mph. When reaching the downtown area, the speed limit changes to 25 mph because of the congestion. If vehicles were allowed to continue at 55 mph through town, a very dangerous situation would exist."

He added, "The same principle applies to the narrows."

HISTORY OF THE ISSUE:

1973 — Safety concerns of boats speeding through the narrows brought to the Department of Natural Resources

1974 — A no-wake zone approved by the Department of Natural Resources, Eveline Township and Charlevoix County

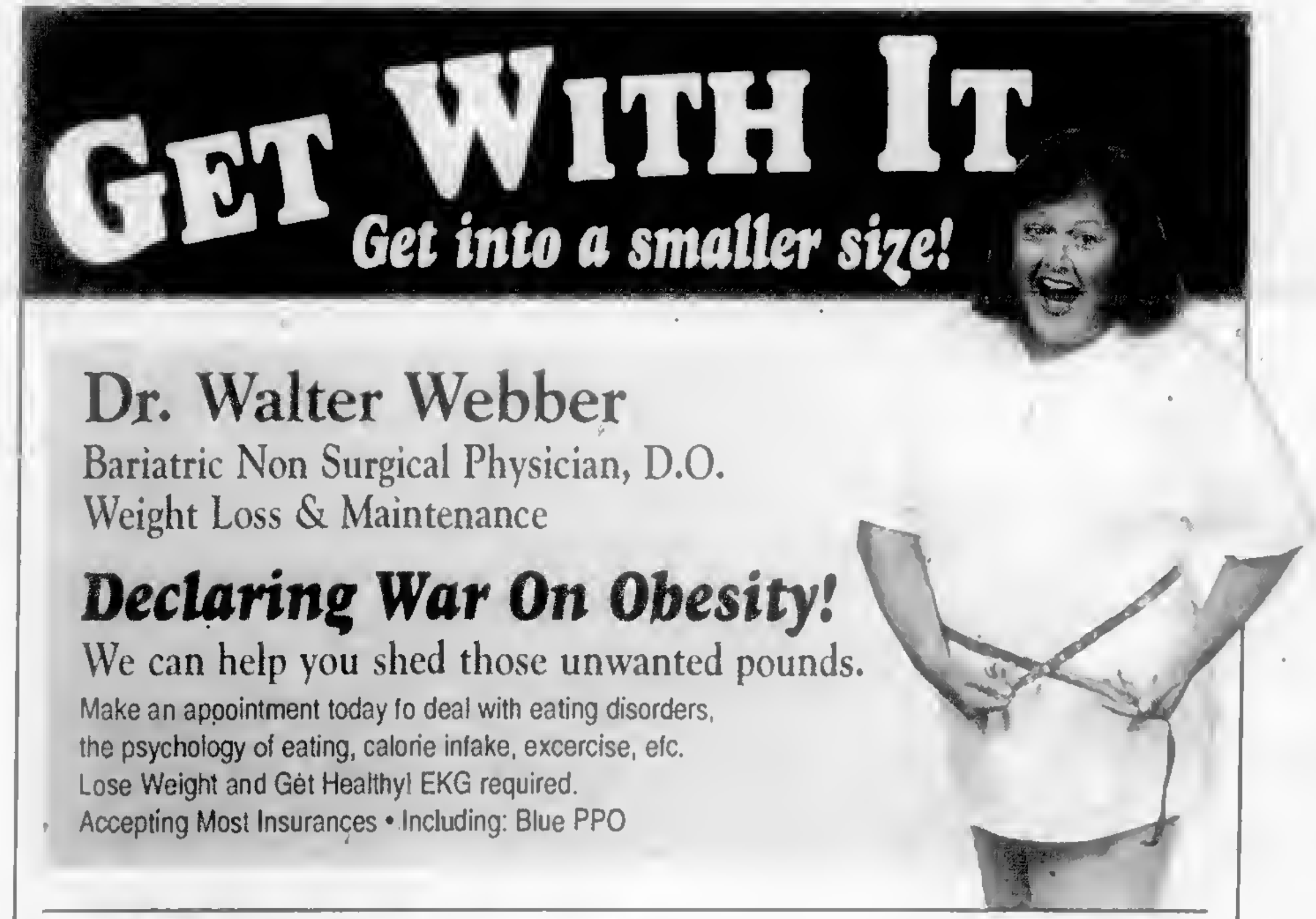
1991 — The Lake Charlevoix Association bought and installed four foam/plastic buoys resulting in a drastic increase of boater compliance

2006 — The Lake Charlevoix Association launches an unsuccessful fund-raising campaign to replace the deteriorated buoys

Witting, who owned property on the narrows since 1978 and has been a full-time resident of the area since 1994, said boaters who refuse to maintain a no-wake speed can cause waves which erode the embankment, slam boats against their docks, entangle in the ferry cables or even hit other water craft in the narrow vein.

"I'm sure the Landings restaurant, the Cove Marina and all the boaters who (use) the narrows really appreciate all the boaters that are so considerate by slowing to a no-wake speed," Witting said. "But this is an accident on its way to happen and I can tell you from personal experience the buoys have had a dramatic positive effect."

Anyone interested in obtaining more information or donating to the cause should contact either the Lake Charlevoix Association at P.O. Box 294 Charlevoix Michigan, 49720, (231) 582-0117 or by e-mail info@lakecharlevoixassociation.org.



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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, April 2, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street,
Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Deputy Mayor Robert Timms presiding. All Council members were present. Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. was absent.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving the Charlevoix Senior Citizens' Center annual contract for $7,000.
- Motion passed to have staff write a letter to the DEQ in support of Ward Brothers' replacement of docks on the north shore of Round Lake.
- Motion passed awarding the Petunia Weeding bid to the Charlevoix Band Boosters for a not to exceed amount of $16,000.
- Motion passed approving the purchase of a Ford Expedition for the Police Department.
- Motion passed to allow Ferguson and Chamberlain to subcontract with Hallmark Construction on the East Park/Marina project.
- Council directed the City Attorney and Police Chief to work together to draft a tougher noise ordinance, which would be decibel-based.
- Council agreed that City Manager candidates would not be reimbursed for expenses during the preliminary interviews.

Council adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk   Robert Timms, Deputy Mayor

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CHARLEVOIX briefs

Send your events to the Courier at news@charlevoixcourier.com

APRIL 19
BLOOD DRIVE

Charlevoix High School student council will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 at the high school. To make an appointment call (231) 547-3222, extension 2032.

APRIL 19
GLOBALIZATION FORUM

Anyone interested in globalization's impact on northern Michigan should plan to attend a forum on that topic at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 19 at the Charlevoix Public Library located at 220 West Clinton St. in Charlevoix.

The "Evening of Informed Discussion" is the second in a series of forums at the library entitled "Perspectives: Understanding through education" sponsored by North Central Michigan College, Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, Charlevoix State Bank, Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Public Schools and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

APRIL 21
MULTI-FAMILY SALE FUND-RAISER

Parents of students attending the Charlevoix Children's House, a local non-profit Montessori school, will host a multi-family garage sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 21 at 106 Carpenter Ave. in Charlevoix, the open office unit located between Flap Jack Family Restaurant and Auto Value. Items for sale include everything from appliances, furniture, electronics and home accents to children's toys, supplies and clothing for all ages. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the school.

APRIL 21
RED GRAMMER CONCERT

Charlevoix Public Library will host a live children's concert featuring Grammy nominee Red Grammer at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 21. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. Admission is free. General admission seating is available.

APRIL 22
ENROLLMENT BREAKFAST

St. Mary School will host a free enrollment breakfast from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on April 22 in the school's family center, located at 1005 Bridge St. in Charlevoix. The school offers curriculum for children age 3 through sixth-grade. Staff members will be on hand to answer questions and offer tours and parents and alumni will speak about their St. Mary experience.

For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

APRIL 23
PRESERVATION SOCIETY MEETING

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 23 at the Boyne District Library, at 201 East Main St. in Boyne City.

The program will include viewing of the film entitled, "The Orphan Train in Michigan 1854-1927."

The Orphan Train brought Children to Michigan as early as 1854. By 1927, orphan placement from New York City and Boston would bring 12,500 children to 44 Michigan towns.

The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call society president, Carol Goodenough, at (231) 582-7042.

APRIL 24
WELLNESS WORKSHOP

To learn what schools are doing to promote student health and how you can support these changes a free interactive workshop is being offered at 6 p.m. on April 24 at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St. The presenter is Barbara Flis, Founder of Parent Action for Healthy Kids. Parents will learn how the wellness policy will benefit student health and learning. To register call Charlevoix Area Hospital at (231) 547-8906.

APRIL 25
BAND CONCERT

The Charlevoix High School Band Pops Concert will take place at 7 p.m. on April 25 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School. Featured music will include "The Great Steamboat Race," music of the Beatles, Santana and Asia as well as a special presentation of "Little Bop Riding Hood" narrated by Charlevoix High School teacher, Tom Schultz. The Irish Dulcimer Ensemble will also perform.

APRIL 27
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPRING CARNIVAL

The Charlevoix Elementary School Spring Carnival will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 27 in the gym at Charlevoix High School. The event will feature sports themed games, prizes, a cake walk, bounce houses and refreshments. A basket auction preview will take place from 5:30 to 6 p.m. The auction ends at 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 28
RAYDER BASEBALL GOLF CLASSIC

The Charlevoix Rayder Baseball team is hosting the 2nd Annual Rayder Baseball Golf Classic on Saturday, April 28 at Antrim Dells Golf Course. The fund-raiser helps the Rayder baseball team with equipment costs, travel costs and field upkeep. There will be games, prizes, a raffle, silent auction and a chance to win a car with a hole-in-one. The cost is $65. The group is also looking for tee sponsors and item donations for the raffle or auction.

To register, contact Kirk Heckendorn at (231) 675-1941 or visit www.rayderbaseball.com

MAY 8
BAND REHEARSAL

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals will take place at 6:30 p.m. May 8 in the Charlevoix Middle School band room. For more information, call Ev Wujeik at (231) 547-6376, Gail Baldridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 237-9392.

MAY 10
SENIOR SPRING BOWLING

The six-week Senior Spring Bowling League will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursdays beginning May 10 at Paul Bunyan Lanes in Charlevoix. No registration is required. For more information, call (231) 547-5190.

MAY 19
CONSERVANCY FIELD TRIP

Join Loon Ranger Jacque LaFreniere from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at Barney's Lake on Beaver Island, a 120-acre preserve which hosts nesting loons annually. LaFreniere who is the ranger for all Beaver Island lakes, has vast knowledge about these intriguing birds, and has collected data about their nesting habits and behavior for 15 years.

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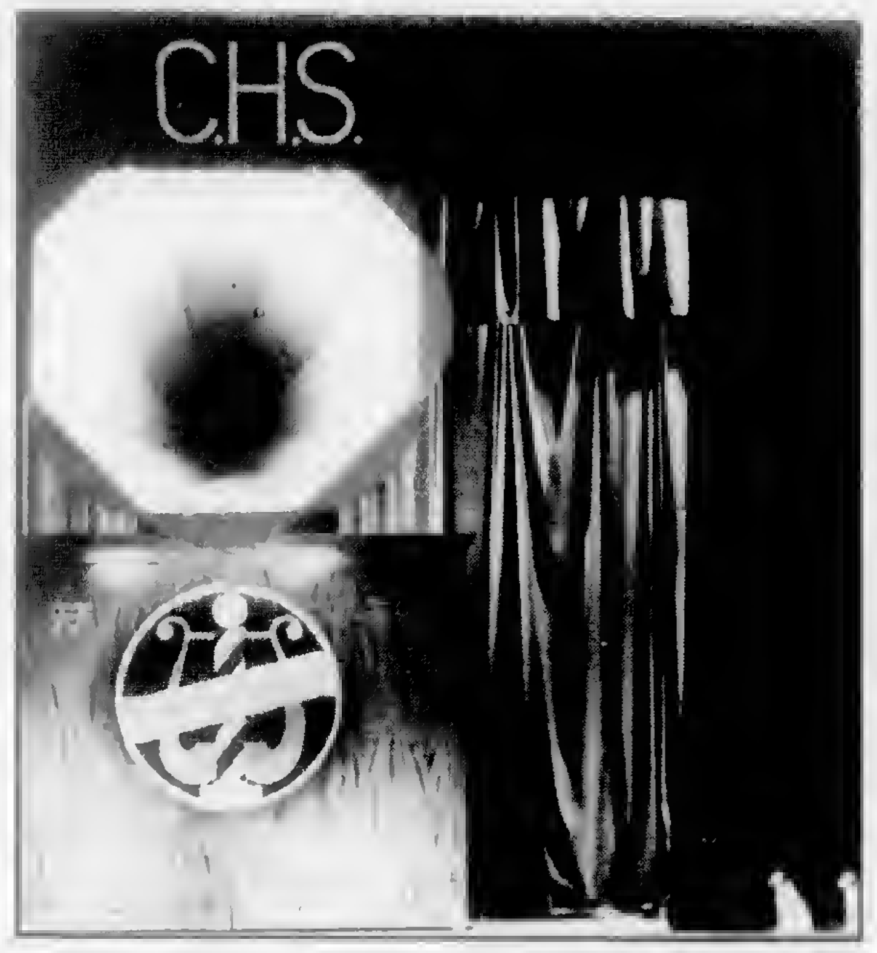

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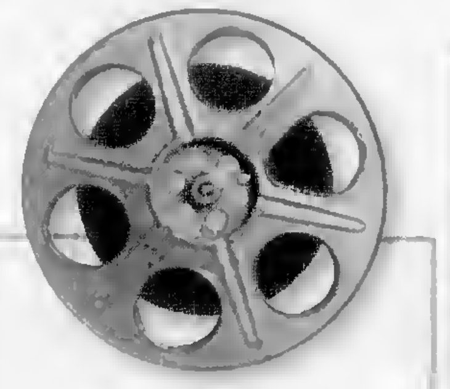
Courier readers were stumped by this installment of 'Did you know?' which asked where this RCA Nipper and Victrola theme was located and what occasion it marked.

The RCA Nipper and Victrola appeared on the stage of the old school gym on Mason Street, now the library, constructed as a backdrop theme for a Barbershop Quartet Jamboree. "C. H. S." stands for Charlevoix High School, gold letters on the curtain that ran across the top of the stage. The quartets entered the box below the horn from the rear, the doors opened as they would on an old wind-up Victrola, and the men stood inside and sang. Charlevoix hosted these nationally renowned musical festivals on Labor Day weekends from 1942 into the 1950s.



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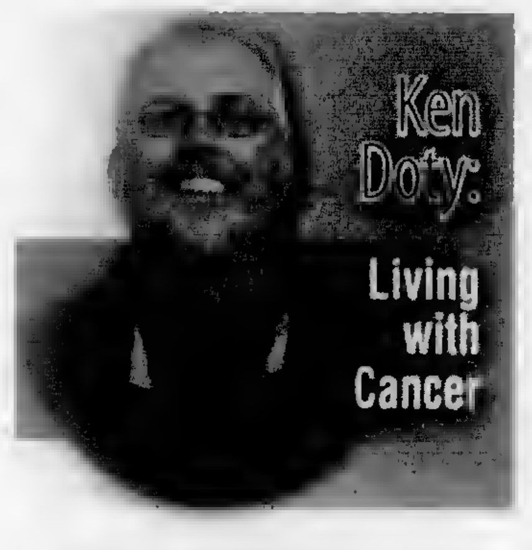

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Red Grammer jam

On April 21, the community room at Charlevoix Public Library was packed with children and adults who were treated to a free concert by Grammy nominated children's artist, Red Grammer. Grammer delighted the audience with interactive songs that captivated parents and youngsters.

Floating neighborhood gets the nod

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Todd Wyett

A group of Charlevoix residents won the fight for their floating neighborhood — for now.

"We're not just fighting for a dock, we're fighting for our neighborhood," said Jean Ziegler, who rents a seasonal dock in the Charlevoix Municipal Marina.

In the past, the city has offered eight slips for seasonal use by people like Ziegler and her husband, Gary. Under the agreement, the renters pay up front for 150 days of dock use. This brings in over $62,000 a year to the city's marina fund. Acting city manager Rick Brandi said in many cases only half of the seasonal slip renters use the marina for most of the season and the city can "double dip" by renting slips to boaters when seasonals aren't in port. Double dipping brings in an additional $25,000 to $30,000.

At first glance this may seem like a symbiotic relationship for the city and the seasonals. But this revenue and the fate of the floating neighborhood were recently called into question. The questions Charlevoix City Council and the Downtown Development Authority grappled with are, "Should public marinas compete with private marinas by offering seasonal service" and "Do seasonal slips compromise the public need for turnover at the marina?"

With the municipal ma-

See MARINA, page 3

Courtesy photo

This is a photo of Ben Cunningham owner of R.B. Lyons Marine Construction, his son Matt Cunningham, Doug Bergmann of Bergmann Marine and the pilot of the seaplane, salvaging the seaplane that crashed on April 21 into Lake Charlevoix.

Landing gear leads to crash

What happened? A sea plane crashed in Lake Charlevoix.
When? Around noon on April 21.
Where? West of Horton Bay in Hayes Township.
Injuries? None.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating an airplane crash that occurred at around noon on Saturday, April 21 in Lake Charlevoix west of Horton Bay in Hayes Township.

Robert Lambert, 51, of Ortonville, was flying a sea plane and was making a water landing in Lake Charlevoix when the floats hit the water and the airplane flipped over.

He and his passenger, Jeremy Lambert, 28, from Lake Orion were the only occupants of the aircraft. Robert Lambert received minor injuries/cuts while Jeremy Lambert was shaken up. Both refused medical treatment at the scene.

Investigation shows the wheeled landing gear was still in the down position causing the aircraft to flip over. The Federal Aviation Administration has been contacted. The sheriff's office dive team and marine division are conducting an inspection for the Federal Aviation Administration.

The sheriff's office was assisted at the scene by the Charlevoix City Fire/Rescue, Charlevoix City EMS, Charlevoix Township Fire Department and the U.S. Coast Guard out of Charlevoix.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Kimberly Ann Hogan, 39, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 82 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,380 in fines and costs.

Kurk David Schweitzer, 35, Madison Heights. Disturbing the peace; and assault and battery. Credit for one day in jail; 77 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; no contact with the victim; not to enter Boyne USA property; to attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $1,500 in fines and costs.

Lianne Drue Arthurs, 48, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 72 days held in abeyance; serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Nicholis Gerard Groudis, 27, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Serve four days in jail or pay $300 in fines and costs.

Aaron William Goodwin, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession/consumption/purchase — alcohol. Totaling $100 in fines and costs.

Carisa Anne Jacobson, 19, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Joshua Leonard Cano, 18, East Jordan. Use of marijuana. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 10 days in jail; 69 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $400 in fines and costs.

Heather Marie Garcia, 21, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Serve 25 days in jail or pay $700 in fines and costs.

Antonio Joseph Hartle, 45, Charlevoix. Attempted resisting and obstructing a police officer. Credit for two days in jail; 168 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $400 in fines and costs.

Angela Maxine Devers, 28, East Jordan. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. To serve 12 days in jail or pay $260 in fines and costs.

Charles Curtis-Martin Evans, 21, East Jordan. No operator license on person. To serve six days in jail or pay $150 in fines and costs.

Lisa Marie Kuehler, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession/purchase/consume alcohol. To serve 60 hours of community service work; attend substance abuse classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Brian D. Hale, 35, Utica, Ky. Domestic violence. Credit for two days in jail; to serve 91 days in jail; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Andrea-Byars, 21, East Jordan. Telecommunication SVCS malicious use. Serve 16 days in jail or pay $400 in fines and costs.

Lawrence Perry Manning III, 37, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 40 days in jail, 42 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend within 150 days; $1,285 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Matthew James Trojanek, 32, East Jordan. Disorderly person-drunk. Sentenced to 93 days in jail, to serve 93 days in jail. Operating under the influence of intoxicating liquors-third offense. Sentenced to 365 days in jail, to serve 365 days in jail.

Dylan Mitchell Moore, 20, Boyne City. Larceny — $1,000 or more, less than $20,000. Sentenced to a minimum of 18 months in prison to a maximum of 60 months with jail credit for 67 days; $120 in fines and costs.

Leah Marie McTheeney, 18, South Haven. Controlled substance - delivery/manufacture (narcotic or cocaine) less than 50 grams. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for one day in jail, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $925 in fines and costs.

Robin Yvonne Jepsen, 28, Elmira. Embezzlement by an agent or trustee of $1,000 or more, less than $20,000. Sentenced to 330 days in jail with credit for nine days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $1,670 in fines and costs.

Michael John Dionne, 33, Christian, Miss. Child support — failing to pay. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 125 days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 60 months probation; $33,549.43 in fines, costs and back child support.

Robert Harry Weber, 27, Clio. Sex offender — failure to register. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for 64 days, to serve 180 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Eggers Hardwood Floors, 9895 Coeling Road, Ellsworth, by Todd and Connie Eggers

Frames That Rock, 3619 North M-66, Charlevoix, by Lisa Clatlin

Carisa Cleaning & Misc. Handyman Service, 207 Garfield St., East Jor-

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Waterways approves seasonal, commercial docking

MARINA

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rina renovation project currently underway, which will include a 67-slip floating dock system more than doubling the number of available boat slips in the marina, there are new rules and the city doesn't decide them.

According to Waterways Commission chairman, Todd Wyett, under the Grant in Aid Agreement the City of Charlevoix entered into with the state to fund the marina renovation, Charlevoix must request commercial and seasonal dock designations annually from the state. Waterways is paying $6.8 million over two years for the $10 million overhaul of East Park and the marina. The balance is funded by the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority.

While discussions by Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and Charlevoix City Council members included talk that Waterways frowns on seasonal slips, Waterways chairman Todd Wyett said that's not entirely true.

"I wouldn't say we are anti-seasonal. What we acknowledge is the funds that Waterways gets comes from all boaters, not just those from a particular municipality — all boaters should have access to those facilities. At the same time, we realize communities would like seasonals as well to maintain some revenue. I would hate to see Charlevoix forego that kind of money," Wyett said.

While this is money the City of Charlevoix stands to lose, Eric Kammermann, harbormaster at Northwest Marine Yacht Club said leave it to private providers like Northwest and Irish Marina to serve their needs.

"We are very cognizant of private marinas and want to make sure public marinas aren't operating at the expense of private marina owners," Wyett said.

The Waterways Commission met on Friday, April 20 and adopted the city's proposal for eight seasonal slips and two commercial slips. Waterways also added a stipulation that the number of seasonal slips be reduced to six as current renters choose not to renew. Waterways instated a lottery system whereby new renters brought in are only guaranteed the opportunity to rent for three years before being put back into the lottery. There is no time limit for current seasonal slip renters.

The other approved element addresses quasi-seasonal slip rental and allows boaters to stay seven days in a row with a four-day leave before returning.

The marina will offer 55 transient slips, eight seasonal slips and two commercial. According to mayor Norman Carlson Jr., this will likely be a heavy transient boating summer as utilities imperative to long stays, like electricity, will not be hooked up for the boating season.

What's the issue? Should public marinas rent seasonal boat slips.

What is a seasonal slip renter? The renters pay up front for 150 days of dock use.

How much does this bring in? This brings in over $62,000 a year to the city's marina fund. In many cases only half of the seasonal slip renters use the marina for most of the season and the city can "double dip" by renting slips to boaters when seasonals aren't in port. Double dipping brings in an additional $25,000 to $30,000.

In 2006, how much did transient slip renters bring in? $170,900.

What was decided? On April 20, the Waterways Commission approved eight seasonal slips and two commercial slips for use. Waterways also added a stipulation that the number of seasonal slips be reduced to six as current renters choose not to renew.

Why does Waterways decide? under the Grant in Aid Agreement the City of Charlevoix entered into with the state to fund the marina renovation, Charlevoix must request commercial and seasonal dock designations annually. Waterways is paying $6.8 million over two years for the $10 million overhaul of East Park and the marina.

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dan, by Edmond Egan

Absolute Comfort Heating and Cooling, 05955 U.S. 131 South, Boyne Falls, by Keith Harris

Shabby Girls Distribution, 801 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Glenda Wilhelm and Mary E. Hater

Britton's Custom Woodworking, 06255 Olstrom Road, East Jordan, by Benjamin C. Britton

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Alric Brown, 31, Boyne Falls and Evalyn Nicole Loper, 22, Charlevoix

Joshua Charles Wright, 25, East Jordan and Nikki Lynn Fettig, 29, Boyne City

Maurice Williams, 35 and Nickole Marie Leow, 24, both of Charlevoix

Christopher Carl Fiel, 30 and Cassandra Anne Krussell, 28, both of Boyne Falls

Donald Richard Zipp, 37 and Carolyn Jean Blanchard, 30, both of Charlevoix

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Amber Witthoeft vs. Marvin Witthoeft

Tresalynn Sweet vs. Sanford Sweet

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Charlevoix's challenge: Carry out Peter's vision

JUST A THOUGHT

Julie Witthoeft

I remember the first time I met East Park renovation designer Peter Pollack. My Charlevoix Courier byline reflected my maiden name, Julie Musilck, staff writer. Having graduated just over a year earlier from the University of Michigan I could still smell an Ann Arborite a mile away.

I heard "Hail to the victors" as I looked Peter over — comfy clogs, corduroy pants, slight build, long beard and an architectural mind capable of looking at the university's signature Diag and redesigning it to even greater grandeur.

It was winter of 2002. Peter stood in the American Legion Hall which was packed with Charlevoix residents ready to taste outsider blood as he proposed Charlevoix's hated enemy, change.

While I'm sure he came to the table with East Park ideas in mind, those who attended wouldn't have known. Residents duked it out among themselves debating how long was too long for Round Lake docks, whether the bandshell was worth keeping and if the Chamber of Commerce belonged in the redesigned park.

Peter listened to the goals and objectives of community members, learned what's important to Charlevoix and ultimately created three park plans for residents to dissect.

When tempers were high and Charlevoix lovers questioned how this high-faluting fudgie could be the mastermind behind the town's most prized possession, Peter kept his composure and showed compassion.

The final design he and his team crafted reflects classic elements of Charlevoix history and a high-class, user friendly space that will serve the needs of our community for decades to come.

Before Peter announced his decision to split with the city and not see the project to fruition at Charlevoix City Council's April 16 meeting I met him in the stairwell at city hall. He took one look at my bulging pregnant belly and said with delight, "Your second child will be here soon."

That's when I realized Peter has been a part of this community for six years. During that time I've gotten married, had my first child and now am just weeks from welcoming my second.

With that kind of time, energy and care invested I wasn't surprised to hear just moments later that Peter's long relationship with the City of Charlevoix would now end as architectural controls were handed over to Mark Buday Architects out of Harbor Springs. Peter and his firm's control over his masterpiece would be limited to above ground features like railings.

Since accepting the editor's position at the Courier our staff has launched a fresh redesign of the print product, carefully crafted a Web site to be launched soon and introduced signature elements we take great pride in. If someone took our project and said I'll take it over from here, why don't you write the community briefs page? I think staff writer Benjamin Gohs and myself would say the same thing Peter did, "Thanks but no."

While Charlevoix still has Peter's vision on paper, we've lost his years of project and community perspective. I hope to see the city heed the advice he gave before he left Charlevoix — "In the midst of construction disruption, celebrate milestones." Seeing as how the city's centennial birthday came and went without so much as an ice-cream social, the Odmark Pavilion fell without fanfare and the first docks were put in place sans celebration, I hope to see balloons and ceremonies as bricks and mortar are put in place. And when the park and marina are ultimately unveiled, Peter and his team should be recognized for their vision and invited to the party.

Thanks for your professionalism Peter, Charlevoix is lucky to have had your decades of experience and penchant for perfection backing this project.

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Sugar maple spring show evidence of plant power

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

One generation for human beings is about 25-30 years — the time from birth to average age at successful reproduction. One generation for a sugar maple tree may be as much as a century or two.

Larger and longer-lived trees might have generation times that come closer to 1,000 of our years. We sometimes humorously express time in dog years, with one year of ours about equal to seven dog years. That would mean we live on average almost 500 dog years. Which makes it easy to understand dogs since we certainly have the advantage of seeing many of their generations in our own life time.

That life-span difference also makes it clear why we understand trees so poorly. Any given human is likely to live only one fourth of a tree year. We would have to keep very careful records over many generations to begin to understand trees as well as we understand dogs.

All of the above is preface to the annual claim that our sugar maples make to being in charge. About this time each spring, every piece of mowed lawn and driveway edge within sight of a mature maple is the nursery for what must total millions of newly sprouted sugar maple seedlings. All of the seeds that fell last fall are coming to life. If we relaxed our control of those lawns and edges for even one tree year (at least 10 of ours) we would be completely surrounded by the best and fastest growing of the millions of seedlings. And northern Michigan would again come to resemble the forest it was only a few tree years ago.

Aldo Leopold once stated in an essay called "Odyssey," about the movement of mineral atoms from one organism to another, "Time, to an atom locked in a rock, does not pass." We could paraphrase, "Time, to an atom operating in a tree, passes very slowly." The tree lives, thrives and grows on a time scale that is too slow for us to easily grasp.

Only a couple of tree generations ago the sugar maples were clearly in charge of what was happening to the environment here in northern Michigan. And they had been in charge for thousands of years. We think we have been in charge for only a single tree generation or so and might legitimately question whether we are doing as good a job of caring for the environment as the sugar maples did. They were operating with the accumulated wisdom (genetic capacity) of many tree generations, and hundreds of human generations. We should hope to do as well as they did. Only a few tree generations from now we should know how it comes out. My guess is that the maples will still be here. Each spring they let us know in small ways what they are capable of. They may do things almost too slowly for us to notice, but they remain a powerful force in our world.

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LETTERS to the editor

NORWOOD CONFLICT?

Editor:

For you readers who are following the dreadful doings in Norwood Township, you may want to know that the long anticipated special use permit hearing on supervisor (Wayne) Wynkoop's proposed quarry is rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. May 2 at Charlevoix High School. Previously scheduled hearings on March 28 and again on April 12 both had to be canceled. Why? According to the Zoning Enabling Act Section 103, announcements for public hearings related to the issuance of a special use permit shall include the address and parcel numbers of the subject property. In the case of aborted hearing in March and again in April, the township planning commission bungled this requirement, forcing cancellations.

When the township planning commission recommended a 200 percent pay increase for themselves in February from $30 to $90 taxpayer dollars a meeting, they justified it by declaring themselves the best-educated planning commission in Michigan. You'd think they could at least get a meeting announcement right. Maybe in May, but don't hold your breath.

In the meantime, supervisor Wynkoop and his cronies who approved the huge raises for the planning commissioners while the Wynkoop matter was pending before them complain that those who pointed out their legal errors were just "nit-picking."

You might have noticed the Wynkoop's strategy in the Courier stories on his limestone mine proposal of April 4 and again on April 18. He is now playing the victim. In the news stories he tells us he just wants to "move forward." Presumably this means to open his limestone mine in a quiet, rural neighborhood. Since complaints about air, water and noise pollution have been raised by 150 or so of his neighbors, Wynkoop has accused them of making up problems, needlessly costing him money, and infringing upon his rights to develop his property.

Come on supervisor Wynkoop, you are not the victim here. Your neighbors, after all, bought and invested in their property with the understanding that agricultural and rural residential zoning meant that they could continue to live in a clean, quiet and peaceful environment. Now you want to put an industrial operation in their midst. A proverb comes to mind, "He who slaps his own face should not cry out."

Chuck Cleland
Norwood Township

MINING ACCUSATIONS UNFOUNDED

Editor:

Although I was involved as a professional on the (Wayne) Wynkoop (Norwood Township mining) project, I am writing this letter as a citizen of Charlevoix.

In a recent letter to the editor, sent by the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety, I found some humor in the content presented by the group. In an attempt to better understand the facts, I spent a short amount of time in pursuit of confirming the statements.

"The huge limestone quarry which is being established on the margin of the historic village of Norwood" was found to be only 25 acres and over a mile from the village.

"The developer Wayne Wynkoop is also the supervisor of Norwood Township and during the past year he has both nominated and voted for appointments to township boards and commissions." It was found in the meeting minutes that the elected officials of the township board actually nominated, and all voted on the candidates.

"It also seems to us that the Wynkoops have run rough-shod over our township ordinance. Our ordinance does not permit limestone mining or quarrying in an agricultural zone. Our ordinances do however require a permit to build private roads; to burn; to remove topsoil from the township; to remove buildings — all of which the Wynkoops seem to have done without attention to our ordinances." I scoured the ordinance and found a road ordinance, but no sign of a driveway ordinance, which the Charlevoix County Road Commission has permitted. Burning is handled by the burn hotline, and there have been no complaints of burning without permit. Topsoil is sparse, and has not left the site, let alone the township. And lastly, a quick stop at the Charlevoix County Building Department produced all demolition and construction permits for the buildings taken from or constructed on the site.

"The supervisor was advised by the zoning administrator by letter that he was in violation of a stay of operation, yet he continued his mining operation." The date of receipt of the zoning administrator letter was July 17, 2006 and only suspected there may be a stay in effect. The Zoning Board of Appeals found the use to be legally non-conforming on July 18, 2006, and site observation showed no activity between these two dates.

"This assault on clean air, water and plant and animal resources has been documented by Grobbel/Environmental as well as the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council." The review of documentation produced by Grobbel/Environmental was particularly amusing in that the firm has not been on the site, nor produced any indication of true failure to comply with environmental law and ordinances. Numerous portions of the report were found to be inaccurate, and a search to locate a licensing board responsible for monitoring the firm's actions was non-existent. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has been on site numerous times and found no violations.

Upon further study of public documents, I found it interesting that the secretary of the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety, Marion Shea-Light, motioned for one and voted favorably for two gravel pits in the township, as a member of the Norwood Township Planning Commission within the past five years. It seems this type of activity must be allowed within the township.

To set the record straight, I found no one in township, county, state or federal employment who could identify a single violation on the Wynkoops' property or project. On the contrary, I find the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety publishing newsletters and letters to the editor with accusations of wrongdoing. It's time to look at the facts, and question the words of a few localized and loud individuals trying to strip a property owner of his rights. Rights that are allowed by special use within the township ordinance. If natural resources were able to be extracted wherever people wanted, we'd have gold, oil and gravel extraction all isolated in the deserts of Nevada. But instead, our society depends on natural resources where they are found, not where people wish they existed.

Wayne Seger
Charlevoix

NARROWS ARTICLE RESPONSE

Editor:

I thank the Charlevoix Courier and staff writer Benjamin Gohs for the fine article on the current safety and environmental issues in the Ironton Narrows on Lake Charlevoix. By and large, the information presented was correct, however, as often happens, there are a few key corrections that need to be made.

It is true, the four no-wake buoys having been on location in the Narrows since 1991 are worn out and need to be replaced. The safety and environmental issues discussed in the article are very real.

As far as the necessary corrections are concerned, I'll present them in the order they appeared in the article.

It is not accurate to say "no one is willing to pay for the buoys replacement." The fact is, in response to a Lake Charlevoix Association (LCA) letter mailed last year asking for contributions, several private citizens did send in a donation. They should be recognized for their willingness to participate.

It may be a small item but, when the article reported that my neighbors thought a government unit should pay for the buoys, the article went on to say "I found out from 'our' attorney that is not the case." Our attorney sounds like it was an attorney hired by the Lake Charlevoix Association. Not true. I hired the attorney on my own. The Lake Charlevoix Association was not involved.

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarema, expressed concerns about the county's legal responsibility. Commissioner Chris Christensen also voiced apprehension regarding legal implications if the county were to contribute to the no-wake buoys. The understanding I have on this issue, based on information provided by Clifford Bloom, an attorney in Grand Rapids, specializing in Michigan lakes law, is that governmental units and agencies are shielded from liability litigation as a result of something called "Governmental Immunity." Further, Bloom advises that, whether it is a private citizen or a government unit, by donating the funds to the Lake Charlevoix Association, the association assumes legal responsibility for the buoys. The Lake Charlevoix Association is willing to arrange for appropriate liability insurance with the help of financial aid from the public or a government unit.

Jarema also suggested that the Lake Charlevoix Association determine exactly what Eveline Township is willing to pay before coming back to the Charlevoix County Board with a proposal. My recollection on this topic is that the commissioners suggested that a coordinated effort between Eveline Township and Charlevoix County would be the intelligent way to proceed. Hence, the Charlevoix County Board suggested District 5 Commissioner, Robert Drebenstedt, attend the next Eveline Township board meeting in an effort to come up with a plan where both government units can wisely participate in this much needed no-wake buoy program. The Lake Charlevoix Association is going to make arrangements for this to take place.

Commissioner Chris Christensen suggested the Lake Charlevoix Association should exhaust all fund-raising possibilities before coming to the county for financial aid. The following is not meant to be a correction or disapproval of Christensen's remark. I understand where he's coming from. However, at issue here is the following question. Since it is now clearly understood that "informational" buoys are not the responsibility of any person, business or government unit, from a principled standpoint, what should the order be for potential contributors? I'm not sure that Charlevoix County should be first in line but, I know it shouldn't be last either.

Lake Charlevoix is a precious jewel within our county. In all my travels, and I'm sure hundreds of people will agree with me, I have never seen a lake or meeting of land and water that even begins to compare with our beautiful lake. This said, I'm of the opinion that Charlevoix County should be very interested in preserving the safety and environment on this significant county asset.

One other point. The Ironton Ferry that travels in the Narrows no-wake zone, is owned and operated by Charlevoix County. Seems to me the county, for this reason alone, should be involved in making sure boaters and the ferry alike are protected by no-wake buoys.

It is most important that readers of Mr. Gohs' article understand there was a miscommunication between him and me. The Lake Charlevoix Association is not in a position to pay for the ongoing yearly costs of the maintenance of the buoys or liability insurance. The Lake Charlevoix Association is willing to manage the yearly maintenance of the buoys and to arrange for liability insurance. The Lake Charlevoix Association does not have money for these activities and will require donations to fund them.

In addition to contacting Eveline Township and Charlevoix County for help, we are contacting property owners on the Ironton Narrows, asking them for their financial assistance. Obviously, hundreds of boaters, not owning property on the Ironton Narrows, cruise this constricted body of water on a yearly basis and are safer as a result of the buoys.

Anyone can make a contribution by sending a check to The Lake Charlevoix Association, P.O. Box 294 Charlevoix, MI 49720. Mark your check: Buoy Fund.

I had hoped the article would include my phone number and e-mail address in the event anyone wanted to make a comment or ask a question. My phone number is (231) 675-5207. My e-mail address is pwitting@charter.net.

Paul Witting
East Jordan

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10 things you never knew about Rob Richardson

Bringing you closer to your neighbors ...

1. WHY CHOOSE THIS LINE OF WORK?

I did a head gasket on a 3-and-a-half horse Tecumseh for our go-cart when I was 7 and my mom knew then that I was going to be a mechanic. I just did it. I picked up the wrenches and took it apart.

2. WHO HAS BEEN YOUR BIGGEST INFLUENCE?

Probably my uncle Terry Kelley. He's the one who really got me into cars. He always had the coolest car, a '68 GTO.

3. WHAT REALLY MAKES YOU MAD?

People who tailgate.

4. WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS, IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT ARE YOUR ASPIRATIONS?

To own my own shop.

5. WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

Fish, hunt, mushroom hunt — just about any outdoor activity.

6. WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST VICE?

Smoking cigarettes, it's absolutely awful.

7. IF YOU HAD A MAGIC WAND AND COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT YOURSELF OR YOUR WORLD, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

It would be the world — no more war.

8. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

New York strip steak.

9. IF YOU COULD MEET ANYONE FOR AN HOUR LUNCH, WHO WOULD IT BE?

Stevie Ray Vaughan

10. WHAT'S SOMETHING FEW PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT YOU?

That my first name is Gregg. I go by my middle name.

The Muffler Shoppe

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Mechanic, car enthusiast and father of two daughters, Rob Richardson, works to replace the timing belt on an Isuzu at The Muffler Shoppe of Charlevoix where he is the service manager.

Starlight dinner, auction to benefit Bergmann Center

The Bergmann Center will hold its annual "Starlight" dinner and live auction with entertainment at noon and dinner served at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 6.

The event will be held at the Belvedere Club and catered by Grey Gables Restaurant. The auctioneer will be Mike Bost.

To purchase tickets, call the Bergmann Center at (231) 547-2979. Tickets are $25 per person.

Big Read comes to Charlevoix library

As part of the Big Read project sponsored by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Charlevoix Public Library will host a community discussion of "To Kill a Mockingbird" at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1.

At the library event, a reader's theater of excerpts from the novel will be performed by ninth-grade students from Charlevoix High School and used as a springboard for participants to explore the issues associated with the important themes of the book — tolerance (race, class, gender, religion, and region), as well as single parenting, development of conscience and justice.

"We'll ask questions and provide the opportunity for a dialogue about different interpretations of the excerpts presented by the students," said library assistant, Judith Ivan.

The general public of all ages and points of view are encouraged to attend.

As part of the Big Read, the library will also host a viewing of the movie, "To Kill a Mockingbird," at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 5.

For more information, call the library (231) 547-2651.

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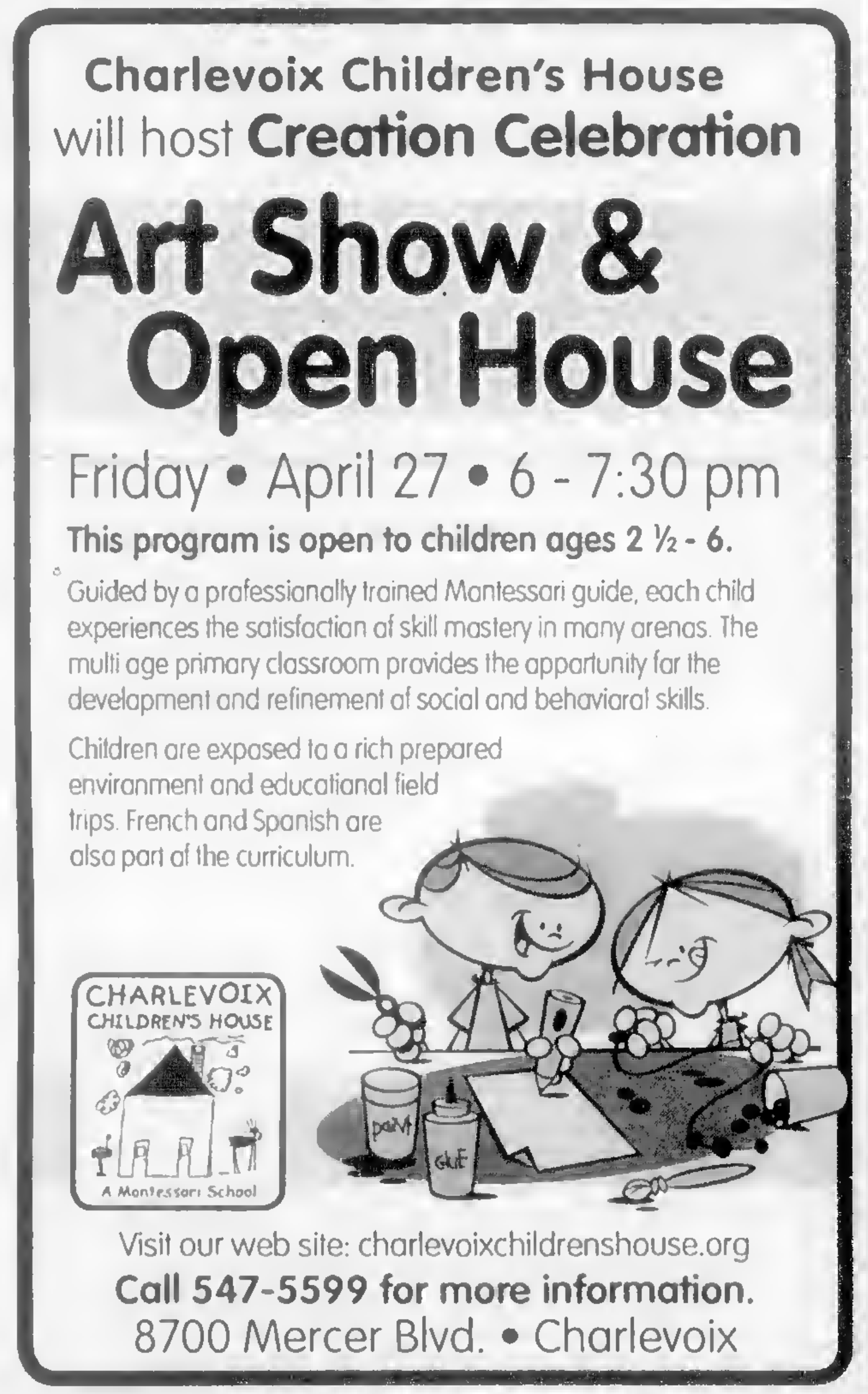
Cameron Burnett-Koch, North Central Michigan College president, reads Harper Lee's 1960 classic, "To Kill a Mockingbird." Charlevoix Public Library will host a discussion of the book on May 1.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Library to host May 3 candidate forum

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Bo Boss

Lisa Carlson

A Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education candidate forum is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 at Charlevoix Public Library located at 220 West Clinton St.

Lisa Carlson and Bo Boss will engage in a verbal joust in hopes of swaying voters to elect them on May 8 to the single school board seat to be vacated by current school board president, Bill Trubilowicz, who decided not to run for another term.

Some of the issues likely to be discussed include budget issues, block scheduling, the future of the administration building and what the candidates would like to see in a superintendent.

For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

Photo courtesy of the Charlevoix Historical Society

The Charlevoix Historical Society will present a program entitled "The Life and Works of Earl Young" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1 at the Depot. It will include discussion of the trials and tribulations that beset the Weathervane Inn (above).

Historical society presents May 1 Earl Young program

The Charlevoix Historical Society will present a program entitled "The Life and Works of Earl Young" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1 at the Depot.

David L. Miles, co-director of the Harsha House Museum, will narrate the program.

More than any one person building in stone, Earl Young transformed the landscape and skyline of Charlevoix as it is today. His creations are known around the world.

The program will focus on Young's early years, his creative philosophy formed by his boyhood exposure to northern Michigan's woods and beaches, an illustrated chronology of his complete existing works in Charlevoix, the trials and tribulations that beset the Weathervane Inn, and the legacy left by his amazing works.

Light refreshments will be served. There is no admission charge.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

WEDDING
Lent — Hankins

Riki Marie Lent and Spencer Mitchell Hankins of Charlevoix were married March 30 at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church. The candlelight nuptials were performed by pastor Ryp Hankins, father of the groom. A reception followed the ceremony at the church.

Destarte Loveless was the maid of honor and Dannik Moes was the best man. The bride's sister, Maya Lent, served as flower girl, and Blake Klooster was the ring bearer.

The wedding guests were seated by Tim Riley and John Anthony. Jackie Boog and Scott Hankins provided music during the ceremony, and "In Service" provided music at the reception.

Parents of the couple are Rick and Kristyn Lent of Boyne City and Cathy Russell of Ellsworth, and pastor Ry and Vicki Hankins of Charlevoix.

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The bride is planning a career in cosmetology and the groom will begin a two-year automotive technician program at M-Tech/Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City in August.

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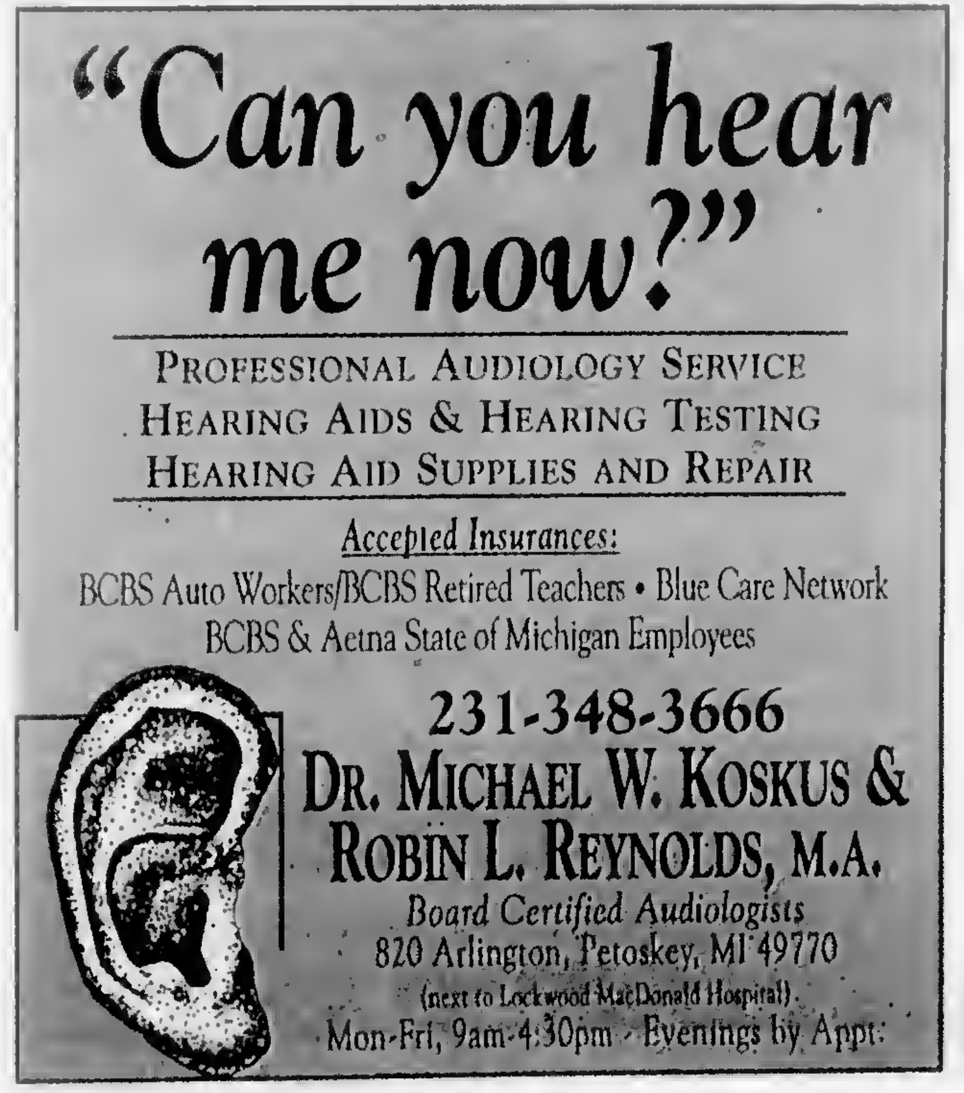
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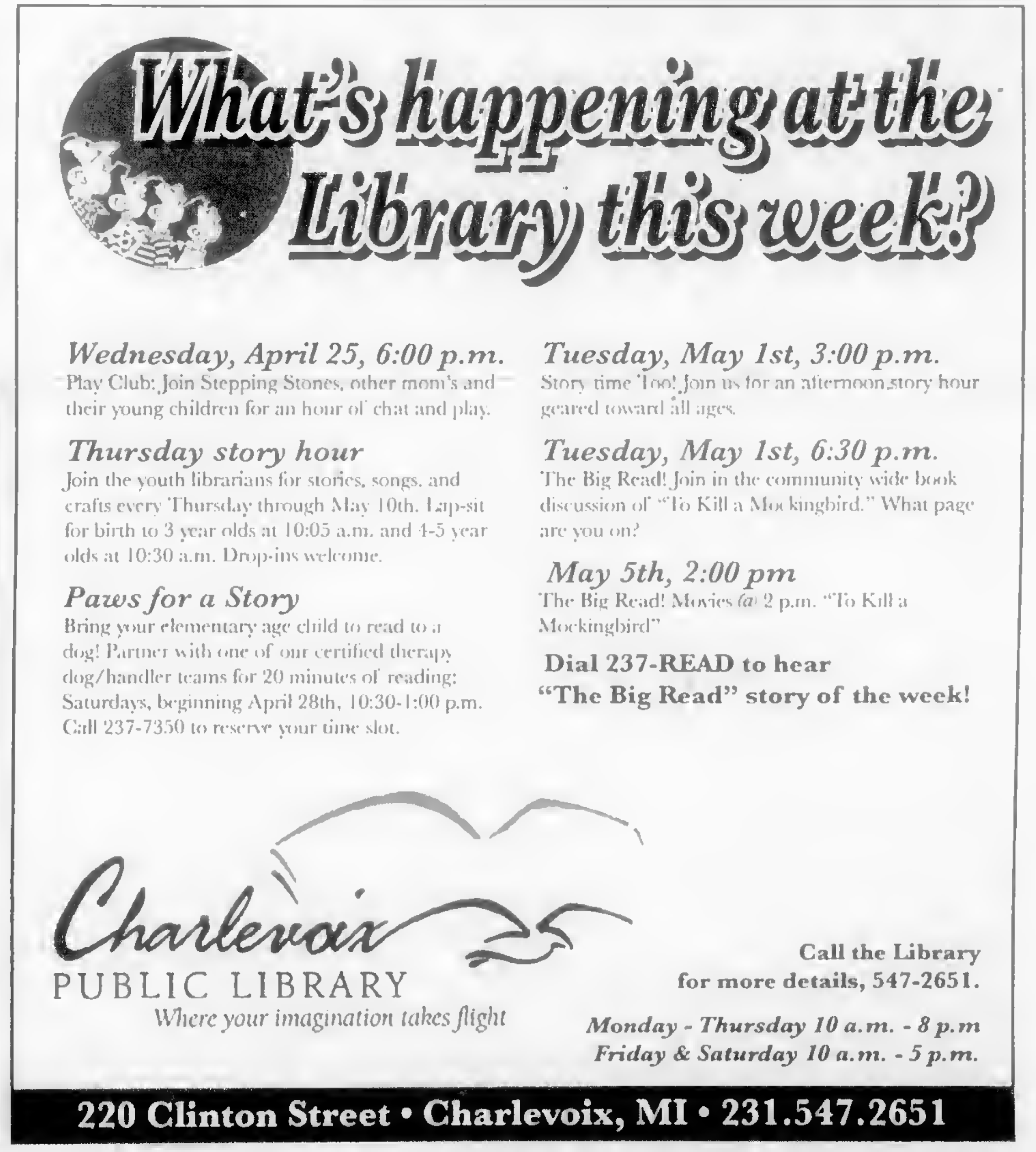
What's happening at the Library this week?

Wednesday, April 25, 6:00 p.m.
Play Club: Join Stepping Stones, other mom's and their young children for an hour of chat and play.

Thursday story hour
Join the youth librarians for stories, songs, and crafts every Thursday through May 10th. Lap-sit for birth to 3 year olds at 10:05 a.m. and 4-5 year olds at 10:30 a.m. Drop-ins welcome.

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Tuesday, May 1st, 3:00 p.m.
Story time Too! Join us for an afternoon story hour geared toward all ages.

Tuesday, May 1st, 6:30 p.m.
The Big Read! Join in the community wide book discussion of "To Kill a Mockingbird." What page are you on?

May 5th, 2:00 pm
The Big Read! Movies @ 2 p.m. "To Kill a Mockingbird"

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OBITUARY

Michael Bascom: Nov. 14, 1949 - April 16, 2007

Michael Dean Bascom, 57, of Charlevoix, died Monday, April 16 at his home.

He was born on Nov. 14, 1949 in Hillsdale to S.A. and Margaret Ann (Hitz) Bascom. Mike graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1968 and attended Northern Michigan University. He was employed by Hunt Roofing Company in Petoskey and was a Deputy Sheriff for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

He is survived by his son, Justin M. (Jennifer) Bascom of New Baltimore; sisters and brothers, Elaine (David) Houseworth of Livingston, Texas, Virginia Bascom of Charlevoix, Shirley (Don) Dixon of Boyne City, John (Louise) Bascom of Ellsworth, Robert (Judith) Bascom of Norton Shores, Marilyn (Eugene) Allen of Central Lake, Joyce (John) Buckmaster of Boyne City, Raymond (Gwen) Bascom of Sparta, Irene (Lionel) McClanaghan of Charlevoix, Patricia (Robert) Prater of Pickford, Sue (John) Prater of Jonesville, Charles (Betty) Bascom of Elmira, Richard (Roxanne) Bascom of Boyne City, Deborah (Edward) Wagenschutz of Petoskey, J.C. (Mari Jo) Bascom of Charlevoix; brother-in-law, Louis Warner of Charlevoix; and many nieces and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, S.A. and Margaret Ann Bascom; sisters, Lois Warner and Ethel Gabbard; and Ethel's husband, Ben.

A memorial graveside service took place at 2 p.m., Friday, April 20, at the Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Rev. Jerry Hunko of Saint Mary Church in Charlevoix officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the American Heart Association.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

LETTERS to the editor

LETTERS

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REJECT DUAL ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE

Editor:

The current situation the Charlevoix school system faces should remind us the importance of quality leadership. The challenges our district faces call for courageous and assertive leadership. One with resilience and vision focused on helping our children succeed despite the threatened limited financial assistance from the state. Administrators make the tough choices. We depend on our administrators to make informed decisions on issues facing our school system and we ultimately hold them responsible for those decisions.

Now more than ever we need to continue the kind of strong leadership we have in superintendent Jim Cooper and a full-time principal at the high school. To suggest a 75/25 percent split of the attention faced on either job is ridiculous in a school system this size. How could a part-time superintendent provide the leadership needed to develop and maintain the best possible educational programs and services currently provided to our students?

If asked, could you adequately describe how administrators spend his/her days? Before commenting on such a drastic step for Charlevoix, I felt as a responsible school board candidate, I needed to learn as much as I could about what our administrators do before speaking out. While I cannot begin to cover all of the important responsibilities our superintendent and school principals have, I would like to try and share what I have learned.

The superintendent is accountable for all activities of the school system. He/she is directly or indirectly responsible for all employees of the district. The superintendent guides the process of fiscal planning, budgetary development and interpretation while keeping the public informed of the activities and needs of the district. He/she also represents the school district in legislative affairs. The superintendent is responsible for contract negotiations, general efficiency of the school system, professional development of school staff and the educational welfare and growth of the students.

One of the most critical factors for a successful school system is the relationship between the superintendent and its school board. A competent superintendent diligently guides, supports and encourages staff, students and parents. On a daily basis a superintendent is most likely involved in some type of conflict resolution. The term of employment for the superintendent is 12 months a year.

A school principal sets the tone for the atmosphere of the entire school. The principal helps staff understand and enforce policies. He/she is responsible for managing the high school budget, conducting staff meetings, assessing curriculum and conducting formal evaluations of teachers throughout the year. The staff, students and parents expect the principal to physically be in the building on a full-time basis to provide a safe learning environment. A high school principal unable to devote 100 percent of his/her time to high school responsibilities could potentially impact the quality of learning because teachers and other high school personnel would have to assume some of those duties.

Mr. Boss stated in the Feb. 21 interview with Courier staff writer Benjamin Gohs that Suttons Bay currently follows a dual role of superintendent and principal system when in fact they do not and never have. Suttons Bay currently has a full-time superintendent, a full-time high school principal and a full-time high school assistant principal/athletic director as Charlevoix has done in the past. At one time in Suttons Bay the superintendent did manage two school districts, Glen Lake and Suttons Bay, which is no longer the practice. Their enrollment numbers are smaller than Charlevoix so therefore, we are comparing apples to oranges anyway.

After careful thought and consideration of all that I have learned about the role of school administrators, I vehemently disagree with the suggestion of a dual role concept of a principal and superintendent for the Charlevoix Public school system.

Instead of focusing all of our time looking for ways to cut our budget, we need to devote more time investigating ways to bring in and/or keep revenue in our district. We need to be proactive. We need to determine why students are leaving our district for reasons other than family relocation and enrolling in neighboring districts taking funding dollars with them. We need to promote all we have to offer and encourage students to remain in our district while enticing those considering enrolling in our district to do so.

I urge you to please take the time to attend the "Meet the Candidates" forum at 7 p.m. on May 3 at the Charlevoix Public Library where I will be happy to share with you the reasons why I am the best candidate for Charlevoix school board. Let's remember that every decision made should be about the children and with that in mind, please remember to vote on May 8.

Lisa Carlson
Charlevoix Public Schools
Board of Education
Candidate
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Building department supervisor faces stage four cancer

Ken Doty:
Living with Cancer

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Prostate cancer is typically known as a disease old men get after a lifetime of eating red meat and smoking cigarettes.

Then Ken Doty, a Boyne Falls resident and Charlevoix County Building Inspection Department supervisor, a relatively healthy, physically active, nonsmoking 48-year-old is diagnosed with stage-four prostate cancer and the realization sinks in that all the statistics in the world don't mean a thing if you are that one in a million.

"It started from not being able to go to the bathroom. I was at church camp this summer (2006) and noticed it after someone said, 'You were up six times last night trying to go to the bathroom,' and they recommended I go in to get checked out right away," Doty said. "I found out I had cancer on Oct. 25 (2006) and that I was stage-four — I had passed a physical in January 2006, but this was a very aggressive form of cancer."

Even though prostate is one of the most common cancers American men can get, researchers do not know what causes it.

"Initially, when I was diagnosed, I was seared to death. The biggest thing is not known, just not knowing," Doty said. "One thing I have going for me is I have faith. I was born and raised in the same church both my grandparents and my mom and stepfather were all members."

He added, "No matter what happens, I have a good foundation in faith to fall back on. I know the gifts and promises we've been given as Christians. A lot of things are out of my hands and I just have to trust the heavenly father knows what's best."

WHAT IS A PROSTATE?

Located below the bladder and in front of the rectum, the prostate is a man's sex gland normally smaller than a golf ball which secrets a thick liquid which helps constitute semen.

WHAT ARE THE CAUSES OF THE DISEASE?

While having a family history of the disease seems to seriously increase your chance of developing prostate cancer, studies vary in the link between poor diet, vasectomy and exposure to some chemicals to increased instances of prostate cancer.

Some studies suggest the connection between so-called risk factors and prostate cancer are merely a coincidental correlation.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

According to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, symptoms of the disease can include:

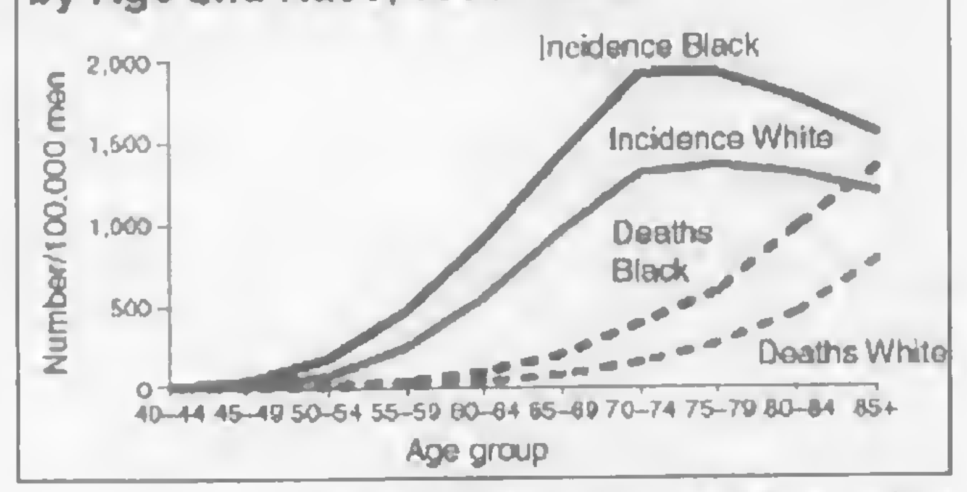
- A urine stream that is weak or pauses
- Problems starting or stopping urination
- Bloody or painful urination or ejaculation.
- Problems or inability to attain an erection
- Frequent urination
- Frequent pain or stiffness in the lower back, hips, or upper thighs.

WHAT ARE THE STATISTICS?

While Novartis Oncology, a multi-national medical research and development company, warns against using statistics to determine what may happen to you, below are some numbers which tend to appear in large groups:

- Your chance of being afflicted with prostate cancer increases as you age.
- In fact, nearly all men who live to be 100 years old will have some cancer in the prostate gland. For most of them the cancer does not cause any problems
- Those under the age of 50 generally do not develop prostate cancer.

Prostate Cancer (Invasive): Average Annual U.S. Incidence and Death Rates, by Age and Race, 1991–1995



Graphic courtesy of National Cancer Institute

- Nearly 21 percent of those diagnosed with the disease will die from it.
- Over 200,000 men contracted prostate cancer in 2006 (Source: National Cancer Institute).
- Black men are more likely than white men to develop the disease.

Part two in the series will address Doty's treatments and how battling his disease has changed his life.

This is the first in a four-part series entitled "Ken Doty: Living with cancer" that will highlight the realities of prostate cancer.

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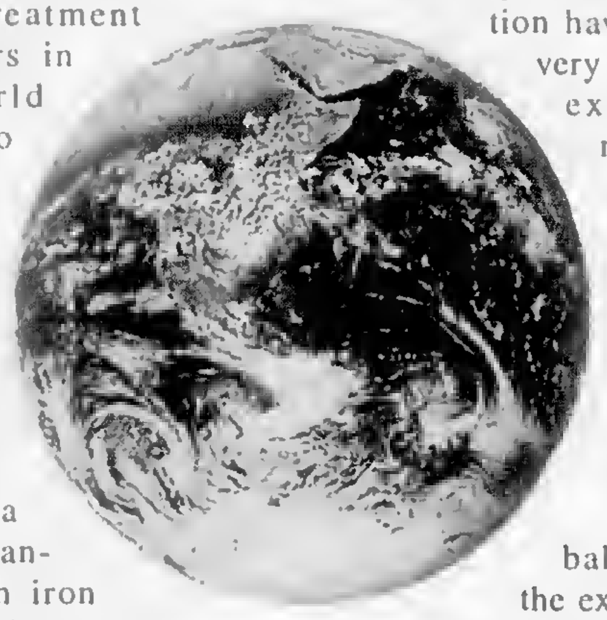
BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER



Globalization has been blamed for everything from Michigan's economy to the mistreatment of workers in third-world nations to slave labor in China, but what is it?

An economist, a college president, a general manager of an iron manufacturing plant and a labor expert recently set out to define globalization and discuss its affect on northern Michigan's economy during a public forum on globalization April 19 at Charlevoix Public Library.

"Should we use policies to slow it (globalization) down? The most obvious policy is to use the tariffs, the same kind of thing they did back in the 1930s," said Alan Deardorff, Ph.D. and professor of economics and public policy at the University of Michigan. "Economists spend our lives, some of us, arguing why this is not a good idea, why it's harmful to overall standards of living."

He added, "Although it does protect particular individuals, others lose. A more compelling argument might be countries that have actually tried to prevent globalization haven't done very well. One example is north Korea, another is Cuba, neither has done particularly well."

Since globalization is the expansion of international trade, increase in migration of peoples from one country to another in search of work and the transfer of businesses from one part of the globe to another, there is both good and bad for Michigan's economy.

"The world benefits from allowing greater migration," Deardorff said. "I wouldn't want to claim that should be the bottom line, you do have to live with the people who migrate...but in a country where we are all immigrants, it seems a little bit hypocritical to be too much against it."

Deardorff said the best thing America can do is

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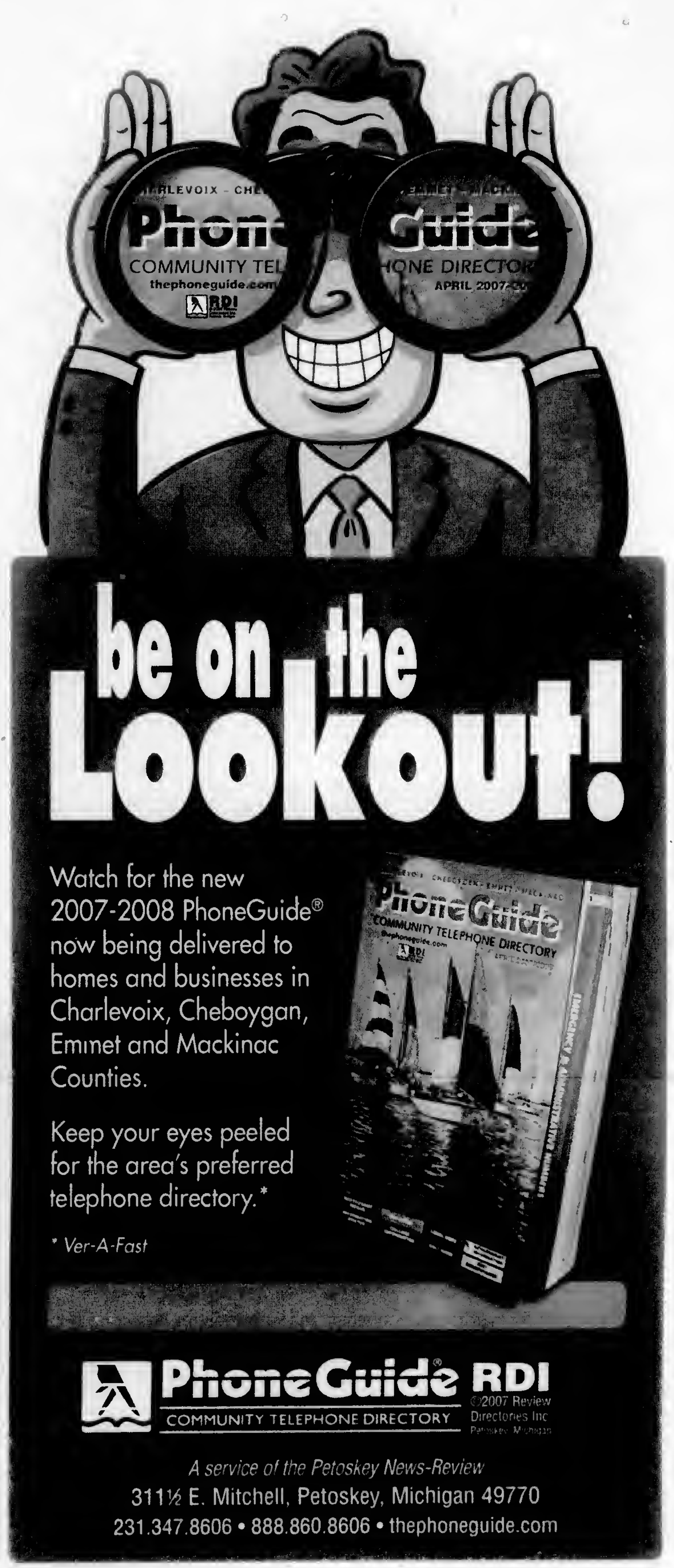

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Experts say battle global threat with education

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help developing countries become wealthier.

"As they grow, they will compete more with us in various sectors. Their incomes are going to go up and their wages are going to go up," he said. "They're going to be better off and we're going to be better off as a result."

Deardorff said the thing Michigan can do is help those harmed by globalization.

"A policy economists have been arguing for years is wage insurance," he said.

If you are displaced by trade or other things and if you take a job at a lower wage, Deardorff said, you would get a fraction of money in insurance for a couple years to help offset your loss and make it easier for you to accept the lower paying job.

"What should Michigan do? Please, don't try to interfere with globalization and especially doing it at the level of a state rather than a country is just nuts," he said. "You can only make Michigan worse if you try to resist against globalization. You will put your own company and workers at a disadvantage if you try to do that."

Alan Deardorff

He added, "What we do need to do is remove any artificial barriers making it harder for our own workers and firms to adjust — anything that locks people into particular jobs and locations. Health care: Many people are locked into their job because of health care, and that makes it very hard to adjust to globalization, even if their employer is going down the tubes."

Globalization may not be the snarling beast as it is often portrayed.

"Globalization is in fact only one, probably not that important of one, of the many causes of why people find themselves suffering hardships in the economy," Deardorff said. "Technology, I believe, displaces far more workers than globalization."

He added that sometimes companies simply make poor financial choices.

According to Cameron Brunet-Koch, Ph.D., president of North Central Michigan College in Petoskey, a comprehensive education is the most important thing northern Michiganders can do to compete in a global economy.

Brunet-Koch laid out some statistics:

- There has been an increase in the number of students receiving tuition assistance.
- Charlevoix County ranks low nationwide in the number of 25 year olds with bachelor's degrees.
- Michigan is ranked 37 in 50 states of those with an associate's degree or higher.

"'No big deal,' you might be thinking. Michigan's always had plenty of very good factory jobs that required only a high school diploma. News flash: Those jobs are gone and they are not coming back," she said. "Right now, today, the new factories that have been built in Monroe, Michigan and Jackson, Michigan require an associate's degree."

Brunet-Koch said, unfortunately, the trend of Michiganders avoiding higher education is ongoing.

"If you were to take 10 ninth graders and ask them who is planning on attending college, nine would indicate that they want to go. Four actually end up going to college, and of the four, only 1.8 actually graduate with a degree," she said. "We have got to instill in our young people and non-degreed adults that a college education is necessary for survival."

When asked what people could do tomorrow to help northern Michigan survive in the global economy, the panel overwhelmingly said education.

There needs to be an increase in mathematics, science and foreign language skills in upcoming students as well as adults.

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, April 16, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street,
Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present. The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed authorizing the City Attorney to draft and the Mayor to sign a separation agreement with Pollack Design.
- Motion passed supporting the Charlevoix County Food Pantry in their request for a grant from the Grand Traverse Tribe of Ottawa Indians.
- Motion passed approving the marina committee's recommended policies/request to the Michigan Waterways Commission for the City of Charlevoix Marina.
- Motion passed approving change orders to Phase 1 & 2 of the East Park/Marina project.
- Motion passed approving the purchase of a Ford Explorer for the Electric-Water department for $20,049.
- Motion passed authorizing the Island Airways reconciliation payment.
- Resolution 2007-04-01 adopted, Community P2 Grant - Purchase of LED Lights for East Park Trees.
- Resolution 2007-04-02 adopted, Coastal Zone Grant Application - Form Based Zoning.
- Resolution 2007-04-03 adopted, Designation of Authorized Offical to Apply for Parade Permits.
- Resolution 2007-04-04 adopted, Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement.

Council adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Water citations skyrocket over three-year period

31 citations issued in 2003 vs. 311 issued in 2006

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The 2007 Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Marine Division report, compiled by Sheriff George T. Lasater, details an apparent increase in officer activity.

The sheriff's marine division enforces laws, helps accident victims, polices regattas and special events, addresses citizen complaints, teaches boater's safety and gives presentations, provides public access checks to local waterways, patrols local beaches and provides livery inspections of local boat rental businesses.

"In addition to our regular patrol responsibilities, lake associations provide funding for: Thumb Lake — 20 hours, Walloon Lake — 20 hours. This covers labor cost and fuel," Lasater stated in his report. "From 2001 to 2006, we spent $31,861.48 on maintenance cost(s) for our vessels."

The marine division received $35,400 in an equipment grant from the State of Michigan.

"(The) grant is based on two main factors: Need, what is the age and condition of existing equipment (and) level of activity, how much vessel traffic, area to cover, complaints and accidents," he further stated.

"Charlevoix County received one of the highest equipment grants in the state for 2007 at $35,400."

Type and number of boats in 2006:

- Personal water craft — 724
- Sailboats — 660
- Oar/paddle boats — 857
- Power boats, 27-feet and larger — 587
- Power boats, 27-feet and smaller — 2,175

Marine Division water craft summary:

- 20-foot 1985 Cobalt
- 18-foot 1988 Boston Whaler
- 20-foot 1993 Mako
- 20-foot 1996 Four Winns used on Walloon Lake only due to defects
- 21-foot 1996 Zodiac Hurricane
- 24-foot 2006 Zodiac — Beaver Island only

Nearly 300 new boat slips have been proposed for Lake Charlevoix.

Charlevoix County has nearly 40 square miles of inland lakes and 38 named lakes and rivers.

File photo

This 24-foot 2006 Zodiac is part of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's marine patrol fleet. While it is dedicated solely to Beaver Island, the department has several other vessels allocated to other county bodies of water.

The 2007 Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Marine Division report statistics from the past few years:

Verbal warnings: 485 in 2003, 1,086 in 2004, 1,411 in 2005 and 1,998 in 2006.

Citations issued: 31 in 2003, 76 in 2004, 208 in 2005 and 311 in 2006.

Complaints received: 134 in 2003, 150 in 2004, 211 in 2005 and 306 in 2006.

Citizen contacts: 3,222 in 2003, 4,790 in 2004, 7,874 in 2005, 11,235 in 2006.

Livery boats inspected: 132 in 2003, 138 in 2004, 132 in 2005, 142 in 2006.

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Treats, games and basket auction featured at carnival

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Family fun with games, prizes and treats of all sizes at the annual Spring Carnival presented by the PTO of Charlevoix.

From 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 27 in the Charlevoix High School gymnasium, people of all ages can enjoy snowcones, pizza and popcorn while playing more than a dozen sports-themed carnival games and bidding on more than 35 themed baskets full of goodies during the silent auction. The basket preview and refreshments will take place at 5:30 p.m., prior to the opening of the carnival.

"We're ready. It's going to be good," said chairperson of the basket auction and PTO secretary, Stacey Stewart. "This is the third year of the basket auction and the first two years combined raised over $6,000 in just the baskets."

She added, "It definitely exceeded our expectations and that basket money goes to supplement things the PTO normally can't afford — we paid for the author visit last year. The money goes directly back to the school to be used for something all the kids in the school can benefit from."

This year's profits will go to purchase a computer projector, science materials and reading books rated by level.

"The school couldn't afford to get these things on their own," Stewart said. "It doesn't seem like a big deal, but when they don't have the money in their budget, the teachers have to pay for items out of their own pockets or parents have to donate them."

She added, "The kids are the future of the community, and this auction for the baskets is the only fund-raiser the PTO has. So it's pretty important."

The carnival, which according to Charlevoix Elementary School principal, Dick Swenor, has been going on for more than 20 years, will offer favorites like face painting, a cakewalk, a bounce house and prizes to be won at individual booths.

"I want to express thanks to all the businesses that are so supportive in things like this," Swenor said. "We just have an awesome community."

Ticket prices are 20 for $5; 40 for $10; 60 for $15.

"I would say this is for all age kids, from toddlers up," Stewart said. "I think it's just a fun night where parents can take the kids to a fun family event."

She added, "And, it's a good way to support the school."

Nearly 100 parents and staff volunteer their time to work the carnival which is supported by more than 80 local businesses.

"Themes of the baskets this year are summer fun, Rayder, BBQ, baby, Mexican night, family game night and sports," Stewart said. "A lot of local businesses donated gift certificates to restaurants and businesses."

Minimum bids are $5 with most winning bids averaging somewhere between $20 and $150.

File photo

The popular Charlevoix Elementary School Spring Carnival is this Friday in the gym at Charlevoix High School. Games like this bowling challenge will be offered.

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Who:	PTO of Charlevoix Public Schools.
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The program is open to children ages 2-and-a-half to 6.

According to Children's House director, Barbara Godwin-Chulick, a stable base for all future learning is built through the school's primary program.

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The church is located off Old U.S. 31 North off Boyne City Road. There will be lots of unique native crafts such as flutes, beadwork and walking sticks. There will also be traditional crafters participating.

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The Beatles: Back stage and Behind the Scenes

Eighty-four photographs, all featuring music legends "The Beatles," will be on exhibition at Crooked Tree Arts Center April 27 through July 8.

The photos were shot in the early 1960s by LIFE photographer William Eppridge.

The exhibit, "Beatles: Backstage and Behind the Scenes" opens with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 27 at the downtown Petoskey arts center.

Local Beatles aficionados will share pieces of their private collections during the first week of the exhibition including concert tickets, signed record albums and possibly the jukebox owned by John and Yoko Lennon.

The free Beatles exhibit is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays at Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Several events are planned throughout the two-month exhibit.

At 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 26 everyone is invited to watch Beatlemania unfold on episodes of The Ed Sullivan Show in the Ross Stoakes Theatre.

Viewers are encouraged to come in 1960s Beatles costume. Prizes will be awarded.

The popular Crooked Tree Coffee at Ten series will offer two Beatles related lectures. At 7 p.m. on June 14 and 10 a.m. June 15, professor of music and Beatles aficionado Henry Gwiazda from Moorhead University in Minnesota will speak.

At 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday June 22, Eppridge will discuss his experiences photographing The Beatles in the early 1960s.

Rounding out the two-month exhibit is a performance by "Shout," a tribute to the Fab Four at 8 p.m. June 16 on stage at Crooked Tree. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students. Tickets are on sale now at www.crookedtree.org or by calling (231) 347-4337.

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Crooked Tree Arts Center will host a Beatles photo and memorabilia exhibit and tribute concert.

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Marina FLASHBACK

In an effort to remind readers of how the East Park and municipal marina property have evolved, the Courier has teamed up with the Charlevoix Historical Society to bring readers a photo history of the property. This will run weekly in a "Then and Now" format with a picture from the past and the current construction schedule.

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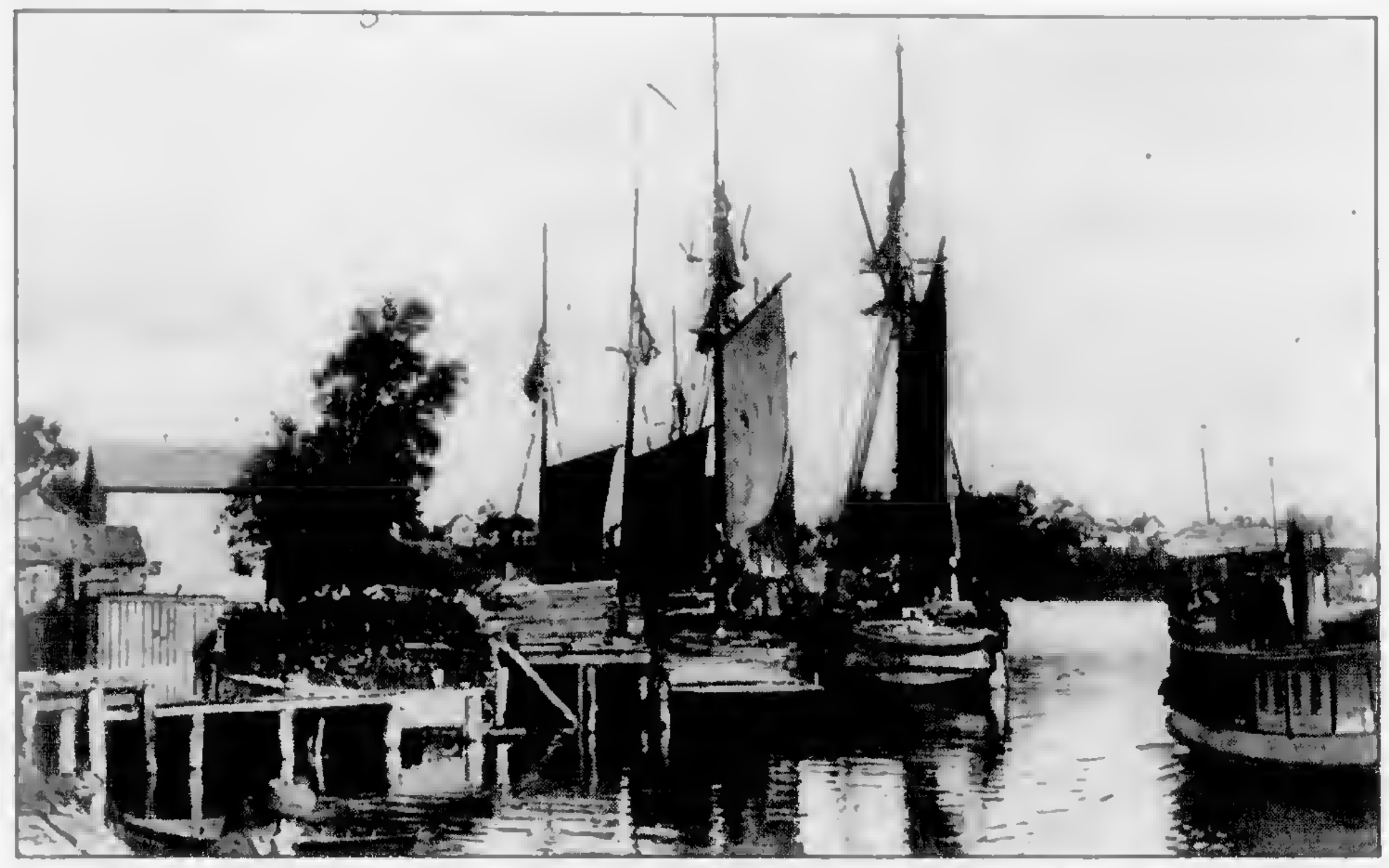

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(Above) This shot of the Mason Street dock shows the small passenger vessel "Walter Crysler" (right) which ran between Charlevoix and East Jordan. Schooners were a common sight in Round Lake for decades. They often headed for Charlevoix to seek shelter from foul weather and a common sight along the waterfront were a dozen or more drying their sails after a storm.

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Background

Phase 1 of the $10 million East Park and marina renovation project includes the seawall replacement, removal of the 17 existing piers, which at the furthest point extend 75-feet into Round Lake, installation of new sheet pile running the length of the park 850-feet, and other miscellaneous work. The targeted completion date for Phase 1 is near the end of April. Installation of the new docks, Phase 2, is underway simultaneously. It includes installation of a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220-feet into Round Lake at the furthest point. Docks which were fabricated this winter are currently being installed. Utilities are expected to be hooked up and operational near the end of June. The total cost for Phases 1 and 2 is $3.8 million.

Progress report week of April 16:

Completion of tieback wall.

Construction staking for the parking lot adjacent to Charlevoix Public Library and start of construction.

Molon continued to drive the seawall sheet pile down to the final elevation.

Capped the main seawall to the foot of Clinton St.

Installed the drain at the foot of Clinton Street.

Upcoming events week of April 23:

Molon will continue to drive the sheet pile down to the final elevation.

Start of bump outs at the point of connection with the docks.

Cap on main seawall installation continues.

Continuing underground storm work including installation of drain between Clinton and Mason streets.

Layout of marina overflow parking lot at Charlevoix Public Library and possible start of construction.

This report was generated by Pat Elliott, City of Charlevoix Street Department superintendent. If you have any questions, please contact Elliott at (231) 547-3276.

Friends of Library seek book donations for sale

In preparation for the huge 8th annual book sale on Saturday, June 23, the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are accepting gently used books for resale.

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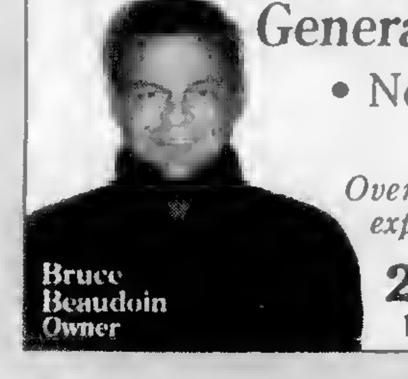

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BUSINESS What's new?

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The Taffy Barrel brings treats to Bridge Street

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Rick and Sandie Root have opened a new business aimed at satisfying customers' cravings for sweet treats.

On April 14, the two, who recently relocated to Charlevoix from Traverse City, opened the doors at The Taffy Barrel located at 211 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.

Since then they have enjoyed watching children and adults delight in filling old-fashioned baskets with loads of their salt water taffy and other bulk candy. The cost is $4.25 per half pound of bulk candy.

"Customers can pick and choose their favorites," Rick said.

Before opening their new business, the couple spent three years working out the details. While they knew a retail store was the direction they were headed, the town and the product had to be decided.

They traveled to tourist areas and found one common theme.

"No matter where we vacationed, we found 90 to 95 percent of people are eating something," Sandie said. "And every time we came to Charlevoix we fell in love with it. Everything really fell into place for us."

They opted to offer taffy after finding Murdick's has a local lock on fudge and Kilwin's a hold on ice cream and specialty chocolates.

But the taffy decision wasn't that simple. They had to determine what taffy they would carry. Two years of taffy tasting research from providers nationwide found some are too sweet or salty, while other brands are too hard. They pinpointed a Salt Lake City, Utah provider specializing in a secret whipped nougat recipe with a hint of salt that met their standards for top of the line taffy. They now carry 75 flavors of gourmet taffy including sugar free options stocked in wooden barrels.

Aside from the taffy the store also is filled to the gills with specialty gourmet and nostalgic candies and Jelly Belly brand jelly beans and gummy candy.

"It's like an old-fashioned general store," Sandie said.

To give the store, which most recently housed Momentum, an old-time feel they replaced the track lighting system, repaired the original tin ceiling, repainted the interior and decorated the walls with tin art and old-school board games.

"This is a brand new venture for us," Sandie said. "You just have to love candy."

Rick is a former owner of a custom hardwood flooring business and Sandie spent her career in administration and real estate sales in a resort area of Colorado where they lived for 15 years.

The two are also fused glass artists and own and operate Artistic Glass by Design. The taffy store features some of their glass work including candy dishes and decorative items as well as glass games, vases and abstract art.

The new candy store is expected to employ five to six part-time staff members.

The Taffy Barrel is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Summer hours are from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Demand will determine whether the Roots keep their business open year-round.

For more information, call The Taffy Barrel at (231) 547-9288.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

On April 14, Rick and Sandie Root opened The Taffy Barrel at 211 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix. The store specializes in whipped nougat gourmet salt water taffy and other bulk candy.

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Ace Hardware creates pediatric assistance fund

For over a year, the staff at Charlevoix Ace Hardware has been working on behalf of pediatric patients at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

At the Ace store, located off M-66, customers, contractors and vendors have been able to get a fresh cup of coffee or cappuccino while making a donation to a special fund set up by owner Mark Greyerbiehl to benefit the hospital.

"We have known patients who have needed a wheelchair or crutches after a visit to the hospital and have not been able to afford them," said Greyerbiehl. "We felt that by pooling customer and contractor donations for coffee we might be able to make a difference for a child in the future."

The coffee machine at the back of the store sports a sign that says "$1 donation — all proceeds to Charlevoix pediatrics." An honor system box beside the machine collects donations from thirsty customers and other visitors to the store. For the management and staff of the store, the response typifies the spirit of the community.

"It's not about our store," said Greyerbiehl. "It's about the way our community responds to a need. There are hundreds of generous folks who want the best for the friends, family and neighbors in need and it shows every time someone purchases a cup of coffee."

One year later, there is enough to purchase several pairs of crutches and wheelchairs to be loaned to pediatric patients who would otherwise be unable to afford them.

According to Charlevoix Area Hospital president, Bill Jackson, "Like many hospitals in Michigan, we are seeing increased numbers of uninsured patients. This means that many do not have the means to pay for needed medical equipment after a hospitalization. We are deeply appreciative of this kind of support for our patients."

Courtesy photo

Owner of Charlevoix Ace Hardware, Mark Greyerbiehl holds a wheelchair purchased using proceeds from sales of coffee and cappuccino sold at his store to benefit the Charlevoix Area Hospital pediatrics program.

'Can Small Towns Be Cool?' seminar

A free event entitled, "Can Small Towns Be Cool?" will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2 at the Boyne City High School Auditorium. The event will feature guest speaker, Dave Ivan, an economic development specialist with the Michigan State University Extension office.

Ivan, after visiting over 200 small towns around the USA, developed this visual program that outlines all the "cool" things that small towns have done to strengthen their communities, create jobs and make their towns even cooler.

This event in sponsored in part by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.

Harbor Health offers free May fitness classes

Harbor Health and Fitness Center will be offer a free class on Wednesday evenings in May.

The 7 p.m. classes will introduce various types of class activities including step, hi-lo, sculpt, yoga and others. The major components of fitness — stretch, strength and stamina will be addressed.

Participants should be in good health or have a doctor's permission, wear comfortable layers of clothing and appropriate shoes.

The classes will take place May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder boys, girls track finish first at Boyne tourney

The Charlevoix boys won seven events and the Rayder girls won four Wednesday as each finished first in the Boyne City Track and Field Invitational at Earl Brotherston Field.

The Rayder girls won four events, including three relays, but had enough in their depth tank to edge runner-up East Jordan, 115-107. Cheboygan, 92, was third, followed by Harbor Springs, 77; Boyne City, 71; St. Ignace, 40; and Grand Traverse Academy, 20.

The Charlevoix boys won seven events including two relays en route to 187 points, while Harbor Springs, 104, was second. Cheboygan, 95, was third, followed by St. Ignace, 86; Boyne City, 20; and Grand Traverse Academy, 1.

Charlevoix's only individual win came from Emily Heffling in the 300 hurdles. The Rayders also won the 800, 1600 and 3200 relays. Ellise Smolenyak, Chantel Novotny, Taylor Storm and Alyssa Smith teamed up to win the 800 relay; Smolenyak, Katie Withrow, Novotny and Lindi Edger combined to win the 1600 relay; and Edger, Emily Westenhroek, Brecklind Golovich-Keie and Alina Dhaseleer comprised the Rayders' winning 3200 relay.

Also for the Rayders, senior Ashley Pett broke Caitlin Cole's school record with a 110-foot, 6-inch throw in the discus. Pett placed second in the event.

"Charlevoix has shown that they are the team to beat in our conference," East Jordan coach Dennis Snarey said. "We were very impressed with their performance.

Senior Darron Munson had a big day in leading the Charlevoix boys to their 83-point victory. Munson won the 400 in 51.94 seconds, a extremely good early season time under the chilly weather conditions, he ran the anchor leg on Charlevoix's winning 3200 relay team, and he took the 200, winning by almost an entire second.

Scott Plude, Jacob Wimmer and Billy Roloff joined Munson in the 3200 relay, and the Rayders' Travis Johnstone, Andy Ennis, Dan Swenor and Ace Edick teamed up to win the 400 relay.

Photo by G. Randall Goss/Petoskey News-Review

At the Boyne City Invitational at Earl Brotherston Field on April 18, won by Charlevoix In the boys' and girls' divisions, Charlevoix's Darron Munson (left) takes the baton from teammate Billy Roloff during the 3200-meter relay, which they won.

Charlevoix's other wins came from Alex Buday, 3200; Mitch Crandall, high jump; and Johnstone, long jump.

Harbor Springs' Trey Graham was a double winner as he took the 800 and the 1600, while Boyne City's Taylor Voice captured the pole vault.

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	Series	Game
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George Gregory		225

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	W	L
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DM Construction	37	27
St. Mary Cement	33	31
Central Drug Store	31.5	32.5
Oleson's Food Store	30.5	33.5
Charlevoix Foot Clinic	28	36
Mary Ann's Takeout	26	38
Paul Bunyan Lanes	24.5	39.5

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	496	
Leanna Mosoryak	467	
Marlene Evans		189
June Kunkle		200
Carol Burry	510	187

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	W	L
Paul Bunyan Lanes	481	319
Ferguson & Chamberlain	476	324
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Nick Cole	587	232
John Fiedorek	596	230
Larry Darrah	590	206

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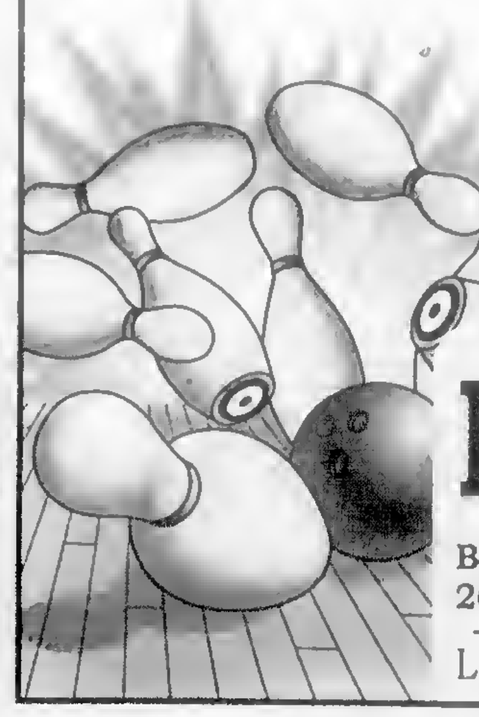
	W	L
Argonne Supper Club	198	122
Laural & Company	155	165
Burger King of Charlevoix	151	169
Paul Bunyan Lanes	136	184

HIGH INDIVIDUAL SCORES

	Series	Game
Jane Holm	441	156
Diana Speigl	480	172
Mary Keem		163
Bennie VonHelens	440	



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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder baseball win Charlevoix Invitational

Charlevoix baseball's first games of the season were marked by disappointing losses to conference rival East Jordan and to Roscommon.

"It is tough to be two games behind East Jordan at this point but it's a long season and there are a lot of games left to play. We need to just worry about ourselves and control what we can control and things will work out well for us. I am still very impressed with not only the talent on our team but the spirit of this team. They are very competitive and will do what it takes to win. I think we will win a lot of games before this year is through," Charlevoix head coach, Allen Telgenhof, said.

But the openers aren't necessarily a season tell all.

The disheartening loss was followed by a big Charlevoix Invitational tournament win Saturday, April 21.

The Rayders beat Boyne Falls 15-0 in a four inning mercy rule game, then beat Gaylord, 8-7 for the championship. Gaylord had beaten Cheboygan, 4-3 in the first round. Cheboygan beat Boyne Falls 16-1 in the consolation game.

In the tournament opener against Boyne Falls pitchers Danny Waldron and Cliff Jones combined on a four-inning no-hitter. Jon Putman had two doubles, three runs scored, two stolen bases and two RBIs. Jones scored four runs and stole two bases. Zach Scharenbroch scored three runs and stole two bases. Waldron, Travis Jakeway and Michael Heckendorn each had two RBIs.

In the second game against Gaylord, Charlevoix trailed 7-1 after two innings and battled back for the win. The Rayders scored four in the fifth inning to tie it up and one in the sixth to take the lead. The eventual winning run was scored by R.J. Moore, who scored on a ground ball hit by Scharenbroch.

Chris Waha picked up the win in relief. He threw four innings, gave up one hit, no walks and struck out seven. J.D. Speigl had three hits, including two doubles and two RBIs. Jones, Waha and Waldron all had two hits. One of Waha's was a triple. Waldron had three RBIs.

"It was a great way to get our first two wins of the season. It is our third year in a row winning our tournament and the guys take a lot of pride in that," coach Telgenhof said. "We've been talking about how we want our program to be about winning championships and this was our first chance to get one this season. Hopefully that will be a great springboard for us to go on a little winning streak here."

Charlevoix faced East Jordan on April 17, losing the first game 9-6.

Charlevoix led 6-5 headed into the sixth inning but the Red Devils scored four runs to pull out the win.

Key players for Charlevoix were Jones with two hits including a double, two runs scored, one RBI; Putman with two doubles, three runs scored, two RBIs and two stolen bases. Other hits came from Waha, Heckendorn, Speigl, Moore and Ty Telgenhof.

Coach Telgenhof said Waha pitched well, striking out eight in five innings but Rayder pitchers were hurt by nine fielding errors which led to six unearned runs.

In game two, East Jordan triumphed 5-2, scoring all five of their runs in the third inning, breaking open a scoreless game.

Charlevoix rallied for two runs with two outs in the bottom of the sixth and got runners on second and third bases but couldn't bring them home to end the game.

Rayder standouts from game two were Moore who had two hits, two stolen bases and an RBI; Speigl had two hits and an RBI. Other players with

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix pitcher Cliff Jones burns one in during the second inning of the Charlevoix Invitational opener when the Rayders faced Boyne Falls. They beat Boyne Falls 14-0 and went on to beat Gaylord 8-7 for the tournament win.

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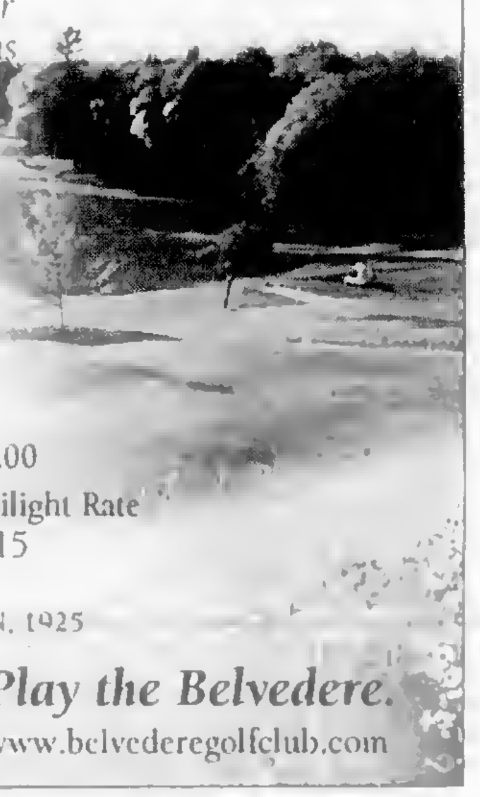

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Tennis team splits season openers

The Charlevoix Rayder tennis team opened its season April 17 with a 6-2 loss to Traverse City St. Francis on their home courts at Shanahan Field and followed up with an April 19 win over Elk Rapids.

Coach Erik Lundtgigen said, "It's early in the season and we will improve with more experience."

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS WERE:

- First, singles: Dan Swenor lost to St. Francis 6-0, 6-2; lost against Elk Rapids 6-0, 6-0.
- Second, singles: Weston Bryan lost to St. Francis 6-1, 7-5; won against Elk Rapids 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.
- Third, singles: Ty Haske lost to St. Francis 6-4, 6-1; lost to Elk Rapids 6-3, 6-4.
- Fourth, singles: Peter Lundgren lost to St. Francis 6-2,6-1; Scotty Silberhorn won against Elk Rapids 6-4, 7-6.
- First, doubles: Justin Klooster and Trevor Mays won against St. Francis 6-0, 7-5; won against Elk Rapids 6-2, 6-3.
- Second, doubles: Brad Cyr and Chris Bartling won against St. Francis 7-5, 6-3; won against Elk Rapids 6-4, 7-5.
- Third, doubles: Taylor Witthoeft and Alex McKenzie lost to St. Francis 7-5, 6-1; they played fourth, doubles against Elk Rapids and lost 7-5, 1-6, 7-6.
- Fourth, doubles: Alex Molter and Kevin Greyerbiehl lost to St. Francis 6-2, 6-7, 6-3; they played third doubles against Elk Rapids and won 6-4, 6-0.

The tennis team faced Harbor Springs on April 23, Grayling on April 24 and will face Boyne City on April 26. Results were not available by press time.

What's next? At 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, the tennis team will face Boyne City on the Rayder home courts at Shanahan Field.

Rayder baseball overcome losses to claim April 21 tournament title

BASEBALL

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hits were Jones and Heckendorn. Telgenhof threw three innings of no-hit, shutout relief.

Overall, coach Telgenhof wasn't thrilled with his team's play at the East Jordan doubleheader.

"I was very disappointed with our defensive play. We won't win many games against a tough opponent like them making nine errors in a game. I was pleased with the way that Chris Waha and Ty Telgenhof threw the ball. Both were solid on the mound and Chris deserved to win his game if not for the shoddy defense."

Charlevoix followed the doubleheader with losses to Roscommon.

In the first game the Rayders fell 8-7.

Charlevoix trailed 8-5 headed into the bottom of the sixth and scored two runs to tie it but the potential tying run was thrown out after overrunning third base.

In that game, Waha had three hits, including two doubles and scored four runs; Jones had two hits and two runs scored; Waldron had two hits and two RBIs; Heckendorn had two hits, including a double and an RBI. Telgenhof pitched well in relief, striking out six in four and one third innings and giving up only one earned run.

In game two, a shortened four inning game, prevailed winning Roscommon 6-2.

Charlevoix led 2-0 after batting in the first to start the game but Roscommon scored three in the third and three more in the fourth for the win.

In game two, Jones had a hit and run scored; Speigl had a hit; Putnan had a stolen base and run scored; Telgenhof threw one inning of shutout relief.

"We played much better than we did against East Jordan. We always hate to lose but Roscommon did come in as the fourth ranked team in the state and they had a nice team, especially with their pitching depth," coach Telgenhof said.

The Rayder baseball team is now 2-4. They played again on April 24 against Harbor Springs and face Ellsworth on Friday at home. Results from these games will appear in next week's Courier.

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Dated: APRIL 6, 2007

Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-68324 ASAP# 841767.
(L-04/11, 04/18, 04/25, 05/02)

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Dated: April 17, 2007

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File No. 05-925-20-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

V

WALLOON WINDS COMMUNITY, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; WALTER BREIDENSTEIN; WALLOON LAKE PROPERTIES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; and TERRANCE BURKHARDT and ANNA BETH BURKHARDT, husband and wife,
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

1. On January 19, 2007, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment and Order For Sale for and on behalf of First Community Bank and all rights arising from that Judgment were assigned to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt on or about February 16, 2007.

2. On June 8, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Land situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

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Parcel 4: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along South line of said Section, 200.85 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 3 of the Southeast 3 of said Section 13.

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3. The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

Date: April 5, 2007

Sharon M. Selissen,
Deputy Court Clerk
(L-04/11, 04/18, 04/25, 05/02, 05/09, 05/16)

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

File No. 05-925-20-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

V

WALLOON WINDS COMMUNITY, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; WALTER BREIDENSTEIN; WALLOON LAKE PROPERTIES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; and TERRANCE BURKHARDT and ANNA BETH BURKHARDT, husband and wife,
Defedants,

and all Counter, Cross, and Third Party Complaints.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE MORTGAGE SALE

1. On February 5, 2007, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale for and on behalf of Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt.

2. On May 25, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

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Parcel 7: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence along the North line of said Section 24, South 89°59'36" West (also having been described as West) 170.22 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 15°38'39" West (also having been described as South 15°37'30" West) 447.80 feet; thence South 87°39'50" West (also having been described as West) 220.00 feet; thence North 03°35'32" East 441.01 feet to the intersection of the North line of said Section 24 and the Southeast corner of Lot 115, Springbrook Hills No. 2, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records; thence along said North section line, North 89°59'36" East (also having been described as East) 312.94 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24.

3. The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

Date: March 27, 2007

Sharon M. Selissen,
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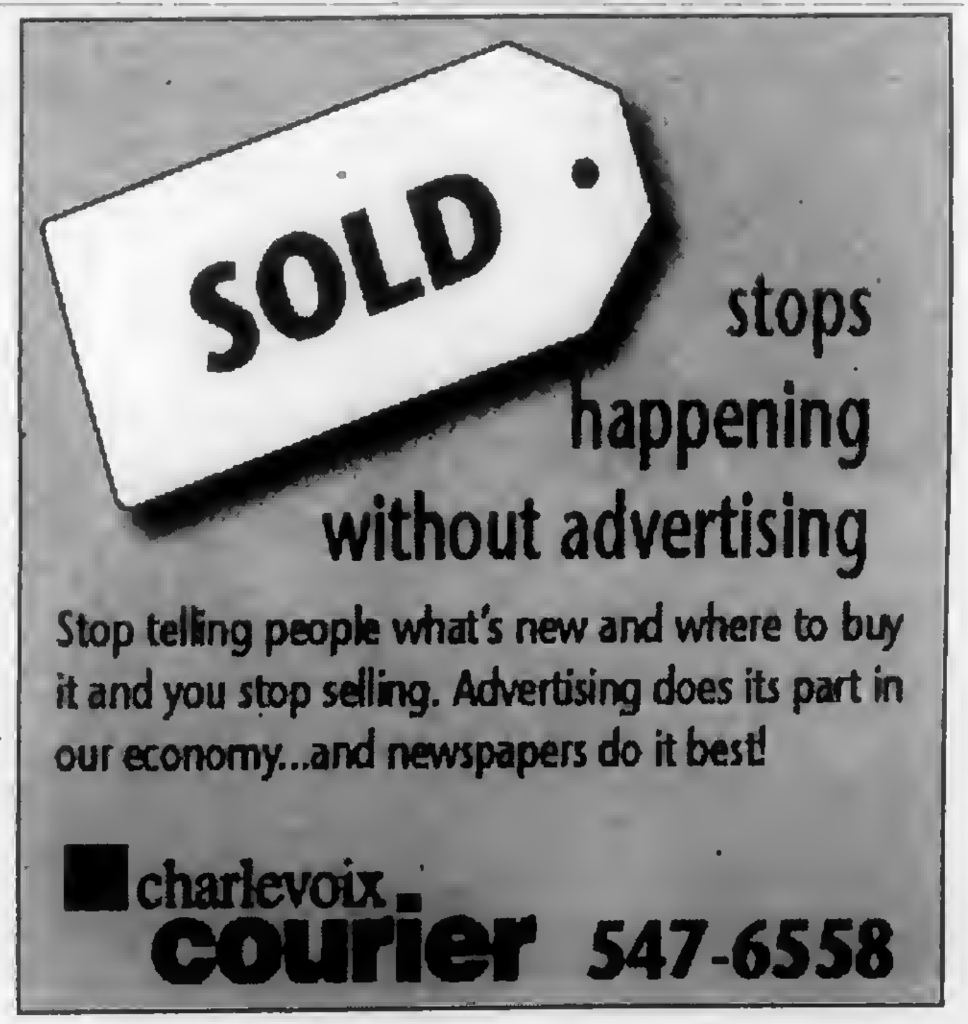
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SPORTS reviewing the action

Lady Rayder soccer tally three straight wins

Lady Rayder soccer power is dominating the fields.

The Charlevoix High School girls' soccer team kicked off the season with three wins in a row.

On April 20 Charlevoix beat a strong Elk Rapids team 4-2.

The Lady Elks struck first putting Charlevoix in a 1-0 hole. The Rayders, playing the first half into the setting sun, evened things up when Ariel Ramsey buried a left footer into the Elks' net. Just before half-time, Elk Rapids went up again beating the Charlevoix defense on the short side with a nice cross.

The Rayders came out strong in the second half, with Ramsey again striking early off a nice assist from Kaleigh Blanchard. A few minutes later, senior captain Lori Zimmerman buried a penalty shot following an Elk Rapids hand ball in the box. The Rayders never looked back, maintaining possession throughout the second. Ramsey fed freshman Caroline Dupuis for the final score.

Charlevoix received strong play in the midfield from Zita Anderson, Madison Way and Becca Madison. Tammy Potter earned the win in goal stopping 13 Elks shots. Senior Teresa Potter also played well defensively.

"We can put the ball in the net but we have some work to do to improve our defensive rotation. It's always nice to travel to Elk Rapids and come away with a win against their quality program," coach Tom Conlan said.

The victory over the Elks followed an April 19 Rayder 8-0 shutout of Grayling.

Goals were scored by Anderson, Zimmerman, Olivia Catt, Madison Way, Madison, Dupuis, Bridget Peters and Breanna Londgren. Assists went to Blanchard (2), Catt (2), Madison and Dupuis.

The team's season opener on April 16 was nothing short of exciting when they beat conference rival Harbor Springs 3-1.

In a typical, physical match between longtime rivals, the Rayders opened up the scoring when Zimmerman sent a nice centering pass to Dupuis who set up Catt for the score.

After the half, Charlevoix took a 3-0 lead when Blanchard scored off an assist from Ramsey. With about 15 minutes left, Harbor's Kristen Koehler scored from a corner kick assist for the Rams.

Goal keeper Tammy Potter stopped eight Harbor shots, including two breakaways to earn the save.

The Rayders, 3-0 overall and in conference, were host to Kalkaska on Monday, April 23. They face Traverse City St. Francis on April 26 and Petoskey on April 27. Results from those games will appear in next week's Courier.

What's next? At 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 26, the soccer team will face Traverse City St. Francis in Traverse City.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

He shoots, he scores

Rayder basketball coach Brett Erskine and Charlevoix High School student, Brad Cyr participated in the student/staff basketball game on Wednesday, April 18 that raised nearly $2,200 for the 2007 senior class party. The party, which remains a secret until June 3, is an annual event designed to offer the graduates a fun and safe way to celebrate their graduation from high school.

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County Democrats to host Blue Tiger event

The Charlevoix County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. on May 3 in the Community Room of the Charlevoix County Jail Annex on Grant Street between Garfield and Carpenter in Charlevoix.

The speaker is Frank Houston, CEO of Michigan Blue Tiger Democrats, a not-for-profit corporation whose goal is to energize Democrats and progressives through the promotion of community-based, civic engagement initiatives.

It is based on the belief that political organizations must allocate more significant funds to civic engagement and community work rather than 30-second commercials. The Blue Tigers maintain that a party is strong if its members believe in individual responsibility and demonstrate it by working to solve problems that exist in the community. Houston brings a rich range of experiences to the Michigan Blue Tiger Democrat team including serving as a public interest advocate in state capitols, running citizen outreach programs and raising funds, teaching in public schools and leading progressive statewide initiatives. Over the last three years Houston has been a champion for increasing the minimum wage, leading a successful statewide ballot initiative in Florida and assisting community, labor, and legislative leaders with the campaign that recently resulted in the Michigan legislature raising the minimum wage to $7.40.

Following Houston's presentation, there will be a discussion of how Charlevoix Democrats can locally implement these ideas.

For more information, call (231) 547-2138.

Who? Charlevoix County Democrats.
What? Presentation by Frank Houston, CEO of Michigan Blue Tiger Democrats.
When? 7 p.m. on May 3.
Where? Community Room of the Charlevoix County Jail Annex on Grant Street between Garfield and Carpenter in Charlevoix.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

DDA celebrates 25 years

Since the inception of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority in April 1982, the group, which operates using tax dollars, has instituted almost $12 million in improvements to the authority district. Current authority members joined past members and community supporters in celebrating 25 years of success at an open house on Monday, April 23 at Charlevoix City Hall. Pictured above are first ward Charlevoix City Councilman Lyle Gennett, director of the Downtown Development Authority Keith Carey, mayor Norman Carlson Jr. and second ward Charlevoix City Councilman Greg Stevens.

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ART SHOW

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For more information, call (231) 547-9441.

APRIL 25
HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONCERT

The Charlevoix High School Band Pops Concert will take place at 7 p.m. on April 25 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School. Featured music will include "The Great Steamboat Race," music of the Beatles, Santana and Asia as well as a special presentation of "Little Bop Riding Hood" narrated by Charlevoix High School teacher, Tom Schultz. The Irish Dulcimer Ensemble will also perform.

APRIL 26
HISTORICAL SOCIETY HONORS BOSS FAMILY

The Charlevoix Historical Society will honor Charlevoix residents Marilyn and Dale Boss with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 at the Depot.

The Boss' "Mr. and Mrs. Petunia" have been involved over many years with the preservation of Charlevoix history and the beautification of Charlevoix with the annual planting of five miles of petunias along U.S. 31.

The event is open to the public.

Call (231) 547-0373 for more information.

APRIL 27
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPRING CARNIVAL

The Charlevoix Elementary School Spring Carnival will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 27 in the gym at Charlevoix High School. The event will feature sports themed games, prizes, a cake walk, bounce houses and refreshments. A basket auction preview will take place from 5:30 to 6 p.m. The auction ends at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (231) 547-3215.

APRIL 27
CREATION CELEBRATION

The Charlevoix Children's House will host a Creation Celebration art show and open house enrollment event from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 27 at the school, located off Mercer Boulevard.

For more information, call the school at (231) 547-5599.

APRIL 28
FOOD PANTRY MEETING

Representatives from all food pantries in Emmet, Charlevoix, Antrim and surrounding counties are invited to a meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 28 at the Weathervane Restaurant in Charlevoix.

There is no cost for the meeting and refreshments will be provided.

Food pantry volunteers, board members, and staff and any other interested members of the public are encouraged to attend. To register or for more information, call (231) 347-8852.

APRIL 28
RAYDER BASEBALL GOLF CLASSIC

The Charlevoix Rayder Baseball team is hosting the 2nd Annual Rayder Baseball Golf Classic on Saturday, April 28 at Antrim Dells Golf Course. The fundraiser helps the Rayder baseball team with equipment costs, travel costs and field upkeep. There will be games, prizes, a raffle, silent auction and a chance to win a car with a hole-in-one. The cost is $65. The group is also looking for tee sponsors and item donations for the raffle or auction.

To register, contact Kirk Heckendorn at (231) 675-1941 or visit www.rayderbaseball.com.

MAY 2
COOL TOWNS

A free event entitled, "Can Small Towns Be Cool?" will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2 at the Boyne City High School Auditorium.

The event will feature guest speaker, Dave Ivan, an economic development specialist with the Michigan State University Extension office.

This event in sponsored in part by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.

MAY 3
CANDIDATE FORUM

Lisa Carlson and Bo Boss, candidates for one position on the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education will participate in a question and answer session at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 in the Community Room of the Charlevoix Public Library.

For more information, call the library at (231) 547-2651.

MAY 3
BLUE TIGER DEMOCRATS

The Charlevoix County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. on May 3 in the Community Room of the Charlevoix County Jail Annex on Grant Street between Garfield and Carpenter in Charlevoix.

The speaker is Frank Houston, CEO of Michigan Blue Tiger Democrats, a not-for-profit corporation whose goal is to energize Democrats and progressives through the promotion of community-based, civic engagement initiatives.

For more information, call (231) 547-2138.

MAY 6
STARLIGHT DINNER, AUCTION

The Bergmann Center will hold its annual "Starlight" dinner and live auction with entertainment at noon and dinner served at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 6.

The event will be held at the Belvedere Club and catered by Grey Gables Restaurant. The auctioneer will be Mike Bost.

To purchase tickets, call the Bergmann Center at (231) 547-2979. Tickets are $25 per person.

MAY 8
CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals will take place at 6:30 p.m. May 8 in the Charlevoix Middle School band room. For more information, call Ev Wujcik at (231) 547-6376, Gail Baldridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 237-9392.

MAY 10
SENIOR SPRING BOWLING

The six-week Senior Spring Bowling League will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursdays beginning May 10 at Paul Bunyan Lanes in Charlevoix. No registration is required. For more information, call (231) 547-5190.

MAY 10
MEDIATION TRAINING

Northern Community Mediation will offer 40-hour general civil mediator training in Charlevoix on May 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 and 19.

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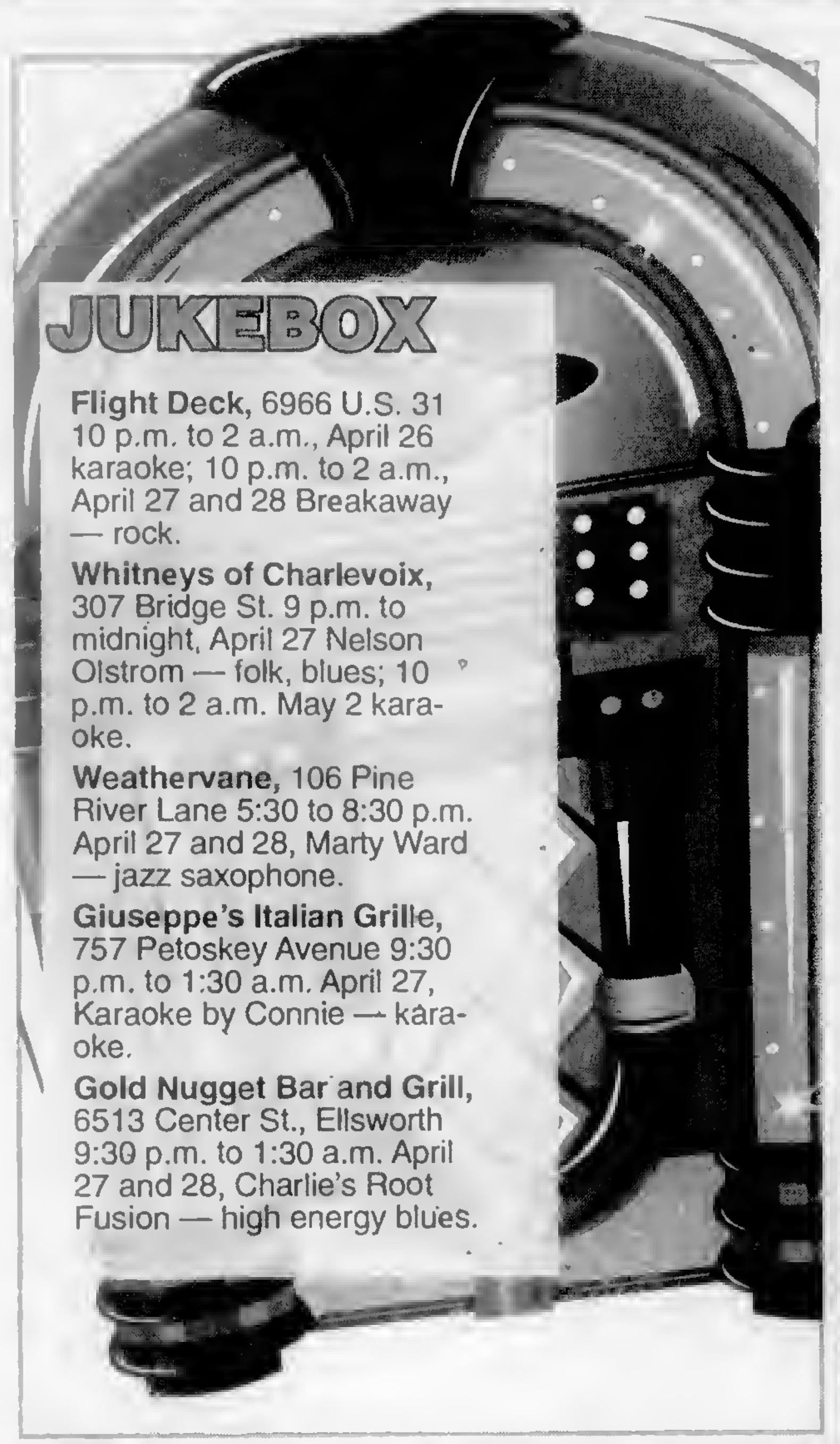

JUKEBOX

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., April 26 karaoke; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., April 27 and 28 Breakaway — rock.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, April 27 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. May 2 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. April 27 and 28, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. April 27, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

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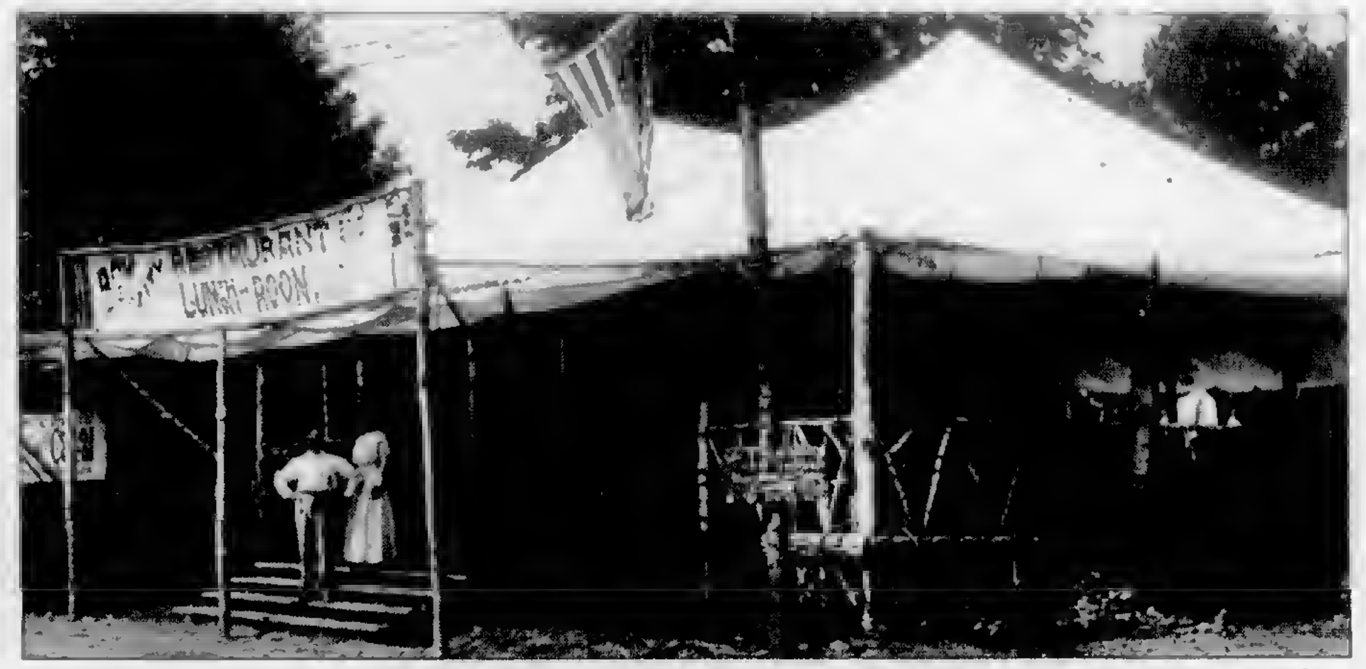

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This is the restaurant and lunch-room of Boy City. What was Boy City, and where was it located?

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Flying high

John Bradley, 20, of Charlevoix was one of over 30 skateboarders, in-line skaters and BMX bikers who packed the City of Charlevoix Community Skatepark opening day, April 29. The park construction project began in 2003. This is the first full season it will be open for use. Hours of operation are from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The cost for a season pass is $90. The park will be open five months. Seven visit passes are $15. The daily fee is $3. Helmets are required and are available to rent for $1. Pads are available upon request. Patsy Ramsey Scholarship funds are available and applications are available at the park. Skate clinics will be scheduled as needed.

School board candidates speak out

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Don't forget to vote for your favorite school board candidate and millage proposals from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8.

The Charlevoix Courier staff sat down with Lisa Carlson and Bo Boss, the two candidates vying for the four-year term of the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education seat soon to be vacated by current president Bill Trubilowicz, to get their responses to a set of four questions.

DALE "BO" BOSS

Age: 51

Kids: Two

Past political experience: None

Occupation: General contractor/manager of Mt. McSauba ski area

Dale "Bo" Boss

LISA CARLSON

Age: 38

Kids: Two

Past Political Experience: None

Occupation: Registered Nurse at Northern Michigan Hospital

Lisa Carlson

1. WHY ARE YOU RUNNING?

Carlson: I love children. I think it's important to be involved and I like to be involved. I just would like to do more than what I have, which is volunteering in my kids' classes and I still coach at the (recreation) department for the fifth and sixth-grade girls' basketball teams.

Boss: I've got two kids in the school system and my entire career has been dedicated to helping kids. I want to maintain a high level of education for students at Charlevoix schools.

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix city police chief Gerard Doan and Run Charlevoix marathon organizer, Ron Suffolk, recently biked the June 16 marathon route. Registration is underway.

Ready for Run Charlevoix?

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

On June 16, runners of all skill levels will test their stride at Run Charlevoix, a Red Rock Company Marathon.

The event, which is being organized by Ron Suffolk of South Lyon, who with his son, Jeff Suffolk, and his wife, Sharon Suffolk, own and operate the triathlon organizing group Red Rock Company, will offer marathon, half-marathon, 10K (6.2 miles) and 5K events.

Thus far, Ron said registrants hail from across the Midwest including Chicago, Ill., Minnesota and Ohio. Most have registered for the half-marathon event and there are two times more women than men signed up. The oldest registrant is 60 and the youngest is 20.

"People do this because of the camaraderie. It's a way of life — a healthy way of life," Ron said.

Red Rock Company is the ninth largest triathlon company in the nation in terms of participants.

Each year they organize about seven to eight events like the one being offered in Charlevoix including a Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot in Ann Arbor.

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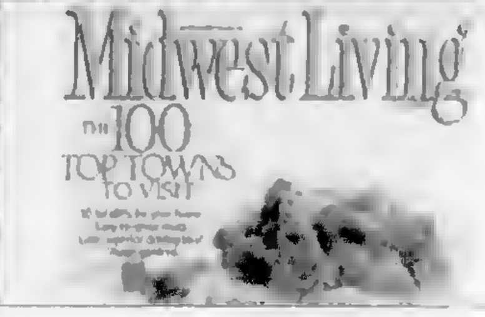

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Jaeson Wayne Homola, 22, Owosso. Disturbing the peace. Serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; attend substance abuse classes; write a letter of apology; $800 in fines and costs.

Brandon John Homola, 23, Owosso. Assault and battery. Credit for one day in jail; 77 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; write a letter of apology; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Robert Joseph Matheny Jr., 43, East Jordan. East Jordan ordinance violation -- accumulation of junk, trash, refuse. Serve 30 days in jail or pay $300 in fines; 30 days held in abeyance; serve three months probation; remove junk by July 1.

Shawn Michael Hall, 20, Charlevoix. Retail fraud — third degree. To serve 12 days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Jarrett Lee Brooks, 28, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated — second offense. Credit for one day in jail with 334 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,230 in fines and costs.

Joseph Ryan Stevenson, 17, Charlevoix. Larceny, less than $200. Credit for one day in jail with 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $350 in fines and costs.

Joseph Harry Sewell, 38, Ellsworth. Disturbing the peace. Credit for nine days in jail, to serve six days; $200 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Jeffery Allerding, 18, Petoskey. Minor in possession/purchase/consume alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; attend Impact weekend by June 29; $200 in fines and costs.

Zachary Tyler Lake, 17, Charlevoix. Minor in possession/purchase/consume alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; attend BASES Zero Tolerance class by June 24; $200 in fines and costs.

Kristina Michelle Kenny, 21, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail with 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $780 in fines and costs.

Christopher Michael Dailey, 28, Jackson. Disorderly person — drunk. Serve 10 days in jail or pay $260 in fines.

Robert Curtis Wiltjer, 23, Boyne City. Driving while Impaired. Credit for one day in jail with 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,180 in fines and costs.

Stephen Michael Zolinski, 41, Hemlock. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail with 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Ashley Ann Dungan, 18, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended — first offense. Serve one year probation; 93 days in jail held in abeyance; $300 in fines and costs. Operating while intoxicated. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 22 days in jail with 60 days of a 93-day sentence held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; attend Impact weekend within 120 days; $980 in fines and costs.

Robert Graham Ward, 24, Ellsworth. Possession of marijuana. Credit for 32 days in jail, to serve 20 days in jail, 332 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,050 in fines and costs.

Amberose Louise Radle, 23, Charlevoix. Possession of marijuana. Serve 180 days in jail with credit for 13 days, to serve seven days in jail, 150 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $850 in fines and costs.

Jacy Christopher Greensky, 29, Charlevoix. Failure to report ACC to fixtures. Fines and costs totaling $350.

Roy Lee Angel Jr., 33, Charlevoix. Malicious destruction of property, less than $200. Credit for 17 days in jail; $600 in fines and costs.

Charles Joseph Johnson, 43, Charlevoix. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied — second or subsequent offense. To serve 10 days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Timothy Michael Fazio, 21, Cadillac. Checking account — insufficient funds, less than $100. Pay $510.12 or serve 25 days in jail.

ASSUMED NAME

The following business recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

A & E Collision, 06395 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, by Edward R. and Judie G. Johnson

BIRTHS

Rachel Jordan Savant weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces was born April 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to David and Chris Savant of Bellaire. Her grandparents are Patricia Savant of Bellaire, Donna and Delhert Smith and the late Fred Hilbert of Inverness, Fla. and Ron and Cheryl Savant of Terre Haute, Ind.

Logan James and Gabriel Joseph Marr, twin boys weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces and 6 pounds, 10 ounces, respectively were born on April 20 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Lisa M. Buckhead and Steven A. Marr of East Jordan. Their grandparents are James William Buckhead of Plainwell, Letha Kay Buckhead and Connie Sagonick of Alha.

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ELECTION

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2. WHAT ARE THE TOP THREE ISSUES FACING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT?

Boss: I want to open up public communication between the school board and administration. I've heard so many complaints from parents and community members who have a concern and no one will listen. I want to work hard to protect all the employees jobs and I want to maintain our core academic programs with current teacher to student ratios. I feel for our sized school district, we are very top-heavy. If we combine the superintendent/principal position at the high school, we could save over $100,000 a year — my opponent has yet to suggest anything that will save money for the school.

Carlson: The budget, declining school enrollment because people are moving and trying to figure out ways to increase revenue for the schools.

3. IF ELECTED HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES?

Carlson: By trying to entice people to come to the school district instead of choosing another place to live (but) I think I have to take it one step at a time and say I would have to deal with (each issue) at the time I am faced with it.

Boss: I have a problem with the way current school board meetings are being run. I feel important decisions are being made in committee meetings and simply being rubber stamped in board meetings. I think every issue that comes up before the board at the meeting should come up for discussion among board members first and then allow input from the audience, then be put to a vote.

I'd also like to explore the possibility of offering really decent buyouts for those (teachers) thinking of retiring. (The buyout) could be formulated for years of service and could free up additional revenue for the district. If you could buyout a teacher at the high end, you could replace them with two, if they need to be replaced.

I want to sell the Clinton Street building and former library building and the school owns some property across from the bus barn. Maybe our building trades students could build some houses on (that) property. This other idea they're talking about getting a new building for the superintendent. We have room in all three school buildings that we could house a superintendent, no problem.

4. WHY SHOULD PEOPLE VOTE FOR YOU?

Boss: I have a strong business background and feel I could bring some common sense to the board. Tough budgeting times are here right now. We just need to get more creative and I pledge some common sense and I will try to tackle problems before it's too late. No, I don't have all the answers, but I'm willing to make the commitment to make things better.

If the voters think the school is being run properly, then they should vote for Mrs. Carlson. She has stated that our school system doesn't need to be fixed because it is not broken

Carlson: Throughout this I've been learning a lot and I like to make informed decisions. I've really talked to a lot of people in other school districts and other superintendents in other districts and I've talked to school board members and teachers. I feel that I gather information before I make a decision or comments. I make decisions based on facts and I'm committed to trying to do the right thing. I think we have a great school system. We're one of the top school systems in the state. There are a lot of positive things in Charlevoix, instead of focusing so much on cuts, if we focus maybe we can get more people to come to our school. I'm not blind, I know we have to make some cuts, but until I'm sitting there, I can't know exactly what they're looking at as far as next year's budget.

I don't really support that dual role concept (superintendent/principal). I did a lot of research on it and I don't feel with the numbers in Charlevoix that it could work.

I do really support the teachers in Charlevoix and I have been happy with all the teachers my children had.

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What? Election day

When are polls open? 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 8

Where to vote? Voting booths will be set up at three locations in the Charlevoix Public Schools district:

- People living in Marion, Norwood and the portion of Banks Township in Antrim County which lies in the Charlevoix School district must vote at Marion Township hall.
- People living in Charlevoix Township and the portion of Hayes Township located in the Charlevoix School District must vote at Hayes Township Hall.
- People residing in the City of Charlevoix and the portion of Eveline Township which falls in the Charlevoix School District must vote at Charlevoix City Hall.

MILLAGE ISSUE

Charlevoix Public Schools operating millage proposal:

This proposal will enable the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property except principal residence, qualified agricultural and qualified forest property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

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Gohs misses making the classified match

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

I guess you could say I've involved myself in a fair number of barely legal enterprises in hopes of getting rich.

My humanitarian history began in 1983 when I was 8. The parents had just split for good sending mom, 4-year-old Adam and I from our pedestrian, middle-class existence to a ramshackle apartment in the "Escape from New York" section of Bay City.

Mom lost her title of "Stay-at-home" and for the first time I was alone. Soon I went from a shy, weepy momma's boy to a shy, weepy hoodlum.

My first heist was modeled after a charity where people went door-to-door with coffee cups collecting for monkey Alzheimer's or feline lupus.

With one of mom's mugs in hand and a short spiel in the name of a cancer cure rehearsed, the Gohs Candy Fund was in business.

Panhandling for nonexistent causes turned to shoplifting at the local party store because the former was simply too much work.

Decades later I feel the shame, but at the time it seemed OK to take money from poor people who thought they were doing good.

And then Sampson, the strict military man who would become my father, appeared on the scene and the tomfoolery ended — for a while.

Soon after moving out of my parents' house I found a different sort of trouble. Granted, selling overpriced gourmet treats and silver plated jewelry isn't the same as lying for donations, but it's pretty damn close.

In the years following "Cancer Scam," I hawked everything from vacuums to nightcrawlers, but my laziness and greed prevented me from seeing one pyramid and multi-level marketing venture after another for the frauds they were.

I even kept the faith when an unemployed alcoholic and a former Texan drug runner, living on a Dow Chemical disability pension because top-secret toxic ooze swelled his liver to the size of an English bulldog, arrived at my mother-in-law's in a beat up station wagon with homemade business cards and dog-eared pie charts to convince me I could make millions selling phone service door-to-door.

In between cooking jobs and desperate to move out of mother's basement, I wrote a $250 check. Months passed and loved ones were alienated by desperate sales pitches. My partners in slime then turned me on to soliciting donations for Vietnam veterans and disabled Americans via telemarketing.

Taking advantage of people's generosity gave me the same sick feeling as eating a gas station burrito, but I pressed on through four hours of people screaming graphic instructions on what I should do with the phone, myself and my mother. I broke for lunch and never returned.

The scams had such allure it wasn't long before I paid $100 for a list of homeowners who supposedly qualified for a refund of their closing costs.

Offering someone their money in return for a fee is like walking into a stranger's house, picking up their toaster and saying, "You can have this for $15."

By 25, my miserable machinations hadn't produced a penny and I quit, for nearly seven years.

Then I began noticing the occasional odd classified like: "Free manure (horse). Easy to pick up," and "Breast pump...barely used. $70."

I wondered what I could sell, but resisted the urge to liquidate household furniture and knickknacks until I spotted an ad from a Christian man seeking a car or money to buy a car — it was all the push I needed to fall off the wagon.

True, I've had zero responses to: "White 32-year-old nonsmoking professional male seeking wealthy surrogate parent. Interests include comic books, video games, cash, muscle cars, Taco Bell and beer. High bidder addressed as 'mommy' or 'daddy' and will receive finger paintings, hugs and phone calls which end with, 'I love you.' Platonic interests only need apply," but it's only been a few weeks, so I haven't given up hope.

> White 32-year-old nonsmoking professional male seeking wealthy surrogate parent.

I'd like to think this will be my last swindle, but I know me too well. Oh, and "Christian man seeking car," if you're reading this, let the staff of the Courier know how it all turned out. The suspense is killing us.

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It takes a village to raise family and friends

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

Life brings changes everyday and we must learn to accept them in order to have peace in our own life.

I hadn't planned on caring for an elderly parent. Now, I have much more empathy than ever before when it comes to someone attempting to get through a doorway in a wheelchair. Even more so I am humbled to be able to help my parent bathe and I appreciate his respect for modesty. Having three grandchildren age six and under, I am acutely aware of the mother with young children in tow trying to purchase just a few items in the store.

I have friends and family members who are experiencing an unfortunate medical diagnosis adversely affecting their lives. We want our family and friends to be with us forever so we try to make their lives a little easier by helping where we can.

Caring for elderly parents, grandchildren and friends can be a daunting task. A poster I purchased in the early 1970s reminds me everyday that "Life happens while you are busy planning something else," which is located near one declaring "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." This is when I need to ask myself, "What would I be doing otherwise, if this weren't a part of my life?" My answer is simple. Whatever it was, it wouldn't be as important as what I am doing right now. The here and now is short. Five years from now a different scenario may present itself, this is the time to live without regrets.

Accepting retirement one immediately thinks, travel, condos, beaches, reading, self absorption. Studies have shown us that retirement doesn't necessarily mean any of those things. Retirement today may mean a new job, a part-time position and being available to help where needed. I look around and I see more individuals doing just that. Maybe I never noticed before because I was so busy working.

I am reminded daily, that taking care of yourself is important too. With the encouragement of friends and family I realize that I can still take time for myself by taking an early morning stroll along Lake Michigan to greet the ducks and view the beautiful blue horizon. I can still exercise my body to stay fit so I may continue to push wheelchairs, lift grandkids and help a friend with house or yard work.

Living in a small community such as ours definitely has its perks while trying to do all of this. It's been my experience that there are many

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LETTERS to the editor

'THANK YOU' PANTRY SUPPORTERS

Editor:

At a recent meeting, the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry Board was reflecting on our many blessings and considering how generous individuals and churches have been to us in 2006 and continuing into 2007. We decided it might be time to acknowledge this publicly.

It is impossible to list all of the numerous individuals who have helped us over the past year, and we hesitate to list names lest we miss someone. We would like those persons to know that we truly appreciate their efforts and contributions to the pantry and its clients. Whether you donated money or food or paper products or toiletries, all went to households who need a little extra help.

The churches who have helped us to sustain our operation are Barnard Methodist Church, Bethany Lutheran, Charlevoix United Methodist, Christ Episcopal, Community Church of God, Community Reformed Church, Family of Faith Ministries, First Baptist Church, First Congregational Church UCC, Greensky Hill Methodist Church, Ironton Congregational, Norwood United Methodist and St. Mary Catholic Church. This is a wonderful testimony to the ecumenical nature of our pantry and the goodness and generosity of the members of these congregations.

Your help has advanced our program and touched the lives of many people in the process.

We thank you sincerely and in this most holy season of Easter, pray that God will bestow his rich blessings on all of you.

Sue Dixon
Charlevoix Community Food Pantry Board
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SUPPORT FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS

Editor:

We are a part of the Charlevoix Future Problem Solving program. Future Problem Solvers is a gifted and talented program that allows students to use their creative thinking and academic skills. Students are given a problem that occurs in a future scene that requires six steps to solve.

This year our two four-person teams have made it to the state competition at Michigan State University. We will be judged against many other teams from around the state. Practicing for this competition takes up the majority of the short amount of time we have together.

Due to our lack of time, our fund-raising efforts have been put on hold. We would greatly appreciate any donations to support this excellent program. In addition to monetary donations, we are able to accept Spartan UPC labels, Oleson's receipts, Box Tops for Education and ink cartridges. If you wish to donate, please drop off or mail to Future Problem Solvers, attn.: Amy Pott, 108 E. Garfield St. Charlevoix, MI 49720. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Katie Mays and
Lacey Greene
Eighth-grade
Future Problem Solvers
Charlevoix Middle School

ADDRESS GLARE

Editor:

Some time ago Charlevoix 7-Eleven installed a high intensity light fixture to protect their employees and shoppers entering the store.

The light shines on the parking lot (a good idea). But it also shines directly toward the new marina. Boaters entering the marina, at night should not have to contend with the bright light.

A contact was made, Sept. 27, 2005, to the local manager. I was then directed to corporate offices, "Yes we can do something." Nothing has been done following numerous phone calls and promises.

Last fall an offer to install a shield on the light fixture at no cost to Charlevoix 7-Eleven was made and still no response.

Summer residents, summer visitors and the boating season are coming soon. There is a simple fix to the glaring light. Charlevoix 7-Eleven provides a good service to the Charlevoix community. How about being aware and considerate of the community's safety too.

The offer to place the shield on the light still stands.

John W. Campbell
Charlevoix

SHAME ON CITY COUNCIL, EDITOR

Editor:

Reading items on the workings, or non-workings, of the Charlevoix City Council are enough to make one cry. I guess it could be chalked up to ineptitude or just plain small-town politics. I refer to it's most current machinations which forced Peter Pollack, the designer of the East Park project, to resign. This is only the most recent example of how the council vacillates and/or makes its decisions.

What is even worse though, is reading an article in the Courier only to find that the article mentioned above ends on page three (sic) "...now working on an agree-..." with no continuation on another page. This hints of poor editorialship. Someone isn't reading the proofs. Is this the way to run a paper?

Dr. Marshall H. Cossman
Charlevoix

MDC DREAM

Editor:

South Arm Township has many hills and valleys that are beautiful.

If South Arm Township agrees to expanding Manthai Development Corp. mining facilities on Ellsworth Road, many issues need to be addressed: The number one issue has to be safety. Then road improvements, signage and buffers.

Another hot button topic is degradation of the area. Just take a look at MDC's headquarters at Heise Road and U.S. 31 South. MDC has a lot of nerve if it can't clean up it's own front yard. How in the hell can they or would they clean up another?

I have a dream too. Leave it alone.

Arnie Cox
Ellsworth

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK

Editor:

In the time it takes you to read this letter, 10 Americans will be harmed by violent crime. Violence can touch any family. Some people recover quickly while others are affected for years or even a lifetime of physical, psychological and financial stresses. Unfortunately, many harmful stereotypes exist regarding who "asked for" something malicious to happen to them "If only a victim hadn't been where they were, at that time of night with those people."

The fact is no one asks to be assaulted. To excuse a perpetrators behavior because of something like what the victim was wearing is to say carrying a wallet means you're asking to get mugged.

This is National Crime Victims Week, when communities throughout the nation acknowledge victims of crime and the people who have helped them rebuild their lives. If you or someone you know has been a victim of crime, find out how you can help by intervening in the safest way possible. The Charlevoix County Prosecutor and Victim Advocate are here to serve those in need of services after a crime.

Help your community serve every victim, every time.

Keely Frye
Victim advocate
Charlevoix County
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CHARLEVOIX PULLS TOGETHER

Editor:

Recently I saw Charlevoix pull together as a town and would like to say thank you. Pizza Hut held a "tip night" fund-raiser where both the city and township fire departments along with the EMS pulled together to raise money for Kimberly Isaac, a 32-year-old mother who is battling cancer.

Volunteers agreed to work at Pizza Hut with all of the tips going to Kimberly. This takes a lot of caring and generosity on everyone's part. Again, a big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and left tips that were wonderful.

Kim Brock
Charlevoix

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Navigating caretaker roles

VILLAGE

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caring and nurturing individuals who are willing to help. I brought my father up here due to the mistreatment he was receiving elsewhere. I found the administration at Boulder Park ready to give me a listening ear. When I needed further help, Northern Michigan Hospital opened its doors and took the time to explain medical jargon and transitional placement. I continued to meet angels along the way.

Ruth from Sunnybank gave me the assurance and comfort during a stressful time. At Charlevoix Area Hospital, Kathy in physical therapy and Laura in speech pathology provided therapy for dad, not realizing they were providing it for me as well. The grandkids have found a safe haven at our many beaches and at the Charlevoix Public Library. Friends continue to help friends by calling each other regularly to provide meals for each other, a listening ear or an occasional outing. The care we all have given and received would not be happening in a larger bustling city. Many of you have already experienced the not so helpful, too busy, overworked, underpaid attitude prevalent elsewhere. As much as some of us complain about the politics and petty things that occur. I for one am grateful everyday to say I live in Charlevoix.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your help and support you've given me throughout my life and hope that in some small way I will be there for you as well.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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19th Annual DARE golf benefit May 10 at Boyne Mountain

The Boyne City Police Department and Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office have organized the 19th Annual DARE Golf Benefit and Dinner on May 10 at Boyne Mountain.

Tee time is noon on the Alpine Course. The golf tournament is a four-person, shotgun start scramble. Dinner, which is part of the entry fee, will be served at 5 p.m. at Eriksen's Restaurant at Boyne Mountain.

Prizes will be awarded on par three holes, as well as to those golfers with the longest drive, most putts and closest to the pin. A hole in one jackpot worth $5,000 cash is up for grabs on two selected par three holes.

The cost of golf and dinner is $80 per person, and will also include a group photo for each team member. Dinner can be purchased separately for $14.50. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Boyne City Police Department.

To register or for more information, call the Boyne City Police Department at (231) 582-6611 and ask for Bardel Belford or assistant chief of police, Jeff Gettel.

D.A.R.E.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser are used to purchase educational materials, train DARE officers and to purchase graduation supplies and instructional equipment used for the DARE program.

The DARE curriculum focuses on teaching students to resist drugs, alcohol, and tobacco, and to develop self-esteem, responsibility, resisting peer pressure and making informed, responsible decisions.

The Boyne City Police Dept. and Charlevoix County Sheriff Dept. have been teaching the DARE program since 1988 and were two of the first agencies and communities in Michigan to implement the program.

FOUR GENERATIONS

Courtesy photo

On Tuesday, April 17, the Staffel/Cummings families drove to Kalamazoo to visit Alexandria Cummings to view her ceramic works in the BFA Group Exhibition entitled Earth Works being held at Western Michigan University. Alex will graduate this winter after a semester of student teaching. She is majoring in ceramics and art education. Pictured from left is her great grandfather, Bill Staffel of Charlevoix, her mother, Shannon Cummings of Harbor Springs, her grandmother, Marell Staffel of Charlevoix, Alexandria Cummings and her great grandmother, Bonnie Staffel of Charlevoix. The group is standing in front of a large gas kiln in which Alexandria fires her work.

Lincoln Day Dinner features Dick DeVos

The Charlevoix County Republicans will have their annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Thursday, May 10 at Mountain Grand Lodge in the Vienna Room at Boyne Mountain.

The reception will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7 p.m. The guest speaker is Dick DeVos. Senator Jason Allen and Representative Kevin Elsenheimer are expected as well.

To join Charlevoix County Republicans as a Century Club member, the cost is $100 which includes two Lincoln Day Dinner tickets and two tickets to the July 8 Charlevoix County Republican Picnic at Whiting Park.

The non-member charge for the Lincoln Day Dinner is $30 per person.

A cash bar will be available.

For more information, call Susan Flanders (231) 547-4887 or Linda Wertz (231) 547-8980.

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FIRST COMMUNION

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The children of St. Mary Church received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the 11 a.m. Mass on April 15. They are (front, from left) Julia Doskoch, Emily Hennard, Nicholas Bradley, David Hosler, Kamryn Veryser, Hunter Randall, Mackenzy O'Leary, (middle, from left) Fr. Jerry Hunko, Thomas Derengowski, Sabrina Hosler, Dylan Koenigknecht, Hudson Elowsky, Miranda Steiglitz, Brenden Russell, Luke Buday, (back, from left) Isabelle Buday, Kelly Wakulat, Lydia Balyo, Matthew Good, Harley Argetsinger, Kevin Pearl, Brad Klinger, Grace Sutherland, Jacob Mitchell and Mary Plude.

Sheriff's office offers seniors cleanup program

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is offering a cleanup program for senior citizens of Charlevoix County.

Sheriff George Lasater will be assigning county jail prisoners, supervised by the sheriff's office to assist senior citizens with raking and general cleanup of their yards.

This program also includes townships in Charlevoix County where prisoners may be assigned under supervision, to clean cemeteries, parks and other sites.

Sheriff Lasater advises only prisoners who are not a security risk to the community will be assigned to this detail.

The senior citizen portion of the cleanup program is funded by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Senior Millage Fund.

Senior citizens must call the Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103 to sign up for the yard cleanup program. Township officials may contact Sheriff Lasater at (231) 547-4461 for arrangements.

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OBITUARY

Jane Glidden: March 4, 1919 - April 15, 2007

Jane T. Glidden, 88, died April 15 at Woodlawn Meadows in Hastings.

Funeral services and hurial were held April 17 at Oakwood Cemetery in Lyon Township.

Born on March 4, 1919, in Charlevoix she was the daughter of Homer and Mae (Woods) Brady. She married Herbert Glidden on Aug. 11, 1935 in Ellsworth. He preceded her in death on Dec. 22, 1974. She later married Arthur Malknecht in 1982 and he preceded her in death in 1989.

A homemaker, Mrs. Glidden was a longtime resident of Higgins Lake where she was a member of AmVets Ladies Auxiliary Post 13, Charles M. Engel VFW Post #4159 Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion Post 106 Ladies Auxiliary, Houghton Lake Elks and Grayling Moose. She was a friend of Margaret Gahagan and served on the board of the Gahagan Nature Preserve. She and her family were instrumental in the development of the preserve and funding for various projects.

Survivors include three children, Herbert R. (Marsha) Glidden of Williamsburg, Va., Lois (David) Pickering of Hastings and Kathleen (John) Faust of Petoskey; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandsons. She was preceded in death by two husbands; three hrothers, Homer, Jim and William Brady; two sisters, Esther Doyle and Hilda Gibson; and a grandson, Tommy Beckett.

Memorial contributions can be made to Barry Community Hospice, 450 Meadow Run, Suite 200, Hastings, MI 49058.

Arrangements were handled hy Walsh Funeral Home in Roscommon.

DEATH NOTICE

William F. Preston: Died Jan. 19, 2007

William F. Preston, 87, of Charlevoix, died Jan. 19.

A graveside service will take place at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 5, at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Paul Bradley will officiate, and military honors will he performed under the auspices of the Charlevoix Area Veterans. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

LETTERS to the editor

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MOVE MINE FORWARD

Editor:

I think it's time that your readers hear the other side of the Norwood Township sand and gravel story.

I was with Wayne Wynkoop in the fall of 2005 when a man from Norwood Township Planning Commission came to visit the site.

This person who was the chairman of the Planning Commission for 2006 was visiting because of Wayne's recent application for a special use permit approval for sand and gravel extraction.

He made it very clear that he disagreed with the application because of the site's alleged historic significance.

Wayne has owned this land for 24 years. As a cousin and a friend I have assisted him with reclamation and development of the land.

In all this time there has never been an issue with the township or zoning.

Now there seems to he a tremendous amount of concern about his project.

Wayne's property is located in the agricultural district. It is not visible to any adjacent land owners and it is completely surrounded by large trees and over a quarter mile from the road. The area that he intends to work is surrounded on two sides by Fisherman's Island State Park.

Sand and gravel extraction is allowed by Norwood Township Zoning with special use approval. Many of the allowable uses in the agricultural district have the potential to create circumstances that some may find objectionable.

Farming operations create problems with flies and scatters raw manure along township roads. The smell from the manure spread on fields to fertilize the soil along U.S. 31 is as much a part of our local culture as the opening and closing of the Dairy Queen.

We do not attack farmers for doing what they do to make a living.

I wonder at the motivation for the unfair and biased attacks on Wayne and Micheline Wynkoop for trying to use their property for a use permitted by zoning?

The proposed operation does not involve wetlands and does not impact ground water. It has received written clearance for the project from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The Charlevoix County Road Commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation have given their approval for the intended use of the road and the county has issued the necessary soil erosion permit.

Wayne and Micheline Wynkoop have spent a great deal of time and money to do the right thing. The opposition seems to feel that spreading misinformation and suing the township at taxpayers' expense is the noble and right thing.

What do you think?

Leroy Wynkoop
Ellsworth

WHAT A GREAT TOWN

Editor:

Do you know what a great town we live in? There are many things we could complain about or wish we had — but I'd like to say thanks for what we do have. In particular our incredible healthcare.

I had the pleasure of having two children at Charlevoix Area Hospital, as well as numerous other procedures, visits to the after hours clinic, etc. Each and every time the staff was very accommodating, friendly and compassionate with their care. I would recommend our small town hospital to anyone.

Also, I wanted to thank Dr. Tinney, Chris and the rest of the staff at Pine River Medical. Along with having the two aforementioned children it seems like with one or the other we are always in need of an appointment. Whether it is just for a "well" visit, or if the kids are sick, their entire office staff is always willing to fit you in and never makes you feel like an inconvenience. Their office gives incredible care and again, I would recommend them to all.

Small towns have their upsides and downsides. I felt like it was time to comment on some of the small upsides that help make my life a whole lot easier. So, thank you Charlevoix for being a helpful and caring community.

Jen and Bryan Vollmer
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Wilks pleads to reduced charges

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Robert Wilks

A Bellaire man pleaded guilty, Friday, April 27 to a reduced charge in connection with an attempted robbery at a Charlevoix drug store in January.

Robert Jason Wilks, 25, pleaded guilty in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court to one count of attempted unarmed robbery, a five-year felony. In exchange for his plea, the Charlevoix County Prosecutor's office has agreed to drop charges of attempted armed robbery and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. The charges are punishable hy up to five and two years in prison respectively.

The charge stems from an attempted robbery that took place at about 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 16 at the Central Drug Store at 301 Bridge St. in Charlevoix.

Workers at the store told police that a man walked into the store, asked for a pen and paper, wrote a note demanding Oxycontin and morphine and then gave the note to the pharmacist. When the pharmacist refused, the suspect fled the store.

In court last Friday, Wilks admitted to the allegations, saying he intended to steal the drugs, but denied having a gun.

Authorities had heen handling the case as an attempted armed robbery based upon a report from one of the workers that he saw what appeared to the handle of a handgun sticking out from the suspect's waistband.

However, Charlevoix County chief assistant prosecutor Shaynee Fanara said police were not able to find any other evidence that Wilks actually had a gun with him at the time of the attempted robbery.

Wilks, who is free from custody on a $10,000 surety bond, will he sentenced on Friday, May 25.

Steve Zucker may be reached at 439-9346 or szucker@petoskeynews.com

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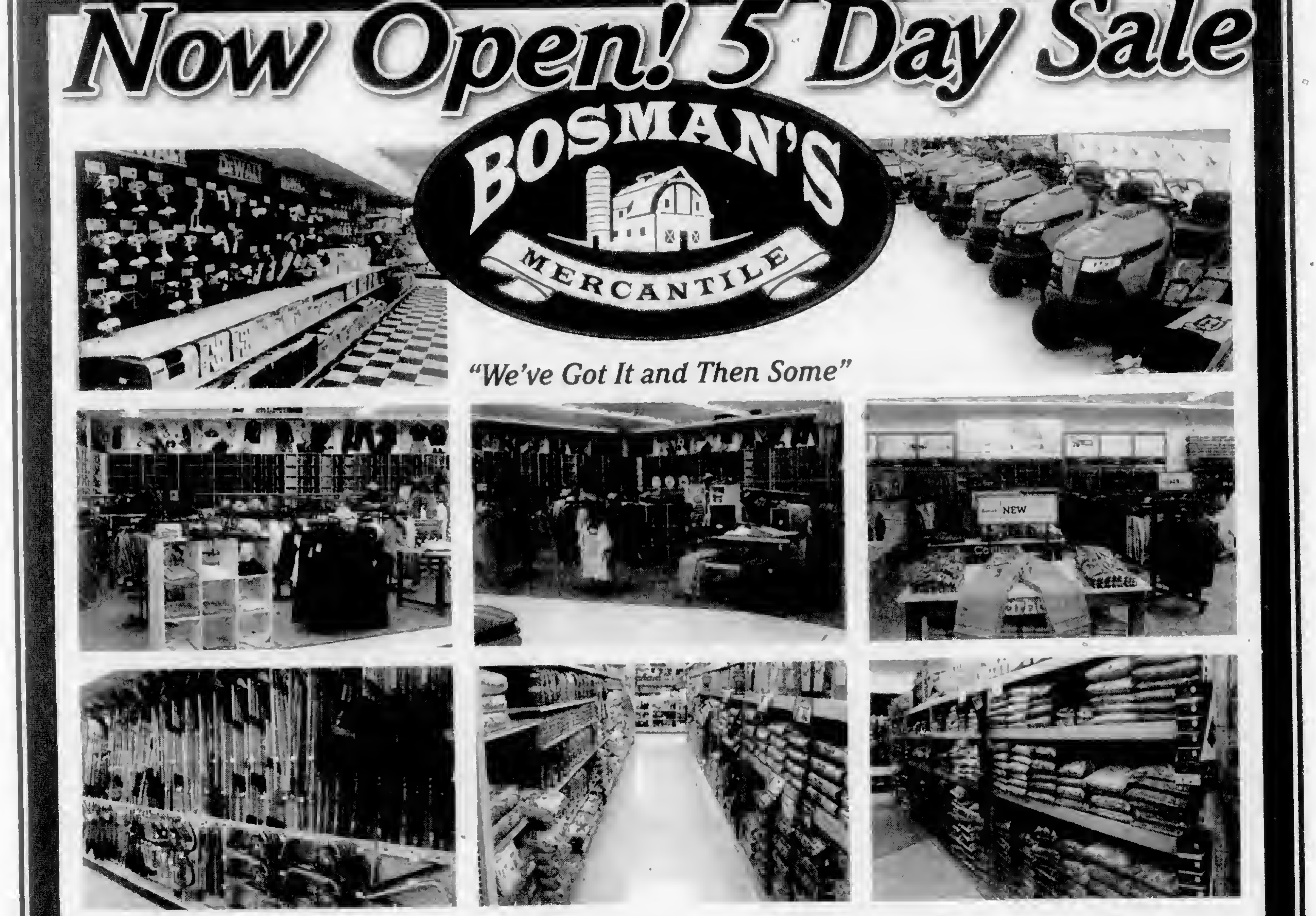

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During the school year, the Charlevoix Courier publishes a Parenting page that runs the first Wednesday of the month. Headlining the section is a column written by area health practitioners and other kid experts. Also included are book picks for all ages. Send column ideas to news@charlevoixcourier.com or mail them to Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117 Charlevoix, MI 49720

Are Charlevoix schools offering healthy choices?

KIDS CORNER

Benjamin Gohs

In an attempt to keep today's kids from becoming the two-thirds of Michiganders who tip the scales at overweight or obese, ■ Lansing officials instated a statewide health and wellness policy.

Barbara Flis, a Detroit area parent advocate and founder of Parent Action for Healthy Kids, hosted a workshop on school wellness policies and the state of health of children in general last week at Charlevoix Public Library.

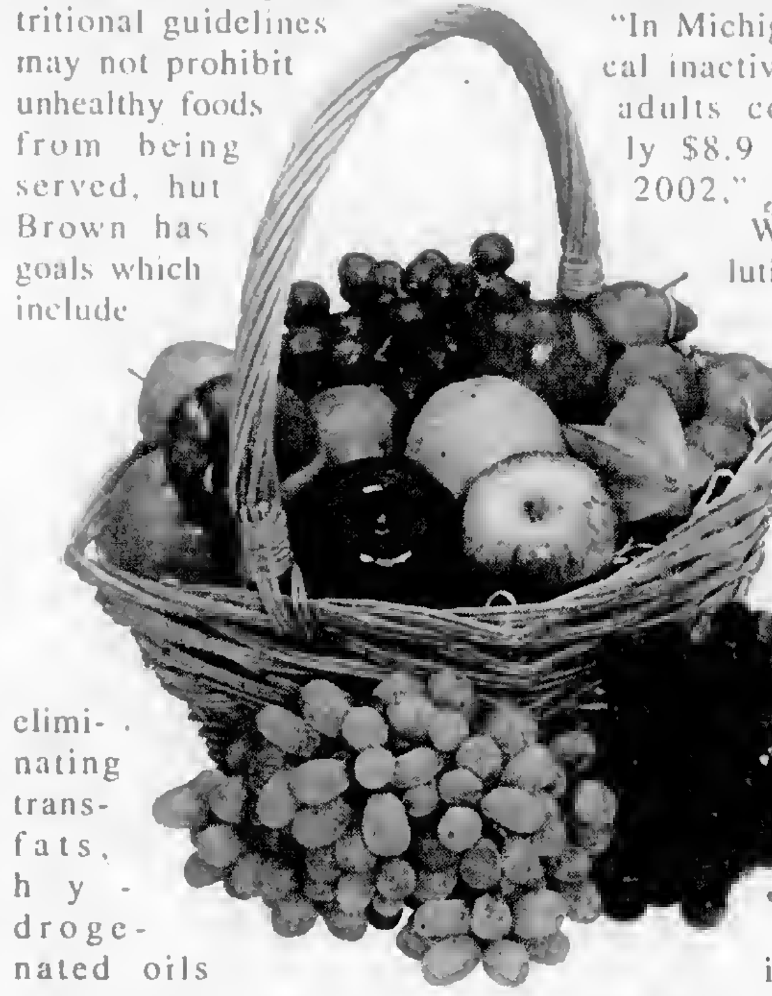
"The government keeps giving money to (95 percent of) schools to fund that school meal, but they're saying, 'Wait a minute, we're giving taxpayer money to schools to pay for the meal but we need to make sure that meal is a healthy meal,'" Flis said.

From section 204 of Public Law 108-265 of June 30, 2004, all schools participating in a school lunch program receiving funding under the National School Lunch Act or Child Nutrition Act must establish a wellness policy which includes a committee comprised of educators, parents and students; goals for nutrition education; physical activity; other school-based activities designed to promote student wellness; and nutrition guidelines.

While some school lunch programs may be in need of adjustment, a walk through the food line at Charlevoix High School reveals fruit, muffins, juice, white meat chicken strips, salads, sandwiches with multi-grain bread and wraps among various deep-fried items and casseroles.

"There are definitely healthy things," said Charlevoix Public Schools head cook, Lori Brown. "I believe in healthy choices — that's how I've always eaten and that's how I raised my children."

Pointing to display racks of chips, Pop Tarts and candy bars, she added. "If you want bad stuff, it's here, but maybe someday we won't have it."



The state's vague nutritional guidelines may not prohibit unhealthy foods from being served, but Brown has goals which include eliminating trans-fats, hydrogenated oils and energy drinks from the cafeteria.

Flis said unhealthy dietary habits and sedentary behavior account for 300,000 deaths and $100 billion in health care costs nationwide each year.

"In Michigan, physical inactivity among adults costs nearly $8.9 billion in 2002," she said.

While the solution may be tricky, Flis said, people got here by eating too much and exercising too little.

"One in three American children born in 2000 will develop diabetes in their lifetime. 62 percent (of children) did not at-

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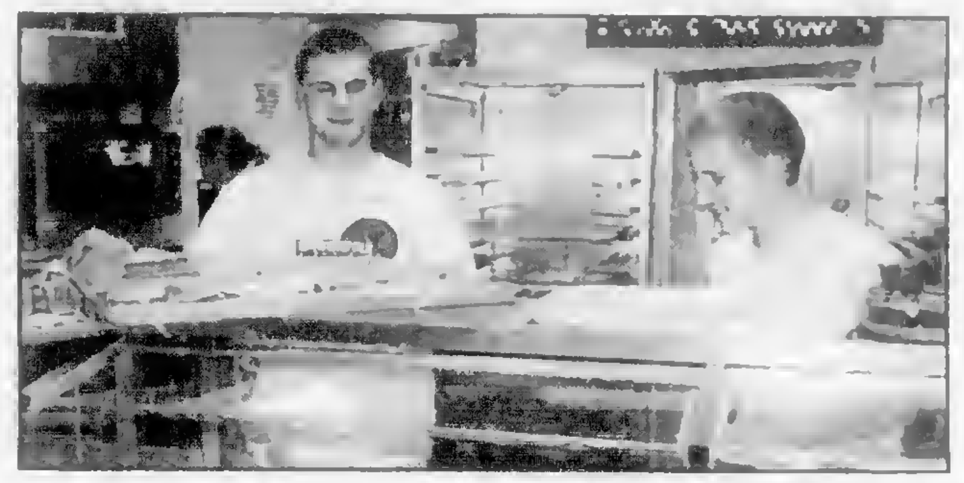

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Justin Klooster (left) and Matt Mailloux spend a portion of their lunch period helping out in the Charlevoix High School lunchroom. Charlevoix Public Schools comply with the nutritional aspect of Michigan's Health and Wellness policy by providing whole grain breads, salads, yogurt and fresh fruit as alternatives to their fried food, candy and snack food offerings.

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HEALTH

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tend physical education classes (in 2006)," she said. "70 percent did not attend physical education classes daily."

She added, "Over 80 percent of Michigan high school students did not eat the recommended amounts of fruits and vegetables and two-thirds of American adolescents do not consume at least 75 percent of the recommended amount of calcium."

Flis said the mass marketing of junk food to children is a contributing factor in the decline of their health.

"1950 was the beginning of the 'Youngster business,'" she said. "Two men played a key part in influencing the marketing to America's children: Ray Kroc and Walt Disney. They created imaginative worlds for selling many things and they linked products to the feeling, ideas and dreams of children."

Charlevoix High School principal, Gary Grundman, said his school has offered healthy food and drink for as long as he can remember.

"We lock the pop machines up for lunch so they are not available at lunch time," he said. "We've had an extensive hot lunch program for a long time. You could go back to menus we had in the old building and when we moved here we just expanded it. We still have the candy and pop machines in our building, but our building was in pretty good stead when all the regulations came down."

He added, "We have vegetarian menus and Lori (Brown) does specialty items for them."

Milk and sandwiches, an alternative to junk food, are offered to hungry students after school.

"Our job is to educate the kids so they understand choices and healthy lifestyles," Grundman said. "We do have a responsibility, but I don't think schools one way or the other can solve this issue — it's a much bigger issue. How many fast food commercials do you see in one hour of television?"

Grundman invited anyone interested to visit the school and see the hot lunch program in action.

Fast facts

Children see about 40,000 advertisements on TV per year.

Marketing to children increased from $6.2 billion in 1992 to $12 billion in 1997.

Children 12 to 19 spent $170 billion in 2002.

Children under 12 influence $500 billion of purchases each year.

Source: Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood

'Must reads' from library director Valerie Meyerson

The following is a list of age specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for May reading. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

DAVID WEISNER, "FLOTSAM" KINDERGARTEN AND UP

Weisner's "Flotsam" may be a wordless picture book, but the fantasy will appeal to an older audience. At the seashore, a boy uses his magnifying glass to explore. When a strange box is washed ashore, he discovers the film canister inside and takes it to be developed. The pictures show him a fantastical undersea world.

JAMES HOWE, "HOUNDSLEY AND CATINA" FIRST, SECOND GRADES

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Lieberman, Kurtz honored with OPIE awards

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

There may not be a red carpet or 24-Karat statues, but this year's winners of the Outstanding Person In Education (OPIE) award are excited all the same.

The annual award ceremony, scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 at Sylvan Treetops Resort will honor educators like Mary Lieberman and support staff like Elaine Kurtz.

Mary Lieberman

Lieberman, a secondary resource teacher at Charlevoix High School feels her nomination is representative of the entire faculty.

"I believe that Charlevoix Public Schools is blessed to have a number of outstanding educators on their faculty," she stated in an e-mailed response to question. "I only wish that each and every one of our teachers could share this recognition with me. Being recognized by my peers as the Outstanding Person in Education from our district is the ultimate honor. I am truly humbled by their recognition of my contributions to Charlevoix Public Schools.

During her three decades working in special education, Lieberman has been a secondary resource teacher.

"I have served in a variety of roles while serving the district: District Steering Committee, Curriculum Design Team, Crisis Response Team, Community Transition Council, Student Assistance Team, Special Education Core Team Chair and Mentor for probationary teachers," she stated.

Lieberman cannot remember a time in her childhood when she wanted to do anything but teach.

"I also had two significant experiences that inspired me to pursue special education. My brother suffered a massive aneurysm while playing football prior to his senior year. When he reentered the high school after several months of rehabilitation, there really wasn't a program (or) support services that fit his individual needs," she wrote. "Also, I did have the opportunity to work as a student teacher aide in an elementary resource room where I witnessed on a daily basis the struggles and challenges faced by young disabled students."

Lieberman feels she gets much more from her job than she puts in.

"Each and every day as I work with disabled young men and women, I learn so much myself. They remind me every day about the important things in life," she stated. "The youth of today are a tremendously hardworking, capable and caring generation. Despite a number of challenges and bumps in the road, as I work with my special education students I witness a diligence, persistence and striving for personal success that is truly amazing."

Lieberman, who lives in Petoskey, has two grown children a son, Kyle and a daughter, Bethany.

Elaine Kurtz

Support staff member, Kurtz, has worked as a teacher's assistant for 10 years.

"I think everybody deserves this award. I know they've always singled one person out, but I would like to stress that we should all share it," she said. "I feel very honored and think I would like to share this award with all my coworkers."

She isn't sure when her love of education began, but like Lieberman, Kurtz said she does not remember ever wanting to do anything else.

"I have always been interested in watching the kids grow and learn different things," she said. "I've worked with kindergarten through fourth-grade. Reading is my favorite subject to help with. It's very rewarding."

She added, "I enjoy working with people in the school and find everybody very supportive of each other. It's very rewarding seeing the kids grow and learn."

The wife of John and mother of Luther and Amy thanked everyone with whom she worked and emphasized this is a team effort.

"I think anybody on the support staff could have been chosen for this award," she said. "I'm basically accepting this on behalf of the support staff."

While the award is nice, Kurtz said. "The smiles and hugs I get from kids really make my day."

Who? Charlevoix Public Schools staff members Mary Lieberman and Elaine Kurtz.

What? Chosen by their peers to be named Outstanding Persons in Education.

What's next? Both will accept their awards at a ceremony to take place at 6 p.m. on May 3 at Sylvan Treetops Resort in Gaylord.

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County equalized values increase in 2006

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Graphic by Jessie Healy

Charlevoix County equalized values (CEV) were up 4.78 percent — 2.8 percent of which consisted of new construction, which is down from an increase in values of eight percent in 2006.

These numbers, recently released during the regular Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners' meeting, have no effect on the year to year taxes levied against local landowners.

"The only time the assessments really have a bearing on taxes is when a transfer is involved," said Charlevoix County Equalization Director, Tom Wolf. "When you purchase property, it gets uncapped which is called a pop-up tax and the value becomes the assessed value."

Wolf said eight to 10 percent growth is the usual and isn't sure why the growth in values has slowed.

"It depends on the market. They (rates) can stay flat or they can go up. The market dictates what assessments will do," he said. "If the market goes down, we have to change the assessments to show that."

Wolf said last year's numbers may have remained high due to increased activity in the Boyne area.

Of the 4.78 percent increase, Charlevoix Township was 8.02 percent, Eveline Township was 11.65 percent, Hayes Township was 10.58 percent, Marion Township was 3.59 percent, Norwood Township was 2.47 percent, Peaine Township was 3.8 percent and St. James Township was 2.38 percent.

Property in Charlevoix County is assessed annually as directed by state law and calculated to reflect a figure 50 percent of market value.

Real property falls into five classes: Agricultural, commercial, industrial, residential and timber cutover (barren land).

"Personal property includes machinery, equipment, furniture and fixtures in businesses," Wolf said. "Every township assessor and city assessor sends out personal property statements. They fill it out almost like a self-report and they give us the cost new and year (equipment) was manufactured and then we depreciate it."

The State Equalized Value figures, scheduled for release later this summer, are the finalized record of all the values in the state.

"State Equalized Values are only different from the County Equalized Values if the state disagrees with how the county has equalized that," Wolf said. "The state can increase or subtract from, but very seldom do you see where the state added to an individual county."

He added, "That's why it's important that the county and state (figures) match. Your SEV is going to be the same as your assessed value."

Assessed and equalized values

Respective assessed and equalized values of real property and personal property respectively for townships and cities in Charlevoix County in 2006 are as follows:

Charlevoix Township — $220,242,300; $29,855,000
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Hayes Township — $324,242,600; $5,835,700
Marion Township — $110,585,100; $1,445,600
Norwood Township — $75,790,600; $1,177,900
Peaine Township — $117,759,650; $603,531
St. James Township — $73,327,077; $790,422
City of Charlevoix — $339,668,200

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Midwest Living names Charlevoix a 'Best Small-Town Getaway'

BY RYAN BENTLEY
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
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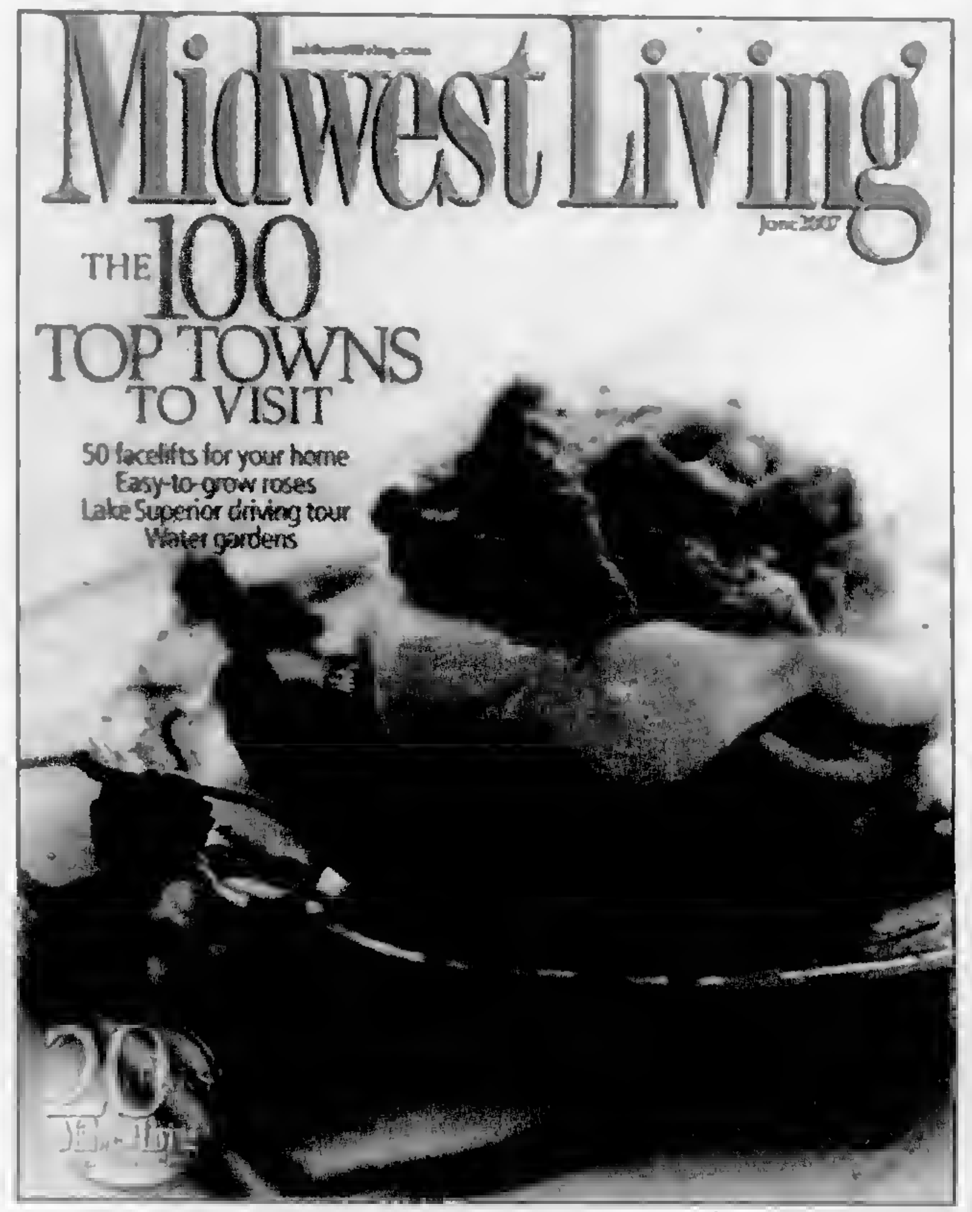
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Northwest Michigan towns have landed on many a top destination list — and the trend continues this spring for Petoskey and Charlevoix with a mention in Midwest Living magazine.

The editors of Midwest Living ranked Petoskey and Charlevoix No. 2 on its "100 Best Small-Town Getaways" list. Ephraim/Fish Creek, in Door County, Wis., earned the top ranking.

To assemble the list, the magazine's editors looked at the 8,500 Midwestern towns with populations less than 20,000. Over several months, they did additional research to rank towns based on attractions, vibe, scenery, walkability, shopping, dining, lodging, arts scene, outdoor activities, proximity to major cities, multiday potential and wild card (a category covering special events such as festivals).

For the Petoskey/Charlevoix entry on the list, the magazine's editors noted: "These neighboring resort towns along the Lower Peninsula's northwestern shore began entertaining vacationers who came by steamship more than a century ago. Petoskey climbs hills along Little Traverse Bay, and Charlevoix nestles between Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix. The beach and harbor are steps from the 100 shops and galleries of Petoskey's Gaslight District and landmark Stafford's Perry Hotel."

Stafford's Perry Hotel, Andante, Jesperson's and the Inn at Bay Harbor were mentioned, and Bay Harbor's golf was described as the "Midwest's Pebble Beach."

Peter Fitzsimons, executive director of the Petoskey-Harbor Springs-Boyne Country Visitors' Bureau, said he plans to provide video footage of the area to Midwest Living, hoping that the magazine can use it as it seeks national publicity for its rankings.

"It wasn't a surprise, but it's wonderful to be included on the list and to be No. 2," Fitzsimons said.

Other Michigan communities listed among the top getaways included Saugatuck/Douglas at No. 5, Mackinac Island at No. 10, South Haven at No. 11, Leland/Suttons Bay at No. 12, Marshall at No. 25, Frankenmuth at No. 37, Manistee at No. 77, Copper Harbor at No. 79, Munising at No. 82 and Chesaning at No. 98.

Midwest Living, published bi-monthly, has a circulation base of 925,000.

Ryan Bentley can be contacted at 439-9342, or rbentley@petoskeynews.com.

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The great race

Elijah Levy (right) and Kevin Edick (left) engage in a friendly race during the Charlevoix Elementary School PTO Carnival on Friday, April 27 at Charlevoix High School. The gym was packed with games, prizes and children.

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Islanders, ISD residents decide seats, millage proposals

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
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Beaver Island voters and those across the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District will have to decide school board seats and millage requests on Tuesday, May 8.

Three seats are open on the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District. This is a six-year term. The following candidates are:

Robert W. Anderson
Jay Essenberg
Mary P Jason

Two seats are open on the Beaver Island Community Schools Board of Education. This is a four-year term. The following candidates are

Kristina I. Drost
Richard L. Speck
Gail M. Weede

Islanders will also be asked to decide an operating millage renewal proposal. This proposal will allow the district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 15.7908 mills on all property except principal residence, qualified agricultural and qualified forest property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. This renewal will last throughout 2007 and would raise approximately $1,302,000 if passed

A proposed renewal of .25 mills for the Beaver Island Historical Society will also be on the ballot. The millage was previously approved by the electors, but has since expired. If approved, this five-year millage would raise an estimated $10,535 in operational funds.

Voters must cast ballots for school board candidates and millage proposals between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. on May 8.

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Northwest students to compete at state band festival

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"All the students have been working very hard to prepare for the State Festival," said Northwest Academy Director, Gary Stutzman. "It is indeed an honor for them to have earned the right to represent Charlevoix at the State Band and Orchestra Festival."

The band qualified for the State Festival by earning Superior ratings on March 3 at the District II Band and Orchestra Festival in Petoskey. Several members of this band attended the Junior High Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, April 21 in Kalkaska.

Superior ratings were awarded to: Evan Kroon for trumpet solo; Christian Morrison for tenor sax solo; Sam Keehn for tuba solo and tuba/trombone duet with Aaron Schmidt; Schmidt was also awarded for his trombone solo.

Second Division ratings went to band members: Madelyn May and Christian Morrison for their saxophone duet; Christian Morrison and Casey Riley for their trumpet duet; May for her alto saxophone solo; Dalton Cooper for a clarinet solo; and Dylan Skop for his snare drum solo.

Division III ratings were given to Casey Riley and Kroon for their trumpet duet.

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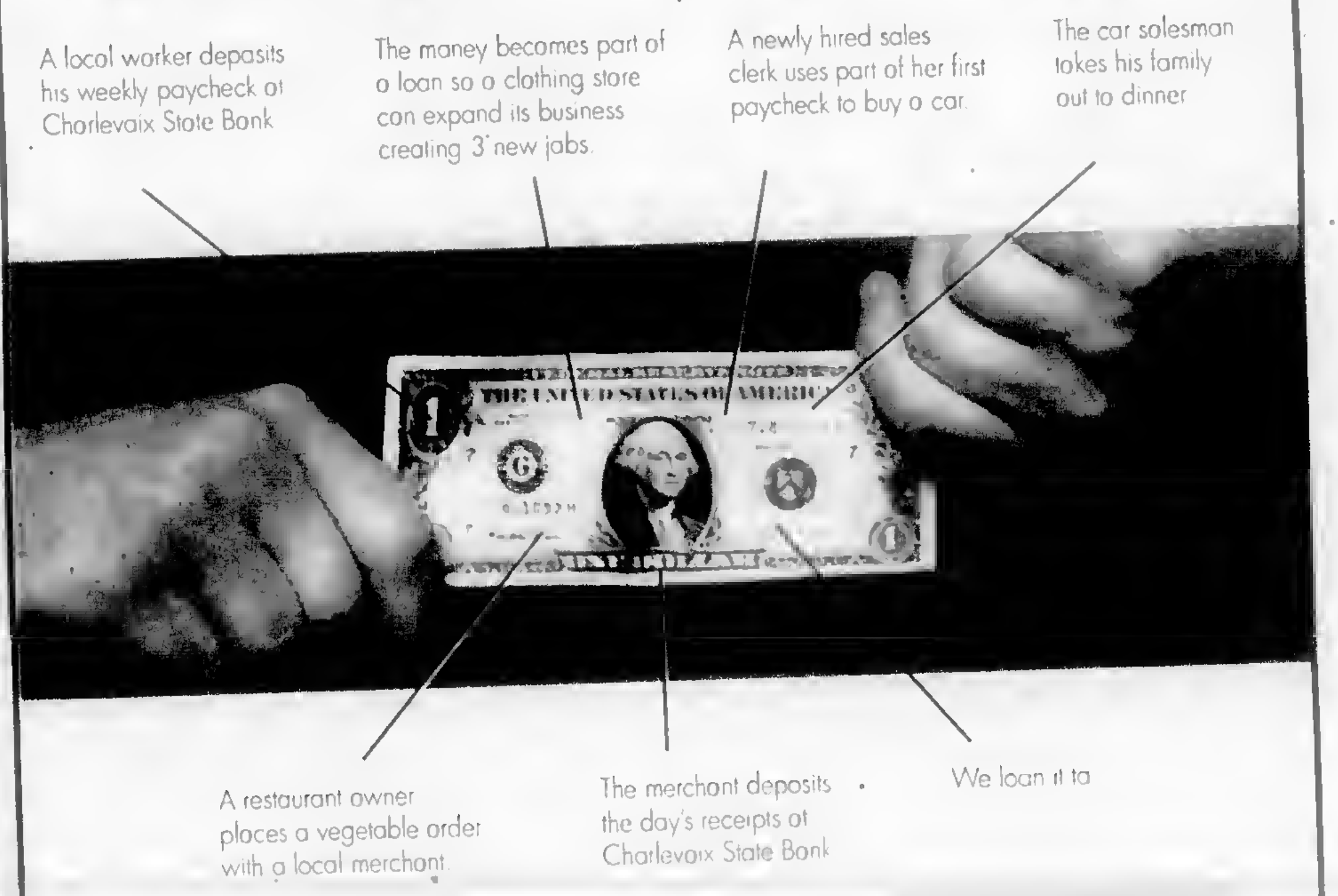
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Charlevoix Manufacturing honored with Michigan Manufacturer of the Year Award

James Hater

James Hater, general manager of Charlevoix Manufacturing Company, has been named runner-up in the 2007 John G. Thodis Michigan Manufacturer of the Year Award program.

The awards, presented by the Michigan Manufacturers Association (MMA), recognize Michigan manufacturers' positive contributions to the manufacturing industry and local communities.

"Jim Hater's commitment to the Charlevoix community and to the growth of manufacturing in northern Michigan is most impressive," said John MacIlroy, Michigan Manufacturers Association president and CEO. "We are pleased to recognize his accomplishments."

Hater, at the helm of Charlevoix Manufacturing Co. since it opened in 1978, has weathered the storm in the automotive supplier industry to grow his company from 23 employees to a high of 90 in 2006. Part of the company's success has been a focus on diversification. Starting with three customers in 1978, the firm now serves 22 businesses and has reduced its automotive business from 95 percent to 40 percent to ensure its longevity.

Hater was the driver behind the formation of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and City of Charlevoix Industrial Development Committee in 1983, which is tasked with attracting and retaining manufacturing business and jobs to the region, and has remained active to the present.

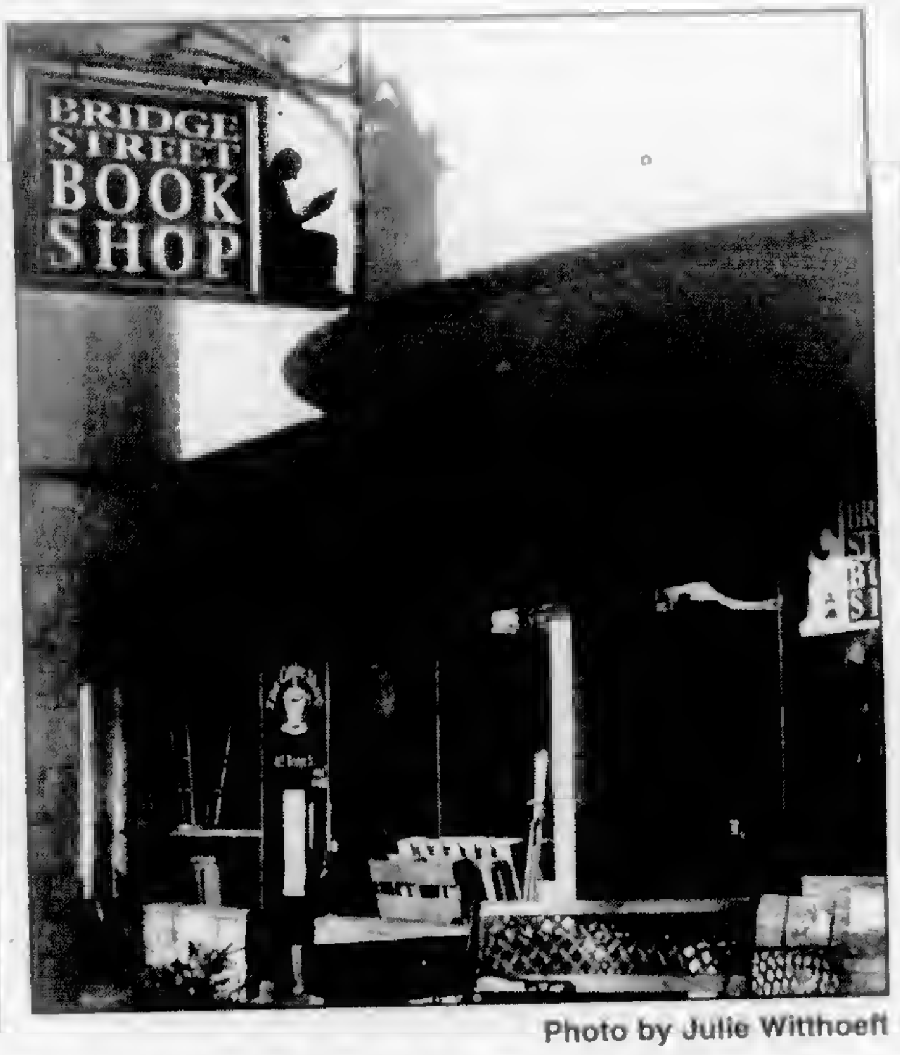
He is also on the steering committee of the Day of Caring, a community-wide day of volunteerism, and volunteers his time and funding to the Charlevoix school system.

"Jim is that rare individual who not only is willing to help out, but he picks up the phone and calls me to volunteer," said Gail Cherry, career preparation coordinator with the Charlevoix Public Schools.

Hater has hosted tours of his company for students, conducted mock interviews for high school students and participates in high school seniors' exit interviews.

Hater's Michigan Manufacturer of the Year Finalist award is one of five awards that will be presented to manufacturing leaders in this year's program.

The awards ceremony will take place in conjunction with the Michigan Manufacturers Association's CEO Forum at noon on May 8 at the Henry Center for Executive Development in Lansing.



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Family filing

Julana Swidorski, daughter of Kim Swidorski, human resources director at Harbor Industries, did some filing during Harbor's "Take Your Kid to Work Day" Thursday, April 26 when Harbor employees with children ages 9-15 were invited to bring their kids to work for a pizza lunch and guided tour of the manufacturing facility. In addition, Way Transportation brought over one of their big rigs for the kids to climb in and blow the horn. A total of 14 kids participated.

John Fiegen named Beaver Island Citizen of the Year

Courtesy photo

Beaver Island's 2006 Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year John Fiegen (center) stands with chamber president, Kathy Speck, and executive director, Steve West at the April 28 awards banquet.

John Fiegen was named Beaver Island Citizen of the Year at the 6th Annual Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award banquet on April 28 at Nina's Restaurant.

Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce president, Kathy Speck, read excerpts from a number of nomination letters that outlined the many ways Fiegen has helped the island community in years of service for the church, the St. James Township Planning Commission, the Beaver Island Community School Board, the Community Players and his giving nature to all who need a helping hand.

He was presented with a framed photograph of an island scene and received a tribute signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Senator Jason Allen and Representative Kevin Elsenheimer.

After the official award ceremonies, the audience enjoyed a sneak preview of Vic McCarty's documentary on the island slated to air on TV later this year.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Track teams take first place at home meet

The Charlevoix boys won 12 events and the Rayder girls captured six as they swept a four-team Lake Michigan Conference track and field meet April 23 at Kipke Field.

The Rayder boys finished with 124 1/2 points, followed by Harbor Springs, 59; Elk Rapids, 56 1/2; and Boyne City, 14.

Charlevoix edged Harbor Springs, 87-76, for the top spot in the girls' meet, while Boyne City, 59, was third. Elk Rapids finished with 25.

Event-by-event results with winners and area athletes placing in the top five, along with the winning distance or time.

GIRLS

Pole vault: 1-Caitlyn Wonski (BC), 10-0; 2-Spencley (CX); 3-Kerr (BC).

Shot put: 1-Lindsey Fahler (HS), 29-7; 2-Fish (BC); 3-Ward (HS); 4-Pett (CX); 5-LaVake (BC).

Discus: 1-Pett (CX), 99-7; 2-Fahler (HS); 3-Fish (BC); 4-Woodside (HS); 5-Way (CX).

Long jump: 1-Natasha Bell (BC), 15-6; 2-Alyssa Smith (CX); 4-Taylor Storm (CX); 5-Withrow (CX).

High jump: 1-Ward (HS), 4-10; 2-Jeakle (CX); 3-Smith (CX); 4-McLeod (BC).

3200 relay: 1-Charlevoix, 10:40.9; 2-Boyne City.

100 hurdles: 1-Emily Helfling (CX), 16.8; 2-Nichols (BC); 3-Wynkoop (CX); 4-Sanderson (HS); 5-K. Smith (HS).

100: 1-Mallory Roukema (HS), 14.1; 2-LaVake (BC); 3-Bills (CX); 4-Nuding (HS).

800 relay: 1-Boyne City, 1:59.8; 2-Charlevoix; 4-Harbor Springs.

400: 1-Morgan Schanski (HS), 65.4; 2-Smolenyak (CX).

400 relay: 1-Boyne City, 54.3; 2-Charlevoix.

800: 1-Edger (CX), 2:35.6; 2-Reeves (HS); 3-Murphy (HS); 4-Schwartz (HS).

300 hurdles: 1-Heffling (CX), 51.9; 2-Nichols (BC); 3-Kaela Sanderson (HS); 4-Kiersten Gokee (HS).

200: 1-Thibert (ER), 29.81; 2-Schanski (HS); 4-Jeakle (CX); 5-Bills (CX).

3200: 1-Dhaseleer (CX), 12:36.3; 2-Mansfield (BC); 3-Shepard (HS); 4-Spanburg (HS).

1600 relay: 1-Charlevoix, 4:29.3; 2-Harbor Springs, 4:37.4; Boyne City, 4:43.2.

BOYS

Pole vault: 1-Cliff Jones (CX), 12-10; 2-Hunter Boss (CX); 3-Mapes (BC); 4-Bathke (HS); 5-Place (BC).

Shot put: 1-Loubert (HS), 45-11; 2-Cole (CX); 3-Jones (CX); 4-Foster (HS); 5-Hartman (HS).

Discus: 1-Louhert (HS), 120-7; 2-Jones (CX); 4-Nagurka (HS); 5-Cole (CX).

Long jump: 1-Darron Munson (CX), 20-1 1/2; 3-Dika (HS); 4-Spence (BC); 5-Cepeda (CX).

High jump: 1-Mitch Crandall (CX), 6-2; 2-Foster (HS); 3-Gotshall (CX).

3200 relay: 1-Charlevoix (N. Wimmer, J. Wimmer, Dustin Arp, Jacoh Hunt), 8:48.2; 3-Harbor Springs.

110 hurdles: 1-Williams (ER), 16.1; 2-Plude (CX); 3-Kyle Nowels (HS); 4-Crandall (CX); 5-Whitley (CX).

800 relay: 1-Charlevoix (Plude, Ennis, Munson, Ace Edick), 1:35.1; 3-Harbor Springs.

1600: 1-Alex Buday (CX), 4:54; 3-N. Wimmer (CX); 4-Roloff (CX).

400 relay: 1-Charlevoix (Johnstone, Ennis, Eddick, Cornish), 46.4; 2-Harbor Springs; 3-Boyen City.

400: 1-Nate LaBlance (CX), 54.9.

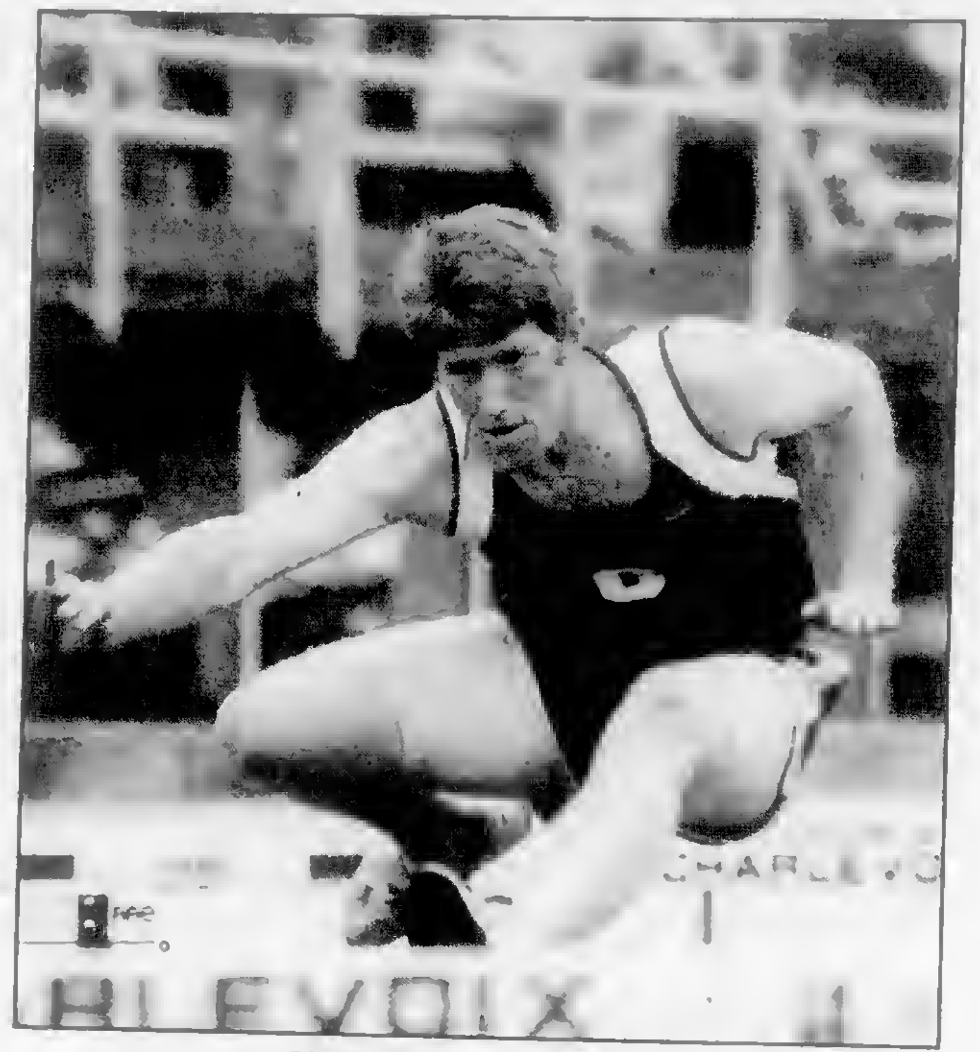
800: 1-Sunbury (ER), 2:13; 2-Redmer (BC); 3-Hunt (CX); 4-N. Wimmer (CX); 5-Buday (CX).

300 hurdles: 1-Scott Plude (CX), 42.8; 4-Whitley (CX); 5-Golovich (CX).

300: 1-Munson (CX), 23.8; 3-Cornish (CX); 4-Schlehuber (HS); 5-Spence (BC).

3200: 1-Trey Graham (HS), 10:11; 2-J. Wimmer (CX); 3-Brushaber (HS); 4-Arp (CX); 5-Place (BC).

1600 relay: 1-Charlevoix (Nate LaBlance, Plude, Roloff, Edick), 3:45.7; 3-Harbor Springs.



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Charlevoix's Scott Plude clears a hurdle en route to finishing second in the 110-meter hurdles Monday at Kipke Field. Plude won the 300 hurdles as the Charlevoix boys won the April 23 four-team Lake Michigan Conference meet. Charlevoix also won the girls' portion of the meet.

Rayders sweep Rams at doubleheader

The Rayder softball team swept the Rams of Harbor Springs in doubleheader action on April 19.

Charlevoix won the first game 4-3 and the second, 14-1.

"We played very good defense and let that carry us until our bats started to come around. We played very well as a team the girls were very focused and upbeat for both games," head coach, Tony Zimmerman, said.

Amher Hoffman pitched the first game striking out one, walking one and allowing nine hits. On offense Hoffman, Desi Faust, Charisse Rogers and Lauren Mielke each singled in that game.

In game two, Desi Faust struck out eight batters, walked three and allowed two hits for the win. Offensively, Mielke, Sasha Spencley and Rogers had two hits each to lead the nightcap victory.

The Rayders faced conference rivals Kalkaska on Monday. While results from this game were not available by press time, coach Zimmerman said his team worked on defense and minimizing strikeouts at the plate to prepare for the Blazers.

"Kalkaska is always tough, they have a great program but I feel confident that if the girls come out fired up we can come away with a couple more wins," he said.

As it stands Charlevoix softball is 4-4 overall and 2-2 in league play.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Conference wins keep baseball in the league race

The Charlevoix High School baseball team tallied four wins moving into a tough week of three conference doubleheaders in six days.

The doubleheader madness started on Tuesday, May 1 with Kalkaska, continues on Thursday, May 4 when they face Elk Rapids and ends with Traverse City St. Francis on May 8.

"They are three of the top teams in our league and it will be a great measuring stick for us to see where we are at," coach Allen Telgenhof said.

If recent games against Harbor Springs and Ellsworth are any indication of how the team will tackle the tough schedule, wins are in the baseball program's future.

On April 24, they swept a doubleheader beating Harbor Springs 3-1 and 11-5.

In game one, Chris Waha threw the complete game allowing six hits, one unearned run and one walk and striking out 12. On offense, Charlevoix had only had three hits. J.D. Speigl doubled in a run in the second inning. Waha tripled and scored the go-ahead run in the fourth inning. And in the sixth, Jon Putman singled, stole second, moved to third on a bounce out then scored on a double steal attempt at home, for an insurance run.

In game two, the Rayders were victorious in securing a five-inning mercy rule win.

Danny Waldron threw the five-inning complete game allowing one hit, no walks, one unearned run and striking out six batters. On offense, Putman went three for four, with three runs scored and two RBIs. Waha hit a bases loaded triple and scored a run. Travis Jakeway doubled. Cliff Jones singled and scored two runs. Michael Heckendorn singled, stole two bases and scored two runs. And R.J. Moore had a two-run single.

The win streak continued on April 27 when Charlevoix beat Ellsworth back-to-back 10-0 and 21-7.

In game one, Ty Telgenhof pitched five innings, allowed no runs, four hits, three walks and seven strikeouts. On offense, Waha went two for two. Heckendorn went two for three with two RBIs. Telgenhof went two for two. And Putman doubled and posted two RBIs.

In game two, Charlevoix trailed 7-4 headed into the bottom of the fourth and scored 17 runs in the fourth to win it. 19 straight Rayder batters reached base in the inning.

Telgenhof got the win in relief allowing one hit, three strikeouts and no runs. On offense, Charlevoix had 16 hits as a team. Heckendorn went three for four, with two steals and 2 RBIs. Zach Scharenbroch went three for four with two runs and three RBIs. Waha, Moore and Waldron went two for three.

The wins against Harbor Springs brought the Rayders to 2-2 in the conference and keeps the team in the league race.

Lady Rayder soccer team continues winning tear

The Lady Rayder soccer team continued its shutout tear with two Lake Michigan Conference wins over East Jordan and Kalkaska and a third win over Traverse City St. Francis.

On April 27, the Rayders defeated the East Jordan Red Devils 8-0. The Rayders remained unbeaten overall and in the Lake Michigan Conference with that home win on Friday.

Scoring for the Rayders were Meridith Rich (2), both on unassisted corner kicks, Emily Foster, Marnie Greene, Tammy Potter, Olivia Catt, Becca Madison and Bobbie Molter. Assists went to Catt, Breanna Londgren, Rich, Madison and Elisaheth Drost. Greene earned Rayder Player of the Game honors.

Tammy Potter and Bobhie Molter combined on the shutout in goal with one save apiece.

The East Jordan shutout followed a 7-2 April 26 victory over Traverse City St. Francis.

Total assists on the night went to Becca Madison (2), Ramsey, Bridget Peters and Way.

Charlevoix, playing without several starters away on a field trip, started slow but regained composure in the second half led by Madison, who earned the Rayder's Player of the game award. Charlevoix received strong play defensively from Emily Foster at center back and keeper Potter who had nine saves on the night.

Courtesy photo

Marnie Greene, Rayder Player of the Game moves in to score against East Jordan on April 27. Center back Emily Foster provides support. The Rayders shut out the Red Devils 8-0. They also recently defeated Traverse City St. Francis 7-2 and Kalkaska 7-0.

Junior varsity players called up to fill in for the missing starters included Wilkinson, Elisabeth Drost, Rachel Boss and Bobbie Molter.

The St. Francis win followed an April 23 7-0 shutout against Kalkaska.

Charlevoix goals were scored by Madison (2), Ariel Ramsey (2), Lori Zimmerman, Catt and Londgren. Assists went to Zita Anderson (2), Ramsey (2) and Rich.

Potter earned the shutout in goal.

Charlevoix traveled to Boyne City on Monday, April 30. Results from this game will appear in next week's Courier.

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Tennis volleys to beat Grayling, falls to Rams

The Charlevoix Rayder tennis team split games last week.

On April 23, the team faced Harbor Springs losing 6-2. They followed up the next day with a 8-0 victory over Grayling.

Individual results were:

- First, singles: Dan Swenor lost to Harbor Springs 6-0, 6-0; won against Grayling 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.
- Second, singles: Weston Bryan lost to Harbor Springs 6-6, 6-1; won against Grayling 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.
- Third, singles: Ty Haske lost to Harbor Springs 6-1, 6-1; won against Grayling 6-0, 6-3.
- Fourth, singles: Scotty Silberhorn lost to Harbor Springs 6-0, 6-3; won against Grayling 7-6, 6-1.
- First, doubles: Justin Klooster and Trevor Mays won against Harbor Springs 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; won against Grayling 6-0, 6-0.
- Second, doubles: Brad Cyr and Kris Bartling won against Harbor Springs 6-2, 6-2; won against Grayling 6-0, 6-0.
- Third, doubles: Kevin Greyerbiehl and Alex McKenzie lost to Harbor Springs lost 6-2, 6-2; won against Grayling 6-1, 6-0.
- Fourth, doubles: Alex Molter and Taylor Withoeft lost to Harbor Springs 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; and won against Grayling 6-0, 6-0.

The tennis team faced Traverse City St. Francis on May 1 and will face Elk Rapids today, May 2. Results were not available by press time.

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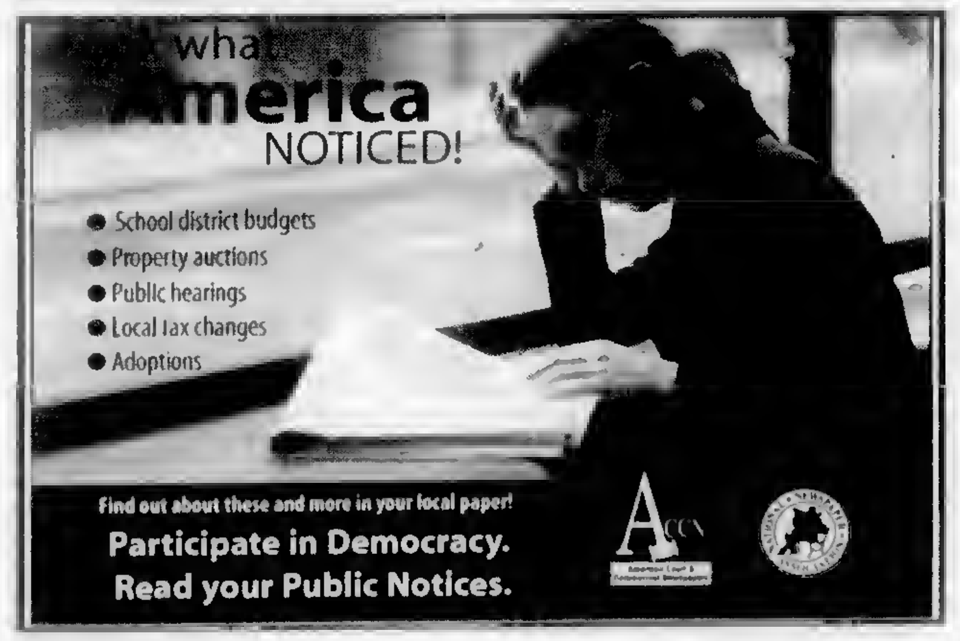
Richard M. Brandi
Acting City Manager
(B-5/2)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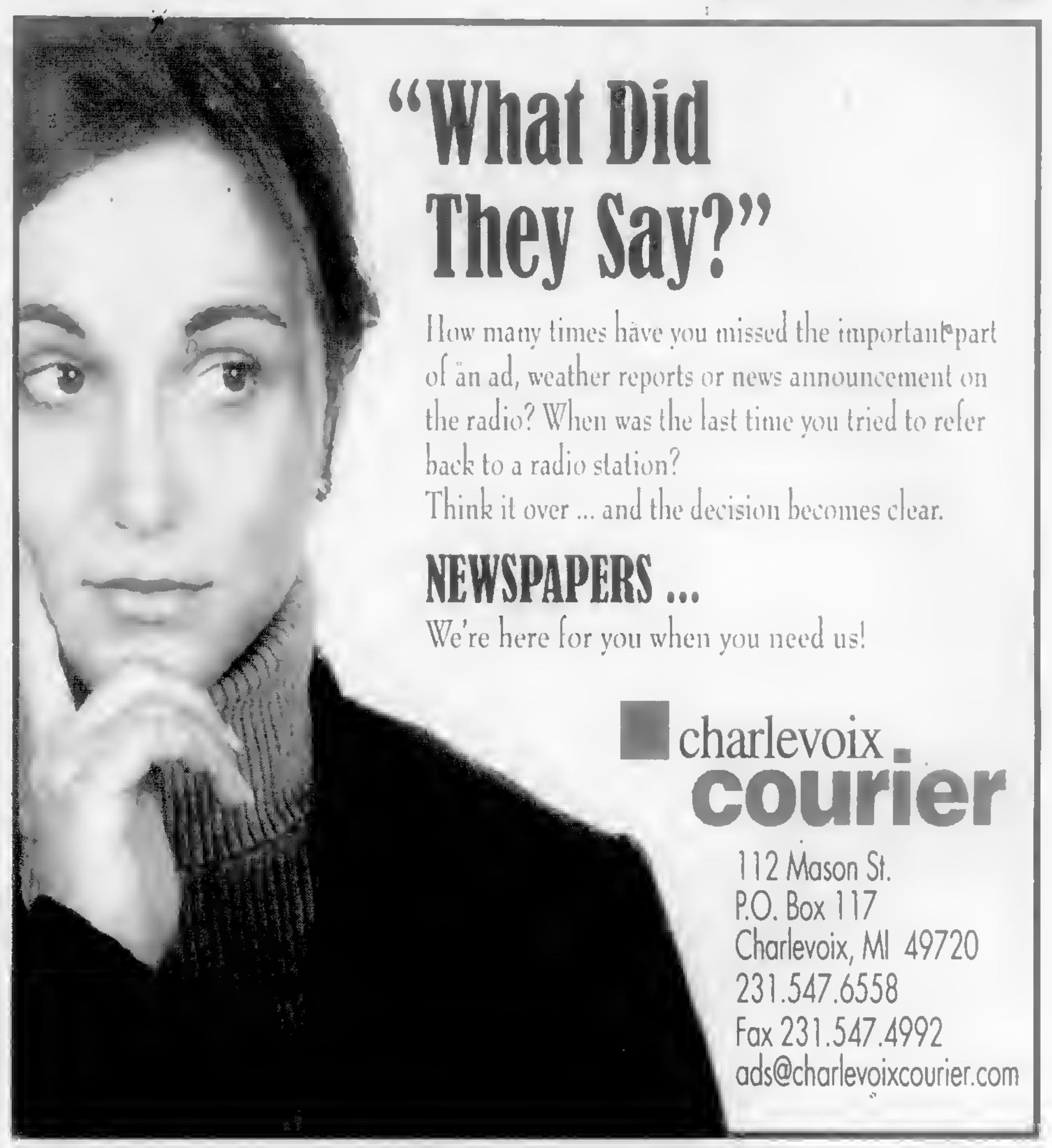
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
File No.

Estate of Marilyn M. Cresswell, Deceased.
Date of Birth: August 7, 1919

TO ALL CREDITORS:

Your interest in the Marilyn M. Cresswell Trust dated December 10, 1977, may be barred or affected by the following:

The Decedent, Marilyn M. Cresswell, who lived at 106 East Dixon Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan, died March 15, 2007. There is no personal representative of the decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Marilyn M. Cresswell Trust dated December 10, 1997, will be forever barred unless presented to James T. Cresswell, Successor Co-Trustee, 7711 Auburn, Utica, Michigan 48317, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Thomas A. Carson, A single man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Aegis Funding Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 2005 and recorded October 6, 2005 in Liber 708 Page 761 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned to: Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5, by assignment dated June 20, 2006 and recorded October 24, 2006 in Liber 771, Page 105, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents ($139,776.33) including interest 9.51% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, May 11, 2007.

Said premises are situated in City of Walloon Lake, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at T-Iron Stake at the West Quarter Corner of Section 9, Township 33 North, Range 5 West ; thence

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South 88 degrees 50 minutes 17 seconds East along East and West Quarter Line of Said Section 2648.26 feet to a 3-4 Inch Iron Bar at the Center Quarter Corner of Said Section; thence South 0 Degrees 35 Minutes 15 Seconds West along the North and South Quarter Line of Said Section 1313.91 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod on the South Eighth line of Said Section, as monumented; thence North 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 42 Seconds West along said Eighth Line 491.59 feet to a Point which is 801.90 feet South 89 Degrees 0 Minutes 42 Seconds East of an Iron Stake at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section, as monumented; thence North 1 degree 147 Minutes 21 Seconds East 33.0 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod on the Northerly line of Highway M-75, Being the Point of Beginning of this Description; thence Continuing North 1 Degree 47 Minutes 21 Seconds East 259.50 Feet to a T-Iron Stake at the Southeast Corner of the Alan L. Deneau Property, as Monuments; thence North 0 Degrees 34 Minutes 31 Seconds West Along said Deneau Property 176.17 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod; thence South 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 42 Seconds east Parallel with said Eighth Line 142.57 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod, thence South 0 Degrees 35 Minutes 15 Seconds West parallel with said North and South Quarter Line 435.60 feet to a One-Half Inch Rod on said Highway Line; thence North 89 Degrees 00 Minutes 42 Seconds West 144.44 Feet to the Point of Beginning; Being a Part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 9, Township 33 North, Range 5 West. Commonly known as 4405 M 75 North, Walloon Lake MI 49796 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accor-

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dance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: APRIL 6, 2007

Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the registered holders of Aegis Asset Backed Securities Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-5, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-68324 ASAP# 841767.
(L-04/11, 04/18, 04/25, 05/02)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of October, 2004, by Brian M. Lynch, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 26, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 645, page 470, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice TWO HUNDRED FIFTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHTY FIVE AND 51/100 DOLLARS ($252,085.98) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

MORTGAGE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 1, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in seid mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

PARCEL 1: The SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W. EXCEPT: The SW corner square, being 296.63' by 296.63', of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W.

PARCEL 2: The N 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4, Sec 23, T32N, R4W. EXCEPT: Commencing at the center of Sec 23, T32N, R4W; thence S 100'; thence W 100'; thence N 100'; thence E 100' to the POB; being part of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W.

All located in Hudson Township, Charlevoix County, MI

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: April 17, 2007

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY
Mortgagee
CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(L-04/25, 05/02, 05/09, 05/16)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Richard S. Goodrich, a single man to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2002 and recorded April 29, 2002 in Liber 468 Page 416 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan and modified by Instruments recorded July 2, 2003 in Liber 551 Page 953 and also recorded March 18, 2005 in Liber 672 Page 340 and extended by Instrument dated June 30, 2003 and recorded October 16, 2003 in Liber 579 Page 365 Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, by assignment dated January 20, 2005 and recorded February 10, 2005 in Liber 666, Page 460 and corrected by Instrument recorded March 18, 2005 in Liber 672 Page 340 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Eighty Cents ($166,886.80) including interest 8% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, June 1, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Hudson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The South one-half of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 32 North, Range 4 West Commonly known as 5495 Kuzmik Road, Elmira MI 49730. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: APRIL 27, 2007

Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123
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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

File No. 05-925-20-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

V

WALLOON WINDS COMMUNITY, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; WALTER BREIDENSTEIN; WALLOON LAKE PROPERTIES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; and TERRANCE BURKHARDT and ANNA BETH BURKHARDT, husband and wife,
Defedants,

and all Counter, Cross, and Third Party Complaints.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

1. On January 19, 2007, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment and Order For Sale for and on behalf of First Community Bank and all rights arising from that Judgment were assigned to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt on or about February 16, 2007.

2. On June 8, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Land situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

Parcel 1: Lot 52, Springbrook Hills No. 1, according the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 2: Lot 92, Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 4: Commencing at the Southeast comer of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along South line of said Section, 200.85 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 3 of the Southeast 3 of said Section 13.

Parcel 5: A parcel of land situated in part of the East 2 of the Southeest 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Beginning at the East 3 corner of said Section 13; thence South 01°00'22" West 1313.42 feet along the East line of seid Section, to the 1/8 corner of said Section 13; thence North 88°55'38" West, 170.25 feet, thence south 86°17'34" West 29.84 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 138 of the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the Northerly line of said plat the following 4 courses: thence North 89°29'07" West 129.98 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 130.00 feet); thence South 65°56'25" West 268.76 feet (previously recorded as South 64°57'05" West 268.81 feet); thence Northwesterly 215.27 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°21'39" and the long chord of which bears North 56°∞23'31" West 203.43 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 215.34 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left; the central angle of which is 66°25'10", and the long chord of which bears North 57°17'15" West, 203.48 feet); thence North 89°33'36" West 402.92 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 404.10 feet elong the South 1/8 line of said Section 13 per the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2); thence Southwesterly 85.09 feet along the arc of a 169.37 foot redius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 28°47'10" and the long chord of which bears South 76°04'43" West 84.20 feet; thence South 61°41'03" West 95.72 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line; thence North 00°53'47" East 105.09 feet to the 1/8 corner on the South 1/8 line of said Section 13; thence North 00°53'47" East 1313.44 feet along said East 1/8 line; thence South 87°54'28" East 1315.46 feet along the East-West 3 line of said Section 13 to the Point of Beginning

Parcel 6: A parcel of land situated in part of the Southeast 3 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 87°54'18" West 200.85 feet along the South line of said Section (previously recorded as North 87°54'31" West); thence North 01°11'01" East, 331.00 feet (previously recorded as North) to the Point of Beginning of Parcel 2; thence South 71°29'30" West 238.44 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way of Townhouse Trail in the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along said Easterly right-of-way line the following 5 courses; thence North 05°35'48" West, 195.70 feet (previously recorded as North 06°36'05" West); thence Northwesterly 207.44 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left the central angle of which is 15°25'49" and the long chord of which bears North 13°24'07" West 206.81 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 207.68 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angel of which is 15°26'55" and the long chord of which bears North 14°19'30" West 207.06 feet); thence North 21°07'49" West 75.00 feet (previously recorded as North 22°03'00" West); thence Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right the central angle of which is 34°34'28" and the long chord of which bears North 03°50'34" West 171.35 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 173.98 feet, along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'30" and the long chord of which bears North 04°45'45" West, 171.35 feet); thence North 13°26'41" East 50.00 feet (previously recorded as North 12°31'30" East) to the Southwest corner of Lot 140, Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the boundary line of said plat the following three courses: thence North 85°09'05" East 324.38 feet (previously recorded as North 84°10'25" East); thence North 04°38'12" East, 126.00 feet (previously recorded as North 03°30'40" East); thence North 00°57'22" East 213.42 feet (previously recorded as North 213.34 feet) to the Northeast corner of Lot 138, plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence North 86°17'34" East 29.84 feet, thence South 01°00'34" West 214.92 feet (previously recorded as South 214.52 feet); thence South 04°30'28" West 484.11 feet (previously recorded as South 03°30'40" West); thence South 00°59'48" West 280.68 feet (previously recorded as South) to the Point of Beginning.

3. The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

Date: April 5, 2007

Sharon M. Selissen,
Deputy Court Clerk
(L-04/11, 04/18, 04/25, 05/02, 05/09, 05/16)

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE MORTGAGE SALE

1. On February 5, 2007, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale for and on behalf of Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt.

2. On May 25, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Land located in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

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Parcel 2: Lot 92, Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 3: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along South line of Said Section, 200.85 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Said Section 13.

Parcel 4: A parcel of land situated in part of the East 2 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Beginning at the East 3 corner of said Section 13; thence South 01°00'22" West 1313.42 feet along the East line of said Section, to the 1/8 corner of said Section 13; thence North 88°55'38" West, 170.25 feet; thence South 86°17'34" West, 29.84 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 138 of the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the Northerly line of said plat the following 4 courses: thence North 89°29'07" West 129.98 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 130.00 feet); thence South 65°56'25" West 268.76 feet (previously recorded as South 64°57'05" West 268.81 feet); thence Northwesterly 215.27 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°21'39" and the long chord of which bears North 56°23'31" West 203.43 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 215.34 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°25'10", and the long chord of which bears North 57°17'15" West 203.48 feet); thence North 89°33'36" West, 402.92 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 404.10 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 13 per the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2); thence Southwesterly 85.09 feet along the arc of a 169.37 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 28°47'10" and the long chord of which bears South 76°04'43" West 84.20 feet; thence South 61°41'03" West 95.72 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line; thence North 00°53'47" East 105.09 feet to the 1/8 corner on the South 1/8 line of said Section 13; thence North 00°53'47" East 1313.44 feet along said East 1/8 line; thence South 87°54'28" East 1315.46 feet along the East-West 3 line of said Section 13 to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 5: A Parcel of land situated in part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: commencing at the Southeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 87°54'18" West 200.85 feet along the South line of said Section (previously recorded as North 87°54'31" West); thence North 01°11'01" East, 331.00 feet (previously recorded as North) to the point of beginning; thence South 71°29'30" West 238.44 feet to a point on the Easterly right of way of Townhouse Trail in the recorded Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along said Easterly right of way line the following 5 courses; thence North 05°35'48" West 195.70 feet (previously recorded as North 06°36'05" West); thence Northwesterly 207.44 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 15°25'49" and the long chord of which bears North 13°24'07" West 206.81 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 207.68 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 15°26'55" and the long chord of which bears North 14°19'30" West 207.06 feet); thence North 21°07'49" West 75.00 feet (previously recorded as North 22°03'00" West); thence Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'28" and the long chord of which bears North 03°50'34" West 171.35 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'30" and the long chord of which bears North 04°45'45" West, 171.35 feet); thence North 13°26'41" East 50.00 feet (previously recorded as North 12°31'30" East) to the Southwest corner of Lot 140, Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the boundary line of said plat the following three courses: thence North 85°09'05" East 324.38 feet (previously recorded as North 84°10'25" East); thence North 04°38'12" East 126.00 feet (previously recorded as North 03°30'40" East); thence North 00°57'22" East 213.42 feet (previously recorded as North 213.34 feet) to the Northeast corner of Lot 138, Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence North 86°17'34" East 29.84 feet; thence South 01°00'34" West 214.92 feet (previously recorded as South 214.52 feet); thence South 04°30'28" West 484.11 feet (previously recorded as South 03°30'40" West); thence South 00°59'48" West 280.68 feet (previously recorded as South) to the point of beginning.

Parcel 6: That part of Southwest 3 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, which lies Northeasterly of the centerline of Springvale Road; EXCEPTING THEREFROM the plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 271, 272 and 273, Charlevoix County Records, AND the plat of Springbrook Hills No. 1, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 7: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence along the North line of said Section 24, South 89°59'36" West (also having been described as West) 170.22 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 15°38'39" West (also having been described as South 15°37'30" West) 447.80 feet; thence South 87°39'50" West (also having been described as West) 220.00 feet; thence North 03°35'32" East 441.01 feet to the intersection of the North line of said Section 24 and the Southeast corner of Lot 115, Springbrook Hills No. 2, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records; thence along said North section line, North 89°59'36" East (also having been described as East) 312.94 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24.

3. The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

Date: March 27, 2007

Sharon M. Selissen,
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Photo by Lyle Gennett

Charlevoix resident and first ward Charlevoix City Councilman Lyle Gennett caught this U.S. Coast Guard training exercise in action on April 19 off Michigan Beach.

Photo by Kim Way

Courier Teen Scene writer Kim Way and her boyfriend Jeff Golovich set up a camera and caught a sweet moment at sunset on April 21 at the pier off Lake Michigan.

Photo by Richard Burnett

Richard Burnett of Charlevoix snapped this shot of Charlevoix resident John Doskoch on opening day of fishing season, April 28. Burnett helped Doskoch reel the fish in. It is a 38 inch, 19.4 pound lake trout he caught in East Jordan on Lake Charlevoix using an eight pound test line.

Photo by Mary Siegwart

Charlevoix residents Brett and Ethan Siegwart visited the Ford Memorial in January.

Photo by Mark Winn

Mark Winn of Eastport snapped this adorable shot of his adorable Yorkies. The male Yorkie on the left, Corkie, is too hyper to ride, but his sister Cassie loves to ride. You may have seen her walking her human on the streets of Charlevoix, nestled comfortably in a front carry pouch.

That's my photograph!

Photo by Mike Schlitt

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Red Rock Company brings marathon to town

RUN

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This is the first time the established triathlon group has offered an event in Charlevoix. Most of their business is conducted in and around Tempe, Ariz. where Jeff, the company president, lives. Their largest event, which draws 2,000 participants, takes place in Tempe.

Ron said they were interested in locating a marathon in northern Michigan and after speaking with Jacqueline Merta, president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, decided Charlevoix would be their host.

"Our goal is to grown into a triathlon. We're testing the waters to see what we can draw," Ron said. "I'm excited about being able to share northern Michigan and the beauty of Charlevoix with friends who have never seen Charlevoix. I think we are going to organize a great event for the City of Charlevoix."

The run will start on the north side of the bridge in downtown Charlevoix, will extend to Mt. McSauba, Pa-Be-Shan, Old Orchard Road, Waller Road and then on to the portion of the Little Traverse Wheelway that connects at Waller Road and U.S. 31. The full marathon will take runners almost to Horton Bay Road in Bay Shore.

Parents, coaches and students with Charlevoix High School track and cross country teams have volunteered to man aid stations at every mile along the route. The stations will be equipped with Gatorade, goo shots, water, pretzels and Cliff Bars.

The finish line will be set up at Pine River Lane. Winners will receive awards and raffle prizes, featuring items donated by local merchants, will be given away. Refreshments will be available.

A pre-event pasta dinner on June 15 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church is included in the registration fee. Runners in attendance will give testimonials and Jeff with Red Rock will review the course.

Registration fees vary and include an official event T-shirt. Marathon runners who register before June 12 will pay $55, half-marathon runners will pay $45, 10K and 5K runners will pay $25. Registration will be available for $5 more in each category on June 15 outside the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

Merta said she is looking forward to working with Red Rock and sees this event, which coincides with Taste of Charlevoix, as a perfect visitor draw for the community during the shoulder season.

For more information or to register for Run Charlevoix, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

Who? Red Rock Company, a triathlon organizing group.

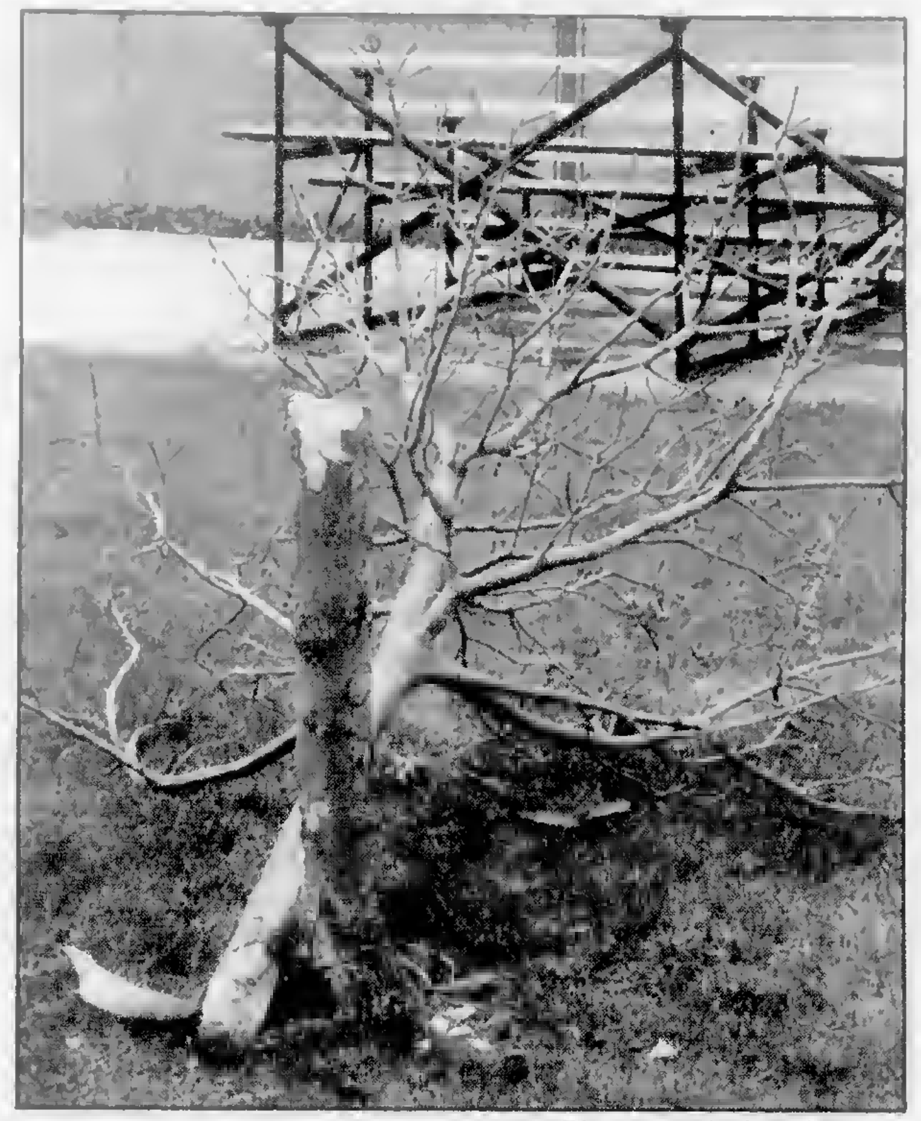
What? Marathon, half-marathon, 10K (6.2 miles) and 5K events.

When? June 16

Where? Starting on the north side of the bridge in downtown Charlevoix.

Fees? Marathon runners who register before June 12 will pay $55, half-marathon runners will pay $45, 10K and 5K runners will pay $25.

How to register? Contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.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Reward for tree hacker

Charlevoix Recreation Department director, Ike Boss, is offering a reward for information leading to the person responsible for cutting down this 7-year-old, 12-foot maple tree located outside the Carpenter Avenue baseball fields. The incident occured on April 24. Anonymous tips will be accepted. Boss can be contacted at (231) 547-3253.

Friends seek books for 8th annual sale

In preparation for the huge 8th annual book sale on Saturday, June 23, the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are accepting gently used books for resale.

Donations can be dropped off Monday through Saturday in the Mason Street lobby of the library at 220 Clinton St. Proceeds go to the children's section of the library.

For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

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MAY 2
COMPUTER TIDBITS

The Charlevoix Public Library is beginning a new round of Computer Tidbits at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays during the month of May.

Computer Tidbits are short demonstrations designed to learn one specific computer application. One of the library's stated goals in its strategic plan is "patrons will have free access to computer literacy education." Linda Adams, librarian and trainer states, that by "Using that goal as our stepping stone, I am hoping to provide the how-to basics for our patrons' computer needs."

The May Tidbit classes include: May 2, creating a digital photo album; May 9, Web communication tools; May 16, downloadable recorded books; May 23, making the most of your library; and May 30, Internet tricks. Each class is about an hour in length and is held in the library's computer lab. Computer Tidbits are free and open to the public.

For more information, call (231) 237-7340.

MAY 2
COOL TOWNS

A free event entitled, "Can Small Towns Be Cool?" will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2 at the Boyne City High School Auditorium.

The event will feature guest speaker, Dave Ivan, an economic development specialist with the Michigan State University Extension office.

This event in sponsored in part by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.

MAY 3
CANDIDATE FORUM

Lisa Carlson and Bo Boss, candidates for one position on the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education will participate in a question and answer session at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 in the Community Room of the Charlevoix Public Library.

For more information, call the library at (231) 547-2651.

MAY 3
HOME BUY WORKSHOP

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency (NMHSA) is offering a free Pre-Purchase Home Buyer Education Workshop in two parts from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 and Monday, May 7 at the agency office, located at 2202 Mitchell Park Dr. Suite #4 in Petoskey.

This class is designed for anyone thinking of buying a home and wants to learn the basics of the home buying process.

To register or for more information, call (231) 347-9070.

MAY 3
BLUE TIGER DEMOCRATS

The Charlevoix County Democrats will meet at 7 p.m. on May 3 in the Community Room of the Charlevoix County Jail Annex on Grant Street between Garfield and Carpenter in Charlevoix.

The speaker is Frank Houston, CEO of Michigan Blue Tiger Democrats, a not-for-profit corporation whose goal is to energize Democrats and progressives through the promotion of community-based, civic engagement initiatives.

For more information, call (231) 547-2138.

MAY 4
ROD AND GUN CLUB CLOSED

Charlevoix Boy Scout Troop 11 will be hosting a district Camporee at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club on Friday, May 4, Saturday, May 5 and Sunday, May 6. The club, located off U.S. 31 north, will be closed to all shooting on those days.

MAY 5
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, at the Family History Center located at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at 707 Alcan Road in Petoskey.

Amy Christensen will give a presentation on genealogical research and resources available at the Petoskey Family History Center. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has microfilmed vital records throughout the world.

The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information, call Joy at (231) 582-3440.

MAY 6
STARLIGHT DINNER, AUCTION

The Bergmann Center will hold its annual "Starlight" dinner and live auction with entertainment at noon and dinner served at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 6.

The event will be held at the Belvedere Club and catered by Grey Gables Restaurant. The auctioneer will be Mike Bost.

To purchase tickets, call the Bergmann Center at (231) 547-2979. Tickets are $25 per person.

MAY 8
SELF CARE

As part of its Life Lessons educational series, the Safe Crossings Program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is offering Self-Care After a Loss.

Participants will discuss natural and normal grief reactions as well as relaxation and self-care techniques. Chair massages, aromatherapy and other techniques to alleviate stress will be provided.

The two-hour seminar is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 8 at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, located at 1020 E. Mitchell St. in Petoskey. Participation is free.

The Safe Crossings Program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay includes community support services such as bereavement programs for children and teens, adult grief support groups and individual counseling. All programs are free to anyone in the community who has lost a loved one regardless of their participation in hospice services. Funding is provided by grants, memorials and other community gifts.

To register or for more information, call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or visit www.hospiceltb.org.

MAY 8
CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals will take place at 6:30 p.m. May 8 in the Charlevoix Middle School band room. For more information, call Ev Wujcik at (231) 547-6376, Gail Baldridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 237-9392.

MAY 10
SENIOR SPRING BOWLING

The six-week Senior Spring Bowling League will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursdays beginning May 10 at Paul Bunyan Lanes in Charlevoix. No registration is required. For more information, call (231) 547-5190.

MAY 12
BLUE OX TRIATHLON

The Flight Deck will host the Blue Ox Triathlon benefit on May 12. The event is open to two-person teams who will participate in golf, bowling and pool events. The event is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. at the Belvedere Golf Club. Pool and bowling events will take place at Paul Bunyan Lanes. Lunch, dinner and prizes are included in the $50 per person registration fee. Teams are asked to register no later than May 9. Proceeds will benefit Martin Fassett. For more information or to register, call (231) 547-2848.

MAY 12
GREENSKY HILL CRAFT, FLEA MARKET

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9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 12 on the church grounds.

The church is located off Old U.S. 31 North off Boyne City Road. There will be lots of unique native crafts such as flutes, beadwork and walking sticks. There will also be traditional crafters participating.

On our hall porch will be several flea marketers selling their wares.

Food concessions will be available.

MAY 12
BREAST CANCER WALK

The Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk will take place May 12 in Charlevoix.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the walk will follow at 10 a.m. leaving from Bridge Park in Charlevoix. Walk routes ranging from 2.5 to 5 miles will be offered. Refreshments will be served in the park at the close of the event.

Individuals can volunteer their time with the walk organization committee by contacting Amy Salatino at 547-7663 or Nicole Kurtz at 330-6060.

MAY 19
CONSERVANCY FIELD TRIP

Join Loon Ranger Jacque LaFreniere from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at Barney's Lake on Beaver Island, a 120-acre preserve which hosts nesting loons annually. LaFreniere who is the ranger for all Beaver Island lakes, has vast knowledge about these intriguing birds, and has collected data about their nesting habits and behavior for 15 years.

MAY 20
TRI4FUN WOMEN'S TRIATHLON

Registration is underway for the third annual non-competitive Tri4Fun Women's Triathlon.

Forms are available at Harbor Health and Fitness, located at 110 Clinton St. in Charlevoix and at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool located at 11905 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix. Women ages 14 and older are eligible to participate.

The triathlon will take place at noon on Sunday, May 20. A mandatory pre-race meeting will take place at 11 a.m. at Charlevoix Public Library, located 220 West Clinton St.

The event will include a scenic 20K bike, a 5K run and a half mile indoor pool swim. The bike portion starts in Petoskey and winds along the shore of Lake Michigan and ends at the community pool. The run extends from the pool, along a rural road and loops back to the pool property.

Participants can register to partake in all three events individually or as a team. Registration fees are $100 for a team of two or three and $50 per individual.

The triathlon is a fundraiser for two local cancer support groups in Charlevoix and Emmet counties, Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders and Circle of Strength.

For more information contact Michelle Rick-Biddick at (231) 547-4369 or e-mail tlc.fitness@hotmail.com.

MAY 21 AND 22
CLEAN-UP DAY

Charlevoix Township will hold the annual clean up days on May 21 (north side) and 22 (south side).

Items brought in from outside the township will not be picked up. Trash must be in containers at the curb by 7 a.m. If trash is not properly contained in bags, boxes or bundles it will not be picked up. Wood must be cut shorter than 4-foot lengths. Liquid or hazardous waste, weekly garbage, items from commercial operations, electronics, computers, old phones, yard waste and appliances without tags stating that the freon has been removed, cans of paint, rocks, chunks of concrete, asphalt, herbicides, insecticides, tires and batteries will not be picked up.

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For information on the drop off days, call (231) 583-6193.

JUNE 10
LOU OPEN

Mark your calendars for the Lou Open Golf Tournament fund-raiser with proceeds going to St. Mary School.

Registration will take place from noon to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 10 at the Charlevoix Golf Club. Shotgun starts at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 4 p.m. followed by Bill Stevens' world famous Swiss Steak dinner.

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For more information, call (231) 547-5125.

JUNE 18
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Early registration is currently underway

The school is open to pre-K through fifth-grade participants.

A $20 registration fee is required.

For more information or to register, call the (231) 547-6652.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Library activities Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

Writer's Group, 6 p.m., May 2.

Paws for a Story, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 5, call (231) 237-7350 to reserve a time slot.

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Lucky You PG-13, Fri 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Mon-Wed 7:15, 9:30
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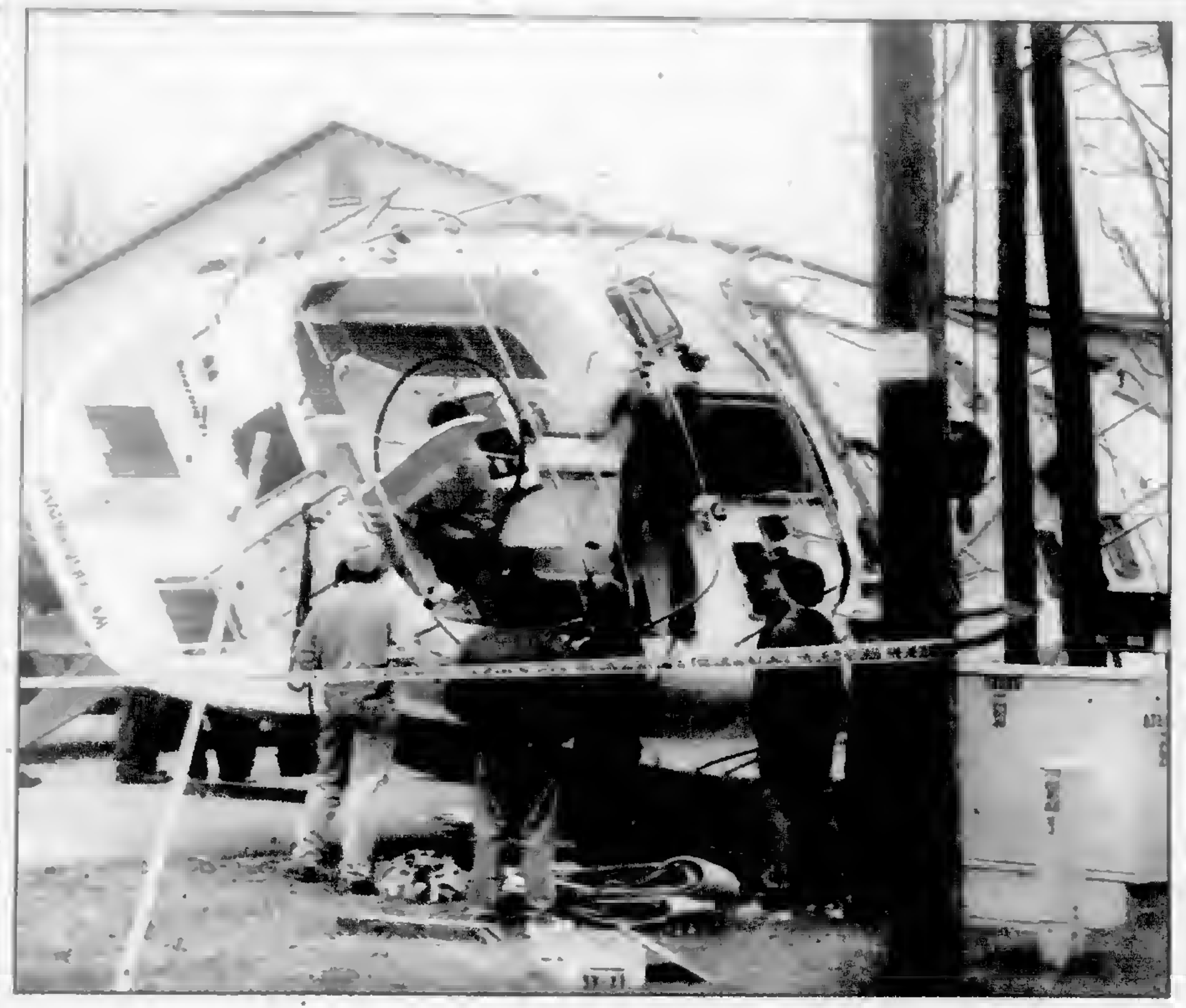

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Boat overboard

According to the City of Charlevoix Fire Department, Douglas Bergmann of Bergmann Marine was hauling a 46-foot sailboat called "The Soaring Eagle" when it tipped over in the marine driveway off Loeb Road. The fire department assisted in uprighting the boat as did cranes from Irish Boat Shop and Bergmann Marine. The boat sustained an unspecified amount of damage.

Boss wins school board seat by a landslide

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix Public Schools election results:
Dale "Bo" Boss: 725
Lisa Carlson: 323
Voter turnout:
14.3 percent or 1,064 voters

Bo Boss

Lisa Carlson

Dale (Bo) Boss is the new Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education member.

The 51-year-old husband and father of two won Tuesday night's election with 69.11 percent of the vote. Opponent, Lisa Carlson's 323 votes weren't enough to top the 725 votes Boss garnered from the 1,064 people or 14.3 percent of voters who turned out for the election.

"Overwhelmed," was how Boss described his feelings on winning.

"I'd just like to thank the community for all the support," he said. "I staked my reputation out on a limb and I think the people that voiced their opinion want to see change in how the schools are being led."

Though he has no prior experience in politics, voters responded to Boss' platform of fiscal responsibility and proverbial belt tightening in Michigan's tough financial times with overwhelming support.

"This is going to take a team effort between the board and the community," Boss said. "I'm just really excited and ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work on the board."

Boss said he feels fortunate to have had such a good opponent.

"It made me earn the position," he said.

There was one write-in vote cast in this race.

"I pledge to do my best for the kids of Charlevoix," said the longtime general contractor and manager of the Mt. McSauba ski area. "Feel free to contact me at any time with any concerns."

Carlson, a 38-year-old registered nurse, wife and mother of two said she is happy to have gained the experience.

"I didn't know what I didn't know," she said. "And, I'd do it again. I had

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Superintendent candidate field narrowed to five

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Esther Mudge

John Raab

The first two of five candidates to be interviewed for the Charlevoix Public Schools superintendent position were evaluated before the school board on Monday, May 7.

Dundee Community Schools interim superintendent of one year, John Raab and Manistique Schools superintendent of three years, Esther Mudge, were each asked a series of questions posed by board and audience members.

Mudge's experience includes: 1975 to 1999 as a middle and high school teacher; 1999 to 2004 as the superintendent of Whitefish Township Schools in Paradise.

Raab's experience includes: 1989 to 1999 as a middle school principal; 1999 to 2002 as superintendent of Posen Schools; and 2002 to 2006 as superintendent of Elkton, Pigeon and Bay Port Laker Schools.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Michael David Grutsch, 34, East Jordan. Attempted resisting and obstructing a police officer. Credit for 77 days in jail; to serve 13 days in jail; $600 in fines and costs.

Joshua DeWayne Weathers, 23, East Jordan. Motor vehicle — operator without security. Serve 10 days in jail or pay $315 in fines and costs.

Matthew Michael Seefeldt, 28, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 10 days in jail or pay $260 in fines and costs.

Erik Keith West, 45, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for two days in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Michael Edward Downs, 27, East Jordan. Insufficient funds — less than $100. Credit for 21 days in jail, 72 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; prohibited from opening a checking account; $1,328.73 in fines and costs.

Matthew Luke Mosier, 25, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended — first offense. To serve 10 days in jail; $400 in fines and costs.

Thomas Edward Follette, 34, Boyne City. Larceny by conversion — greater than $200, but less than $1,000. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 20 days in jail, 149 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; $5,600 in fines and costs.

John Darus Laisure, 21, East Jordan. Larceny — less than $200. Credit for four days in jail, to serve six days in jail; $200 in fines and costs.

Garry Nelson Cutright, 53, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 92 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; not to operate a motor vehicle; $630 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Living Environments Bahia Seteil, 166 Rogers Road, Boyne City, by Erika M. Kristoffer

Michigan Hospitality Advertising, 02350 Erickson Road, Boyne City, by Jonah Hooglund

Consign Design, 211 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Charles W. Adams and Mary K. Adams

Diamond in the Rough Ranch, 11104 Ferry Road, Charlevoix, by Kimberly Wells

Celtic Crossroads, 00531 Delmax Lane, Boyne City, by Ruth and Mike Micks

Red Cottage Sign Co., 05134 Willis Road, Charlevoix, by Jerry Simpson

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Dhaseleer Events Barn, 15794 Paddock Road, Charlevoix, by Carl and Cornelia Dhaseleer

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Legacy International, CLC Roofing & Construction LLC. 5781 Horton Bay Road, Boyne City, by David John Codoreta Jr.

A New Face Cabinetry, Hissong Farms, 03184 Behling Road, Boyne City, by David Hissong

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Johnathan P. Heise, 27 and Sahrina M. Wynkoop, 24, both of Charlevoix

Jacob Adam Wasylewski, 23, Beaver Island and Kara Stark-Behling, 25, Boyne City

Scott Jeffrey Dixon, 34 and Jaime Carolynn Stevens, 24, both of Charlevoix

Michael James Evans, 26, Charlevoix and Kristen Marie Golden, 25, Owosso

Maurice Williams, 35 and Nickole Marie Leow, 24, both of Charlevoix

Christopher Carl Fiel, 30 and Cassandra Anne Krussell, 28, both of Boyne Falls

BIRTHS

Kortman Joseph Vanniman weighing 12 pounds was born April 23 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Carl and Stephanie Vanniman of Central Lake. His sibling is Finch Vanniman. His grandparents are Glenn and Gail Rubingh of Ellsworth and Jack and Nancy Vanniman of Central Lake. His great-grandparents are Joe and Velma Powell, Jim and Gert Rubingh and Seblo DeVries of Ellsworth.

Brooklyn Mercades-Wyatt Robinson weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce was born April 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Iris Musgrave and Aaron Robinson of East Jordan. Her sibling is Aaliyah K. Stevens. Her grandparents are Kimberly Stahl and Robert Stahl of Greenville, Tanya Gibson of East Jordan and Mark Robinson of Mancelona. Her great grandparents are Marcia Gibson of East Jordan and Doris Robinson of Horton Bay.

Summer Elaine Brewer weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces was born April 26 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Candace Hildebrand and Ryan Brewer of Mancelona. Her sibling is Autumn Marie. Her grandparents are Debbie and Dave Piechocki of East Jordan and David and Alice Hildebrand of Mancelona.

Alexander Joseph Grubb weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces was born March 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ariane A. Polena and Joseph M. Grubb of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Alexis Antinossi and Janice Grubb.

Gage Alva Noirot weighing 5 pounds, 14 ounces was born April 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jamie Chavez of East Jordan and Alva Noirot III. The siblings are Tyrell and Dimitrii. The grandparents are Rosie Chavez and Brian Oliver of East Jordan, Alva Noirot II and Debra Decker.

Calista Joy Hoeksema weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces was born April 30 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ryan and Kristina Hoeksema of Central Lake. Her sibling is Ariella Grace. Her grandparents are Gary and Beverly Hoeksema of East Jordan, Clifford and Janet Baker of Gladstone, and Frank and Denise Rowell of Saddlebrook, Ariz. Her great-grandparents are Hattie Hoeksema of Ellsworth and Ruth Rowell of Caro.

Chloe Elizabeth Miner weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces was born May 1 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Emily Sobleski and Jason Miner of Boyne City. Her sibling is Becca Lynn Banks. Her grandparents are Peter Sobleski, the late Dorothy Sobleski, Pat Miner and Mike Miner all of Boyne City. Her great grandparents are Eleanor Hayden of East Jordan and Betty Sobleski of Boyne City.

Weather

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April 30	76	39	—
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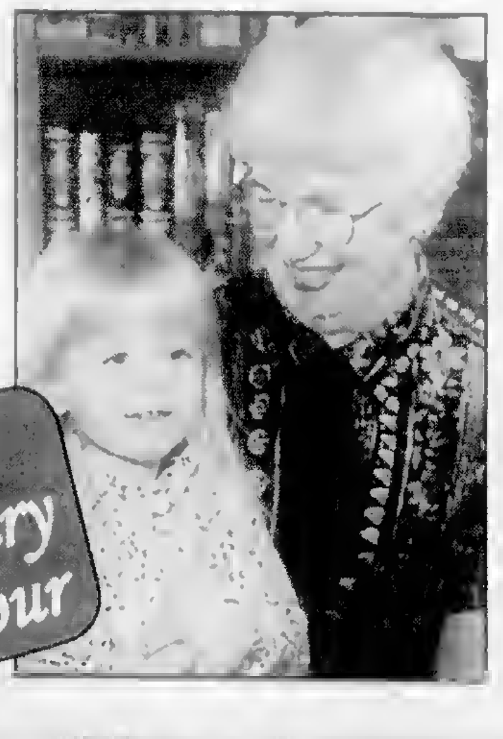

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WORD on the street

Charlevoixans voice their opinions ... "With all that schools are facing, what are your biggest concerns?

Alanna Leslie
"My biggest concern is funding. Kids need to get a good education to get them through life."

Peggy Spang
"Type II diabetes. We need to get the pop machines out of there and get fitness programs back in school."

Zak Rankl
"Is school going to become more like a prison with total lock-downs and baggage checks? My biggest concern is safety."

Jean McDonough
"I think it's funding. The lack of funding has been detrimental. It's limiting the classes available for kids."

Boss wins by 402 votes, millage requests pass

ELECTION

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a very positive experience in doing this and I now appreciate more what teachers and administrators do."

To her opponent, she said, "I wish him the best of luck."

Carlson thanked everyone who supported and encouraged her during her campaign and said she will certainly run for school board again in the future.

"I'm very happy that I did it," she added.

In other races, Char-Em ISD candidates Robert W. Anderson, Jay Essenberg and Mary P. Jason each received 629, 684 and 661 votes in Charlevoix respectively in their uncontested races. There were four write-in votes.

On Beaver Island, Char-Em ISD Board of Education candidates Anderson, Essenberg and Jason received 110, 110 and 113 votes respectively.

In the Beaver Island Schools Board of Education race for two four-year seats, candidates Kristina I. Drost, Richard L. Speck and Gail M. Weede received 125, 101 and 120 votes respectively. Drost and Weede won with 36.13 and 34.68 percent of the vote respectively.

Millages:

St. James Township voters passed the proposal to renew .25 mills for the Beaver Island Historical Society passed 94 to 21 with 39.1 percent of voters turning out. This five-year millage is expected to raise an estimated $10,535 in operational funds.

The Charlevoix Public Schools operating millage proposal passed with 638 in favor or 60.88 percent of the vote. This two-year millage is expected to raise approximately $138,170 to help restore millage money lost as a result of the reduction required by Michigan Constitution of 1063.

The Beaver Island Community Schools operating millage renewal passed with 144 votes, a rate of 80.90 percent of the vote. 32.7 percent of electors found their way to the polls. This renewal, scheduled to last throughout 2007, is expected to raise approximately $1,302,000.

Online reward program for child support offenders launched

Sheriff George Lasater

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater, in conjunction with Charlevoix County Friend of the Court Office, will feature subjects on the Internet wanted by his office for failure to appear at a child support show cause hearing when warrants to arrest are authorized by the Circuit Court judge.

The sheriff will feature Circuit Court subjects on the Web site with a photograph, description, information and amount of arrears. This effort is being promoted to expedite Friend of the Court matters for financial support of children in Charlevoix County.

The sheriff's office will offer a reward of $100 to the citizen who submits information that leads to the arrest of the featured subject.

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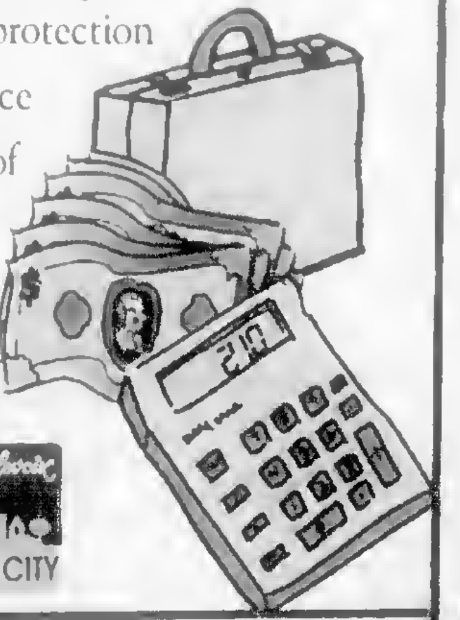

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Kim Isaac's Mother's Day message

JUST A THOUGHT

Julie Witthoeft

As you stand in line at the buffet this Mother's Day mortified by your middle schooler double dipping in the chocolate fountain, remember Kim Isaac.

Kim is a 32-year-old Charlevoix native (maiden name Wojan) who has learned a life lesson many of us never grasp. She told me she realizes the importance of enjoying every day, blowing off the little stuff and letting your faith guide you.

This Mother's Day marks five months since Kim was diagnosed with gastrointestinal carcinoid cancer — a rare cancer that has also metastasized in her liver.

When she received the shocking news following a colonoscopy, her first thought wasn't the impact on her life, it was the heartbreak of leaving her kids.

As moms we struggle with balancing household chores, work and sleepless nights with tantrums, tears and hormones. But few have to face what Kim has had to tackle with Shelby, 12, and Hunter, 9.

Tears streamed down my cheeks as she explained the pain of deciding whether to pull away from her kids so they would cultivate a stronger bond with dad that will some day sustain them when she's gone or to hold them tighter because maybe, just maybe it would be her last chance.

"It's harder to parent when your sick. It's harder to be everything," she said.

When she said those three words, "To be everything," they resonated with me. Because that is what many of today's mothers, including myself, strive for. We try to be the homemaker, the bread winner, the teacher, the moral compass and the model wife. But in our pursuit for everything we often miss Kim's message — enjoy every day, blow off the little stuff and let your faith guide you.

Kim knows there is no cure and that while surgery in January removed the tumor in her rectum there is no guarantee as to how long she has here.

"Whether it's a year or 50 years, I have to enjoy it," she told me. "I just want to make a difference and be an example for my children. I'm grateful for what God has blessed me with."

Kim said this Mother's Day she will cherish her children, her sister, Tammy Thorp a mother of four, Kim's steadfast caregiver and best friend and her own mother, Diane Wojan, who is struggling with the thought of losing her daughter.

"We've walked this journey together," she told me of these special moms. "Instead of getting caught up in the busyness I'm going to sit back and enjoy it (Mother's Day)."

The truth is, we all face the same reality Kim faces, our own mortality. So let's take Kim's lesson with us wherever we go and not bother sweating over a ham or a Mother's Day frock doused in cocktail sauce. Let's kick back and cherish our babies, ourselves and this world's amazing mammas.

Those who wish to donate to assist the Isaac family in offsetting Kim Isaac's medical expenses may direct contributions to the Kimberly Isaac Benefit Fund at Charlevoix State Bank, 111 State, St., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Global warming's quiet attack on syrup

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Can global warming impact syrup production That the earth is warming gradually can no longer be seriously in doubt. We may haggle about the causes for the warming and about the speed with which it is occurring and about its effect on humans but the earth is clearly getting warmer.

A single local warm spell in winter is not serious evidence of global warming, nor is a cold snap evidence that global warming is a giant hoax, no matter what Rush Limbaugh says.

It is worth noting that the best evidence for such gradual changes, hardly noticeable on the usual human time scales, comes not from our limited weather records, but from the changes in plant and animal organisms. Those plants and animals are full-time residents of the environment and are certain to respond to it more completely than we do. If we could just get the plants and animals to tell us what is happening, we might have a better grip on those slow lifetime-long changes.

As a botanist I have spent much of my adult life trying to get plants to tell me what they are doing. Skunk cabbages have told me how they are able to melt holes in the March snows by maintaining summer temperatures in the center of their flowers. Fungi have told me how rapidly they are able to turn a maple leaf into humus. It comes as no surprise that the sugar maples growing across our northern states are telling us something about global warming.

I collect a small amount of maple sap each spring and make about a gallon of maple syrup. This was not a particularly good year for maple sap gathering. Was it just a matter of each year being different, or was it part of a long-term trend?

Timothy Perkins, a researcher at the University of Vermont has suggested that global warming is the explanation. He says that in New England the sap collecting season now begins about a week earlier than it did 40 years ago, and that it ends about 10 days earlier than it did. That represents a loss of 10 percent of the total sap-collecting period in only 40 years. Others suggest that by the year 2100 there may be few or no sugar maple trees in the United States. They will have moved to Canada, where the climate will be more conducive to their growth and development. Of course trees don't move once they have begun growth. But the old trees will die and not be replaced by new ones, and all that tasty syrup and those red-gold hillsides will be a thing of the past.

It is easy to believe that global warming may not have much of an effect on us if we live inland from the rising oceans and are not directly involved in collecting maple sap or growing agricultural crops, but when the world changes profoundly, it changes everything for everyone. I would miss readily available maple syrup and the glorious colors of autumn. Maybe we should try to figure out what we can collectively do about the warming earth. Maybe, if we can do something about carbon dioxide emissions there will still be sugar maple trees in northern Michigan for our grandchildren to enjoy.

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LETTERS to the editor

THREAT OF GLOBALIZATION

Editor:

Mr. Gohs, in the Wednesday, April 25 issue of the Courier, printed a very good review of the recent discussion of globalization at the library. I feel that the discussion at the library tended to present a favorable review past, present and future, of globalization. I invite all readers to examine the possibility that globalization has instead caused considerable problems for many and may cause more problems in the future if some regulatory moves are not made in our country.

Free globalization has tended to cause free International trade instead of the fair, equal and balanced trade which was presented as needed a decade or two ago. The free trade has led to jobs moving out of our country, whole industries beginning to be transported and lowering of wages for many who are forced to compete with the wages paid in other countries.

An adverse trade balance and American industry investment abroad has caused excess dollar flow into the world's financial exchange which risks troublesome lowering of the value of the dollar. In many ways it has even encouraged easy national borrowing whose interest and principal repayment may hurt our future generations. Some future discussions should examine new regulations of trade that may be necessary in our country for future fairness and balance.

Kenneth Heininger
Charlevoix

GIVE ME SOMEWHERE TO SHOP

Editor:

They stress "shop in Charlevoix" but we don't need candy, sweatshirts or nifty gifts. We could however use a store where we could buy yarn and yard goods and notions.

The downtown is like a ghost town in the winter and a store like that would be a year-round business. At present one has to go to Petoskey to get these.

The summer people knit too and some even enjoy sewing. How about it?

At one time Kmart carried yarn and Oleson's had yard goods.

We are going overboard for tourists and neglecting our year-round people's needs.

Helen Johnson
Charlevoix

THANK YOU FASSETT SUPPORTERS

Editor:

A very special thank you to Charlevoix Senior Center director, Earl Muma, and his employees, Steve, Trudy and Tony, for all their help preparing the spaghetti dinner for the Martin Fassett Benefit on April 21. What a wonderful meal. Thank you to all that donated all those delicious desserts, they certainly completed our dinner.

Another thanks to all of the volunteers helping all throughout the meal and at clean-up time. We couldn't have done it without your help. Thank you for your kindness.

Last but not least, to all the local businesses for your donations of door prizes we are greatly appreciative of your generosity.

Once again it shows why we enjoy and love our community. We are so fortunate to live where there are so many caring and generous people ready to always help someone in need.

Sally Nye and Shirley Roloff
Charlevoix

THANKS VOLUNTEERS

Editor:

As we celebrated National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, the Friendship Centers' Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Charlevoix and Emmet counties wants to recognize the tremendous contribution its volunteers make to our communities.

Volunteers generously gave over 48,000 hours to 110 local non-profit agencies during the past year. Senior volunteers work tirelessly to improve our communities and truly make a difference. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated group of men and women who fulfill the needs of the community. Many local non-profit agencies could not meet their mission without the assistance of the program's volunteers.

Sally Pickereing
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Charlevoix and Emmet counties
Project director

CONGRATS ON CRACKDOWN

Editor:

Congratulations to (Charlevoix County) Sheriff George Lasater for the crackdown of deadbeat parents.

My experience with the Charlevoix Friend of the Court over 20 years ago went well. My ex lived out-of-state and the court was very aggressive in pursuing him.

I've noticed in the last several years, however, the court hasn't done enough for parents raising children. Is it funds, staffing or something else?

When the deadbeat is living right under your nose, or pacifying with an occasional payment, there's a problem.

Wishing you good luck with this program and hope it makes a difference.

Paula Tinsley
East Jordan

DUAL ROLE, BAD IDEA

Editor:

Charlevoix schools have an excellent reputation around the state. I am a resident of this area and I do not want the people of Charlevoix make the mistake of thinking that they can combine the two jobs of principal of the high school and superintendent into one job to save money. Both of those jobs are their own full-time responsibilities.

I should know, I tried to do both of them together last year for half of a year. I have been in education over 30 years and am currently the principal of Bath High School which is a school system approximately the size of Charlevoix (we almost met in the state finals in basketball this year) and last year through the unexpected death of the superintendent I did both jobs for half of the year. It doesn't work. There's too much to be done if you want both jobs done well. There aren't enough hours in the day some days to get one of the jobs done, let alone both. When I tried this last year, both positions suffered. I could not spend anywhere near the amount of time needed trying to run a high school and still deal with what the superintendent also had to do. I didn't have enough time if I was needed with the middle school, the elementary school, the staff, negotiations, the budget, the curriculum and everything that comes down from the state to do a good job of either position.

Your board president is correct. You might be able to try a combined position if you were a very small school system. He is also correct that you will not get the type of candidates for superintendent that your school system deserves if those people know that there is the possibility of having to do both jobs.

Bart Rypstra
Principal
Bath High School

MINE LETTER RESPONSE

Editor:

In a letter to the editor published in the April 25 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, Wayne Seger, makes a vague reference to his being involved as a professional on the Wynkoop limestone quarry project and fails to disclose that he is listed as the project engineer.

Secondly, he writes that the Norwood Zoning Board of Appeals found the use to be legally non-conforming, but failed to disclose that Judge Thomas Power overturned the zoning board decision and placed a permanent injunction against using the property as a mining operation.

His claim that the opposition is "few, localized and loud" is refuted by the outpouring of support on a petition drive against this quarry. Over 150 property owners and neighbors from all areas of the township have voiced their opposition.

Bill Gnodtke
Norwood

THANKS COMMUNITY INVESTORS

Editor:

On behalf of the board of directors of Char-Em United Way, I would like to thank the volunteers and donors who participated in our recent Community Investment Allocation Reviews.

Twenty-eight volunteers met over four days to review funding applications from 24 agencies. Thanks to board members Carol Scholten-Elcoate, Mark Gray, Donna Newton, Ken Pallagi, Steve Andreae, Joanne Curtis, and Sabra Hayden and to our Citizen Review Team members Cathy Brown, Dennis Halverson, Stacy Hammond, Kristi Houghton, Emily Meyerson, Val Meyerson, Heather O'Brien, Virginia Panoff, Robyn Rakoniewski, Pat Seagmen, Peggy Swenor, Barb Wotila, Amy Lalewicz, Dee Vincent, Chris Rice, Darsi Spencley, Glenn Wachler, Christi Struck, Laura Kemp, Jim Rudolph and JoEllen Rudolph.

We would also like to extend a special thanks to the meeting space and refreshment donors.

Thanks to our volunteers for helping United Way make a difference in our community.

Martha Lancaster
Executive director
Char-Em United Way
Petoskey

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Editor:

April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This month is set aside to both honor the survivors of sexual assault and to educate our community about the crime of sexual violence.

The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan is dedicated to this mission. In my position as community prevention educator I have the opportunity to work with approximately 1,000 teens each year. I witness first hand the many damaging myths and attitudes about sexual assault that confuse teens and cause them to unwittingly make choices that can hurt themselves or those around them. The following are some of the facts that shatter the misperceptions many teens and adults hold about rape and sexual assault.

Most sexual assaults and rapes are committed by someone who is known to the victim, not a stranger. Stranger rape gets the attention of the media and is what we see in movies. The reality is that the vast majority of survivors know their perpetrator.

Self-defense classes give women a false sense of security. Studies show that these techniques can actually cause more harm because if they fail, not only is the survivor dealing with the trauma of sexual assault, she may also think she did not defend herself properly resulting in even more self-blame and guilt.

Alcohol is the most common rape drug. With increased publicity about rape drugs such as GHB and Ecstasy, alcohol (legal and easily accessible) is often overlooked. Rape drugs are dangerous and people should be educated about them, however, teens are more likely to voluntarily drink alcohol. Alcohol is a powerful tool deliberately used by the per-

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Operation Petunia prep full speed ahead

The City of Charlevoix Street Department crew was out in force last week and early this week preparing street-side flower beds for the 26th Annual Operation Petunia, a community-wide petunia planting party and picnic organized by Keep Charlevoix Beautiful.

The event will begin with the planting at 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 24.

The volunteers will plant five miles of petunias on both sides of U.S. 31 from the Charlevoix Municipal Airport to Mercer Boulevard. The planting will take about an hour and will be directed by block captains who will answer questions and give out picnic coupons good for hot dogs, chips, cookies and refreshments. The volunteers will also be given free treats from local businesses.

Volunteer planters should dress for the weather in comfortable clothes, wear garden gloves and bring trowels. Anyone can join in on the fun — just find a spot along the petunia route and dig in.

The picnic begins at 6 p.m. in Bridge Park. Local businesses will donate food, drinks, condiments and paper products.

Approximately 500 volunteers participate each year. Dale and Marilyn Boss water the five miles of petunias throughout the summer. The petunias cost approximately $13,000 per year.

Operation Petunia is funded by generous individual and business donations. They can be made to Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Inc. and mailed to Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, P.O. Box One, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Courtesy photo

These baby petunias will soon grow to perfect Operation Petunia planting size and will color downtown Charlevoix's street-side.

For more information, contact Marell Staffel (231) 547-2561.

MHSAA to honor local game officials

James Caldwell

Two long-time Charlevoix game officials will be honored at the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 28th Annual Officials' Awards and Alumni Banquet on May 12 at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel.

Randall Holecheck will be recognized for his 20 years of service and James Caldwell for his 30 years.

They are among 189 officials with 20 years and 127 officials with 30 years of experience, who will be honored.

The honor roll of officials who have aided young student-athletes has grown to 6,855 since the inception of the banquet in 1980.

The banquet will also feature the announcement of the 2007 recipient of the Vern L. Norris Award. The honor, named for the former Michigan High School Athletic Association executive director, will be presented to an official with more than 20 years of experience who has been active in their local officials' association, has mentored other officials and has been involved in officials' education.

For more information, contact Faye Verellen at (517) 332-5046.

Tickets on sale now for May 19 Literary Delights

Tickets are on sale now for Literary Delights Gourmet Luncheon featuring three Michigan authors.

The event, sponsored by the Charlevoix Zonta Club will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 19 at Charlevoix Public Library.

Reservations are required. The cost is $40 per person.

To order tickets, call Linda DeGrow (231) 547-4109 or visit the Bridge Street Book Shop at its new location in the Glen's plaza.

Proceeds from the event are used for Sights on Success, a youth program held each fall.

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All offices are non-partisan for two (2) year terms.

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Marilyn and Dale Boss receive Bob Miles Award

Courtesy photo

On April 26, Dale and Marilyn Boss were given the Charlevoix Historical Society's Bob Miles Award for Historical Research and Preservation in the Charlevoix area. They are shown above holding a cake frosted with a photo of the "Petunia Limousine."

The Charlevoix Historical Society honored Marilyn and Dale Boss, "Mr. and Mrs. Petunia," with a potluck dinner attended by 68 guests on Thursday, April 26 at the Charlevoix Depot.

The Bosses were thanked for their years of contribution to both the historical society and the City of Charlevoix.

Marilyn served as society president for three terms from 1981 to 1983. She has written many columns for the Charlevoix Courier on the town's past. For 21 years she clipped and transferred Courier items and photos into 37 binders that now stretch almost seven-feet on the society's Harsha House Museum library shelves.

In 1978, Dale was instrumental in obtaining the Harsha family residence on State Street for a permanent home for the society. He also helped construct the museum addition in the early 1980s. Dale is most well-known for spearheading Operation Petunia, a community volunteer project that every year beautifies Charlevoix with over 54,000 petunias planted over five miles on both sides of town along Bridge Street, Michigan Avenue and U.S. 31. He is regarded as Charlevoix's unofficial goodwill ambassador, appearing in numerous parades with his watering tanker, the "Petunia Limousine," all over the state.

Application deadline for Zonta Club's Feindt scholarship is May 25

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its annual Mary Feindt Memorial Scholarship, which awards a $500 scholarship to one female high school senior who will be attending college following graduation, and who plans to pursue a math or science-related major in college.

The scholarship recipient will be chosen based on financial need and her involvement and interest in the math and/or science fields not on her grade point average or academic record.

In order to be considered for the scholarship, the student must complete the Mary Feindt Scholarship application, submit a written essay and provide two letters of recommendation from a math or science instructor which confirms the student's involvement and interest in the math and/or science fields.

Applications are available at the counselor's office at all Charlevoix County high schools or may be obtained by calling Maura A. Snabes at (231) 547-9969.

The deadline for receiving applications is May 25 to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Maura Snabes, Scholarship Committee Chairwoman, P.O. Box 633, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in May.

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Join the writer's group to share and encourage each other in creative writing adventures.

Play Club Wednesday, May 9, 10:30 am
Calling all moms and tots, join us for fun in the youth activity center.

Story Hour Thursday, May 10
Drop in for story time this spring. Lapsit at 10:05 and Pre-K at 10:30.

Game Night
Thursday, May 10, 5:30-7:30 pm
Games for all ages.

Paws for a Story
Saturday, May 12, 10:30-1:00 pm
Read to one of the volunteer certified dogs at the library.

MS WORD – THE BASICS
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TEEN ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)
Monday, May 14, 4:00 pm
Guide the direction of the teen room, teen collection, and programming by joining the TAG.

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OBITUARIES

Bill Nall: Died April 30, 2007

Bill B. Nall, 80, of Blairsville, Ga., formerly of Charlevoix and Melbourne, Fla., died Monday, April 30 at his home. Bill was a western Kentuckian, although he was born in Hamilton, Ohio, where his father was drilling a large bore city well.

He attended schools in several states before entering high school in Pine Bluff, Ark. He credited that outstanding school for having courses in physics and chemistry that made it possible, at age 17 to qualify for Navy electronics training. He became an aviation electronics technician after 11 months of schooling and flew voluntarily as a PBY crewman while at the Annapolis Air Base.

After service in the Navy Air Corps, he received an engineering degree from the University of Kentucky. He was accepted in Tau Beta Pi (engineering), Pi Tau Siga (mechanical engineering), and Sigma Pi Sigma (physics) honorary fraternities and graduated with high distinction. Almost 30 years later he received a master's degree from the University of Georgia, after completing Georgia Tech and Georgia courses.

He worked 39 years for Penn-Dixie and Medusa, companies that manufactured Portland Cement. He held engineering and management positions that included 18 years as plant manager in Clinchfield, Ga.

While in Perry, Ga. he was third president of the Perry Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Perry Methodist Church and later the Charlevoix United Methodist Church. He was active in and a commander of American Legion Post 24, and in 2001 transferred to Post 163 in Melbourne, Fla. He was a 56-year member of the American Legion. He was an active member in and president of the Perry Kiwanis Club, as well as Kiwanis clubs in Charlevoix, Lakeland and Melbourne, Fla.

He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for over 50 years and was registered as a professional engineer in Ohio and Michigan.

After retirement from the cement industry he joined with Doug, Doug Jr., and Scott Way of Way Transportation in forming Northern Michigan Dust Control and helped establish reputations for environmentally sound and effective work in controlling dust from unpaved roads and other traffic areas.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Ida; uncle Jason Nall of Wingo, Ky.; brother-in-law, James Register of Ocala, Fla.; nieces, nephews, cousins, stepchildren, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Boyd and Willie Lester Nall; and a sister, Ella Register.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix United Methodist Church.

Mountain View Funeral Home & Crematory in Blairsville, Ga. was in charge of cremation.

Catherine Hynes: Died May 2, 2007

Catherine M. Hynes, 78, of Charlevoix, formerly of Detroit, died Wednesday, May 2 at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan.

A memorial mass will take place at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 16, at St. Francis Xavier Church in Grand Rapids, Rev. Jose Quintana will officiate.

Interment will take place in St. Andrews Cemetery in Grand Rapids.

Catherine is survived by her sisters, Margaret (Richard) Martin of Charlevoix, Bernadette (James) Whalen of Lombard, Ill., Mary Ann Hynes of Chicago, Ill., Jane Schneider of Grand Rapids.

The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Jacqueline MacGillivray:
May 13, 1926 - May 4, 2007

Jacqueline P. MacGillivray, 80, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Vassar, died Friday, May 4 at her home in Charlevoix.

She was born May 13, 1926, in Flint, to Norman and Delores (Wilmot) Dennert. On July 14, 1945, she married Raymond E. MacGillivray in Flint, and he preceded her in death in 1994.

Surviving Jacqueline are her children, Raelyn MacGillivray of Bridgeport, Conn., Archie Lee MacGillivray of Bostwick Lake, Roger MacGillivray of Henderson, Nev., Karen (Jeff) Hourtienne of Clio, Dorian MacGillivray of Charlevoix; eight grandchildren, Dylan and Kelsey, Mitchell and Shannon, Meghan and Carly, and Molly and Raymond; and two great-grandchildren, Mac and Jayce.

Jacqueline was a good woman, wife and mother.

A funeral took place on Monday, May 7, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Rev. Nancy Rohde officiated. Interment took place in Glenwood Cemetery in Flint.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, P.O. Box 233, Boyne City, MI 49712.

LETTERS to the editor

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petrator to make the victim more vulnerable to an assault.

Rape is not about sex. Rape is about the perpetrator's goal to control and over-power another person. Rape is a choice — a choice to commit a personal crime against another human being.

It is never the victim's fault if they are raped. Unfortunately we live in a society with victim-blaming attitudes and an undertone of belief that somehow a person deserves to be raped. The way a woman dresses or presents herself has nothing to do with being raped. Rape is a crime of opportunity and power, not desire.

Social change is a slow process. However, the awareness and education these students are receiving will give them tools to make positive choices now and in the future. These youth will soon be moving into adulthood and will have a major impact on social beliefs about sexual assault.

The Women's Resource Center is a community supported non-profit agency serving residents in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. For more information or support, call the center's 24-hour crisis and information line at (231) 347-0082 or (800) 275-1995.

Carrie Sundstrom

Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan Inc.

Community prevention educator

Speak up!
With a letter to the editor
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05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m
Worship	10:30 a.m
Evening Worship including the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Bible Classes	9:15 a.m
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship Service	11:00 a.m
Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	During Worship
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m
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Church Office	547-6322

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
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President Michael Robbins	588-2112
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m
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Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m

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101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m
Church Office	547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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Sunday School	9:45 a.m
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
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NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

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Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
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Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill	231-347-6651

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

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Gibson, Timms call it quits on city council

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Two of four City of Charlevoix government seats will be filled by new faces in November.

Last week, first ward Charlevoix city councilman Bob Timms and third ward council member Shirley Gibson announced they do not plan to run for reelection.

Their seats as well as those of second ward councilman Gene Beer and city clerk Carol Ochs have expired.

Timms, who is known for his penny pinching track record, beat former City of Charlevoix Planning Commissioner Steven Bennett in a close race in November 2005. He is ending his second consecutive term.

Bob Timms

"I've been on 23 years off and on. I think I'll let it slide this time. I'll let someone else try it," he said.

Gibson, who was first elected in 2001, said her leave from council isn't a permanent one.

"I need to take a break for a year or two. If the people want me back in a couple years, I'll be back," she said.

Beer said he is undecided at this time and Ochs said she plans to run again.

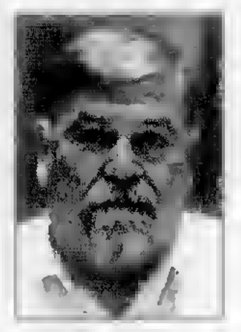
Shirley Gibson

Each of the four open seats carries a two-year term.

The deadline to file for the three Charlevoix City Council seats and the city clerk's seat is 4 p.m. on May 15. As of May 4 no one had filed to run for any of the vacancies.

If three people file for any single office, a primary will take place on Aug. 7 to narrow the field to two who will face off at the Nov. 6 general election.

Council members will take office on Nov. 19. The clerk will take office Jan. 2, 2008.



Gene Beer

Filing petitions are available at the Charlevoix city clerk's office at city hall. To be eligible, candidates must be registered voters in the City of Charlevoix and must obtain 25-40 petition signatures of residents in the ward in which they live. The completed petitions must be returned in person by the candidate to Ochs as eligibility also includes completion of an affidavit of identity.

For more information, contact Ochs at (231) 547-3250.

What? Shirley Gibson and Bob Timms, two of three members of Charlevoix City Council whose seats have expired, do not plan to run for reelection.

What will become of the open seats? Potential candidates must file nominating petitions by 4 p.m. on May 15.

What does petition completion entail? Filing petitions are available at the Charlevoix city clerk's office. To be eligible, candidates must be registered voters in the City of Charlevoix and must obtain 25-40 petition signatures of residents in the ward in which they live.

Republican Lincoln Day Dinner is May 10

The Charlevoix County Republicans will have their annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Thursday, May 10 at Mountain Grand Lodge in the Vienna at Boyne Mountain.

The reception will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7 p.m. The guest speaker is Dick DeVos. Senator Jason Allen and Representative Kevin Elsenheimer are expected as well.

To join Charlevoix County Republicans as a Century Club member, the cost is $100 which includes two Lincoln Day Dinner tickets and two tickets to the July 8 Charlevoix County Republican Picnic at Whiting Park.

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No decision reached on Norwood mine

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Wayne Wynkoop's proposed limestone mine in Norwood was given neither yea or nay during last week's two-day special meeting.

After more than seven hours of public comment, assertions by attorneys and experts amid allegations of impropriety and claims the meeting was held illegally, the Norwood Township Planning Commission opted to review the information further and reconvene at the tentative time of 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 11.

"There is a lot of information to digest and we are going to submit some questions to the applicant," said planning commission member, Denny Way.

During the three hours of the Thursday, May 3 meeting, nearly 40 people spoke against the mine while four spoke in favor of the project.

"We wanted to make sure everyone who had something to say had a fair chance to speak," Way said. "We don't want someone to walk away and say, 'Norwood Township did not give us the chance to voice our opinion.' We appreciate everyone for being there. It's good to see people getting involved."

The applicant and his opposition made their respective cases during the more than four hour meeting on Wednesday, May 2.

Wynkoop's engineer, Wayne Seger, outlined the 25-acre project saying limestone found above the water table would be removed from the site, which will consist of a gravel pit, stockpile, scale, office and access roadway and that no violations, environmental or otherwise, have occurred.

Wynkoop's lawyer, Edgar Roy III, addressed several issues raised by the opposition including whether the meeting notice was valid, whether Wynkoop had a conflict of interest in his capacity as both township supervisor and special use permit applicant and whether the property's former owners retain the controlling interest on mineral rights.

Roy said the notice was valid, Wynkoop never appointed anyone to any public body and whether he had the controlling interest in mineral rights was not germane to the planning commission's duties.

"Who knows which judge may decide that issue, if it even becomes an issue," he added.

Roy addressed one of opposition group, Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety's biggest arguments, that mining is not an allowable use on Wynkoop's property, by citing the 2002 ordinance.

"Somebody decided, or collectively some board ultimately adopted, an ordinance that allows mining in the ag(ricultural) district," Roy said. "You mine gravel where you find it. This isn't a drive-in. This isn't a campground. This isn't the kind of use that you can pick up and choose where the gravel is mined."

He added, "The law gives special deference to mining operations. There have to be very serious consequence to preclude the rezoning of mining activity."

Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety

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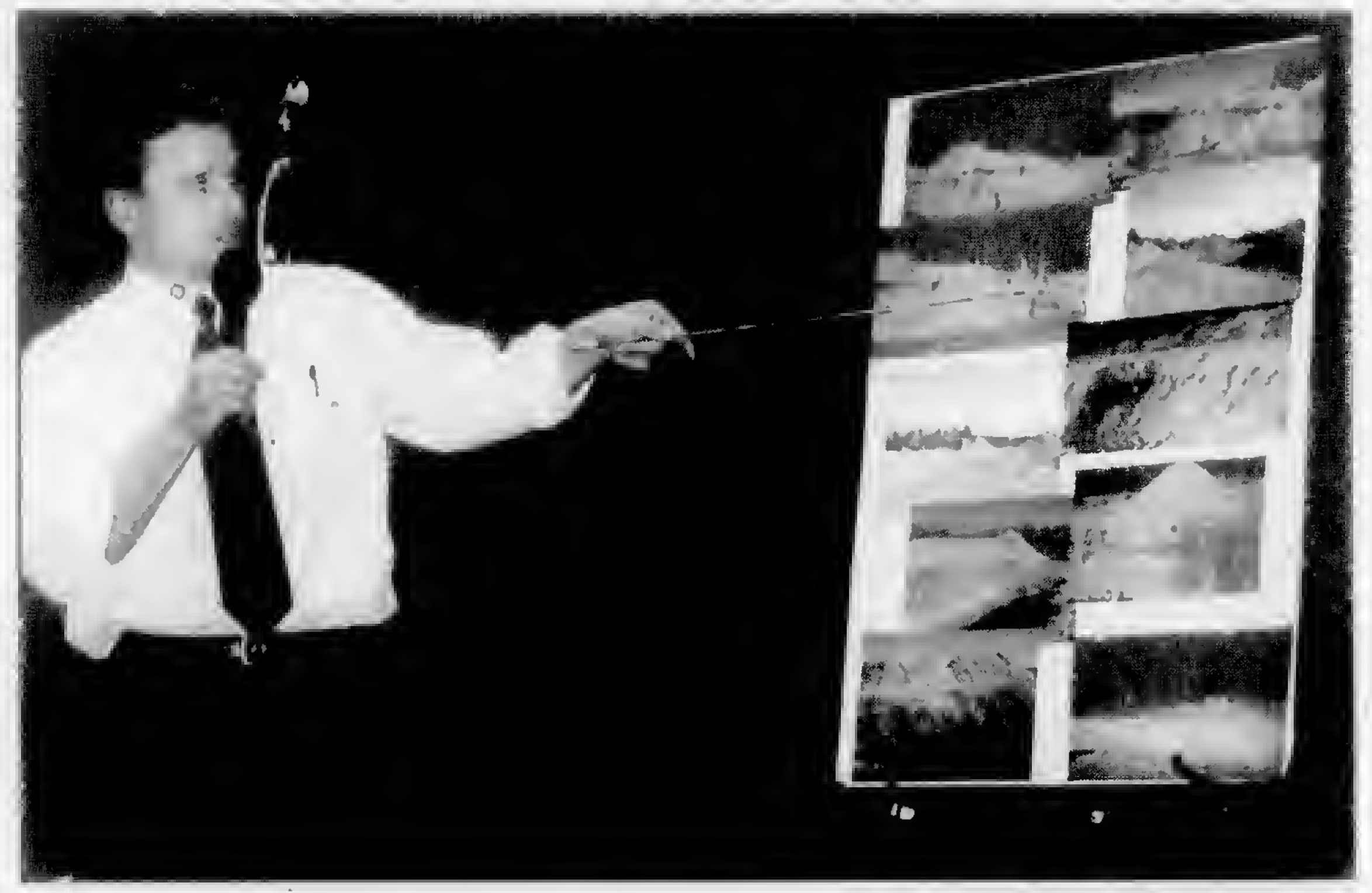

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Following two days and several hours of comment from experts and residents for and against Wayne Wynkoop's Norwood mine operation, the Norwood Township Planning Commission opted to adjourn to an undetermined date to review the information that was presented. (Above) Wynkoop's engineer, Wayne Seger, outlines the 25-acre project saying limestone found above the water table would be removed from the site, which will consist of a gravel pit, stockpile, scale, office and access roadway and that no violations, environmental or otherwise, have occurred.

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Residents throw stones at mine plan

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attorney Karen Ferguson told planning commission members they couldn't make a decision at the meeting because it was not noticed properly under the Open Meetings Act.

"We had people check at the township hall today and this meeting was never posted, so the bnsiness you conducted here tonight is illegal," she said. "When the court looks at proper procedure it can void the decision on these defects alone."

In the days following the meeting, Way said, "Our attorney looked at that and felt that was not a valid issue. The posting was done at the township hall."

Ferguson also told the commission they failed to disclose all personal and business relationships, communications and ex parte site visits they may have had with Wynkoop with regard to his project.

"When it comes to appearance of impropriety and conflict of interest, public perception is the key. When a supervisor sits on a township board, he has power of appointment over planning commission members," she said.

Pat Harmon, manager of the Charlevoix County Road Commission, testified that the stretch of Norwood Road from Wynkoop's property to U.S. 31 is adequate for large trucks hauling gravel, but indicated the road commission's inability to predict how much damage would be done over time.

"Norwood Road is unable to withstand 60 trips a day by fully loaded double bottom trucks weighing in excess of 40 tons," said Norwood resident Bill Gnodtke. "60 trips a day times six days a week, four weeks a month, for six months a year is over 8,500 trips on seal coated road."

Ferguson accused Wynkoop of voting against planning commission members who allegedly asked difficult questions of him concerning his project.

"We have asked for an independent planning commission, one that owes nothing to Mr. Wynkoop and we did not receive it," Ferguson said.

While he said he never visited the Wynkoop property, wetland expert and environmental consultant, Dr. Christopher Groebel, has concerns about what environmental impacts and what impact noise, dust and vibration may have on Wynkoop's neighbors if the project is allowed.

In addition, Groebel called Wynkoop's site plan, "Woefully inadequate."

Student creations revealed

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Second-grade students at Charlevoix Elementary School, Malcolm Williams (left) and Tyler McCallum, work on renditions of DaVinci's "Mona Lisa" in preparing for the upcoming Charlevoix Public Schools Art Show which will take place May 10, 11 and 14. Opening night for the Kindergarten through twelfth-grade art show will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. this Thursday, May 10 at Charlevoix Elementary School, located at 13513 Division St. in Charlevoix. Students will be on-site demonstrating creations of various art forms. The show will also be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 11 and Monday,

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Students fight for Uganda's Invisible Children

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Nestled inside a sprawling cardboard box town in the parking lot at Chicago's Soldier's Field were four students with Charlevoix roots and a shared vision of a better future for the people of northern Uganda.

Mitchell Klooster and Nate Dube of Charlevoix met fellow Charlevoix High School graduates Jacky Heckendorn of Detroit and Nate Turner of Indiana in the Windy City on Saturday, April 28 to help fight a war that has plagued Africa's northern Uganda for over two decades.

They were four of over 5,000 people who gathered there for the "Displace Me" event. Similar events were held simultaneously that day in 15 major cities across the United States.

"We were all there for the same reason. It wasn't about us. It was about showing support and power in numbers," Klooster said. "We left our homes to bring them home."

For the past 21 years, a war has been waged between the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and the Ugandan government. Klooster said innocent civilians are caught in the cross hair of the conflict.

"The government of Uganda has failed to protect its citizens from this rebel militia that has abducted thousands of children, subjected them to torture or sexual violence, and forced them to fight in a violent guerilla army. And while peace talks are currently underway to bring much-needed resolution to this humanitarian crisis, the most devastating aspect of this war still exists: The Internally Displaced Persons (IDP camps)," he explained. "People haven't seen their homes in 10 years."

According to information from the Invisible Children Organization, 10 years ago, more than 1.8 million Ugandans were forcibly evicted from their homes and transported to overcrowded camps which now face desperate conditions. Dependence on foreign aid, lack of food and water, alcoholism, sexual abuse, HIV/AIDS, inadequate sanitation and lack of education have caused immeasurable damage to two generations of northerners and the near-total destruction of Acholi culture.

"It's heartbreaking. When I was 5 to 12 years old, I was worried about lemonade stands and girls. 5 to 12 year olds shouldn't be worried about gunfire and where to get food — they shouldn't be scared. I wish they could worry about lemonade stands and girls like I did," Klooster said.

ASK ME about UGANDA
LAKE TENNIS

Courtesy photo

Nate Turner of Indiana, Jacky Heckendorn of Detroit and Nate Dube and Mitchell Klooster of Charlevoix, all Charlevoix High School graduates, met in the Windy City on Saturday, April 28 to help fight a war that has plagued Africa's northern Uganda for over two decades. The film highlighting the realities of the war, "Invisible Children" will be shown on May 10 at Charlevoix High school and on May 19 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

According to information from the Invisible Children Organization, today more than 1.5 million northern Ugandans remain far from secure, suffering nearly 1,000 deaths per week due to the inhumane living conditions.

The recent Displace Me event was an informational gathering that aimed to simulate a displacement camp which typically house 10,000 to 60,000 people each. Campers were allowed to bring only water and Saltine crackers which were confiscated when they arrived and rationed. Speakers from existing camps offered intermittent testimonials to bring their reality to the attendees.

They then sat down and wrote letters to Senators urging them to join the fight for Uganda's displaced citizens and engaged in a 21-minute moment of silence.

"It's a silent war no one really knows about," Klooster said. "These people are just as much our brothers and sisters as people in the U.S. — we can't just forget about them. It's not OK to let people suffer."

The Ugandan crisis has been brought to life for many Americans through the documentary, "Invisible Children," chronicling the experiences of three college students who visited there.

The Charlevoix Community Reformed Youth Group led by youth pastor, Ted Polleys, has organized two upcoming showings of the film. The first will take place at 9:30 a.m. on May 10 in the Charlevoix High School auditorium. The second is a community showing, fund-raiser. It will feature live music starting at 6 p.m. followed by a showing of the film at 8 p.m. on May 19 at Charlevoix Public Library.

"The whole idea is to be intentional, grassroots, one-on-one — getting people excited and asking questions about what is going on in Uganda. Giving them information," Polleys said.

The group has also organized a T-shirt sale campaign featuring a shirt with a picture of an Ugandan child that reads, "Ask me about Uganda." The cost is $12 each and all proceeds are directed to Invisible Children.

For more information about the Invisible Children video, organization or mission, visit www.invisiblechildren.com.

For more information about the upcoming showings of the film, call Polleys at (231) 547-9482.

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TEEN SCENE inside the halls

Students party night away at prom

Playing it safe at parent sponsored after parties

BY KIMBERLY WAY
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

For many, senior prom is among the few highlights in the four years that make up our high school careers.

Along with graduation, sporting events and homecoming, proms rank right up there.

At Charlevoix High School, prom night was Saturday, May 5 at the Bay View Inn in Petoskey. The red carpet themed event had many teens spiffed up for a night of fun. DJ Pink Noise provided popular tunes while students danced the night away on a decorated dance floor.

Many parents loaded with flashing cameras lined the red carpet that led to the main door of the inn. Pretending to be paparazzi, photographs taken were then uploaded to a power point that was played later on during the night.

Prom king, queen, prince and princess were voted on throughout the night as well. Guests were asked to vote for a male and female from the senior class for king and queen, and another male and female from the junior class for prince and princess. The lucky winners were seniors Ian Hughes and Erica Hedrick and juniors Cliff Jones and Omega Hang.

Students were properly supervised while attending the dance, but it's what happens after the last dance that gets students in trouble. BASES program director Celia Kelly visited the school for an assembly on April 24 to advise students of their possible consequences.

Kelly stated that alcohol is the only substance that numbs the brain, so when overdose occurs, emergency care is needed. She also warned students about the effects of using marijuana and the possible consequences that come with using the illegal drug.

Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office school liaison officer Rob Scholey also attended the assembly to advise students what would happen if they showed up to the prom drunk or high. If a student were to show up to the prom drunk, he or she would be given a ticket and would be sent/escorted home.

If a student were to show up to the prom high, he or she would be spending the night in jail because law enforcement takes that offense very seriously.

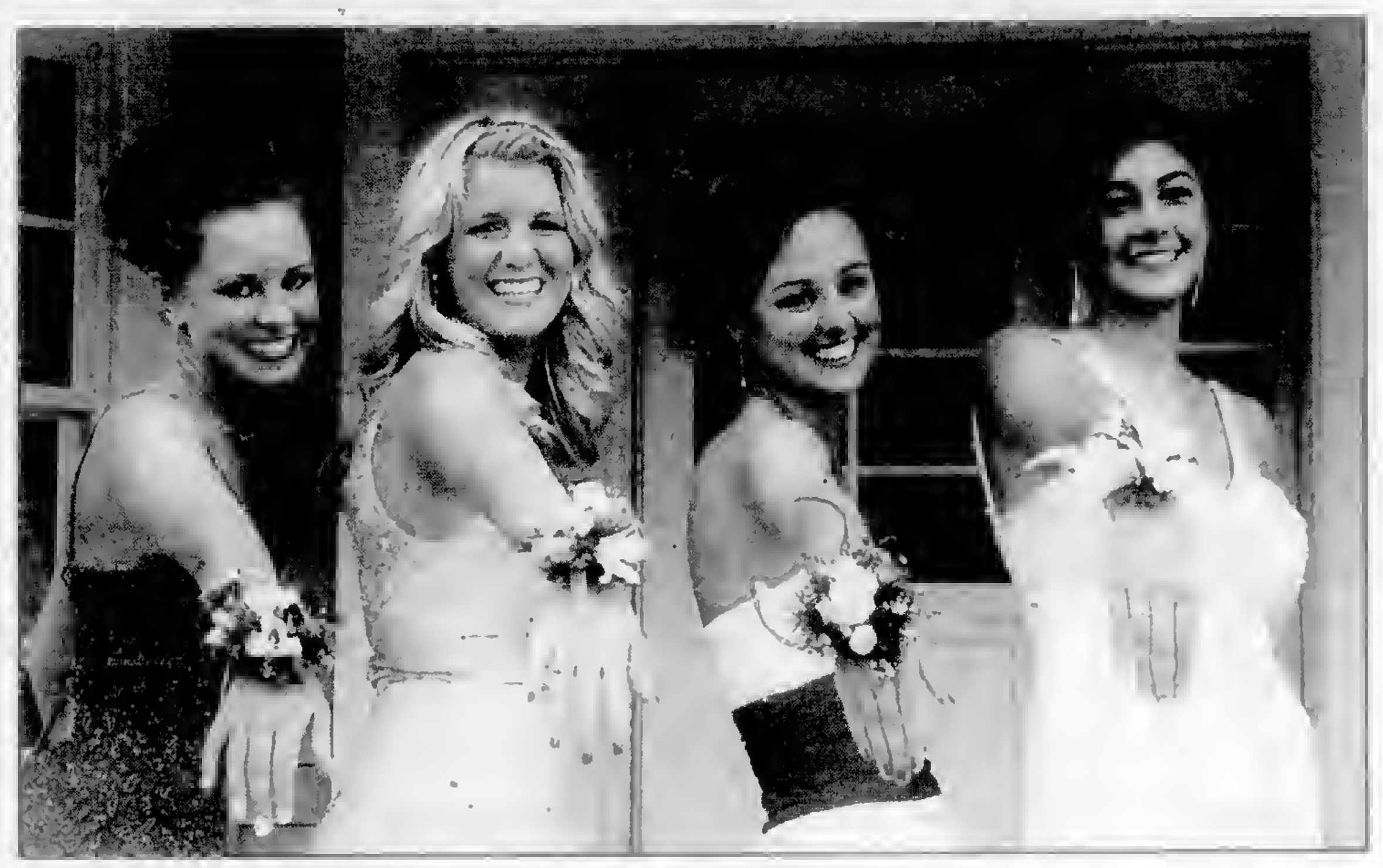
"Jail is not fun. It's not designed to be fun," Scholey said.

To keep kids away from this sort of mess, many parents provided after prom parties.

John and Zita Winn hired a hypnotist to entertain many students at their home Saturday night. Barney and Kris Way rented the bowling alley so that a maximum of 40 kids could hang out at a supervised location from midnight to 2 a.m. Greg and Denise White allowed their daughter to invite a group of friends to camp out in tents in their backyard. These three families are only a few of the supervised parties put together to keep kids out of trouble on prom night.

Efforts for the 2007 prom did not go unnoticed. The junior class put together a wonderful dance with appropriate decorations, and many adults helped keep teens out of trouble by providing drug and alcohol education and after prom parties.

Kimberly Way is the writer and coordinator of Teen Scene. This page will appear the second Wednesday of the month in the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by e-mail at way_kim@hotmail.com.



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Charlevoix High School junior Aubrey Way, seniors Kim Way and Kara Ciesielczyk and junior Sarah Klooster are photographed before the big event.

Photos by Kimberly Way

(Above right) Charlevoix High School junior, Kyle Jones, senior, Darron Munson and (above, left) senior, Sasha Spencely, get their groove on.

Photo by Kimberly Way

Prom guests were asked to vote for a male and female from the senior class for king and queen, and another male and female from the junior class for prince and princess. The lucky winners pictured above were (right) seniors Ian Hughes and Erica Hedrick and (left) juniors Cliff Jones and Omega Hang.

Paying for fuel at the pump and post office

Stamp rates to increase on May 14

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

> *"We spend a lot of money on fuel. It's huge for us"*
>
> **Blaise Rivers**
> CHARLEVOIX POSTMASTER

The pump isn't the only place people will pay for fuel cost increases. The hike will also be felt at the post office.

Charlevoix postmaster, Blaise Rivers, said increased labor and fuel costs are to blame for postal rate increases to take effect May 14 across all mail classifications. All new rates are scheduled to go into effect May 14, except those for periodicals (magazines and newspapers), which are scheduled to go into effect July 15.

The Charlevoix Post Office employs 21 people and fuel costs account for 20 percent of their budget. Labor costs including retiree health benefits required by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, signed into law on Dec. 20, 2006.

With the price of regular unleaded in Charlevoix holding at $3.19 per gallon and nationwide having maintained an average of about $3 per gallon over the past year, businesses like the Post Office are making needed adjustments.

"We spend a lot of money on fuel. It's huge for us," Rivers said.

For the average Joe, the postal rate increases will mean a jump from 39 to 41 cents on first class mail weighing 1 ounce. This is letter sized mail and is the type of mail the local Post Office handles the most pieces of. Postcard stamps will increase from 24 to 26 cents.

A remaining unknown that will mean money for loyal eBay users is the Priority Mail rate increase. Rivers said Congress made a last minute decision to scale back the originally proposed Priority Mail increase.

He added that at this time he hasn't received figures outlining the amount the increase will generate in the first year.

The last time rates were increased was in 2005 when the cost of a first class stamp went from 37 to 39 cents. Rivers said the Post Office doesn't follow a two-year increase schedule but like any business has to respond to cost fluctuations as they come.

"(Rates increase) whenever we can no longer make ends meet," he said. "We don't survive on tax revenue, we are completely self-sufficient. No other government entity pays its own way like that."

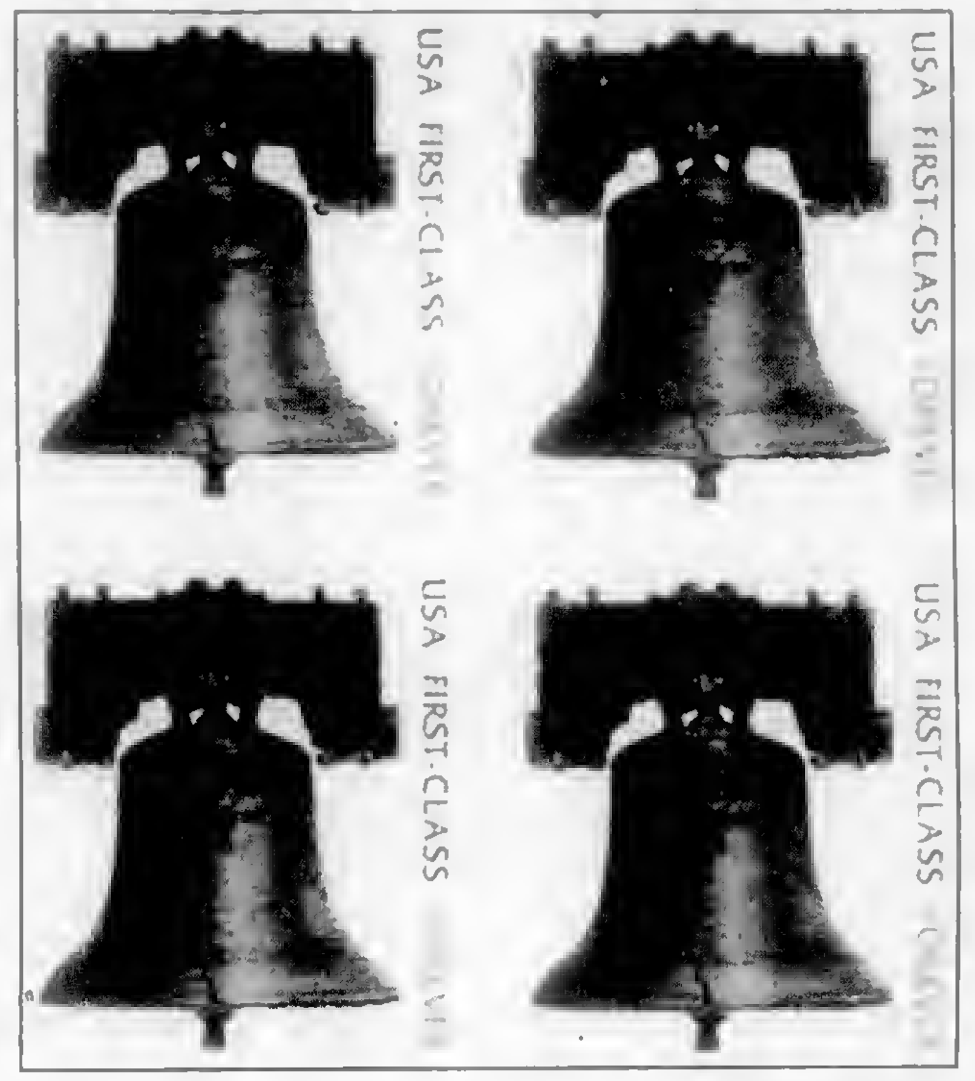
Rivers said while the rate increases mean a higher cost for users, they won't mean better service. But he said an unrelated turn of events will improve service locally.

That decision was hiring of 20 new employees at the Gaylord Post Office mail processing facility where weekday Charlevoix mail is directed for sorting and distribution.

"That will be helpful. It's been an issue for us for some time. Because of a lack of staff their being able to get trucks to us in a timely fashion has affected my operation. I only have so many people and lost operating time," Rivers, who has been Charlevoix postmaster since 1998, said of the rectified staffing issue in Gaylord.

For those who don't want to face future increases or rate unknowns, the U.S. Postal Service is offering Forever stamps featuring a picture of the Liberty Bell that are 41 cents each and are good for first class mail forever, regardless of price changes.

Blaise Rivers



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When will changes take effect? May 14

What does this mean for the average mail user? 39 to 41 cents on first class mail weighing 1 ounce. This is letter sized mail and is the type of mail the local Post Office handles the most pieces of.

What other rate increases have been determined? Postcard stamps will increase from 24 to 26 cents.

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Bible Baptist Church opens food pantry

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of needy people a month have been served by a new food pantry in the Charlevoix area since Christmas 2006.

According to assistant pastor and manager of the Bible Baptist Church's Bread of Life Food Pantry, Philip Green, the people of his organization intend to serve even more of their fellow citizens this year.

"We started it because of the great need of everybody especially coming through the hard winter we had," Green said. "There were lots of folks in the area having problems with food and we also had people calling constantly wanting to know if we had a food pantry."

While the church has no benevolent fund for needy families, the parishioners have taken donations for those in crises in the past. However, Green said, with the new food pantry, people can be served any time.

"We get food monthly from the Manna Food Project in Petoskey, so we have a lot of food at the beginning of every month," Green said. "The first Thursday we have all the food set out in a large room for everybody to see and pick through from 5 to 7 p.m. and then the food goes into the pantry room."

He added, "They can set up an appointment to see food and get food — I had four appointments last week where people called and said we desperately need some food."

Hunger is an issue to which Green has no problem relating.

"When I was growing up we hardly had any food and if it wasn't for my grandma in North Carolina — she would send a box of cereal in the mail and load us up with food — it was a struggle seeing how my mom and dad handled the situation," he said. "Northern Michigan is so expensive with food prices and now gas prices going up, we'll help anytime somebody says they need help, we answer with food because it's the bread of life."

Though so many people seem to be hurting in Michigan's ailing economy, Green said any amount of help can go a long way.

"People could donate some time. People could donate some money to help us keep afloat because we don't charge anything for the food," Green said. "We give food out at no charge but everything is a charge to us. We pray constantly week to week that donations come in."

He added, "Donations are welcome and that is the reason we've been alive so far because some people have donated $10 here or $25 there."

Anyone in need of or wishing to help should call the church at (231) 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of K-Mart.

Charlevoix Zonta names Young Women in Public Affairs award winner

Jill Drenth

Charlevoix Area Zonta Announces Young Women in Public Affairs Award Winner Jill Drenth, a senior at East Jordan High School, was named the winner of this year's Charlevoix Area Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award competition is designed to encourage women to pursue decision-making positions in their communities in order to impact the policies that affect the lives of women locally and throughout the world. The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs program looks to the young women of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Drenth was chosen as the Charlevoix Area Zonta winner because of her involvement with her community, her focus on her career goals and her understanding of and involvement with global issues and cultures. Drenth has a 4.0 grade point average, is class valedictorian and plans on attending Saginaw Valley State University to study nursing.

Drenth demonstrates her commitment to the community through her volunteer work with the Jordan River Clean-up Day and a Vacation Bible School counselor and has been on a medical mission to Guatemala as a freshmen. She is also very involved in school activities, including National Honor Society, SADD, basketball and volleyball.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. The Charlevoix Area Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award is one of the many programs for young women sponsored by Charlevoix Area Zonta. Applications for next year's award will be available from Charlevoix Area Zonta in late fall, 2007.

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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

Bosman's Mercantile Grand Opening – May 16 - 20

Locally owned and operated by Chris and Melanie Helstrom. Bosman's opened April 4 with a Grand Opening planned for May 16 through the 20. Bosman's is a rural retail store, offering "Everything you need for everyday living." Store product categories offered include Clothing, Pet Supplies, Hardware, Automotive, Lawn & Garden and Agricultural. Within the clothing department some brands carried include Levi, Carhartt, Lucky, Wrangler, Ariat, Woolrich, Caterpillar and Farm Boy. Bosman's offers a unique shopping experience with 8 burning stoves, a welding concept shop and unparalleled customer service.

Memorial Day Activities

The town of Charlevoix celebrates Memorial Day on May 28. There will be a wreath laying ceremony at Brookside Cemetery at 9:00am. The parade begins at 10:00am from East Garfield and will halt to decorate Veterans Monument and lay a wreath in the water for those lost at sea. The parade will then continue we onto Mason Street ending with a short ceremony in the parking lot at the Charlevoix Public Library.

The Landings Restaurant Opens May 18

The Landings Restaurant in Ironton will open for the season on Friday, May 18. The Landings is located next to the Ironton Ferry – 4 miles south of Charlevoix off M-66. Open everyday 11:00am – 9:00pm May – June (Until 10:00pm July & August). Come by boat, motorcycle or car and enjoy lunch or dinner in a relaxed island atmosphere "on the water". Boat slips available on a first come first serve basis for lunch and dinner. Indoors is smoke-free. The gas dock will open for the season on Friday, May 18th. For more information call 547-9036 or visit www.irontoncovelandings.com.

Bridge Street Book Shop

Visit The Bridge Street Book Shop at its new location at 153 North M-66, in the Captain's Corner Shopping Center. The Bridge Street Book Shop will continue to serve Charlevoix and our neighboring communities from its new location which features easy access and plenty of free parking. Spring hours are Monday through Saturday, 9:00am – 6:00pm. For more information call 547-7323 / 800-729-3949 or visit www.charlevoixbooks.com.

If you have news for the Chamber Monthly please call the Chamber at 547-2101.

4th Annual "Taste of Charlevoix" – June 16

The 4th annual "Taste of Charlevoix" will be held on Saturday, June 16, from 11:00am to 4:00pm in downtown Charlevoix. Area restaurants and food/beverage vendors will showcase their specialties, along with local entertainment and activities for the children. Wineries from the Leelanau Peninsula and Old Mission Peninsula will be in attendance, as well as regional breweries. Musical entertainment will be provided throughout the event. The children's area features the Rayder Jump House and an inflatable slide, face painting, cookie decorating and more.

Zaccaro's Market to Open – June 15

Northpointe Food Ventures, LLC announces the opening of Zaccaro's Market at 221 Bridge Street in Charlevoix on June 15. "This market will be a way for us to test some of our signature items that will be showcased in our future Traverse City store, such as our amazing rustic breads, prepared food items and other private label sauces and tapenades. Cindy Warner, Managing Partner of Northpointe Food Ventures, LLC states: "We felt that the downtown Charlevoix market was ripe for such a venture with their expanded marina, recent Cool Cities designation, and long term growth initiatives. We want to be part of the fabric of the growth of Charlevoix as it emerges as one of the coolest cities in Michigan."

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

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May 19	Friske Orchard Blossom Festival 599-2604
May 19	Literary Delights-Michigan Women Authors Luncheon 547-9969
May 20	TRI 4 FUN women's Non-Competitive Triathlon 547-4369
May 24	Operation Petunia 547-2663
May 26	Charlevoix Garden Club Spring Plant Sale 547-1978
May 26	Top of Michigan Ride 348-8280
May 26-27	Memorial Day Antique Show at Castle Farms 237-0884
May 28	Memorial Day Ceremony in Brookside Cemetery-9am 237-2181
May 28	Memorial Day Parade-10am 547-2181
May 31	Regional Business After Hours 547-2101
Jun 02	Community Wide Yard Sale-AmericInn Lodge & Suites 237-0988
Jun 08-10	Charlevoix Trout Tournament 547-9054
Jun 10	Lou Open Golf Tournament 547-5125

For information on the many programs and events offered by the Charlevoix Public Library visit charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-547-2651.

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on May 17 at Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.

The next First Friday Biz Breakfast is June 1 at Grey Gables at 7:30am

The speaker is Stephenie Sayre, Director of Marketing and Shows at Castle Farms.

The Regional Business After Hours is at Castle Farms on Thursday, May 31 from 5:30 to 9:00pm.

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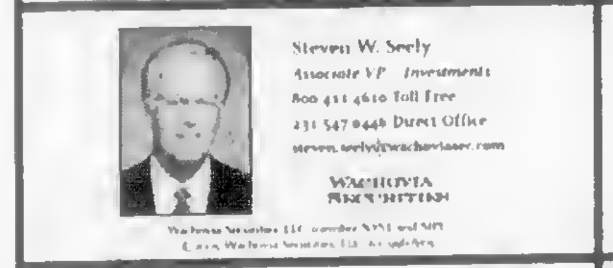
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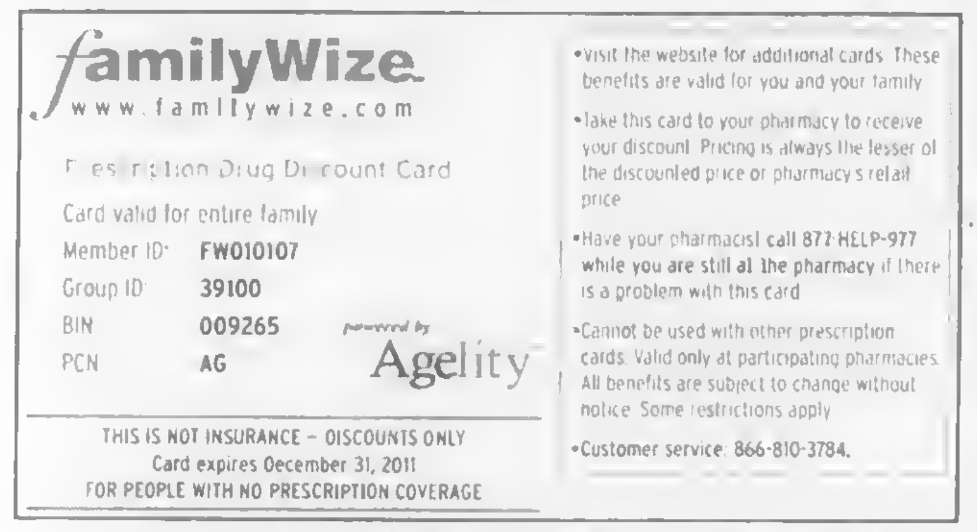

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Free FamilyWize prescription drug discount cards are now available at locations in Charlevoix and Emmet counties to help people with no prescription coverage lower the cost of their medicine.

These cards can be obtained from the Department of Human Services, Friendship Centers, Community Free Clinic, Petoskey and Charlevoix Public Libraries and Manna Food Project or by calling United Way at (231) 487-1006. People with Internet access can print a card by visiting www.familywize.com.

The cards are being distributed free-of-charge, courtesy of Char-Em United Way and more than 300 other United Way agencies around the country, as part of a $50 million national, in-kind donation of discount prescription cards coordinated by Membership Services Corporation, located in Bethlehem, Pa., and its industry partners.

According to Dan Barnes, president of Membership Services Corporation, these cards can reduce prescription drug costs by an average of 20 percent or more.

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Sheriff's office offers seniors cleanup program

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is offering a cleanup program for senior citizens of Charlevoix County.

Sheriff George Lasater will be assigning county jail prisoners, supervised by the sheriff's office to assist senior citizens with raking and general cleanup of their yards.

This program also includes townships in Charlevoix County where prisoners may be assigned under supervision, to clean cemeteries, parks and other sites.

Sheriff Lasater advises only prisoners who are not a security risk to the community will be assigned to this detail.

The senior citizen portion of the cleanup program is funded by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Senior Millage Fund.

Senior citizens must call the Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103 to sign up for the yard cleanup program. Township officials may contact Sheriff Lasater at (231) 547-4461 for arrangements.

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The realities of prostate cancer treatment

Ken Doty:
Living with Cancer

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

In part two of the series "Ken Doty: Living with cancer." Doty talks about how the disease is treated and how those treatments have affected him.

Doty said it is as important to be with a loved one when the doctor gives his prognosis as it is to ask questions and take charge of your treatment.

"I learned very, very soon you take somebody else with you," he said. "Someone with a clear mind to hear what is being said."

Doty said diagnosis involved some less than comfortable procedures.

"They stick an 18-inch long tube the size of your thumb up your (rectum). It feels like a rubber band snapping your insides when they cut samples off," he said. "All eight samples had cancer. I went through CT scans, a PSA, bone scans and met with doctors in nuclear medicine and a chemical oncologist."

Doctors then use various systems and scales to determine how aggressive the cancer is and how far it has spread.

A digital rectal exam will not reveal stage-one prostate cancer, but it will reveal stage-two cancer. Cancer is considered stage-three after it spreads from the prostate and stage-four cancer can be found anywhere else in the body, but typically in lymph nodes.

After Doty was diagnosed with stage-four prostate cancer in October, 2006, he didn't waste any time in getting ready for the treatment.

"I stopped drinking pop. I stopped eating McDonald's and Burger King and started on supplements, antioxidants and vegetables and went to drinking water to try and detoxify my body," he said. "I tried to get in the best possible shape I could, but the primary thing is the mental thing. You just have to go on."

Doctors gave Doty hormone therapy to lower his testosterone levels because testosterone allows cancer to grow and he was given EBRT (External Beam Radiation Therapy) where x-rays, other than those used to view bone, are sent into the body to kill the cancer.

"I go in and they gave me tattoos of little (lead) dots on my sides and front pelvic area that allow them to line me up between little laser beams," Doty said.

The dots allow doctors to adjust the treatment table so the radiation can be aimed exactly at the diseased area.

"A little over a week into it you're tired, there is burning when you go to the bathroom (and) loose bowels," he said.

In one of Doty's short journal entries amidst his 26 treatments he wrote, "Feels like I ate and drank Mexican."

Doty, who said, "It's nothing to wrack up $9,000 in a week," speculated that his five-year treatment period will cost between $150,000 to $200,000.

Doty's last radiation treatment was Feb. 28, but it took over a month for the pain to subside.

"Once I started the radiation, I lost my appetite and I have no problem sleeping for 12 hours, waking up for a few hours and then taking a two-hour nap, but the pain and symptoms have subsided," he said. "There is a myth that, because you have prostate cancer and surgeries, you become half a man — they're false. I've lost some hair and the hormones and radiation affect sexual performance somewhat, but I'm almost 50, I shouldn't be like an 18-year-old."

Constant trips to various hospitals and constantly feeling drained often presents problems for those trying to fight cancer while supporting a family, but lucky for Doty, the Charlevoix County Building Department is paperless and wireless which has allowed him to work from home when necessary.

"I could be sitting on the couch in my robe talking to a contractor (on the phone) and taking care of things," Doty said. "Without the county commissioners, that would be former commissioners as well as new commissioners saying, 'You've got the technology to make this work;' most employers wouldn't do that."

He added, "Everybody in the building department has stepped up to help do things, but that's the way this department is. We've always been like a family."

As a Michigan High School Athletic Association basketball referee for 29 years and a coach for more than 20 years for both Boyne Falls and East Jordan school systems, Doty wasn't about to give up his favorite pastime, so he hired an assistant coach out of his own pocket for days when he was simply to tired to coach the kids.

"The doctors themselves wanted me to continue coaching because they knew I'd be doing physical exercise," he said. "And that keeps the body going and that's what they want. They recommended that I not give up anything, but that I slow down."

He added, "(Coaching) gave me a purpose everyday. No matter what happens to somebody in life, you can continue to do things."

No matter what happens, Doty said he will go on.

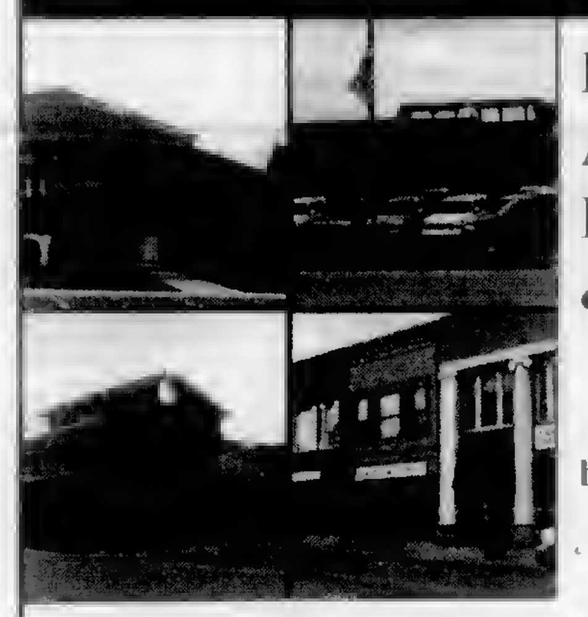
"I plan on beating this and going on. If this stuff (treatment) doesn't work, we'll go on to the next options," he said. "I enjoy life too much to stop fighting."

Doty's advice for others struggling with the doubt this disease often brings: "Get it done. And then, if you have it, there's so many options for treatment. There are so many new things that are starting to come out — don't ignore it."

A positive attitude and strong faith are integral to getting through each day of what Doty called, "Watchful waiting."

"I wish I could change that (watchful waiting) to more wishing and wanting," he said. "Every little ache or pain you're questioning, 'Is this supposed to be this way? Am I supposed to feel like this?' because you just don't know."

This is the second in a four-part series entitled "Ken Doty: Living with cancer" that will highlight the realities of prostate cancer. Part three in the series will follow Doty as his doctors tell him how effective his treatments have been.



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Prize winning performances

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Charlevoix Middle School Band students earned first and second place medals after performing for the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Festival on April 21 in Kalkaska. (Left) Performers include Margy Bolt and Allison Hankins, saxophone duet; Hillary Way, Ella Kilgore, Annie Dipert and Ashley Louiselle, woodwind quartet; Ella Kilgore, clarinet solo; and Jason Jones, saxophone solo. Theda Williams accompanied the soloists on the piano.

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The Petoskey News-Review's 49-year-old arts, entertainment and culture guide has expanded to a weekly publication.

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The Graphic has been a free weekly publication in the summer only, switching to a monthly publication in the fall, winter and spring. By switching to a weekly publication throughout the year, the staff hope to tap into the year-round market of visitors and residents.

It will also be expanding its coverage area to include much of northern Michigan, from Mackinac Island to Atwood and Gaylord to Charlevoix.

"We are excited to include the Gaylord area in our coverage and look forward to providing these readers with interesting, informative and entertaining articles," Graphic editor, Jeremy McBain, said.

In addition to this change, McBain said the staff will be adding many new features to the publication to further inform and entertain its readers. New features include stories on weird and unusual jobs called "Making a living," tips on getting the most out of your shopping trips called "Shop Smart," ideas on new food, drinks and activities to try called "Try This," as well as a greatly expanded calendar of events and music listings. It also will keep past popular features such as "Artsy," which focuses on the local art community, and "Hot Spot," which introduces readers to the happening spots in the area.

"This will be the publication visitors and residents will want to pick up when deciding what to do and where to go," McBain said. "It will be the entertainment bible of northern Michigan."

To further reach readers, The Graphic is also launching an online edition at www.thegraphicweekly.com. This site will include all of the popular features of the print edition of The Graphic, as well as video and audio clips, blogs and a full calendar of events for the entire area.

"This site will be a useful resource for readers that they can interact with while looking for new things to try and places to go in northern Michigan," McBain said.

To meet these expanded needs, The Graphic has also hired a full-time writer, Maggie Peterson, a December 2006 graduate of Central Michigan University.

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Looking to the future

On Friday, April 27 Northwest Academy Kindergarten through fifth-grade students celebrated Job Day. They dressed up in the uniform of the career they want to do when they grow up, and shared with the other students what kinds of things they will do in their job. Some professionals from the community also came in to share about their job. (Left) Alicia Whennen, 5, looks through a leveler brought in by James Malewitz from Performance Engineering.

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Strap on sneakers and join breast cancer battle

The 2007 Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk will take place this Saturday, May 12 in Charlevoix.

The theme for the upcoming walk, "Lend a Hand — the Factor of Five" encourages walkers and supporters of the fight against breast cancer to find five people they know who are willing to "Lend a hand" towards the walk's success.

There are a number of ways to participate including collecting contributions using a walker registration form available at Charlevoix County Chambers of Commerce, the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, Charlevoix Area Hospital, local health clubs and Prudential Preferred Properties' Charlevoix office.

Individuals are welcome to come out and show support by walking or by creating a team of walkers.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the walk will follow at 10 a.m. leaving from Bridge Park in Charlevoix. Walk routes ranging from 2.5 to 5 miles will be offered. Refreshments will be served in the park at the close of the event.

In the past, this walk has raised over $100,000 for breast cancer research, and cancer victims through hospice, Charlevoix Area Hospital and Camp Daggett scholarships.

Five years ago it was decided that the money raised by the walk would be dedicated to local cancer-related needs and has been directed to the Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund, which operates under the umbrella of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

The fund was started with money given in memory of Judy Edger who died of breast cancer in 1999. Edger was an enthusiastic supporter of the Sue DeYoung walk during the last years of her life and her name was added to the walk following her death.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency's Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program and Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

Individuals can volunteer their time with the walk organization committee by contacting Amy Salatino at 547-7663 or Nicole Kurtz at 330-6060. Both Kurtz and Salatino are members of the Sigma Phi Sorority's Kappa Sigma Chapter which is assisting in organizing the event.

Those wishing to make a contribution may do so by sending a check to the Charlevoix County Community Fund (CCCF), P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727. Donors are asked to print Charlevoix Area Memorial Cancer Fund in the memo line.

Corporations and individuals can also direct their contributions to the endowment portion of the fund. By electing to do this, a donor is eligible for a 50 percent tax credit as well as a charitable deduction on their federal tax form for those who itemize deductions.

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A walker wears a memorial marker on her shirt before participating in the 2006 Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk. The 2007 event will take place this Saturday, May 12 in Charlevoix.

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In an effort to remind readers of how the East Park and municipal marina property have evolved, the Courier has teamed up with the Charlevoix Historical Society to bring readers a photo history of the property. This will run weekly in a "Then and Now" format with a picture from the past and the current construction schedule.

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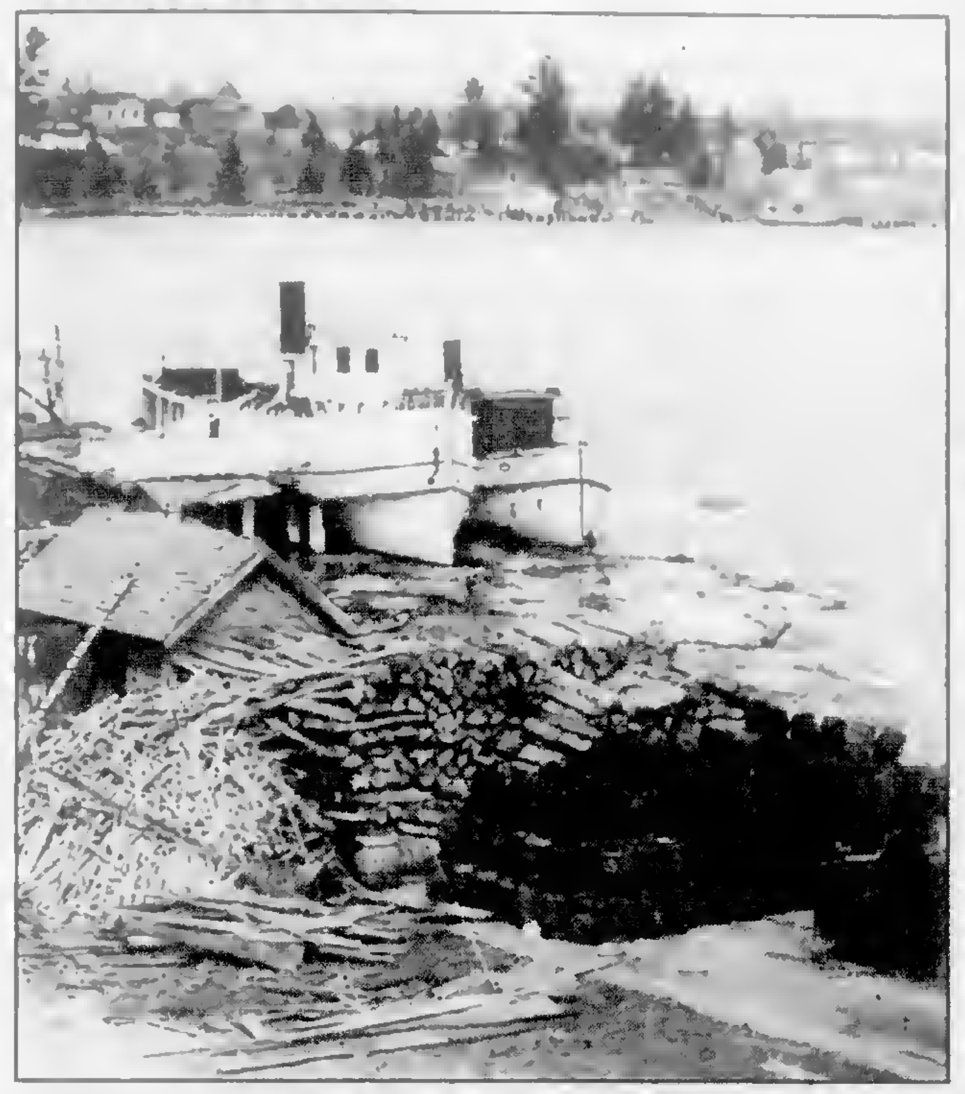

(Left) The Mason Street dock is pictured at left in the early 1900s. Over the years, the Round Lake waterfront deteriorated as fishing declined and many of the smaller boats that had assisted schooners and passenger liners in and out of the harbor were not needed. More vessels became powered by steam and the passenger liners came to rely on themselves to get into dock. With reduced usage, many of the docks were not maintained, the waterfront began to rot and eventually a walk along the embankment became an exercise in avoiding broken and slivered planks, garbage, rats, burning trash and burrs. By the 1920s the Round Lake waterfront was a disgrace.

NOW...

Background

The $10 million East Park and marina renovation project is being tackled in three phases.

Phase 1 includes the seawall replacement, removal of the 17 existing piers, installation of new sheet pile running the length of the park 850-feet, and other miscellaneous work. Installation of the new docks, Phase 2, includes installation of a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220-feet into Round Lake at the furthest point. Phase three includes demolition of existing buildings and construction of the new performance pavilion and harbormaster's facility as well as site work, landscaping and underground excavation.

PROGRESS REPORT WEEK OF APRIL 30:

Curbs and sidewalks poured at Charlevoix Public Library marina overflow parking lot, gravel spread and compacted, density testing.

Took delivery of underground piping for storm drain.

Molon installed three of four storm outfalls.

Flotation Docking took delivery of concrete anchors and set them in the water.

Dock A (most northern dock) anchored and attached to seawall.

UPCOMING EVENTS WEEK OF MAY 7:

Installing concrete anchors in their position.

Pour base of asphalt at the library parking lot.

Remaining storm outfall at base of Antrim Street to be installed.

Molon continues installation of steel cap on top of the seawall.

This report was generated by Pat Elliott, City of Charlevoix Street Department superintendent. If you have any questions, please contact Elliott at (231) 547-3276.

Sheriff's office offers Boating Safety classes

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office will be offering Boater's Safety classes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 2 at Charlevoix Public Library.

Those who currently have an on-line boating safety certificate, must take a proctored test and receive a state honored boating safety certificate. The state only honors on-line course completed certificates that have been verified by a proctored Michigan exam. Proctored exam time is from 7-8 p.m. on July 9 at the Boyne City Middle School and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on July 16 at the East Jordan District Library.

The class is free-of-charge and pre-registration is not required. Minimum age for class attendance is 12. Students should bring date of birth information with them for registration purposes. It is recommended that students eat prior to class or bring a small snack to class. Due to the short duration of the course, there will be no meal time. Students receiving a satisfactory test grade will receive their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate at the conclusion of the course.

Completion of this class is mandatory for individuals born after December 31, 1978 to operate a personal watercraft, for juveniles between the ages of 12 and 16 to operate a boat and for parents that allow their children between the ages of 12 and 14 to operate a personal watercraft. A parent must be riding with the child during operation.

For more information, call the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Marine Division at (231) 547-4461 ext. 320.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Tuesday, May 1, 2007 – 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving the Phase 1 change order for the East Park Mooring Facility—Marine Work Construction for $21,000.
- Motion passed approving the Phase 2 change order for the East Park Mooring Facility—Floating Dock System for $9,830.

Council adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Library offers Kathy Briggs' Fantasy in Fabric display

The Charlevoix Public Library is pleased to announce the display of "Fantasy in Fabric," a collection of art dolls created by local artist, Kathy Briggs.

Briggs, a Charlevoix art doll maker and art quilt maker, began her artistic career in 1997. Her work has been featured in magazines and books including "Art Doll Quarterly," "Soft Dolls and Animals" and "Doll Making as a Transformative Process" by Pamela Hastings. Her dolls have been featured in national shows. Briggs received the Best of Show award at the Jekyl Island Doll Symposium in 2000 for her doll "Question of Time." Her dolls have also been a part of the Hoffman Challenge Traveling Collection.

The colorful fabrics, combined with the whimsical features of the dolls create a lively exhibit.

"Her dolls are quirky, happy and bring a sense of joy to everyone looking at them," said Val Meyerson, director of the Charlevoix Public Library.

Briggs began putting small dolls on quilts in 2000, and this combination of art media culminated in a large wall quilt that included two 30 inch dolls. The quilt is titled "Mardi Gras Masquerade" and the dolls are "Harlequin" and "Jester." This quilt was chosen to be part of the exhibit at the Houston International Quilt Show in 2005, and is a creation made in tribute to the memory of New Orleans before Katrina.

Briggs teaches doll-making classes at local quilt shops and on-line. Fantasy in Fabric will be on display through mid-June at the Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix and is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

Courtesy photo

The works of Charlevoix resident Kathy Briggs (above) featured at the Fantasy in Fabric display will be on display through mid-June at the Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix and is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Relay for Life kick-off celebration is May 10

Are you ready to Relay? Charlevoix County residents will kick off the 2nd Annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Charlevoix County at 6 p.m. on May 10 at the First Presbyterian Church Fireside Room, located at 207 Williams St. in East Jordan.

Residents are invited to attend the kick-off celebration to learn more about Relay For Life and how they can become part of an exciting 24 hours that can lead to a cure for cancer.

The Relay For Life of Charlevoix County will take place on Aug. 11 and 12 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Relay For Life is the society's signature event, dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds to fight cancer. Teams of family, friends and co-workers camp out for 24 hours, taking turns walking the track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times, a reminder that cancer never sleeps.

The event includes entertainment and family activities, an inspiring victory lap by survivors and a poignant luminaria ceremony at dusk that remembers those that have faced cancer.

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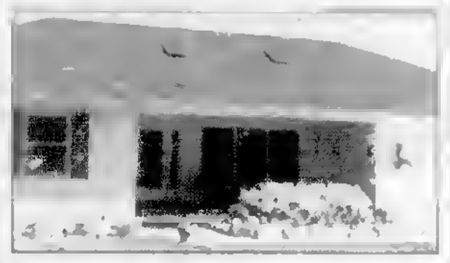
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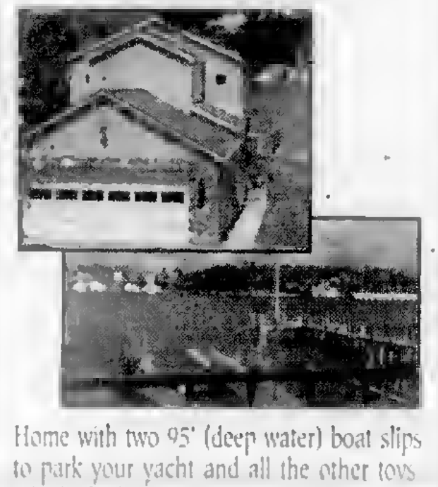
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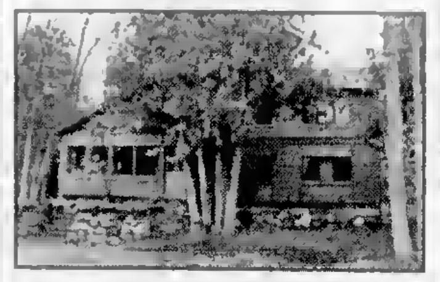
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Harbor Industries named top recycler

The Charlevoix County Recycling Committee presented Harbor Industries, Inc. with the 2006 Charlevoix County Recycler of the Year Award on Wednesday, April 18. Pictured above (from left) are Tim Rayl, Mike Hurchick, Bruce Giem and Mike Shaw from Harbor Industries with Charlevoix County Recycling Committee chair Shirley Roloff who presented the award.

Jackie Letts qualifies for President's Council Award

Jackie Letts

Jackie Letts, a Chartered Benefit Consultant, with Bingham Insurance Services in Charlevoix, has qualified to receive the President's Council Award from the Leading Producers Round Table of the National Association of Health Underwriters.

The President's Council Award is given to individuals who have demonstrated professional excellence in the sale of health and disability income insurance and sales management.

Letts joined Bingham Insurance Services on Jan. 1 and specializes in employee benefits. In addition to qualifying for the President's Council Award, she recently attended the National Association of Health Underwriters Capitol Conference in Washington DC. This is an annual meeting where association members from across the country gather to meet one-on-one with Senators and Congressmen to discuss current and upcoming legislation with regard to the health insurance industry.

"We all know our health care system is in need of reform," Letts said. "I'm proud to play a part in making sure the voice of small employers is heard as those changes are being discussed and considered by our legislators."

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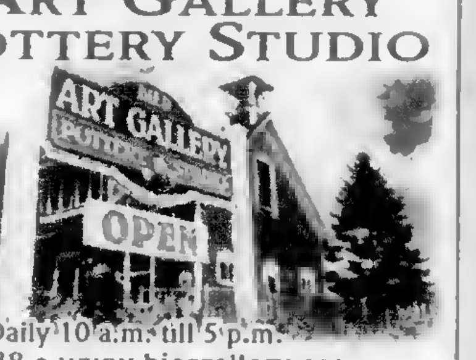

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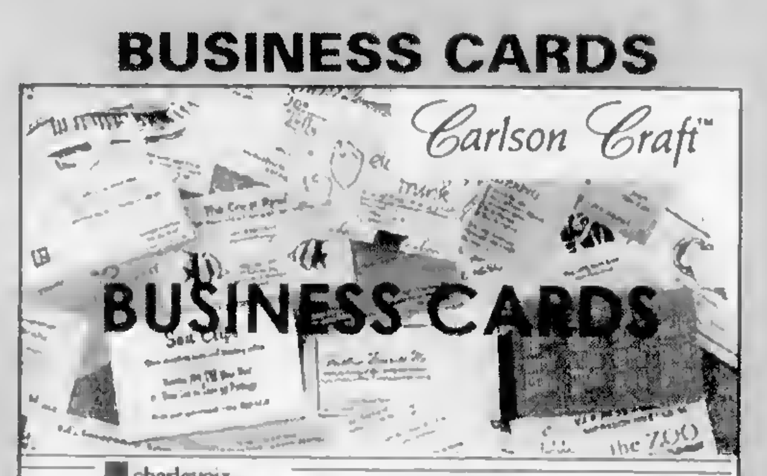

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St. Marys Cement receives environmental award

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

St. Marys Cement Inc. cement plant in Charlevoix received the Overall Environmental Excellence Award from the Portland Cement Association (PCA) and Cement Americas magazine as part of the 2006 Cement Industry Energy and Environment Awards. The award was presented at Portland Cement Association's spring meeting in La Jolla, Calif.

On March 19, St. Marys Cement Inc. cement plant in Charlevoix received the Overall Environmental Excellence Award from the Portland Cement Association (PCA) and Cement Americas magazine as part of the 2006 Cement Industry Energy and Environment Awards. The award was presented at Portland Cement Association's spring meeting in La Jolla, Calif.

Portland Cement Association presents the Overall Environmental Excellence Award to a plant demonstrating merit in multiple categories including outreach, environmental performance, land stewardship, innovation and energy efficiency.

In addition to accepting this honor, the plant was also a runner-up in the Land Stewardship and Outreach categories.

In 2006, the plant installed a new indirect firing system that reduced both fuel consumption and emissions. The plant also replaced power plant fly ash with on-site shale, overburden and purchased bottom ash to reduce mercury emissions. Close to a residential area, the facility conducted a noise study that lead to the design and installation of silencers resulting in less noise for the surrounding community. Working with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, St. Marys maintained a fish-stocking program for the Chinook salmon fingerlings and worked to encourage the regional resurgence of the bald eagle by constructing nesting platforms on its property. In 2006, the plant launched a local newsletter to inform the local community about environmental projects at the plant.

The Cement Industry Energy & Environmental Awards honor individual cement facilities that exemplify the spirit of continuous environmental improvement and support this spirit with action. These plants go beyond government regulations and local laws to ensure that their processes contributed to making their communities better places to live and work.

"Cement companies take very seriously their responsibilities to towns where their employees and customers live," said Charlie T. Sunderland, Portland Cement Association chairman and CEO of Ash Grove Cement Company. "The awards program recognizes these ongoing efforts to continuously challenge manufacturing policies and procedures to minimize our environmental footprint."

A presentation will take place in Charlevoix later this spring.

The awards program was created in 2000 by the Portland Cement Association as part of its renewed environment and energy strategic plan for the U.S. cement industry.

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Don Jess joins Charlevoix Insurance Agency Inc.

Don Jess

Don Jess, a resident of Charlevoix since he was three years old, has joined the Charlevoix Agency Inc., agency president Don Voisin announced this week.

Jess, a standout athlete at Charlevoix High School, graduated in 1994. He attended Alma College and graduated in 1998 with a degree in business administration and a major in accounting. While at Alma, he was business club president, fraternity treasurer and participated in football, basketball and track.

In 2003, Jess was hired as the Charlevoix High School varsity football coach. The team qualified for the state playoffs in both 2005 and 2006.

In April 2007, Jess became licensed by the State of Michigan as a property and casualty insurance agent. He will represent all the companies of the Charlevoix Agency Inc.

Married, Jess and his wife Jennifer have one child, Brady. Jennifer is an elementary teacher in the Petoskey school system.

Family interests include hunting, fishing, camping, golfing and all types of coaching.

For more information, contact Jess at (231) 547-4441. Charlevoix Agency Inc. is located at 112 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix.

Northpointe Food Ventures to open Zaccaro's Market at 221 Bridge St.

Who? Northpointe Food Ventures, LLC, owner/operator of The Boathouse and J&S Hamburg in Traverse City and Village Inn Pizza in Charlevoix.
What? Opening Zaccaro's Market.
When? June 15
Where? 221 Bridge St. in Charlevoix, the former site of Seasons.

Northpointe Food Ventures, LLC, owner/operator of The Boathouse and J&S Hamburg in Traverse City and Village Inn Pizza in Charlevoix, recently announced that they have leased space at 221 Bridge St. in Charlevoix for a Zaccaro's Market that will open on June 15.

"This market will be a way for us to test some of our signature items that will be showcased in our future Traverse City store, such as our amazing rustic breads, prepared food items and other private label sauces and tapenades," Cindy Warner, managing partner of Northpointe Food Ventures, LLC said. "We felt that the downtown Charlevoix market was ripe for such a venture with their expanded marina, recent Cool Cities designation and long-term growth initiatives. We want to be part of the fabric of the growth of Charlevoix as it emerges as one of the coolest cities in Michigan."

Northpointe is still on track for a late 2007, early 2008 relocation of J&S Hamburg and opening of its Traverse City Zaccaro's Market and initial Assaggio Wine Bar and Kitchen.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder baseball wins three of four in doubleheader play

The Rayder baseball team won three of four important games last week to bring the team to 9-5 overall and 5-3 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The winning week started on May 1 with a doubleheader against Kalkaska.

"Kalkaska has been one of the top teams in our league for years and they made it to the final four just last season. Winning two against them was a good step forward for our program," coach Allen Telgenhof said.

In game one of the Kalkaska match-up Charlevoix scored 18 runs in the first inning and had a three-inning mercy rule. The final score was 21-1.

Chris Waha was the winning pitcher, throwing three innings, allowing one run and earning four strikeouts.

"The guys played extremely well. That first inning was unbelievable. We had just scored 17 runs in an inning against Ellsworth and in our very next inning, we scored 18," Telgenhof said.

The second game was a closer match-up with Charlevoix shutting out Kalkaska 3-0. Danny Waldron threw the no-hitter, only one batter reached base and that was on an error. Coach Telgenhof said this was his team's best defensive game of the year.

Charlevoix scored one run in the first inning when Cliff Jones singled, stole second, moved to third on a wild pitch and scored on a Waha sacrifice fly. The Rayders scored two insurance runs in the fifth on a Danny Waldron single sandwiched around a couple of Kalkaska errors.

The team faced Elk Rapids May 3 splitting the doubleheader.

In game one, Elk Rapids shut Charlevoix down 2-0.

Charlevoix managed only five hits and were hurt by three runners being picked off at first base. Waha pitched well but suffered his first loss of the season.

Charlevoix rebounded to win game two, 6-3.

The Rayders trailed early but scored two in the third, three in the fourth and one in the sixth for the win.

Jon Putman, started and was the winning pitcher. Waha pitched a scoreless sixth inning to get the save and struck out three batters in the one inning of work.

"We hated to see our eight-game winning streak end in game one but the guys responded, coming back in game two to hopefully start a new streak," Telgenhof said. "I was very impressed with the way Nic Williams swung the bat. He drove in two big runs in the fourth inning and then scored an insurance run for us in the sixth in game two. I am also very happy with the way Clayton Mitchell has been playing for us. He's new to the varsity, being just brought up as a freshman and thrown into conference play but he's responded nicely."

On Monday, May 7 the Rayders faced Traverse City St. Francis who hold first place in the Lake Michigan Conference.

"The key will be our bats. Do we score runs like we did against Kalkaska or do we struggle like we did against Elk Rapids?" coach Telgenhof said.

Results from this doubleheader were not available by press time.

Softball team takes two of four

The Rayder softball team took home two wins in four games they played on May 1 and 3.

The team split with Lake Michigan Conference rival Kalkaska in doubleheader play on May 1.

In the first game Kalkaska shut down the Rayders winning 10-0. But the defeat didn't kill the Rayder attack and Charlevoix came back to win 5-4 in game two.

"The first game we did not play well at all we came out flat and that was the difference. We made some mistakes and did not hit the ball well at all. The second game we were down 3-0 and fought our way back for the 5-4 victory," coach Tony Zimmerman said.

Against Kalkaska, Sasha Spencley and Caitlyn Mitchell had two hits each. Desi Faust and Leah Kelly each had a hit. Faust was the winning pitcher in game two striking out five, allowing six hits and three walks. Amber Hoffman was the losing pitcher in game one she struck out four, gave up eight hits and walked one.

The Lady Rayders went on to split the doubleheader May 3 against Elk Rapids.

The Elks won the first game in seven innings 7-6 and the Rayders won the second game 13-3.

"In the first game we played good defense but we did not come out fired up and did not hit the ball very well. We played catch up before going into the top of the sixth were we tied it up 4-4 and then took the lead in the seventh 6-4 but could not hold Elk Rapids and they won 7-6," Zimmerman said. "The girls knew we let the first game slip away and they were not going to allow that to happen in game two. We played very aggressive and did not let up at all. The girls wanted that win bad and they worked hard and earned it."

In the first game Ericka Faust had two hits while Desi Faust and Janay Drost each singled. Desi Faust was the losing pitcher in game one. She allowed eight hits, walked one and struck out three.

Headed into play this week against Traverse City St. Francis, Zimmerman said his team needs to increase its intensity and focus.

"I expect us to very focused and ready for this contest. They are a good team and we will have to be ready to go and play solid defense and be aggressive at the plate to come away with a couple of wins," he said.

The Lady Rayder softball team is 6-6 on the season and 4-4 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Slo-Pitch meeting today at city hall

The City of Charlevoix will begin the Men's and Women's Slo-Pitch season on June 4.

Men will play on Mondays and Wednesdays and Women play Tuesdays and Thursdays.

There will be an informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9 in the conference room in the basement of Charlevoix City Hall, located at 210 State St.

For more information, call the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department at (231) 547-3253.

Charlevoix Golf Club leagues and events

The Charlevoix Golf Club will offer a number of league play opportunities and events this season.

The men's Thursday night stag league will kick off on May 17 with play from 3:30 to 6 p.m. New competitive formats this year are for loyal and consistent participation.

The ladies' Tuesday morning league begins later this month. The start date and time will be announced. Newcomers are welcome.

The 5th Annual Lou Orlowski Golf Outing will be played on Sunday, June 10. Team scramble format starts with a 1 p.m. shotgun.

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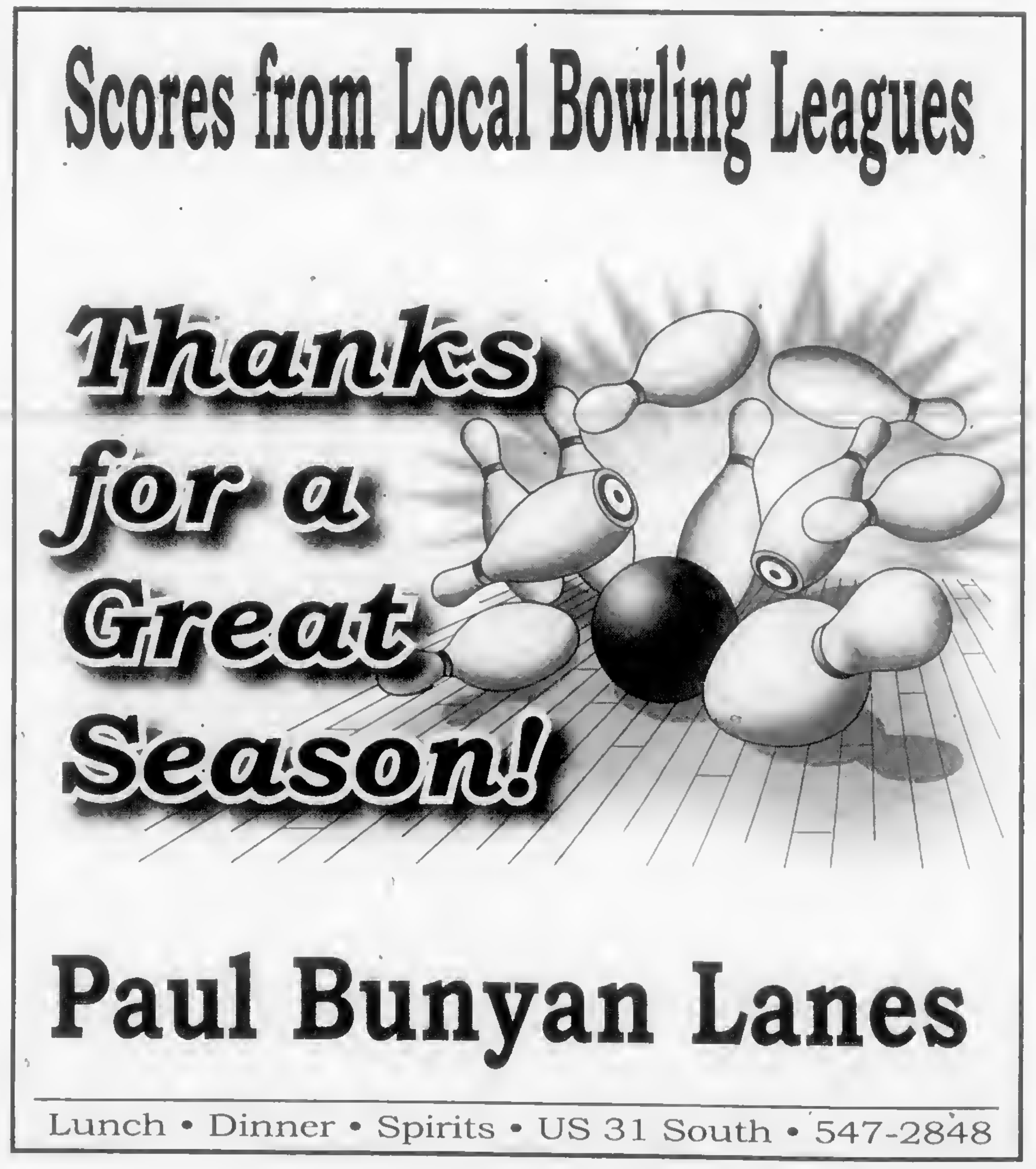
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Stingrays Swim-a-thon

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Soccer scores two wins to remain undefeated

The Lady Rayder soccer team earned two more shutout victories last week to remain undefeated in the season.

The winning week began on April 30 when Charlevoix faced Boyne City and won 1-0 in overtime.

Boyne City keeper Lindsey Baic turned away 36 shots before the Rayders finally broke through in overtime to remain unbeaten. The Ramblers were packed in the penalty box and played strong defense in making Charlevoix's shots predictable for their keeper. Boyne managed only four attempts on the night and were turned away by Rayder keeper Tammy Potter.

All-stater Becca Madison broke through the Boyne wall and fired a rocket at Baic who deflected the ball to waiting Rayder Olivia Catt who ended the match burying the ball into the net. Catt earned Rayder Player of the Game honors for her efforts.

They followed the Rambler defeat with a 2-0 May 3 win over the Elks of Elk Rapids. The Rayders improved to 8-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference and overall with the home win over Division 3 Elk Rapids.

Charlevoix opened the scoring 20 minutes into the game. Potter sent a punt well past midfield (60-70 yards) which was missed by the Elk's defensive line. Catt took advantage of the situation and scored on a breakaway. With just three minutes remaining in the first half, the Elks were called for a foul on their defensive 20. Ariel Ramsey touched the ball for the assist on the indirect kick as Madison buried the shot in the net.

Charlevoix had the better of play throughout the night, managing 19 shots to the eight saves made by Potter in the win. The Rayders controlled the midfield with outstanding play from KC McCary, Madison and Zita Anderson. Coach Tom Conlan said Charlevoix's defensive effort was perhaps the best of the season to date, led by center back Emily Foster and senior Teresa Potter. Foster earned Rayder Player of the Game honors, turning back numerous breakaway attempts by the Elk Rapids strikers.

The Rayders have a busy week, having traveled to East Jordan on Monday, May 7, hosting a strong Suttons Bay team on Tuesday and gearing up for conference rival Harbor Springs on Thursday.

Boys' track claims first, girls' second at Heidi Steiner meet

Darron Munson

Charlevoix's Darron Munson won three individual events and Boyne City's Nathasha Bell won two as each earned their respective Athlete of the Meet Awards Monday, April 30 at the 16th Annual Heidi Steiner Memorial Track and Field Meet at Bellaire High School.

Munson won the 400- and 200-meter dashes and the long jump in leading the Charlevoix boys to first place with 144 points. Kingsley, 107, was second, while Traverse City St. Francis, 105; Bellaire, 75.5; and Suttons Bay, 74; rounded out the top five.

Bell won the girls' 100 and 200, setting one meet record and tying the other, as she earned the Division III Female Athlete of the Meet Award. Munson was named the Division III Male Athlete of the Meet Award.

Munson, a senior, won the 200 in 22.96 seconds, the 400 in 51.80, and the long jump with a leap of 18 feet, 9 inches.

Bell, a sophomore, won the 200 in a meet-record 26.86 seconds, and she took the 100 in 12.72, tying the meet mark.

St. Francis won the girls' team title with 130 points, followed by Charlevoix, 125; Boyne City, 89; Kingsley, 82; and East Jordan, 73.

The Charlevoix boys also got victories from Ray Jones in the shot put, Nick Wimmer in the 3200, Jacob Wimmer in the 800, and from its 800 relay team.

Charlevoix also won the co-ed 1600 and 3200 relays.

The Charlevoix girls got victories in the 400 relay and from Katie Withrow, 400; Emily Heffling, 300 hurdles; Alina Dhaseleer, 3200; and Alyssa Smith, long jump.

Local wrestler takes state honors

Zeke Daman, a sophomore at Charlevoix High School, placed third at the Michigan USA Wrestling State Freestyle Tournament on Saturday, May 5 at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

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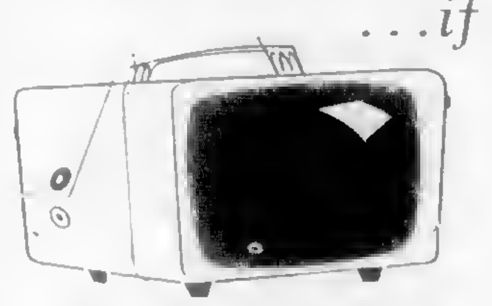

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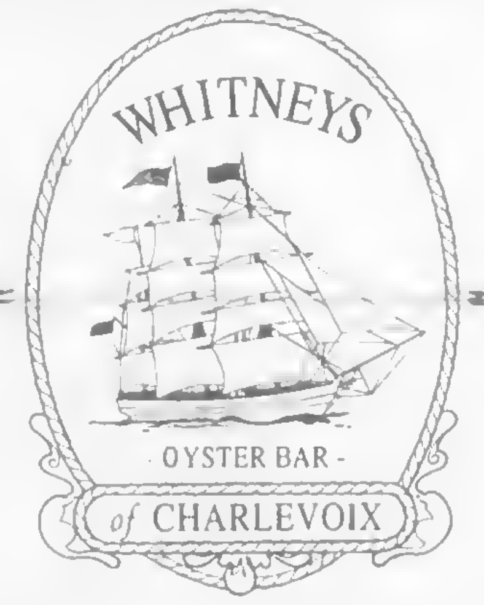

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Maura T. Pierson (date of birth 09/13/1927), who lived at 38080 Michigan Avenue, Charlevoix, (St. James Township, Charlevoix County), Michigan died March 6, 2007.

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Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of October, 2004, by Brian M. Lynch, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 26, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 645, page 470, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice TWO HUNDRED FIFTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHTY FIVE AND 51/100 DOLLARS ($252,085.98) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

MORTGAGE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 1, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

PARCEL 1: The SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W. EXCEPT: The SW corner square, being 296.63' by 296.63', of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W.

PARCEL 2: The N 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4, Sec 23, T32N, R4W. EXCEPT: Commencing at the center of Sec 23, T32N, R4W; thence S 100'; thence W 100'; thence N 100'; thence E 100' to the POB; being part of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W.

All located in Hudson Township, Charlevoix County, MI

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: April 17, 2007

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
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Traverse City, MI 49684
(L-04/25, 05/02, 05/09, 05/16)

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Richard S. Goodrich, a single man to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2002 and recorded April 29, 2002 in Liber 468 Page 416 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan and modified by Instruments recorded July 2, 2003 in Liber 551 Page 953 and also recorded March 18, 2005 in Liber 672 Page 340 and extended by Instrument dated June 30, 2003 and recorded October 16, 2003 in Liber 579 Page 365 Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, by assignment dated January 20, 2005 and recorded February 10, 2005 in Liber 666, Page 460 and corrected by Instrument recorded March 18, 2005 in Liber 672 Page 340 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Eighty Cents ($166,886.80) including interest 8% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, June 1, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Hudson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The South one-half of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 32 North, Range 4 West Commonly known as 5495 Kuzmik Road, Elmira MI 49730. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: APRIL 27, 2007

Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd.
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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONCESSION

The City of Charlevoix is seeking proposals for concessions contractors to provide food and beverage service at the Lake Michigan Beach concession stand located at 95 Grant Street.

The City will receive sealed proposals in the City Clerk's office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Proposals must be received by 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

The complete RFP may be obtained at the City Manager's office or viewed on the City's website at www.cityofcharlevoix.org. This Request for Proposal may be canceled at the discretion of the City Manager. Small business and minority-owned business are specifically invited to submit proposals.

In the award of proposals, consideration shall be given to such matters as supplier integrity, record of past performance, financial and technical resources, and accessibility to other necessary resources. The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the RFP process, and to make the award to the supplier providing the proposal that, as determined by the City, best meets the City's needs.

Richard Brandi
Acting City Manager
(B-05/09)

MAY 2007

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, a/k/a Equestrian Way L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, of 9445 Equestrian Way, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated May 20, 2005, and recorded on November 16, 2005, in Liber 716, Page 875, of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Ninety Seven Cents ($289,996.97), which shall accrue interest at the rate of 16.85%, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided on June 15, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County and which are described as follows:

PARCEL C: Commencing at the Northeast quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00°16'04" East 338.00 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°16'04" East 2293.50 feet to a 1.5 inch pipe at the East quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 387.88 feet to the Northwesterly line of Highway US 31; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55°46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57°19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37°32'45": West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 125.45 feet to the Northwesterly line of said highway; thence continuing North 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52°45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45°56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10°55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19°56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58°46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29°36'59" West 53.57 feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge, being Re-plat Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwesterly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 393.00 feet and the chord bears North 39°09'59" East 196.80 feet), North 24°39'59" East 168.05 feet, Northerly along curve to the left 275.21 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00°31'21" West 266.43 feet); thence North 64°17'20" East 274.91 feet and North 12°32'35" West 300.00 feet; thence leaving the perimeter of the aforementioned condominium, North 77°33'35" East 568.93 feet (recorded as North 77°27'51" East 567.90 feet) to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West. Tax ID: 15-007-118-014-00 which is vacant land located on US 31, Hayes Township, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Bond Corporation
2007 Eastern, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

DATED: May 2, 2007

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

File No. 05-925-20-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff;

V

WALLOON WINDS COMMUNITY, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; WALTER BREIDENSTEIN; WALLOON LAKE PROPERTIES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; and TERRANCE BURKHARDT and ANNA BETH BURKHARDT, husband and wife,
Defedants,

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

1. On January 19, 2007, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment and Order For Sale for and on behalf of First Community Bank and all rights arising from that Judgment were assigned to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt on or about February 16, 2007.

2. On June 8, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Land situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

Parcel 1: Lot 52, Springbrook Hills No. 1, according the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 2: Lot 92, Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 4: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along South line of said Section, 200.85 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 3 of the Southeast 3 of said Section 13.

Parcel 5: A parcel of land situated in part of the East 2 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described es: Beginning at the East 3 corner of said Section 13; thence South 01°00'22" West 1313.42 feet along the East line of said Section, to the 1/8 corner of said Section 13; thence North 88°55'38" West, 170.25 feet, thence south 86°17'34" West 29.84 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 138 of the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the Northerly line of said plat the following 4 courses: thence North 89°29'07" West 129.98 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 130.00 feet); thence South 65°56'25" West 268.76 feet (previously recorded as South 64°57'05" West 268.81 feet); thence Northwesterly 215.27 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°21'39" and the long chord of which bears North 56°23'31" West 203.43 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 215.34 feet along the arc of e 185.86 foot radius curve to the left; the central angle of which is 66°25'10", and the long chord of which bears North 57°17'15" West, 203.48 feet); thence North 89°33'36" West 402.92 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 404.10 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 13 per the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2); thence Southwesterly 85.09 feet along the arc of a 169.37 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 28°47'10" and the long chord of which bears South 76°04'43" West 84.20 feet; thence South 61°41'03" West 95.72 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line; thence North 00°53'47" East 105.09 feet to the 1/8 corner on the South 1/8 line of said Section 13; thence North 00°53'47" East 1313.44 feet along said East 1/8 line; thence South 87°54'28" East 1315.46 feet along the East-West 3 line of said Section 13 to the Point of Beginning

Parcel 6: A parcel of land situated in part of the Southeast 3 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 87°54'18" West 200.85 feet along the South line of said Section (previously recorded as North 87°54'31" West); thence North 01°11'01" East, 331.00 feet (previously recorded as North) to the Point of Beginning of Parcel "2; thence South 71°29'30" West 238.44 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way of Townhouse Trail in the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along said Easterly right-of-way line the following 5 courses; thence North 05°35'48" West, 195.70 feet (previously recorded as North 06°36'05" West); thence Northwesterly 207.44 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left the central angle of which is 15°25'49" and the long chord of which bears North 13°24'07" West 206.81 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 207.68 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angel of which is 15°26'55" and the long chord of which bears North 14°19'30" West 207.06 feet); thence North 21°07'49" West 75.00 feet (previously recorded as North 22°03'00" West); thence Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right the central angle of which is 34°34'28" and the long chord of which bears North 03°50'34" West 171.35 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 173.98 feet, along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'30" and the long chord of which bears North 04°45'45" West, 171.35 feet); thence North 13°26'41" East 50.00 feet (previously recorded as North 12°31'30" East) to the Southwest corner of Lot 140, Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the boundary line of said plat the following three courses: thence North 85°09'05" East 324.38 feet (previously recorded as North 84°10'25" East); thence North 04°38'12" East, 126.00 feet (previously recorded as North 03°30'40" East); thence North 00°57'22" East 213.42 feet (previously recorded as North 213.34 feet) to the Northeast corner of Lot 138, plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence North 86°17'34" East 29.84 feet, thence South 01°00'34" West 214.92 feet (previously recorded as South 214.52 feet); thence South 04°30'28" West 484.11 feet (previously recorded as South 03°30'40" West); thence South 00°59'48" West 280.68 feet (previously recorded as South) to the Point of Beginning.

3. The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

Date: April 5, 2007

Sharon M. Selissen,
Deputy Court Clerk
(L-04/11, 04/18, 04/25, 05/02, 05/09, 05/16)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

File No. 05-925-20-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE MORTGAGE SALE

1. On February 5, 2007, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale for and on behalf of Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt.

2. On May 25, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Land located in Melrose Township, Charlevoix County, Michigan, described as follows:

Parcel 1: Lot 52, Springbrook Hills No. 1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 2: Lot 92, Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 3: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along South line of Said Section, 200.85 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Said Section 13.

Parcel 4: A parcel of land situated in part of the East 2 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Beginning at the East 3 corner of said Section 13; thence South 01°00'22" West 1313.42 feet along the East line of said Section, to the 1/8 corner of said Section 13; thence North 88°55'38" West, 170.25 feet; thence South 86°17'34" West, 29.84 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 138 of the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the Northerly line of said plat the following 4 courses: thence North 89°29'07" West 129.98 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 130.00 feet); thence South 65°56'25" West 268.76 feet (previously recorded as South 64°57'05" West 268.81 feet); thence Northwesterly 215.27 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°21'39" and the long chord of which bears North 56°23'31" West 203.43 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 215.34 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°25'10", and the long chord of which bears North 57°17'15" West 203.48 feet); thence North 89°33'36" West, 402.92 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 404.10 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 13 per the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2); thence Southwesterly 85.09 feet along the arc of a 169.37 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 28°47'10" and the long chord of which bears South 76°04'43" West 84.20 feet; thence South 61°41'03" West 95.72 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line; thence North 00°53'47" East 105.09 feet to the 1/8 corner on the South 1/8 line of said Section 13; thence North 00°53'47" East 1313.44 feet along said East 1/8 line; thence South 87°54'28" East 1315.46 feet along the East-West 3 line of said Section 13 to the Point of Beginning.

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Parcel 6: That part of Southwest 3 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, which lies Northeasterly of the centerline of Springvale Road; EXCEPTING THEREFROM the plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 271, 272 and 273, Charlevoix County Records, AND the plat of Springbrook Hills No. 1, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 7: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence along the North line of said Section 24, South 89°59'36" West (also having been described as West) 170.22 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 15°38'39" West (also having been described as South 15°37'30" West) 447.80 feet; thence South 87°39'50" West (also having been described as West) 220.00 feet; thence North 03°35'32" East 441.01 feet to the intersection of the North line of said Section 24 and the Southeast corner of Lot 115, Springbrook Hills No. 2, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records; thence along said North section line, North 89°59'36" East (also having been described as East) 312.94 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 24.

3. The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

Date: March 27, 2007

Sharon M. Selissen,
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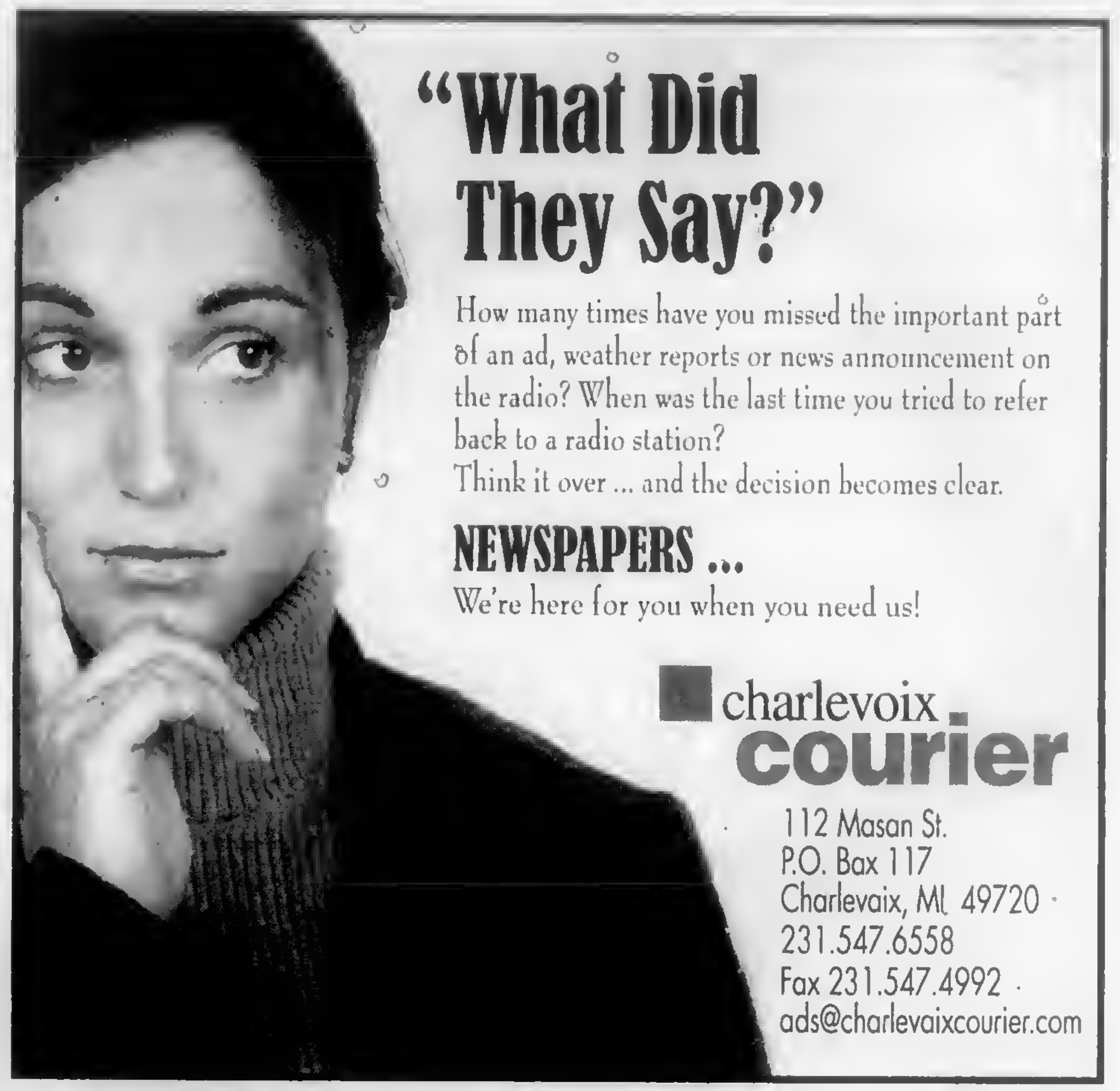
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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder tennis team falls 6-3 to Rams

The Rayder tennis team fell to Lake Michigan Conference rival Harbor Springs 6-3 on May 3.

Coach Erik Lundteigen said the team has been plagued by weather related cancellations. He's hoping for consistent, stable weather as the team heads into post-season play.

"We really need the practice. We need to get the most out of each practice," he said.

Individual results were:

- First, singles: Dan Swenor lost to Harbor Springs 6-0, 6-0.
- Second, singles: Ty Haske lost to Harbor Springs 6-3, 6-3.
- Third, singles: Weston Bryan lost to Harbor Springs 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.
- Fourth, singles: Alex McKenzie lost to Harbor Springs 6-0, 6-3.
- First, doubles: Justin Klooster and Trevor Mays lost against Harbor Springs 6-4, 6-3.
- Second, doubles: Brad Cyr and Kris Bartling won against Harbor Springs 6-2, 6-2.
- Third, doubles: Alex Molter and Collin McDonough won against Harbor Springs lost 6-1, 7-5.
- Fourth, doubles: Taylor Witthoeft and Kevin Greyerbiehl lost to Harbor Springs 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.
- Fifth doubles: Scotty Silberhorn and Thomas Parrish won against Harbor Springs 6-1, 6-0.

Applications for Ferris State golf camp scholarship due May 13

Several lucky golfers that participated in the Charlevoix County Junior Golf Association's 2006 summer program will be awarded scholarships to attend the prestigious golf camp at Ferris State University this summer.

Dean Davenport, executive director of the popular summer program, announced that the association's board members approved renewing the scholarship program with Ferris State University. Awards will be made to five deserving golfers for scholarships enabling them to spend a week on the campus of Ferris State. Applicants must have participated in more than half of the past summer's sessions and be at least 12 years of age to be eligible. Applications are due by May 13.

Application packets were mailed recently to over 50 youngsters who qualified for consideration. Winners are selected because of their dedication and interest in golf, their potential and the manner in which they respond to the official application questions.

During the past eight years, 78 junior golfers from the Charlevoix area have been awarded scholarships.

Local PGA professional from the Belvedere Golf Club, Steve Braun again added greatly to the camp scholarship fund by taking pledges for his "100 Holes in a Day" fund-raiser last fall.

Dennis LaCroix, board president, said, "Steve's effort is greatly appreciated by all of us connected to the program. His dedication and interest in young golfers is typical of the excellent cooperation we get from everyone including the courses that host our golfers: Dunmaglas, Antrim Dells, the Belvedere, Municipal and the Charlevoix Country Club."

Last year, after the six-week program, two scholarships were awarded to deserving juniors who displayed outstanding character and provided younger golfers a good role model. The scholarships allowed them to attend the popular Boyne Academy in early August. Plans are to repeat this new scholarship program this year.

More information regarding this year's Junior Golf Program and the June 11 registration process will be announced soon.

Tip of Mitt offers Boat Smart course on May 8, 15 and 22

The Tip of the Mitt Power Squadron is offering a "Boat Smart" course in Charlevoix.

The course will feature fundamentals and safe practices for boat owners and their families and will involve practical boating information covering docking, rules of the road, important knots, emergencies, state and federal regulations, radio procedure, anchoring, trailers, rough weather techniques and an overview of other related topics.

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Three interviews remain in super search

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A few of the questions asked include:

HOW WOULD YOU ESTABLISH STRONG PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, BUSINESSES AND THE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL?

Mudge: She worked on a building project which had "gone awry" and opened the lines of communication in Manistique because, "Relations had deteriorated between community leaders and the schools."

Raab: "One of the things a superintendent needs to do is be visible, not only in the schools but also visible in the community and involved in the community."

Raab has held positions in the various communities in which he worked as a city council member, housing commission member, planning commission member, Rotary, Lions Club, chamber of commerce and churches.

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE TO 10 YEARS?

Mudge: "In 10 years I see myself wintering in Florida. Frankly, I could retire. I'm not ready to retire. I like my job. I like working in education. It's what I know."

Raab: "I hope I'm still in education and I see myself being part of the community."

HOW WOULD YOU BRING BUDGET REDUCTION STRATEGIES TO THE SCHOOL BOARD?

Mudge: "We need to keep those necessary cuts as far away from the children as (possible). Districts are often accused of balancing the budget on the backs of one particular group or one particular organization and you can't do that. It's very painful. We've been doing that for many years now and we've made cuts — it's very difficult to make half a million dollar cuts for several years."

Mudge said her district has cut nearly 10 percent of administration costs and has been forced to fire employees the district couldn't afford to keep.

Raab: "I've had a variety experience with budget reductions, unfortunately. Not only budget reductions because of less money being received, but in different districts have had student enrollment drop which caused even more reductions in the budget. When you look at budgets, you want to look at what cuts will least affect students and that has been my philosophy."

Raab said he has looked at combining administrative positions, cutting costs by shopping around for materials, comparing insurance costs and asking for input from teachers and school employees.

HOW WOULD YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CHARLEVOIX SCHOOLS' RESOURCES AND HOW WOULD YOU GARNER ADDITIONAL RESOURCES?

Mudge: "We just traveled to Newberry to see how they did their food (program) and we came back with ideas to increase our lunch profits by at least $15,000. That was very exciting.

Mudge also said grants can be written to entice performing arts groups to the district and that the auditorium should be used as often as possible and for more than simply school events.

Raab: "We've looked at everything from charging more for our sports programs — we upped ticket prices within the league — and we tried charging for bus trips. There are a number of things we've done."

WHAT WOULD YOU PINPOINT AS YOUR MOST CHALLENGING ISSUE?

Mudge: "The challenge that was the most important to me and that made me the most angry was trying to get rid of an employee that was not an ethical person."

Mudge said loopholes and exhaustive negotiations with unions frustrated her.

"It took me most of the year to get rid of an employee like that. That person had no business working with (children)."

WHAT ARE THE TWO BIGGEST ISSUES FACING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH-GRADE SCHOOLS?

Raab: "Improving student achievement is one of those and I think and the next one...is financial."

Raab said it is important to remind the community and legislators at the state level that the financial problems with the schools are a reality.

And, he added, "We have to keep people accountable all over the place, not just in your organization, but outside to Lansing. We need to keep our legislators aware of the needs we have."

Of the more than 30 people who applied to replace outgoing interim superintendent, Jim Cooper, five were chosen for first round interviews. The final three interviews will begin at 5 p.m., today, Wednesday, May 9 at Charlevoix High School's media center with adjunct professor at Spring Arbor University, Stephen Lewis.

Lewis will be followed by Jan Quarless, superintendent at Dollar Bay-Tamarack City Area Schools at 6:30 p.m. and Chet Janik, superintendent of Buckley Community Schools at 8 p.m.

According to representatives of Char-Em ISD, the group coordinating the superintendent search, second round interviews are tentatively scheduled for May 14 and 15.

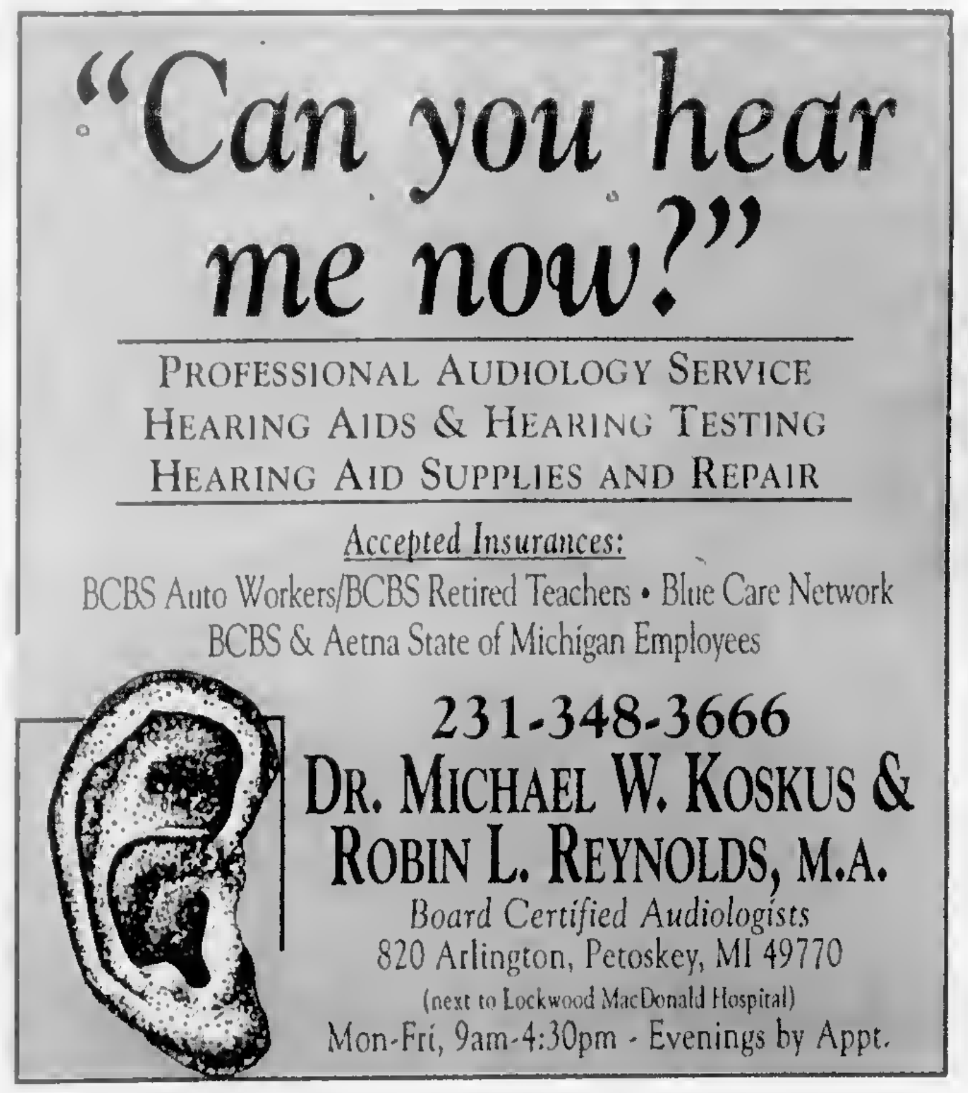
What happened? First round interviews of five candidates to replace outgoing interim superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Jim Cooper. The first two interviews, Esther Mudge and Jon Raab, took place on Monday, May 7.

Mudge's professional experience? Current Manistique Schools superintendent of three years. A middle and high school teacher from 1975 to 1999. Superintendent of Whitefish Township Schools in Paradise 1999 to 2004.

Raab's professional experience? Current Dundee Community Schools interim superintendent of one year. A middle school principal from 1989 to 1999. Superintendent of Posen Schools from 1999 to 2002. Superintendent of Elkton, Pigeon and Bay Port Laker Schools from 2002 to 2006

What's next? The final three interviews will begin at 5 p.m., today, Wednesday, May 9 at Charlevoix High School's media center with adjunct professor at Spring Arbor University, Stephen Lewis. Lewis will be followed by Jan Quarless, superintendent at Dollar Bay-Tamarack City Area Schools at 6:30 p.m. and Chet Janik, superintendent of Buckley Community Schools at 8 p.m.

When will second round interviews take place? Second round interviews are tentatively scheduled for May 14 and 15.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MAY 9 SENIOR CENTER DINNER

The Charlevoix Senior Center will host a fund-raising turkey dinner from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9. The cost will be $8 for adults and $4 for kids ages 5-12. For more information, call (231) 547-5361.

MAY 9 COMPUTER TIDBITS

The Charlevoix Public Library is beginning a new round of Computer Tidbits at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays during the month of May.

Computer Tidbits are short demonstrations designed to learn one specific computer application. One of the library's stated goals in its strategic plan is "patrons will have free access to computer literacy education." Linda Adams, librarian and trainer states, that by "Using that goal as our stepping stone, I am hoping to provide the how-to basics for our patrons' computer needs."

The May Tidbit classes include: May 9, Web communication tools; May 16, downloadable recorded books; May 23, making the most of your library; and May 30, Internet tricks. Each class is about an hour in length and is held the library's computer lab. Computer Tidbits are free and open to the public.

For more information, call (231) 237-7340.

MAY 10 SENIOR SPRING BOWLING

The six-week Senior Spring Bowling League will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursdays beginning May 10 at Paul Bunyan Lanes in Charlevoix. No registration is required. For more information, call (231) 547-5190.

MAY 10 MEDIATION TRAINING

Northern Community Mediation will offer 40-hour general civil mediator training in Charlevoix on May 10, 11,12, 17, 18 and 19.

This training is Michigan Supreme Court approved. Whether you're interested in becoming a community mediator, or are a business owner or human resources professional, this course is an excellent way to learn dispute resolution skills. Class size is limited. If you are interested, call Jane Millar at Northern Community Mediation, (231) 487-1771 for more information.

The training is free for those who become community mediators. The cost is $600 for those who do not become community mediators.

MAY 11 LUNCHEON BAZAAR

The Charlevoix United Methodist Church will host its annual luncheon, bazaar and bake sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 11. The church is located at 104 State St. in downtown Charlevoix.

MAY 12 BLUE OX TRIATHLON

The Flight Deck will host the Blue Ox Triathlon benefit on May 12. The event is open to two-person teams who will participate in golf, bowling and pool events. The event is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. at the Belvedere Golf Club. Pool and bowling events will take place at Paul Bunyan Lanes. Lunch, dinner and prizes are included in the $50 per person registration fee. Teams are asked to register no later than May 9. Proceeds will benefit Martin Fassett. For more information or to register, call (231) 547-2848.

MAY 12 GREENSKY HILL CRAFT, FLEA MARKET

Historic Native American Indian Greensky Hill United Methodist Church will host its 3rd Annual Inside Craft Sale and Outside Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 12 on the church grounds.

The church is located off Old U.S. 31 North off Boyne City Road. There will be lots of unique native crafts such as flutes, beadwork and walking sticks. There will also be traditional crafters participating.

On our hall porch will be several flea marketers selling their wares.

Food concessions will be available.

MAY 15 CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals will take place at 6:30 p.m. May 15 in the Charlevoix Middle School band room. For more information, call Ev Wujcik at (231) 547-6376, Gail Baldridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 237-9392.

MAY 15 NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES MEETING

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon, Tuesday, May 15, at the Petoskey Friendship Center. After lunch, Tim Calloway will speak about the North Country Trail. All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome. For more information, call (231) 238-4840.

MAY 17 4-H SOCCER SIGN-UP

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer is having their fall sign up for ages 5-14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17 and from Tuesday, May 22 in the Charleviox Elementary School gym located at 13513 Division St.

MAY 19 CONSERVANCY FIELD TRIP

Join Loon Ranger Jacque LaFreniere from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at Barney's Lake on Beaver Island, a 120-acre preserve which hosts nesting loons annually. LaFreniere who is the ranger for all Beaver Island lakes, has vast knowledge about these intriguing birds, and has collected data about their nesting habits and behavior for 15 years.

MAY 20 TRI4FUN WOMEN'S TRIATHLON

Registration is underway for the third annual non-competitive Tri4Fun Women's Triathlon.

Forms are available at Harbor Health and Fitness, located at 110 Clinton St. in Charlevoix and at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool located at 11905 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix. Women ages 14 and older are eligible to participate.

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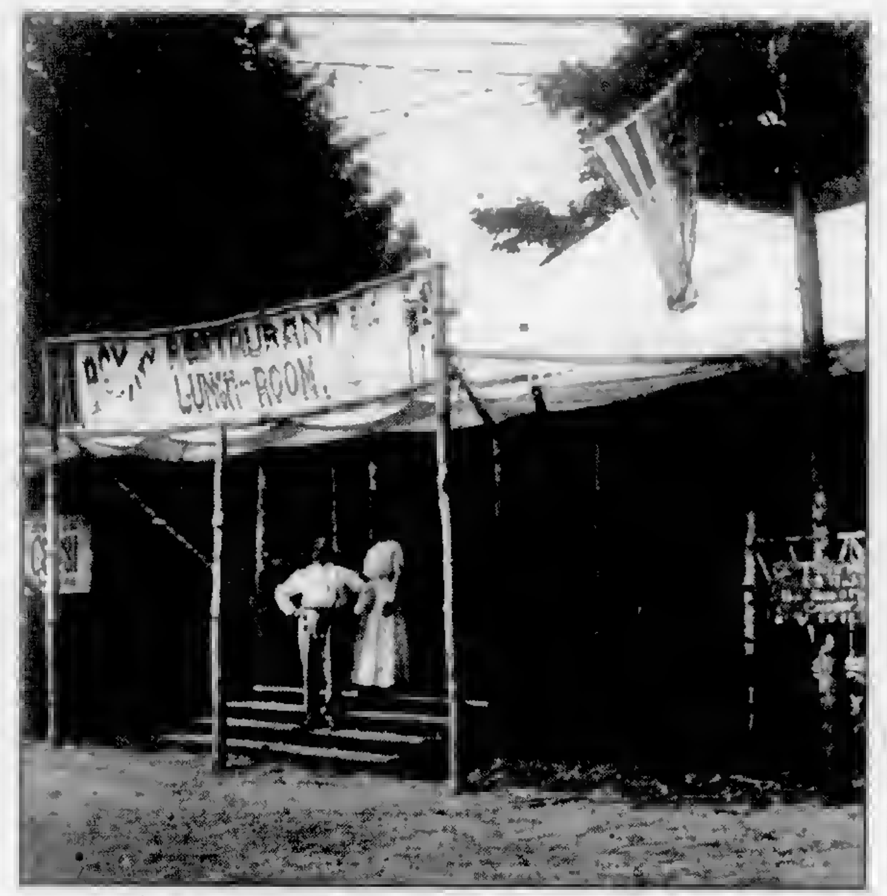

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Courier readers were stumped by this installment of 'Did you know?' which asked where this restaurant and lunch-room of Boy City was located?

National Boy City was the creation of Juvenile Court Judge Willis Brown of Chicago, Ill. who dreamed of a camp where boys of any socio-economic level could learn to live as model citizens, with emphasis on religion and athletics. In 1909, a tent city that could hold as many as 1,000 boys went up at Pine Point. Judge Brown incorporated the camp in 1910 and erected rudimentary wood buildings that housed the restaurant, a post office, city hall, bank, daily paper, Chautauqua traveling programs and other functions. Pere Marquette railroad trains stopped at the camp, and Lake Charlevoix steamers stopped at its dock. But Judge Brown couldn't raise enough funds that next winter to keep his dream going, so the camp had to fold after the 1910 season.

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Schools: Funding slashed, jobs lost

High school principal announces retirement

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Michigan legislators now have nearly two weeks to produce an alternative to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's plan to cut per pupil funding by as much as $125.

According to a May 2 press release, Granholm proposed these cuts only as a last resort.

"I proposed a comprehensive solution in February to address the budget crisis and make Michigan competitive," she stated. "Lawmakers have rejected my blend of budget cuts, reforms and revenue. Without their support for new revenue, they are forcing our state into an untenable position. Fewer children and seniors in Michigan will have access to health care, and the cost of that care for those of us who do have it will go up if the Senate Republicans allow this proposed cut to become a reality."

"I have said repeatedly that I do not want to gut school funding with just a few weeks left in the school year, and I have said repeatedly that I do not want to make deep cuts to health care that will hurt our most vulnerable citizens," Granholm stated. "But, we must have a balanced budget and, therefore, I have no other option. The Legislature has failed to act on a comprehensive plan, and today we see the consequences of that failure."

But ask local educators and they will tell you they do not care who gets the blame for the financial rug being pulled from beneath them.

Charlevoix Public Schools could lose as much as $160,000 if the governor's full reduction is passed into law.

"We're looking at projected revenue and expenses and we'll have close to a million bucks in projected deficit," said interim superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Jim Cooper. "So we've met administratively and the principals have gone back to their buildings and had them look at their buildings

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> *"...We will have some layoffs depending upon a couple people who could retire and depending upon how those things play out. And then the domino effect starts with seniority and staffing."*
>
> **Jim Cooper**
> INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT
> CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Student with knife kicked off bus

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

A Charlevoix High School freshman was kicked off the bus for the remainder of the year following a May 3 incident involving a pocket knife on a middle and high school bus route.

According to interim Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Jim Cooper, that day a bus driver reported an incident had occurred during his afternoon run involving two students and an onlooker.

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Photos by Julie Witthoeft

Making strides

(Left) Rebecca Parker, owner of Parker Lofts White Dove Release kicked off the 2007 Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk on Saturday, May 12 with the release of 13 doves. Nicole Kurtz (right), a member of the Sigma Phi Sorority's Kappa Sigma Chapter assisted in organizing the event which drew over 100 walkers and raised money for Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency's Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening program and Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

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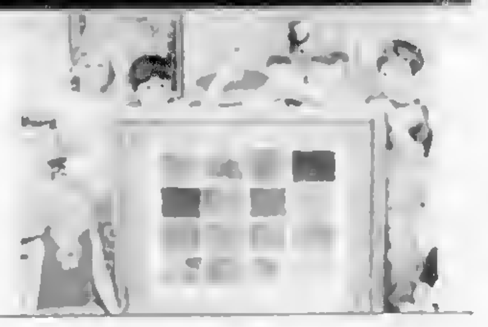

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Billie Jo Williams, 27, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; $830 in fines and costs.

Jeffrey Daniel Parent, 21, Petoskey. Disorderly person. Fines and costs totaling $400.

Daniel Mark Bajko, 42, Boyne City. Disorderly person. To serve 90 days in jail with 90 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; pay child support payments; $500 in fines and costs.

Christopher Matthew Meads, 36, Boyne City. Assault/assault and battery. Credit for one day in jail, to serve five days in jail, 77 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; to write a letter of apology; no contact with the victim; $534.43 in fines and costs.

William James McGuire, 29, Macomb Township. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Samuel Scott Drenth, 20, Ellsworth. Operating while intoxicated-second offense. To serve 20 days in jail, 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 285 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve one year probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend within 120 days; $1,485 in fines and costs.

Roy Lee Angel Jr., 33, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended; and open intoxicant — motor vehicle driver. Credit for three days in jail, to serve 17 days in jail; $750 in fines and costs.

Jason Scott Brown-Kwaiser, 27, East Jordan. Failed to transfer registration to plates; and motor vehicle without operator security. Serve 10 days in jail or pay $300 in fines and costs.

Sherry Lee Bender, 64, East Jordan. Operator no license/multiple license. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Dana Lucas Beckwith, 27, East Jordan. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 10 days in jail or pay $260 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

W. S. D. Painting, 526 North Lake St., Boyne City, by William S. Dunson II

Affordable Alternatives; Small Change, 429 Michigan Avenue, Charlevoix, by Mary Adams

Bluesky Building & Development LLC, 07161 Burgess Road, Charlevoix, by Allan J. Burke

Five Star Cleaning, 08020 Mulberry Lane, Charlevoix, by Heidi L. Jones

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jarett Lee Brooks, 28, Boyne City and Leslie Lynne Cook, 28, Chicago, Ill.

Robert Charles Wicker, 39 and Kelly Ann Sharp, 29, both of Boyne City

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Kimberley VanMeter vs. Brian VanMeter

Kenneth Gahn vs. Kimberly Gahn

B. Drew Mihelich vs. Mary Mihelich

Michelle Marie Witthoeft vs. August Joel Witthoeft

BIRTHS

Kortmon Joseph Vanniman weighing 12 pounds was born April 23 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Carl and Stephanie Vanniman of Central Lake. His sibling is Finch Vanniman. His grandparents are Glenn and Gail Rubingh of Ellsworth and Jack and Nancy Vanniman of Central Lake. His great-grandparents are Joe and Velma Powell of Charlevoix, Jim and Gert Rubingh and Seblo DeVries of Ellsworth.

Alexander Joseph Grubb weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces was born April 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ariane A. Polena and Joseph M. Grubb of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Alexis Antinossi and Janice Grubb.

Makayla Jaqueline-Marie Brown weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces was born on May 2 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ashley Baumgartner and Joshua Brown of Bellaire.

Seat belt enforcement stepped up May 21 through June 3

Law enforcement officers will be out in northern Michigan during the next few weeks to ensure motorists make the decision to buckle up.

More than 560 law enforcement agencies will participate in the Buckle Up or Pay Up, Click It or Ticket mobilization from May 21 through June 3. About 240 of those agencies will conduct grant-funded safety belt enforcement zones. The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning administers federal funding for these zones in 55 counties, including Charlevoix County, to increase safety belt use across the state.

"Michigan has achieved a great safety belt use rate, but about 6 percent of the state still doesn't buckle up," Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning director, Michael L. Prince, said. "We will continue enforcement zones the weeks surrounding Memorial Day to encourage even more people to save lives by wearing safety belts."

Michigan law requires all drivers and front seat passengers to be buckled up and children under 4 to be in an approved child safety seat. It also requires passengers 15 and younger to be buckled up in all positions.

A list of planned safety belt enforcement zone times and locations can be found at www.michigan.gov/ohsp.

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Charlevoix schools face $1 million deficit

FUNDING

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and costs and we will have some layoffs depending upon a couple people who could retire and depending upon how those things play out."

He added, "And then the domino effect starts with seniority and staffing. We've got a couple variables where we can't identify people who would be laid off, but we can identify positions. It's a mixture of retirements and layoffs, the equivalent to three-and-a-half teaching positions and we will not replace an administrator."

Charlevoix High School principal Gary Grundman announced his retirement in recent weeks. Cost saving measures to help reduce the tentative $1.2 million deficit could include having no assistant high school principal, adding duties to the athletic director's position and reducing costs across the board by 10 percent on school supplies and other related service expenses.

"What we've been able to do with cuts is look at all kinds of things," Cooper said. "We've looked at eliminating a few extra hours where a person is compensated for an extra hour to do administrative work or do something with their program and we're looking at eliminating a counselor so we have one counselor in each building."

He added, "Basically, what that comes up to is a projected $750,000 in cuts."

One positive event was the Headlee override which was approved during last week's election.

"That's $138,000 we have now that we would not have had," Cooper said. "Add that on to looking at some of these retirements, if they pan out and we're looking at close to $150,000, we still either need to cut or supplement with the fund balance."

The fund balance is currently near $1.1 million with $900,000 of that restricted, meaning it is scheduled, though not promised, for future costs.

The frustration educators feel over losing funding is only multiplied by the fact that the pilfering comes at the end of the school year.

"Not only is it darn near the middle of May and we're being told money is being taken from us, but we're not being told if we're getting any money for next year," he said. "I think it's quite clear we'll only get change when parents and community members are fed up with this process and put enough pressure on legislators."

Cooper said he understands that education isn't the only sector suffering.

"But we're always told by our legislators that education is a top priority and it's not treated as a top priority," he said. "Until some of our high profile districts close, we're not getting the attention of people. When a couple of these districts which are experiencing the same problems as we are have to close in an area where there are a lot of votes, then maybe that's what it will take to make some change."

He added, "If something doesn't happen in this state, in our economy and with school finance that's (mass closings) exactly what you're looking at."

School funding reality

- Schools statewide could lose as much as $125 per pupil if legislative action isn't soon taken. It will become law, June 1, unless the Michigan Legislature passes a law approving another amount to be cut.
- Charlevoix Public Schools could lose almost $160,000 if the proposed $125 per pupil loss passes.
- Charlevoix Public Schools face a $1.2 million deficit between revenue and expenditures for the 2007-2008 school year.
- School officials are looking at reducing costs across the board by 10 percent.
- The $750,000 in cuts could include: Not replacing a principal and several teachers who may retire; cutting hours of some employees and eliminating a counselor.
- The Headlee override millage, which recently passed, will drop the deficit by an additional $138,000 leaving approximately $150,000 in shortfall.
- If all projected values are correct, Charlevoix Public Schools could take the $150,000 shortfall from their $1.1 million fund balance.

Two injured in May 12 four-wheeler rollover

At 5:46 p.m. on Saturday, May 12; the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to an four wheeler accident in a wooded lot neat 17800 Old Orchard Trail where two females were injured after the vehicle they were riding overturned. The driver, Brenda Jane David, 37, lost control of her 2006 Honda Ranger ES350 and flipped over hackwards while attempted to climb a hill with extremely rough terrain.

The driver and passenger, Trunette Walters, 42, were both injured during the crash. David was unable to move, but Walters was able to run about a quarter mile to summon help.

Charlevoix EMS transported both to Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Riders were not wearing helmets and alcohol is believed to have been a contributing factor in the crash. The accident is still under investigation. The extent of their injuries is not known at this time but do not appear to be life threatening.

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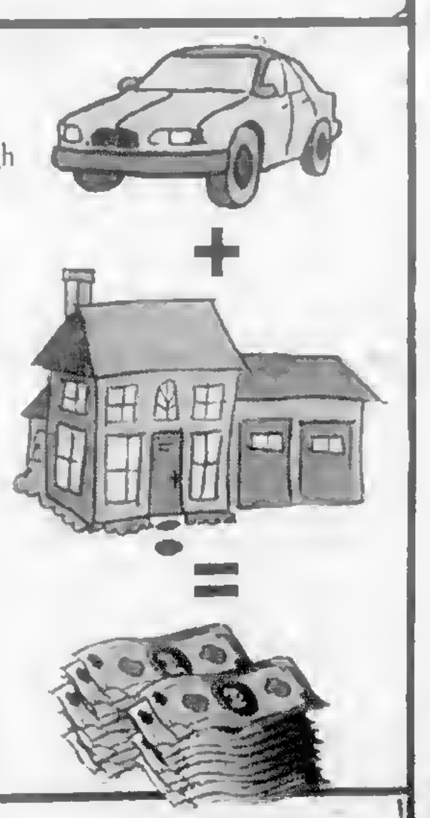

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The insidious nature of social insurance

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

The decision to brand oneself for life should be free of flippancy, but after a woman at the Baltimore branch of the Social Security Administration said she didn't have the form I wanted, I raced to Petoskey to meet my tattooist with the English-sounding name to be inked while incensed.

Nigel didn't flinch when I asked him to work, he just baked the needles, adjusted my chair and said, "You're going to be explaining this one when you're 80."

Before I get to the tattoo, I admit no issue with the ill-conceived Social Security system even if it makes a back alley shell game look respectable by comparison. If you want to sink your bucks in a plan which relies on people dying faster than they are born, have at 'er baby, but those of us who got a "C" or higher in high school economics might want to avoid anything bearing the Charles Ponzi seal of approval.

Some folks are happy to relinquish 7.65 percent (the self-employed pay 15.3 percent) of the first $97,500 they earn, which might not be a bad idea was the money invested in a mutual fund. But Social Security is no more sophisticated than taxing the young to pay the old.

What really twists my proverbial plums is this federal fraud carries mandated participation. I demanded Lady Baltimore send me the government's official "Opt-out" form. She said, unless I was a minister, none existed. I may refuse Social Security benefits upon retirement, but I can not stop paying for them.

"How dare Uncle Sam punish citizens who work hard and save money in the name of aiding those who shirk their responsibility?" you ask.

There was nothing new about socialism or Big Brotherism in 1935 when Franklin Demagogue Roosevelt rolled out his not-so-New Deal — How clever to monitor citizens by tying their identity to the welfare benefits of the old and feeble.

"But Gohs, the government swore up and down they would never use your Social Security number for ID purposes," you say. I too was shocked to learn representative democracy could be infiltrated by thieves and liars, but what to do?

The democrats won't kill Social Security because their constituents need $1,000-per-pill medication to defy natural law by living with heart failure until the age of 112. And while your reps on the right would love to send gramps packing from his $300,000-a-year nursing home, Republicans cannot give up Social Security's preexisting database so vital to fruition of the Real ID Act of 2005, the most intrusive plan yet devised to spy on Americans.

A colleague forwarded the most recent American Civil Liberties Union "Sky is falling" alert warning me Real ID was coming, as if I should be more terrified of it than being numbered at birth like an automobile.

Myriad threats and their imagined solutions are the best way to control the masses — starving seniors, terrorism and the need for a nationwide identification database just happen to be the vogue slogans currently invoked by our omniscient overlords, but make no mistake, Akbar Al Boxcutter and Omar Bin Shoe-Bomb will find ways to get their so-called "Real ID." All your fearful compliance will have accomplished is to entice an enthusiastic squeeze by those with a governmental grip on your throat.

In the end, capitalists have a responsibility to care for the physical and fiscal needs of themselves and their families, or go without. If a few grandmothers must dine on Purina in the name of liberty then so be it, but anonymity and autonomy are far too important to the pursuit of happiness to have anchors like moralism and fear-driven policy hung from the necks of Americans.

After some serious thought and feeling as much like a whipped dog as a toaster, toothbrush or any other product bearing a serial number, I had my Social Security number permanently penned on the inside of my forearm. I figured if the government is going to treat me like a concentration camp captive, I might as well resemble one.

Upon hearing of my latest episode someone said, "Aren't you afraid of having your identity stolen?"

I would like to believe I am more than nine numbers on a blue paper card.

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Trusting relationships can bring tranquility

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

The ability to feel confident and certain that someone will safeguard an object or keep our feelings of confidence in them is trust.

We expect this trait to satisfy us in our daily lives, with our friends, children, spouses, government, banks, schools and day care providers. The list is endless.

Even our spending money echoes the sentiment "In God we trust."

Every election brings fresh faces and with it the question of whom we will trust. Bank mergers take place and new trustees on board may give us pause. Will our funds remain secure? Infidelity of a spouse brings the doubt whether one can recreate the feeling or ability to trust again. Large companies with greedy CEOs question our ability to do business with them and therein we may lack trust. Hospitals' and schools' financial instability create insecurity among the populace. It's a wonder that we can still trust in anyone or anything.

This world isn't much different in some ways from the challenges our grandparents faced. We need to go back to the basic value of trust.

This important trait affects us all in some form, whether it's referring to our physicians, psychologists, mechanics, ministers, lawyers or our next-door neighbor.

The inability to trust creates a stress that may plague your self-confidence, and even your emotional and physical well-being.

By having faith in mankind and knowing in your heart that others are trying to do their best with fewer resources and every intention of being a good person we need to create trust again. It is perfectly fine to ask questions and communicate your feelings and concerns on any issue. This helps to dispel lack of trust and also gives you an educated view on what is accurately happening. It is important and imperative with information widely available on any issue, to do your homework. You may need to get a better understanding with any area in your life where you are feeling a lack of trust. Communication and follow through are the key words to stemming the tide that creates the emotion attached to the inability to allow someone or something to safeguard our needs.

We learn to trust as children when our parents followed through with what they said they would do. As adults we need to remember to practice this concept ourselves. As grownups it's our responsibility to follow through, be truthful and communicate. This may not bring about total world peace but it's a start.

So before you begin to play the blame game or find yourself upset by someone's actions, take time to educate yourself with facts and trust others to do their job.

When you begin to trust others, you will bring about peace in your own life and you'll need to accept the fact that you will not understand everything. Trust me on this one.

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LETTERS to the editor

GET SERIOUS ABOUT INVASIVE SPECIES

Editor:

In addition to the zebra mussel, that we are all aware of, more than 100 invasive species now call our Great Lakes home. One of their key modes of transportation is in the ballast water of ocean going ships. The state Department of Environmental Quality and attorney general now face a lawsuit that challenges the constitutionality of a state law meant to stop more from hitching a ride. The lawsuit, filed in federal court by shipping interests, claims that the state law which requires ships docking at Michigan ports to obtain permits and not discharge untreated water in the lakes is unconstitutional because it interferes with interstate commerce.

State lawmakers passed and Gov. Granholm signed the pro-environmental, feel good, legislation two years ago. It became effective this year. So far, Michigan is the only state to impose rules that attempt to deal with the serious invasive species problem. As it stands now our elected officials have done economic damage to the state and have not achieved any worthy and important environmental goals.

The cost is substantial, in the half a million ballpark, for fitting ships with equipment to sanitize ballast water before discharge. Ship owners will simply choose to unload cargo at other ports in nearby Great Lakes states or Canada to avoid the expense. This is bad news for Michigan jobs and state tax revenue. Further, the state may lose what could be a lengthy and expensive federal court battle while even more nasty invasive things find their way into our beautiful lakes.

This state law is a perfect example of elected representatives seeking a great sound bite, "I voted to protect our lakes from invasive species." They have ignored the enforcement reality and in fact have done more harm than good. The invasive species problem is an interstate and international one that screams for regional or federal action.

Congressman Bart Stupak is co-sponsoring the Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act. Among other lakes related matters it would implement a federal standard for any ocean ship equipped with a ballast tank entering a U.S. harbor and deals with the transfer and discharge of ballast water. This is a sensible course of action that should gain wide bi-partisan support and will have an impact beyond making voters feel good.

Our state elected officials need to get out of the business of lawmaking involving the international commerce in invasive species. They should pass a unanimous resolution dealing with the issue and encourage our elected federal representatives like Stupak, our two senators and those from other surrounding states to move forward aggressively to deal with the problem.

Steve West
Beaver Island
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KNOW EXCUSES

Editor:

Know excuses. Battering is always a choice. Batterers will minimize, deny, justify, distort, lie and blame others for their behavior to escape consequences. "I got drunk and didn't know what I was doing." "I'm really stressed out and can't control my anger." "She's always nagging on me. Why can't she just do what I ask?" "I told her I didn't want her working so far away. It's too hard on the kids." "She's just making a mountain out of a molehill. I barely touched her."

The American Medical Association estimates that almost four million men severely assault their intimate female partners or spouses each year. The U.S. Department of Justice reported that men's violence against their intimate female partners is the leading cause of injury for women and is the cause of at least 35 percent of all emergency room visits. Every day approximately four men kill their present or former intimate female partner. Roughly 75 percent of those men murder the women they were partnered with during or after a separation. In a typical week in Michigan, one female is the victim of intimate partner homicide.

With recent incidents of domestic violence making headlines in northern Michigan, it is important to remember these are not isolated crimes. Domestic abuse is happening every day in our country and community. Domestic abuse murders are committed because the abuser is sensing a loss of control in the relationship, typically because the victim has taken some action that challenges his authority. A cognitive choice is then made by the abuser to maintain that control by killing her, threatening or murdering family members, or assaulting others that are trying to support her. These extreme control tactics have nothing to do with the abuser being an alcoholic, having mental health issues, or being unable to control his anger. They are, instead, the last tool the batterer has in his arsenal to maintain control over his intimate partner.

Most men do not batter. However, those who do must be held accountable for their controlling behaviors. Domestic abuse is a pattern of power and control that can include mental and verbal abuse, as well as sexual and physical violence. Society oftentimes seeks to diagnose abusers' behaviors in order to provide treatment for their violence or buys into myths that work to excuse the abuse. We challenge this community to recognize the roots of domestic abuse — sexism and oppression against women — which requires overarching social change around the treatment of women. Additionally, batterers need to be held accountable for their behavior through the legal system and in our day-to-day lives by all of us standing up to say "Domestic abuse is not OK and there are no excuses."

Jamie Winters
Safe Home Coordinator
Women's Resource Center
of Northern Michigan Inc.

THANKS BASEBALL SUPPORTERS

Editor:

The Charlevoix High School Rayder baseball team would like to thank all the businesses and individuals that made this year's Rayder Baseball Golf Classic a big success. With their generosity, the 70 participants and the help of volunteers, nearly $5,000 was raised to help defray the costs of field upkeep, equipment needs and travel expenses that are above and beyond the school's budget for the program.

Kirk Heckendorn
Rayder Baseball
Golf Classic
Administrator

CO2 AND JETS?

Editor:

Now there is much concern about carbon dioxide in the atmosphere causing global warming. Does the carbon dioxide produced by jet aircraft flying in the upper atmosphere have more harmful effects than carbon dioxide produced at sea level?

Ray E. Peltz
Charlevoix

POSTAL PATRONS GIVE

Editor:

Thank you residents of Charlevoix for your overwhelming support in the annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive. You are responsible for actually filling the shelves at the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry. At noon on Saturday, May 12, the shelves of the pantry were almost bare. By 4:30 p.m., when all carriers had returned from their routes, the shelves were more than full. Your generosity this year, a year of struggle for many in northern Michigan, will be a true blessing to many, many people in Charlevoix.

Thank you letter carriers for your hard work on a day when delivering mail alone is a tough job. A special thanks to volunteers Nicki, Patty, Chris, Steve, Jesse, Harley, Roxanne, John and Dave for lending your Saturday in service to Charlevoix.

Without residents and volunteers like each of you, this food drive would not be possible. Take pride in knowing that you have helped stamp out hunger in Charlevoix.

Kelly Morris
Letter carrier
Charlevoix

OPPOSED TO NORWOOD MINE

Editor:

I object to the special use permit being contemplated by Norwood Township for the mining of limestone.

The mining of limestone is inconsistent with the current zoning of the property and surrounding property, current zoning does not permit it. Limestone mining commenced without a special use permit. Where is the necessary documentation with regards to traffic studies and safety?

Where is the study on noise emitted from the operation? There is observational evidence suggesting that noise is intrusive and impacts the quality of life of many residents.

The plans of the mining operation continue to evolve and grow. However, the site plan submitted doesn't address these changes. Now the township is being asked to approve a washing operation. Will the operation wash with water, and if so what is the source of water? What are the plans for the return to the groundwater system? Does the washing involve the use of chemicals? How would they be treated to negate any environmental impact?

How long will the property be mined? To my knowledge there is no timetable in the proposal. How deep will the quarry be and where is the current water table? Aerial photographs show a large amount of water, more than I would consider attributable to rain and spring melt, as the applicant claims? Where are the reclamation plans for the land? Where is the provision for a performance bond associated with the operation of the mine and reclamation of the property?

What assurance beyond the applicant's statements do we have that the site will have all the necessary permits, will not damage the environment and will not negatively impact the citizens of Norwood Township?

There have been many ethical questions raised, that have been documented. I have concerns that these ethical issues may impact the objectivity of the proceedings. I do not feel that these questions and issues have been adequately addressed.

Who has fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of Norwood Township? Who pays for the township's expenses associated with this special use permit request? Why have salaries and per diems been raised at a time when government is looking for ways to reduce expenditures, when taxpayers are seeking relief and our school's financing is in question?

In summary this special use permit should not be granted. It is inconsistent with current land use and zoning and the application is incomplete. It does not provide a greater good to the community in terms of quality of life, significant job creation or added tax base. Last, I have concerns regarding who is responsible for protecting the property rights of the citizens of Norwood Township.

John Holdsworth
Norwood

NATION WITHOUT PRINCIPLES

Editor:

We are living in an era characterized by some of the worst corruption of principle and integrity that we've ever seen in America. In the 1990s the Clintons were the embodiment of that destruction of moral conscience and even when our nation elected and re-elected a Republican president and congressional majority, Republican leadership was unwilling to stand up and confront the corruption of the principles that make and keep us free. And that's a sign that we as a people are no longer willing to demand the discipline required to sustain true liberty — not of our leaders, nor of ourselves. And thanks to the gutless silence of today's political leaders on both sides of the aisle, we've reached a depth of corruption where as in Bible times, we are not just sinning, we are in love with our sin.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Elizabeth Bell Watkins, a Charlevoix resident attending Miami University in southwestern Ohio achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average for first semester 2006-2007 and has been named to the dean's list recognizing academic performance.

ALMA COLLEGE GRADUATE

On April 21, Nathanael Teuscher of Charlevoix graduated from Alma College with a bachelor of arts degree in business administration.

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Todd N. Freidinger, of Charlevoix, earned a bachelor of science degree in aviation flight science and Julia M. Serrels, of Charlevoix earned a bachelor of business administration with a marketing focus during the Western Michigan University fall 2006 commencement exercises.

SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY GRADUATE

Sue Goss of Charlevoix earned a master's degree in art/counseling during Spring Arbor University commencement exercises in February.

HOPE COLLEGE GRADUATE

Eric Bourassa, son of Delwyn and Linda Bourassa of Charlevoix graduated Sunday, May 6 with a bachelor of arts degree from Hope College.

CONCERT TOUR

Jerusha Londgren, daughter of Jeffrey and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix will participate in a spring tour of French Canada with the Concert Choir, Handbell Choir and Mary Martha Singers from Bethany Lutheran College. The tour will include public concerts in Indiana and Michigan as well as Ottawa, Quebec City, Toronto and Montreal. Specific information regarding performance venues on tour is available at www.blc.edu.

AIR FORCE LEGEND AND CHS GRAD JIM BOWMAN TO RETIRE THIS SUMMER

The U. S. Air Force Academy, Colo. recently announced the pending retirement of Air Force Academy athletic director Jim Bowman, a class of 1951 Charlevoix High School graduate, who plans to step down this summer.

Bowman first came to the academy in 1958 as a physical education instructor. He was named head junior varsity football coach in 1960. He led the junior varsity for four years before taking over the freshman team. Bowman coached the freshmen until 1975 when he went back to the junior varsity head post. After the 1975 season, Bowman stepped down from coaching to devote his full duties to recruiting support.

In his five seasons as the junior varsity head coach, Bowman compiled a 24-4-1 record. His 1963 and 1975 teams went undefeated. In his 11 seasons as the freshman coach, Bowman led the squad to a 37-28 mark.

His extensive experience in all phases of intercollegiate athletics has helped him contribute immensely to one of the most successful programs in the country.

"I have enjoyed working for and with so many great people," Bowman said. "It has been a privilege and honor to have been part of this great program."

Zonta's May 19 Literary Delights to feature three Michigan authors

Tickets are on sale now for Literary Delights Gourmet Luncheon featuring three Michigan authors.

The event, sponsored by the Charlevoix Zonta Club will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 19 at Charlevoix Public Library.

Featured authors include Liesel Litzenburger, Kristen Jongen and Janet Sinke.

Litzenburger, who grew up in Harbor Springs, will speak about her novels "The Widower" and "Now You Love Me." She has been awarded residencies at the MacDowell Colony and Yaddo. She is joined by Kristen Jongen of Traverse City. Jongen is an artist and has been recognized for her inspirational poetry. She shares her unique talents and positive outlook in her original cards, posters and her first book, "Growing Wings."

The third author, Janet Sinke, hails from St. Johns. She is a nurse who came to writing when Parkinson's disease made her change her career. She brings life and charm to youthful stories that focus on grandchild, grandparent relationships. Her book, "I Wanna Go to Grandma's House" won the 2005 Ben Franklin award and the 2005 Mom's Choice Bronze Award.

Reservations for this author event are required. The cost is $40 per person.

To order tickets, call Linda DeGrow at (231) 547-4109 or visit the Bridge Street Book Shop at its new location in the Glen's plaza.

Proceeds from the event are used for Sights on Success, a youth program held each fall.

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Who: Charlevoix Zonta Club
What: Literary Delights Gourmet Luncheon
When: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 19.
Where: Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, May 21, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall
210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed amendment recodifying Title V, Chapter 52, of the City Code.

The proposed amendment, if adopted, will renumber Title V, Chapter 52, Fee Schedule – Zoning and Subdivision Review in its Entirety. The changes are numbering only; all text will remain the same.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk 05/10/07

The City of Charlevoix will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon one week's notice to the City of Charlevoix. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Charlevoix Clerk's Office in writing or by calling the following: City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720
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WEDDING

Ramsey — Clark

Courtesy photo

Susan Ramsey and Eric Clark of East Jordan were married on Aug. 19 at Elm Point in East Jordan. She was escorted down the aisle by her father.

The bride is the daughter of Gary and Marge Ramsey of Charlevoix. The groom is the son of Jim Clark of East Jordan.

The maid of honor was Jill Kline. Bridesmaids were Michelle King, Danielle Clark, Becky Hosler and Julie Merriner. The flower girl was Taylor Clark and the ring bearer was Weston Ramsey. The best man was Matt Ingalls. The groomsmen were Nate Clark, Ryan Clark, Brad Ramsey and Erik Wiltfong. The ushers were John Heise and Mike Crick. Music was provided by Jessica Dominic.

The reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The couple is residing in East Jordan.

ENGAGEMENT

Harris — Clark

Courtesy photo

Brenda Lynn Harris and Steven Anthony Clark of Charlevoix are announcing their engagement. The couple is planning an Aug. 25 wedding in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Patricia and James Harris of Charlevoix.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mary Ann and Richard Tuebert of Glendale Wis., and Mary and the late Merritt Clark of Reed City.

The bride-elect is employed by Graphic Printing in Petoskey and her fiancé is the owner of The Muffler Shoppe in Charlevoix.

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Eight bands rock 13th Annual Bryan Roloff Benefit May 20

Courtesy photo

The 13th Annual Bryan Roloff Memorial Benefit will take place from 2 p.m. to midnight on Sunday, May 20 at the Gold Nugget in Ellsworth.

Roloff was a talented, local guitarist that passed away from a brain tumor in May 1994. He was a devoted young man who loved his family, friends and music. This benefit is an annual event to celebrate his life and keep his music and spirit alive while helping others with medical needs.

Eight bands will play all day. They include; The Push, Charlie's Root Fusion, Common Sense, Breakaway, The Boogieman and Soulshine, Stunt Coyote, Jellyroll Blues Band and Misconduct.

Attendees must be 21 years of age to enter. The cover charge is $10 per person and includes food.

A silent auction will take place from 5 to 7 p.m.

Proceeds will be directed to Bryan Roloff Memorial Medical Fund at Charlevoix State Bank.

For more information, call Shirley Roloff at (231) 547-6169.

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Tuesdays @ Noon
Join a group of French enthusiasts for an hour of speaking this beautiful, romantic language.

Writer's group
Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm
Join the writer's group to share and encourage each other in creative writing adventures.

Story Hour
Thursdays @ 10:30
Drop in story time for all ages.

Paws for a Story
Saturday, May 19, 10:30-1:00 pm
Read to one of our volunteer certified dogs at the library.

Literary Delights
Saturday, May 19, 11- 2 pm
Join the Charlevoix Zonta Club for an afternoon of authors, books and raffle opportunities. Call for tickets: 237-7311

Computer Basics
Tuesday, May 22, 6-7:30 pm
Learn the very basics of computing. Call to reserve your space, 237-7340.

Computer Tidbit:
Making the most of your library
Wednesday, May 23, 1:00 pm
Learn the "how to" of library technology

Play Club
Wednesday, May 23, 6:00 p.m.
Join other mom's and tots for fun and games in the Youth Activity Center

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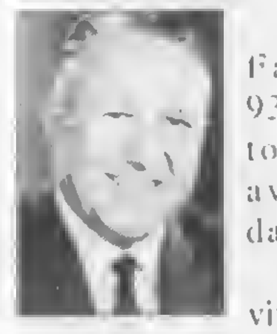
OBITUARIES

Ronald Fairbanks: April 5, 1914 - May 6, 2007



Ronald Fairbanks

Ronald J. Fairbanks, 93, of Ironton, passed away Sunday, May 6.

He is survived by Grace (nee Kubish), his wife of 74 years, and their children, Charles Fairbanks (Puddy) of East Jordan, Bruce Fairbanks (Peggy) of Littleton, Colo., and Shayne McCook (Ron) of Tempe, Ariz.

Ron and Grace are blessed with 14 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and one great great-granddaughter. Ron's sister, June Riley, and brother, Leo Fairbanks, live in Charlevoix.

In 1933, Ron and Grace, both born in Traverse City, moved to Charlevoix and started Fairbanks Bakery. Their first day in business was a huge success with $17 in sales, selling bread for 10 cents a loaf or three loaves for 25 cents. They operated the bakery in Charlevoix until 1950, when they bought The Silver King Donut Company in Grand Rapids and later started Fairbanks Pastries. Ron, a master baker, was a past president of the Western Michigan Bakers Association, taught extension courses in bakery skills at Ferris State University and Michigan State University's Kellogg Center, appeared regularly on the Carol Duvall television show, and was a founder and member of the board of directors of the Kent County Skills Center that teaches vocational skills to high school seniors. He was the last surviving member of the Rocking Chair Hunters of Beaver Island.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to Charlevoix Area Hospital. Funeral services took place on Friday, May 11, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Rev. Harold E. Kruse officiated. A graveside service at Brookside Cemetery and reception at the First Baptist Church followed.

Ronald Russell: Nov. 24, 1942 - May 9, 2007

Ronald Dale Russell, 64, of Charlevoix and Ellsworth, died Wednesday, May 9, at his home in Banks Township, Antrim County.

He was born Nov. 24, 1942, in Charlevoix to Clarence and Ruth (Frasier) Russell. Ron was a lifelong resident of Charlevoix, living for the past 16 years in Antrim County.

He was a carpenter and worked for Al Shindorf Builders for over 20 years. Ron loved classic cars, and enjoyed going to shows and collecting.

He is survived by his children, Kevin B. (Amy L.) Russell of Ellsworth, Tara (Tim) Russell-Weir of Howell, Tim D. (Tina) Russell of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Kendra and Brenden Russell, Lexi and Katy Lambert, Kyleigh Weir, Faithann, Riley, Shelby and Cody Russell; brothers, Douglas (Alida) Russell of Grand Rapids, Richard (Mary) Russell of Charlevoix; sister, Elaine Parsons of Grand Rapids. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Dorothy Russell who raised Ron with her husband and his brother, Jack.

Jack preceded Ron in death as did his other brothers, Gerald, Bill and Don.

Ron's family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Safe Harbor Baptist Church in Charlevoix.

A funeral took place on Monday, May 14, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Pastor Pete Aronson of the Safe Harbor Baptist Church officiated. Interment will be in Brookside Cemetery.

LETTERS to the editor

LETTERS

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It's an era when our nation doesn't just violate principles, it holds evil principles in authority over us. We live today in a country where people want to live without shame, guilt or conscience, while they practice every degradation and atrocity and pretend that nothing is wrong. We have probably rarely ever been tempted to feel ashamed to be an American but we are being tempted now. This crisis of character may be the greatest crisis that this republic has ever faced. It's a crisis greater than the Revolution, the Civil War or both world wars, because even at war, the most dangerous threat to America lies within its own borders. We must reacquaint Americans, from our school children to our leaders in Congress, with the truth of principle found in our Declaration of Independence. The foundation of our government teaches that our rights come from God and it's our duty to exercise those rights responsibly. We must ensure that the principles of the Declaration once again become the "hidden springs" of every visible greatness of America. We must strive to influence those in education, media, public service and all our elected officials to put principle back into politics.

Should we lose the character and capacity for decent judgment that's required to sustain our freedom, then we will surely witness the loss of our liberty. It matters little what the polls or economic forecasts or international news may look like today as there is a day of reckoning before us. Americans pretend there is a way we can hold on to our God-given rights while denying the God who has granted those rights, while denying that right and wrong exist at all. The cowardice of those in authority must stop or we will lose all vestiges of freedom.

Are you a spectator or a player and will you get involved before it's too late? Contact your political representatives Capitol (202) 224-3121 White House (202) 456-1414.

Gerald E. Evans
Ellsworth

BIGGER SKATE PARK NEEDED

Editor:

My name is Aaron Duckworth and my goal is to get a bigger and better skate park. The reason is there's not a lot of room and everybody could run into each other. There also is not a lot of equipment and some of the jumps are too small to catch air.

Another thing is there could be more accessories and there would be more room to accelerate and it would allow larger jumps. But most of all there would be more kids.

My last reason is there could be a dome for all year fun. And there would be more kids to tell their friends to come skate. But with the dome your wheels will stay dry.

Aaron Duckworth
Sixth-grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of letters submitted to the Courier for publication by sixth-grade students at Charlevoix Middle School. More letters will appear in future issues of the paper.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	**547-6430**

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Divine Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	During Worship
Pastor: Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -5168**

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	**547-6322**

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	**547-2875**

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Church Office 547-9482

ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	**588-7805**

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4221**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.
Sunday's Teen Ministry	Call for Times
Pastor: Michael Dennis	**547-4121**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9122**

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**237-0800**

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	**582-9262**

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-3008**
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	**599-2321**

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill	**231-347-6651**

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	**547-6283**

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
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Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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KCB plans for weed free petunia season

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Winter is a not-so-distant memory yet summer isn't quite here and that can mean only one thing: It's petunia time.

The 26th Annual Operation Petunia is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 24 along five miles of U.S. 31 from the municipal airport to Mercer Boulevard.

"I'm very excited and very hopeful," said president of Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, Erin Bemis. "We have a new distributor we're getting flowers from. We have a better working relationship and the flowers are more mature when they go in the ground than in the past. So, it will give the flowers a better chance to root in the soil."

She added, "And we're replacing all the dirt throughout town, which is actually ahead of schedule."

Salt, sand and other foreign material find their way into the petunia bedding and degrade the quality of the flowers.

"We looked at replacing a third of the soil each year instead of all at once, but we determined it would be better to do it all at once," Bemis said. "It definitely is more expensive (since) Keep Charlevoix Beautiful pays for the removal of the old soil and purchase of the new soil and any amendments to it."

She added, "This (dirt) will make growing conditions premium for the petunias."

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful members are taking some steps to help prevent and combat the overgrowth of weeds which occurred along some sections of the petunia beds in 2006.

"We're actually planting test sections and planting a different kind of petunia," Bemis said. "They are the same colors as (regular) petunias, but they are different in their growing patterns."

Bemis said the heartier petunias will be used in areas other than the beds along Bridge Street.

It costs nearly $13,000 to purchase this year's petunia crop.

The City of Charlevoix awarded the contract for weed pulling to the Charlevoix Band Boosters for $20 per person, per hour, not to exceed $16,000.

"We're also looking into putting a pre-emergent in which will form a protective layer over the dirt around the plant to help keep weeds from sprouting," Bemis said. "So, we're looking to eliminate as many weeds as we can, but this will hopefully cut back on how many times we need to weed."

The yearly event will culminate in a picnic beginning at 6 p.m. in Bridge Park featuring hot dogs, chips, cookies and soft drinks.

"It's just a great community event," Bemis said. "It's a fun family activity with entertainment, food and it's a way to give back to the community."

The nearly 500 planters expected to participate should dress for the weather. Wear comfortable clothes, garden gloves and bring a trowel.

Charlevoix businesses donate the refreshments and paper products.

For more information or to donate, call Marell Staffel at (231) 547-2561.

the 4-1-1

Who:	Keep Charlevoix Beautiful
What:	26th Annual Operation Petunia
When:	5 p.m. Thursday, May 24.
Where:	Five miles of U.S. 31 from the Charlevoix Municipal Airport to Mercer Boulevard.

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Keep Charlevoix Beautiful is taking several measures to keep weeds at bay in the petunia beds that line Bridge Street. The community-wide planting event, Operation Petunia, will take place on May 24.

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Charlevoix Public Schools superintendent search narrowed to two

BY LOUISE NELLE
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

Finalists in the Charlevoix Public Schools superintendent search are Jan Quarless and Chet Janik.

Quarless and Janik were the last two standing out of five candidates selected for the first round of interviews which took place May 7 and 9.

The other three were Stephen Lewis, a professor at Spring Arhor University, Esther Mudge, Manistique Schools superintendent of three years, and Dundee Community Schools interim superintendent of one year, John Raab.

Second interviews for Janik and Quarless took place at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15. Results were not available by press time.

Quarless has been a superintendent since 2004 at Dollar Bay-Tamarack City Schools. Before that time, he led a career in athletics as an assistant principal and athletic director at Belding High School and as a head football coach at both Southern Illinois University and Eastern Michigan University.

Janik has heen a superintendent since 2004 at Buckley Community School. His past experience includes working as a special project coordinator with Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District and as a college outreach director at Northwestern Michigan College.

During the puhlic interview on May 9, members of the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education asked candidates a series of questions. Janik and Quarless' responses to some of the questions were as follows:

HOW WILL YOU HANDLE BUDGET REDUCTIONS AND WHAT STRATEGIES OR VISIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR OUR DISTRICT?

Quarless: "The first thing is where we can get money? Secondly, you have to be creative. I'm not a big proponent of cutting programs. I would be very careful of that. You have to look at big issues like staffing, health benefits and retirement."

Janik: "I will keep as many teachers as possible and keep the quality of education high."

Jan Quarless

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE TO 10 YEARS?

Quarless: He said he sees himself making a commitment during those 10 years to a school district, but also sees himself retiring. He added that be is at the end of the road, but if he is having fun who knows what lies in store.

Janik: "I'm not planning on retiring in the near future."

HOW WOULD OTHERS DESCRIBE YOU?

Quarless: "For the most part they would say, 'He's a pretty good guy, enthusiastic' and there's tremendous loyalty towards people I work with daily."

Janik: "They would describe me as being very open and upfront and my communication has been a strength. I've been very open with parents about what the issues are."

HOW DO YOU HANDLE BEING APPROACHED BY UPSET PARENTS?

Quarless: "Welcome them into the room. My doors are always open and if they are excited or angered they can come in and see if it can be addressed."

Chet Janik

Janik: "If a parent is concerned enough to come in you have to listen to them. Try to make them feel comfortable and be very specific about why they are upset. People have to feel that they are respected and their opinions are being valued."

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER THE TWO GREATEST CHALLENGES FACING K-12 EDUCATION TODAY?

Quarless: Quarless focused on at-risk students and finances. He said raising standards can be problematic for students who may not excel at certain subjects. In terms of finances, he said the challenge lies in finding a way to make the system work.

Janik: "Cutting and higher standards. Cutting state aid will be a disaster ... It's a very difficult situation but you can't let finances steer the ship. The last thing we do is cut the quality of education."

Louise Nelle can be contacted at (231) 439-9339, or lnelle@petoskeynews.com.

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

Inspired artists

(Above) Five-year-old Payton Turner has his face painted Thursday, May 10 during the opening of the Charlevoix Public Schools' annual district-wide art show at Charlevoix Elementary School. (Below) This three dimensional work of art by Sean and Jack Guirey entitled "Toy Box" displays dozens of toys from action figures and little green army men, to watches, vehicles and dogs. This and hundreds of other pieces were displayed at Charlevoix Elementary School on May 10, 11 and 14.

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The following issues were discussed during the Wednesday, May 9 meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners:

Item: Guardian/conservator fees

In brief: Court appointed guardians/conservators would receive an increase from $40 to $60 per month from the Department of Human Services to cover items including postage, envelopes, phone calls and transportation which indigent wards cannot afford.

Board action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Michigan Drug Court Grant Program grant

In brief: Members of the probate court wish to apply for a grant worth $65,842.40 which would fund the proposed Charlevoix County Juvenile Drug Court, an organization to provide drug screens, psychological assessments, counseling and more.

Board action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Recyclable materials agreement

In brief: Emmet County agrees to receive and process recyclable materials from Charlevoix County for six years.

Board action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Fair board golf cart

In brief: The Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair Board requests $2,700 in matching funds from Charlevoix County to purchase a $5,400, six-seat golf cart.

Board action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Antivirus software

In brief: The county's Information Technology Committee requests two years of service from NOD 32 and three years of service with a fourth-year free-of-charge, from SOPHOS for a total of $6,421.43.

Board action: Approved, unanimous

Additional items included:

An additional $25,000 was authorized for an unspecified investigation; the countywide numbering ordinance was revised and approved and the proposed rescinding of the Farmland Preservation Ordinance was tabled.

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The sound of music

Christ Episcopal Church recently announced the addition of Don Neidert as the new minister of music. Neidert is a highly skilled, experienced musician and choir director who lives in Charlevoix with his wife Sue and their daughter Julianne who is attending Hope College. He is pictured above (left) with Rev. John David of Christ Episcopal Church.

How 'Gohs' it?
Social Security ... socialist scam?
Charlevoix Courier reporter, Benjamin Gohs, known locally for his controversial civil liberties columns and coverage on issues related to Charlevoix, will be a guest on WMKT's Vic McCarty Show.
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'Circus' variety show on stage at CHS

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix High School performing arts class will be clowning around under the big top when they present their annual spring variety show.

An ice cream social at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 19 in the Charlevoix High School common area will precede the antics of these students as they perform their final project of the year at 7 p.m.

"The theme is 'Circus,'" said extracurricular and play director, Connie Ford. "The students have designed it, written it, selected materials they want from other authors to show what they have learned through the school year."

She added, "The class is a mixture of interpretive activities, acting, music actives and using professionally written materials while at the same time, learning how to evaluate and write acceptable skits and materials. At the spring musical they do everything from set design to building the set and they start from scratch without the instructor or myself showing them how to do it."

Music and short skits will highlight the event.

"There is music, but not as much as usual," Ford said. "They (students) wanted to go more with acting this year."

The performing arts pupils have been working on their respective projects for nearly a month in between individual events competition.

"We just had state finals last weekend (May 5 and 6) where we came in sixth overall in class C/D," Ford said. "Our duo took fifth — they were finalists, our multiple took eleventh which is semifinalist and our third event missed the semifinals by one speaker point."

Tickets for the ice cream social and show are $7 for adults, $5 for students and seniors and $20 for a family. Tickets are available in the performing arts office at Charlevoix High School prior to the event or at the door this Saturday.

the 4-1-1

Who: Charlevoix High School performing arts
What: Circus theme spring variety show and ice cream social
When: 6 p.m. Saturday, May 19
Where: Auditorium at Charlevoix High School, 05200 Marion Center Road

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Zonta offers $400 business scholarship

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship, which awards $400 to a young woman living in Charlevoix County currently studying business at the undergraduate level.

Applicants must have completed two to three years in an accredited undergraduate program, demonstrate outstanding academic credentials, identify the relevance of the applicant's academic program to the business field and outline the applicant's professional and career goals as they relate to advancing women in the field of business.

Applications are available at the Petoskey and Traverse City college campuses or may be obtained by calling Maura A. Snabes at (231) 547-9969. The deadline for receiving applications is May 25 to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Maura A. Snabes, P.O. Box 633, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in early June.

The recipient of the local award will also have her application forwarded to the district, which awards an additional $400 to the district winner.

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Student Strive finalists

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Finalists for the 4th Annual Rotary Club Strive Scholarship are (from left) Nathan Russell, Kevin Moore, Kayla Schneider, Sara Smith, Erica Hedrick and Heather Waltonen, all of whom are Charlevoix High School seniors. Waltonen received a one-year scholarship from North Central Michigan College. Russell received a $1000 scholarship to the accredited school of his choice and a $400 summer job bonus. Moore had the third most improved grade point average of the year and so received a $750 scholarship and a $400 summer job bonus. The cash awards were provided by the Charlevoix Rotary Club.

Charlevoix Township clean up days are May 21 and May 22

Charlevoix Township will hold the annual clean up days on May 21 (north side) and 22 (south side).

Items brought in from outside the township will not be picked up. Trash must be in containers at the curb by 7 a.m. If trash is not properly contained in bags, boxes or bundles it will not be picked up. Wood must be cut shorter than 4-foot lengths. Liquid or hazardous waste, weekly garbage, items from commercial operations, electronics, computers, old phones, yard waste and appliances without tags stating that the freon has been removed, cans of paint, rocks, chunks of concrete, asphalt, herbicides, insecticides, tires and batteries will not be picked up.

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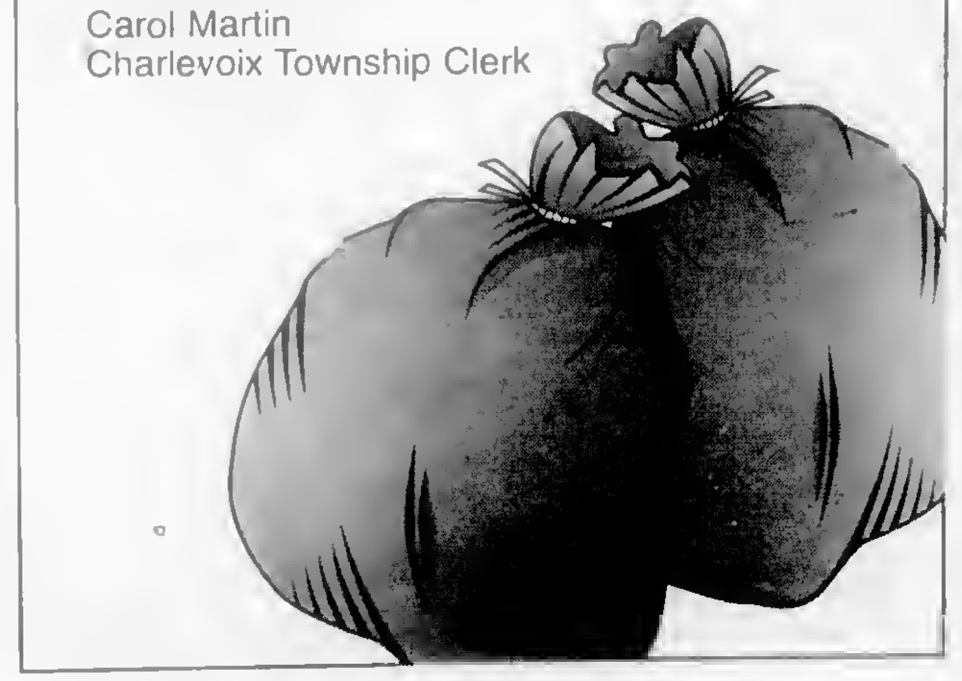
Carol Martin
Charlevoix Township Clerk



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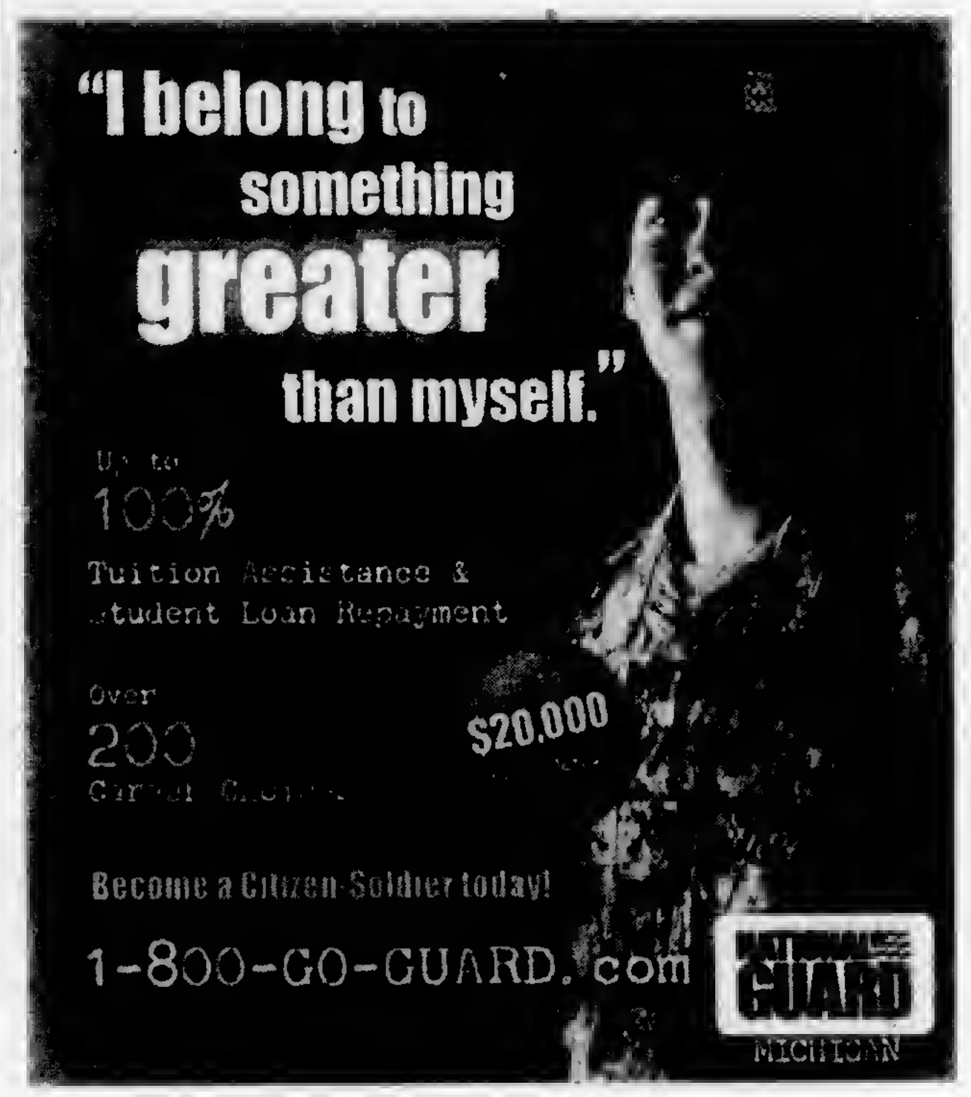
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Thursday, May 17

Carnival in Veterans Park
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Morel Challenge Car Race
5:30 p.m. Registration, beer, wine & hors d'oeuvres. 6 p.m. Racing begins. Race your handmade car of fruits or vegetables for trophies. Pick up a kit and rules from Ace Hardware, Boyne Country Books & The Chamber of Commerce. Under the tent - $5.00 entrance fee.

Friday, May 18

Carnival in Veterans Park
Schmidt Amusements

Craft Show
3 p.m. to dusk in Veteran's Park

Morel Seminar
4:30 p.m. Lecture given by local mushroom experts. Beer & Wine & Morel Soup Samples under the tent in Veteran's Park.

Morelfest Wine & Dine
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Beach Haus Restaurant
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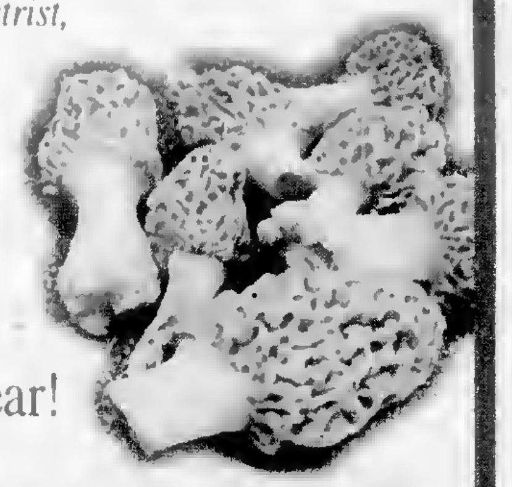

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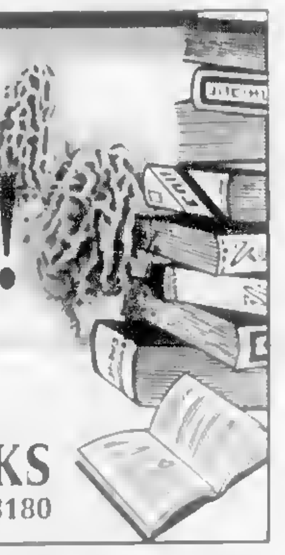

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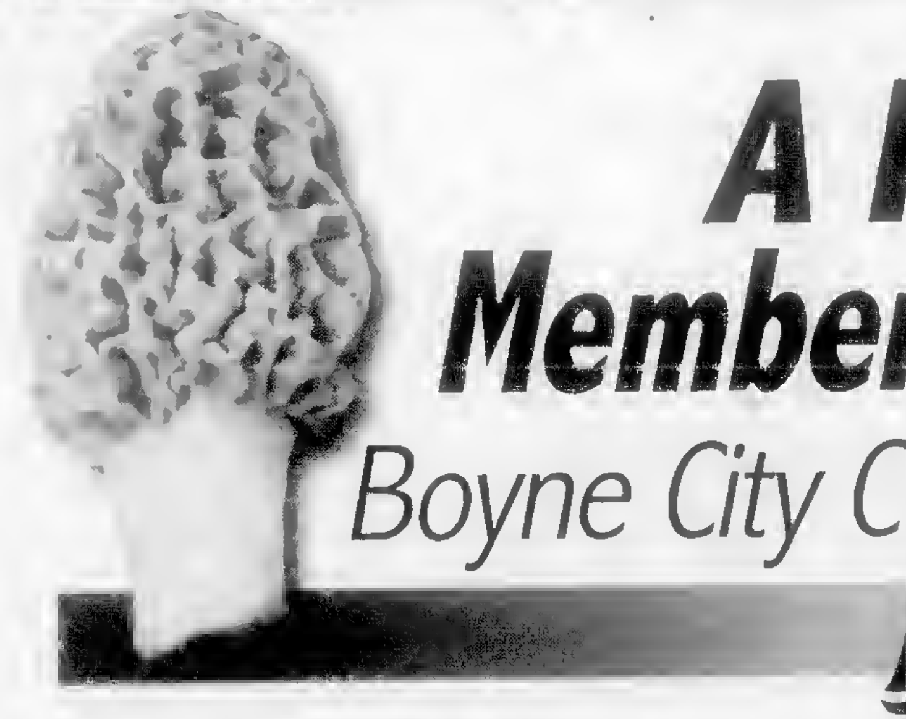

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Huge imaginations and tiny hands have produced an amazing art exhibit.

The Second Annual Small Hands Big Art collaboration between Gallery On Main in Bay Harbor and the Charlevoix Children's House Montessori School, is a children's art exhibit which runs from May 19-24. The exhibit will also include a public silent auction fund-raiser from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on May 24. Hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment featuring Acoustic Stew from C2 Gallery will be featured.

Gallery manager, Larissa Flynn, who is a parent of a Charlevoix Children's House alumnus, is heading up the event.

"I just love the process and seeing these kids at a young age experimenting with real mediums rather than a Crayola marker on copy paper. What they come up with is amazing, fresh and exciting," she said.

School director, Barb Godwin-Chulick, said this is an ideal opportunity to expose the students ages 2-and-a-half to 6 to the artistic process while helping the school with needed funds.

Children's House students viewed original works of art which were placed in the Montessori school and from them gained inspiration to create their own works.

The approximately 24 pieces of children's artwork have been professionally framed and will be sold to the highest bidder at the May 24 silent auction.

Some of the mediums used include real watercolor on rice paper, ceramics glazing, hatik fabric dying and canvas painting.

The funds raised will go toward helping the school install a new roof and toward the purchase of classroom materials.

Gallery on Main is located at 4184 Main St. in Bay Harbor. Call (231) 439-2745 for more information.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Students of the Charlevoix Children's House Montessori School pose with one of over 20 works they created for the upcoming Second Annual Small Hands Big Art collaboration between Gallery On Main in Bay Harbor and the school. The children's art exhibit runs from May 19-24 and will also include a public silent auction fund-raiser from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on May 24 at Gallery On Main.

What? Second Annual Small Hands Big Art children's art exhibit and fund-raiser

Who? A collaboration between Gallery On Main in Bay Harbor and the Charlevoix Children's House Montessori School.

When? May 19-24 with silent auction fund-raiser from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on May 24

Where? Gallery on Main, 4184 Main St. in Bay Harbor.

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Librarians honored at Rural Libraries Conference

Two librarians at the Charlevoix Public Library have been honored with awards. At the Library of Michigan's Rural Libraries Conference on May 8, Beth Strawbridge, adult services librarian at Charlevoix Public Library was awarded the Access/Collection Award and Linda Adams, adult and teen services librarian, was awarded the Patron Services Award.

Strawhridge, recognized for her outstanding work towards collection development, works diligently towards creating a balanced, interesting collection for the patrons of Charlevoix Public Library. The collection includes books, music CDs, audio books, DVDs and electronic subscriptions. Strawhridge managed in the last year to increase the library's holdings, exceeding the original goal.

"Prior to moving into the library's new facility, we owned approximately 2.5 items per capita and now, we own 4.5 items per capita. Beth managed to oversee this huge increase in our holdings," said Val Meyerson, library director.

Adams strives to meet and exceed the strategic planning programming goals set forth by the board of trustees, manages an author series, computer training classes, cultural programming, health series and a travel series.

"We never dreamed so many people would attend programs at the library, but we have very consistent audiences at most of our events," Meyerson.

For information about Charlevoix Public Library, visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Courtesy photo

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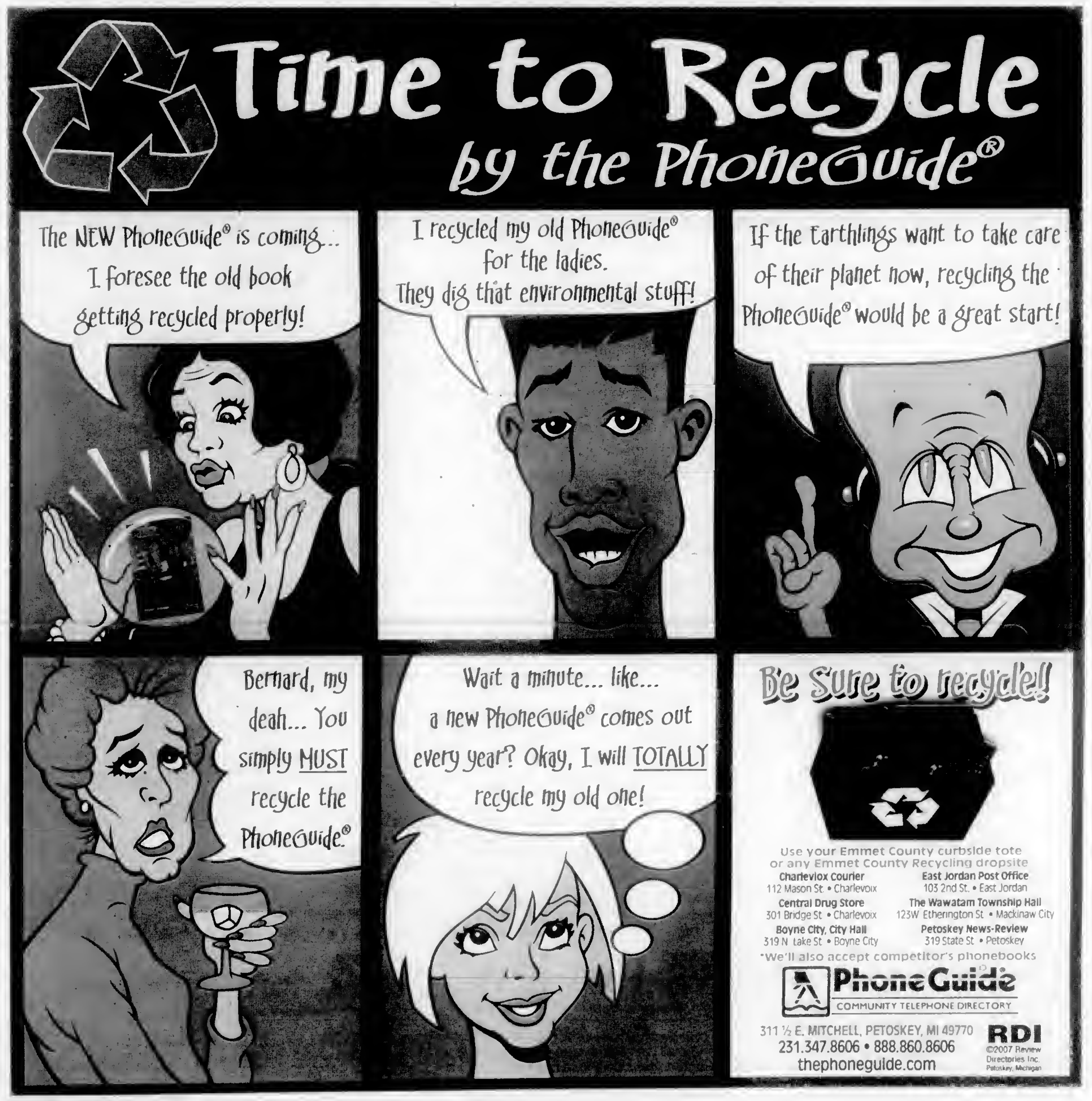

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3rd Annual Tri4Fun Women's Triathlon this Sunday in Charlevoix

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Charlevoix resident Michelle Rick-Biddick (above) is organizing the third annual noncompetitive Tri4Fun Women's Triathlon which will take place this Sunday, May 20, in Charlevoix.

Registration is underway for the third annual non-competitive Tri4Fun Women's Triathlon.

Forms are available at Harbor Health and Fitness, located at 110 Clinton St. in Charlevoix and at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool located at 11905 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix. Women ages 14 and older are eligible to participate.

The triathlon will take place at noon on Sunday, May 20. A mandatory pre-race meeting will take place at 11 a.m. at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

The event will include a scenic 20K bike, a 5K run and a half mile indoor pool swim. The bike portion starts in Petoskey and winds along the shore of Lake Michigan and ends at the community pool. The run extends from the pool, along a rural road and loops back to the pool property.

Participants can register to partake in all three events individually or as a team. Registration fees are $100 for a team of two or three and $50 per individual.

The triathlon is a fundraiser for two local cancer support groups in Charlevoix and Emmet counties, Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders and Circle of Strength.

For more information contact Michelle Rick-Biddick at (231) 547-4369 or e-mail tlc.fitness@hotmail.com.

Safeguard yourself from identity theft

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater would like to raise identity theft awareness in the community and offer citizens these helpful tips for protecting themselves from this growing danger.

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4. If you do order online, keep a copy of the Web site's description of what you ordered, the seller's information and any e-mail messages you received regarding the purchase.

5. Keep your virus protection software up to date and consider installing a firewall on your computer.

6. Memorize your PIN or passwords instead of writing them down.

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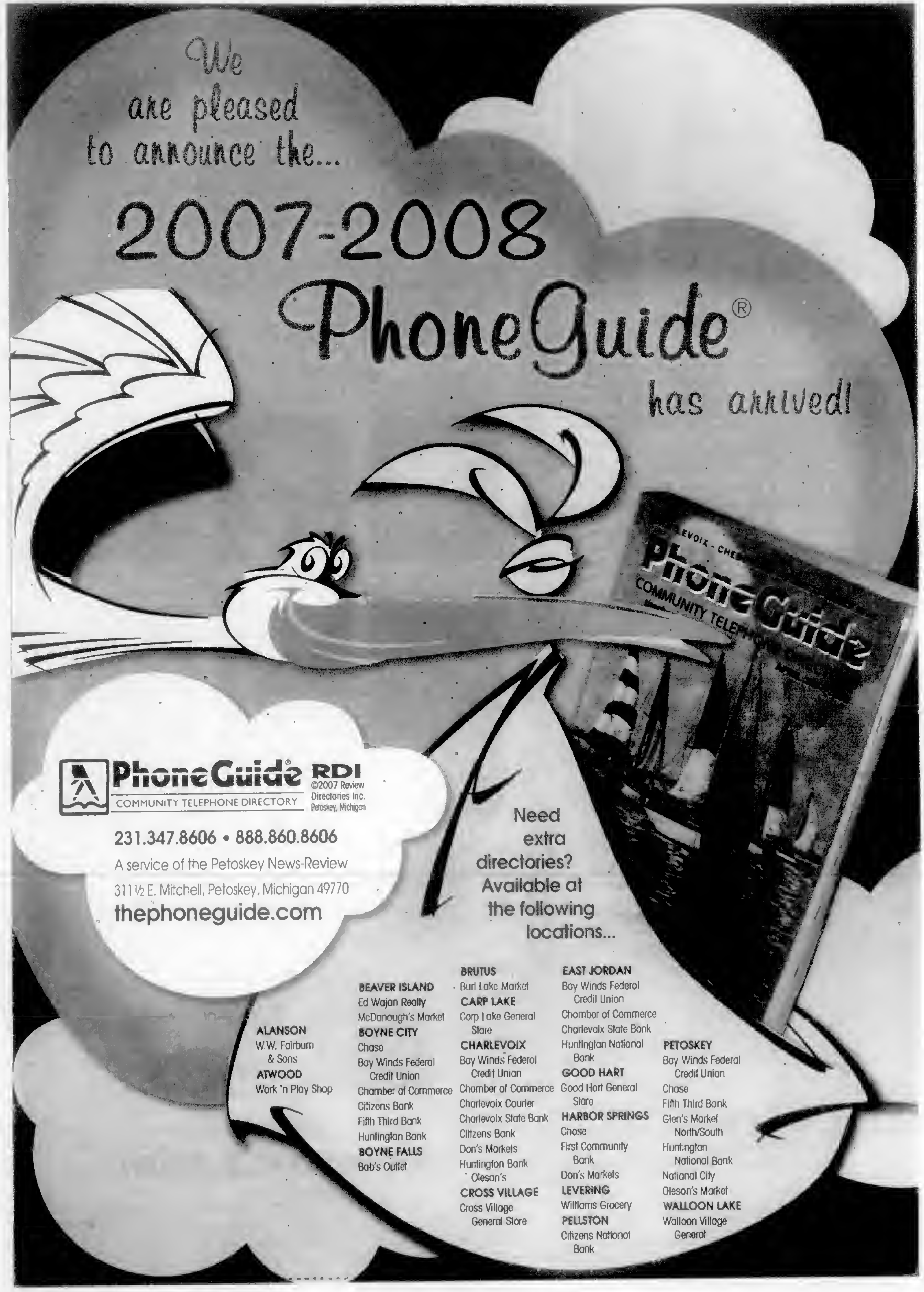

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Peace of the pie

Mary Tate, a Charlevoix resident and member of the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom attended the May 7 Charlevoix City Council meeting and requested council's support for the establishment of a United States Department of Peace. She is pictured above sharing a pie with first ward councilman Bob Timms and mayor Norman Carlson Jr. City Council took no vote on this matter. The aim is to establish legislation that would create a cabinet-level Department of Peace and Nonviolence. The matter is currently before the House of Representatives (HR 808). Citizens across the nation have brought pies to their Congressional offices to talk about the Department of Peace legislation, and to let their leaders know that "Peace Wants a Piece of the Pie." For more information on this legislation and the campaign, visit The Peace Alliance Web site at www.thepeacealliance.org.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, May 7, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving a modification of interests agreement regarding 12585 N US 31.
- Motion passed allowing Keep Charlevoix Beautiful to install storm drain decals.
- Motion passed hiring Northwest Design Group (NDG) to provide materials testing and inspection services for the landside improvements in East Park.
- Motion passed that the City Council confirms that section 2.1.1 of the contract with Hallmark Construction, Inc., authorizes Pat Elliott, as the city's representative, to approve contract changes that alone or in combination exceed $10,000.00 and that this authorization is also pursuant to section 1.56 of the city code.
- Motion passed awarding the restroom cleaning bid to Mama T's.
- Motion passed awarding the fuel purchase bid to Holiday Station Stores for a two year contract.
- Motion passed awarding the tree, limb and stump removal bid to Willcome Tree Service.
- Motion passed extending the tree trimming contract with Asplundh Tree Expert Company for power line trimming.
- Motion passed authorizing the Mayor to sign the separation agreement with Pollack Design.
- Motion passed setting a public hearing for Monday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. on an ordinance to amend the City Code by recodifying Title V, Chapter 52, Fee Schedule – Zoning and Subdivision Review in its Entirety. The change is to numbering only; the text remains the same.
- Resolution 2007-05-01 adopted, Charlevoix Downtown Blueprint 2007 Adoption Resolution.

Council adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Watch Beatlemania unfold May 26 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center

At 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 26 everyone is invited to watch Beatlemania unfold on episodes of The Ed Sullivan Show in the Ross Stoakes Theatre at Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Viewers are encouraged to come in 1960s Beatles costume. Prizes will be awarded.

This is one of many events planned in conjunction with an exhibit featuring 84 photographs of "The Beatles" on exhibition at Crooked Tree Arts Center from April 27 through July 8. The photos were shot in the early 1960s by LIFE photographer William Eppridge.

Local Beatles aficionados will share pieces of their private collections during the first week of the exhibition including concert tickets, signed record albums and possibly the jukebox owned by John and Yoko Lennon.

The free Beatles exhibit is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays at Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Rounding out the two-month exhibit is a performance by "Shout," a tribute to the Fab Four at 8 p.m. June 16 on stage at Crooked Tree. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students. Tickets are on sale now at www.crookedtree.org or by calling (231) 347-4337.

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Registration underway for June 16 Pink Ribbon Ride

Saturday, June 16, will mark the fifth anniversary of Bike4BreastCancer's Pink Ribbon Ride, in memory of Kathy McDonald.

The event will take place at Veteran's Park in Boyne City, where McDonald made her home, and founded the Charlevoix/Emmet County Chapter of Bike4BreastCancer to benefit area women. Cyclists of all ages and abilities are invited to participate.

The addition of a 65-mile route to the existing program is sure to challenge even the most advanced cyclist. A 7-mile route along the southern shore of Lake Charlevoix to the Village of Advance is geared toward family participation. In addition, a 20-mile ride to the Ironton Ferry and a 42-mile tour around Lake Charlevoix are planned for the more serious cyclist. Food and beverages will be available at the park and rest stops along the routes.

During its five-year history, the Bike4BreastCancer Charlevoix/Emmet County Chapter has donated over $50,000 in support of programs offered by both Northern Michigan Hospital and Charlevoix Area Hospital. A total of 85 percent of all proceeds from the Pink Ribbon Ride remained in the local community, with the other 15 percent going to the national organization. Beginning this year, 100 percent of the proceeds will stay in our community and be shared by the two hospital foundations.

On site registration for the 65-mile route will begin at 7 a.m. the day of the event, with all other riders welcome to register and begin their routes from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Lunch is provided at the park for all participants at 12:30 p.m. Cost is $25 per rider. Children under 10 are free when accompanied by a registered participant.

Pre-registration and further information is available at www.bike4breastcancer.org.

Contributions may also be mailed to Bike4BreastCancer, P.O. Box 242, East Jordan, MI 49727.

Bike4BreastCancer is a national 501c3 nonprofit organization.

Sheriff's office offers Boater's Safety June 2

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office will be offering Boater's Safety classes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 2 at Charlevoix Public Library.

Those who currently have an on-line boating safety certificate, must take a proctored test and receive a state honored boating safety certificate. The state only honors on-line course completed certificates that have been verified by a proctored Michigan exam. Proctored exam time is from 7-8 p.m. on July 9 at the Boyne City Middle School and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on July 16 at the East Jordan District Library.

The class is free-of-charge and pre-registration is not required. Minimum age for class attendance is 12. Students should bring date of birth information with them for registration purposes. Students receiving a satisfactory test grade will receive their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate at the conclusion of the course.

Completion of this class is mandatory for individuals born after Dec. 31, 1978 to operate a personal watercraft, for juveniles between the ages of 12 and 16 to operate a boat and for parents that allow their children between the ages of 12 and 14 to operate a personal watercraft. A parent must be riding with the child during operation.

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Harbor Industries Inc. named Best and Brightest

For the third year in a row, Harbor Industries Inc. of Grand Haven and Charlevoix, has been honored as a recipient of the Michigan Business and Professional Association's (MBPA) West Michigan's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For 2006 award.

This award program was created to recognize the renaissance and economic prosperity of our communities through innovative human resources practices and tools for human resources improvement. In addition, recognized honorees are those companies that demonstrate imagination and conviction to create organizational and business results through their policies and best practices in human resources and who acknowledge employees as their greatest asset.

Harbor Industries employees, including Cindy Parker Euscher, vice-president of sales services, Tim Parker, vice-president of operations, Kim Swidorski, director of human resources and Deb Rink, benefits manager, represented the company at the awards luncheon early this month.

Harbor Industries Inc. is a full-service manufacturer of point of purchase displays and store fixturing. Harbor Industries' corporate headquarters is in Grand Haven. Harbor operates a 280,000 square foot, state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Charlevoix.

Courtesy photo

Harbor Industries employees, Cindy Parker Euscher, vice-president of sales services and Tim Parker, vice-president of operations attended an awards luncheon early this month where for the third year in a row Harbor was named a recipient of the Michigan Business and Professional Association's (MBPA) West Michigan's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For.

Courtesy photo

Fox's full throttle fund-raiser

On May 11 and 12 Fox Motors of Charlevoix hosted the first Fox Funds for Schools event. This new event was developed to help local schools with fund-raising. The students invited their friends and family to Fox Charlevoix to test drive new Chrysler and GM vehicles. Fox agreed to contribute $20 to Charlevoix High School for each test drive. The Daniel and Pamela DeVos foundation agreed to match the Fox Motors contribution. (Above) Pete Scholten brought his Spanish students in to work the event that raised $4,600 for the Charlevoix High School Spanish club.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder track teams dominate again

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Madeline Jeakle took second in the high jump event for Charlevoix May 10 at the East Jordan Invitational.

A dominating performance by Charlevoix's boys' track and field team culminated in a meet-record 3 minute, 30.31 second performance in the 1600-meter relay at the East Jordan Invitational on Thursday, May 10.

The Rayders finished with 134 points to win the 14-team event. Charlevoix also won the girls' meet with 107 points, securing a Rayder sweep.

The Charlevoix boys also won the 800-meter relay, and Darron Munson was a double winner, in the 400 and 200 meters.

In the boys' meet, Harbor Springs was fourth, Ellsworth, ninth; East Jordan, 10th; and Boyne City, 12th.

Charlevoix's girls' team had two individual winners: Ashley Pett won the discus and Alyssa Smith was first in the long jump.

Harbor Springs was fourth, Boyne City fifth, East Jordan seventh and Ellsworth 10th.

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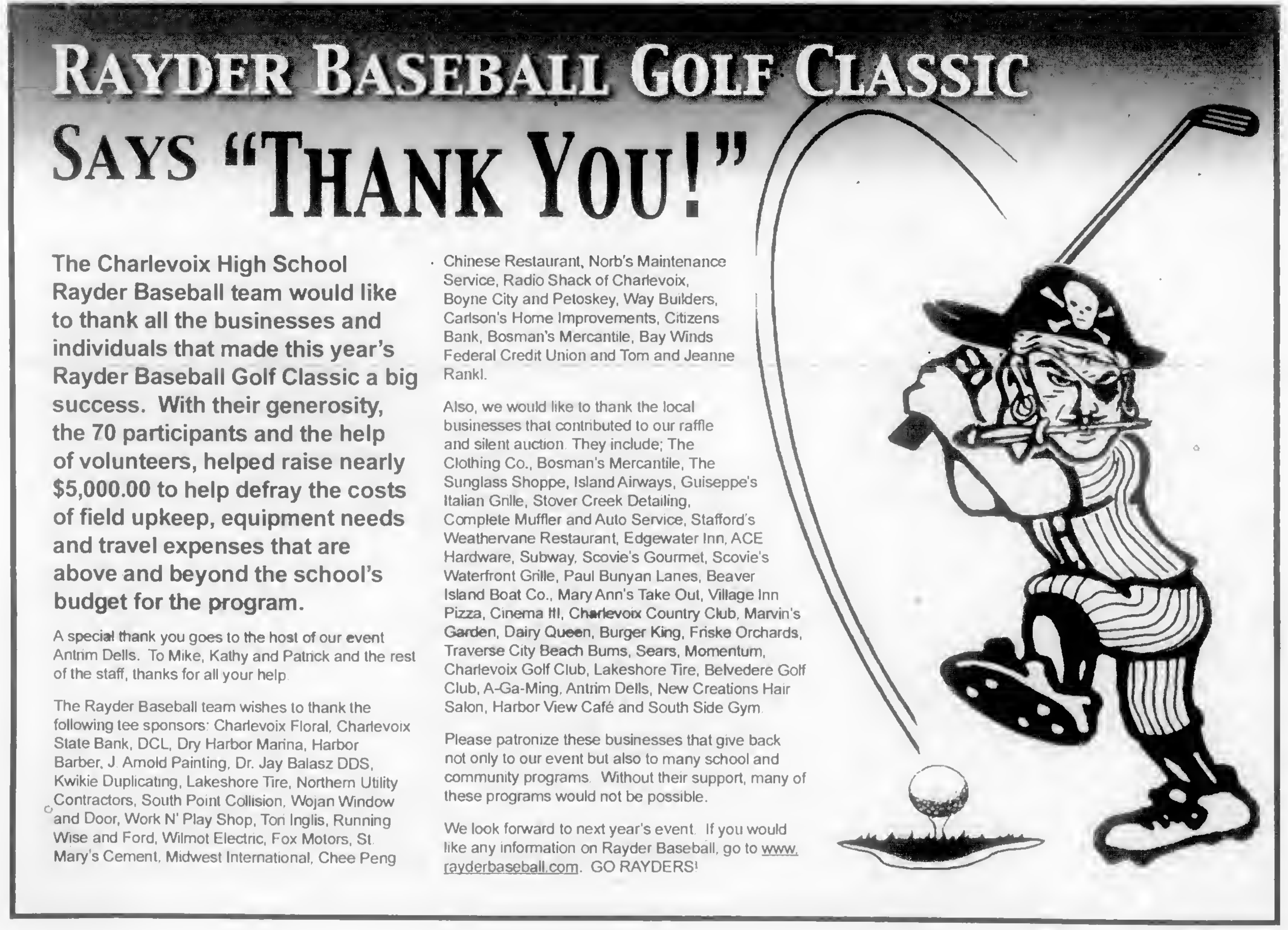

RAYDER BASEBALL GOLF CLASSIC SAYS "THANK YOU!"

The Charlevoix High School Rayder Baseball team would like to thank all the businesses and individuals that made this year's Rayder Baseball Golf Classic a big success. With their generosity, the 70 participants and the help of volunteers, helped raise nearly $5,000.00 to help defray the costs of field upkeep, equipment needs and travel expenses that are above and beyond the school's budget for the program.

A special thank you goes to the host of our event Antrim Dells. To Mike, Kathy and Patrick and the rest of the staff, thanks for all your help.

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We look forward to next year's event. If you would like any information on Rayder Baseball, go to www.rayderbaseball.com. GO RAYDERS!

SPORTS reviewing the action

Baseball wins four of six improving to 13-7 overall

Rayder baseball went four for six in three doubleheaders last week to improve their overall record to 13-7.

Play opened May 8 when Charlevoix split with Traverse City St. Francis winning the opener 5-2 and losing 11-10 in game two.

In game one, Chris Waha was the winning pitcher, with 12 strikeouts in six innings. On offense, Waha singled and hit a double while Michael Heckendorn had two hits and two RBIs. Other hits came from Cliff Jones, J.D. Speigl, R.J. Moore and Clayton Mitchell.

But things didn't go the Rayders' way in the second game.

"In game two, we thought that with a win we would be in a good position to win the conference. After we batted in the third, we led 10-2 and I think we got a bit complacent thinking we had the game wrapped up. St. Francis ended up scoring the winning run on a suicide squeeze in the bottom of the sixth," coach Allen Telgenhof said.

Charlevoix split with Gaylord two days later on May 10, falling in game one 11-2 and squeaking out a 7-6 win in game two. Cliff Jones was the winning pitcher with six strikeouts in six innings.

Charlevoix ended play sweeping Harbor Light on May 11.

In game one, Charlevoix scored two in the bottom of the sixth to pull out the 2-1 win. The winning run scored when Heckendorn squeeze bunted Cliff Jones home with one out.

In game two, Charlevoix came from behind again, trailing 3-0 after three-and-a-half innings scoring three in the fourth to tie and then scored one in the fifth for the 4-3 win. The lead run was scored by Alex Foster on a Jon Putman single.

The Rayders faced Boyne City on May 15, will face Sutton's Bay on May 17 and will compete in the Mt. Morris Invitational on May 19. Results from these games will be in next week's Courier.

Soccer drops first game of season to Suttons Bay

The Lady Rayder soccer team's winning streak was broken by Suttons Bay but the team rebounded from the loss with a shutout over rival Harbor Springs.

The Rayders ran into a tough opponent in dropping their first match of the season on Tuesday, May 8. Division 3 Sutton's Bay led by Alexi Korson's two second half breakaway goals continued their unbeaten streak. Sutton's Bay defeated Charlevoix 3-0.

Charlevoix had the better of the play in the first half, stopping Korson several times and out shooting Sutton's Bay 13-5. However, the Rayders couldn't find the back of the net. The Lady Norsemen had the shot advantage 8-7 in the second half and made their attempts count while their keeper played a stellar match.

The Rayders received strong midfield play from KC McCary, Zita Anderson and Becca Madison. Defensively, Emily Foster stopped Korson on several runs and Charlevoix keeper Tammy Potter earned Rayder Player of the Game honors for 13 saves, including several on breakaway attempts.

"This game is just what the doctor ordered for the Rayders, a chance to play a tough quality opponent in preparation for the district tournament. We learned a great deal tonight and know what we need to do to improve. We'll get another chance at Suttons Bay in the regular season finale on May 25," Charlevoix assistant coach, Tom Conlan, said.

Charlevoix followed the loss with a May 9 4-0 shutout over Lake Michigan Conference rival, Harbor Springs.

Charlevoix had 31 shots to two for the Rams.

Scoring for the Rayders were Lori Zimmerman (2), Meridith Rich and Olivia Catt.

On May 7, Charlevoix beat East Jordan 8-1. Goals went to Zita Anderson (2), Zimmerman, Ariel Ramsey, Catt, KC McCary, Bridget Peters and Madison Way.

The Rayders improved to 10-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference, 10-1 overall. Charlevoix traveled to Grayling on Monday. Results were not available by press time.

Tennis finishes fourth at conference tourney

Traverse City St. Francis won three flights and finished runner-up in three others Thursday, May 10 in winning the Lake Michigan Conference boys' tennis tournament at the Petoskey High School courts.

The Gladiators finished with 16 points, while Harbor Springs and Elk Rapids tied for second with 12 each. Charlevoix was fourth with 10, followed by Grayling, 3; and Boyne City, 1.

Harbor's Mike Asbury won at No. 4 singles, while Charlevoix's Trevor Mays and Justin Klooster won at No. 1 doubles, and teammates Brad Cyr and Kris Bartling won No. 2 doubles.

Also for the Rayders, Alex Molter and Colin McDonough were runners-up at No. 2 doubles, while Harbor's Todd Phillips was runner-up at No. 2 singles, as was Harbor's No. 1 doubles team of Kyle Anderson and Josh Pickering, and its No. 4 doubles team of Chad Cottrill and Patrick Berryer.

Charlevoix singles results: 1-Dan Swenor def. Andy Wymonn (G), 6-0, 6-0; fell to Aaron Mayes (ER), 6-1, 6-1; 2-Scott Olson (G) def. Ty Haske (C), 6-1, 6-4; 3-Dan Werth (ER) def. Weston Bryan (C), 6-4, 6-3; 4-Spencer Dean (G) def. Alex McKenzie (C), 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Charlevoix doubles results: 1-Justin Klooster-Trevor Mays (C) def. St. Francis, 7-5, 6-4; def. Kyle Anderson-John Pickering (HS), 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; 2-Brad Cyr-Kris Bartling (C) def. Boyne City, 6-4, 6-1; def. St. Francis, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4; 3-Alex Molter-Colin McDonough (C) def. Elliott Jackson-Sam Jackson (HS), 7-5-3-, 6-3; fell to St. Francis, 6-3, 6-4; 4-Kevin Greyerbiehl-Taylor Witthoeft (C) def. Boyne City, 6-0, 6-1; fell to St. Francis, 6-1, 6-1.

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May is Stroke Prevention Awareness Month, a time to remind people that stroke is a major health threat.

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1. Every 45 seconds, someone in America has a stroke, 700,000 people every year.

2. Heart disease and stroke are the number one and three causes respectively of death in the United Sates.

3. Stroke is often preventable.

4. Heart disease and stroke don't just affect adults. The healthier you are now, the healthier you'll be when you're older.

WHAT ARE THE RISK FACTORS THAT YOU CAN CONTROL?

Smoking: If you smoke, resolve to quit. Smoking cigarettes puts you at much greater risk for having a stroke and is the single greatest cause of preventable death in the United States.

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High Cholesterol: Know your numbers to know your risk. A simple blood test can show if your blood cholesterol level is desirable, borderline-high or high 200 mg/dl , which is the level at which the risk for heart disease and stroke starts to rise.

High Blood Pressure: Have your blood pressure checked each time you visit your doctor. High blood pressure is often called the "silent killer" because it has no symptoms.

Diabetes: Have your glucose levels checked regularly, especially if diabetes runs in your family.

Physical Inactivity: Get up and get moving. The U.S. Surgeon General recommends at least 30 minutes of physical activity on most, and preferable all, days of the week.

Regular physical activity helps reduce your risk of heart attack, heart disease and stroke.

Obesity: Obesity isn't an appearance issue, it's a health issue. Obesity is a major health problem for all Americans. If you're obese or overweight, you have a much higher risk of developing heart disease because excess weight puts a strain on your heart. You can often decrease your heart disease risk factors by losing as little as 10 to 20 pounds.

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4. Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.

5. Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

For this month of May, let's all learn how to prevent and overcome stroke.

Not just survive, but thrive, live stronger and longer for you, your family and the community.

Attend the following program and services at the Charlevoix Senior Center during the Month of May.

- 10 a.m. Thursday, May 17, Cholesterol, Blood Pressure and Stroke Talk
- 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 21, Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan Kickoff, a walking program for seniors in Charlevoix County.

For more information regarding health screenings for stroke prevention, call Jean McDonough at Charlevoix Area Hospital at (231) 547-4024 or Sue Cook at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Sue Bergmann RN, BSN is the director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. She can be contacted by calling (231) 237-0103.

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senior activity calendar

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 23, 30 JUNE 6, 13

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 24, 31 JUNE 7, 14, 21

Blood pressure screening and stroke presentation from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, May 17..

Free cholesterol and glucose testing is being offered by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging for seniors age 60 from 10 a.m. to noon on Monday, May 17. No fasting is required.

The Charlevoix Senior Center will host a "Swing into Summer" dinner dance from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, June 21. The cost of the dinner will be $35 per couple and the meal will consist of a choice of prime rib or whitefish served with a potato, salad bar, dessert and beverage. Live music will be provided by "In Service." To purchase tickets or for more information, call (231) 547-5361.

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Pinochle 1 p.m.

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FRIDAY, MAY 18, 25 JUNE 1, 8, 15

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Ladies' Cards 7 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 21, 28 JUNE 4, 11, 18

Let's Get Moving kick-off activities for Charlevoix seniors will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 21 at the Charlevoix Senior Center. For more information, call (231) 237-0103.

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Woodcarving 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 29 JUNE 5, 12, 19

Acrylic painting 9:30 a.m.

Crafts 9:30 a.m.

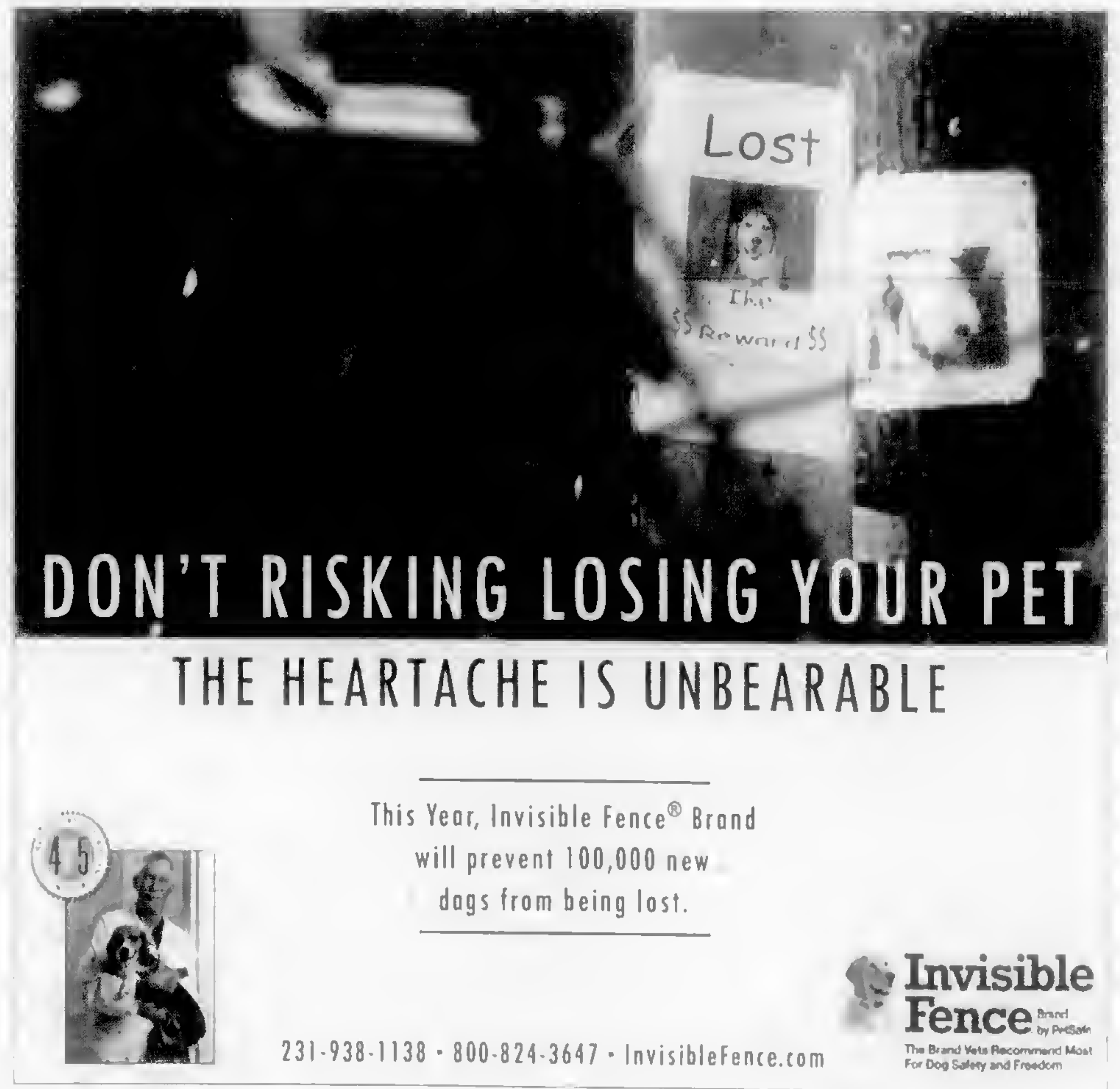
Computers 10 a.m.

Tai Chi 10 a.m.-noon, Charlevoix Public Library

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Ladies' Cards 7 p.m.

All events listed above take place at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (231) 547-5361.



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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of October, 2004, by Brian M. Lynch, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 26, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 645, page 470, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice TWO HUNDRED FIFTY TWO THOUSAND EIGHTY FIVE AND 51/100 DOLLARS ($252,085.98) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

MORTGAGE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 1, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

PARCEL 1: The SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W. EXCEPT: The SW corner square, being 296.63' by 296.63', of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W.

PARCEL 2: The N 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4, Sec 23, T32N, R4W. EXCEPT: Commencing at the center of Sec 23, T32N, R4W; thence S 100'; thence W 100'; thence N 100'; thence E 100' to the POB; being part of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W.

All located in Hudson Township, Charlevoix County, MI

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: April 17, 2007

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(L-04/25, 05/02, 05/09, 05/16)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Richard S. Goodrich, a single man to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2002 and recorded April 29, 2002 in Liber 468 Page 416 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan and modified by Instruments recorded July 2, 2003 in Liber 551 Page 953 and also recorded March 18, 2005 in Liber 672 Page 340 and extended by Instrument dated June 30, 2003 and recorded October 16, 2003 in Liber 579 Page 365 Charlevoix County Records. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, by assignment dated January 20, 2005 and recorded February 10, 2005 in Liber 666, Page 460 and corrected by Instrument recorded March 18, 2005 in Liber 672 Page 340 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and Eighty Cents ($166,886.80) including interest 8% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, June 1, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Hudson, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: The South one-half of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 31, Township 32 North, Range 4 West Commonly known as 5495 Kuzmik Road, Elmira Mi 49730. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned In accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: APRIL 27, 2007

Alaska Seaboard Partners Limited Partnership, A Delaware Limited Partnership, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, Mi 48307 (248) 844-5123
Our File No: 07-68543
ASAP# 848744
(L-05/02, 05/09, 05/16, 05/23)

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WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, a/k/a Equestrian Way L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, of 9445 Equestrian Way, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated May 20, 2005, and recorded on November 16, 2005, in Liber 716, Page 875, of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Ninety Seven Cents ($289,996.97), which shall accrue interest at the rate of 16.85%, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided on June 15, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County and which are described as follows:

PARCEL C: Commencing at the Northeast quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00°16'04" East 338.00 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°16'04" East 2293.50 feet to a 1.5 inch pipe at the East quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 387.88 feet to the Northwesterly line of Highway US 31; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55°46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57°19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37°32'45": West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 125.45 feet to the Northwesterly line of said highway; thence continuing North 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52°45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45°56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10°55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19°56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58°46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29°36'59" West 53.57 feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge, being Re-plat Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwesterly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 393.00 feet and the chord bears North 39°09'59" East 196.80 feet), North 24°39'59" East 168.05 feet, Northerly along curve to the left 275.21 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00°31'21" West 266.43 feet); thence North 64°17'20" East 274.91 feet and North 12°32'35" West 300.00 feet; thence leaving the perimeter of the aforementioned condominium, North 77°33'35" East 568.93 feet (recorded as North 77°27'51" East 567.90 feet) to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West. Tax ID: 15-007-118-014-00 which is vacant land located on US 31, Hayes Township, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Bond Corporation
2007 Eastern, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

DATED: May 2, 2007

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 33RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

File No. 05-925-20-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK, a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

V

WALLOON WINDS COMMUNITY, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; WALTER BREIDENSTEIN; WALLOON LAKE PROPERTIES, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company; and TERRANCE BURKHARDT and ANNA BETH BURKHARDT, husband and wife,
Defedants,

and all Counter, Cross, and Third Party Complaints.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

1. On January 19, 2007, the 33rd Circuit Court of Charlevoix County, State of Michigan, entered a Judgment and Order For Sale for and on behalf of First Community Bank and all rights arising from that Judgment were assigned to Terrance Burkhardt and Anna Beth Burkhardt on or about February 16, 2007.

2. On June 8, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at public auction to be held in the Lobby of the County Clerk's Office at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix in this County, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title and interest of Defendant in and to the following property located in the Township of Melrose, County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, to-wit:

Land situated in the Township of Melrose, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

Parcel 1: Lot 52, Springbrook Hills No. 1, according the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 197, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 2: Lot 92, Springbrook Hills No. 2, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2, Page 271, Charlevoix County Records.

Parcel 4: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West; thence Westerly along South line of said Section, 200.85 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence continuing Westerly along the South line 282.31 feet; thence North 00°57'40" West 271.60 feet; thence North 83°23'55" East 136.37 feet; thence along the arc of a 100 foot radius curve to the right, 96 feet, long chord bears South 42°31'51" East 92.36 feet; thence North 79°06'05" East 89.63 feet; thence South 175 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of the Southeast 3 of the Southeast 3 of said Section 13.

Parcel 5: A parcel of land situated in part of the East 2 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Beginning at the East 3 corner of said Section 13; thence South 01°00'22" West 1313.42 feet along the East line of said Section, to the 1/8 corner of said Section 13; thence North 88°55'38" West, 170.25 feet, thence south 86°17'34" West 29.84 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 138 of the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence. along the Northerly line of said plat the following 4 courses: thence North 89°29'07" West 129.98 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 130.00 feet); thence South 65°56'25" West 268.76 feet (previously recorded as South 64°57'05" West 268.81 feet); thence Northwesterly 215.27 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 66°21'39" and the long chord of which bears North 56°∞23'31" West 203.43 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 215.34 feet along the arc of a 185.86 foot radius curve to the left; the central angle of which is 66°25'10", and the long chord of which bears North 57°17'15" West, 203.48 feet); thence North 89°33'36" West 402.92 feet (previously recorded as South 89°30'10" West 404.10 feet along the South 1/8 line of said Section 13 per the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills. No. 2); thence Southwesterly 85.09 feet along the arc of a 169.37 foot radius curve to the left, the central angle of which is 28°47'10" and the long chord of which bears South 76°04'43" West 84.20 feet; thence South 61°41'03" West 95.72 feet to a point on the East 1/8 line; thence North 00°53'47" East 105.09 feet to the 1/8 corner on the South 1/8 line of said Section 13; thence North 00°53'47" East 1313.44 feet along said East 1/8 line; thence South 87°54'28" East 1315.46 feet along the East-West 3 line of said Section 13 to the Point of Beginning

Parcel 6: A parcel of land situated in part of the Southeast 3 of the Southeast 3 of Section 13, Township 33 North, Range 5 West, more fully described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 13; thence North 87°54'18" West 200.85 feet along the South line of said Section (previously recorded as North 87°54'31" West); thence North 01°11'01" East, 331.00 feet (previously recorded as North) to the Point of Beginning of Parcel 2; thence South 71°29'30" West 238.44 feet to a point on the Easterly right-of-way of Townhouse Trail in the recorded plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along said Easterly right-of-way line the following 5 courses; thence North 05°35'48" West, 195.70 feet (previously recorded as North 06°36'05" West); thence Northwesterly 207.44 feet along

the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left the central angle of which is 15°25'49" and the long chord of which bears North 13°24'07" West 206.81 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 207.68 feet along the arc of a 770.26 foot radius curve to the left, the central angel of which is 15°26'55" and the long chord of which bears North 14°19'30" West 207.06 feet); thence North 21°07'49" West 75.00 feet (previously recorded as North 22°03'00" West); thence Northwesterly 173.98 feet along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right the central angle of which is 34°34'28" and the long chord of which bears North 03°50'34" West 171.35 feet (previously recorded as Northwesterly 173.98 feet, along the arc of a 288.31 foot radius curve to the right, the central angle of which is 34°34'30" and the long chord of which bears North 04°45'45" West, 171.35 feet); thence North 13°26'41" East 50.00 feet (previously recorded as North 12°31'30" East) to the Southwest corner of Lot 140, Plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence along the boundary line of said plat the following three courses: thence North 85°09'05" East 324.38 feet (previously recorded as North 84°10'25" East); thence North 04°38'12" East, 126.00 feet (previously recorded as North 03°30'40" East); thence North 00°57'22" East 213.42 feet (previously recorded as North 213.34 feet) to the Northeast corner of Lot 138, plat of Springbrook Hills No. 2; thence North 86°17'34" East 29.84 feet, thence South 01°00'34" West 214.92 feet (previously recorded as South 214.52 feet); thence South 04°30'28" West 484.11 feet (previously recorded as South 03°30'40" West); thence South 00°59'48" West 280.68 feet (previously recorded as South) to the Point of Beginning.

3. The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

Date: April 5, 2007

Sharon M. Selissen,
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Criminal charges not pursued in bus incident

KNIFE

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(Left) While a knife discovered on a Charlevoix middle and high school bus route was not large enough to legally be deemed a dangerous weapon, school officials thought its presence serious enough to merit a student bus suspension.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office was called in to investigate.

Rob Scholey, deputy sheriff and school liaison officer, said the investigation found the freshman took out a 1.5 to 2 inch pocket knife during the afternoon ride home and showed a middle school student. The size of the blade is less than the 3.5 inch blade size that by law constitutes a dangerous weapon in a weapons free school zone and so no criminal law violation occurred.

Scholey also said the two students said no threat was involved. Scholey said in his four years as school liaison officer he has dealt with about one to two weapons complaints each year the majority of which carry no intent to harm.

"Obviously the sheriff's office and others are sensitive to these complaints with the world and the state it's in," he said.

While no criminal charges will be filed, the student's possession of the knife did break the school's weapons policy and Cooper and his staff initiated disciplinary action and precautionary measures.

"That (possession of a pocket knife) did in itself concern us enough," Cooper said. "The student did bring a knife to school and knows better. We don't want that activity taking place in our schools, on buses or anywhere else."

The student was indefinitely suspended pending the investigation by law enforcement and returned to school on May 10. Cooper also required the student's parents pursue a psychiatric evaluation of the child to ensure there exists no risk to the student or other children. The results were submitted May 10 and showed there to be no threat.

"It's really important to not only address the disciplinary issue, we need to find out if there's a more severe problem and eliminate the possibility of anything happening to another student," Cooper said.

Jason Spegele, a Charlevoix resident with a sixth-grade student attending Charlevoix Middle School and riding the bus route on which the incident occurred, said the incident calls into question whether middle and high school students should share a bus route. There are eight middle and high school bus routes, all of which are mixed with students from both buildings.

Cooper said he doesn't feel the Charlevoix school district has a problem with intermingling ages on buses.

"We aren't naive to bullying issues. But I can't say I've found it to be a problem in this district," he said.

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Marina FLASHBACK

In an effort to remind readers of how the East Park and municipal marina property have evolved, the Courier has teamed up with the Charlevoix Historical Society to bring readers a photo history of the property. This will run weekly in a "Then and Now" format with a picture from the past and the current construction schedule.

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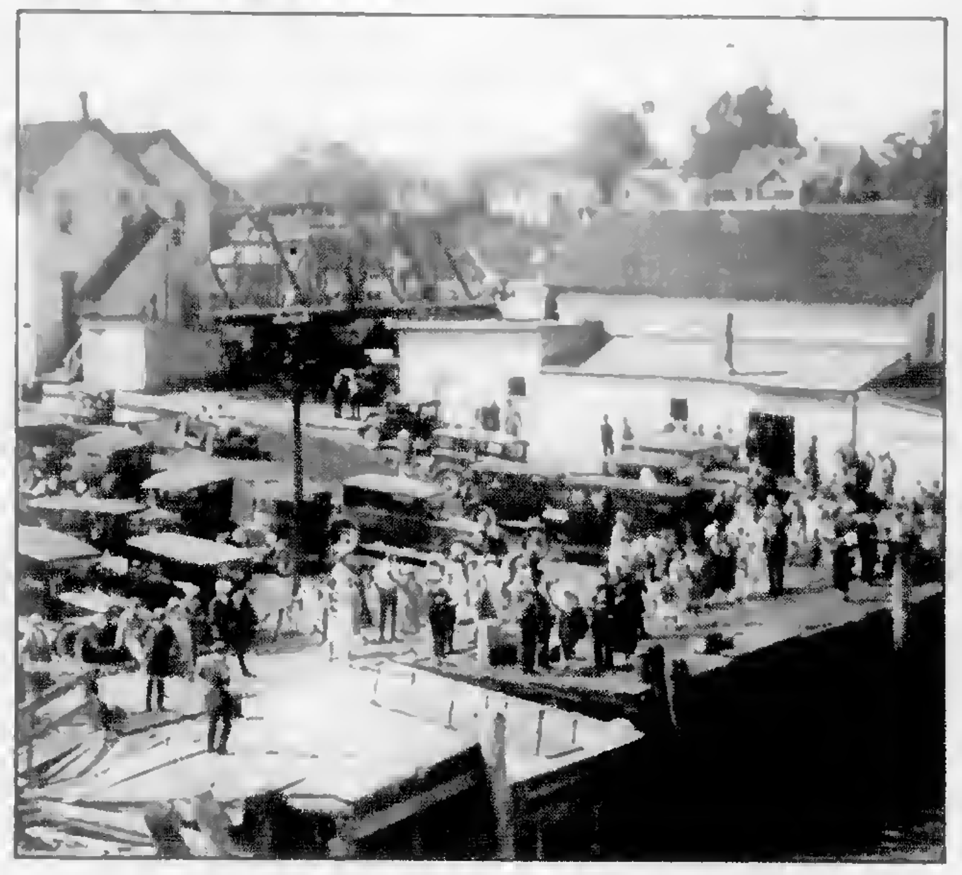

(Left) By the end of the 1920s the Round Lake waterfront had deteriorated to the extent that only Wilbur's Dock, later the city dock, was maintained. Here, resorters and their automobiles gather on the dilapidated dock to begin their journeys home. It wasn't until the 1930s that the city finally realized something had to be done and obtained almost the entire western waterfront of Round Lake and began the renovation process.

NOW...

BACKGROUND

The $10 million East Park and marina renovation project is being tackled in three phases.

Phase 1 includes the seawall replacement, removal of the 17 existing piers, installation of new sheet pile running the length of the park 850-feet, and other miscellaneous work. Installation of the new docks, Phase 2, includes installation of a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220-feet into Round Lake at the furthest point. Phase three includes demolition of existing buildings and construction of the new performance pavilion and harbormaster's facility as well as site work, landscaping and underground excavation.

PROGRESS REPORT WEEK OF MAY 14:

Poured base of asphalt for marina overflow parking lot at the library.

The final storm outfall is being installed (southernmost outfall).

Continuing to install concrete anchors for floating dock.

Dock A and B anchored and attached to seawall.

Angle iron for the support of concrete promenade was installed.

Sanitary liftstation for performance pavillion was installed. (Phase Three)

Underground excavation work should continue this week. (Phase Three).

UPCOMING EVENTS WEEK OF MAY 21:

Safety ladders will be installed at the seawall.

Dock C will be anchored and attached.

Molon continues installation of steel cap on top of the seawall.

This report was generated by Pat Elliott, City of Charlevoix Street Department superintendent. If you have any questions, please contact Elliott at (231) 547-3276.

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Cub and Girl Scout registration meetings

The first sign-up meeting to join the Cub and Girl Scout troops will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16 in the gym at Charlevoix Elementary School. The second sign-up will be at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 17 in the gym at St. Mary School.

Scouts go camping, play games, sing songs, are taught leadership skills and make and race Pinewood Derby cars. Those who can't make the sign-up meetings, are asked to call cubmaster Christopher Snabes at (231) 547-7347.

Those who sign up are invited to attend day camp free-of-charge in Traverse City on Saturday, June 23. The camp offers archery, swimming, fishing, rock wall climbing, games and more.

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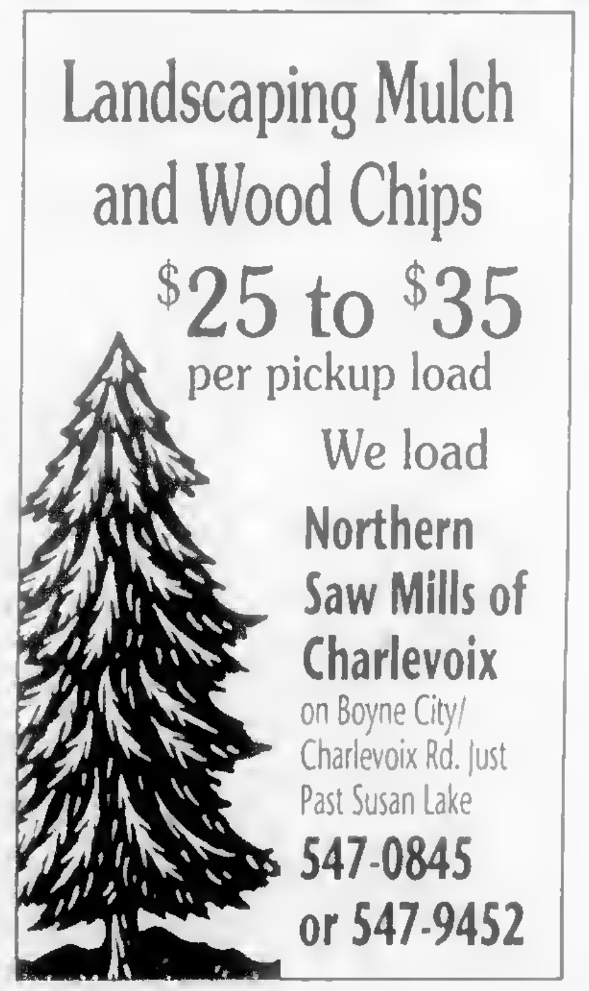

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MAY 16
COMPUTER TIDBITS

The Charlevoix Public Library is beginning a new round of Computer Tidbits at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays during the month of May.

Computer Tidbits are short demonstrations designed to teach one specific computer application.

The May Tidbit classes include: May 16, downloadable recorded books; May 23, making the most of your library; and May 30, Internet tricks. Each class is about an hour in length and is held in the library's computer lab. Computer Tidbits are free and open to the public.

For more information, call (231) 237-7340.

MAY 17
SOCCER REGISTRATION

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer is having their fall sign up for ages 5-14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17 and from Tuesday, May 22 in the Charleviox Elementary School gym located at 13513 Division St.

MAY 17
SENIOR SPRING BOWLING

The six-week Senior Spring Bowling League will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursdays beginning May 10 at Paul Bunyan Lanes in Charlevoix. No registration is required. For more information, call (231) 547-5190.

MAY 19
SINGLES FOR CHRIST

"Singles for Christ" of Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey, invites all singles 40 and over, from all area churches to the group's monthly dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 19 at Giuseppe's Italian Grille, located at 757 Petoskey Avenue in Charlevoix.

The sun room is reserved and seating is limited, Call Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or (231) 632-1905 with your reservation.

MAY 19
BARNARD GRANGE BENEFIT AUCTION

A public auction will take place at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 19 at Barnard Grange #689, 15975 Klooster Road, in Charlevoix for the benefit of the non-profit grange.

Lunch will be available. Mike Bost will be the auctioneer. Many items including antiques, home building supplies, furniture, appliances, sports and exercise equipment and miscellaneous items will be offered.

For more information, call (231) 547-9544.

MAY 19
CONSERVANCY FIELD TRIP -

Join Loon Ranger Jacque LaFreniere from 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19 at Barney's Lake on Beaver Island, a 120-acre preserve which hosts nesting loons annually. LaFreniere who is the ranger for all Beaver Island lakes, has vast knowledge about these intriguing birds, and has collected data about their nesting habits and behavior for 15 years.

MAY 20
TRI4FUN WOMEN'S TRIATHLON

Registration is underway for the third annual non-competitive Tri4Fun Women's Triathlon.

Forms are available at Harbor Health and Fitness, located at 110 Clinton St. in Charlevoix and at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool located at 11905 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix. Women ages 14 and older are eligible to participate.

The triathlon will take place at noon on Sunday, May 20. A mandatory pre-race meeting will take place at 11 a.m. at Charlevoix Public Library, located 220 West Clinton St.

The event will include a scenic 20K bike, a 5K run and a half mile indoor pool swim. The bike portion starts in Petoskey and winds along the shore of Lake Michigan and ends at the community pool. The run extends from the pool, along a rural road and loops back to the pool property.

Participants can register to partake in all three events individually or as a team. Registration fees are $100 for a team of two or three and $50 per individual.

The triathlon is a fund-raiser for two local cancer support groups in Charlevoix and Emmet counties, Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders and Circle of Strength.

For more information contact Michelle Rick-Biddick at (231) 547-4369 or e-mail tlc.fitness@hotmail.com.

MAY 20
CONCERTS AT FOUR

Concerts at Four will host the Charlevoix Men's Glee Club along with some select students from NorthWest Academy and Gary Stutzman's Pine River Band at 4 p.m. on May 20 at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street. A short reception will follow.

MAY 22
CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals will take place at 7 p.m. May 22 in the Charlevoix Middle School band room. For more information, call Ev Wujcik at (231) 547-6376, Gail Baldridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 237-9392.

JUNE 10
LOU OPEN

Mark your calendars for the Lou Open Golf Tournament fund-raiser with proceeds going to St. Mary School.

Registration will take place from noon to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 10 at the Charlevoix Golf Club. Shotgun starts at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 4 p.m. followed by Bill Stevens' world famous Swiss Steak dinner.

Teams can be men, women, mixed men and women, parents/kids. Skill and raffle prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call (231) 547-5125.

JUNE 18
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School at St. Mary School will follow the theme of "Great Bible Reef" from June 18-22. Early registration is currently underway. Pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade students are eligible to attend. There is a $20 registration fee.

Volunteers are needed.

For more information or to register, call the parish office at 547-6652.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

Writer's Group, 6 p.m., May 16.

Story hour (all ages), 10:30 a.m., May 17.

Paws for a Story, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 19, call (231) 237-7350 to reserve a time slot.

French Conversation Group, noon, May 22.

Computer Basics, 6-7:30 p.m., May 22.

Play Club, 6 p.m., May 23.

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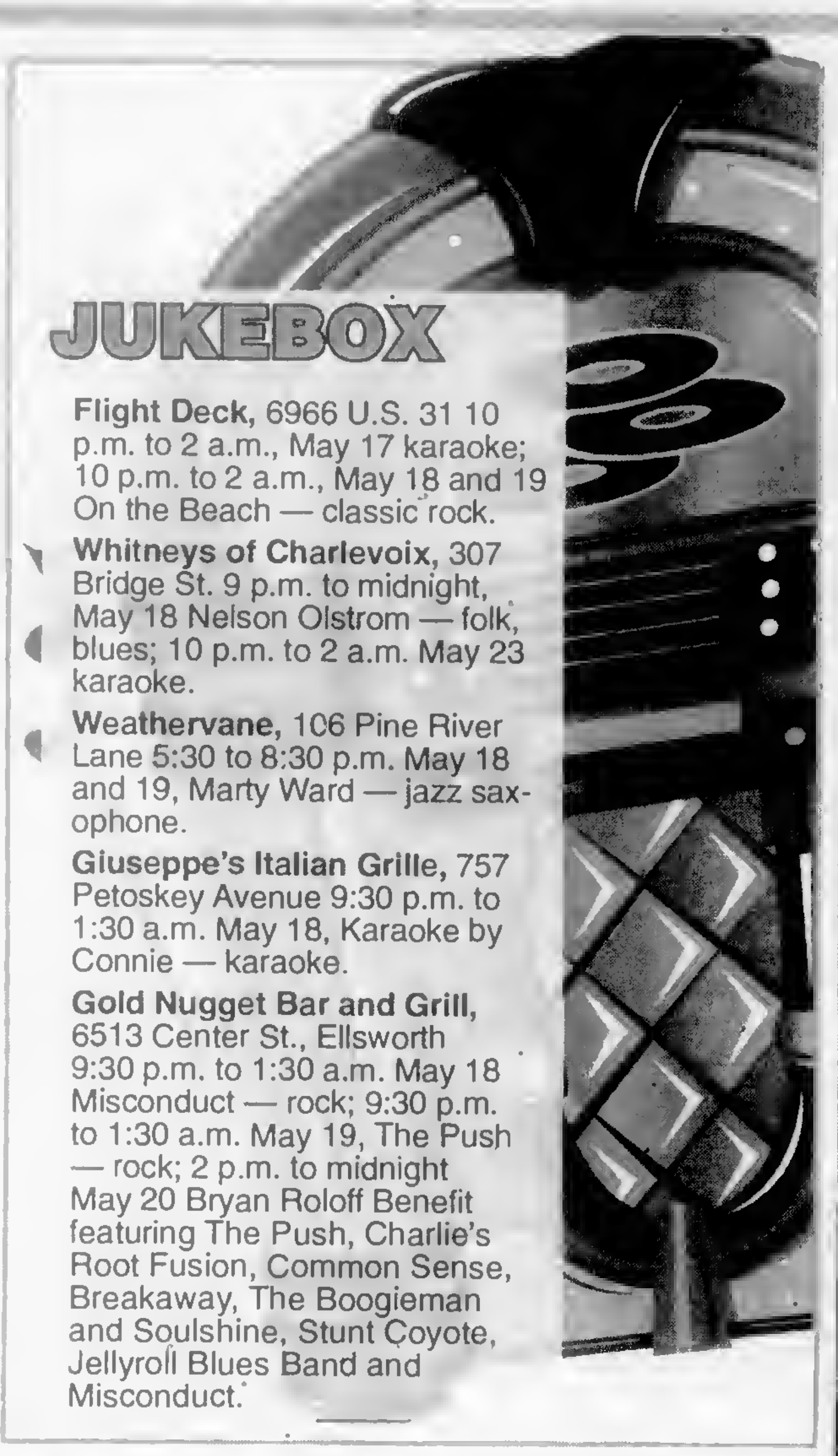

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Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 18 and 19, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. May 18, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. May 18 Misconduct — rock; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. May 19, The Push — rock; 2 p.m. to midnight May 20 Bryan Roloff Benefit featuring The Push, Charlie's Root Fusion, Common Sense, Breakaway, The Boogieman and Soulshine, Stunt Coyote, Jellyroll Blues Band and Misconduct.

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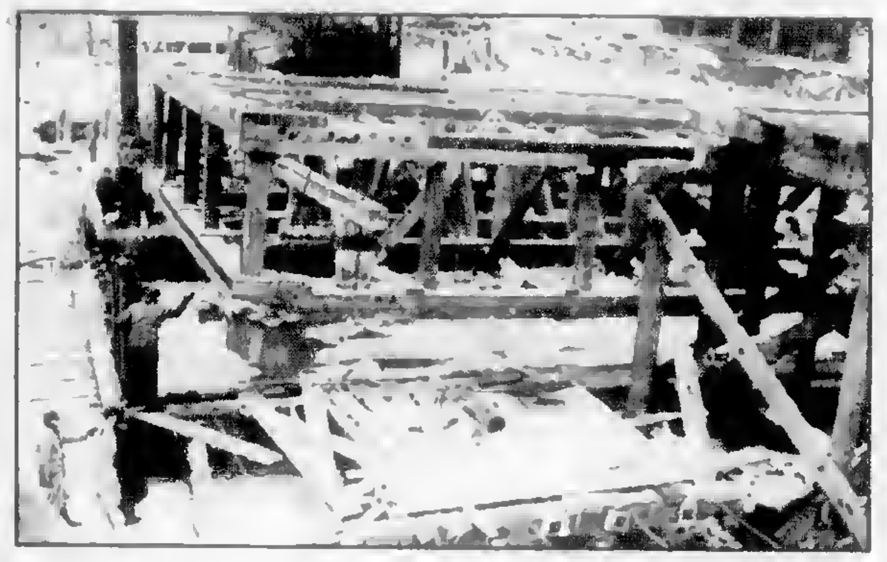

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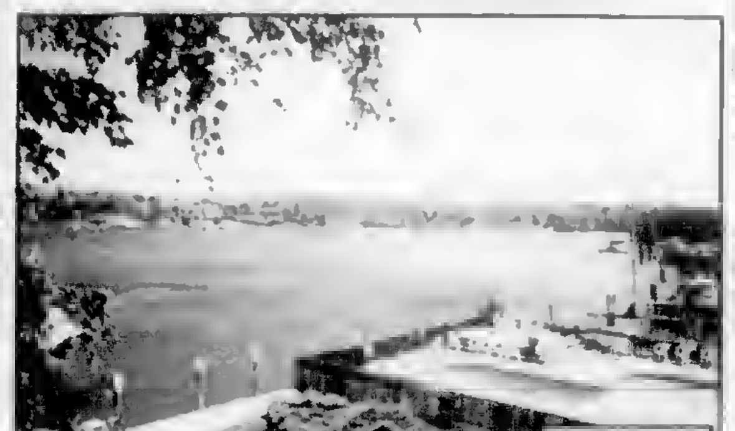

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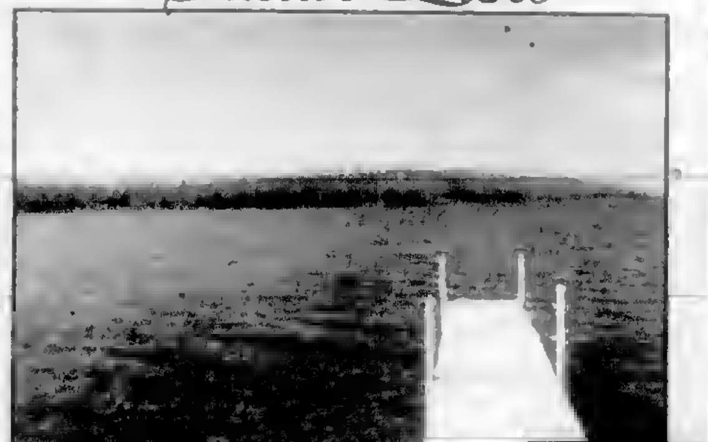

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Athletes battle cancer

On May 20 Michelle Rick-Biddick, organizer of the Tri4Fun triathlon, led bicyclists into Charlevoix along the Little Traverse Wheelway. Over $7,000 was raised to benefit the Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders and the Circle of Strength. This year Tri4Fun doubled their participation in all three events, totaling 93 swimmers, bikers and runners.

Council competition calls for August primary

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

First Ward Charlevoix city residents will be called to the polls early this election season.

Eight citizens have petitioned to run in Charlevoix's City Council elections. Because more three candidates are running in the city's First Ward, a primary election has been scheduled for Aug. 7. Candidates are Mary Eveleigh, Dennis Kusina and John McNabb. Current First Ward councilman Bob Timms did not file to run.

The First Ward extends

Who? Three candidates, Mary Eveleigh, Dennis Kusina and John McNabb are running for the soon to be vacated Charlevoix City Council First Ward seat,

What? Because more than two candidates are running in the city's First Ward, a primary election has been scheduled

When? The primary election will take place on Aug. 7.

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High school principal to retire

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Gary Grundman

After nearly three-and-a-half decades of service to teachers and students in several districts across Michigan, school will soon be out for Charlevoix High School principal, Gary Grundman — for good.

Grundman recently took time out of his busy end-of-year schedule to speak with the Charlevoix Courier.

THE DECISION TO LEAVE

"It was a very difficult decision for me," he said. "I still really enjoy the kids and I think it's an honor to work with the staff. They're wonderful teachers and I still have the utmost respect for the parents in the community. Charlevoix is a wonderful place."

Following 12 years in Charlevoix Public Schools, Grundman officially retired last year but remained a contracted employee as a cost-cutting measure for the school.

"We sat down and everything was fine as far as my job

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BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

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CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Joshua Lee Marvin, 25, East Jordan. Police officer, fleeing-fourth degree vehicle code; operating while license suspended/revoked/denied-second or subsequent offense. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 47 days; to serve 90 days; $160 in fines and costs.

Molly Rae Hayes, 23, East Jordan. Motor vehicle — unlawful use; police officer, fleeing-fourth degree vehicle code; operating while intoxicated-second offense. Sentenced to 150 days in jail with credit for 31 days, to serve 150 days in jail; $470 in fines and costs.

Kathleen Rose May, 41, Petoskey. Controlled substance -- delivery/manufacture narcotic or cocaine, less than 50 grams; controlled substance — maintaining a drug house. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 270 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; $910 in fines and costs.

Jamie Lee Wells, 29, Nashville. Assault/assault and battery; alcohol — selling/furnishing to a minor. Sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for 11 days, to serve 30 days in jail; $510 in fines and costs.

Dustin James Turner, 27, Charlevoix. Domestic violence-second offense; police officer, assaulting/resisting/obstructing. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 58 days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $530 in fines and costs.

Kyle David Carson, 19, East Jordan. Police officer, assaulting/resisting/obstructing; controlled substance — delivery/manufacturing narcotic or cocaine less than 50 grams. Sentenced to 330 days with credit for 57 days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $530 in fines and costs.

Jeremy Scott McCary, 28, Boyne City. Police officer, fleeing-fourth degree vehicle code; operating while intoxicated. Sentenced to 60 days in jail, to serve 60 days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Water Street Inn, 240 Front St., Boyne City, by Holiday Vacation Rentals LLC

Grean Home Maintenance, 517 West Michigan Avenue Unit D, Boyne City, by Jean E. Young

Johnny's Contractor Services Co., 205 Bower St., P.O. Box 115 East Jordan, by John C. Van Zanten

CF Lawn & Landscape, 7895 Thumb Lake Road, Boyne Falls, by Christopher C. Fiel

W.S.D. Painting, 526 North Lake St., Boyne City, by William S. Dunson II

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Lester Emery Stark, 45 and Collette Ann Sparks, 39, both of Boyne Falls

Christian M. Vrondran, 27 and Caytee Lynn Scott, 26, both of Charlevoix

Keith Charles Grooms, 23 and Erin Katherine Borowiak, 27, both of Waycross, Ga.

Kenneth Barnes, 69 and Judy Marie Follette, 60, both of Boyne City

Nathan Jon Martin, 29 and Carla Joy Story Buckner, 22, both of Beaver Island

BIRTHS

Kayden Michael Marr weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces was born on May 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Amy Mathers and Dustin Marr of Alba. His siblings are Briar Argetsinger and Nathan Marr. His grandparents are William Mathers and Cindy Mathers both of Mt. Morris and Connie Saganek and Rick Saganek both from Alba.

Lily Marie Speer weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces was born on May 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Eric and Christine Speer of Petoskey. Her sibling is Liam Speer. Her grandparents are Pete and Linda Sweeney of Charlevoix. Her great-grandparents are Ed and Pat Smalley of Charlevoix, Glenn and Barb Sweeney from California and Martha Sweeney from Massachusetts.

Jeffrey Andrew Wiatrolik Jr. weigbing 7 pounds, 1 ounce was born on May 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jeffrey and Kara Wiatrolik of Charlevoix. His siblings are twins, Klayton Andrew and Kelsey Elizabeth. His grandparents are Gary and Carol Field of Charlevoix, Steven Wiatrolik of Levering and Deborah Martin of Escanaba. His great-grandparents are Henry and Ann Field of Petoskey.

Northwest Academy graduation is May 25

Alanna Leslie-Meadows

Commencement ceremonies for six Northwest Academy seniors will occur at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 25 at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix.

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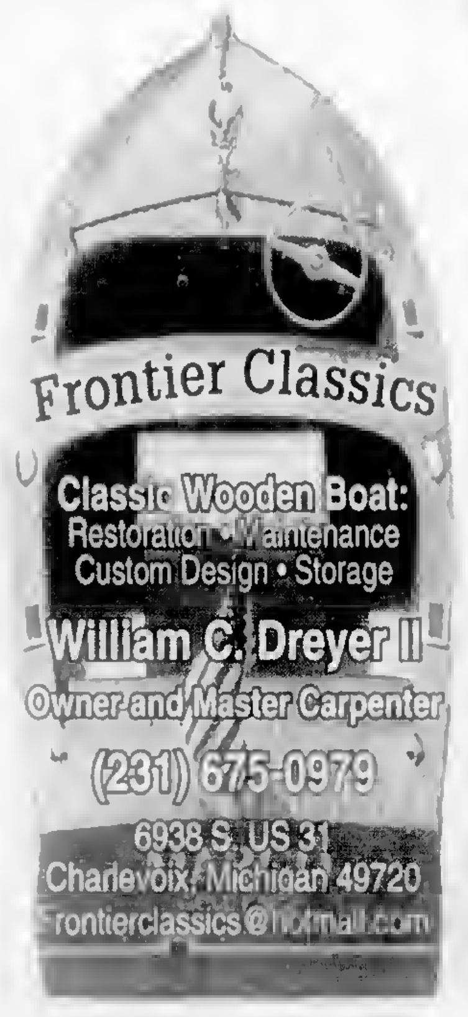

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What's next for outgoing Charlevoix High School principal Gary Grundman?

RETIRE

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performance, but I chose not to exercise my option to (continue as principal)," he said.

HOW HE GOT HIS START

"My initial reason was that I really enjoyed coaching kids and I enjoyed athletics and I had a love for history," Grundman said. "I was an athlete. I played football, baseball and hockey, but my favorite was ice hockey and I played college football at CMU (Central Michigan University) but I always loved hockey the best."

The husband and father of two got his start as a teacher and football and baseball coach at Newaygo High School and then went on to take his first principalship at Harbor Beach High School in Harbor Beach. He then headed back to Allen Park High School in Allen Park where he grew up and attended school. Former Charlevoix Public Schools Superintendent Dr. John Sturock now works for Allen Park Public Schools.

"We grew up about five blocks apart from each other. He knew my older brother," Grundman said of Sturock.

WHAT HAS CHANGED OVER THE YEARS

"Some things are actually the same as when I went to school back in the (19)60s," he said. "I think the biggest change is the demands being placed on schools in so many different areas: Health, sex ed(ucation), wellness."

He added, "It seems like every two to three years there's another major force placed on schools to do more. Everybody wants to beat up education and I'll tell you right now we're doing, educationally, more than ever before and our students are achieving at a higher rate than ever before."

WHAT HE WILL MISS

"The kids — just the relationship you develop over four years with the kids, helping them with problems, sharing in their joys, successes and watching them grow from ninth-graders to young adults," he said. "I just really enjoy working with the kids."

THINGS HE WON'T MISS

"Paperwork. In the years I've been an administrator I've watched it go from being an annoyance to a nuisance to sometimes being overwhelmed by it," Grundman said. "That and testing. I think testing is great, but it's gotten out of hand. It takes too much time out of the instruction of the student."

WHAT HE WILL DO NOW

"I'd like to stay around education. I would love to teach at the college level," Grundman said. "My wife and I really love living here, but we do have some land in the Upper Peninsula that we've kind of dreamed would be a great place to build a retirement home. I'm looking forward to doing something else after 34 years."

But, he added, "I have no regrets, absolutely no regrets."

ADVICE FOR HIS REPLACEMENT

"Get ready to put in long hours and I hope they enjoy it as much as I enjoyed it," he said.

Grundman's secretary of five years, Cherie Helm, said she is sad to see him go.

"He's been a very great boss. He's always had the kids' best interests at heart, which has (sometimes) made him make unpopular decisions with parents," she said. "He has a good sense of humor and he's probably been the best boss to work for as far as his (temperament). He is easy-going, kindhearted and that would go to all his employees and mainly the students."

She added, "I'll miss his camaraderie and good luck in his ventures in the future."

GRUNDMAN'S LAST DAY IS JUNE 30

"I just want to thank the parents and the community for all their support over the 13 years — it's been great," he said. "Working with kids (has) been a joy. I think I've had one of the greatest jobs that I could have had."

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Big story news photos On the home page a slide show will welcome visitors with the week's or moment's major news or feature photos.

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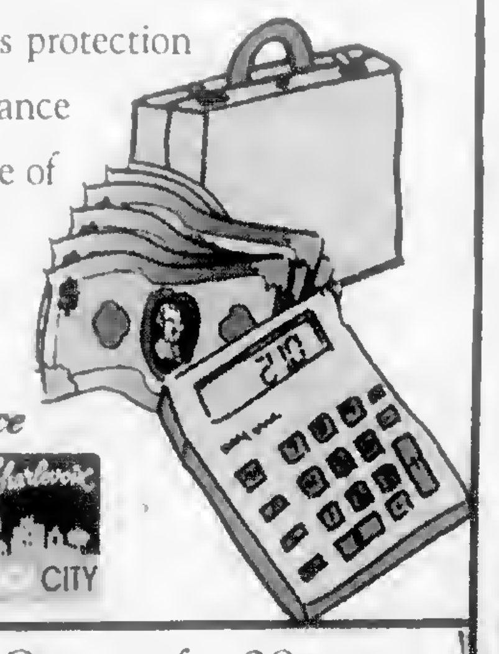

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Web site promises more interactive Courier

EDITORIAL

When Charles J. Strang, the son of King James J. Strang, leader of the Michigan Mormons based on Beaver Island, published the first edition of the Charlevoix Journal in June 1883, he wasn't thinking of reaching a global audience.

The paper has since changed hands 12 times and time has brought with it technological changes and demands from readers that Strang could have never fathomed.

We live in an age when people want information now and they want it not only in print but by video and podcast. The Charlevoix Courier has delivered a trusted weekly newspaper since Albert Schaller's reign when the signature Wednesday publication day was first introduced on March 10, 1965 and continues to the present.

Our goal remains to serve as a forum for better understanding of the Charlevoix community. Now is the time to continue to deliver that product and meet that goal with an information age edge.

This week the Courier launched a Web site at www.charlevoixcourier.com that should feel familiar to loyal readers but should also serve as an easier way to keep up with the steady stream of news that our vital community produces.

Our aim is to help readers make sense of Charlevoix by giving them a wider more diverse view of current news and connecting them to other readers.

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- Monitor local and regional news.
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In many ways this next step is simply an extension of what Strang aimed to do in the late 1800s — deliver information to readers. But we are capable of doing it faster, on a broader spectrum, in an interactive format.

In print and online we will continue to emphasize relevant, reliable local news you can't get anywhere else.

Please explore the Charlevoix Courier's online features and write us at news@charlevoixcourier.com to share your thoughts.

A note from new Courier staff writer Stefanie Carano

STAFF WRITER

Stefanie Carano

I believe that every single experience in a person's life shapes who they are and what they believe. Some of these experiences make larger impressions on thoughts and ideas than others, but what every person presents to the world is made up of all their experiences, as intricate as their own cells.

My experiences include living in Alabama, Florida, Ohio, Detroit and Charlevoix. Living in a type of place where people have stopped caring about what happens in their community and become disengaged, when they turn a blind eye to things that can prove destructive, is part of why I wanted to write for the paper. I intend to help keep the community strong with the understanding that every event in Charlevoix impacts the daily experience of its citizens and determines the quality of life in the community.

Winter in Charlevoix is hard but it brings out a perseverance that continues into spring and summer that ensures the survival of local businesses and family farms. This experience has encouraged me to improve my health and my relations with my family and to pursue my passion for journalism. I'm happy to be writing for this community, always searching for truth and am committed to fair news.

Stefanie Carano is a staff writer for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Pumping up politics with cash

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

There is general public agreement about what is fair and right in sports. And performance enhancing drugs are not generally considered to be fair or right.

If there is serious evidence for the illegal use of performance enhancing drugs, then whatever achievements an athlete has reached may be taken from him. We are uncomfortable with the idea of a permanent sports record that is the result of unfair competition. We feel it is unfair competition if one of the competitors has had muscle or blood pumped up artificially and the other has not.

Maybe we could use those same ideas of fairness and rightness in other areas of human activity, like politics, for example.

The steroid of choice for politicians is money. It can pump up politicians and make them at least seem more powerful than they really are. With money it is possible to buy notice in the press and on television. The relationship of money to recognition is not perfect, but less money almost always means less notice for a candidate. For example, reporters do not follow a candidate who has low voter recognition. Any candidate with poll figures in single digits is not on anybody's radar screen or television screen.

By analogy to the problem of sports and performance enhancing drugs, competition between candidates with vastly differing amounts of monetary resources is unfair, possibly even not right. One candidate has been pumped up by the monetary resources available and the other has not. In strictly legal terms the Supreme Court has determined that to a considerable extent, money is speech. Which means that it is very difficult to withhold from any candidate money which is freely given to them, or legally acquired.

An increasing number of potential candidates for state or national public office are people of sufficient personal wealth to fund at least the beginning of a campaign. People without large personal fortunes or lacking very wealthy and generous friends are in a position of having to acquire funds from people who might sensibly expect something in return. It might be as little as continued easy access to the candidate when and if he or she is successful, or it could be the promise of specific votes. The disparity in available funds sounds like a fairness and rightness problem to me.

Could it possibly be fair for all candidates for any given office to have the same small amount of money to manage their campaign? It would be at least as fair as trying to insure that some baseball players don't pump themselves up with steroids while others do not or that some bikers don't artificially enhance their red blood cell count. Such an arrange-

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LETTERS to the editor

LETTER RESPONSE

Editor:

In his letter of April 25, entitled "Mining accusations unfounded," Wayne Seger states that "I spent a short amount of time in pursuit of confirming the statements." Perhaps had he spent more time, he would have gotten his facts correct.

Seger mentions that I "motioned for one and voted favorably for two gravel pits in Norwood." The truth of the matter can be found in the minutes of the meetings.

In the case of Mr. Rosenthal, the Norwood Township Planning Commission heard a request on July 2, 2001 for a temporary permit to remove soil, sand, and topsoil to create a pond. Tom Mielke motioned and Mr. Payton seconded (Editor's note: Shea-Light supported).

In the case of Mr. Parsons, a request was made by Mr. Parsons on Sept. 5, 2002 for a temporary fill dirt permit which was motioned by Mr. Payton and seconded by Shea-Light.

All of this information is available in the minutes of the meetings.

Neither permit was for "gravel pits in Norwood Township." I did not make a motion in either case. Seger should get his facts in order before writing such a letter.

Marion Shea-Light
Norwood Township

NEIGHBORS UNITED

Editor:

Does it make any sense at all to have another mining operation (gravel pit) on little Ellsworth Road when there is already a strip mine and two other excavation pits on the two-mile stretch of the road? Of course it doesn't, and residents on the road are adamantly opposed to the idea.

These residents would have to put up with the irritating noise of the rock crushing and grinding from dawn to dusk, six days a week, dust from the rock crushing process which is hazardous to farmland and animals, and yes, humans. There's also a potential for accidents as the entrance/exit will be between two steep hills. Traffic coming over the hills will have gained momentum and will not be able to stop quickly enough to avoid collisions with the trucks loaded with tons of sand and gravel. I also see a threat to wildlife back in the woods and a decrease in people's property values.

Some residents believe, and rightly so, that adding another gravel pit and mining operation to the already existing ones is totally unacceptable. There is absolutely nothing positive to be gained for them if this happens. These folks who have dubbed themselves "Neighbors United," will not be shoved aside. They deserve to be heard. They will be heard.

We hope the powers that be, namely the South Arm Township Planning Commission, will listen very carefully and render a fair and compassionate decision in their favor. Right on "Neighbors United."

Elizabeth Humphrey
Ellsworth

THANKS PANTRY SUPPORTERS

Editor:

Thank you to all the people of the Charlevoix area who put bags or boxes of food at their mailboxes this past Saturday, May 12, for the annual food collection by letter carriers. And thank you also to those same letter carriers who took time to pick up the food items as they made their regular postal deliveries.

This annual "Stamp Out Hunger" campaign by postal workers always results in a huge collection and re-stocking of our pantry shelves at a time of year when there are not many other food collections going on.

We are most grateful for the time and effort displayed by everyone who contributed in any way to this worthy cause. A special thanks to Kelly Morris from the post office, who promotes the collection, and to the youth of Safe Harbor Baptist Church. Under the direction of Dave Fowler, they sorted the food items at the pantry.

We appreciate all of you and your concern for the pantry.

Rosemary Horton
Board member
Food Pantry

BEST MAN FOR THE JOB

Editor:

Can you name five members of the Rayder girls' varsity basketball team? Five members of the boys' varsity basketball team? Five members of the Charlevoix Academic All-stars team? (Hint: The Academic All-stars never made it to the Courier.)

We have two final candidates for Charlevoix Public Schools superintendent. When asked about the two greatest challenges facing K-12 education today, Jan Quarless and Chet Janik agreed that they are finances and standards. Certainly the State of Michigan's economy threatens our current educational system. However, Quarless noted that standards are problematic because "students may not excel at certain subjects." Janik said "You can't let finances steer the ship. The last thing we do is cut the quality of education."

I wonder which of these two gentlemen is most likely to guide us toward economic recovery.

Raechel Wright
Charlevoix

BRING ON A FABRIC STORE

Editor:

Yeah to Helen Johnson (who wrote a letter to the editor entitled "Give me somewhere to shop" published on page 5 of the May 9 edition of the Courier).

She took the time to write what I've been thinking for at least a year. We need, ideally, a JoAnn Fabrics. That way we would have crafts and fabrics all in one place. It is a pain to drive to Petoskey for decent thread and craft items and with the price of gas the cost is also becoming a factor. Don't start with the Wal-Mart issue either, their craft and fabric area is a disaster.

Linda Purdy
Charlevoix

LIGHT AT M-66

Editor:

A light at M-66 would help prevent deaths. I picked this topic because there have been a couple of deaths and accidents there and it would be safer for kids to walk or ride across M-66.

For the walkers and the riders it would be a lot safer. The light would tell them when to go and when not to go. The light would also help prevent accidents and deaths.

Allyssa Hudson
Sixth-grade
Charlevoix Middle School

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of letters submitted to the Courier for publication by sixth-grade students at Charlevoix Middle School. More letters will appear in future issues of the paper.

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Even the political playing field with equal cash contributions

POLITICS

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count. Such an arrangement wouldn't be perfect, but at least there would be rules that everyone could understand, and the playing field would be more level than it is now.

One of my political heroes for decades has been Dick Clark, a long-ago candidate for the U.S. Senate from Iowa who, finding himself without serious financial resources, began his campaign by announcing that he was going to buy a good pair of hiking boots and walk across the state of Iowa, meeting potential voters on the way — no campaign bus, no airplanes rushing him from meeting to meeting — his only press conferences at the side of the road. This candidate was a Democrat, and in some of Iowa's 99 counties he was likely to be the only Democrat. Initially he didn't have a chance. But the media followed him daily and he was ultimately elected to the United States Senate. He found a way to do what was needed without enormous resources.

Maybe our problem isn't just that as citizens we would benefit from less money for campaigns. Maybe we could somehow stimulate or promote new ideas of how to manage a campaign with limited resources. That would be fine preparation for people who might be invested with the power to spend our money if they are elected.

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St. Mary announces first Angel Scholars

Three Charlevoix High School students preparing to graduate with the class of 2007 who attended St. Mary School from Kindergarten through sixth-grade are the first to receive the St. Mary Angel Senior Scholarship.

Jacob Wimmer

Brecklind Golovich-Keie

Lauren Bradley

Jacob Wimmer, the son of Chris and Beckie Wimmer, Brecklind Golovich-Keie, daughter of James and Renée Keie, and Lauren Bradley, daughter of Linda and Buck Bradley, were all awarded $250 college scholarships. Each submitted an essay of no more than 250 words on how their experience at St. Mary School impacted their lives.

Essays were reviewed and the winners determined by a panel consisting of teachers, St. Mary School principal Keisha Veryser and Anne Kelly, a parishioner and former St. Mary School teacher.

Aside from attending St. Mary School scholarship eligibility also requires applicants to pursue a two or four-year program at a college, university or trade/technical program.

In fall 2007, Wimmer and Bradley will both attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and Gölovich-Keie will attend Lake Forest College in Chicago, Ill.

Brecklind's mother, Renée Golovich-Keie, who is the Kindergarten teacher at St. Mary School, established the scholarship in conjunction with her fellow teachers at the school and St. Mary Church parish employees.

St. Mary School currently offers a preschool through sixth-grade program in which 76 students are enrolled.

For more information about the scholarship, contact St. Mary School at (231) 547-9441.

Garden Club offers bridge series

Charlevoix Area Garden Club members and non-members are invited to join a bridge group.

There will be six, four-hour classes, a two-hour lesson and then two hours of assisted play.

The sessions will meet from noon to 4 p.m. on Thursdays from May 24 through June 28 in lower level Community Room at Charlevoix Public Library.

The cost for Members is $3.50 and non-members is $5 per session.

All proceeds will benefit the Charlevoix Area Garden Club.

For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

Ethel Knepp steps down as Hayes Township zoning administrator

Retirement celebration at 7 p.m., May 23

Ethel Knepp

After 25 years of service as Hayes Township zoning administrator, Ethel Knepp is retiring from that position at the end of the month.

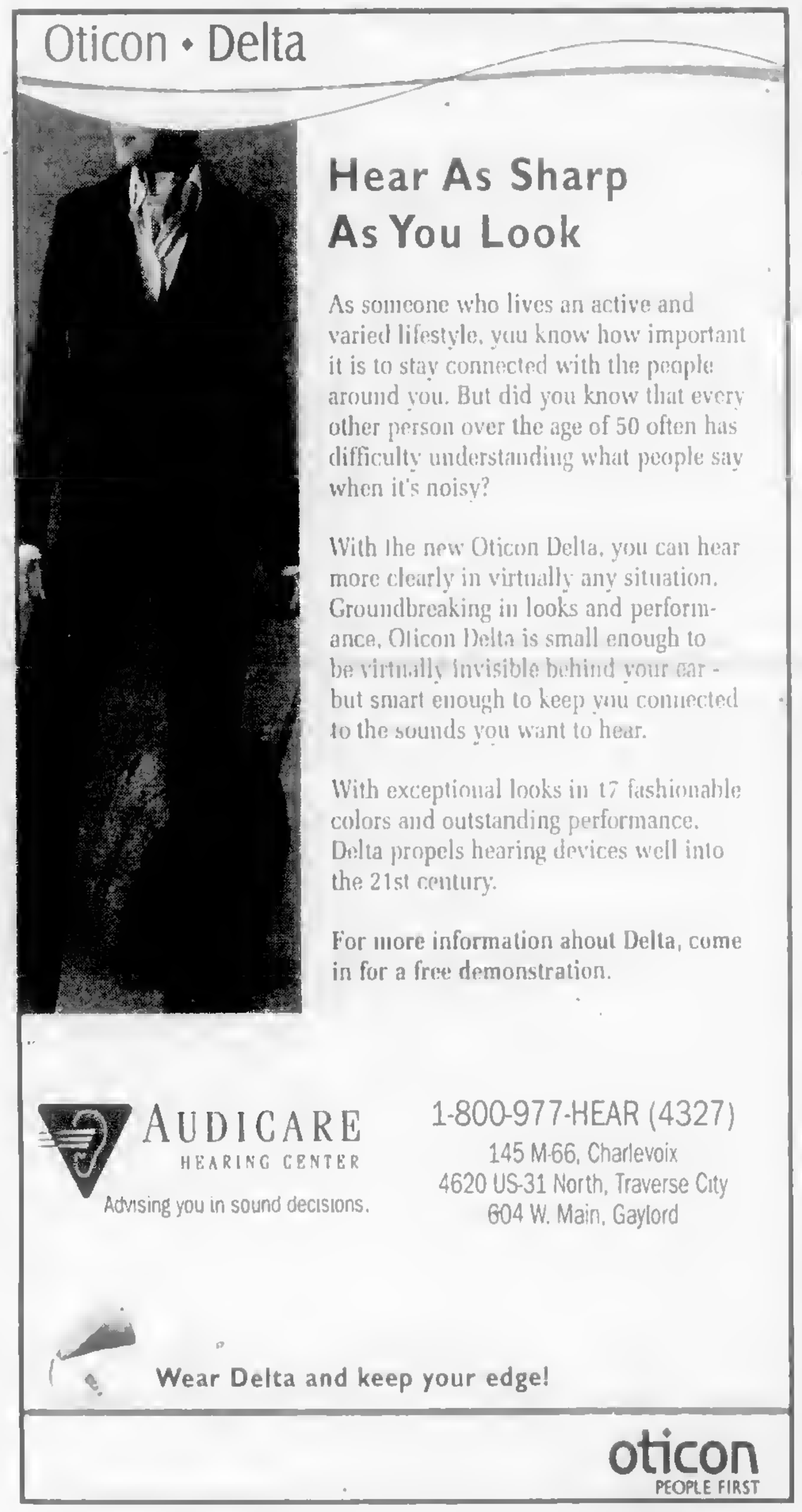
Knepp's goal as administrator has always been to make zoning reasonable for everyone and administered in such a way that everyone can understand it. Her efforts in zoning are evidenced in her work with the Hayes Township Master Plan as well as the township's zoning ordinance.

"Ethel Knepp prides herself on being available and accessible to everyone. Township residents, builders and developers have come to rely on her leadership, honesty, forthrightness, knowledge and history," Hayes Township clerk, Marlene Golovich, said. "Her shoes will be very hard to fill."

Ethel plans on staying involved with the township as supervisor and a consultant to the new zoning administrator, Jonathan Scheel, who will assume his duties on June 1.

The Hayes Township Planning Commission will have a work meeting at 6 p.m. on May 23 at the Hayes Township Hall, located at 09195 Old U.S. 31. This will be Knepp's last planning commission meeting and will include a retirement celebration with cake and coffee at 7 p.m.

Classifieds pay off!



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10 things you never knew about Gary Marvin

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1. Why did you choose this line of work?

I grew up in the nursery business and when I left high school, this was the last thing I wanted to do. I got called back to the family business when my mom passed away and we've been in Charlevoix for 16 years.

2. What plant have you found most difficult to grow?

I would say probably redbud trees. They are popular in the south but they barely grow in our area. It's frustrating because every year I travel south and they grow wild on the roadsides — they're just gorgeous.

3. What really makes you mad?

I guess my pet peeve would be selfish people.

4. What's your favorite plant?

The more unique they are, the more character they have — I don't like things cut into square boxes.

5. What do you do for fun?

I enjoy spending time with my family — boating and we have a cottage we go to frequently. And I enjoy building/construction.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Husband and father of two, Gary Marvin, checks over one of his many rose plants at his nursery, Marvin's Garden Supply Inc.

6. What is your biggest vice?

Sweet stuff. I really like cake.

7. Where do you go for gardening advice?

I frequently go to my customers for advice. I have some good customers who live their life in their garden. They help keep me informed on what's hot and what's new.

8. What is your favorite food?

Fruit. I love fruit that is in season.

9. If you could meet anyone for an hour lunch, who would it be?

Jimmy Carter. He is somebody I think is a fascinating person.

10. What's something few people know about you?

That my wife doesn't work here. People always assume I'm married to one of the women who work in the store.

Photo by Stefanie Carano

Delightful event

Authors Janet Mary Sinke (left) and Kristen Jorgen presented their collection of children's stories at Literary Delights on May 19 at Charlevoix Public Library to benefit the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club. Both women own their own publishing companies.

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Early Deadline

The Charlevoix Courier offices
will be closed on Memorial Day,
Monday, May 28, 2007.

The **DEADLINE** for News & Advertising
for the May 30 paper will be
Wednesday, May 23 at Noon.

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112 Mason Street
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(231)547-6558

What's happening at the Library this week?

CPL/Stepping Stones Play Club
Wednesday, May 23, 6:00 p.m.

Storytime for all ages
Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.

"Freaky Friday"
Saturday, June 2
CPL Movies @ 2:00

Calling all volunteers!

We need you and your dog to march in the annual Memorial Day Parade. The Friends of the Library host the section of the parade that holds the placards listing the names of the Charlevoix fallen soldiers and the now infamous canine platoon. We will meet at 9:30 am at the American Legion on Monday, May 28th; the parade starts at 10:00 am. We will march to the Library for the final ceremony. Please wear red, white, and/or blue.

Save the date

Saturday, July 14 @ 2 pm

First annual Heise Lecture Series, honoring library volunteers, Kay and Don Heise, with a reception immediately following the lecture. Wendy Evans, an Art History Professor from Wayne State University will discuss the history of art in France during the 1800's.

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Women of the Bible

Women and girls of all ages are invited to the First Congregational Church UCC at noon on June 2 for lunch followed by a 45-minute performance of "Women of the Bible" at 1 p.m. Tickets for lunch and the performance are $8 for adults and $5 for students. For tickets and information, call First Congregational Church at (231) 547-9122.

OBITUARIES

Donald Nesburg: March 22, 1919 - May 17, 2007

Donald P. Nesburg, 88, died at Charlevoix Area Hospital on Thursday, May 17 following a brief illness.

He was born March 22, 1919, in Muskegon. He attended Muskegon Public Schools and graduated from Muskegon High School in 1937.

He began his career in automotive parts sales and service at Muskegon Automotive NAPA. In 1962 he established White Lake Automotive NAPA and became an eminent figure in the field of automotive parts and service in the Whitehall-Montague area until his retirement in 1982.

Donald was a member of the White Lake Congregational Church where he served as congregation president. He was a 32nd degree past master of the Muskegon Noachite Lodge F & A.M. 507 and Scottish Rite. He served on the board of directors and was recognized as Noachite Lodge Mason of the Year 1996 and District Mason of the Year 1997. He was a member of the White Lake Chamber of Commerce and served a term as its president.

Donald is survived by his wife of 64 years, Norma; his son, Alan (Kathryn) of Oak Park, Ill.; three grandchildren, Kevin, Kara and Krissy; his son, Roger (Annette) of Charlevoix; four grandchildren, Michael, Daniel, Rachel and Natalie; his daughter, Janet (David) Powell of Phoenix, Ariz.; one nephew, Edwin; and other relatives and many friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Buryle and a brother, Delbert.

Memorial services for Donald P. Nesburg will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, at White Lake Congregational Church, located at 1809 South Mears St. in Whitehall. Pastor Keith Koebel will officiate. Relatives and friends are welcome from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 24 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

In lieu of flowers, memorial funds have been established in his name for White Lake Congregational Church and the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation.

Maxine Hough: July 17, 1922 - May 18, 2007

Maxine B. Hough, 84, died peacefully in the care of her family, Little Traverse Bay Hospice and her dear friend, Jan Rathbun, on May 18, at her home on Lake Charlevoix in East Jordan.

Her body has been cremated according to her wishes with arrangements by the Bellaire Chapel of the Mortensen Funeral Home. A memorial service celebrating her life took place on Tuesday, May 22. Rev. Peggy Nattermann conducted the services at Boyne City Episcopal Church of the Nativity and military services were performed by the Boyne City American Legion Post #228.

Maxine was a lifelong educator having worked as a teacher and administrator in several Michigan public schools. She was also a lecturer and consultant for school accreditation at the University of Michigan. While working in Ann Arbor she met Dr. Jack L. Hough, then chair of the University of Michigan Oceanography and Geology departments. They married in 1972. Together they retired, designed and built a double masted schooner, Tondeleyo, and sailed the Great Lakes and Atlantic coast. Following world travels and adventures they settled in East Jordan. Her husband preceded her in death in 1989.

Maxine served God and country in many capacities. She was an Air Force World War II veteran and member of the Boyne City American Legion Ernest Peterson Post #228 where she was presently serving as commander. She initiated the Troop Support program for area deployed troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Maxine was a strong advocate for environmental preservation and worked with the Lake Charlevoix Association and Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. Maxine enjoyed volunteering at Camp Quality where she served as lifeguard and also lifeguarded at the East Jordan Public Schools under the tutelage of Jamie Smith. She earned medals in swimming competition at the Senior Olympics at the state and national levels. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel and the Episcopal Church of the Nativity.

Maxine is survived by her daughter, Sandi Larson-Wood; husband William J. Wood of Clare; granddaughters, Kristin (Tom) Marvin of Bent Mountain, Va. and Brinn Zaika of Mt. Pleasant; and grandson Les Leddick of Clare. Her great-grandchildren are Hannah and Sydney Marvin, Halie Leddick, Adriah Zaika and Kail James McQueen. Maxine also loved and enjoyed her stepchildren Barbara and John Locke of Alexandria, Va., Dr. Tony and Lynn Hough of Detroit, granddaughter Julie (Phil) Wojcik, grandsons Doug Locke, Jack (Alison) Hough and Robert (Vicki) Hough and great-grandchildren Ethan and Henry Wojcik, Sam Hough and Lauren Hough.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the charity of one's choice or to Camp Quality, Little Traverse Bay Hospice or Boyne City American Legion Post #228.

Please sign the online guest book www.mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

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Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	During Worship
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

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State Street at Clinton

Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
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205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Rohbins	588-2112
or Missionaries	547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875

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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:15 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael Dennis	547-4121

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Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

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Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

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07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

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Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

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Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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Memorial Day events in and around Charlevoix

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Charlevoix's American Legion has organized a series of events to take place on Memorial Day, May 28, in Charlevoix. Events include a parade, grave decoration, a presentation of the Gettysburg Address and a rifle-firing squad.

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

In honor of Memorial Day, Charlevoix's American Legion is looking for community participation in honoring those who have served in the Armed Forces.

"We've been trying to give veterans a little recognition," said American Legion president, Joe Seidel.

On May 28, the Legionnaires will begin a series of events that include a parade, grave decoration, a presentation of the Gettysburg Address and a rifle-firing squad.

The events begin at 9 a.m. with a wreath-laying ceremony at the Brookside Cemetery flag pole that includes a reading of the Gettysburg Address, then grave decorations at Brookside, St. Mary and Barnard cemeteries.

The Legion is seeking people to join in this year's parade, beginning at 10 a.m. on Bridge Street. Parade participants so far include the Charlevoix Rayder Marching Band, Friends of the Library - K9 Platoon, the Girl Scouts, the Boy Scouts, the Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The participants will assemble at 9:30 a.m. on East Garfield Street.

Following the parade at the Charlevoix Public Library will be a second reading of the Gettysburg Address and a list of Charlevoix veterans who died in action. Soldiers buried in Charlevoix County's cemeteries range from those who served in the Civil War to the Iraq war.

Norwood Township residents will celebrate the life and service of Ethel Coeling, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army who died in 2002. The service will take place at 8:30 a.m. on May 28 at the Norwood Cemetery.

Parade entries should contact Joe Seidel at (231) 675-4444.

May 28 events lineup

8:30 a.m. Ethel Coeling recognition ceremony at Norwood Cemetary

9 a.m. wreath-laying ceremony at the Brookside Cemetery flag pole

10 a.m. parade, Bridge Street

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AAA: 1.1 million plan Memorial Day travel

According to a AAA Michigan survey, an estimated 1.1 million Michiganians will travel during the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

A national survey conducted for AAA by the Travel Industry Association of America (TIA), found more Midwest travelers are opting to drive instead of fly this Memorial holiday, despite high gas prices.

"High gas prices and increased vacation costs won't deter Americans from traveling this Memorial Day," said Claire Lockley, vice-president of travel for The Auto Club Group (ACG). "Many families will travel closer to home, they will travel for fewer days and will save money by staying in less expensive hotels and eating in less expensive restaurants, but they will continue to take vacations and plan getaways."

As of May 14, the statewide average for self-serve, regular gasoline was $3.271. That average is 37.1 cents more per gallon than a year ago.

Travelers will get a bit of a break this year. AAA's Leisure Travel Index shows flights over the holiday weekend averaging 5 percent less this year than last year, with the average flight costing $166. Car rental rates are expected to fall 16 percent from last year, with renters paying an average of $31, almost $6 less than last year. Hotel rates, however, will be up about 13 percent from a year ago, with travelers spending an average of $174 per night at AAA 3 Diamond hotels.

The 78-hour Memorial Day weekend officially begins at 6 p.m., Friday, May 25 and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Monday, May 28. During Memorial Day weekend in 2006, 18 people were killed in 17 fatal crashes in Michigan, an increase from the 15 killed in 11 fatal crashes in 2005. Five of last year's victims were belted. Alcohol was a factor in one of the fatal crashes.

This year, Michigan law enforcement agencies will continue an ambitious program to strictly enforce safety belt laws.

For traffic and detour information, motorists can call 1-800-AAA-MICH (222-6424). Or, before leaving, check the AAA Michigan Web site, www.aaatraffic.com, for up-May 23d traffic information.

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A look at Charlevoix Courier summer editorial staff changes

New bylines will appear on the pages of the Charlevoix Courier this summer.

Stefanie Carano

The Courier welcomes two writers, both with past experience at the paper. Stefanie Carano, a former summer intern, will be a staff writer from May 14 through the end of August.

"I hope to really grow as a writer and reporter, to develop copy editing skills and hopefully blend more and learn more about the community," Carano said.

She will assume Courier editor Julie Witthoeft's reporting beat which includes City of Charlevoix government, business coverage and breaking news as well as tackling special photo assignments. Witthoeft will be on maternity leave beginning in late May and extending through the end of June.

During the editor's leave, staff writer, Benjamin Gohs, who has worked at the paper for two years, will serve in her place.

Carano, the 29-year-old daughter of Jim and Nancy Carano of Norwood, is a Petoskey resident who in 2001 earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in creative writing from Bowling Green University in Ohio. She went on to study at Michigan State University in East Lansing from where in 2005 she earned a master of arts degree in journalism.

Her professional writing experience includes a year as staff writer for Wayne based Michigan Community Newspapers, a 2003 summer internship with the Courier and published freelance submissions with Michigan Nature Association, Northwest Business News and Media Savvy Inc. of Oregon.

Carano will also continue her position as communications manager for her father's financial services company, Meridian Advisory Services, located in downtown Charlevoix.

Her other interests include downhill skiing, hiking and cooking.

Also on board is former summer intern Gina Attee, the 20-year-old daughter of Keith and Karen Attee of Charlevoix.

Gina Attee

Attee will cover feature stories and photo opportunities as well as generating stories for the Courier's Venetian Festival guide.

She is hoping her summer writing position will help her further develop her resume.

Attee currently attends Grand Valley State University in Allendale where she majors in English language and literature and is working toward a minor in writing. She is scheduled to graduate in April 2008 and is a 2004 graduate of Northwest Academy.

Aside from writing, Attee's interests include music and sailing. She plays the French horn at Grand Valley and in the Charlevoix City Band. This spring, summer and fall she will again compete in the Charlevoix Yacht Club racing series aboard her father's 30-foot sailboat Hoi Polloi.

To contact Carano or Attee, call (231) 547-6558.

Memorial Garden Committee prep for May 28 holiday

File photo

The Memorial Garden Committee of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club has been busy preparing for Memorial Day weekend.

The Memorial Garden Committee of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club has been busy preparing for Memorial Day weekend.

This garden was established in 1977 as a living memorial for loved ones who have passed away. Everyone is encouraged to make a donation to help to care for the garden.

This past year, contributions have been made in memory of Donald Provancher, Larry Ingalls, Tom Gibbons, Karron Williams, Robert A. Irving, Clem Olach, Roger Sievertson, Doug Sloan and Jeff Gowdy.

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Is spent nuclear fuel safe under new watch?

STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

What's the issue? Concerns for Big Rock from anti-nuclear groups like 'Don't Waste Michigan' and 'Coalition for a Nuclear-Free Great Lakes' and the Michigan Environmental Council came after the recent resignation of William Clark, a former security guard at Palisades.

What does Entergy have to say? Entergy's spokesman, Mark Savage, said the Big Rock site is safe and will continue to be secure. All security personnel go through a rigorous hiring and monitoring process that is conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The quality of security protecting the former Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant property in Charlevoix against terrorist attack has been questioned.

The nuclear waste site is currently owned by Entergy Inc. who in April Consumers Energy, the local utility provider that used to own the Big Rock Point property in Charlevoix's Hayes Township, paid $30 million to take over 107 acres of the Big Rock property where spent nuclear fuel is stored.

Entergy sites in Michigan include Big Rock and the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant near Covert. Concerns for Big Rock from anti nuclear groups and the Michigan Environmental Council came after the recent resignation of William Clark, a former security guard at Palisades.

"Even if Entergy looks OK on the books, nuclear is a very risky business," said James Clift, director of environmental policy for the Michigan Environmental Council. "If one of those plants were to have a major accident, the company could deteriorate."

Entergy's spokesman, Mark Savage, said the Big Rock site is safe and will continue to be secure.

"We keep up with the latest security technology and ensure the conditions are safe at all times," Savage said.

He said that all security personnel go through a rigorous hiring and monitoring process that is conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. He also said this is the same process that was used when hiring Clark.

"It is standard procedure," he said.

Groups including 'Don't Waste Michigan,' 'Coalition for a Nuclear-Free Great Lakes' and the Michigan Environmental Council question whether the Big Rock site will remain a safe and protected site where it is scheduled to remain for the next 10 years. Charlevoix's location on Lake Michigan is especially important to them.

"Those casks (eight, idle canisters containing used fuel) could be breached by terrorist attack and catastrophic amounts of harmful radioactivity could escape and contaminate Lake Michigan and fallout downwind," said Alice Hirt, communications manager of Holland-based Don't Waste Michigan.

The Entergy takeover of Consumer's Energy facilities was completed last month. The Entergy corporation consists of a series of divisions that run nuclear and electrical facilities primarily in the southern United States.

Recently, the Michigan Environmental Council has appealed to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for reconsideration of their intervention against the sale agreement between Consumers and Entergy. Michigan Environmental Council is focusing on the inadequate amount of decommissioning funds set aside to clean up the sites after cessation of reactor operations and high-level radioactive waste storage.

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The quality of security protecting the spent nuclear fuel storage area at the former Big Rock Point Nuclear Power Plant property in Charlevoix against terrorist attack has been questioned.

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Media personality tackles island documentary

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Vic McCarty

Northern Michigan television and radio personality and journalist Vic McCarty recently finished shooting a documentary on America's Emerald Isle.

McCarty, who in 2005 founded his own video production company, MacMedia, said he stumhled across the project by accident.

"I'd been looking for different projects and I was looking at doing one on the Ironton Ferry for a little bit and then, while looking at their Web site, I saw Beaver Island and their history and uniqueness," he said. "I just kept looking into it and contacted the Chamber of Commerce (Beaver Island) and here we are a year later."

While Beaver Island is known for its huge St. Patrick's Day celebration, McCarty set out to show the full flavor of the affable archipelago

"A lot of people don't understand life on the Beaver is a little different," he said. "I've been shooting for over a year now and I just feel like I'm getting to know the island."

McCarty said he will now take the dozens of hours of footage he shot and wlll edit them into a 30-minute show.

"I started with the obvious and it's hard not to do the whole King Strang and the Mormons thing, but I found out that is a really small part of what Beaver Island is about," he said. "The Mormons were only on the island for four or five years and King Strang's kingdom was short-lived."

It was the rich Irish heritage which captured McCarty's interest.

"The heritage on the Island is so strong. Some families, five and six generations, date back to Ireland," he said. "They came directly from Arrain Mhor. There was a twinning ceremony several years ago."

McCarty said one of the challenges on this project was getting to know the locals and convincing them his intentions were above board.

"That was interesting because the folks on Beaver Island, and this is something I have talked about with many of them, say there is a real balance between wanting to attract attention and people coming over because tourism is a huge dynamic of their economy, but they don't want to ruin what they have," he said. "They do not want to become another Mackinaw Island and still they kind of look at me like, 'What are you ding doing here?'"

He added, "It's like a giant family on the island and I went through periods of acceptance with people wondering what I was up to."

Documentaries often require a crew of people working on video, sound, editing, marketing, writing and research hut McCarty decided to go it alone.

"Much like my broadcast TV career, I am the team — a one-man-band," he said. "Because I'm shooting and editing and doing everything on my own, it chews up a lot of time on the production side. This is a half-hour, which doesn't seem like much, but the production takes a while and I want to get it right."

After graduating from Pepperdine University, McCarty worked in Roswell, New Mexico, Los Angeles, Calif. and then Michigan.

McCarty's original intent was to air the documentary on PBS, hut has since decided to look into other venues.

"I want to do it on Charter (cable) though that's not for sure yet," he said. "And I want to produce a DVD that can he for sale."

Despite the large amount of time McCarty has spent on his video venture, he still finds time to host a two-hour radio show on WMKT News-Talk 1270 and freelance sports stories he called "nontraditional off the beaten path" for 9&10 News.

"After 20 years in TV newsrooms it's a nice fit for me. I like it because I'm still putting the same amount or more hours in hut I get to work on stuff I want to work on. I have clients to answer to but I'm pretty much carving my own way," he said. "It's busy, it's hectic seven days a week instead of five because my office is at home."

He added, "I'm sort of a vagabond, a hroadcast Bedouin. I was on the set for so long doing news and sports that I missed getting out and talking to people."

The veteran newsman could have retired as a TV anchor, hut chose instead to

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Fashion forward fund-raiser

Xi Epsilon Gamma chapter hosted a dinner and fashion show for the four chapters of Beta Sigma Phi of Charlevoix at the Terrace Inn in Bayview. Clothing for the show was provided by Chico's of Petoskey and modeled by members of Kappa Sigma, Alpha Sigma Master and Xi Epsilon Gamma chapters. Each member of Beta Sigma Phi donated to the charity of the event, the Epilepsy Stroll, which was matched by Terrace Inn owners, Mo Rave and Patty Rasmussen Rave. The Epilepsy Stroll will take place at the Petoskey Waterfront Park on June 30. Pictured above are owner Mo Rave of the Terrace Inn, Sue Gale, president of Xi Epsilon Gamma and Nancy Carano receiving the check on behalf of the epilepsy foundation.

McCarty explores inner workings of Beaver Island

MCCARTY

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take the new career path of freelance journalism and video production.

"From a creative standpoint I've heen thinking about doing this for many, many years," he said. "Right now I'm finding out I'm running out of time in the day and there are other things I want to do as far as TV is still concerned."

McCarty said he could not have made his movie without the cooperation of the people of Beaver Island.

"The island chamber (of commerce) has been a huge help. I would be remiss if I didn't say thank you to the businesses and people on the island," he said. "They're great people over there. Everyone has heen terrific."

Look for "Beaver Island: America's Emerald Isle" later this summer or visit www.macmedia-productions.com for more information on McCarty's video production services.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis –May 9, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved minutes of the April 25, 2007 meeting as corrected.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-017, Guardian/ Conservator Fees.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-018, MDCP Grant, and authorized Chairman Shirley Roloff to sign said application.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-019, Recyclable Materials Agreement, and authorized Chairman Shirley Roloff to sign said document.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-020, Golf Cart for Emmet/Charlevoix County Fair.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-021, Antivirus Software.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-022, Rescind Farmland & Open Space Preservation Ordinance.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-023, Request for Investigative Funds.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-024, Amended Charlevoix County Uniform Numbering Ordinance.
- Motion adjourned the meeting.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLIC NOTICE

I hereby certify that the following City residents have filed nominatlng petitions and affidavits of identity for the August 7, 2007 Primary Election. All offices are non-partisan.

OFFICE	CANDIDATE (as name will appear on ballot)	CANDIDATE'S ADDRESS
City Clerk	Carol A. Ochs	104 W. Hurlbut
1st Ward Councilmember	Mary J. Eveleigh	208 E. Dixon Ave.
	Dennis Kusina	205 Elm St.
	John McNabb	313 Prospect St.
2nd Ward Councilmember	Kim VanMeter	1003 State St.
	Douglas Way, Jr.	1110 Beacon St.
3rd Ward Councilmember	John A. Elzinga	202 May St.
	Jill Picha	122 Belvedere Ave.

In accordance with the City Charter, a **primary election will be held Tuesday, August 7, 2007, for the 1st Ward only,** as in that race there are more than twice as many candidates for the office as are to be elected to that position. The remainder of the races will not have a primary: All candidates' names from those races will appear on the ballot for the General Election on November 6, 2007.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk 05/17/07

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Garden Club to host plant sale May 26

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club will host its annual plant sale from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 26 at 807 Dixon Avenue. Featured in this year's sale are hundreds of locally grown perennials, some potted annuals, ferns, daylilies, garden gloves and trowels. Proceeds from the sale are used to fund maintenance and planting at the 11 civic gardens that are funded by the Charlevoix Area Garden Club. (Above) The sale brings in gardeners from across the area.

Community-wide petunia planting project is May 24

The 26th Annual Operation Petunia is scheduled for 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 24 along five miles of U.S. 31 from the municipal airport to Mercer Boulevard.

The volunteer group, who generally totals about 500 people, are asked to choose a location and start planting. Planters should dress for the weather, wear comfortable clothes, garden gloves and bring a trowel.

The yearly event will culminate in a picnic beginning at 6 p.m. in Bridge Park featuring hot dogs, chips, cookies and soft drinks.

It costs nearly $13,000 to purchase this year's petunia crop. The City of Charlevoix awarded the contract for weed pulling to the Charlevoix Band Boosters for $20 per person, per hour, not to exceed $16,000.

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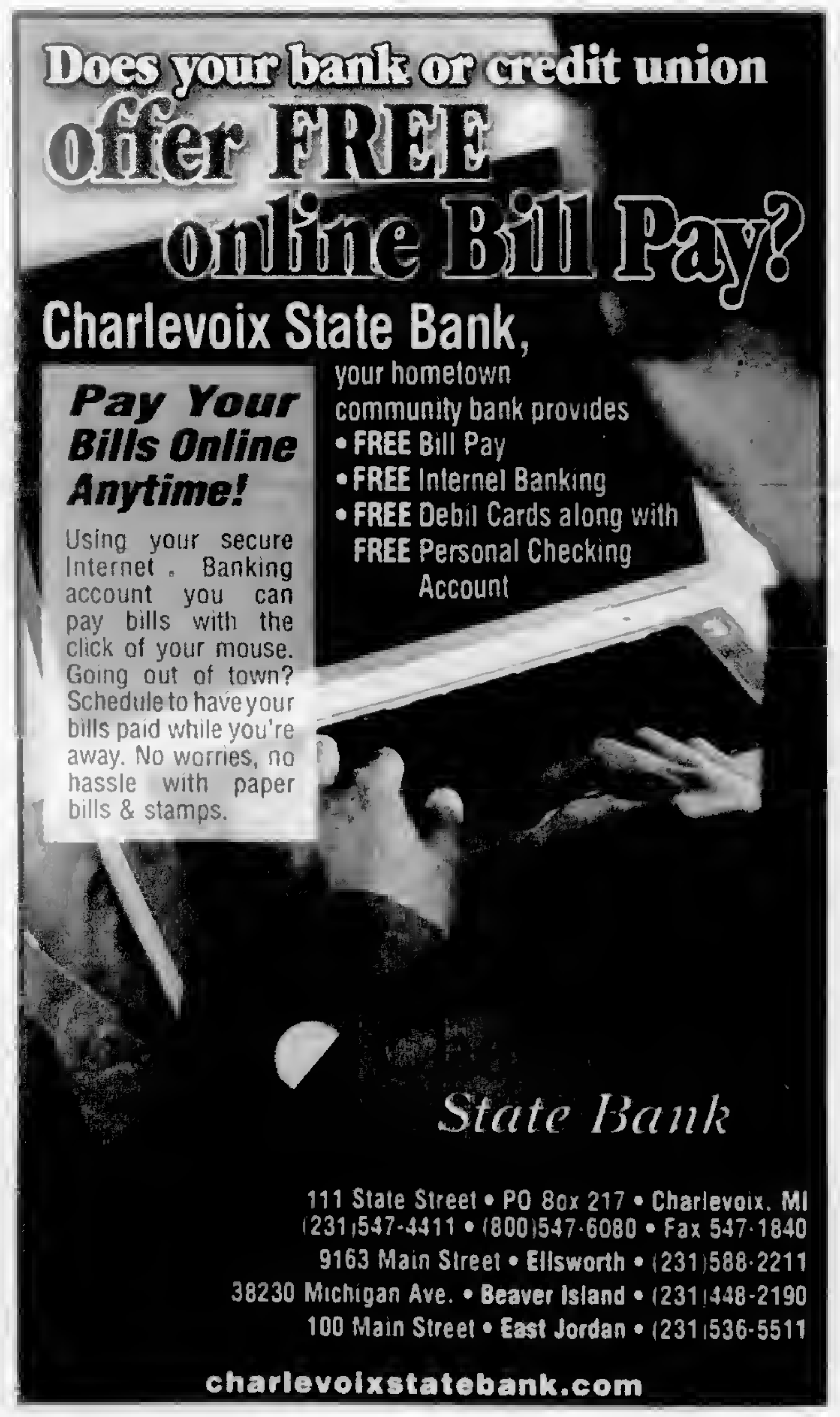

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A record, a cause and a lawn mower

BY RYAN BENTLEY
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

A riding lawn mower may not be the fastest vehicle one could drive across the United States, but speed isn't Lou Ransom's top priority.

As the Fife Lake native steers a Dixie Chopper riding mower through the 48 contiguous states, he's aiming to break a world distance record for mower travel — and promoting awareness and support of two children's health charities.

Ransom, 48, stopped in Charlevoix and Petoskey on Wednesday May 16 while making his way north through Michigan.

Indiana-based Dixie Chopper became Ransom's sponsor for the trip, supplying him with a mower capable of traveling up to 17 mph. Since starting his journey March 12 in Portland, Maine, Ransom has passed through 14 states.

The current record for distance traveled on a mower is just shy of 15,000 miles. Ransom, who plans to spend no more than a year traveling on the mower, hopes to double that distance.

As a former truck driver, Ransom realized that he'd covered great distances within the United States, but missed much of the country's scenery. In recent years, he decided he'd like to take a more leisurely trip that brings him closer to sights like the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Park.

He toyed with the idea of a moped ride, but then thought about a lawn mower tour after noticing the long-distance entry in the Guinness Book of World Records. A friend who had run marathons for charity suggested the sponsorship approach.

Through his journey, Ransom is encouraging donations to The Children's Miracle Network and Shriners' Hospitals for Children.

Ransom, who noted that he's an ex-convict, hopes to make up for some of his past wrongs by assisting the health charities.

"I can't do away with my past, but maybe I can put a small dent in it," he said.

During his trip, he's spent some nights outdoors in the sleeping bag he carries. Occasionally, he's been given the opportunity to sleep in a home, barn or American Legion hall.

Ransom intends to visit some well-known attractions along the way — Tahquamenon Falls, the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Park, for example — but is also eager to seek out lesser-known sights.

Ransom is taking note of his unique experiences on the road, like the day he spent helping construct a bridge and the time he was awakened by a bull moose nudging at his sleeping bag.

With a slow-moving-vehicle sign affixed to the rear of his mower, Ransom said he's normally been allowed to operate the vehicle on roads. Officials in New Jersey and Massachusetts disagreed, however, and he was forced to trailer the mower through parts of those states.

Ransom hopes he can make arrangements to drive the mower across the Mackinac Bridge.

Long known by the nickname Travlndude, Ransom hopes he can conclude his journey in Washington, D.C. Noting that he's already been given some job offers during the trip, the mower rider said he's not yet sure what he'll do when the journey is over.

"One, I will have memories like nobody else has," Ransom said, "and two, I will have people all over the United States who are friends and possibly a job because of it."

Ryan Bentley can be contacted at (231) 439-9342, or rbentley@petoskeynews.com.

To help out

Louis Ransom has set up a Web site describing his lawn mower tour at www.the1bigride.com. It offers links to two charities — the Children's Miracle Network and Shriners' Hospitals for Children — which he's encouraging people to support.

Those who'd like to support these charities can also mail contributions to Children's Miracle Network, 4500 S. 2300 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84117 or to Shriners International Headquarters, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, Fla. 33607. Ransom asks that contributors write "the1bigride.com" on the check's memo line.

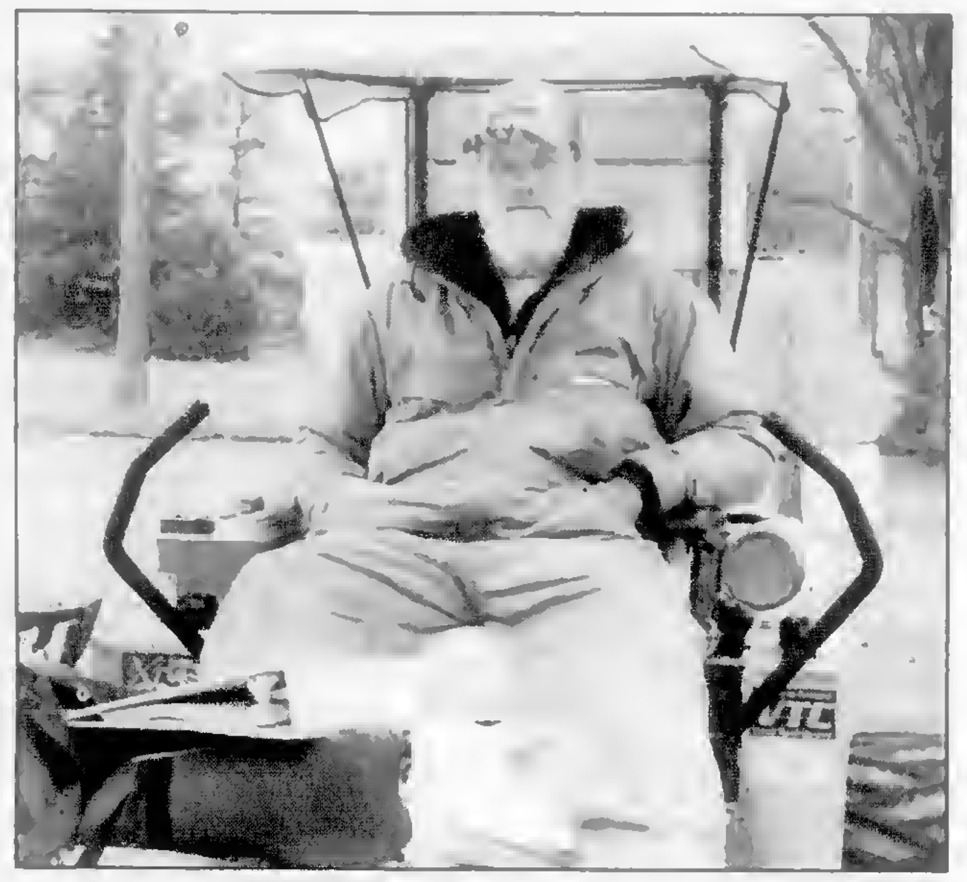

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Lou Ransom, a Fife Lake native, on a mission to raise money for children's charities and to break the Guiness Book of World Records for longest lawn mower ride, rode through Charlevoix on May 16.

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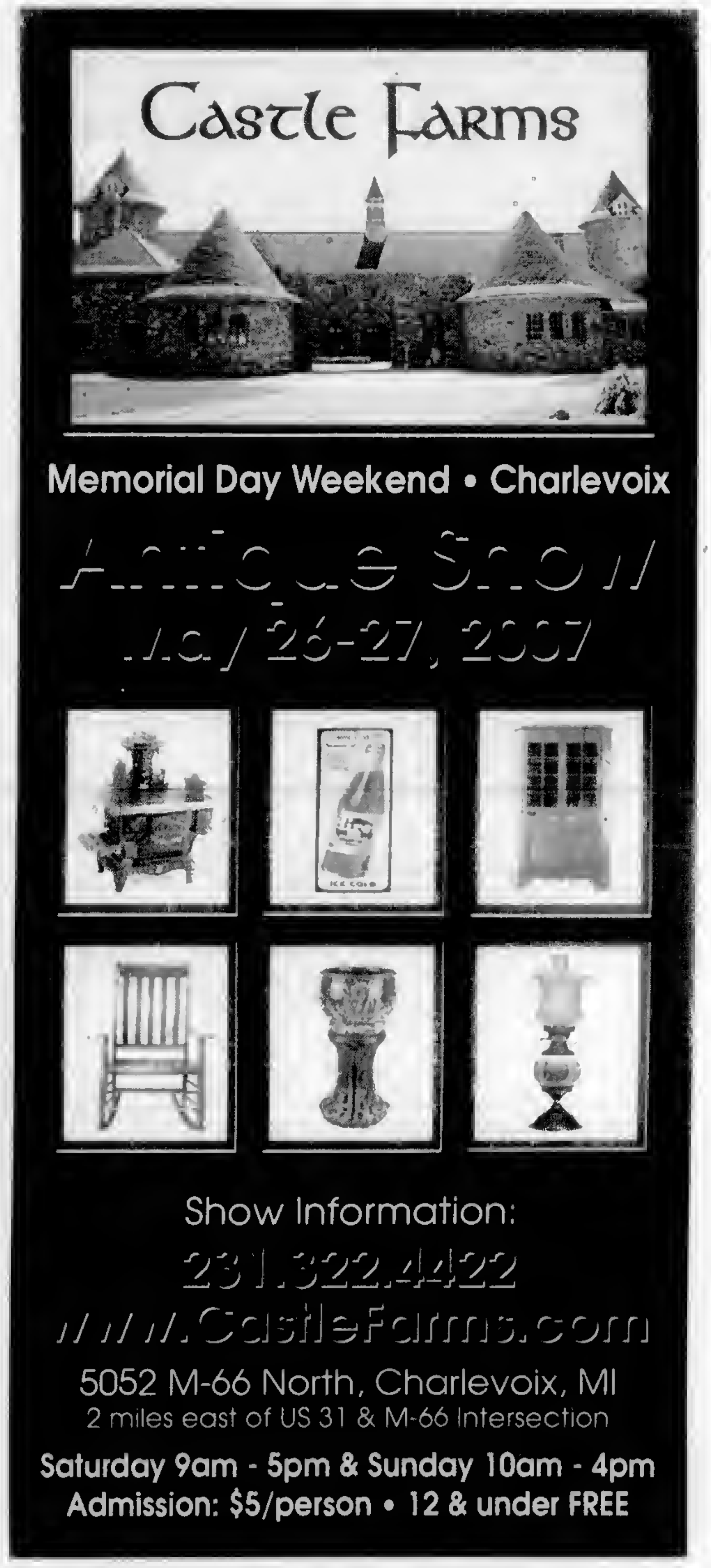
Stocking the shelter

Peggy Evans, Worthy Matron of the Charlevoix Order of Eastern Star 72, shows just some of the items the members of this organization collected for the Women's Resource Center Abuse Shelter.



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(Above, from left) Maureen Radke, program officer with the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, presents a check for $1,600 to City of Charlevoix recreation department director Ike Boss as Camp McSauba director Leslie Hoffman looks on. The funds will provide 16 scholarships to lucky Camp McSauba campers this summer. Other scholarship funding for the upcoming season has come from Char-Em United Way and the Department of Human Services.

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The City of Charlevoix Recreation Department's Camp McSauba will offer about 60 scholarships for upcoming camp sessions.

"Since we started the camp 31 years ago, our philosophy has been to provide an opportunity for all kids that need the camping experience to come to Camp McSauba," City of Charlevoix Recreation Director, Ike Boss said. "We don't want to turn anyone away that needs to go."

Of the available scholarships, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and CharEm United Way donated funding for 20 scholarships each and the Department of Human Services donated 14.

The camp started in 1975. The camp served about 520 campers in 2006. The goal is to reach the 560 camper capacity.

The eight-session camp, which is open to kids ages 5-13, starts June 18.

Camp sessions are scheduled to take place June 18-22, June 25-29, July 2-6, July 16-20, July 23-26, July 30 to Aug. 3 and Aug. 6-10. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and from 9 a.m. Thursday to 11:30 a.m. on Friday. Pre and post camp care is offered for $30 a week.

Each session is open to 70 campers, which equates to a maximum of 12 campers per counselor.

The weekly camper cost is $80. The July 2-6 and July 23-26 sessions are being offered at $65 per week as camp is closed July 4 and July 27.

Camp counselors this year will operate under Leslie Hoffman, camp director and a teacher at St. Mary School. Camp counselors are Adam Wood, Dan Sanchez, Amber Klooster, John Alpert, Erin Weston and Jessica Pettis. Meighen Havens is camp aid.

The camp experience teaches participants teamwork skills, gun safety and archery.

Camp McSauba is located on Charlevoix's north side off Mt. McSauba Road.

For information about the scholarship program, to donate, or to register a child for the camp, call Boss at (231) 547-3253.

BASES to benefit from Yolanda Martinez concert

Who? Native American Music Award winner Yolanda Martinez
What? Concert and drum making workshop
When? May 26
Where? The SAGE Center, 3890 Charlevoix Avenue, Suite 180, Petoskey,

Native American Music Award winner Yolanda Martinez will appear at the SAGE Center at 7 p.m. May 26 at the Petoskey Middle School.

Tickets are $15 in advance or $20 at the door. Tickets are also available at the SAGE Center, 3890 Charlevoix Avenue, Suite 180, Petoskey, sagecenterpetoskey.com. One child under 12 will be admitted free with the purchase of an adult ticket.

A drum making workshop will be held at 2 p.m. on May 26 to make a 16 inch Drum for $175. Everything is provided for the workshop. The price includes your hide, hoop, sinew, leather, a beater to play the drum and a concert ticket.

A drumming feast will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 27. Everyone is invited to a musical celebration including a potluck luncheon.

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Terri Lynn Land, Michigan Secretary of State

May 22, 2007

Avoid bumps in the road when buying, selling cars

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land today encouraged vehicle buyers and sellers to understand their rights and responsibilities before making a deal, and urged them to visit her agency's Web site for helpful information.

"Buying a new or used car can be exciting," Land said. "But it's also a significant financial investment. With spring and summer being busy times for car sales, it's good to keep some tips in mind. All parties can help ensure their satisfaction by knowing what to look for and what is required by law. Having the proper information is key."

The Department of State licenses and regulates auto dealers and repair shops.

It also informs consumers of their rights and investigates related complaints.

Its Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos has several brochures that offer tips for buying or leasing vehicles, as well as doing business with an established dealer or a private individual.

Before buying a used vehicle the department recommends:

Test driving it and having it inspected by a mechanic.

Making sure that it has a title. A vehicle cannot be registered without one.

Don't agree to the sale if a title cannot be produced or there are discrepancies.

Also be certain that the owner named on the front of the title is the same person signing it.

If there is more than one owner or buyer, all parties must sign the title.

Matching the vehicle identification number (VIN) on the title with the number on the dashboard.

Checking the odometer's mileage accuracy.

Under state and federal law, the mileage for most vehicles must be provided when ownership transfers.

Vehicles that are 10 or more years old are exempt.

When doing business with an auto dealer, it's wise to ask questions and read all documents before signing.

It's also important to note that there is no "cooling off" period.

Some consumers mistakenly believe they can return a vehicle within a certain number of days after a contract is signed.

Remember that a vehicle being sold "as is" means just that.

In fact, most used vehicles are not under warranty for any period of time.

There also is no such thing as a verbal warranty.

Get any guarantees in writing, including promises of repairs to be made prior to the vehicle's sale.

Keep in mind that Michigan's "Lemon Law" for defective vehicles only pertains to new vehicles.

Used vehicles are not covered under Michigan's so-called "Lemon Law."

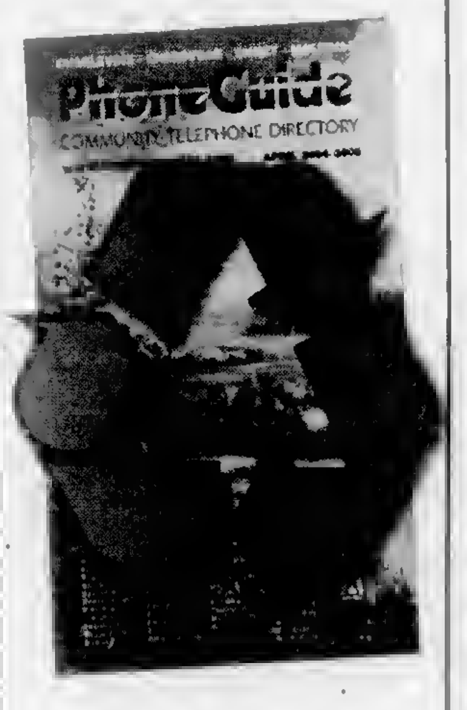
"The vast majority of Michigan auto dealers are conscientious professionals who work hard to serve their customers," Land said. "Still, consumers should take the time to fully understand what type of vehicle they're getting, all details of the warranty and financing obligations. Buying a car should be a positive experience."

If consumers do have a complaint, they should first try working it out with the dealership owner or manager.

If the problem isn't resolved, contact the Department of State's Bureau of Regulatory Services at (1-888) SOS-MICH (767-6424).

An automotive complaint form also is available online.

The bureau investigates issues within its authority.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Students succeed at band and orchestra festival

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The Norhtwest Academy Intermediate Band participated in the State Band and Orchestra Festival on Friday, May 3, at Benzie Central High School. The band is made up of sixth, seventh and eigth-grade students. The band received a Division II rating in concert and sight-reading. They were a half grade away from a first division rating. Band members pictured at left are (front, from left) Aaron Malewitz, Karissa Keehn, (middle) Beth Gohs, Dalton Cooper, Morgan Sciacca, Madalyn May, Christian Morrison, (back) Sam Keehn, Devin Erickson, Dustin Prevo, Dyllan Skop, Evan Kroon, Casey Riley, Chris DeKorne, Mitchel Poirier-Hall, Andrew Robarge, Nicholas Courier, Aaron Schmidt and director, Gary Stutzman.

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Marina FLASHBACK

In an effort to remind readers of how the East Park and municipal marina property have evolved, the Courier has teamed up with the Charlevoix Historical Society to bring readers a photo history of the property. This will run weekly in a "Then and Now" format with a picture from the past and the current construction schedule.

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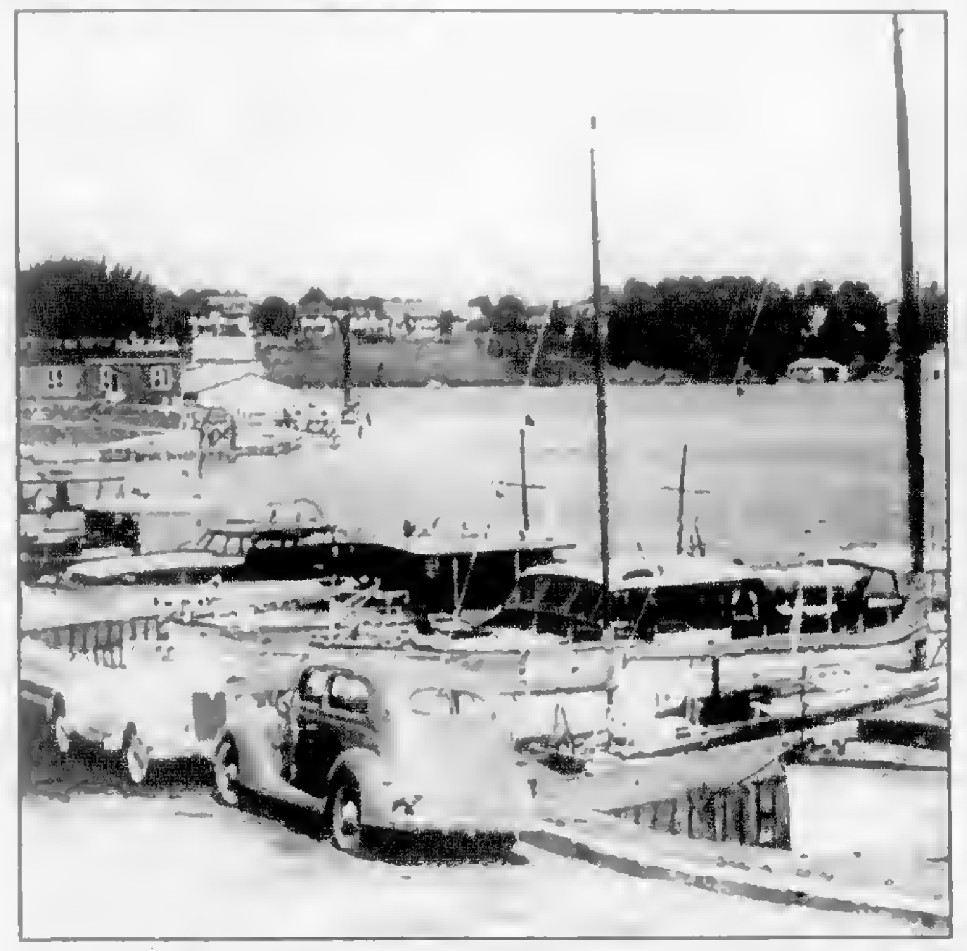

(Left) One of the features of the new waterfront of the 1930s was a roadway that stretched from the base of Antrim Street and ran one block north to the base of Mason Street. Travelers used this road to reach Bridge Street. At first it was only a dirt road. Later it was paved with curbing and a grass strip installed next to the docks. Boat owners could park their cars right at their dock.

NOW...

BACKGROUND

The $10 million East Park and marina renovation project is being tackled in three phases.

Phase 1 includes the seawall replacement, removal of the 17 existing piers, installation of new sheet pile running the length of the park 850-feet, and other miscellaneous work. Installation of the new docks, Phase 2, includes installation of a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220-feet into Round Lake at the furthest point. Phase three includes demolition of existing buildings and construction of the new performance pavilion and harbormaster's facility as well as site work, landscaping and underground excavation.

PROGRESS REPORT WEEK OF MAY 23:

Dock A, B, C and D, including shopper's docks, have been installed.

Electrical for Phase II has started.

Underground storm drains have started to be installed.

UPCOMING EVENTS WEEK OF MAY 30:

Will start driving the H-pile, weather permitting.

Continued work on lift station for the harbor master building.

Continued work on the lift station.

Will continue to take deliveries for performance pavilion and harbor master building.

This report was generated by Pat Elliott, City of Charlevoix Street Department superintendent.

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AmeriCorps volunteers cleanup local preserve

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To celebrate the AmeriCorps Week with a "100 hours of Power" project, AmeriCorps members from the Charlevoix-Emmet County Intermediate School District put in a full day of volunteer work May 12 at the Charles A. Ransom Nature Preserve in Charlevoix.

To celebrate the AmeriCorps Week with a "100 hours of Power" project, AmeriCorps members from the Charlevoix-Emmet County Intermediate School District put in a full day of volunteer work May 12 at the Charles A. Ransom Nature Preserve in Charlevoix.

The service project resulted in many improvements to the 80-acre preserve that included clearing lake views, laying wood chips on a new trail, installing 140 feet of wood fencing, planting trees and grass seed, clearing trails, improving landscaping and removing old signs.

"It gives us a sense of pride that for years to come we will be able to return to Ransom Nature Preserve and see the fruits of our labor," said Matt Saunders, the local AmeriCorps coordinator.

Doug Fuller, director of stewardship for Little Traverse Conservancy which owns the preserve, added, "These tasks would have taken us several days to accomplish with our staff alone."

Commanding one of the most spectacular views in northern Michigan, the Ransom Preserve rises 320 feet above Lake Michigan. To locate Ransom Preserve from take U.S. 31 to Burgess Road. Then go three miles to Quarterline Road and turn left. Follow Quarterline until it dead ends into Maple Grove Road. Turn left on Maple Grove and continue about a mile to the parking lot at the end of the road.

Trevor Mays wins $2,500 PRIDE Scholarship

Trevor Mays

Dobson Communications Corporation recently announced that Charlevoix High School senior, Trevor Mays, is a winner in its $2,500 annual PRIDE Scholarship program.

Applicants for the scholarship were required to have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and be a prospective high school graduate. They also must be current customers of Cellular One from Dobson Cellular Systems or children of employees of Dobson Communications.

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Garden Club poster contest winners honored

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Michigan Garden Clubs Inc. prize winners are first-grader Aaliah Pearsall (above) and third grader Turner Havens (left). Both are the first place winners in their respective grade levels in the Smokey Bear "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" contest.

Charlevoix student artists received awards on Thursday, May 17 for their entries in this year's poster contests sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Garden Club at the annual Spring Tea.

Twelve students in first through fourth-grade were recognized for their poster work in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest and 23 students in pre-Kindergarten through sixth-grade were commended for their entries in the National Garden Club's "My Garden of Many Colors" contest. The winning artwork was on display for an impressive crowd of parents, family and friends of the winning students.

Last fall garden club members presented the contest themes "My Garden of Many Colors" and Smokey Bear "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires"/Woodsy Owl "Lend a Hand – Care for the Land" to students in the art classrooms of Mary Beth McGraw at Charlevoix Elementary School and Lori Bolt at St. Mary School. Hundreds of students participated in the challenge. Club members met in November to determine the top local awards. First place posters advanced to the state competition where local students captured three first place awards. These posters have advanced to the regional level contest.

All first, second and third place winners in both contests were individually recognized by the Charlevoix Area Garden Club and presented with

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Student artists honored at May 17 Garden Club tea

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a certificate and a potted high bush cranberry shrub complete with planting instructions. First place students in each category were presented with framed certificates stating the merit of their award. Grand prize winners in each category were awarded a U.S. savings bond valued at $50 upon maturity. Students who placed first at the state level were recognized with special ribbons and will receive their certificates at a later date.

Smokey Bear "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" contest winners

Charlevoix Elementary School second grader, Marlo Schwartzfisher, is the grand prize winner in the Smokey Bear "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" contest.

First-grade winners in the Smokey Bear "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" and Woodsy Owl "Lend a Hand – Care for the Land" poster contest are: First place Aaliah Pearsall, Charlevoix Elementary School; second place Camden Musilek, St. Mary School; third place, Raigan Novotny, Charlevoix Elementary School.

Second-grade winners in the Smokey Bear "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" and Woodsy Owl "Lend a Hand – Care for the Land" poster contest are: First place Marlo Schwartzfisher, Charlevoix Elementary School; second place Isabelle Buday, St. Mary School; third place Kevin Pearl, St. Mary School.

Third-grade winners in the Smokey Bear "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" and Woodsy Owl "Lend a Hand – Care for the Land" poster contest are: First place Turner Havens, Charlevoix Elementary School; second place Devon Bottomley, Charlevoix Elementary School; third place Hunter Argetsinger, Charlevoix Elementary School.

Fourth-grade winners in the Smokey Bear "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" and Woodsy Owl "Lend a Hand – Care for the Land" poster contest are: First place Grace Whitley, Charlevoix Elementary School; second place Brody Robarge, Charlevoix Elementary School; third place Hero Parker-Drost, Charlevoix Elementary School.

"My Garden of Many Colors" poster contest winners

St. Mary School fourth grader Kourtney Putman is the grand prize winner in the "My Garden of Many Colors" poster contest.

Pre-Kindergarten winners in the "My Garden of Many Colors" poster contest are: First place Elisabeth Petrosky, Charlevoix Elementary School; second place Jillian Edwards, Charlevoix Elementary School; third place Caitrin Martin, Charlevoix Elementary School.

Kindergarten winners in the "My Garden of Many Colors" poster contest are: First place Julia Ivester, Charlevoix Elementary School; second place Zack Dixon, St. Mary School; third place McKenzie Steele, Charlevoix Elementary School.

First-grade winners in the "My Garden of Many Colors" poster contest are: First place Rachel Nesburg, St. Mary School; second place Natalie Nesburg, St. Mary School; third place Lauren House, St. Mary School.

Second-grade winners in the "My Garden of Many Colors" poster contest are: First place Julia Doskoeh, St. Mary School; second place Kelli Wakulat, Charlevoix Elementary School; third place Jenna Guthrie, Charlevoix Elementary School.

Third-grade winners in the "My Garden of Many Colors" poster contest are: First place Rachel Thompson, Charlevoix Elementary School; second place Caipan Merrill, Charlevoix Elementary School; third place Hannah Zipp, Charlevoix Elementary School.

Photo by Stefanie Carano

St. Mary School fourth grader Kourtney Putman is the grand prize winner in the "My Garden of Many Colors" poster contest.

Fourth-grade winners in the "My Garden of Many Colors" poster contest are: First place Kourtney Putman, St. Mary School; second place Janessa Houghton, Charlevoix Elementary School; third place Sarah Robarge, Charlevoix Elementary School.

Fifth-grade winners in the "My Garden of Many Colors" poster contest are: First place Charles Strehl, St. Mary School; second place Jackson Buday, St. Mary School; third place Erin Stebe, St. Mary School.

Sixth-grade winners in the "My Garden of Many Colors" poster contest are: First place Jacob Doskoeh, St. Mary School; second place Desiree Drewa, St. Mary School.

Michigan Garden Clubs Inc. prize winners are first-grader Aaliah Pearsall and third grader Turner Havens. Both are the first place winners in their respective grade levels in the Smokey Bear "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" contest.

Third grader Rachel Thompson is the first place winner in her grade level in the "My Garden of Many Colors" contest.

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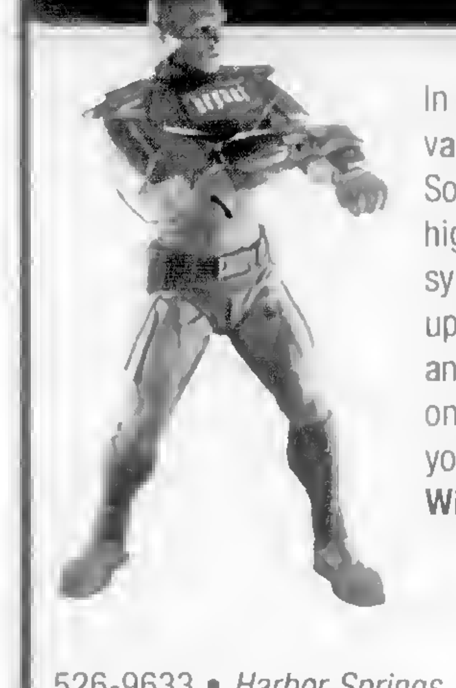

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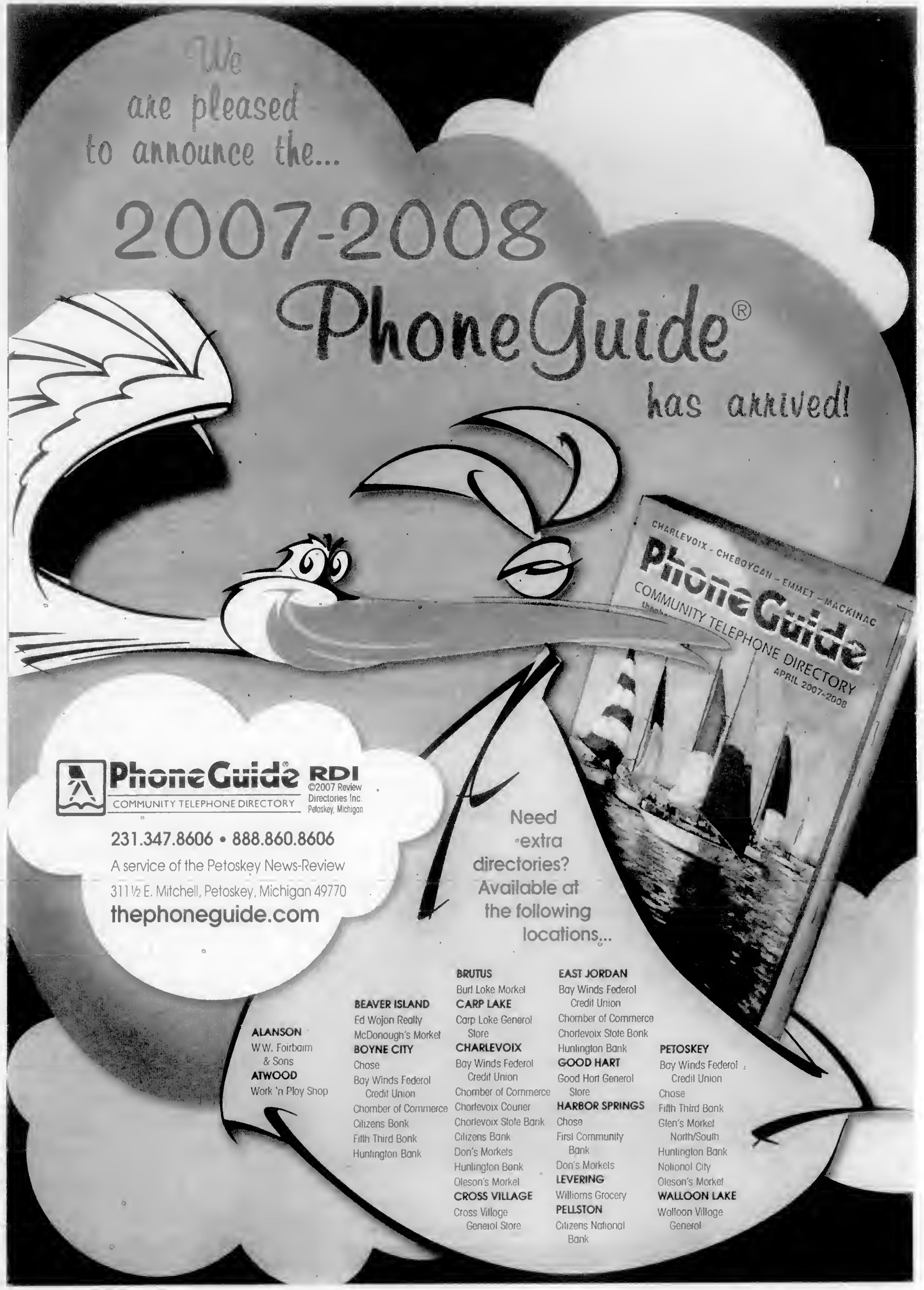

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This designation is for certified marine professionals who successfully pass at least three of the council's certification exams. American Boat and Yacht Council offers seven certification exams including electrical, diesel engines and support systems, gasoline engines and support systems, AC/refrigeration, composite boat building, marine corrosion and marine systems.

Michael Esposito, president of Irish Boat Shop, states, "We believe that enrolling our marine technicians in American Boat and Yacht Council's training programs increases the quality of our customer's boating experience. It takes commitment from our employees to advance their knowledge and successfully complete these training programs. We're proud of Bill, Don, Brian and Kirk's accomplishment."

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Central Drug Store honors Smith's 50 years of service

Elaine Smith

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The retirement celebration will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 25 at Central Drug Store, located at 301 Bridge St.

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This Regional Business After Hours is being organized by the Charlevoix, Boyne City, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Harbor Springs and Petoskey chambers of commerce.

The cost is $5 per person for chamber members and $10 per person for non-members.

For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Charlevoix sweeps track and field crowns

Girls, boys teams advance to state finals on June 2

BY STEVE FOLEY
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Good things often come in pairs.

For the Charlevoix High School track and field teams, dual Division III regional titles on Saturday, May 19 was not only a good thing, but a great accomplishment.

The Rayder boys held off a fast-charging Kingsley team to capture their third straight regional title at East Jordan's Boswell Stadium, while the Rayder girls won their first regional championship in convincing fashion in what turned out to be a perfect day after morning rain showers.

The Rayder boys had three first place finishes and scored at least a point in each event to finish with 133.5 points, while Kingsley was second with 112 and Kalkaska third with 71.

The Charlevoix girls had just one win, but like the boys, scored well in every event en route to finishing with 112. Benzie Central was second with 87.5, while Boyne City was third with 74 points.

Both teams will compete in the Division III state finals June 2 at Comstock Park. The top two finishers in each event at the relay qualify for the state meet, as do those athletes meeting or exceeding a pre-determined time, height or distance.

"The stress is finally over," said a relieved Charlevoix girls' coach Mary Plude. "I didn't think it would be that emotional, but when I saw those three senior girls (Emily Heffling, Brittney Lamb and Lindi Edger) and told them that they've won it, I realized just how important it was.

"They've (seniors) been working on this for four years, they've helped me build this team and they've reiterated it time and time again. They did what they had to do. They're just outstanding leaders."

Such was the case for the Rayder boys.

"Two years ago, we were just building into it and just getting the kids," Charlevoix boys coach Ken Plude said. "Now, it's a good senior group. Last year, I thought we hit our peak with that senior group and I really thought this year would be kind of a rebuilding year.

"However, the seniors went out and got some new kids, they got some good kids, they filled in some holes. Also, for me to do it three years in a row with my son (Scott) on the team, that makes it pretty special."

To also share a regional title with his wife for the first time was also a special feat for Ken Plude.

"To watch how Mary's been building that team and to see it come together, it was really special for me to watch," he said. "She's worked so hard for this and the kids really enjoyed it."

Mary Plude said she approached the regional just as she would any other meet.

"The girls performed just like they would at any other invitational," Plude said. "We accomplished our team and individual goals and didn't have to sacrifice anything. These girls are such an unselfish group, they're very determined and they just got down to work.

"To have both teams qualify really was a dream come true."

Charlevoix's Ashley Pett was the lone Rayder individual winner in the girls' meet as she took first in the discus.

The Rayders also took second in the 400, 1600 and 3200 relays. Alyssa Smith, Jessie Bills, Taylor Storm and Emily Heffling comprised the 400 relay; Storm, Katie Withrow, Ellise Smolenyak and Edger teamed up in the 1600 relay; and Lamb, Alina Dhaseleer, Withrow and Edger made up the 3200 relay.

Also for the Rayders, Dhaseleer qualified individually for both the 1600 and the 3200 by placing third in both events. Dhaseleer's time in the 3200 broke Liz Ulrich's Charlevoix school record.

Heffling qualified for state with third-place finishes in both the 100 and 300 hurdles.

Darron Munson paced the Rayder boys as he won both the 400 and the 200. He edged Lake City's Dean Wheeler in the 200 with a finish-line lunge.

Munson was also a member of the winning 1600 relay team that included Nate LaBlance, Scott Plude and Billy Roloff.

"Considering the long jump was in the afternoon, Darron had a great day, but I think it really affected his jumping," Ken Plude said. "I know he was disappointed in the long jump."

Also for the Rayders, Ray Jones finished second in both the shot put and discus, while Mitch Crandall was second in the high jump, and Scott Plude overcame a knee injury to place second in the 300 hurdles. Nick Wimmer, Jacob Wimmer, Roloff and LaBlance teamed up to place second in the 3200 relay.

In the pole vault, Charlevoix's Hunter Boss finished third, but qualified for state by surpassing the predetermined height.

"I thought we'd be pretty good, but with Scott (Plude) having his knee go bad last week, that was a concern," Ken Plude said. "Without him, it hurt us in some relays and sprint events, but Kingsley and Kalkaska had some injuries.

"They (Kingsley) were coming after us. Unfortunately for them, they didn't score in three key events, including one because of a disqualification. Last year, I thought we had a good team. This year we scored in all events and I don't think we've ever done that in a regional."

CHARLEVOIX LITTLE LEAGUE **BOX SCORES**

MIDGET LEAGUE

MAY 8 - Mets 13, A's 12

A'S

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Mason Louiselle		1	2		
Matthew Vanniman	2				
Hannah Zip	2				
Ben Boss	2				
Collin Turkelson	2				
Colin Smith	2				
Chris Gregory	2				
Jacob Cox	2				
Oliver DeYoung	1				

METS - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 10 - A's 6, Braves 1

A'S

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Mason Louiselle	1		1		
Matthew Vanniman	2				
Ben Boss	2				
Cameron Clark	2				
Brandon Clark	1				
Hannah Zip	1				
Collin Turkelson	1				
Chris Gregory	1				
Jacob Cox	1				

BRAVES - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 17 - Mets 13, A's 12

METZ

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Noah Carson	3				
Jacob Taylor	2	1			
Tyler Fuchs	1				
Montana Thompson	2				
Wesley Crandell	2				
Ethan Siegwart	3				
Micahel Turcott	3				
Colin Davis	2				
Jakob Simmons	2				
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A'S - NO STATS REPORTED

MINOR LEAGUE

MAY 7 - Orioles 11, Cubs 8

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Noah Certa	2	1			
Luke Klinger	1				
Tristan Rudolph	1				
Adam Michaud	1				
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ORIOLES - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 9 - Cubs 9, Reds 4

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Adam Michaud	2				
Andrew Michaud					
Tyler Drenth					
Luke Klinger					
Noah Certa					
Hunter Cox					
PITCHER	**IP**	**HA**	**SO**	**W**	
Hunter Cox	2	1	6	2	
Noah Certa	1		3	1	

REDS - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 9 - Reds 6, Orioles 6

REDS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Logan Eckhardt				1	2
PITCHER	**IP**	**HA**	**SO**	**W**	
Logan Eckhardt	3	4	5	3	
Noah Jeakle	3	4	4	4	

ORIOLES - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 11 - Cubs 11, Reds 5

REDS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Logan Eckhardt			1		2
Noah Jeakle	1				1
PITCHER	**IP**	**HA**	**SO**	**W**	
Eli Daman	1	3	1	3	
Keenan Borthz	1	2	1	4	
Logan Eckhardt	3	2	4	2	

CUBS - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 14 - Sox 11, Cubs 1

WHITE SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Will Telgebhof		1			
Jared Cole	1				
Devin Largent	1				
Austin Putman	1				
PITCHER	**IP**	**HA**	**SO**	**W**	
Austin Putman	3	2	7		
Will Telgebhof	2	1	3		

CUBS - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 16 - Reds 12, Orioles 5

REDS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Jake Segar	1				
PITCHER	**IP**	**HA**	**SO**	**W**	
Logan Eckhardt	3	3	4	3	
Noah Jeakle	1	2	2	3	
Jake Segai	1		3		

ORIOLES - NO STATS REPORTED

MAJOR LEAGUE

MAY 9- Cardinals 11, Tigers 11

CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Tanner Catt	1				1
Charlie Hamilton	1				
Tommy Zip				1	1
Corbin Turkelson	1				
Thomas Sutton		2			2
PITCHER	**IP**	**HA**	**SO**	**W**	
Tanner Catt	5	10	5	1	
Charlie Hamilton	1	0	2	0	

TIGERS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Coby Herriman	1	1		2	8
Andrew Potter	2	1			1
J.J. Bottomley	2				1
Justin Erskine	2	1			
PITCHER	**IP**	**HA**	**SO**	**W**	
Andrew Potter	3	3			
J.J. Bottomley	1	4			
Coby Herriman	2	1			

MAY 11 - Tigers 6, EJIW 5

TIGERS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Andrew Potter	2				
J.J. Bottomley	3				
Coby Herriman			1		
Jordan Jelinek	1				
PITCHER	**IP**	**HA**	**SO**	**W**	
Coby Herriman	4	0	10		
Andrew Potter	4	4	7		

EJIW - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 11 - Cardinals 19, EJ Insurance Shop 1

CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Tanner Catt	1				2
Charlie Hamilton				1	2
Thomas Sutton				1	2
Tommy Zip	1		1	2	7
Sam Eakes		1			2
Drew Seymour	1				
PITCHER	**IP**	**HA**	**SO**	**W**	
Charlie Hamilton	4	1	10	2	
Tommy Zipp	2	0	5	2	

EJ INSURANCE SHOP
NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 14- Cardinals 12, EJIW 9

CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Charlie Hamilton			1		1
Thomas Sutton	1				
Tanner Catt	1				2
Tommy Zip	1			1	4
Corbin Turkelson	1				
PITCHER	**IP**	**HA**	**SO**	**W**	
Tanner Catt	4	5	4	1	
Tommy Zip	2	2	2	3	

EJIW - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 14 - Tigers 9, EJ Rotary 6

TIGERS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Coby Herriman	2				
Jackson Buday	1	1			
Chandler Novotny		1			
Andrew Potter	1				
Justin Erskin	1	1			
Brad Rizzo					
PITCHER	**IP**	**HA**	**SO**	**W**	
Andrew Potter	5⅓	4	11	0	
J.J. Bottomley	⅔	3	1	1	

EJ ROTARY - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 16 - Tigers 12, EJ Insurance Shop 5

TIGERS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Andrew Potter			1		
Coby Herriman	1				
Jackson Buday	1	1			
PITCHER	**IP**	**HA**	**SO**	**W**	
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Justin Erskine	1	0	3	4	

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder tennis miss state qualification by three points

The Charlevoix tennis team missed a showing at the state finals by three points.

At the May 17 regional meet Charlevoix placed fourth out of 12 teams.

"I was proud of the kids. We lost a lot of our practice time to the weather but we improved and finished strong," coach Erik Lundteigen said.

Individual results were:

- First, singles: Dan Swenor lost to Grayling 6-3, 6-1.
- Second, singles: Ty Haske beat Glen Lake 6-3, 6-2; lost to Traverse City St. Francis 6-3, 6-1.
- Third, singles: Weston Bryan beat Northport 6-3, 6-0; lost to Elk Rapids 6-3, 6-3.
- Fourth, singles: Alex McKenzie beat Grayling 6-0, 6-1; lost to Elk Rapids 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.
- First, doubles: Justin Klooster and Trevor Mays beat Manistee 6-4, 6-4; lost to Leelanau Schools 7-6, 4-6, 7-5.
- Second, doubles: Brad Cyr and Kris Bartling won the regionals in their flight. They beat Glen Lake 6-1, 6-1; beat Manistee 6-1, 6-2 and beat Traverse City St. Francis 6-4, 7-5. They finished the season 12-0.
- Third, doubles: Alex Molter and Collin McDonough were runner-up in their flight. They beat Northport 6-2, 6-2; beat Harbor Springs 6-3, 5-7, 7-6; and lost to Traverse City St. Francis 6-4, 6-0
- Fourth, doubles: Scotty Silberhorn and Kevin Greyerbiehl beat Leeland 6-2, 7-6; lost to Traverse City St. Francis 6-4, 6-2.

Soccer team scores 20 goals in three wins

The lady Rayder soccer team secured three wins last week in Lake Michigan Conference play to remain undefeated in the conference.

On May 18, Charlevoix beat Gaylord 4-2. The Blue Devils got on the board early going with a strong breeze when Bridget Schellie pounced on a rebound from Charlevoix keeper Tammy Potter. After that it was all Rayders as Charlevoix earned their thirteenth win of the season against a tough Division 2 opponent.

In the first half Charlevoix goals were scored by senior Lori Zimmerman on an assist from sophomore Meridith Rich and by Becca Madison.

Second half scoring came from Ariel Ramsey and Zimmerman.

On May 17 they beat Lake Michigan Conference opponent Kalkaska 8-0 to improve to 12-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

The Rayders received two goals apiece from senior Zita Anderson, junior Ariel Ramsey and sophomore Olivia Catt and single scores from Lori Zimmerman and KC McCary. Becca Madison assisted on four goals. Also picking up assists were Ramsey, Catt, McCary and Breanna Londgren.

Tammy Potter earned the shutout in the net. Ariel Ramsey was awarded Rayder Player of the Game honors.

The win followed an 8-0 victory over Grayling.

Charlevoix goals were scored by Emily Foster, Becca Madison (2), Ariel Ramsey (2), Caroline Dupuis, and Bridget Peters (2). Assists went to Madison, Ramsey (2), Catt, Marnie Greene, McCary and Madison Way (2). Tammy Potter earned the shutout in goal.

Freshman Caroline Dupuis earned the Rayder Player of the Game award for strong play.

The 10th ranked Rayders are now 13-1 overall, 12-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference. Charlevoix hosted Traverse City Liberty on Monday in a conference match. Results from that game were not available by press time.

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The tournament is being sponsored by District 21 Softball.

Games begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 26 and continue into the evening. Play will resume at 9 a.m. Sunday morning, May 27, and will culminate with a championship game scheduled to take place at 5 p.m.

Klooster is one of two Michigan Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame members from Charlevoix. The other is Leroy Buchanan as a manager. Klooster was an outstanding pitcher over a 33-year career from 1949 through 1982. He participated in five state championships including a Class C state championship with Ormsbee Motors from Cheboygan in 1963. He was also known for his outstanding hitting ability.

In 1981, Klooster was inducted into the Cheboygan Sports Hall of Fame and then in 1996, he was inducted into the Michigan Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame.

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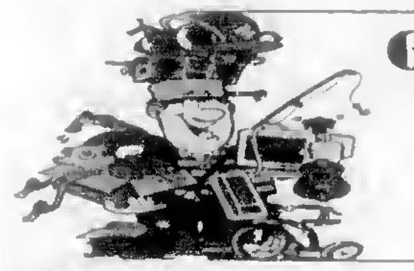

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Dated: MAY 16, 2007

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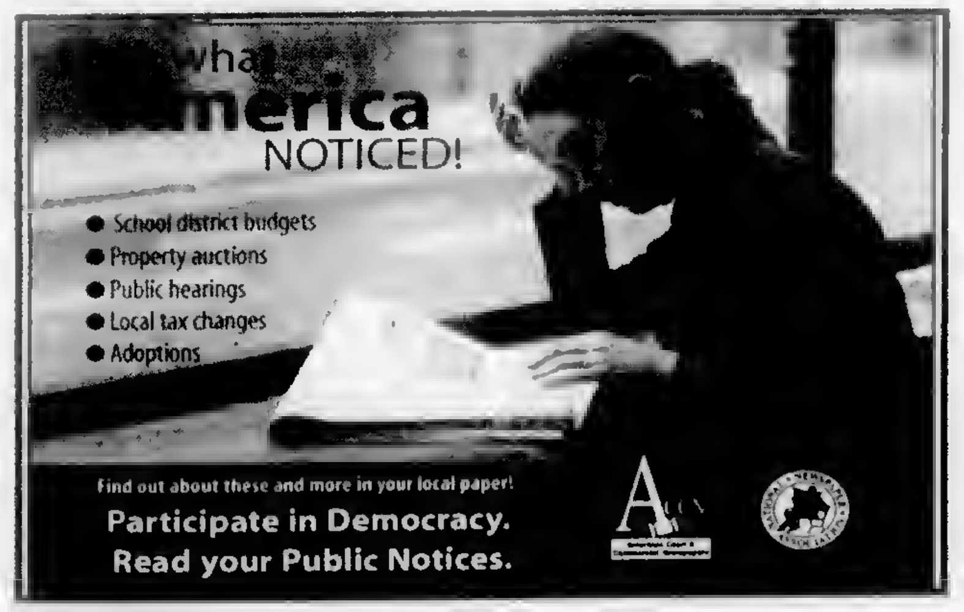

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Timothy B. Kassuba and Brenda J. Kassuba, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Delta Funding Corp., Mortgagee, dated September 26, 2005 and recorded October 25, 2005 in Liber 712 Page 370 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-4, Renaissance Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Notes, Series 2005-4, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Seventy-Two Dollars and Forty-One Cents ($130,072.41) including interest 8.938% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, June 22, 2007. Said premises are situated in Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel D: Commencing at a railroad bolt at the East One-Quarter corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said Section South 0 degrees 16 minutes 49 seconds East 1335.36 feet to a T-iron stake on the South eighth line of said Section; thence along said eighth line, as monumented, South 89 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds West, recorded as South 89 degrees 47 minutes 13 seconds West, 392.29 feet to a One-Half inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence South 0 degrees 16 minutes 49 seconds East 104.54 feet to a One-Half inch rod; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds West 307.71 feet to a One-Half inch rod; thence South 0 degrees 18 minutes 15 seconds East 274.60 feet to a One-Half inch rod; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds West 307.81 feet; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 15 seconds East 588.24 feet to a One-Half inch rod on the North line of said road; thence continuing South 0 degrees 18 minutes 15 seconds East 37.70 feet to the centerline of said road; thence along said centerline the following three (3) courses: North 61 degrees 22 minutes 38 seconds West 78.61 feet; along a curve to the left 198.06 feet, the radius of said curve being 1306.08 feet and the chord bears North 65 degrees 43 minutes 17 seconds West 197.87 feet, and continuing along a curve to the left 62.42 feet, the radius of said curve being 607.47 feet and the chord bears North 73 degrees 00 minutes 36 seconds West 62.39 feet, to the East eighth line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said eighth line North 00 degrees 15 minutes 21 seconds West (recorded as North 0 degrees 15 minutes 38 seconds West) 33.91 feet to a One-Half inch rod on the North line of said road; thence continuing along said East eighth line North 00 degrees 15 minutes 21 seconds West (recorded as North 0 degrees 15 minutes 38 seconds West) 832.72 feet to a One-Half inch rod on the South eighth line of said Section; thence along said eighth line, as monumented, North 89 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds East (recorded as North 89 degrees 47 minutes 13 seconds East) 923.14 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 7 West The double-wide manufactured home (DWMH) that is permanently attached to the land as described above is fully immobilized, and is assessed and intended to be treated as real property securing the mortgage loan, and not chattel or a motor vehicle. Commonly known as 00167 North Advance Road, East Jordan MI 49727 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in eccordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sele, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MAY 16, 2007

HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-4, Renaissance Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Notes, Series 2005-4, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-70502 ASAP# 855699
(L-05/23/2007, 05/30/2007, 06/06/2007, 06/13/2007)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

WILLIAM AZKOUL P.C. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, a/k/a Equestrian Way L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, of 9445 Equestrian Way, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated May 20, 2005, and recorded on November 16, 2005, in Liber 716, Page 875, of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Ninety Seven Cents ($289,996.97), which shall accrue interest at the rate of 16.85%, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided on June 15, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell in the lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County and which are described as follows:

PARCEL C: Commencing at the Northeast quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00º16'04" East 338.00 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said section line, South 00º16'04" East 2293.50 feet to a 1.5 inch pipe at the East quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00º22'50" East 387.88 feet to the Northwesterly line of Highway US 31; thence continuing along said section line, South 00º22'50" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55º46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57º19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37º32'45": West (recorded as North 37º33'51" West) 125.45 feet to the Northwesterly line of said highway; thence continuing North 37º32'45" West (recorded as North 37º33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52º45'30" East 161.88 feet, thence North 45º56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10º55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19º56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58º46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29º36'59" West 53.57 feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge, being Re-plat Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwesterly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 393.00 feet and the chord bears North 39º09'59" East 196.80 feet), North 24º39'59" East 168.05 feet, Northerly along curve to the left 275.21 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00º31'21" West 266.43 feet); thence North 64º17'20" East 274.91 feet and North 12º32'35" West 300.00 feet; thence leaving the perimeter of the aforementioned condominium, North 77º33'35" East 568.93 feet (recorded as North 77º27'51" East 567.90 feet) to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West. Tax ID: 15-007-118-014-00 which is vacant land located on US 31, Hayes Township, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Bond Corporation
2007 Eastern, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

DATED: May 2, 2007

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MAY 2007

Three contested city council ward seats

ELECTION

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from Division Street between Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix south to the lower coast of Round Lake and a small portion of Hurlbut Avenue between Grant Street and State Street.

Competing for the Second Ward seat being vacated by Eugene Beer are Kim Vanmeter and Douglas (DJ) Way Jr. Vying for outgoing council member Shirley Gibson's Third Ward seat are Jill Picha and John Elzinga. City clerk Carol Ochs is currently running unopposed.

The general election to decide who will hold the clerk's and ward seats will take place Nov. 6.

The names on the November ballot won't necessarily reflect who will be clerk, or first, second and third ward council members. Write-in candidates can file their intention to run with Ochs, until 4 p.m. Oct. 26.

The city clerk and city council members are elected to two-year terms and there are no council term limits.

For more information, contact Ochs at (231) 547-3250 or stop by Charlevoix City Hall where write-in candidates can file, 210 State St.

FIRST WARD

Mary Eveleigh

Mary Eveleigh

Age: 54

Residence: Charlevoix resident since 1986

Occupation: Bookkeeper for Eveleigh Tile and Stone

Past political experience: Serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals

Why did you decide to run for city council or how do you think you can contribute?

Eveleigh: "I'm very much for the rights of people and for the protection of people and I like servicing people. I want people to feel like they can ask questions and that they're not stupid questions."

What do you hope to see in the new city manager?

Eveleigh: "I want someone that will look out for all of us as a whole."

Dennis Kusina

Dennis Kusina

Age: 58

Residence: Charlevoix resident since 1964

Occupation: Head of Kusina Farm Bureau Insurance Agency

Past political experience: Presently on the City of Charlevoix Planning Commission, has also served on the Downtown Development Authority

Why did you decide to run for city council or how do you think you can contribute?

Kusina: "I'd like to see people working together more. I'd like to see more communication between the council and the commissions. I see this as a natural progression from the planning commission."

What do you hope to see in the new city manager?

Kusina: "I hope to see somebody that is energetic and somebody that is a people-person."

John McNabb

John McNabb

Age: 49

Residence: Charlevoix resident since birth

Occupation: Industrial and Medical Gas Representative for Purity Cylinder Gas

Past political experience: Past campaign manager for candidates in Ann Arbor and Benzie County, director of the Commission on Youth for Benzie County for five years.

How do you think you can contribute to the city council?

McNabb: "I'd like to try to help bring more economic development and bring more things to serve youth in the community. I don't think we're doing as much in Charlevoix for our kids as our parents did for them. People need year-round jobs in Charlevoix and people that do live here year-round need to be entertained and taken care of."

What do you hope to see in the new city manager?

McNabb: "Someone who is focused on the year-round residences and the year-round businesses at least as much if not more than the summer residences and summer businesses."

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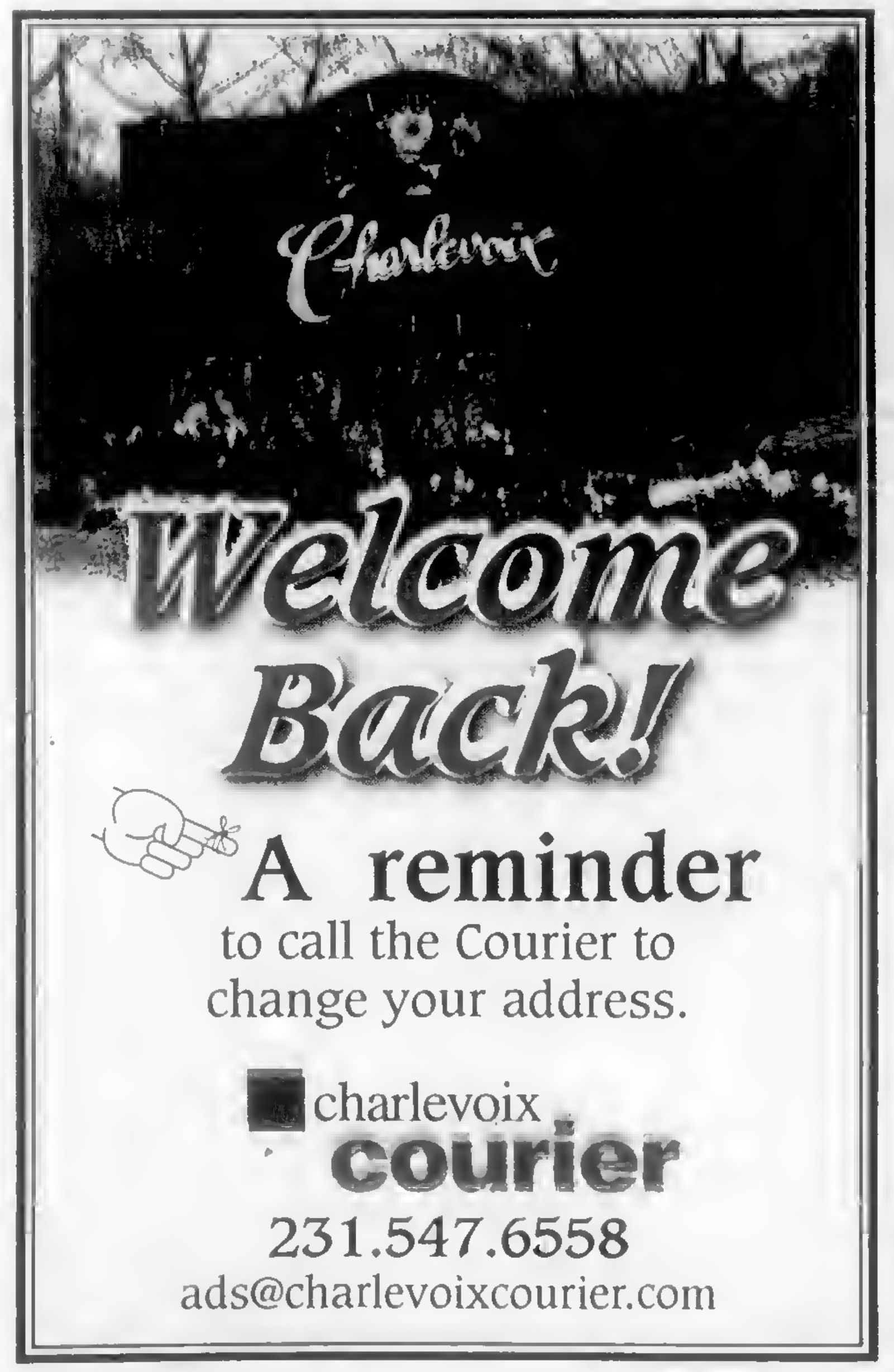

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November election promises three new faces on council

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SECOND WARD

Kim Vanmeter

Kim Vanmeter

Age: 42

Residence: Charlevoix resident since birth

Occupation: Realtor for Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors

Past political experience: Served on the City of Charlevoix Board of Review

Why did you decide to run for city council or how would you contribute?

Vanmeter: "I noticed this year there seems to be a lot of empty retail downtown and I don't see those filling right now with the uncertainty of the finishing of the park, but hopefully once that's done we can get businesses in there that will stay. I really want to get out and meet all the Second Ward people, find out what their plan is and go with that. I really want to get involved in the community."

What do you hope to see in the new city manager?

Vanmeter: "Someone with a lot of experience in dealing with a small, close-knit community rather than someone looking to run a big city."

Douglas Way Jr. (DJ Way)

Douglas Way Jr.

Age: 45

Residence: Charlevoix resident since birth

Occupation: Chief Financial Officer of Way Transportation

Past political experience: Way ran for former councilman Gabe Campbell's open Second Ward seat on city council in 2002. He faced Karen Campbell, Gabe's wife in the Nov. 5, 2002 election and lost by a small margin — the final tally was 193 to 183. That was the second time he ran for a second ward seat, he lost to incumbent Bill Bellows in November 2000.

Why did you decide to run for city council or how would you contribute?

Way: "I think everyone should serve the town in which they live, I feel like I can contribute with my input as to how to efficiently and responsibly aid the mayor and others in making sound financial decisions with respect to the people who live here."

What do you want to see in a new city manager?

Way: "I'd like to see a people-person, someone that equally meets the needs of the people and the city."

THIRD WARD

John Elzinga

Could not be reached by perss time.

Residence. Charlevoix resident for the past 10 years

Occupation: Retired farmer and fruit grower.

Past political experience: Spent 20 years as the Banks Township treasurer in Antrim County. He ran in a primary election for a Sixth District Charlevoix County Commissioner's seat in August 2002 against current commissioner Shirley Roloff and Richard Gillespie, a former commissioner. He took 141 votes, Roloff took 286 and Gillespie took 276.

Jill Picha

Age: 68

Jill Picha

Residence: Charlevoix resident since birth

Occupation: Housewife

Past political experience: Ran for Third Ward seat in 1995 against A.J. Witthoeft and lost by 11 votes.

Why did you decide to run for city council or how would you contribute?

Picha: "I had a few people approach me to run because I attend meetings all the time. I'm in all the meetings and I keep an eye on what's going on and if I feel that something's not for the people, I voice my opinion."

What do you hope to see in the new city manager?

Picha: "I'd like to see that the city runs as smoothly as it's been running in the last couple of months."

CITY CLERK

Carol Ochs

Age: 38

Carol Ochs

Residence: Born and raised in Charlevoix, spent time in Grand Rapids and returned to Charlevoix eight years ago.

Occupation/past political experience: City clerk for 2.5 terms

Why did you decide to run for city clerk again?

Ochs: "It's going to be a continuity issue. In the next year, we're going to have all new city council members. People will be settling down and getting to know the ropes."

What do you hope to see in the new city manager?

Ochs: "I hope he can find a way to bridge the gap between the staff here and council members that are inexperienced."

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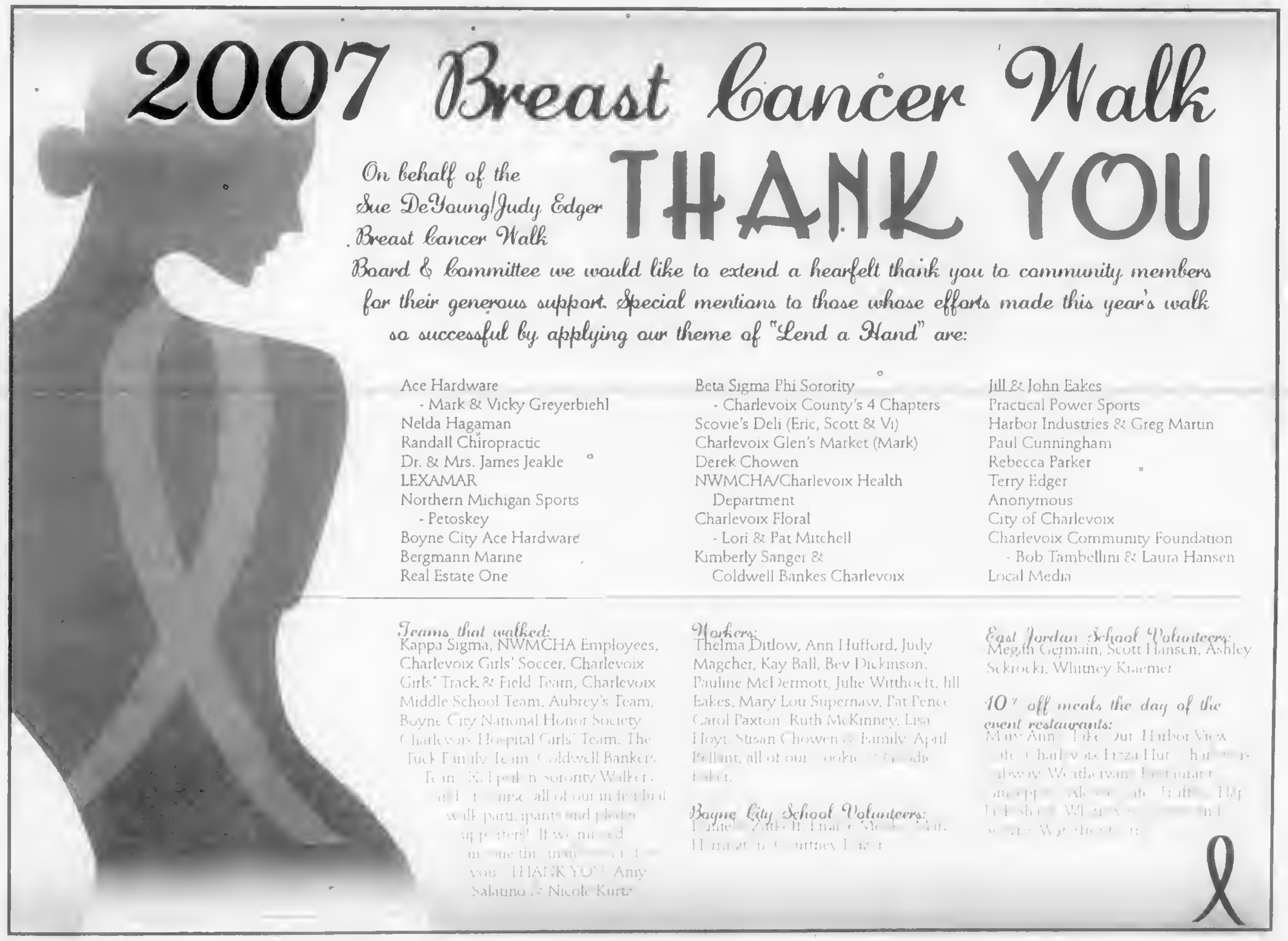

2007 Breast Cancer Walk

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Breast Cancer Walk Board & Committee we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to community members for their generous support. Special mentions to those whose efforts made this year's walk so successful by applying our theme of "Lend a Hand" are:

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CHARLEVOIX briefs

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MAY 23
COMPUTER TIDBITS

The Charlevoix Public Library is beginning a new round of Computer Tidbits at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays during the month of May.

Computer Tidbits are short demonstrations designed to learn one specific computer application.

The May Tidbit classes include: May 23, making the most of your library; and May 30, Internet tricks. Each class is about an hour in length and is held in the library's computer lab. Computer Tidbits are free and open to the public.

For more information, call (231) 237-7340.

MAY 24
POPPY SALE

The American Legion, Unit 226 and its Auxiliary will distribute the American Legion poppies on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 24, 25, and 26.

All members are asked to assist. Poppies may be picked up at Birdie's Beauty Shop, 101 Mason St. For more information or to volunteer, call Katie Curtis (231) 547-6943 or Birdie Whitley (231) 547- 2791.

The donations received from the public for the poppies are used locally to assist veterans and their families.

MAY 26
ED SULLIVAN SHOW/ COSTUME PARTY

Watch excerpts of the Beatles' original performances on the Ed Sullivan Show from three consecutive shows in February 1964 at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 26 in the comfort of Crooked Tree Arts Center's Ross Stoakes Theatre.

The entire Ed Sullivan Show clips will be shown for those interested, after Beatles' excerpts.

Come in costume.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 East Mitchell St. in Petoskey. For more information, call (231) 347-4337.

MAY 29
CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND

Charlevoix City Band rehearsals will take place at 6:30 p.m. May 29 in the Charlevoix Middle School band room. For more information, call Ev Wujcik at (231) 547-6376, Gail Baldridge at (231) 547-5653 or Judy Willey at (231) 237-9392.

MAY 31
BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Regional Chambers of Commerce of Northwest Michigan invite you to take advantage of a Business After Hours networking opportunity from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 31 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

This Regional Business After Hours is being organized by the Charlevoix, Boyne City, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Harbor Springs and Petoskey chambers of commerce.

The cost is $5 per person for chamber members and $10 per person for non-members.

For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

JUNE 2
BOB CAREY GOLF SCRAMBLE

2007 Michigan State University Top of the State Alumni Scholarship Golf Scramble-Bob Carey Memorial. The event will raise money for an area graduate to receive a scholarship to attend Michigan State. $100 donation includes golf at the Belvedere Golf Club in Charlevoix, MI. Lunch and prizes. Saturday June 2nd. 7:30 a.m. start. For more details or to make a donation to the scholarship fund, call Teresa at 231-582-0086.

JUNE 2
BOATING SAFETY

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office will be offering Boater's Safety classes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 2 at Charlevoix Public Library.

Those who currently have an on-line boating safety certificate, must take a proctored test and receive a state honored boating safety certificate. The state only honors on-line course completed certificates that have been verified by a proctored Michigan exam. Proctored exam time is from 7-8 p.m. on July 9 at the Boyne City Middle School and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on July 16 at the East Jordan District Library.

The class is free-of-charge and pre-registration is not required. Minimum age for class attendance is 12. Students should bring date of birth information with them for registration purposes. It is recommended that students eat prior to class or bring a small snack to class. Due to the short duration of the course, there will be no meal time. Students receiving a satisfactory test grade will receive their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate at the conclusion of the course.

Completion of this class is mandatory for individuals born after December 31, 1978 to operate a personal watercraft, for juveniles between the ages of 12 and 16 to operate a boat and for parents that allow their children between the ages of 12 and 14 to operate a personal watercraft. A parent must be riding with the child during operation.

For more information, call the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Marine Division at (231) 547-4461 ext. 320.

JUNE 10
LOU OPEN

Mark your calendars for the Lou Open Golf Tournament fund-raiser with proceeds going to St. Mary School.

Registration will take place from noon to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 10 at the Charlevoix Golf Club. Shotgun starts at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 4 p.m. followed by Bill Stevens' world famous Swiss Steak dinner. Teams can be men, women, mixed men and women, parents/kids. Skill and raffle prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call (231) 547-5125.

JUNE 12
YOUNG AMERICANS CONCERT

The Young Americans will present a concert in the Charlevoix High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. on June 12. Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for students and are available at the Bridge Street Book Shop and at the door.

For more information, contact Susie Johnson by phone at (562) 430-3342.

JUNE 18
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School at St. Mary School will follow the theme of "Great Bible Reef" from June 18-22. Early registration is currently underway. Prekindergarten through fifth-grade students are eligible to attend. There is a $20 registration fee.

Volunteers are needed.

For more information or to register, call the parish office at 547-6652.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

Play Club, 6 p.m., May 23.

Movies at 2 p.m. featuring "Freaky Friday," June 2.

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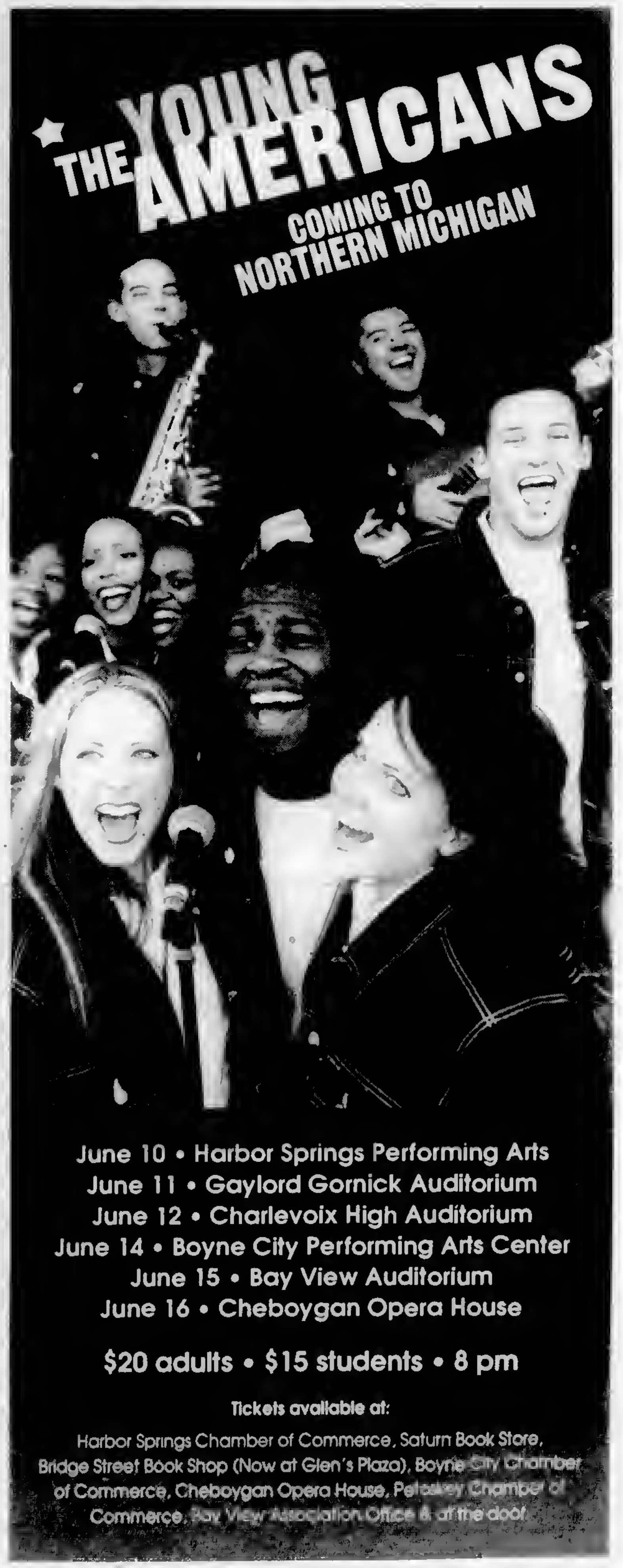

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Veterans march down Bridge Street to the Charlevoix Public Library in the Memorial Day parade. Hundreds attended the parade and ceremony.

Memorial Day marked in Charlevoix

Many battles were fought and many soldiers died since the first official Memorial Day observance shortly after that bloodiest of conflicts, the American Civil War, and for more than a century since, Americans have continued to gather each year in remembrance of those who sacrificed so much.

Veterans, the Rayder marching band, Boy and Girl Scouts and hundreds of onlookers attended the May 28 Memorial Day parade and subsequent ceremony outside the Charlevoix Public Library, which included a rifle-firing salute, the playing of "Taps" and a reading of the Gettysburg Address.

"It (Charlevoix's observance of Memorial Day) has progressively grown over the years to remember the people who are no longer with us and our friends and comrades who are somewhere

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2 charged with 'doctor shopping'

Prosecutor says pair worked in 23 counties

A Conway man and a Sparta woman were recently charged in Charlevoix in connection with a far-reaching prescription drug ring.

Charlevoix County prosecuting attorney John Jarema said James Michael Rose and Heidi L. Endres were investigated earlier this winter for "doctor shopping," the practice of filling multiple prescriptions from more than one doctor for the same drug in a short period of time with the intent of stocking up on drugs which are later sold on the street.

Rose

Endres

"This case is unusual since it involves 23 counties. I don't believe another county has charged this type of crime under racketeering," Jarema said. "My office was willing to be the lead prosecution on this case because 'doctor shopping' is a huge problem with too many prescription pills ending up on the street."

Arrested on May 7, Endres

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4 vie for manager's post

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix City Council members chose four possible candidates to fill the city manager position that was officially vacated in February.

Candidates were chosen from a list of approximately 40 people who applied for the position. In relation to this decision, they approved the extension of city treasurer Rick Brandi's contract as interim city manager until Jan. 15, 2008.

"I'll be bringing them up-to-May 30 as quick as possible," said Brandi. "We don't have an airport manager. I'll be trying to work with him on things like that."

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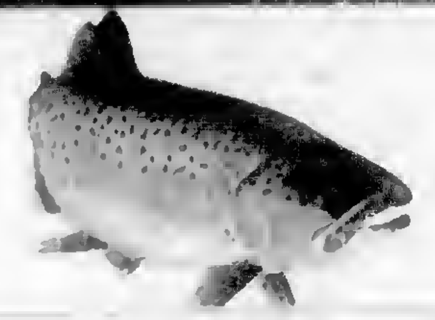

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Samuel George Godwin-Chulick, 21, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Serve 18 days in jail or pay $450 in fines and costs.

Joshua Allen Procknow, 18, Levering. Stolen property, receiving/concealing over $200 but less than $1,000. Credit for 20 days in jail; $873.75 in fines and costs.

Michael Thomas Kucera, 30, Boyne Falls. Telecommunication SVCS, malicious use. Serve 20 days in jail or pay $1,000 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Leo Hein, 23, Oxford. False report of a misdemeanor; Operating while intoxicated. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 20 days in jail; 57 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve 12 months on probation; to attend substance abuse classes; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend Impact weekend within 120 days; $1,380 in fines and costs.

Alvin Harold Giddings, 58, Boyne Falls. Attempted resisting and obstructing an officer; wildlife conservation general violation. 345 days held in abeyance; serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; to serve two years on probation; no hunting or participating in licensed hunts for three years; $1,500 in fines and costs.

David Clint Kaufman, 21, Garland, Texas. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

Brandon Michael Story, 19, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated. Credit for five days in jail; 73 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve one year on probation' submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; reside with parents and follow all house rules; $980 in fines and costs.

Ryan Andrew Lamp, 20, Charlevoix. Attempted resisting and obstructing an officer; minor in possession of alcohol. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 20 days in jail; 159 days held in abeyance; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $700 in fines and costs.

Lorraine Michelle Thompson, 38, Gaylord. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Dennis Scott Kenney, 27, Boyne City. Disturbing the peace. To serve 20 days in jail or pay $500 in fines and costs.

Shannon Lee Courtright, 26, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended; resisting and obstructing an officer. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 10 days in jail; serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; to serve one year on probation, submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,485 in fines and costs.

Vincent Kyle Rice, 19, Bay City. Minor in possession of alcohol. To attend Impact weekend within 80 days; $300 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed an assumed business name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

220 Lake Street; Club H2O, 220 Lake St., Boyne City, by Christopher J. Thiel.

Bay & Mountain Tree Service, 2393 Erickson Road, Boyne City, by Carl Ranch.

Snowdancer Ranch Alpacas, 05630 Stephens Road, Charlevoix, by Michael Bourassa.

Bonnies Things, 17189 Ferry Road, Charlevoix, by Bonnie Lesniak.

Mosley's Painting, 10252 Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, by Ronald B. Mosley.

C & P Lawncare & Cottage Maintenance, 07701 County Line Road, by Elmira Peggy Gregware.

Richard H. Grosberg; North Coast Tile and Stone, 09134 Burgess Road, Charlevoix, by Richard Harlan Grosberg.

Crossfire Table Tennis, 135 M-66 Highway, by David Kurchinski and Chad Closson.

Cherry Capital Foods LLC, PO Box 208 Charlevoix, by Eric Hahn

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently issued marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Andrew K. Kipapa Jr., 61, Boyne City and Catherine Lou McGuire, 48, East Jordan.

Keith Charles Grooms, 23, and Erin Katherine Borowiak, 27, both of Waycross, Ga.

Kenneth Barnes, 69, and Judy Marie Follette, 60, both of Boyne City.

Nathan Jon Martin, 29, and Carla Joy Story Buckner, 22, both of Beaver Island.

Daniel Ross Green, 24, Grandville, and Rachelle Marie Donaldson, 25, East Jordan.

Theodore James Polleys, 23, Charlevoix, and Sarah Elizabeth Ferree, 22, Boyne City.

Chadwick York Allen, 27, and Sarah Marie VanLoo, 26, both of Charlevoix.

James Casey Clevenger, 28, and Jacqlyn Brooks Reason, 26, both of Water Valley, Miss.

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MANAGER

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Brandi's term will overlap that of the newly hired city manager.

Todd Campbell, Michael Mitchell, Robert Straebel and Dayle Walker will be invited to interviews for the position tentatively scheduled for June 15 and 16 during an open work session.

"There are four really good candidates that all have different styles and capabilities," said Brandi. "It should be a good choice no matter who they select."

At this time, the city council has no projected salary range for the new city manager.

By Jan. 15, 2008, Brandi will have earned $70,773 as both the city treasurer and city manager. This is an increase of $13,881 from his salary as city treasurer.

Former city manager Mike Wiesner's base salary was $86,684.

Brandi's current salary will continue while the new city manager begins his term.

Brandi is scheduled to get a two to three percent raise of his base pay of $57,392 on April 1, 2008, after he returns to his position as city treasurer.

Brandi's current figure is comparable to those of the city manager candidates whose salaries range from $59,995 to $82,648 and are all employed by municipalities.

Campbell is the assistant city manager, the Director of Community Development and runs the Doyle Community Center for the city of Sturgis.

Mitchell is the village manager for Jonesville.

Walker is the director of finance for the city of Cadillac.

Straebel, who currently resides in the Taos Valley, N.M., is the Taos Valley village administrator.

A professional committee led by Brandi, mayor Norman Carlson, Historical Preservation Committee member Mary Adams and Charlevoix State Bank president John Kurtz were chosen by Brandi and city police chief Gerard Doan to conduct interviews of the candidates.

The committee performed telephone interviews of all 40 applicants and from that list selected Campbell, Mitchell, Straebel and Walker.

"They did the best they could, we spent hours looking over their resumes," said Brandi.

This same list was reviewed and chosen by the city council last week.

"I think they're all qualified and all four would do a good job for Charlevoix," said Carlson.

The final decision will take place at a later meeting date.

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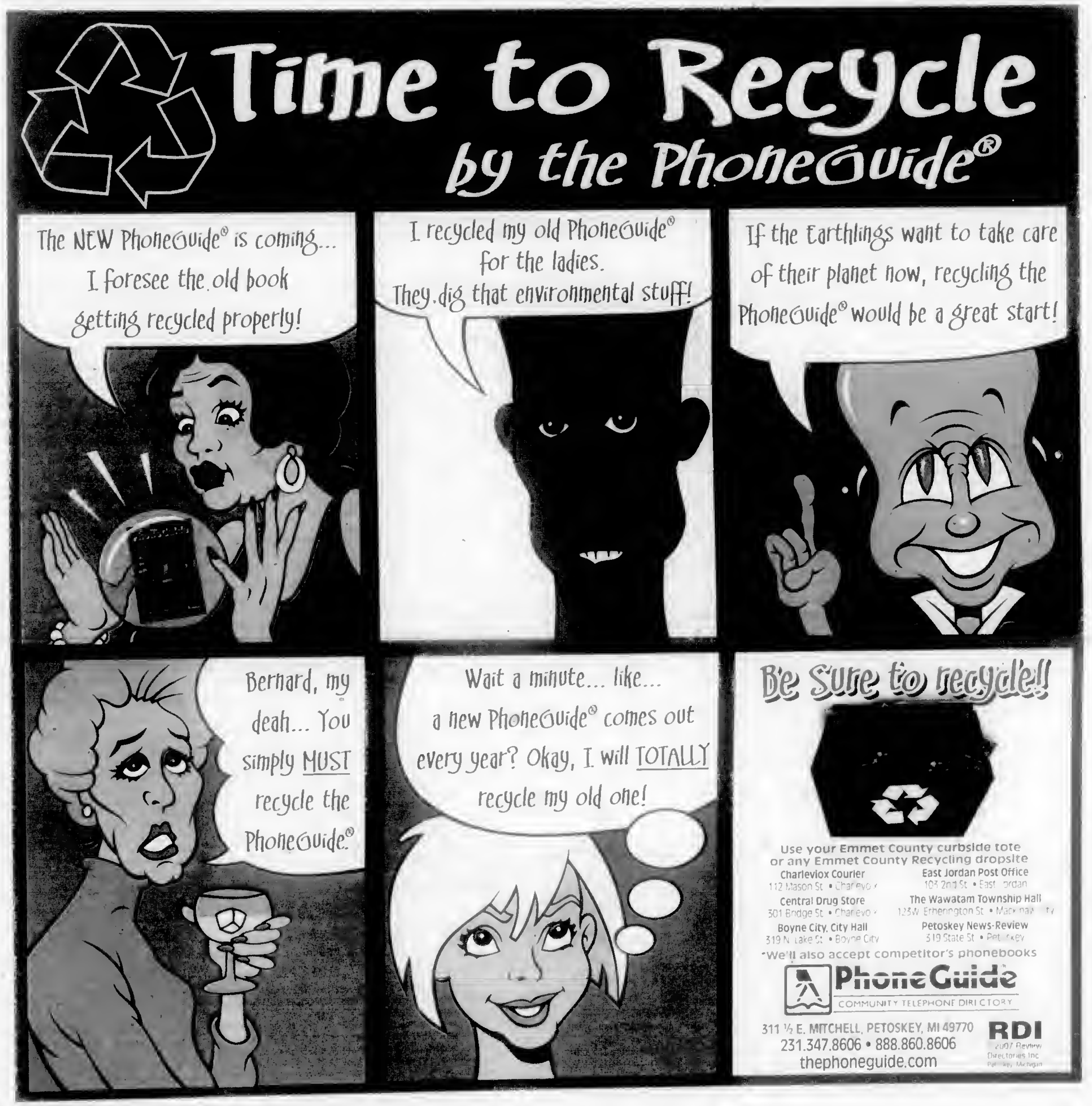
Mayor Normal Carlson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Benjamin Gohs

Since this country's inception a variety of our rulers have, from time to time, offended America's freedoms of expression.

John Adams' Sedition Act outlawed critical writing and speech against the U.S., a 1907 Supreme Court decision favored nationalism over property rights and free expression, in 2001 a reporter was interrogated by the Secret Service for writing an editorial asking Jesus Christ to smite George W. Bush and in 2006 a man was jailed for assault after telling Dick Cheney U.S. policy in Iraq was reprehensible.

While there have been numerous governmental freedom faux pas, the truth is we are blind to the true stewards of censorship — the American public.

Granted, our public servants make much better boogeymen, but it is our own cowardice which facilitates the further erosion of freedom: Every time we say, "there ought to be a law," apologize for expressing ourselves and use our right of expression to stifle someone else's views, we are guilty.

Somewhere along the line a great many people decided they have the right not to be offended. They took donations, formed groups and greased the palms of those who passed legislation on so-called hate speech and decency when all they needed do was ignore the insulting material thereby removing its power.

They started small by changing "manhole cover" to "person-hole cover," and "chairman" to "chairperson." Retarded people became mentally challenged and were then upgraded to cognitively impaired. I'm still white, but blacks are now African American regardless if they were born in Norwood or Sudan. And while I was born in America, I am not a native American, and I'm still not sure if it's polite to refer to Indians as Indians or a Native Americans.

In his book "Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word," Randall Kennedy discusses the controversy over who can and cannot employ the so-called N-word. The idea that there exists a race-specific license on what words one can and cannot use is nearly as frightening as it is ridiculous.

As asinine as those who hate others based on race, religion or sexual preference are, they have every right to engage in free speech, even the hateful kind.

What I find delightful, though contradictory, is the disparity between epithets the PC Police will and won't allow. While I can get away with saying "Redneck, whitey, cracker, Canuck, pollock, flapdragon, frog, limey and Mohawk," no one would stand for me calling an Irishman a "mic" or an Italian a "wop."

Before you break out the "Death to Gohs" stationery, I'm not dropping slurs just for the heck of it. My job consists of words, language and the nuances therein. And few things terrify me more than being told I am barred from using certain aspects of the language simply because I may offend someone. If I cannot write or say *&%$ today, then what won't I be able to write or say tomorrow?

I'm not calling for people to start dropping F-bombs or N-words willy-nilly on newscasts or in magazines, but when a radio shock-jock loses his job for saying, "nappy-headed hos," political correctness has gone too far.

I doubt not for a second that Imus' poor word choice hurt some feelings, but if he would have made nasty comments about fat people, whites, Canadians or gays, he would today remain unscathed — this selective enforcement of an arbitrary and nonexistent law really must end.

Like Spencer Tracy's char-

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New home sparkles with wood flooring

Kopitz

This column is part of a continuing series of columns about furnishing our new vacation home.

After finalizing the paperwork, we headed north to inspect our new vacation home in Charlevoix. Naturally, we wanted to sleep there as soon as we could, which to me, minimally, meant having mattresses, box springs and metal frames.

Our helpful real estate agent from Prudential, Loren Musilek, had not only directed us to Bartletts Furniture Store on North M-66 in Charlevoix, but he contacted the owner personally. Shortly, thereafter, I received an e-mail from Dee Lucas saying she would help me when I came in.

I called Dee on a Tuesday and said we would be there late Wednesday to select mattresses, box springs and frames. Of course, when I got there, I did what my clients always do, I asked, "How soon can we get delivery?"

Dee said, "We will try and have everything delivered at 9 a.m. Thursday morning." And amazingly, they did.

As we all know, there are many things of value besides just price which we have to consider when purchasing items for our homes. Many, including excellent service, can only be had from small business owners, like Bartletts Furniture Store.

When we arrived at our house in Charlevoix, I walked into the living area and realized that the existing beige Berber-looking carpeting, which I thought would work, at least for awhile — would be impossible for me to live with. It was just too busy and didn't go with my design scheme.

A wood floor seemed the most practical replacement. I explored the idea of wood laminate flooring for pricing reasons and I thought I would use it. However, I soon realized that the labor and the other details, such as moldings and floor preparation cost the same for laminate as for wood, so the price difference was not as drastic as I had imagined. Also the new floor would butt up against the existing real wood floor in the entry and I didn't think that would blend with the laminate. I decided to go with real wood even though I think wood laminate is a good product.

I ordered Mohawk wood flooring from Bartletts . I chose a light maple wood that had almost no variation in color. They installed quickly and promptly. (I gave them a key).

However, when I arrived at the house to inspect the finished product, the floor had a wide range of color variations. That was not what I ordered. I called Bartletts. Bruce Bartlett, the owner, came right over.

He agreed the floor was not like the sample and said he would take care of it. When I called a week or so later, I found out that new flooring had already arrived in town from Mohawk who also agreed the floor was not what was ordered. Bruce had made arrangements for the tear out and new installation. Honestly, I was not only amazed at how efficiently they handled the situation, but also the good-natured way he accepted the problem.

I've been in this business a long time and we all know that not everyone stands behind their products in the way that Bruce Bartlett did along with Mohawk wood flooring.

Let's remember the value of the personal touch, the extra mile, the individualized service that is typically only available from a personally-owned business. They have flexibility because of their manageable size. Each customer is important to them. Often the owner is on the premises and he or she can make the hard decisions quickly.

We all have local stores in our areas that want to be helpful and provide good service to their customers, in the same way that Bartletts does. We should patronize them.

Barbara Kopitz is an interior designer. Meet here in editor Julie Witthoeft's column on page 8.

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Couple accused of filling dozens of scripts

DRUGS

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was charged with racketeering, but pleaded to the lesser charge of attempted racketeering on Tuesday, May 22, in Charlevoix 90th District Court on one count of attempting to conduct a criminal enterprise for her role in the fraudulent purchase of prescription drugs in nearly two dozen counties over several months.

Endres faces a five-year felony and/or a $100,000 fine.

Rose, was originally charged with three counts including conducting a criminal enterprise, which is a 20-year, $100,000 felony; obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, which is a four-year, $33,000 felony and conspiracy to commit health care fraud, which is a 10-year, $50,000 felony. Additionally he was charged with habitual offender fourth degree which means count one and count three would become life offenses if convicted as charged.

In return for the lesser charge, Endres has agreed to testify against Rose during the preliminary examination which was scheduled for Tuesday, May 29, the results of which were not available before press time.

Chief assistant prosecutor Shaynee Fanara said Rose could face additional charges including fraudulent use of a financial transaction device, larceny in a building, a second racketeering charge and additional medical insurance fraud.

According to Michigan State Police trooper Jim E. Armstrong's affidavit of probable cause, he began investigating Rose and Endres in January after receiving information from the Northern Michigan Hospital pharmacy that Rose had, "obtained numerous prescriptions for Vicodin and in the pharmacist('s) opinion was doctor/pharmacy shopping."

Armstrong's affidavit alleges Rose and Endres used a doctor's prescription request form stolen from Kalkaska Family Practice to obtain drugs including hydrocodone from Feb. 27 through March 9 of this year.

On March 29, Armstrong stated, a fellow detective got a call from Endres' estranged husband who apparently received information claiming Endres, "had been a patient 19 times in different Northern Michigan emergency rooms in just the past three to four weeks."

On April 10, Armstrong found information in the Endres' medical insurance records that Endres, "went to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey for controlled substance prescriptions on Jan. 28, Jan. 31, Feb. 6, Feb. 9 and Feb. 21," as well as a Jan. 19 visit to Quick Care in Petoskey.

Investigators from the Alpena post of the Michigan State Police then investigated both Rose and Endres for prescription fraud on March 30.

"(The investigator) confirmed that on March 27, 2007, Rose tried to fill a prescription at Neiman's Pharmacy in Alpena and they refused based on it being an invalid prescription. (The investigator) then check(ed) with Kmart pharmacy in Alpena and verified that Rose had just filled a prescription for Vicodin that day at 5:30 p.m.," Armstrong stated.

Armstrong also stated that on Jan. 22, Rose was issued and filled a prescription for hydrocodone at Central Drug Store in Charlevoix shortly after seeing a doctor at Petoskey Urgent Care.

Rose allegedly filled more than 24 prescriptions for hydrocodone in two months according to the Michigan Automated Prescription System, Armstrong stated.

Jarema said this type of behavior will not be tolerated in Charlevoix County.

"I have taken a tough stance on drugs in our community and I am committed to doing everything in my power to ensure that this community is safe for all its citizens," he said.

Neither Rose's or Endres' impending Charlevoix 33rd Circuit Court appearances were scheduled by press time.

Just because it causes offense isn't reason for ban on words

OFFENSE

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acter, Henry Drummond, in "Inherit the Wind" said, "I don't swear for the hell of it. Language is a poor enough means of communication. We've got to use all the words we've got. Besides, there are damn few words anybody understands."

Following is a three-step emergency plan for those of you easily offended by free speech:

1. Stock up on tissue paper — Warning: Excessive weeping may require something more absorbent such as a beach towel or bedspread.

2. Do not turn off the radio nor close the offending book or newspaper — the side effects of doing so include personal responsibility and diminished indignation.

3. Punch yourself in the stomach, because you are a whiny little dork and frankly I don't have time to do it for you.

Repeat as necessary.

CORRECTION

In the May 23 edition of the Charlevoix Courier it was written that John McNabb is a lifelong resident of Charlevoix, when in fact McNabb has been a resident of Charlevoix for five years.

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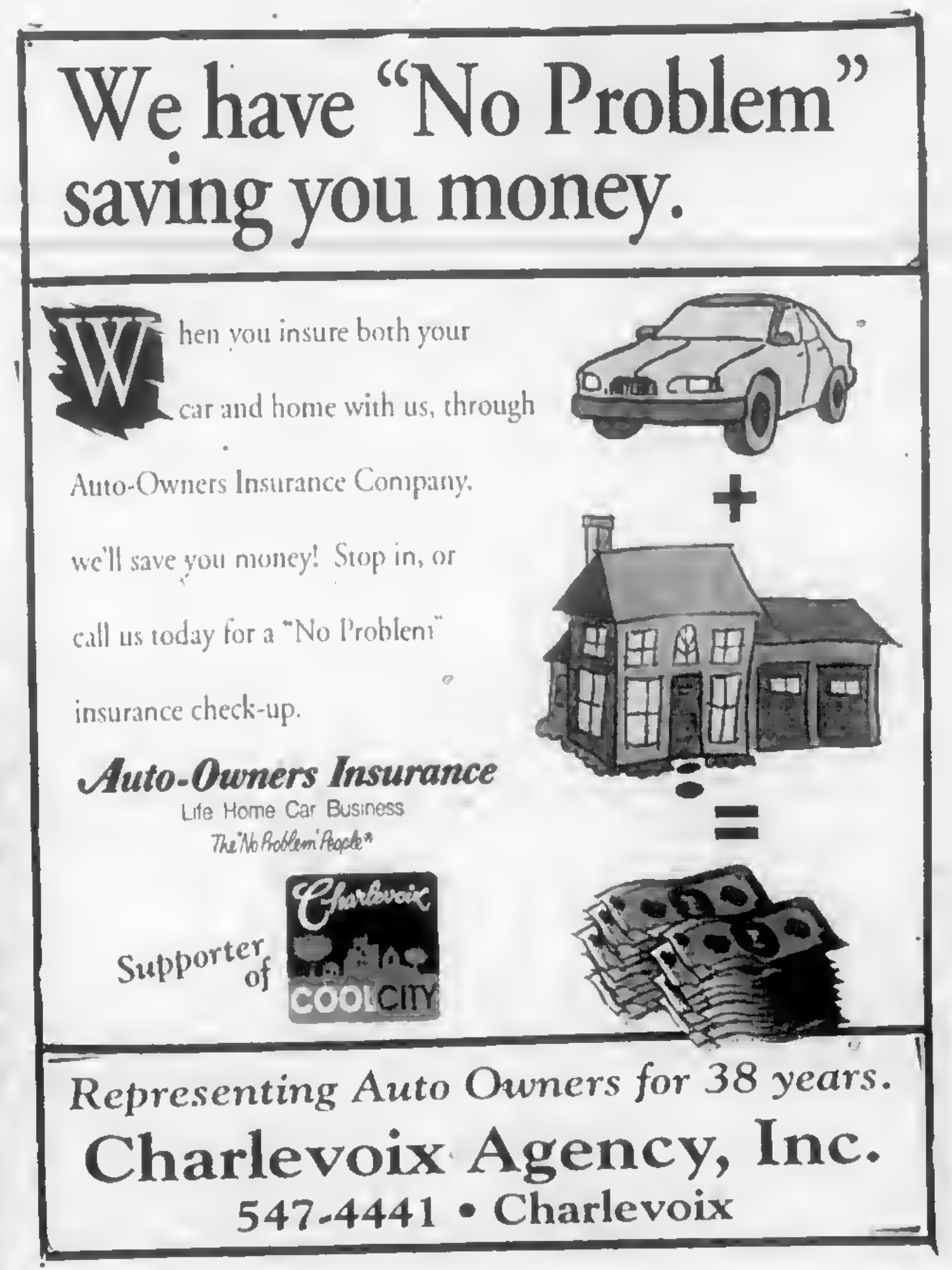

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LETTERS to the editor

THEY WANT YOUR GUNS

Editor:

With the ongoing war on terrorism, the efforts of organizations who support the U.S. Constitution and the Second Amendment are now more important than at any time in the past.

In 2007, the anti-gunners launched an all-out assault on the rights of gun owners. Now that the anti-gunners control both houses of Congress, the "Brady Center to Eradicate the Private Ownership of Firearms" has made public their intent to push for a national gun ban. In fact, the gun banners are also working to ban ammunition as well.

In California they have banned .50-caliber firearms and many semi-automatic rifles and shotguns. Now they want to add more guns to the list and ban gun shows. In Washington, D.C. and other cities, it is illegal to have a loaded rifle or shotgun in your own home for self-defense. So when you are told that the anti-gunners don't want your rifles and shotguns, don't believe it.

The old adage If you don't learn from your history, you are destined to repeat it is a warning we must all heed. Hitler started by registering all the guns in Germany and then, to cause panic, he had the Reichstag (the building in Berlin where elected members of the republic met to conduct the daily business of the government) burned in order to justify martial law and gave Hitler a reason to confiscate all the guns leaving the populous unarmed, defenseless and prisoners in their own country.

This time the Hitler will be the New World Order and the United Nations plans to be the jailer with us all as its slaves or prisoners. Since this nation was founded, Americans have been warned to keep their government from growing too powerful. Benjamin Franklin's remarks seem to be more timely today than when he first uttered them: "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty or safety. Nor, are they likely to end up with either."

Ronald Reagan said, "Freedom is a fragile thing and is never more than one generation away from extinction."

When our Founders wrote the Bill of Rights, they didn't randomly number them. The first 10 amendments were placed in order of their importance. The First Amendment was the reason our country was established and the Second Amendment was to protect all our God-given rights. When our elected representatives vote against the Second Amendment, it indicates their fear of an armed populace suggesting intended wrong doing or treason on their part and who appear to support the U.N. and a New World Order. These are arrogant, self-serving and opportunistically motivated individuals who seek a place in the New World Order and will sacrifice everything we hold dear to achieve their goal. Never forget, the price of liberty is eternal vigilance. Duty Honor Country.

Gerald E. Evans
Ellsworth

WE EXPORT, AND THEN WHAT COMES BACK?

Editor:

Globalization is the result of economic efficiency. Or is it? The United States is the number one exporter of wheat. Canada is the number three exporter of wheat. China is the number one importer of wheat. China exported contaminated wheat gluten into Canada that was then processed into pet food that was exported into the United States from Canada that was then marketed under a number of different brand names in the United States.

The United States is capable of producing wheat gluten from wheat and the United States processes beef, pork, turkey and chickens that could be processed into pet food directly, and perhaps with more safety.

Ray E. Peltz
Charlevoix

DEATH OF A GOOD ONE

Editor:

I was truly saddened recently to learn of the passing away of Joe Kastanek of Schuyler, Neb., whom I had the honor of working with in the U.S. Air Force Strategic Air Command in the early 1960s in our capacity as Titan- II Missile Propellant Transfer System Maintenance Technicians keeping our Titan-II Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles combat ready for America's nuclear defense during the darkest days of the Cold War. I feel that his story is, like many other unsung veterans and Americans, the story of the true heroes of our time and country who stayed at their posts serving God, country and family until relieved of their earthly duty. I recall his competent, deliberate and quick action saving equipment and lives including my own in the dangerous work of handling hypergolic (self-igniting) missile propellants.

. Although reserved and unassuming himself, he left behind a true life legacy light-years greater than the modern ersatz heroes manufactured daily by our self-promoting media and politicians in today's world. His legacy is his successful life of courage and dedication to his God, country and noble family he had to leave behind to carry on until he sees them again someday. He is proof of the old truism: "There is no failure except in giving up"... and he never gave up.

We needed men like him back then and we need them now — they are the greatness of America. We should learn from his example of hard work, courage and dedication to his family and revere his memory, and the real monument he left behind: his family. As Americans we must do no less than carry on such a legacy and that of countless others who have faded in the mists of time falling on the obscure battlefields of war and life while building our great country. The soldiers, the fathers, the mothers, the families, who stayed true to their duty, even though they may have faltered, they are the true heroes of America and we must carry the torch of their sacrifices to the summit of their dreams of a safe and preserved America for all the ages. See: www.JBS.org (search: memorial day) and remember!

Ed Nemechek
Landers, Calif.

THANKS FOR WEB SITE

Editor:

Congratulations to the Charlevoix Courier owners and staff on the debut of the paper's online edition. The design is clean and eye-catching, and it was easy to navigate through the various sections of the paper. This is going to be great way to deliver sports guides and other materials of general interest to everyone in the community without incurring printing and mailing costs. It's also a great way to elicit the thoughts of citizens on important issues. Even the ads look good. Thanks, folks, for investing your time and money to make this happen.

Rachel Wright
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Rainbow Shoppe celebrates 24 years

Who would have dreamed that this non-profit resale store would be ministering to the public for 24 years!

This is quite an accomplishment and we have the community to thank for our success. This was made possible through the donation of articles by the people, the patrons, volunteers, dedicated employees and our benefactors. It has enabled us to reach out to the needy and non-profit organizations of almost $2 million during these 24 years. Our most sincere thanks to each and everyone of you.

Come help us celebrate June 2 through 8 at the Rainbow Shoppe. Prizes will be offered.

The Board of Directors of the Rainbow Shoppe.

All-school reunion set July 28

The Charlevoix High School Alumni Association will host an all-school reunion at the Charlevoix Public Library (formerly the Charlevoix elementary, middle, and high school) 2-5 p.m. Saturday, July 28.

All alumni are invited to stop by and see former classmates.

Tables will be arranged by decades and refreshments will be served.

The purpose of the alumni association is to provide communication among alumni of Charlevoix High School and support the scholarship and special projects fund at the Charlevoix schools.

The goals of the Charlevoix High School Alumni Association are to: Have at least 500 alumni join the association by 2008; fund one scholarship or special project for the Charlevoix schools each year starting in 2008; establish an alumni newsletter or Web site; plan and hold an all school reunion in the summer of 2007 during the Venetian Festival; and honor alumni by establishing an alumni hall of fame.

Window decals hearing the Rayder logo will be available at the reunion.

The cost to join the alumni association is $5.

Volunteers are needed to help with the set up, decorate, and welcome alumni for the reunion.

For more information, contact Sherrel Bergmann at 547-4457 or e-mail the association at rayderberg@aol.com.

The Alumni Association was started in the summer of 2006 by the class of 2005. Michael Wojan and Nathan Dube are the class presidents and Bergmann, class of 1965, is the adviser.

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OBITUARY

Rosemary Sladek-Caposieno:

September 12, 1934-May 19, 2007

Rosemary Sladek-Caposieno, 72, of Homosassa, Fla., died Saturday, May 19, 2007, at the Hernando Pasco Hospice in Inverness, Fla.

Born on September 12, 1934, in Chicago, Ill., she was the daughter of the late John J. and Rose (Fratrick) Sladek. On May 17, 1980, she married Anthony Caposieno in Chicago, where they made their home until moving to Homosassa in 1980. She was a member of Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Homosassa.

Rosemary was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother, and she is survived by her husband of 27 years, Anthony; son, Thomas Sladek of Overland Park, Kan.; three grandchildren, Jeremey, Aaron and Chelsea; brother, John C. and his wife Beverly Cunningham-Sladek of Charlevoix; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation was held 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, where the Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Rite of Christian Burial was held at noon Thursday, May 24, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, the Rev. Jerry Hunko officiating. Burial was in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

BIRTHS

Gabrielle Marie Hamilton weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces was born May 16 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Matthew and Stacey Hamilton of East Jordan. Her sibling is Mailey Hamilton. Her grandparents are Thomas and Cynthia Kenyon of East Jordan and Dennis and Darla Hamilton of Cadillac. Her great grandparents are Julian and Mary Butzu of Oakland, Clark and Marge Hamilton of Cadillac, and Ines Brocht of Marion.

Emily Elizabeth Clees weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces was born May 16 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jennifer M. Clees of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Brandon and Hailey Clees. Her grandparent is Judy Clees of Charlevoix. Her great grandparents are Walter Borowiec and Joan Borowiec of Madison Heights.

Trista Elizabeth Miller weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces was born May 16 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Dennis and Andrea Miller of Charlevoix. Her sibling is Nasstassia.

Chance Robert Solomon weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces was born May 19 at Northern Michigan Hospital to James and Angela Solomon of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Gale Thorman of Kalamazoo, Al and Janet Solomon of Charlevoix. His great grandparents are Thelma Thorman of Ellsworth, LaVonca DeYoung of Charlevoix and Archie and Betty Klein of Boyne City.

New columnist joins Charlevoix Courier roster

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Julie Witthoeft
editor

In writing, Kopitz draws from her decades of experience as owner of Barbara Kopitz Designs in Birmingham.

Interior designer and Detroit News columnist, Barbara Kopitz, is bringing her insight to the Courier's opinion page.

The first installment in a four-column series that will appear monthly on the Courier's opinion page can be found on page 4 of this week's edition.

Kopitz, an interior designer for the past 30 years who is known in the Detroit area as "Dr. Décor" and whose column has appeared weekly in the Detroit News/Free Press magazine Homestyle for almost seven years, is one of Charlevoix's newest residents.

In January 2006, she and her husband Bill Lichtig, whose primary residence is in West Bloomfield, bought a second home in the Charlevoix Country Club. While her latest home purchase is relatively recent, Kopitz's Charlevoix ties date back to her childhood when she spent summers in town.

"It's changed, but not hugely. It's still a small town. I can't think of anything more beautiful than Round Lake and Lake Michigan — it's still breathtaking," she said.

In writing, Kopitz draws from her decades of experience as owner of Barbara Kopitz Designs in Birmingham where she did client consultations and design specification.

She will write monthly for the Courier focusing on simple ideas to help people make their homes their haven.

"I really feel your surroundings have a great impact on how you feel. Your home should be your oasis. A happy place to be," she said. "I aim to help people create a beautiful environment that functions well for them."

Kopitz earned a bachelor of philosophy and a master of arts in interior architecture from Wayne State University. She is a professional member and former board member of the American Society of Interior Design and a former board member and past president of the Coalition for Interior Design Registration.

Aside from Homestyle, her work has appeared in numerous publications including Style Magazine, Home Planners and House and Garden.

She has three children and seven grandchildren. Her interests include gardening, hiking, tennis, kayaking and walking.

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Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

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Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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Boyne man arrested for arson of home

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PEOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

Cambric

BOYNE CITY — Police say a woman who was living with a man accused of torching his own home last month told them the accused arsonist talked about burning down the home both before and after the incident.

Cordell Lester Cambric, 53, of Boyne City, was arraigned Wednesday on one count each of arson of a dwelling and arson of insured property. The charges are 20- and 10-year felonies respectively.

The charges stem from an April 22 fire that destroyed Cambric's home at 2082 Timber Ridge Trail. The home is in a private development that is just outside of Boyne City in Evangeline Township. Firefighters were called to a report of a fire in the area at about 11:15 p.m. and found the house was fully engulfed in flames when the they arrived on the scene.

According to a Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office affidavit filed in the case, on May 18 a Michigan State Police fire investigator reported his findings that he believes the fire was intentionally set based upon the finding of gasoline on the home's ground-level south deck.

In the affidavit, police said during a May 17 interview the woman who had been living in the home with Cambric told investigators that Cambric had talked to her about burning the house on at least four occasions since December.

Police said the woman went on to say that during the second week of April, she felt that Cambric's statements were serious enough that she removed some of her belongings from the home and that Cambric had removed some of his own property from the home as well.

Police said the woman further said that when she learned of the fire the following day, she asked Cambric why he did it, he allegedly replied, "To make sure it was done right."

Police arrested Cambric on the charges late Tuesday.

Cambric also faces an habitual offender, fourth offense sentencing enhancement that would increase the maximum penalties on both charges to up to life in prison. Cambric's record includes felony convictions from the late '70s from downstate for burglary and selling cocaine and several controlled substance convictions from Charlevoix and Emmet counties in 2003. He was discharged from probation on those charges in March of 2006.

The court has appointed Charlevoix attorney Chris Turkleson to represent Cambric. When contacted by the News-Review late Wednesday, Turkleson said he had not yet had the opportunity to review the case or meet with his client. Cambric is scheduled to face a preliminary examination on the charges at 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5. He remains lodged at the Charlevoix County Jail in lieu of a $200,000 bond.

Kiwanis honors local pastors

In recognition of the first object of Kiwanis, "To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than the material values of life," the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club honored local pastors.

The pastors were welcomed by President Dave Garland at the noon luncheon. The members of the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club are very appreciative of the pastors' daily work which deepens and spreads the spiritual values that is the foundation of our community.

Steve Guthrie was the keynote speaker. He gave an inspired presentation on the difficulty that all pastors experience and encouragement to be true to their calling. The pastors in attendance were pastor Michael Maur of the Barnard, East Jordan, Norwood United Methodist church, pastor Mike Smith of the Ironton First Congregational Church, pastor Todd Thompson of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, pastor Dan Gilmore of the Church of the Nazarene, pastor "Chip" Sauer of the Community Reformed Church, pastor Mary Willis of the Charlevoix First Congregational Church, pastor Jim Mort of the First Baptist Church and pastor Pete Aronson of the Safe Harbor Baptist Church.

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2007 Lake Charlevoix trout tourney moves to Ferry Beach

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

This year's Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament will take place June 8, 9 and 10 at Ferry Beach's Charlevoix boat launch, a change of location to Ferry Beach because of the renovations taking place at East Park.

Trout tournament committee member Dean Mikulski said one of the most proud events of the tournament will be the kid's trout pond.

"This event is very family-oriented," Mikulski said. "It's really more about people getting together and having a good time."

For $2, children can fish for rainbow trout. What they decide to do with the fish after that is up to them, Mikulski said.

Mikulski expects that most of the successful fishing this year for adults will take place on Lake Michigan rather than Lake Charlevoix or Round Lake.

"In Lake Charlevoix, trout are almost non-existent, there is a very small population of both brown and lake trout," he said.

But, he added, there was a generous catch off of Round Lake earlier this year.

The tournament award ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at Ferry Beach.

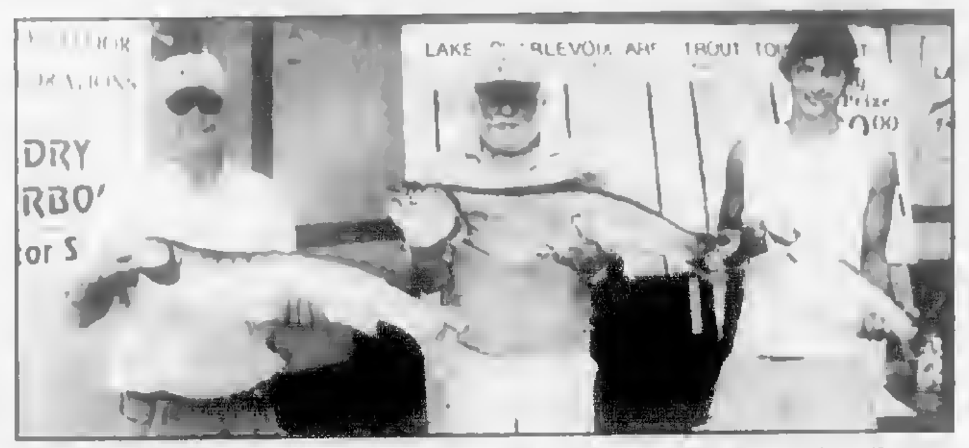
Cash prizes will be presented to the top 10 finishers in each division. The largest fish in each division will be mounted courtesy of Jeff Lutz of Lasting Memories Taxidermy.

A special trophy will also be awarded for the largest fish of the tournament caught on a Stinger Spoon, and the first place lake trout winner will be given the Rex Blanchard Memorial Trophy.

Last year's division winners were Christopher Mikulski for lake trout, Bill Mathers for steelhead, Joe Powell for brown trout and Matthew Mikulski for salmon.

Even if participants don't place in the top 10, other prizes will be awarded during a drawing at the end of the tournament.

For more information on the Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament, visit the association's Web site at www.trouttournament.com or call 547-9054, 547-6805 or 330-0867.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LAKE CHARLEVOIX AREA TROUT TOURNAMENT

Division winners in last year's Lake Charlevoix Trout Tournament include (from left) Joe Powell, 9-pound brown trout; Chris Mikulski, 13-pound lake trout; and Matthew Miksulki, 23-pound salmon.

'Women of the Bible' offered June 2

Women and girls of all ages are invited to the First Congregational Church UCC at noon Saturday, June 2, for lunch followed by a 45-minute performance of "Women of the Bible" at 1 p.m.

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Innovative teachers retire from Charlevoix's districts

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

With the end of the school year comes the retirement of teachers. This is the first installment of two on Charlevoix area educators and support staff who will be saying goodbye this year.

Laurie Keller, Elaine Kurtz and Ronald Moore recently sat down with the Charlevoix Courier to discuss their experiences in education.

Keller

A teacher at Charlevoix High School for 23 years, Keller has had a long love of mathematics. Her classes include algebra, calculus and mathematics II. Keller has observed the influence of technology on the mathematics students in her classroom.

"The students are better problem solvers," she said. "The logic, the order, the symmetry draws me to math."

Kurtz

In addition to her high school instruction, she was a technology trainer and workshop instructor at Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District (Char-Em ISD) for 10 years, introducing programs like Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point to adults and teachers who didn't grow up with technology.

Her classroom instruction has also included computer programs at the high school.

"I'll miss being in the classroom, but I won't miss all the meetings and paperwork," she said.

Moore

Keller has two daughters, Heather and Kimberly, a granddaughter, Samantha, and a grandson, Jamie. Both of her daughters graduated from Charlevoix High School.

As a teaching assistant for the past 10 years, Elaine Kurtz has provided individualized reading and mathematics support for children enrolled in kindergarten through fourth-grade.

"When the kids come out of the classroom you can see where they need the help," said Kurtz. "So we do kind of personalize."

From a list given to her by teachers, Kurtz takes students out of the regular classroom to help them improve in reading or math.

On a typical day, for skills such as reading, a group of five or six children will follow a program provided by the Houghton-Mifflin company that includes phonics and take-home books.

During parent-teacher conferences, Kurtz also works with the parent or guardian of students she has in her groups.

"We give tips on reading strategies and emphasize that they need to read with their kids," she said.

What Kurtz enjoys the most and what she considers the most important part of her job is the recognition she gives her students at the end of the year. They are given a pizza party and certificates for all their hard work.

She will also miss her students and co-workers and will especially miss her time supervising the playground.

"Being on the playground in the middle of winter is a challenge," Kurtz said, "but it's nice to see the kids on a different level than in the structured classroom."

After retirement, Kurtz intends to spend retirement traveling with her husband and vis-

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Teachers mark end of school year as start of retirement

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iting her two grown children; her daughter, Amy, her son, Luther, and his wife, Alison.

Retiring teacher Ronald Moore started his career as a school psychologist for the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District in 1970.

At the time of his hiring, his official title was school diagnostician and he primarily conducted testing and assessment for students who were suspected to be "mentally retarded," a condition now referred to as cognitively impaired.

As a greater number of neurological conditions came to be recognized, Moore's role expanded to serve a larger variety of children.

At the present, he has been faced with the issues of autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

"The big question is, is there an epidemic of ASD?" asks Moore. "I believe that first, the definition has expanded, and second, more people are being diagnosed as the public becomes more aware of it."

He has also treated children with emotional impairment and learning disabilities and said he has seen changes in the expectations of his students over the years.

"There's more demands on the kids now, such as standardized testing, MEAP scores," Moore said.

As a Char-Em ISD employee for 36 years, he's watched the district expand from 39 employees in 1970 to 250 employees at present.

There are currently eight school psychologists serving Char-Em ISD, up from three when he started.

Moore said he will miss his co-workers and students.

"I've started with some kids as preschoolers and later attended their high school graduation," he said. "I've been allowed a glimpse into their lives to understand why they're struggling and help them."

In addition to his work, Moore co-authored a column for five years that was published in the Petoskey News-Review titled "R & R For Parents" along with social worker Ron Svatora.

He served on the Charlevoix School Board of Education and is a volunteer for the Community Mediation Service, which he will continue to do after he retires.

Moore's wife, Linda, teaches at Charlevoix St. Mary's School and conducts reading interventions.

He has a son, Eric, and a daughter, Chaya, both graduates of Charlevoix High School.

> ***"I've been allowed a glimpse into their lives to understand why they're struggling and help them."***
>
> **Ronald Moore**
> RETIRING TEACHER

Irish Boat Shop hosts boating safety class

Boater Safety Class offered by Irish Boat Shop

The Irish Boat Shop, in cooperation with the Emmet County Sheriff's Department, will offer a boater safety class 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on June 23 at the boat shop, 400 East Bay St. in Harbor Springs.

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The State of Michigan requires a boater safety class for boaters age 12 to 15 if they will be operating a boat with more than 6 hp and boaters age 12 to 14 if they will be operating a personal watercraft.

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The cost is $85 for MMA members and $175 for non-members.

The second subject is "WorkSafe — Back Safety Training" which is a safety training program that will provide participants with crucial information on proper lifting and moving techniques. The program emphasizes the importance of taking personal responsibility for keeping one's back safe, both at work and at home, using the back safety procedures presented.

There is no cost to Michigan manufacturers for this session, but pre-registration is required.

The Effective Leadership and WorkSafe sessions will be co-hosted by St.. Mary's Cement, Inc. and DE-STA-CO Automotive Group.

WorkSafe will run 9-10 a.m. and Effective Leadership will run 10 a.m.-noon on June 7 at the Charlevoix Public Library community room, 220 W. Clinton St.

To register for either of these sessions or for more information, go to www.mma-net.org or contact LeAnn Hicks a hicks@mma-net.org or call (517) 487-8557.

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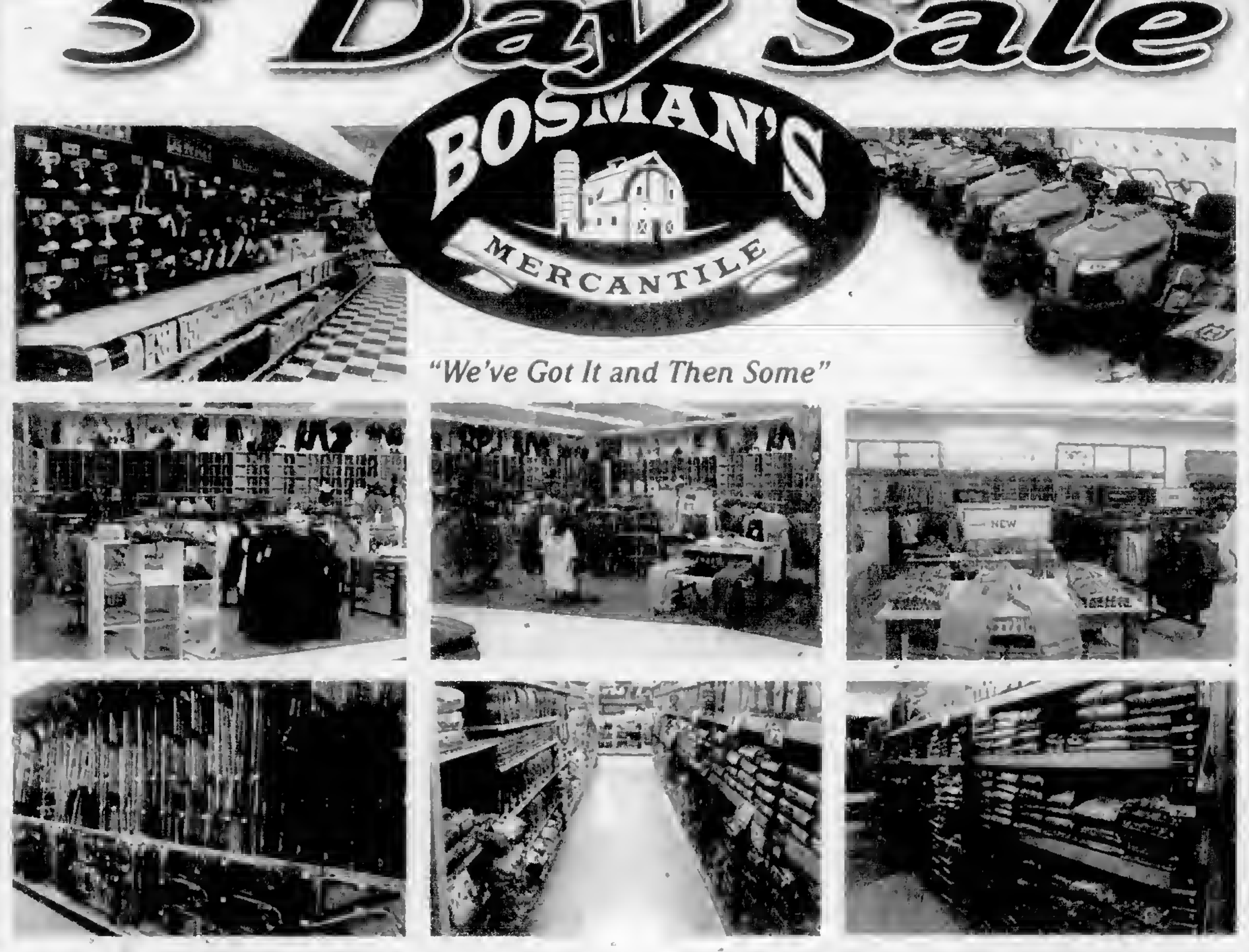

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New director named at American Red Cross chapter

BY KIRSTEN FREDRICKSON NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

KIRSTEN FREDRICKSON/ NEWS-REVIEW

Lori O'Neill (right) was recently selected to replace Betsy Hanson as executive director of the Northern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross.

There's a new face at the helm of the Northern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, but it may be a familiar face to some.

Lori O'Neill, who's been working for Planned Parenthood of Northern Michigan for the past decade, has taken over as executive director at the area Red Cross. She replaces three-year director Betsy Hanson.

"I'm excited to be here," O'Neill said. "I'm looking forward to doing some good work for the Red Cross."

O'Neill said once she met with board members and other staff members in the Petoskey office, "it immediately felt like a good fit."

As for Hanson, she said she's leaving the position of executive director but has no intention of leaving the Red Cross.

"Having worked at the Red Cross I can continue to work; I can continue to be involved in the Red Cross. Whether it's paid or volunteer, there's always work for someone who wants to work."

She said the decision to resign was made in order for her family to be closer to aging family members. And with her son, Wil, heading off to Adrian College this fall, she said it was perfect timing.

"It's a new chapter. It's just not clear right now what that new chapter will be," she said. But one thing's for sure, Hanson intends to continue her work with the Red Cross. "I can't really see myself as leaving the Red Cross."

The process to replace Hanson began last November when the Red Cross formed a search committee. Some 65 applications were received, but it was O'Neill's that stood out.

"Lori was the top candidate," Hanson said. "It was very clear her experience, her presence, her demeanor was going to be a good fit. It was clear she was primed for this."

O'Neill, 47, has a bachelor's degree in health education from Northern Michigan University and a master's in family life education from Western Michigan University.

While having been at Planned Parenthood for the past 10 years, O'Neill was most recently working as director of education. She has worked with volunteers and budget issues, and feels strongly that her background in health and safety will translate to working with the Red Cross.

"Being where the decisions stop will be new to me," O'Neill admitted. "At the same time I'm really excited about that."

O'Neill lives with her husband, Scot, in Petoskey. They have seven children and five grandchildren.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, May 21, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- A public hearing was held on and ordinance to amend the City Code by recodifying Title V, Chapter 52, Fee Schedule – Zoning and Subdivision Review in its entirety.
- Motion passed approving a purchase of four sets of turnout gear from Sales & Marketing of Michigan for $4,270.00.
- Motion passed approving the purchase of Assisted Life Support (ALS) equipment from Soma Technology for $17,000.00.
- Motion passed approving the Phase 3 change order #2 and the transition costs for Phase 3 for the East Park/Marina project.
- Motion passed accepting the bid from Sunshine Charters for a commercial dock for a 3 year contract for $6,700/yr.
- Motion passed approving advertising reimbursement contract of $1,200 to Sunshine Charters.
- Motion passed approving an SDM carry out beer and wine liquor license for Zaccaro's Market, 221 Bridge Street.
- Motion passed extending the Acting City Manager's contract for an additional six month period.
- Motion passed selecting 4 candidates to interview for the City Manager vacancy, interviews to be scheduled by staff within the next 30 days.
- Resolution 2007-05-02 adopted, Free Launch, Charlevoix Trout Tournament.
- Resolution 2007-05-03 adopted, Free Launch, Michigan Bass Federation Tournament.
- Ordinance 721 adopted, by recodifying Title V, Chapter 52, Fee Schedule – Zoning and Subdivision Review in its entirety. Changes are to numbering only. All text remains the same.
- Council met in closed session to discuss the CWA contract. Council reconvened in open session and took the following action:
- Motion passed approving the CWA contract as presented.

Council adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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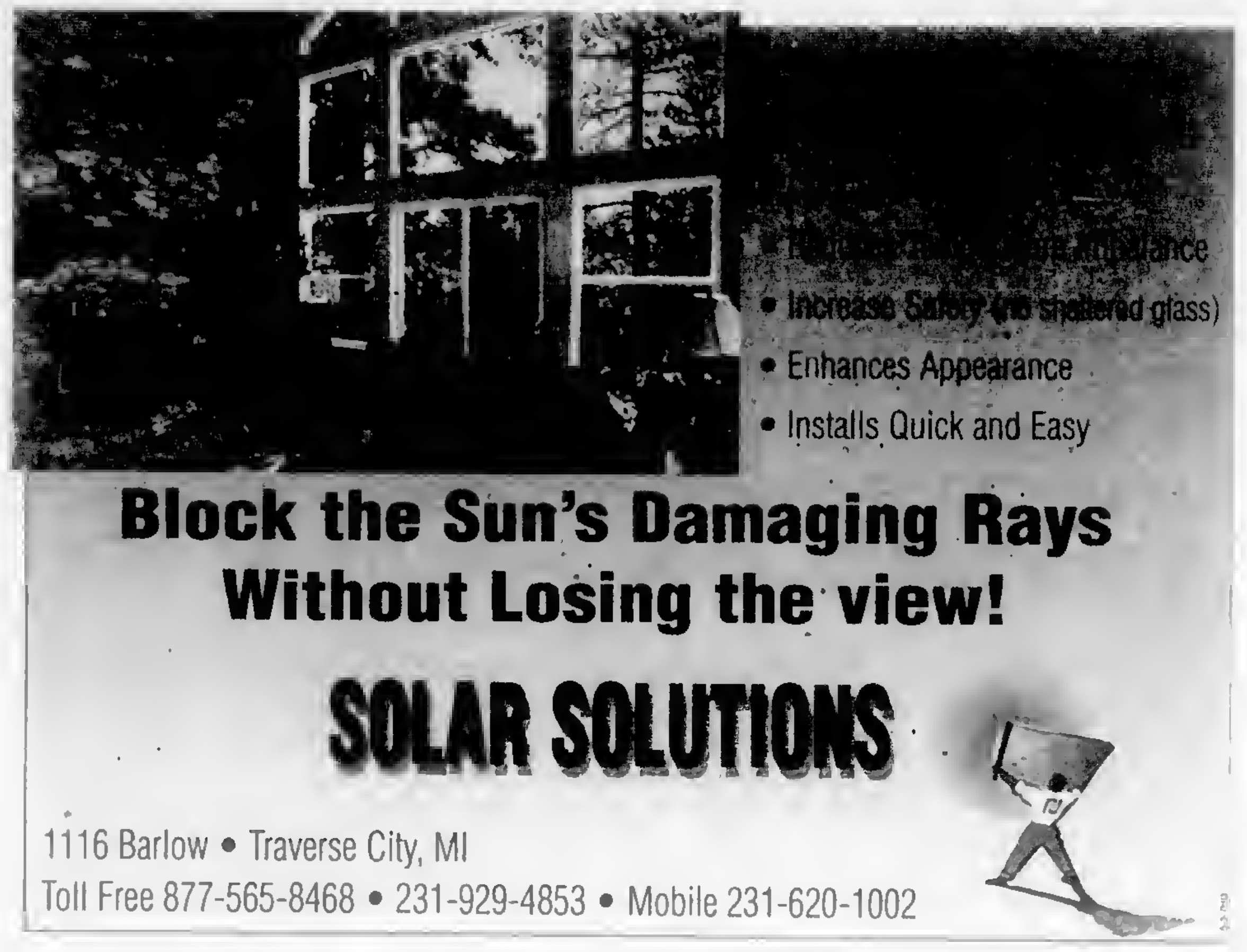

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• Computer Tidbit: Internet Tricks
Wednesday, May 30, 1:00 pm
• Writer's Group
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm
• Storytime for all ages
Thursdays, 10:30 am
• CPL Movies @ 2 "Freaky Friday"
Saturday, June 2, 2:00 pm
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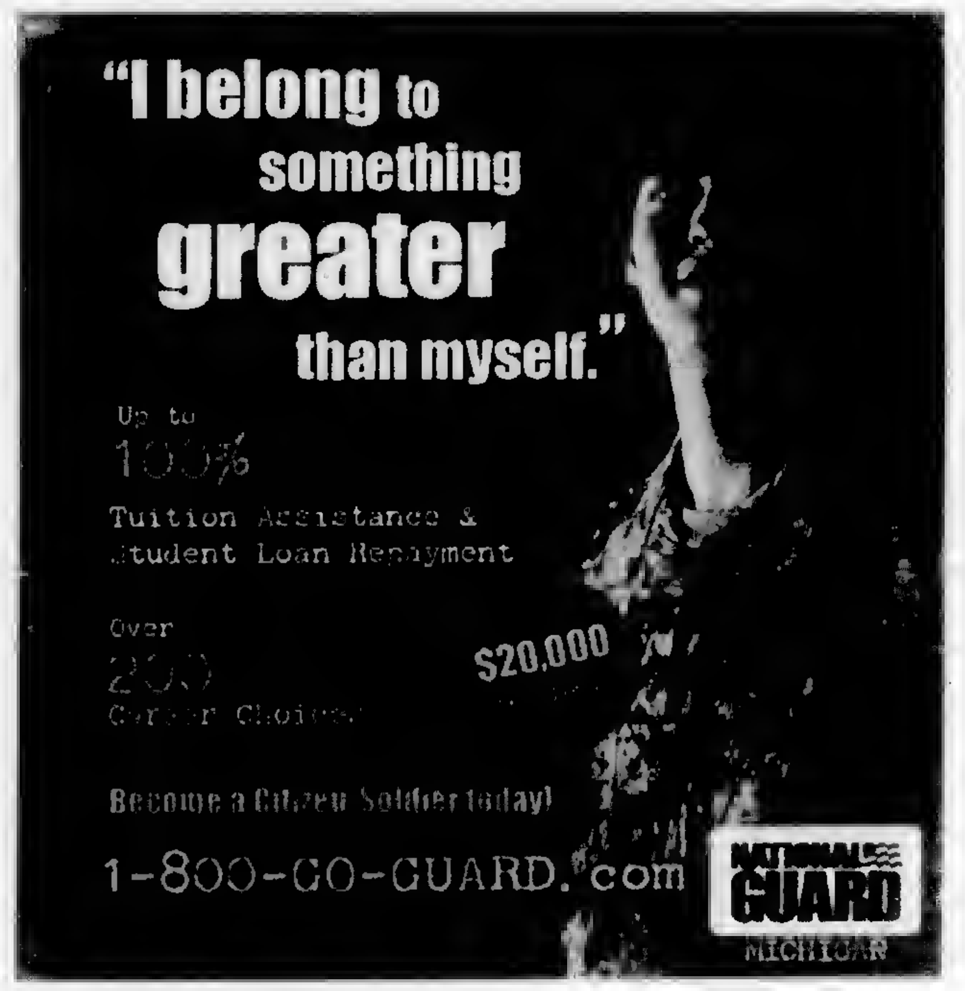

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To volunteer or learn more, contact Kevin Cronk at 347-1181, ext. 109 or via e-mail at kevin@watershedcouncil.org.w

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Peter Londgren, the son of Jeff and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix, has been awarded the Bethany Lutheran College Luther Scholarship for the 2007-08 school year. Londgren is a senior at Charlevoix High School. This scholarship, valued at $20,000 over four years, is based on high school grade point average and national standardized test scores.

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Nathan Kyle Turner of Charlevoix was named to the Anderson University dean's list for the spring semester of the 2006-2007 academic year. Anderson University is located in Anderson, Ind. To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0.

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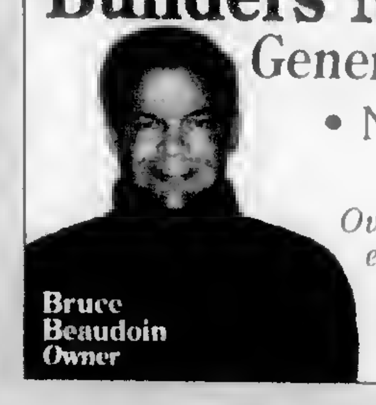

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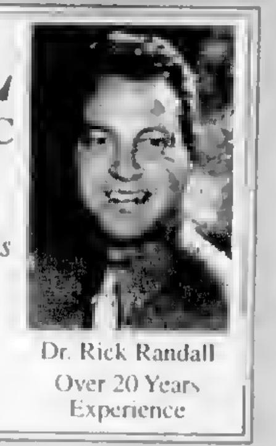

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Boating Class

The Tip of the Mitt Sail and Power Squadron and Walstrom Marine will present a three-day boating class covering basic safe boating information. The class will briefly touch on all aspects of seamanship and will be held at the Walstrom Marina at 501 East Bay St. in Harbor Springs 9 a.m.-noon on Saturdays June 2, 9 and 16.

To register for the "Boat Smart" class call (231) 526-5063 or 526-9391.

Boulder Park meet

The first organizational volunteer meeting for Boulder Park Terrace will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 5. Come and share ideas. For further information, call Anne Bandfield at 547-5048.

County board pulls open spaces, farmland ordinance

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners conducted the following business during the regular commission of their Wednesday, May 23 meeting.

ITEM: RESCIND THE CHARLEVOIX COUNTY FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE.

In brief: This ordinance was designed to allow landowners in Charlevoix County, who own large acreage plots of farmland and fallow land, to sell the development rights of those parcels of land to the county to help ensure what some call the scenic beauty of the area. Some citizens feel the ordinance is unnecessary.

Board action: Passed by a vote of 4—1 with chairman of the board, Shirley Roloff voting no and District Three Commissioner Ron Reinhardt absent.

ITEM: RULES OF PROCEDURE

In brief: The Board of Commissioners have updated their rules and procedures, under Robert's Rules of Order, for the first time since 1983. Procedures updated include designating who runs each meeting and how the meetings are conducted.

Board action: Passed, with District Five Commissioner Robert Drebenstedt voting no and Reinhardt absent.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Lake Michigan conference champs

The Charlevoix Rayders girls' soccer team won their third consecutive Lake Michigan League Championship recently. Members of the winning team that took the title are (front, from left) Marnie Greene, Emily Foster, Ariel Ramsey, Caroline Dupuis, Zita Anderson, Olivia Catt, Meridith Rich. (Back, from left) coach Carol Madison, Bridget Peters, Madison Way, Kaleigh Blanchard, KC McCary, Becca Madison, Lori Zimmerman, Tammy Potter, Teresa Potter and Coach Tom Conlan.

Register now for Junior Golf

Official registration for this summer's Junior Golf instructional program is Monday, June 11, at the Charlevoix Municipal Course. Area youngsters must be at least 8 years of age and no older than 17.

Registration requires a parent or guardian be present to provide a signature on the waiver of liability form and to learn of the family commitment necessary for youngsters to successfully benefit from the program. Youngsters 11-17 years of age are to register at 1 p.m. and those 8 to 10 are must sign up at 1:45 p.m. There is a per-lesson fee of $5 or a $50 season plan option that pays for all scheduled lessons and play days.

This is the 12th year that the Charlevoix County Junior Golf Association's program has offered the program to area youths. Sessions that teach golf fundamentals meet twice weekly and run through July 25.

The program has drawn acclaim from the National Junior Golf Association when they selected the local program as one of the top 15 such programs in the country and the program continues to grow and flourish.

Pros from local courses that will make up the teaching staff include: Steve Braun and Marty Joy from the Belvedere Club, Joan Waha from Ye Nyne Olde Holes, Mark Styles and Harold Bertrand from the Charlevoix Country Club, and Scott Blechel from the Municipal. The emphases will again be on learning golf rules and procedures, proper fundamentals and techniques and course etiquette. Lessons rotate and will be held at each of the Belvedere, Charlevoix Country Club, Municipal and Antrim Dells courses. In addition, there will be a Sunday evening "fun" league for selected advanced players, with a variety of events, scheduled for the Belvedere Course.

Director Dean Davenport also reminded parents, "We will again have scholarships available based on need. We also will again have loaner clubs available."

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Charlevoix squad wins Kiwanis Relays

BY STEVE FOLEY
NEWS-REVIEW SPORTS WRITER

Veteran Charlevoix track and field coaches Mary and Ken Plude like going to Petoskey every year around the middle of May — despite the typically bad weather.

The weather, however, didn't seem to affect their teams.

Charlevoix used some strong team depth in the relay events, the same depth it has had the past two seasons, en route to winning their third straight White Division title at the 51st Petoskey-Kiwanis Relays Tuesday on a rainy and cold day at Curtis Field.

"It would've been nice to have some nicer weather, but to win it three years in a row is a pretty neat thing," Ken Plude, the Rayder boys' coach, said. "Depth, that's what it's all about.

"You have to have a good boys team and a good girls team to do well. It's a little bit of a different meet, but I think the kids like it because they can relax, keep it light, but they still want to run fast. Both teams are using it to relax a little before regionals."

The Rayders, who also won four straight Kiwanis titles from 1991-94, collected six relay victories in their division and placed second in four others en route to 78 points. Roscommon was second with 46 points, followed by Kalkaska, 42; and Elk Rapids, 25.

"I think our girls liked the race because they couldn't wait to run those co-ed relays," Charlevoix girls coach Mary Plude said. "It's a very relaxed race, but they still ran very well. They were very prepared both mentally and physically."

The Rayders got the meet started strongly by winning the mixed 3200-meter relay as Alina Dhaseleer, Jacob Hunt, Nick Wimmer and Brittney Lamb crossed the line in 9 minutes, 23 seconds.

Charlevoix then picked up another win shortly thereafter in the girls' 800 relay as Alyssa Smith, Taylor Storm, Chantel Novotny and Emily Heffling finished in 1:56.40.

In the mixed 1600 relay, the Charlevoix foursome of Nate LeBlanc, Drew Whitley, Lindi Edger and Lamh finished first in 4:01.1; while in the 400 relay, Smith, Storm, Jessica Bills and Emily Heffling finished first in 55.25.

The Rayders also won the mixed long jump relay (Darron Munson, LeBlanc, Storm, Smith) with a total distance of 65 feet, 3 1/2 inches, and the mixed discus relay (Ray Jones, Trevor Cole, Ashley Pett, Candace Way) in 426-2.

"We put it all together on Friday at our last meet and our girls really want to go for a regional title," Mary Plude said as her team prepares for the Division III regional Saturday in East Jordan. "They're trusting my judgment, some girls are stepping up, they're focused and the enthusiasm is there.

"We're ready and waiting."

The event's two premier events, the Buckmaster 1600 run for boys and the Niedhamer 1600 for girls proved once again to be highly contested as Petoskey senior Patrick Liederbach edged rival Paul Grieve of Kalkaska on the final lap to win the Buckmaster, while Amanda Hammer of Elk Rapids won her second straight Niedhamer title in convincing fashion.

Petoskey claimed its first victory since 2004, winning the Blue Division with 64 points. Sault Ste. Marie was second with 54, while defending-champion Cheboygan was third with 46, and Cadillac was fourth with 35.

St. Ignace won the Columbia Division with 56 points. Engadine was second with 39, followed by Brimley, 29; and Pellston, 16.

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Tobacco Free Michigan: Deaths going up

Tobacco-Free Michigan has just released updated documents that graphically show the rising costs of tobacco use deaths and financial burdens in legislative districts across the state.

"I don't think that people are fully aware that 361 people die every year in Senator Jason Allen's district because of disease caused by tobacco or exposure to secondhand smoke," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, medical director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Tobacco and secondhand smoke are the top two leading causes of preventable death in Michigan. It's shocking to realize how much each person is also paying for this death toll — more than $71.5 million in Allen's district alone."

Tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke takes an enormous toll, killing more Michiganders than six other causes of death combined, including murders, traffic accidents, drug overdoses, alcohol, suicide, and AIDS. Every year, more than 17,000 Michigan people die from these causes; these are deaths that could have been prevented.

Michigan Department of Community Health leads the state's tobacco prevention efforts with support from statewide and local partners, such as Health Department of Northwest Michigan. Tobacco initiatives are effective. Adult smoking rates are down 21.9 percent and youth smoking rates are down 17 percent, but there is much work to be done to reduce the staggering toll of tobacco use.

"The problem is that Michigan spends less than $4 million, which is equivalent to a mere 36 cents per person, trying to prevent and reduce tobacco's impact on human life," said Kenyon Stebbins, chairman of the Tobacco Reduction Coalition of Northwest Michigan. "At the same time, health care costs to treat tobacco-related illness topped $3.6 billion in 2005.

"Tobacco prevention and reduction funding must be increased statewide in order to reduce the impact on rising health care costs. If raising revenues, including tobacco and alcohol taxes, is the price we pay, I think it's worth it for the health of our families, friends and neighbors," Stebbins said. "It makes sense that a portion of these revenues be dedicated to tobacco reduction and prevention programs."

Kalkaska-Wexford Tobacco Coalition, Tobacco Reduction Coalition of Northwest Michigan, and Traverse Bay Area Tobacco Coalition are joining with Tobacco-Free Michigan to raise awareness on the health and economic costs of tobacco. Tobacco-Free Michigan is the only non-profit organization solely dedicated to the public education and awareness of tobacco use and secondhand smoke and their human and economic toll. For more information, visit www.tobaccofreemichigan.org.

Lincoln invoked at ceremony

MEMORIAL

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else," said American Legion Commander and march unit commander in charge of the parade, Joe Seidel.

Following the parade, people of all ages stood in silent contemplation as Lincoln's address and a list of killed-in-action Charlevoix soldiers were read.

"We are met on a great battlefield of that (Civil) war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that this nation might live," said Charlevoix High School student, Matt Mason, quoting from Lincoln's November 1863 speech. "But in a larger sense we cannot dedicate; we cannot consecrate; we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract."

Prior to the parade, a similar ceremony occurred at the Brookside Cemetery and wreaths were placed in Round Lake to honor those lost at sea.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 521 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE BY RECODIFYING

TITLE V, CHAPTER 52: FEE SCHEDULE – ZONING AND SUBDIVISION REVIEW IN ITS ENTIRETY

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Renumbering of Chapter 52, Sections 5.270-5.273 of the City Code.
Sections 5.300-5.303 of Chapter 52 of the Charlevoix City Code are hereby renumbered as sections 5.295-5.298. All text remains the same.

SECTION 2. Severability.
No other portion, paragraph or phase of the Code of the City of Charlevoix, Michigan shall be affected by this Ordinance except as to the above sections, and in the event any portion, section or subsection of this Ordinance shall be held invalid for any reason, such invalidation shall not be construed to affect the validity of any other part of portion of this ordinance or of the Code of the City of Charlevoix, Michigan.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ADOPTED, this 21st day of May, 2007.

Motion by: Shirley Gibson
Seconded by: Gene Beer

Ordinance No. 721 was adopted on the 21st day of May, 2007, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Yeas: Timms, Beer, Chamberlain, Gennett, Gibson, Stevens
Nays: None
Absent: None

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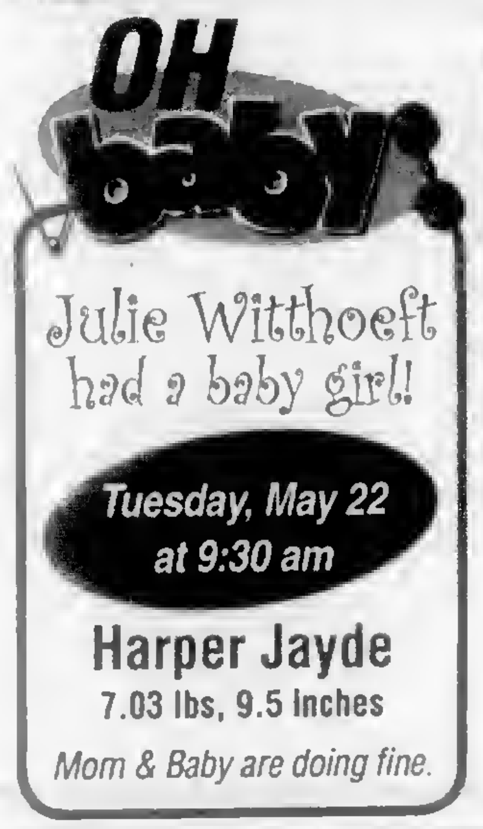

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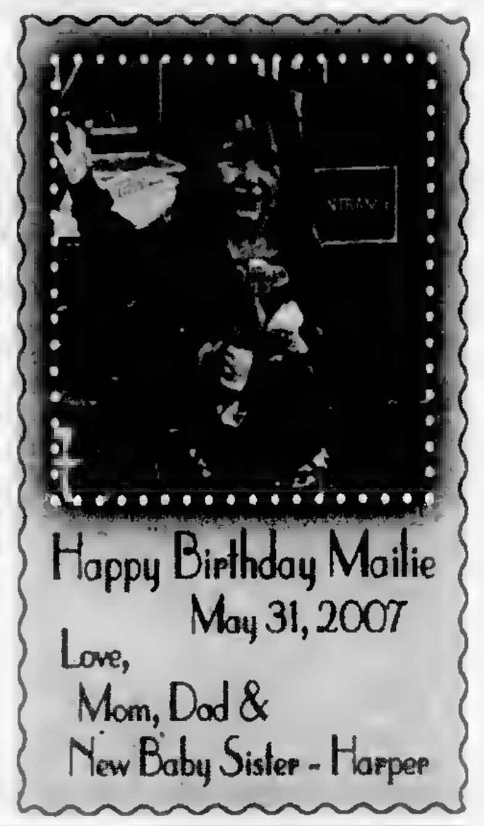

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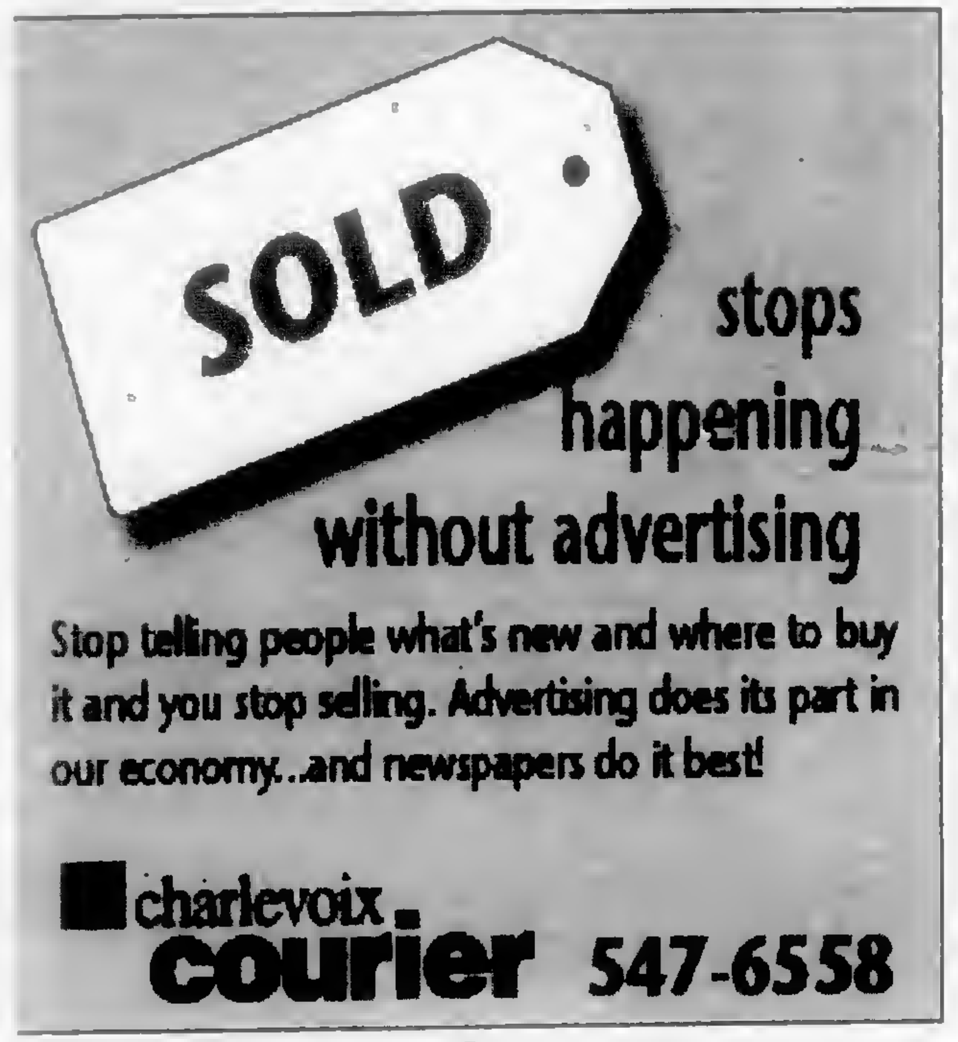
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In the matter of Hailey Rae Scott

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TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 1 45 p.m. at Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose: The Petition(s) to Change Name filed by Sarah Anne Mogan requesting that the name of Hailey Rae Scott be changed to Hailey Rae Mogan.

Dated: May 22, 2007

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Plaintiffs,

v **File: 07- 811-21 -CH**

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Defendants.

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EX PARTE ORDER TO ANSWER

At a session of said Court, held at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan on the 23rd day of May, 2007. PRESIDING: The Honorable Richard M. Pajtas

On March 20, 2007, an action was filed in the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, by the above named Plaintiffs, against unknown Defendents, **Jane Doe, John Doe, and other Individuals yet to be Identified** who own real property in either the Plat of North Charlevoix or the Plat of Pine Point, Charlevoix Township, County of Charlevoix, to quiet title to real property and with regard to riparian and littoral rights situated in the Plat of North Charlevoix, Township of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, Michigan, and more specifically identified as follows:
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 of North Charlevoix, according to the Plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the unknown Defendants **JOHN DOE, JANE DOE,** and **OTHER INDIVIDUALS YET TO BE IDENTIFIED**, and any heirs, successors, assigns, or others claiming thereunder, and any other parties claiming interest shall answer or take such action as may be permitted by law on or before July 18, 2007. Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default against said Defendants for the relief domanded in the complaint

PLEASE NOTE that a hearing will be held on. **August 3, 2007, at** 2:15 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom of the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, in connection with this matter.

Date Entered. 5-23-2007

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Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Elijah J. Kibbe and Heather R. Kibbe, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Delta Funding Corporation, Mortgagee, dated November 17, 2006 and recorded December 4, 2006 in Liber 776 Page 409 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-4, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Sixty-Seven Cents ($57,242.67) including interest 10.34% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, June 22, 2007. Said premises are situated in City of East Jordan, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Four (4), Block Nine (9) of Nicholl's First Addition to the Village of South Lake, now the City of East Jordan, according to the recorded plat thereof Commonly known as 305 Fourth Street, East Jordan MI 49727 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MAY 16, 2007

HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-4, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No. 07-70501 ASAP# 855695
(L-05/23/2007, 05/30/2007, 06/06/2007, 06/13/2007)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Timothy B. Kassuba and Brenda J. Kassuba, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Delta Funding Corp., Mortgagee, dated September 26, 2005 and recorded October 25, 2005 in Liber 712 Page 370 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to. HSBC Bank USA, N A , as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-4, Renaissance Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Notes, Series 2005-4, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Seventy-Two Dollars and Forty-One Cents ($130,072.41) including interest 8.938% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, June 22, 2007. Said premises are situated in Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel D: Commencing at a railroad bolt at the East One-Quarter corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said Section South 0 degrees 16 minutes 49 seconds East 1335.36 feet to a T-iron stake on the South eighth line of said Section; thence along said eighth line, as monumented, South 89 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds West, recorded as South 89 degrees 47 minutes 13 seconds West, 392.29 feet to a One-Half inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence South 0 degrees 16 minutes 49 seconds East 104.54 feet to a One-Half inch rod; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds West 307.71 feet to a One-Half inch rod; thence South 0 degrees 18 minutes 15 seconds East 274.60 feet to a One-Half inch rod; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds West 307.81 feet; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 15 seconds East 588.24 feet to a One-Half inch rod on the North line of said road; thence continuing South 0 degrees 18 minutes 15 seconds East 37.70 feet to the centerline of said road; thence along said centerline the following three (3) courses: North 61 degrees 22 minutes 38 seconds West 78.61 feet; along a curve to the left 198.06 feet, the radius of said curve being 1306.08 feet and the chord bears North 65 degrees 43 minutes 17 seconds, West 197.87 feet, and continuing along a curve to the left 62.42 feet, the radius of said curve being 607.47 feet and the chord bears North 73 degrees 00 minutes 36 seconds West 62.39 feet, to the East eighth line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said eighth line North 00 degrees 15 minutes 21 seconds West (recorded as North 0 degrees 15 minutes 38 seconds West) 33.91 feet to a One-Half inch rod on the North line of said road, thence continuing along said East eighth line North 00 degrees 15 minutes 21 seconds West (recorded as North 0 degrees 15 minutes 38 seconds West) 832.72 feet to a One-Half inch rod on the South eighth line of said Section, thence along said eighth line, as monumented, North 89 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds East (recorded as North 89 degrees 47 minutes 13 seconds East) 923.14 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 7 West The double-wide manufactured home (DWMH) that is permanently attached to the land as described above is fully immobilized, and is assessed and intended to be treated as real property securing the mortgage loan, and not chattel or a motor vehicle. Commonly known as 00167 North Advance Road, East Jordan MI 49727 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MAY 16, 2007

HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-4, Renaissance Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Notes, Series 2005-4, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-70502 ASAP# 855699
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NORTHWEST MICHIGAN HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC, a/k/a Equestrian Way L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, of 9445 Equestrian Way, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507, dated May 20, 2005, and recorded on November 16, 2005, In Liber 716, Page 875, of the Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of Two Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Ninety Seven Cents ($289,996.97), which shall accrue interest at the rate of 16.85%, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided on June 15, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. the undersigned will sell In the lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, Including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the Township of Hayes, Charlevoix County and which are described as follows:

PARCEL C: Commencing at the Northeast quarter corner of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section, South 00°16'04" East 338.00 feet, being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°16'04" East 2293.50 feet to a 1.5 inch pipe at the East quarter corner of said section; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 387.88 feet to the Northwesterly line of Highway US 31; thence continuing along said section line, South 00°22'50" East 154.20 feet to the construction center line of said highway; thence Southwesterly along said center line on a curve to the right 308.83 feet (radius of said curve is 5729.58 feet and the chord bears South 55°46'27" West 308.80 feet) (recorded arc of 306.60 feet); thence continuing along said center line, South 57°19'07" West 54.48 feet; thence North 37°32'45": West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 125.45 feet to the Northwesterly line of said highway; thence continuing North 37°32'45" West (recorded as North 37°33'51" West) 931.95 feet; thence North 52°45'30" East 161.88 feet; thence North 45°56'29" East 285.76 feet; thence North 10°55'59" East 345.41 feet; thence North 19°56'47" West 253.59 feet; thence North 58°46'43" West 333.99 feet; thence North 29°36'59" West 53.57 feet to the Southerly line of Stonebridge, being Re-plat Number 2 of Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 87; thence along the outside perimeter of said Stonebridge condominiums the following five courses: Northwesterly along a curve to the left 198.91 feet (radius of said curve is 393.00 feet and the chord bears North 39°09'59" East 196.80 feet), North 24°39'59" East 168.05 feet, Northerly along curve to the left 275.21 feet (radius of said curve is 313.00 feet and the chord bears North 00°31'21" West 266.43 feet); thence North 64°17'20" East 274.91 feet and North 12°32'35" West 300.00 feet; thence leaving the perimeter of the aforementioned condominium, North 77°33'35" East 568.93 feet (recorded as North 77°27'51" East 567.90 feet) to the point of beginning, being a part of the East half of Section 18, Township 34 North, Range 7 West. Tax ID: 15-007-118-014-00 which Is vacant land located on US 31, Hayes Township, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Bond Corporation
2007 Eastern, SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

DATED: May 2, 2007

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MEETINGS

SERVICE GROUPS

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason Street.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of each month in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. For more information, call 547-8651.

ADDICTION HELP GROUPS

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. There is a men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club. There is a women's A.A. meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. meeting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday and at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Alano Club.

There is an Al-Anon Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Matthew's Church located at 1303 Boyne Avenue in Boyne City. An Al-Anon meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at noon Mondays in meeting room A at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the back building at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m., every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on U.S. 31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

CHURCH GROUPS

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Restaurant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

SORORITIES, FRATERNITIES

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

AMERICAN LEGION, VFW

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

AGRICULTURAL GROUPS

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

ADOLESCENT GROUPS

BASES Teen Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. It is located at 208 West Lincoln in Charlevoix. Call 547-1144 for more information and group meeting times.

HOBBY GROUPS

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the high school study hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

Street Legends Classic Car Club of Charlevoix meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Anyone with an interest in classic cars is welcome. Questions, call 547-1327.

HOSPITAL GROUPS

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information, call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

SUPPORT GROUPS

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call (231) 237-0103 for more information.

The Circle of Strength, Cancer Support Group will meet from 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, in classroom A, located on the lower level at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The current support group is primarily a breast cancer group, but all are welcome.

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month.

For more information, call (231) 547-8950.

"Healing the Heart," a support group for women who have placed a child for adoption either recently or in the past meets at 6 p.m. the first Friday of every month at the pregnancy and resource center located at 418 Waukazoo St. in Petoskey. For more information call 439-3935.

HISTORICAL GROUPS

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m.

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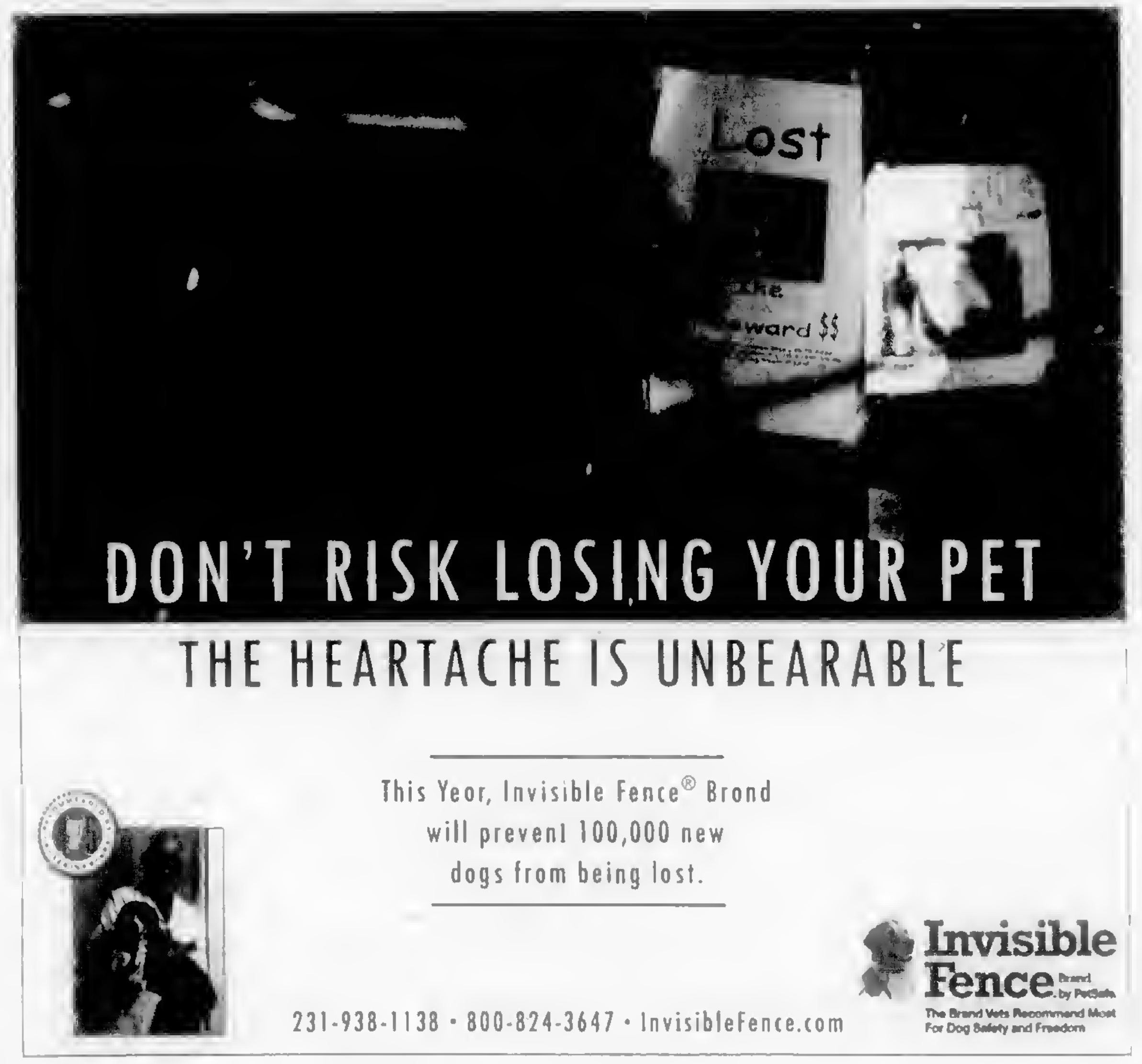
Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX POOL
TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will hold it's annual meeting on Thursday, June 7th at the First Congresgational Church in Charlevoix starting at 5:30 pm. The public is welcome.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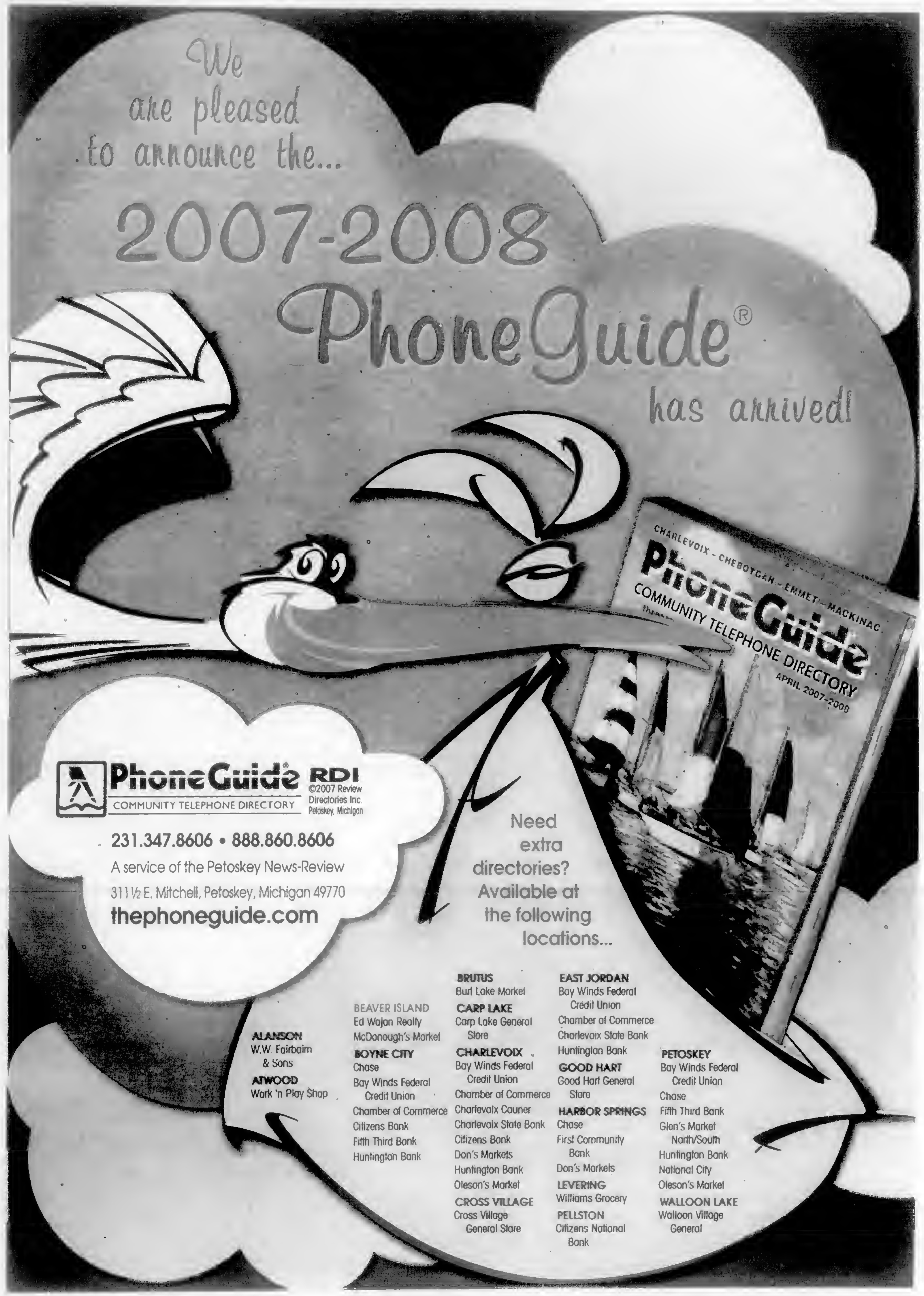
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MAY 30
COMPUTER TIDBITS

The Charlevoix Public Library is beginning a new round of Computer Tidbits at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays during the month of May.

Computer Tidbits are short demonstrations designed to learn one specific computer application.

The May Tidbit classes include: May 30, Internet tricks. Each class is about an hour in length and is held the library's computer lab. Computer Tidbits are free and open to the public.

For more information, call 237-7340.

MAY 31
BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Regional chambers of commerce of Northwest Michigan invite you to take advantage of a Business After Hours networking opportunity 5:30-9 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

This Regional Business After Hours is being organized by the Charlevoix, Boyne City, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Harbor Springs and Petoskey chambers of commerce.

The cost is $5 per person for chamber members and $10 per person for non-members.

For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 547-2101.

JUNE 2
BOB CAREY GOLF SCRAMBLE

The 2007 Michigan State University Top of the State Alumni Scholarship Golf Scramble-Bob Carey Memorial will raise money for an area graduate to receive a scholarship to attend Michigan State on Saturday, June 2. A $100 donation includes golf at the Belvedere Golf Club in Charlevoix, lunch and prizes. The start is set for 7:30 a.m. For more details or to make a donation to the scholarship fund, call Teresa at 582-0086.

JUNE 2
BOATING SAFETY

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office will be offering Boater's Safety classes 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 2 at Charlevoix Public Library.

Those who currently have an on-line boating safety certificate, must take a proctored test and receive a state honored boating safety certificate. The state only honors on-line course completed certificates that have been verified by a proctored Michigan exam. Proctored exam time is 7-8 p.m. on Monday, July 9, at the Boyne City Middle School and 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 16, at the East Jordan District Library.

The class is free and pre-registration is not required. Minimum age for class attendance is 12. Students should bring date of birth information with them for registration purposes. It is recommended that students eat prior to class or bring a small snack to class. Due to the short duration of the course, there will be no meal time. Students receiving a satisfactory test grade will receive their Michigan Boating Safety Certificate at the conclusion of the course.

Completion of this class is mandatory for individuals born after Dec. 31, 1978, to operate a personal watercraft, for juveniles between the ages of 12 and 16 to operate a boat and for parents that allow their children between the ages of 12 and 14 to operate a personal watercraft. A parent must be riding with the child during operation.

For more information, call the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Marine Division at 547-4461 ext. 320.

June 2, 2:00 p.m.

Charlevoix Public Library Movies presents "Freaky Friday" at 2 p.m. Fun for the whole family.

JUNE 7

At 7 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will host Robert Tagatz, Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel resident historian, concierge and author. Tagatz will give an informative and entertaining review of the Grand Hotel's history. Preceding the lecture, Richard and Linda Mueller will be honored as the 2007 recipients of the Margaret Duerr Book Award.

JUNE 10
LOU OPEN

Mark your calendars for the Lou Open Golf Tournament fundraiser with proceeds going to St. Mary School.

Registration will take place noon-12:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, at the Charlevoix Golf Club. Shotgun starts at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 4 p.m. followed by Bill Stevens' world famous Swiss steak dinner.

Teams can be men, women, mixed men and women, parents/kids. Skill and raffle prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call 547-5125.

JUNE 12
YOUNG AMERICANS CONCERT

The Young Americans will present a concert in the Charlevoix High School auditorium at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 12. Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for students and are available at the Bridge Street

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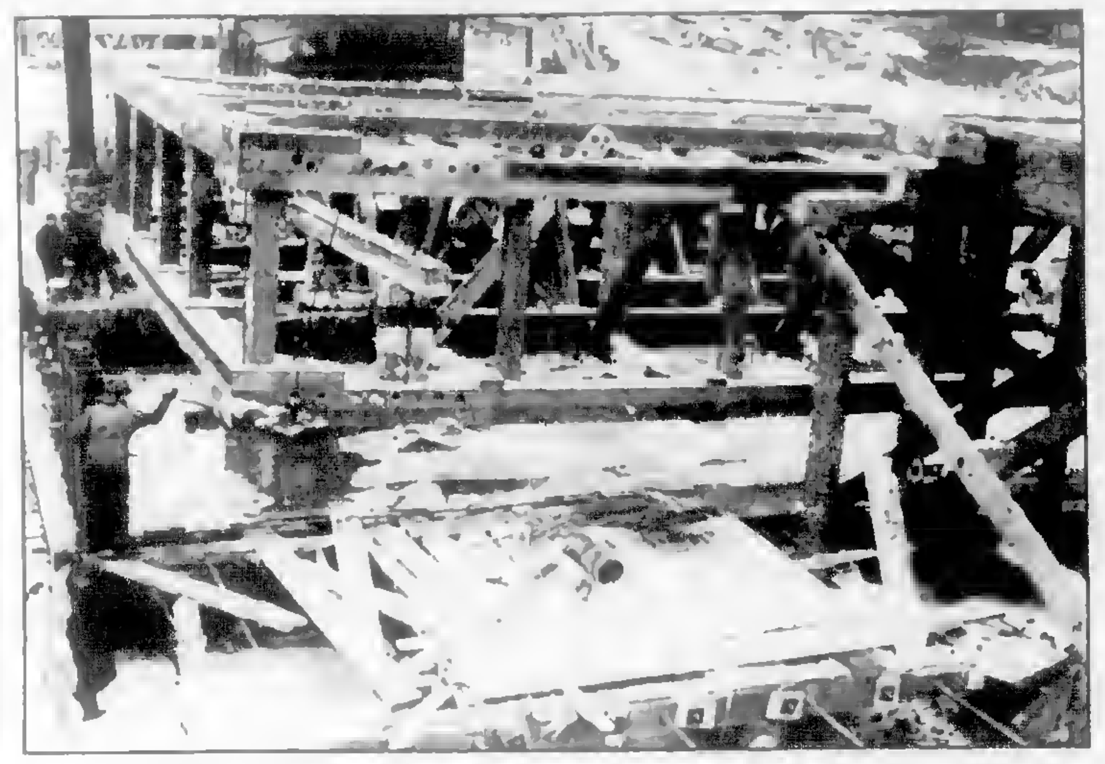

Question: What was this huge wood framework constructed for?

E-mail your pick to news@charlevoixcourier.com or cut out the box and send it to Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Entries must include the name, address and phone number of the submitter as well as the "Did you know" publication date. Entries will be received for one week and randomly drawn. The winner will receive a a free three-month subscription to the Courier.

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Book Shop and at the door.

For more information, contact Susie Johnson by phone at (562) 430-3342.

JUNE 18
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School at St. Mary School will follow the theme of "Great Bible Reef" from June 18-22. Early registration is currently under way. Pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade students are eligible to attend. There is a $20 registration fee.

Volunteers are needed.

For more information or to register, call the parish office at 547-6652.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host the following events:

The Big Read, Movies at 2 p.m. featuring "Freaky Friday," June 2.

SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark is open 4-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 4-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Summer hours will begin June 9 and are from noon to 9 p.m. daily. Helmets are required. The park is supervised.

The daily user fee is $3. A seven-day punch card is $15 and a season pass is $90. For more information, call the Charlevoix Recreation Department at 547-3253.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information, call 547-5190

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

CLASS OF 1977

The Charlevoix High School class of 1977 is making plans for its 30th reunion. Activities are being planned for the weekend of Sept. 28. All class members are invited to visit www.charlevoix77.wetpaint.com to register and share memories. Suggestions or questions can be directed to bourke.edmund@vdps.net or rmoore@korthaseflinn.com

DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in the "Servants Quarters" at the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

The Harsha House Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, call 547-0373.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open 10 a.m.-noon, Mondays and Thursdays, at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

BURN PERMITS

Michigan averages 8,000 to 10,000 wildfires a year. More than 90 percent of Michigan's wildfires are caused by humans, and over one-third of those fires are started by burning yard waste or brush.

A burning permit is required any time the ground is not snow covered for open burning. Free burning permits are available online at www.michigan.gov/burnpermit, or by calling 866-922-BURN (2876).

MEETINGS

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Tuesday through Saturday at 103 State Street.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Depot. For more information, call 547-0373.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

There is a Community Lunch 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church located at 104 State St.

The Charlevoix Community Pool has an open swim 6-8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. There is an additional open swim 3-4:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Charlevoix Senior Center lunches served at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Postmus honored

Roger W. Postmus, MD, of Charlevoix was recently honored by the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) for 50 years of service to his patients and the medical profession.

MSMS honored 167 physicians for their outstanding contributions during a special reception at the 142nd annual meeting of the MSMS House of Delegates.

The honored physicians represent 8,350 years of medical service to their patients.

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This newer three bedroom, two and half bathroom home is located on a large corner lot about 3 miles from Charlevoix. It has traditional looks with a modern open floor plan. The basement is finished but still adaptable to your life style. A no-maintenance fence encloses the back yard for the safety of children and pets. **$219,000**

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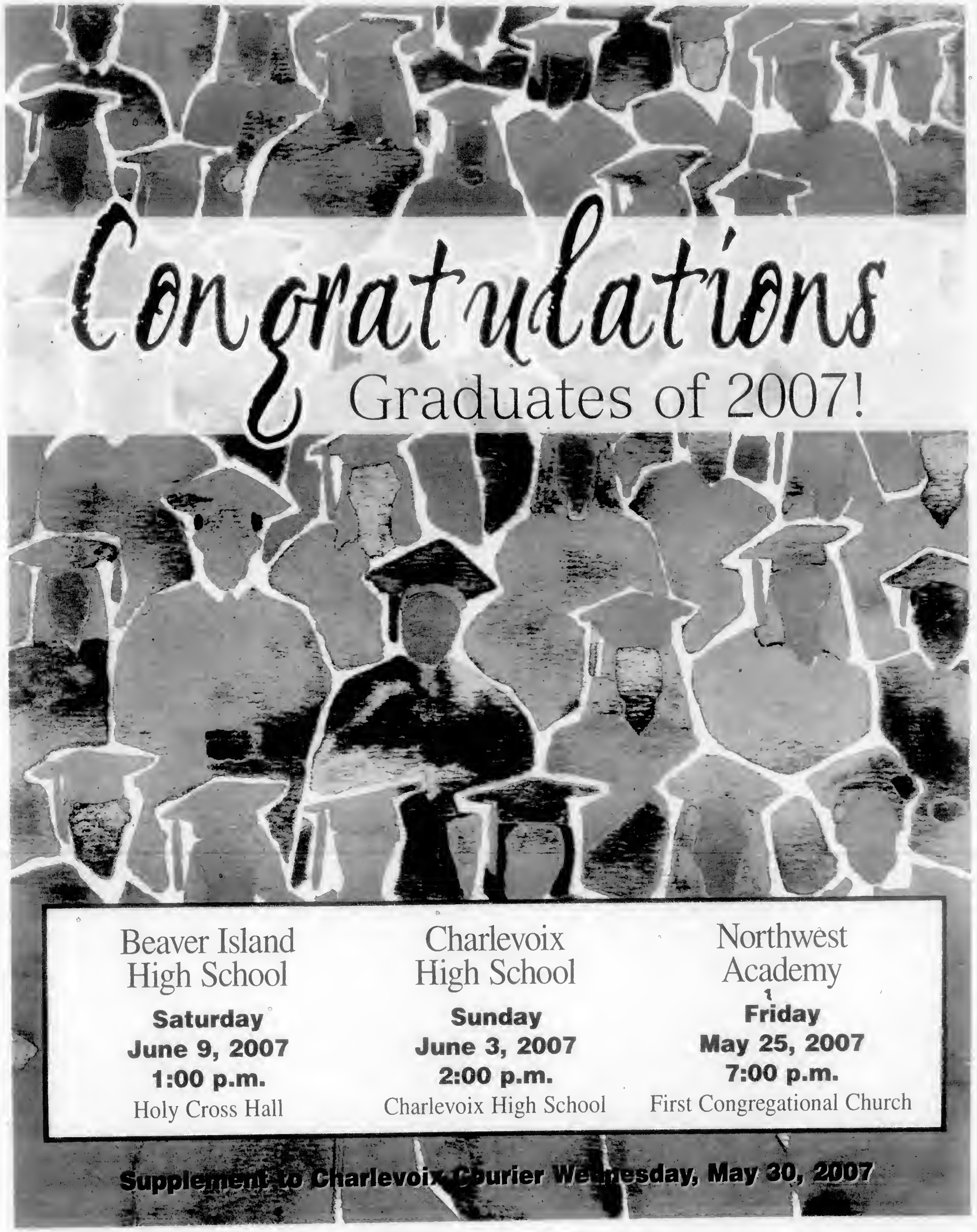

Congratulations
Graduates of 2007!

Beaver Island High School	Charlevoix High School	Northwest Academy
Saturday **June 9, 2007** **1:00 p.m.** Holy Cross Hall	**Sunday** **June 3, 2007** **2:00 p.m.** Charlevoix High School	**Friday** **May 25, 2007** **7:00 p.m.** First Congregational Church

Supplement to Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, May 30, 2007

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Charlevoix's seniors are outt'a here

Who: Charlevoix High School
What: Graduation Ceremony
When: June, 3rd at 2:00 p.m.
Where: Charlevoix High School

BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

If children are truly mankind's future, then Charlevoix has a lot to look forward to considering the larger than average number of valedictorians and salutatorians in the Charlevoix area.

The best of the best recently sat down with the Charlevoix Courier to discuss the major transition period that is high school graduation.

Charlevoix High School: Graduation ceremonies are scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 3 in the Rayder gymnaisum. There will be nearly 105 students graduating this year.

The 4.0 GPA valedictorians:

• Caitlin Taylor, daughter of Laura and David Taylor, has been a member of the National Honor Society, art and Spanish club, the cross country, track and field, volley ball and tennis teams and plans to attend Michigan State University.

"I want to study landscape architecture," she said. "I did get to take some technical classes that helped me discover the field of landscape architecture."

Taylor said, while she will miss the relationships she's made, she won't miss the homework and what she called, "The lack of freedom."

She added, "I'll miss my friends. It's not everyday that you get to hang out with your friends all day long."

Taylor plans to live somewhere other than Charlevoix after college.

"I'm definitely excited for a change," she said of going to college and told her underclassmen to, "Work hard while you're here because it will pay off."

• Lauren Dupuis, daughter of Mark and Molly Dupuis, was on the National Honor Society, Spanish and Sunnybank club and volleyball, tennis and cross country teams throughout her high school career.

"I'm going to Georgetown (University in Washington, D.C.) to study international finance," she said. "I won't miss the (lack) of freedom. You have to get your planner signed to go to the bathroom."

But, she said, I will miss seeing my friends everyday."

Dupuis said she does not plan to come back to Charlevoix to live following her college career.

"I'm excited to go to different and new places," she said. "There's really not much to do around here."

Dupuis said underclassmen should work hard but still try to have fun.

• Zita Anderson, daughter of Zita Winn and Steve Anderson, has been on the National Honor Society, the Spanish club and sports teams including basketball, volleyball, soccer as well as being on the youth advisory committee of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

"I'm going to Notre Dame (University in Indiana) and majoring in mathematics education," she said. "If I can get a job here when I'm done that would be fantastic. I would definitely come back here."

Anderson won't miss living by the school bell, but she said she will miss high school sports.

As for the future, she said, "I'm excited and ready to try something new."

Anderson told her underclassmen to get involved in as many sports and clubs as possible.

• Lauren Bradley, daughter of Buck and Linda Bradley, has been a member of the art and Spanish clubs, tennis and volleyball teams and plans to attend University of Michigan to study international relations.

"I feel like it was a nice variety of classes," she said. "I figured out what I like and don't like."

Bradley said she won't miss being controlled, but will miss the small school and knowing many people.

"I'm excited for the future. I can't wait to see what happens," she said. "I'll probably vacation here, but I hope to move overseas for awhile."

Bradley told underclassmen to, "Do everything you can while you're here because opportunities don't come up all the time."

The 3.99 GPA Rayder salutatorians

• Jacob Wimmer, son of Chris and Rebecca Wimmer, has been on the soccer, cross country and track and field teams as well as student council and the National Honor Society.

"The most helpful things here have been the tech classes I've taken and the art classes," he said. "I'm either going into industrial design or engineering. I'm going to (The University of Michigan) to their college of art and design. I'm going to be studying industrial design, and if that doesn't work out I'll do architecture or engineering."

Wimmer said he will not miss depressing English stories like Hamlet, but he will miss the time he spent on the track and field and cross country teams.

Whether he will follow his career path back to Charlevoix is still undecided.

"It's a possibility. My dad has a business here and if I decide I want to work for him I might," he said. "That is an option, but I'm keeping my options open."

He added, "I'm excited and kind of questioning what's in store. I'm just excited to be moving on."

Wimmer told his fellow classmates to, "Keep your morals and beliefs above all else."

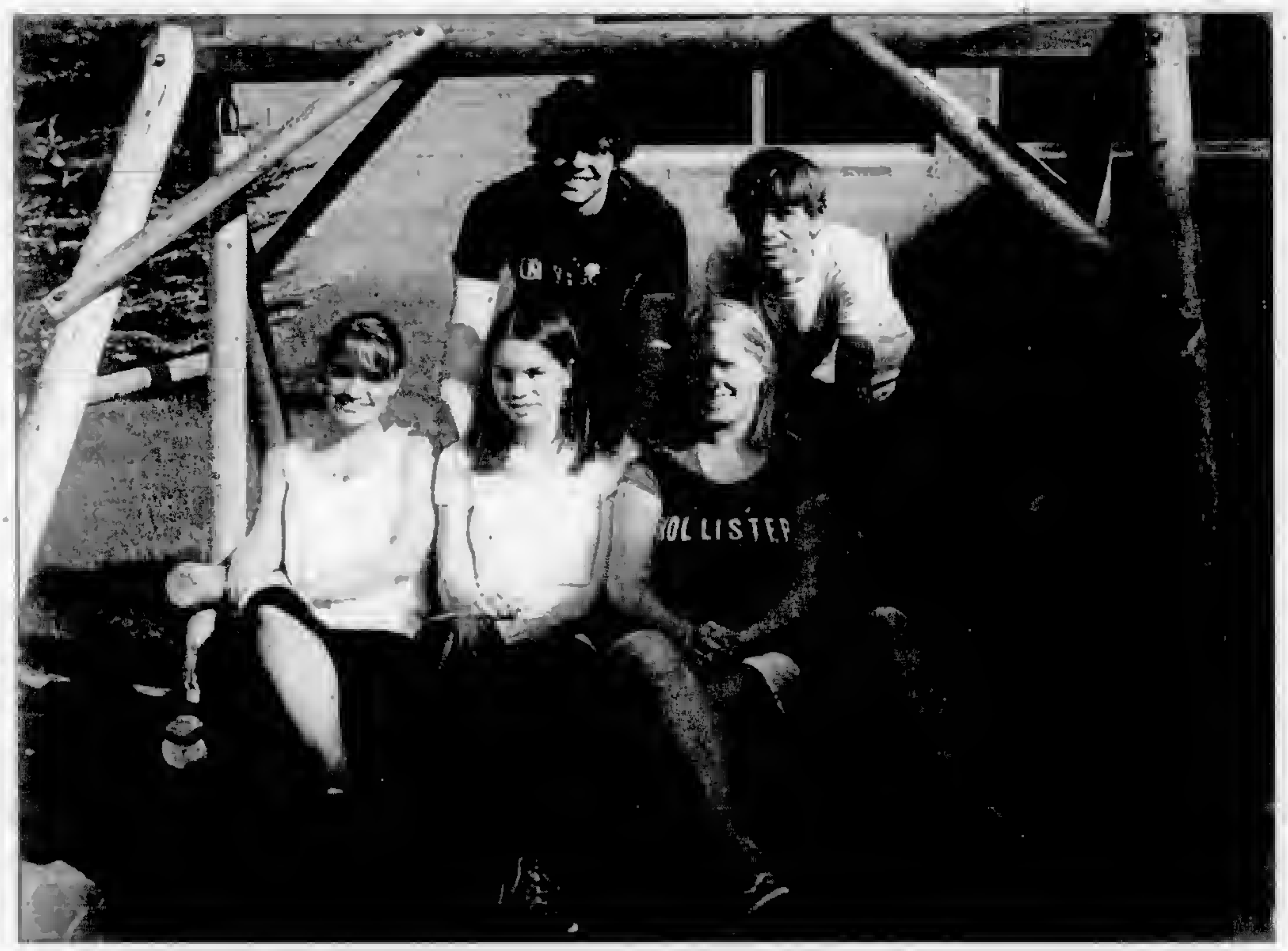
• Logan Priess, son of Diane and Dennis Priess, has been on the ski and quiz bowl teams, the French club, the National Honor Society and has been a student representative.

"I'm going to Grand Valley (State University). I'm going to go into film and video," he said.

Priess looks forward to the freedom of college but will miss the close-knit family of a smaller school and community.

I'm excited about the future, getting away from the family and getting out on my own," he said. "Even if I don't do so well it will be nice to do something different."

His words of wisdom: "Hard work isn't everything. Have some fun—half the time that's more important that just getting the grades." •


Charlevoix High School Graduates — (From left to right front row) Zita Anderson, Lauren Dupuis, Lauren Bradley and Caitlin Taylor. (Back row from left) Logan Priess and Jacob Wimmer.

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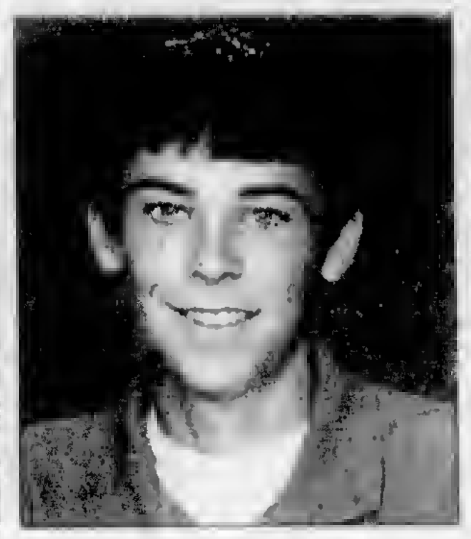
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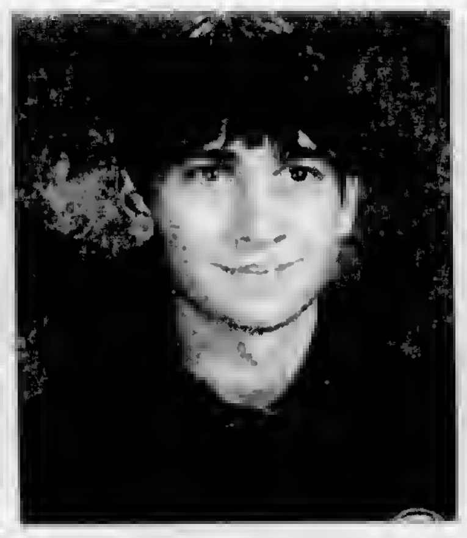
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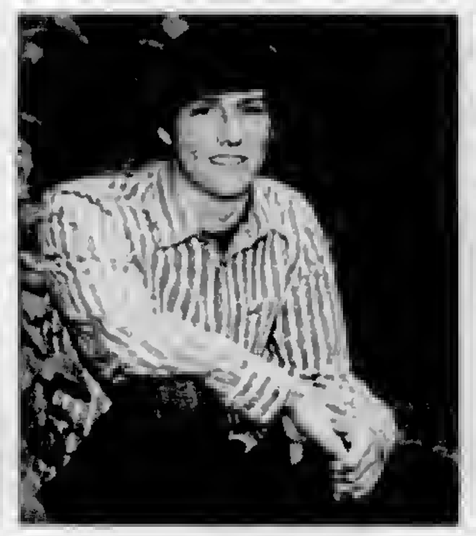
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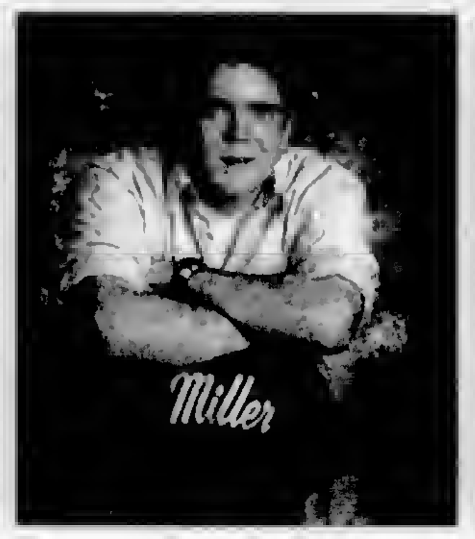
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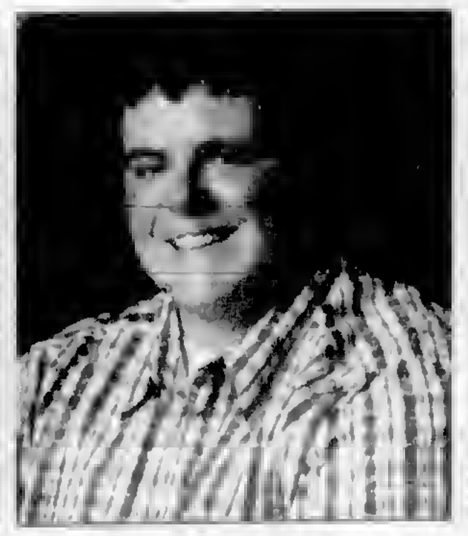
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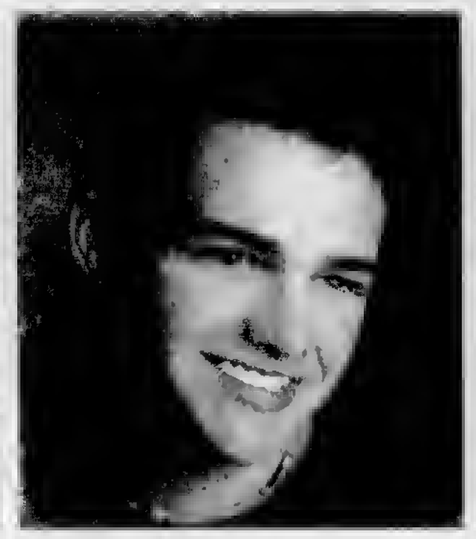
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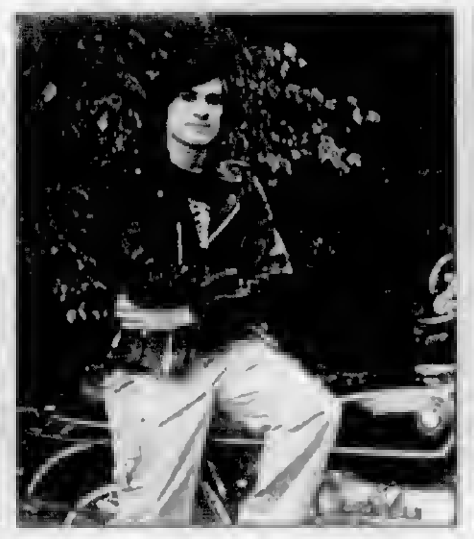
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Who: Northwest Academy
What: Graduation Ceremony
When: May, 25th at 7:00 p.m.
Where: 1st Congregational Church

BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

NWA: Graduation ceremonies were Friday, May 25 at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix. The graduating class consisted of six students.

The top graduate of Northwest Academy of Charlevoix, Alanna Leslie-Meadows, daughter of Peggy Leslie-Meadows, is a salutatorian with a 3.39 GPA.

"I plan to attend Saginaw Valley (State University)," she said. "I'm not sure what my major will be, but it will be something in the performing arts or education."

Leslie-Meadows has played soccer and been involved with concert and jazz band where she played the tenor saxophone.

"I was in choir while it was here, I've been dancing since I was two and I've been on the honor roll for the last two years," she said. "I'm also on student council and I was on the prom committee."

Leslie-Meadows said she will miss the students and teachers the most.

"I won't miss the drama," she said. "Whenever I see people being upset it makes me upset."

She added, "I don't like to see people upset. I want to see people happy. I'm always the happy, hyper person."

As far as the future is concerned, Leslie-Meadows said she is a little anxious.

"I'm nervous and excited at the same time and scared to death of the future," she said. "But, I'm looking forward to new challenges and the future."

Leslie-Meadows hopes to follow her career to the San Francisco, Calif. area after college.

"I visited there (San Francisco) this past spring break and the city is great and the people are nice, but I'm still undecided," she said. "Part of me wants to stay back here with my friends."

Leslie-Meadows had the following advice to her classmates and underclassmen:

"I just want them to find their passion, what they're really good at and follow their dreams to achieve their passion," she said.

She added, "I would just like to thank the NWA family for putting up with me for the past six years. I would like to thank every student and every teacher for the memories."

Northwest Academy Graduates — (From left to right) Destarte Loveless, Riki Lent, Marina Rademacher, Alanna Leslie-Meadows, Anna Kroon and Phoebe Allport.

Northwest Academy Graduates

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Who: Beaver Island Seniors
What: Graduation Ceremony
When: June 9th at 1:00 p.m.
Where: Holy Cross Hall

BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Beaver Island: Graduation ceremony is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 9 at the Holy Cross Hall on Beaver Island. Guest Speakers for graduation are teachers Jim and Donna Stambaugh.

While Beaver Island Community Schools will graduate no valedictorians or salutatorians, following is a list of 2007 graduates and their aspirations:

Emma Elizabeth Adams received a volleyball scholarship to Albion College where she intends to pursue a bachelor's degree.

Anthony James Bousquet would like to take at least a year off to work and then hopefully be able to travel throughout Europe.

David Michael Bousquet was accepted at Northern Michigan College in Traverse City. He plans to study Mechanical Engineering.

Saygan Kerr Croswhite graduated with honors, has been accepted at Northwestern Michigan College and would like to pursue a degree in Biology.

Brenna McNamara Green was accepted at Northern Michigan University in Marquette and plans to work toward a degree in Elementary Education.

Bailey Kathleen McDonough was accepted at Northwestern Michigan College and plans to get her nursing basies completed before transferring to another University.

Rita Jewell Palmer would like to attend Northwestern Michigan College and then transfer to Boston Berkley Music School.

David Schwartzfisher was accepted at Northwestern Michigan College where he will pursue a Culinary Arts Degree.

Cory Allen Sowa plans to attend Musician's Institute in Hollywood, Calif. where he hopes to attain an associate's in Music Performance.

Jared Gerard Wojan was accepted at both Mid-Michigan Community College and Central Michigan University. Wojan would like to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.

Beaver island Grads (left to right): Tony Bousquet, Saygan Croswhite, Brenna Green, David Bousquet, Jared Wojan, Emma Adams, David Schwartzfisher, Bailey McDonough, Cory Sowa. Photo is courtesy of Frank Solle of Beaver Island. The photo was taken at the traditional Junior-Senior banquet on Friday May, 18 on the Island. The banquet has been a tradition on the Island since the 1920's. The junior class raises money to sponsor the formal dinner at which the seniors and their families are the guests of honor. Seventh graders are the servers and all 8-12 graders along with teachers and board members are seated for the meal, which this year was expertly prepared by chef Dusty Cushman. Beaver Island Community School graduate and recent CMU grad, Abigail Adams, was the guest speaker after which the underclassmen bid the seniors farewell. A senior video was also viewed. After the banquet, all students in grades 8-12 went on a sunset cruise on the Emerald Isle, then returned to the banquet hall for dancing and team games followed by a stint in an inflatable laser tag game. At the end of the evening prizes were awarded to all students attending the event thanks to the many donations from Island residents and businesses and mainland businesses.

Beaver Island Community School Graduates

Emma Adams

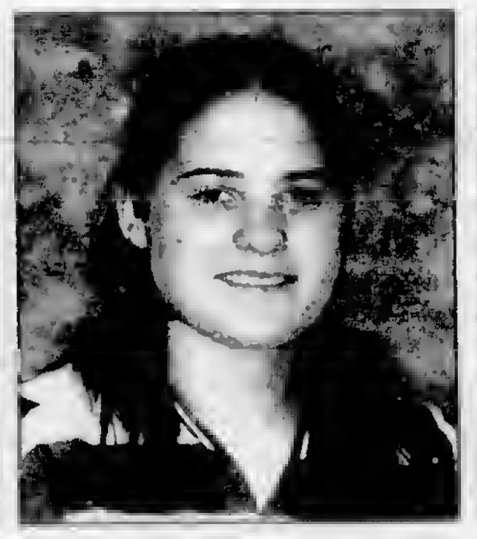
David Bousquet

Tony Bousquet

Saygan Croswhite

Brenna Green

Bailey McDonough



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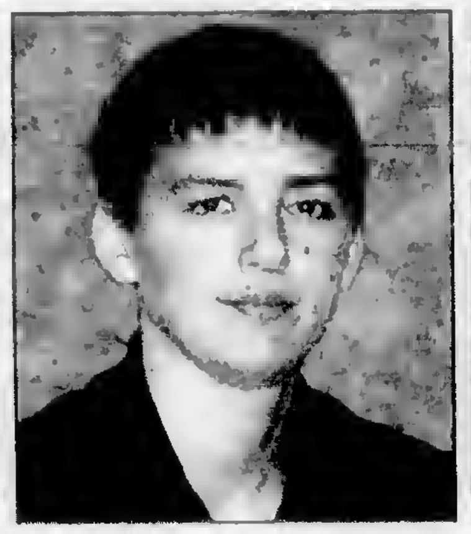

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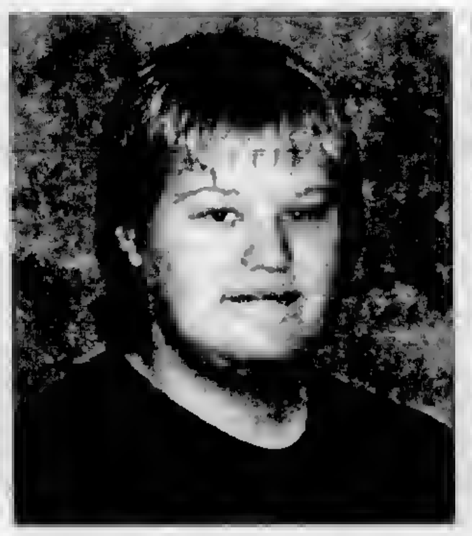

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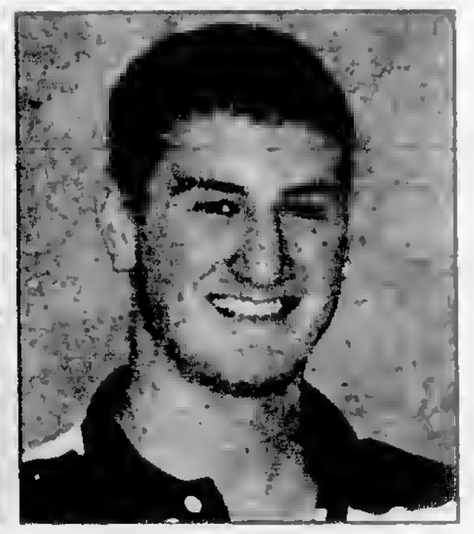

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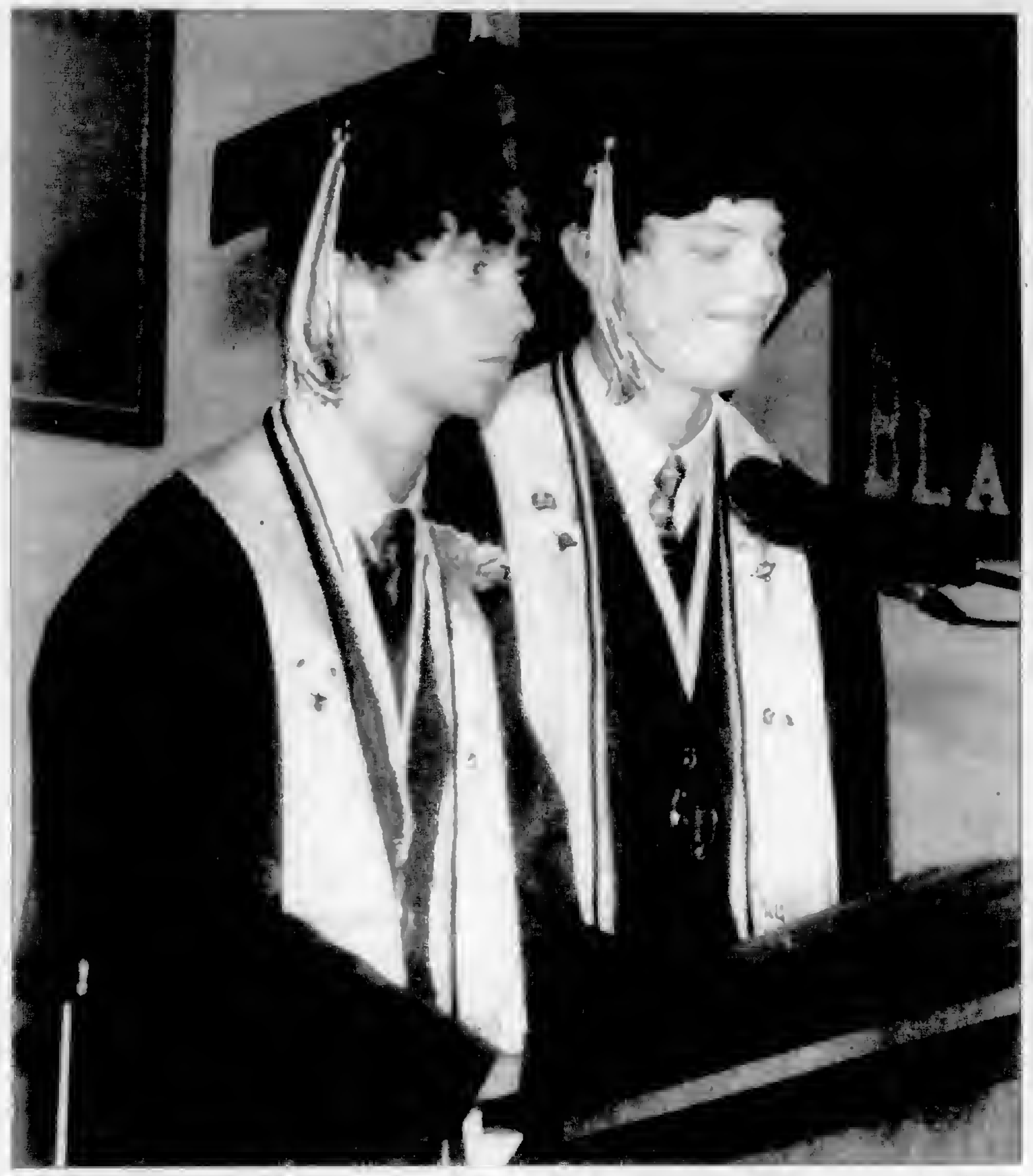

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Jacob Wimmer (left) and Logan Priess, Charlevoix High School's two salutatorians, give their classmates a humorous but heartfelt speech on this, their last official day as Charlevoix Rayders. See additional graduation pictures on page 6.

Janik the pick for super's job

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

A 6-0 vote to offer the Charlevoix Public Schools superintendent position to Chet Janik was made by the board of education on Tuesday, May 29.

Board member, Diane Kilkenny, was absent.

According to interim superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Jim Cooper, the personnel committee, which consists of board president Bill Trubilowicz and board members Dean Spencley and John McLean, will now devise a contract complete with salary, benefit package and desired timeline of service before entering contract negotiations with Janik.

"Once they (members of the personnel committee) have that contract signed I assume they're looking at a July 1 start date or at least the first week in July," Cooper said. "I think they did a very thorough review of the candidates and I think it came down to who they thought was a better fit for Charlevoix at this time."

Janik

Cooper added, "I think he'll (Janik) do a fine job. He brings a lot of experience and skill to this job. He'll be very visible and people will get to know him quickly."

Janik, who has 27 years experience in education, a bachelor's and master's degree from Central Michigan University and has taken advanced classes through the University of Nebraska, chose Charlevoix after careful deliberation.

"I did a lot of research and this school district has a great image and reputation and the test scores are, of course, very good," Janik said. "The facilities are very nice and I talked to a lot of parents and community members."

He added, "Everyone I talked to was very positive. Charlevoix is the right fit with my background."

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The oldest part of the Beaver Island Community School is the two-room section on the right, built in the late 1950s. The room with all the windows was added in the early 1960s and the other section shortly after.

Bond sought for island school

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

At the Aug. 7 election Beaver Island School officials will ask voters to approve 2.3 mills over 25 years to raise nearly $4 million beginning this December to renovate the school house built in the 1950s.

With their 15-year 1.46 mill debt millage and the five-year (originally 1-mill) .89 sinking fund millage having expired December 2006, the Beaver Island Community Schools Board of Education unanimously adopted the $3,950,000 proposal on Tuesday, May 22.

"I believe that it's needed because our finances are such that we don't have enough operating money to do anything other than operate the school," said outgoing school board member and former board president, John Fiegen. "We don't have enough money for construction, renovation (or) anything that keeps the building in good shape."

The sinking fund provided

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 90th Circuit Court:

Linda Marie Smith, 21, Charlevoix. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow; Fines and costs totaling $260.

David Andre Bacchus, 37, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow; Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

David Brian Girard, 31, Boyne City. Use of hydrocodone. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,350 in fines and costs.

Terry John Anderson, 36, Gaylord. Operating while intoxicated — second offense. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 30 days in jail; to serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device; 244 days held in abeyance; serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; to attend substance abuse classes; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $2,414 in fines and costs.

Timothy Mark Spiewak, 51, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated. Credit for one day in jail; 82 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; to attend substance abuse classes; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,205 in fines and costs.

Daniel Lee Matelski, 30, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; to serve six months on probation; to attend substance abuse classes; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,030 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed an assumed business name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Beaver Island Tree Care, P.O. Box 503 27474 Westside Drive, Beaver Island, by Daniel M. Rasch Sr.

Just-In-A-Bottle, 00095 Addis Road, Boyne City, by Justin Krd.

JRS/DLS INC, 500 Front St., Boyne City, by J. Richard and David L. Smith.

Argetsinger Construction, 5685 Harrison St., Rapid City, by Terrence Joel Argetsinger.

J.M. Construction, 712 Sherman St., East Jordan, by John McCafferty.

Cottages Decorating, 04329 Lakeshore Drive, Charlevoix, by Sally S. Ganakas.

Bob's Tree Trimming & Rodent Removal, 06055 Division Avenue, Charlevoix, by Robert J. Simon.

Shovelhead Transportation, 5885 Ferry Road, East Jordan, by James M. Earegood.

Sayles Masonry, 8277 Huffman Lake Road, Elmira, by Tait Sayles and Carrie Gray.

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently issued marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

William Joseph McGowan, 36, and Cindy Fulbright Teasdale, 30, both of St. Louis, MO

Jason Aaron McNitt, 25, and Jessica Louise Bush, 22, both of Elmira

James Franklin Baxter, 45, and Denise Marie Conde, 50, both of Boyne City

Alan David Shanks, 24, and Crystal Ann Smith, 21, both of Charlevoix

Aaron James Richards, 36, Boyne City and Nikole FrancisMcKenzie Rewald, 28, East Jordan

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Lorraine Marie Bennett vs. Darcy Ray Bennett

William Paul Carson vs. Sally Lynn Carson

Jennifer Zeitler vs. Jeremiah Zeitler

BIRTHS

Lorelei Marie Sustic weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce, was born May 22 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Nicole and Matt Sustic of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are Dorothy Sustic and Dan Sustic of Columbia, Tenn., and John Angermuller and Debbie Angermuller from Charlevoix. Her great-grandparents are Hank and Shirley Keys of Eastport and Margret Davis and Evalyn Russell both from Charlevoix.

CORRECTION

The young man in the trout tournament photo in the May 30 edition of the Charlevoix Courier was Brady Way, not Matthew Mikulski.

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Tax would replace millage that ended

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only enough funds for what Fiegen called, "Band-Aids."

"It seemed to us an opportune time, rather than just keep going with the sinking fund and just doing patchwork just to keep the school from falling down, to get the bond issue passed to do renovations and tear down the oldest, most inefficient part of the school," he said.

In a May 23 press release from Beaver Island Community Schools superintendent, Kitty McNamara, Bret Kronlein, vice president of education for BETA Design, an architectural and engineering firm from Grand Rapids spearheading the school facility improvement project, pointed out that there will be no increase in taxes currently levied on Beaver Island citizens if the millage passes.

"The school board was adamant about minimizing the impact on taxpayers. Their direction was to keep the total tax levy equal to or less than the current amount," Kronlein stated. "Obtaining insight from the building's users and from the voters in the community is critical in designing a facility that will truly meet the district's needs."

The previous 1.46 and .89 millages equal 2.35 mills, a .05 savings from previous years if the proposed 2.3 millage is passed.

Beaver Island resident, former teacher with Beaver Island Schools and publisher of the Northern Islander newspaper, Elaine West, said she is still on the proverbial fence on the bond issue.

"I'm still a little torn," she said. "Given our tough economic times and the millage that we pay now, I think it's going to be a tough sell."

There were 71 students registered for the 2006-2007 Beaver Island school year, a decrease from 77 and 79 students for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years respectively.

Fiegen said he understands why some may ask why the school must be enlarged despite an apparent decline in enrollment.

"Our enrollment statistics projections show we are in a dip, but over the last 60 years enrollment has been staying constant and going up constantly," he said. "If our projections show to be true then this is just a blip and we will continue to go in a positive direction."

He added, "That is if we have something appealing to offer. We have had some success in adding new programs in the last few years, but we don't have a place to do them. No matter how romantic a one-room schoolhouse is, it is very difficult to offer the things students need in those kinds of facilities."

West said she has heard people discussing the possibility of utilizing the resources already available on the island.

"The (Beaver Island) Community Center will have a youth center which may be a good spot for art students and when it's completed there will be an (auditorium) that could be used for music students," she said. "I think everybody's tightening their belts and there are schools all over the state that are really suffering — this is what I'm hearing from various people."

According to McNamara, Beaver Island Community School officials have been working with BETA Design since January to create a vision and program for this project with several meetings of community and school staff to determine the school's needs and priorities.

If approved by voters, millage money would be used to make room for art, music and science classes and fix air circulation issues, wasted energy and safety issues.

If the measure fails to pass, McNamara said via phone interview, "We'll have to take a look at what the vote is and make a determination whether it's worth going back to the voters again or whether to go back for a sinking fund for upkeep on the older part of the building."

She added, "Voters will see the cost for the new facility equal to, or less than, what they were paying last year and it will provide a modern living space for Beaver Island kids and they deserve it as much as anybody else."

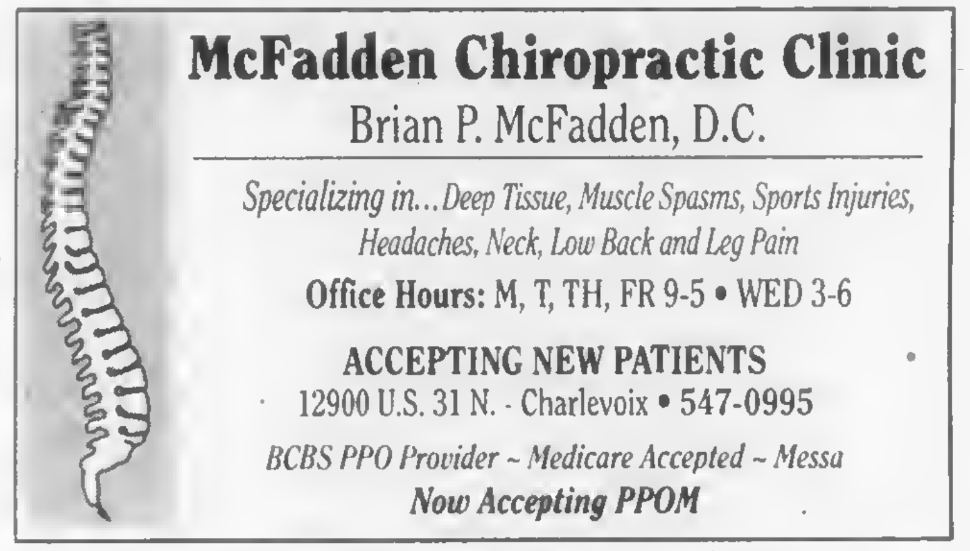
Graduates

St. Amour graduates

Michelle St. Amour of Charlevoix graduated from Ferris State University from the College of Allied Health Sciences at the May 4 commencements. Michelle graduated summa cum laude with a degree in radiography. She is the daughter of Phil and Lou Jozwiak of Rogers City and Ray St. Amour of Central Lake; and granddaughter of Theresa Heinzel of Grand Lake, Julius Peplinski of Alpena, and Louie and Loree St. Amour of Rogers City.

Londgren graduates

Jerusha Londgren, daughter of Jeffrey and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix, graduated with a bachelor of arts degree, music major from Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minn., May 11. She is a 2003 Charlevoix High School graduate.



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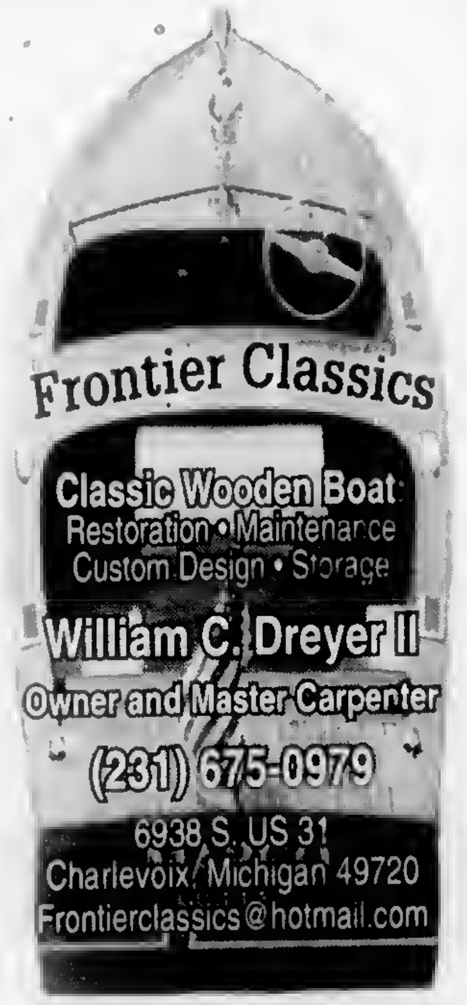

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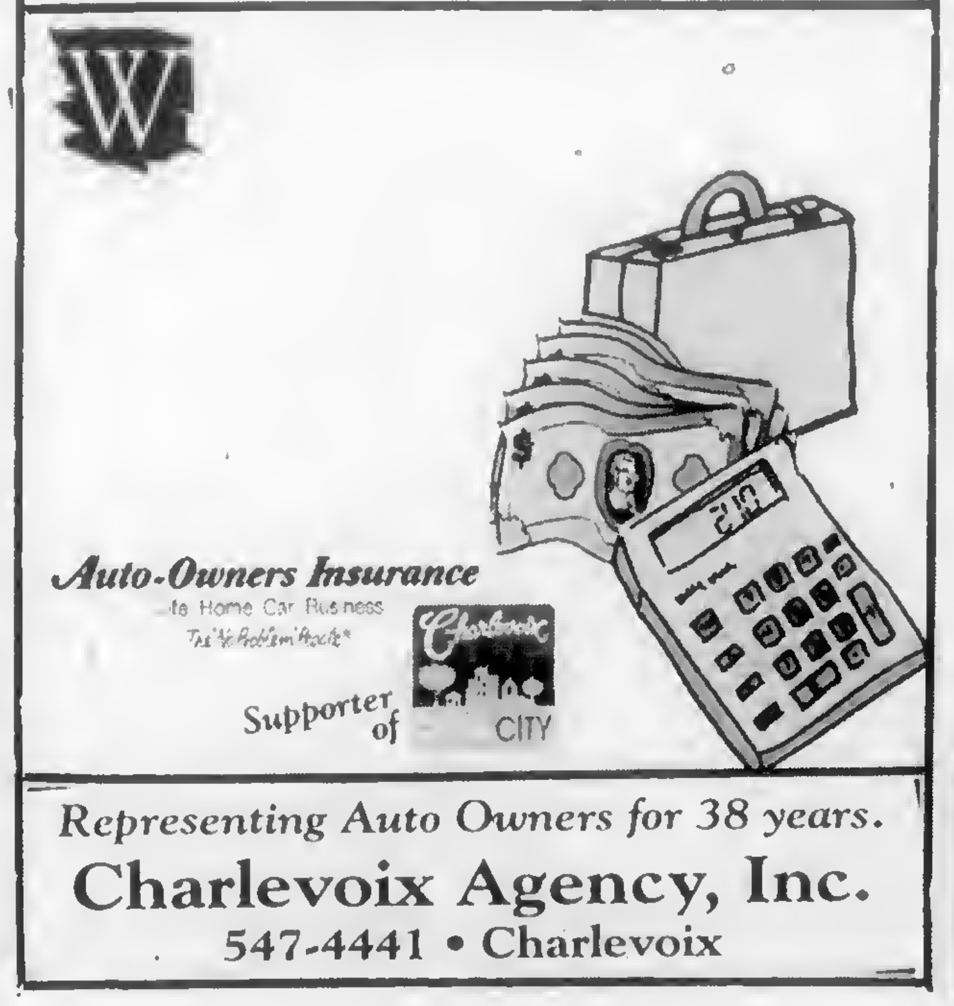

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Gohs (right) with Greg Marshall of WMKT and WMBN.

Epiphanies on summer

Do not adjust your reading glasses, for this is not a misprint, Gohs is writing the editorial.

And, while I have gone mad with power since Courier editor Julie Witthoeft began maternity leave, I have also learned a few things in the two weeks since I took over my editor's desk.

Before I get to my life lessons, let me say, "Hooray summer!" I know, summer doesn't officially begin until June 21, but everyone this side of Grayling knows Memorial Day weekend is the real kickoff for BBQs, sparklers and RVs the size of ocean liners.

I'd also like to welcome the fudgies, snowbirds, transplants and anyone stranded here after running out of gas on the way to Mackinaw City — on the bright side, our fudge tastes better, our bridge is faster to cross and we are a safe distance from the ghosts of Fort Michilimackinac.

But seriously, you and the family can spend your hard-earned money to relax anywhere in the world and you choose to do it here, and for that we thank you.

Now to the epiphanies:

1. I learned I am in no condition to try and keep up with people in a parade. After nearly having a coronary in an attempt to beat the Memorial Day marchers to the library on Monday, I have decided to limit my intake of sausage gravy to a pint a day.

2. I learned the Regional Business After Hours, brought to us by chambers of commerce from Charlevoix, Boyne City, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Harbor Springs and Petoskey and sponsored in part by the Petoskey News-Review and the Charlevoix Courier, was a blast. Several hundred people turned out for the evening of fine food, door prizes and rubbing elbows with business people from all over Charlevoix, Antrim and Emmet counties. I got the chance to meet and chat with Greg Marshall of 1270 WMKT and 1340 WMBN of Petoskey who is one of my media heroes and I even made a business contact with Jim Cook of Bee A Winner Advertising Specialties of East Jordan. I encourage all business owners to attend this fun and relaxing chance to network and market your business.

Benjamin Gohs

3. I learned that, while listening to a pregnant woman bounce back and forth from maniacal laughter to uncontrolled sobbing was a little unsettling, I miss my boss and wish her a speedy return to the office, because her job is more difficult than I could ever have imagined.

I have to go now, I think the crew may be planning a mutiny.

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Rolling along in life on the back of a motorcycle

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

Hope rides a motorcycle

Hope is widely accepted as an emotion believing that a positive outcome is possible even when evidence suggests otherwise. A good dose of hope goes hand in hand with faith. They both are actually one of the three values adhered to in the Catholic Church, the other being charity.

I pondered those values the other day while witnessing the large number of participants in the recent Tri 4 Fun event and the Sue De Young/Judy Edger Memorial Walk.

Both of these fundraisers had their sites on collecting money to assist local cancer patients and each sponsored activity met or surpassed their goal.

I witnessed hope with each face that met mine with their desire to complete their portion of the event.

Faith was shown by the organizers of the events that all would go well. The charity of others brought donations that will continue to serve our community family.

A day doesn't go by without someone educating us about another's diagnosis.

I used to believe that there was something in our environment that brought about a higher incidence of illness in our area. As time passed I realized that a close-knit town brings about awareness of someone else's personal business.

The bittersweet thing about living in a community our size is we are aware of others setbacks, illnesses, good fortunes and life changes.

Unfortunately it keeps everyone aware of your daily life, but on the upside it also brings with it support that is ongoing. There is always someone to talk to with a similar situation which brings with it support and hope.

It was discussed in our household that sometimes life just seems to be getting away from us. We decided to tackle our feelings head on with new and fun experiences and cherish each moment.

Our idea to appreciate each new day and help conserve fuel solidified with the purchase of a shiny new motorcycle. She (its feminine when I'm driving her) puts a positive spin on life by taking it in up close and personal.

Those three values taught by the nuns in elementary school came back to mind. We "hope" to arrive to each destination in one piece, I have to have lots of "faith" as the passenger sitting behind my husband, and the "charity" of our wallets keeps fueling our fun.

Hope may not make us or a loved one completely well, but it definitely puts a positive spin on what we choose to do and say on a daily basis.

It takes little effort for us to say something to give someone hope. To give it away daily will improve the mental attitude of someone experiencing a bump in the road.

Hope does spring eternal and it's a good thing to give away daily in large doses and remember to keep some for yourself.

LETTERS to the editor

THANKS FOR HELP

Editor:

I have heard from so many of our Charlevoix friends. I am so blessed to have them.

I would like to express my appreciation for all the prayers, flowers, cards, phone calls and memorial donations to the church in honor of my husband, Bill Nall. God bless you, Thank you.

Ida Nall
Blairsville, Ga.

MANY HELPED WITH TRI 4

Thanks to all our participants, volunteers, sponsors and donors who made the 3rd annual Tri 4 Fun Women's Non Competitive Triathlon a wonderful success on May 20.

We had more than 40 great volunteers and 92 energetic swimmers, bikers and runners.

Thanks to everyone who supported these women, many of them TRI-ing for the first time.

We raised more than $7,000 for two important local cancer support groups: Circle of Strength and Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders.

Our top solo triathlete, who raised the most money, was Geralyn Doskoch.

Jay Johnson, Christine Johnson and Sue Wiberg of team #301 raised the most money. Great job everyone.

TRI 4 FUN director
Michelle Rick-Biddick

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LETTERS to the editor

PUT THE RINK INSIDE

Editor:

Do you want a way to get rid of cabin fever then an ice skating and hockey rink might be for you. The closest ice rink to us is in Petoskey which is much too far. Hockey is a fun sport but it is not offered here in Charlevoix. If it were here it would draw many more people from other cities.

Kids that don't play any of the sports Charlevoix has to offer might be interested in hockey. It also might keep kids off the street. Another good reason is that you wouldn't just have an outside rink.

It's not very good ice and sometimes it's not even there. So, what I'm trying to say is an ice rink wouldn't be a bad idea. Thank you for reading my letter.

Sam Black
6th Grade Student

WEB SITE IS GREAT

Editor:

I am a snowbird living in the Chicagoland area. However, I feel like a native since my mother and her 12 siblings were raised there and went to Charlevoix schools. I still have cousins living there and I have been coming up for all of my 68 years. My children and grandchildren now consider Charlevoix their second home just as I do.

I really appreciate the new Web site and I congratulate you on getting it done. Every week I look forward to getting my Courier. I also love the new graphics and layout. One suggestion you might consider if possible is more pictures of the new East Park and marina renovation project going on. It would be great to see the weekly progress in pictures. We fudgies are very interested in the project. Keep up the good work and keep watering the petunias when needed. Thanks,

Ron Kruse
Chicago, Ill.

BARNARD GRANGE: THANKS TO HELPERS

Editor:

On behalf of the Barnard Grange we wish to thank all who helped with our auction sale on May 19. Auctioneer Mike Bost and his wife, Claudia, and their helpers who donated their services and equipment, all who brought consignment articles, and donated items, and everyone who helped in any way.

The proceeds will go to our Community Service Projects and the upkeep of our hall. For questions about our organization, call 547-9544.

Darleen Dhaseleer
Community Service Chair

CASKS ARE SAFE

Editor:

I read with great interest the article by Stephanie Carano regarding the storage of spent nuclear waste at the old Big Rock property. It seems some anti-nuclear groups have glommed onto the resignation of one disgruntled employee and are attempting to turn it into a potential nuclear holocaust in an effort to engender fear among the locals. For what end, I don't know and I suppose it does not matter.

I have worked in the civilian nuclear industry for 22 years, and before that I was in the nuclear Navy for eight. Currently I am a senior reactor operator at a plant in Illinois, licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, trained and tested to the highest of standards. I am very familiar with the fuel storage casks used at Big Rock; these same casks are in use at my plant.

The bottom line is this: the fuel stored in the casks at Big Rock is as safe from terrorists as if it was still in the ground as ore. Those casks are built and tested to withstand the most amazing impacts. A group of terrorists who wished to breach one had better bring lunch, because it will take more than just a couple of bombs to get through one and a lot of time.

An environmental group truly interested in improving the safety of the stored fuel would best serve that interest by pressuring the Federal Government to get off the stick and open the repository at Yucca Mountain, thus honoring the commitment it made to the nuclear industry so many years ago. Otherwise, they should take their fear mongering elsewhere.

David M. Bowman

INFORMATION NEEDED

Editor:

Charlevoix is a beautiful place, but I feel that it lacks area information for visitors. Our town can be a puzzling place to find your way around. Maps of Charlevoix around our town would make life easier.

Safety is a big concern, that's why the safety areas should be noticed. For instance, new people in town need to know where the hospital is. Similarly, the police station and fire station should also be noticed.

Everyone knows in the summer downtown is packed with tourists; the maps would give them more options to spread out. For example, the maps would lead them to museums, exhibits and libraries The tourists can also go to Charlevoix's numerous parks and beaches.

Finally, the maps would make a difference in promoting Charlevoix. In fact they would be very convenient for many people. The maps would also make our town look more inviting and friendly.

From my point of view, the maps would help in making Charlevoix a better place. I'm sure numerous people would appreciate the maps, since parents have a hard time pulling over while driving to ask for directions. Once again, Charlevoix is a beautiful place, but I feel that it lacks area information for visitors. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Kelsea Stevens
6th Grade Student

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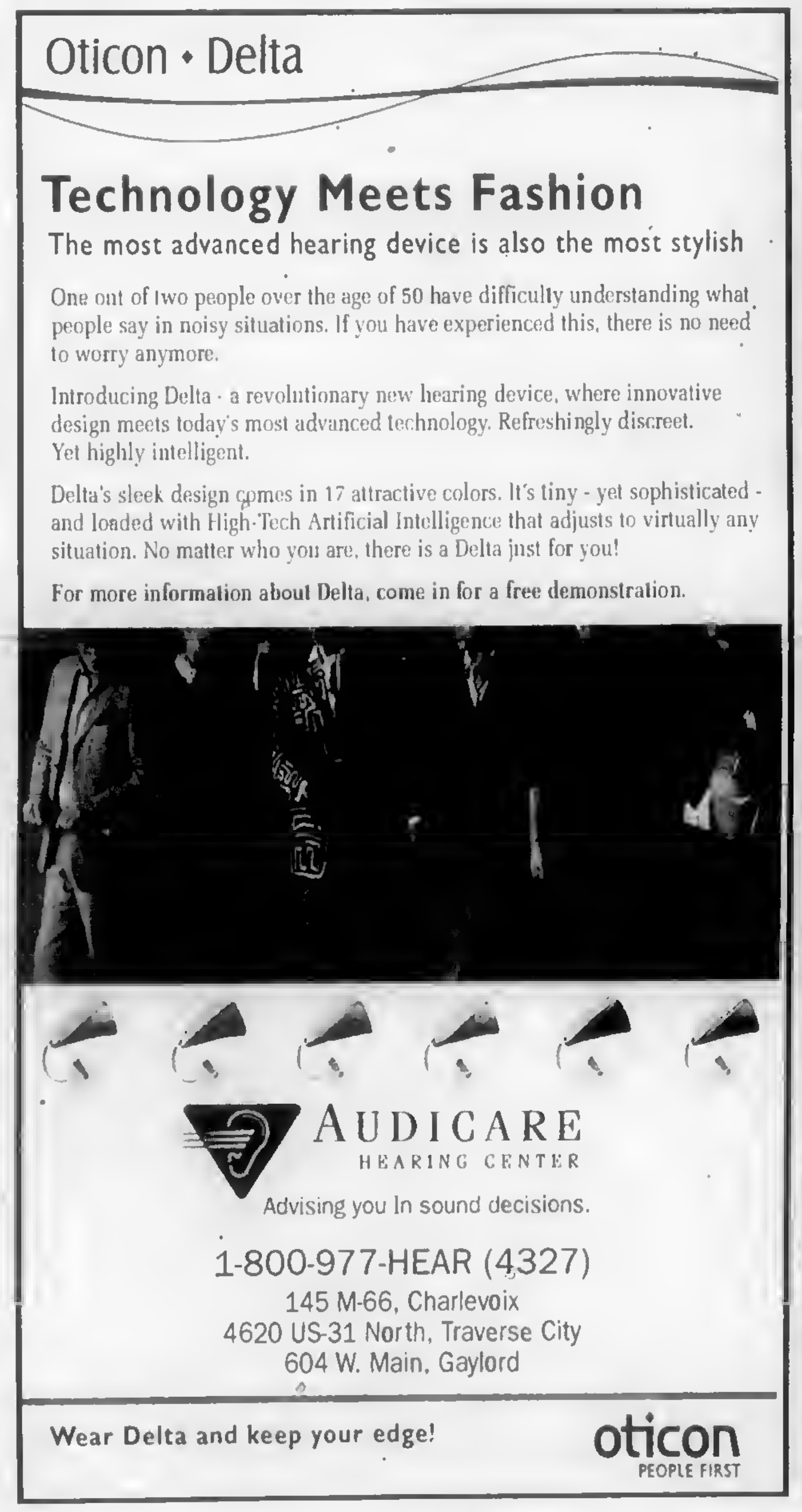

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Students say goodbye at CHS, Northwest

Valedictorians (from left), Zita Anderson, Caitlin Taylor, Lauren Dupuis and Lauren Bradley speak to their classmates during graduation ceremonies in the Rayder gym at Charlevoix High School. There were also two salutatorians this school year.

RIGHT: Salutatorian, Alanna Leslie-Meadows, addresses her fellow classmates during Northwest Academy of Charlevoix graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 25, at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix. Leslie-Meadows plans to study either performing arts or education at Saginaw Valley State University later this fall. LEFT: Charlevoix High School principal Gary Grundman retires after he attended his last commencement.

PHOTOS BY BENJAMIN GOHS

Phoebe Allport (from left), Anna Kroon, Alanna Leslie-Meadows, Marina Rademacher, Destarte Loveless and Riki Hankins make up the 2007 graduating class of Northwest Academy of Charlevoix.

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Two teachers retire from Char-Em ISD

This is the second part of a two-part series on Charlevoix's retiring teachers

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Alison Mellon's fascination with literacy began when she was student teaching at Wayne State University.

At that time, she was observing a sixth-grade classroom and a first-grade classroom with the intent of becoming a science teacher. But she became captivated by the learning process of reading and writing that was taking place in the first grade.

Mellon

"You'll never see as much growth in a student as you do in first grade, it's like watching a baby grow from a newborn to age 1," Mellon said. "They come in basically as a blank slate and come out being able to read and write."

This was the beginning of her development as a literacy consultant for Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, a position she will be retiring from at the end of the school year.

As a literacy consultant for Char-Em ISD, she has been able to influence the development of all students that attend Charlevoix Public Schools by working with their teachers, and not just those of English or language arts.

"The idea is that everybody becomes a reading teacher," said Mellon. "Experts in biology and government also have to help kids learn how to read the material."

Her strategy for developing literacy skills is the same whether the student is age 5 or 18.

"Always keep questions in your mind, making a prediction, getting a visual image in your mind," Mellon said. "Ask questions of the author, what is he or she trying to tell me?"

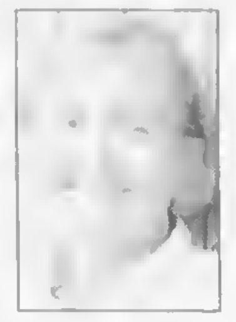
In her experience, she has also observed the connection between behavior and literacy.

"Behavior and literacy are closely related," she said. "If you can improve the behavior, you can improve literacy and if you improve literacy, you can improve behavior."

Mellon's career began in 1970 as a first- and second-grade teacher at the Detroit Public Schools. She remained in the district from 1970 until 1982 when she moved to Boyne City and began substituting in the Boyne City Public Schools, then became a first-grade teacher at Charlevoix Elementary School in 1984.

In 2001, she accepted a position as literacy specialist for Charlevoix Elementary School. From there, she became a literacy consultant at Char-Em ISD, where she's been for the last five years.

Though she enjoys her work, she said there are things she misses about teaching first-grade.



Gorkiewicz

"You become part of people's families," she said. "Kids bring all the joys and sorrows of the family to school. I've been to students' weddings and baby showers and I'm grateful to Charlevoix for that."

After retiring, Mellon and her husband, Gary, plan to travel and visit her daughters, Kirstin and Erika, stepson Gary and grandchildren Quinten, Riley and Keegan.

The last but not least teacher retiring from the ISD this year is Jeanne Gorkiewicz, whose encounter with her students begins in their infancy.

As an occupational therapist for Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, she is responsible for ensuring a student is developmentally ready for school. This involves working with parents of physically and neurological impaired infants, toddlers and children to make sure that happens.

"We're trying to help the child be a member of the family and help the family deal with their behavior," Gorkiewicz said.

Her job requires her to reach every child she is assigned to despite any challenges in reaching their home.

"There have been homes I cross-country skied into, where they didn't plow," she said.

Gorkiewicz has also been working with school-aged children on modifications in the classroom, such as special seating and ramps for students who use wheelchairs. She also ensures that autistic children have the modifications they need, making adjustments of light and texture to make their environment more comfortable.

Over the years, Gorkiewicz has seen changes in her occupation and in the children she's cared for.

"The children we see now are more able to participate

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- **Fairytale Moons, with Mary Adams**
  Saturday, June 9, 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Adams will enchant the young and old with stories of the constellations.
- **Computer Basics Class**
  Tuesday, June 12, 6:00 p.m. This is a great class for the very beginners. Don't be shy!
- **Stories in the Garden**
  Tuesday, June 12, 7:00 p.m. Join us for the grand opening of "Grandma Geri's Children's Garden." Stories and refreshments will be shared.
- **Stepping Stones to School Play Club**
  Wednesday, June 13, 10:30 a.m.
- **Game Night**
  June 14, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
  Join other families playing your favorite board games.
- **Maritime Mysteries with Jack Cote**
  Saturday, June 16, 4:00 p.m.
  Reception following at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. Jack Cote, an attorney, will be sharing his stories of high profile boating mysteries, including the empty boat found adrift in Lake Huron, near Mackinaw Island.

Weekly Programs

- **French Conversation Circle**
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OBITUARIES

Josephine DeVogel: Nov. 27, 1910 - May 23, 2007

Josephine DeVogel, 96, Charlevoix.

DeVogel left this world to be with her husband Jay and son Donnie on May 23 at the Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Visitation was Friday at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Rite of Christian Burial was Saturday, May 26, at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix with the Reverend Jerry Hunko officiating.

DeVogel was born Nov. 27, 1910, in East Lake, to Mike and Mary (Ryczak) Bolek. She married Jay William DeVogel on May 10, 1935, in Grand Rapids. They made their home in Ada. Jay preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 1959.

DeVogel moved to Beaver Island where she and her family lived for 15 years before moving to Charlevoix 23 years ago. She was a member of Saint Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix and of Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island.

DeVogel was a wonderful mother and grandmother and will be missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her children: Peter T. (Maria) DeVogel of Charlevoix, John M. (Nancee) DeVogel of Rockford, Mary (David) Pischner of Charlevoix, Rock G. (Roselyn) DeVogel of Rockford; grandchildren: Debbie, Kimmy, Billy, Sarah, Jaden, Cherith, Chelsea, Aprille, Amanda, Calvin, Ryan, Erin, Patty and J.J.; 14 great-great-grandchildren. Many brothers and sisters have gone on before her. Burial occurred on May 30 at Rosedale Memorial Park in Grand Rapids.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Joe Warren Hussey: Oct. 17, 1917 - May 6, 2007

Joe Warren Hussey died May 6, 2007, at the age of 89 at the Fayetteville Veteran Home in Arkansas.

Hussey was born Oct. 17, 1917, and died on May 6. He was born in Eureka Springs, Ark., to Oren McKinley Hussey and Nellie Benefield Hussey. He served in the U.S. Army from 1940 to 1962 and retired at the rank of major. After moving his family to Fayetteville, Ark., in 1964, he served as a deputy for the Washington County Sheriff's Office. During the '70s and '80s, he and a friend ran their own security business at Drake Field. Joe enjoyed model trains, assembling model cars and airplanes, boating, fishing and traveling. He especially enjoyed meeting new people and visiting with family and friends. Joe was well known and loved for his friendliness and sense of humor.

Joe was predeceased by his parents, Oren McKinley Hussey and Nellie Benefield Hussey, his brother, Harry, and his wife, Anna Lue Hussey, a son, John Tillman Hussey, and a daughter, Nora Ann Hussey.

Surviving are his wife, Frances (Arnold) Hussey, and his stepchildren, Brian Parish, Carmen Newberry and husband, Tom, of Fayetteville; his sons, Lonnie Hussey of Fayetteville, Joe Hussey Jr. of Tulsa, Okla., Ross Hussey and his wife, Belinda, of Bryant, Ark.; daughter Norma Roddy and husband, Steve, of Ollve Branch, Miss.; grandchildren Victoria Parish, Jaccob Parish and Brandon Parish of Fayetteville, Ark.; Lori Brown and husband, Chad, of N. Little Rock; Michael Hussey and Kaitlin Hussey of Bryant, Ark.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. on May 10 at the National Cemetery on Government Street with the Rev. Larry Mitchell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations or memorials be made to the Fayetteville Veterans Home, 1125 North College, Fayetteville, Ark., or to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org).

Arrangements were made by Beard's Funeral Chapel in Fayetteville, 855 South Happy Hollow Road.

Robert L. Houtman: March 31, 2007

Robert L Houtman, age 72, passed away March 31 in Ocala, Fla. He was born in Grand Rapids. Robert was a resident of Atwood and Charlevoix until 1986 when he moved to Dunnellon, Fla. Robert served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife of 48 years Minnie; children Steve (Lynn) Houtman of East Jordan, Ron (Becky) of Thompsonville, Jill (Worth) Brown of Williston, Fla. and Brian (Jennifer) Houtman of Kalkaska. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren. Robert will be remembered during a memorial service at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, at Safe Harbor Baptist Church located at 06046 Old 31 South in Charlevoix. Memorials may be directed to the Robert L Houtman Memorial Fund at: www.americanheart.org.

Richard Craig "Dick" Landon

The family of Richard Craig "Dick" Landon would like to invite friends and acquaintances to a memorial service for a barbecue picnic at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 30 at the family's centennial farm, 4419 West Stanley Road in Mount Morris.

Dick, a 1958 Mount Morris High School graduate, followed the path of his mother Ellen, father Burney, and eldest son Richard Andrew this January. Dick had a unique sense of humor that often caught people off guard but had them laughing in the end. Please come share your stories and memories of Dick with us or send your regards.

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Area Church Services

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05291 M-66 North
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street
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Sunday School & Child Care Provided
Church Office 547-6322
Rev. John S. David

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205 Clinton Street
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday 2:30-6:30 p.m.

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6429 N. M-66
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President Michael Robbins 588-2112
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlhut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

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Sunday Services 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m
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Sunday School 11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
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ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort 547-4121

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Elaine Smith winds up 50 years at Central Drug

In five decades, Elaine Smith has had three generations of bosses, thousands of customers and seen both a soda fountain and old-time typewriter go by the wayside.

Smith recently wrapped up 50 years of employment at Central Drug of Charlevoix where she did everything from fill prescriptions to scoop ice-cream

"My English teacher called me after class one day and told me to see Harley Ochs (then owner of Central Drug). I was kind of shy, but I asked why and he said, 'Do you want to work or don't ya?' so I went down and saw him and got the job and here I am."

Smith, who was born and raised in Charlevoix, began working for Harley Ochs in 1952, then worked for Frank Ochs, John Ochs' father, the current Central Drug owner.

Smith said the numerous pharmacy chains have had a significant effect on family owned drugstores over the years, but that there are many other changes.

"It's quite different with computers. Everything used to be done by hand, you just didn't have the technology — I've learned not to like it," she said. "I had this little typewriter and it was my job for awhile to type all the insurance forms. Now all you do is push a button."

Smith will miss her customers and coworkers the most.

"That was my life. I enjoyed my customers and had a lot

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Elaine Smith of Charlevoix poses with two of her former bosses Frank (left) and John Ochs at Central Drug of Charlevoix where she worked for 50 years.

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Elzinga runs for council

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix City Council candidate, John Elzinga, was out of town when the race was initially covered in the Charlevoix Courier, but he's since shared his background and expectations.

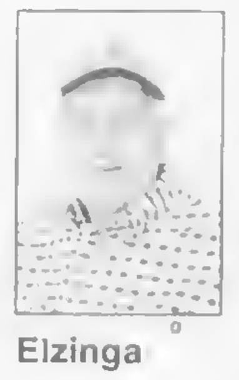
Elzinga, 75, said he is excited about the future of Charlevoix.

"With the new marina and the new park area, plus all the ideas in the 'Cool Cities' program, this should be a great period of time to see big things happening in Charlevoix," he said.

This November, Elzinga is running against Jill Picha and possibly any as-of-yet unregistered independent candidates to represent the 3rd Ward on Charlevoix's city council, a seat that will be vacated by Shirley Gibson.

Elzinga retired to Charlevoix after spending 40 years as a farmer and fruit grower in Antrim County's Banks Township, on the property that is now owned by Friske Orchards. Friske's fruit trees, store, cafe and country crafts house were once owned and operated by Elzinga and his wife, Phyllis.

"Being a farmer, I know how to economize and save every way you can," he said. "I know you do have to spend sometimes too."


Elzinga

He said spending is necessary when it benefits the community.

"When it helps the whole community and everyone can get a benefit out of it, you should spend," said Elzinga.

Though he enjoyed farming tremendously, he now enjoys his life within the city limits.

"I'm in downtown everyday," he said.

For 20 years, Elzinga served as treasurer on the Banks Township Board but his recent experience on the Charlevoix Citizens Committee was what convinced him he was qualified for the job of councilman.

"I learned a lot about the work and expenses of all the different city departments," said Elzinga. "I hope, if elected, to serve as a very reliable and dependable member of the council."

He is also anxiously anticipating working with the new city manager.

"I want to see someone that will push Charlevoix forward," Elzinga said.

In addition to his property in Charlevoix, Elzinga and his wife occasionally visit their four-acre residential property in Atwood. Their house in Charlevoix was inherited from his mother-in-law.

Elzinga has been a member of many area boards and committees such as the Ellsworth Co-Op Exchange, the Michigan Farm Bureau and the Charlevoix Historical Society.

Elzinga and his wife also continue to be active at the Atwood Christian Reform Church and they have two grown daughters and a granddaughter. His daughter Susan lives in Florida. His daughter Cheryl and granddaughter Emma live in Grand Rapids.

Retiree has seen lots of changes

SMITH

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over the years and lost a lot over the years," she said. "I enjoyed my job, meeting everybody, chitchatting a little bit."

Smith even worked at a pharmacy in Reed City where she had moved for four years, shortly after marrying.

"She is just a great person. She is great with people and loved the customers. We're going to miss her," said John Ochs. "She started 50 or 51 years ago and took a couple years off to have kids before coming back. She actually started working for my granddad — shoot, she was babysitting me."

Smith said she isn't sure what she'll do with all her extra time.

"I was kind of laid up this winter with a bad foot and you start to get tired after awhile when you get a little older," she said. "I guess I just thought it was time."

It is time to let the young people do the work, Smith joked.

"I'm just taking it one day at a time. It's all new for me. I've always worked so I guess I'll just try to keep busy," she said. "I won't miss getting up early in the morning. I've had to do that for all these years."

She added, "I've always said I wanted to spend a Charlevoix summer without working. I think I'm going to enjoy it. I have some friends and we get together and eat out once in awhile and play cards, though I don't knit or crochet or anything like that."

According to Smith, this wasn't an easy decision.

"I debated and debated and everybody told me I would know when it was time. It was a big decision," she said. "I'm sure some days I'm going to say, 'I don't know why I did this.'"

She added, "I thoroughly enjoyed it. I had very good bosses. I guess I wouldn't have been there all that time if I didn't. I'm going to miss it so I'll have to go down and bug them once in awhile to make sure they're doing OK."

Lake Charlevoix Watershed Project meeting

The meeting of the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Project will be held 9-11 a.m. (please make note of the earlier meeting time) Thursday, June 7 at the Charlevoix Public Library, Community Room B.

The agenda will cover review of project priorities as identified by the committee last meeting, discuss the EPA Nine Elements and how the committee can help with plan updates, organizational updates and to confirm the next meeting date. If you have questions, please call Valerie at 347-1181, extension 111 or Kelly at 582-6193.

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Red Cross reports need for more donations

Just days into summer, the two Red Cross blood regions serving Michigan report a 5 to 10 percent lag in donations, as well as emergency levels of critical blood types such as O-negative and B-negative.

"For most people, summer means rest and relaxation," says Sharon Jaksa, CEO of the Great Lakes Region of the American Red Cross. "But for the Red Cross, it signals the start of our biggest battle: The fight against summer blood shortages."

Current supplies of Type O-negative — "the universal donor" — are at emergency levels, with just a half day on the shelves. Shortages of Type O-negative can be serious since hospitals may use Type O-negative blood in most emergency trauma cases when there is not enough time to determine a patient's blood type. Shortages of Type B-negative compound the situation since people with Type B-negative can only receive blood from Type O-negative or Type B-negative donors.

The shortage of these two blood types, according to Red Cross officials, has been the norm for the past year or more.

"While we value all blood donors, we simply need more donors with Type O- and Type B- blood," says Jaksa. "What makes it hard is that people with these blood types make up just nine percent of the general population."

The Red Cross is encouraging new and previous blood donors to join the battle against summer blood shortages by making a date to give blood once, or even twice, between May and September.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. For information on a blood drive near you, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE.

Friends of the Library meet

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will host Robert Tagatz at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 7, in the library's Community Room.

Tagatz, Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel resident historian, concierge and author, will give an informative and entertaining review of the Grand Hotel's history.

The Grand Hotel, the world's largest summer hotel, has been one of America's premier summer vacation spots since it opened on July 10, 1887, to receive summer vacationers who arrived by lake steamer or rail.

Tagatz's love of historic wood structure hotels attracted him to the Grand Hotel in 1996.

Tagatz

He started as a dock porter, and it was soon apparent to the hotel owners, Musser family, that his extensive knowledge and outgoing personality could be put to better use.

He became the first concierge in recent Grand Hotel history in 1997 and was named Resort Historian in 1999.

His wealth of information pertaining to the hotel and Mackinac Island has made him a popular lecturer. Tagatz has authored the book, "Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island."

Preceding the lecture, Richard and Linda Mueller will be honored as the 2007 recipients of the Margaret Duerr Book Award.

Each year an individual or individuals who have demonstrated an interest in the preservation of the history of Northern Michigan is selected for this award.

The Mueller's, owners of Castle Farms, were recognized for their restoration of an important Charlevoix landmark.

For additional information, call the library at 547-9754.

Geneology group meeting

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 7, in the lower level community room of the Boyne District Library, 201 East Main St. in Boyne City.

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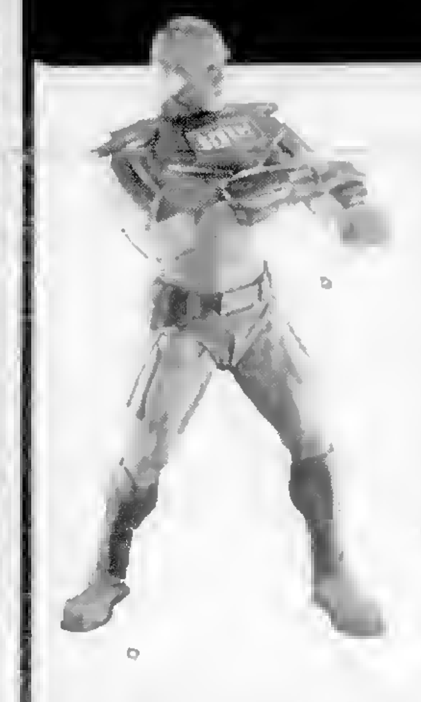
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Two Char-Em teachers retiring

TEACHERS

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are more able to participate in the academic setting," she said. "Babies that used to be critically ill are now not so ill."

She said demands on children in kindergarten are also higher than in years past.

"Now in kindergarten you have to be able to formulate a sentence and use punctuation," Gorkiewicz said. "Developmentally, that's an enormous task."

She said this is especially true for boys. "Boys have difficulty," she said. "Developmentally, they are not ready. Boys are slower to develop those skills."

After completing her education, Gorkiewicz worked for Macomb Intermediate School District for two years before transferring to Char-Em ISD in 1977. She started at Char-EM ISD as the district's only occupational therapist. Today the there are six occupational therapists as well as three certified occupational therapy assistants.

Gorkiewicz said she will especially miss her colleagues.

"They are the people that make the day-to-day part of your job," she said.

Upon retirement Gorkiewicz plans on traveling with her husband, Denny Phelps. She has four children, Chelsea and Liza Gorkiewicz and Chelsea Ann Phelps and a son Peter Gorkiewicz.

WRC fundraiser

The Women's Resource Center will host a fundraising luncheon on June 13 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

The event will feature the work of 15 area designers, each responsible for the theme and decoration of a table for eight guests.

Table captains will invite seven guests to enjoy lunch and a Women's Resource Center presentation at one of the individually and creatively designed tables. Charlevoix County Women Can/Women Do luncheon committee members include co-chairs, Joyce Herbert and Gretchen Tambellini as well as Kathy Lame, Jan Mancinelli, Nancy Porter, Pat Rush, Jean VanDam, Carole Vial, Deb Smith and Trish Wright.

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In addition to tournament fishing, there will also be: a Kids' Fish Pond at Ferry Beach on Saturday, June 9th from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. sponsored by Fox Motors of Charlevoix; food available at Ferry Beach; an Awards Ceremony, Sunday, June 10th beginning at 1 p.m. at Ferry Beach; Grand Prize drawings at Ferry Beach - you must be present to win; Sponsor displays at Ferry Beach.

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PARENTING expert help

During the school year, the Charlevoix Courier publishes a Parenting page that runs the first Wednesday of the month. Headlining the section is a column written by area health practitioners and other kid experts. Also included are book picks for all ages and a child-featured event detailing low-cost ways to wipe the boredom away. Featured event submissions must include time, date and place, as well as an associated name and contact number. Send events and column ideas to news@charlevoixcourier.com or mail then to Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117 Charlevoix, MI 49720

Enjoy Charlevoix County's many campgrounds

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Warmer days allow for families to spend more time outdoors, and a camping excursion can provide the experience of living completely outdoors, safely and comfortably.

Charlevoix County's camping facilities offer families a variety of positive camping experiences.

"Campfires are the highlight of any camping trip," said Jean Kokx, supervisor of Fisherman's Island State Park. "Leave the radio at home and tell stories."

She recommends bringing books on shipwrecks or Native American folklore to read aloud in front of the fire as family entertainment.

Also in regards to campfires, Kokx said meal preparation can be very fun for children. She suggests making foil dinners that allow the children to choose the meat and vegetables that will go into their packet.

"That way, kids get ownership in their meal and they enjoy that a lot," she said.

Kokx also said families should secure their goods to keep hungry creatures from robbing the camp.

"Keep all foods in a latching cooler," she said. "Raccoons are very industrious and can open coolers and rip open bags."

An empty tent with food inside is a prime target for a hungry raccoon, so Kokx said not to leave any food inside a tent.

She recommends pitching tents away from low-lying areas where water could settle and sleeping campers could get wet.

"Water can soak through the bottom of a waterproof tent," Kokx said.

Even in warmer temperatures, Kokx said, bring long pants and long-sleeved shirts to prevent insect bites.

An abundance of lakes and streams helps make Charlevoix County an attractive place to camp.

Sue Rose, supervisor of Young State Park, said kayakers with kids should take care when on the lake.

"Parents should stay along the shoreline so kids don't fall on their head," said Rose.

She also said when kayaking or swimming, always remember to bring a personal flotation device.

Photo by Stefanie Carano

Neil Daniel and his father John, both of Holland, fish for the big one at Young State Park.

Public relations manager for Beaver Island, Steve West, has some water tips as well.

"Anytime kids are swimming in Lake Michigan, be conscious they don't get chilled," he said, "because children are more sensitive to heat and cold."

The following are rustic and modern camping offerings in Charlevoix County:

CHARLEVOIX

Fisherman's Island State Park is located off Bell's Bay Road, offers 88 Lake Michigan sites and an extensive non-motorized trail system. Rates are $10 per site. Vehicle permits for Michigan residents are $6 per day or $24 for the year, good at any state park. The vehicle rate for non-residents is $8 per day. Call 547-6641 for more information.

BEAVER ISLAND

Peaine Township Campground has 22 primitive sites located seven miles south of town on the shore of Lake Michigan. Amenities include water, toilets, fire pits, picnic tables and phones. No reservations accepted. $10 per day, no vehicle rates. Visit: http://www.beaverisland.net or call (231) 448-2505.

St. James Township Campground, located one mile north of town on the north shore, offers 12 primitive sites overlooking Lake Michigan and the surrounding islands. Amenities include water, toilets, fire pits, picnic tables and phones. No reservations accepted. Rates are $5 per day with no vehicle rates. Visit: http://www.beaverisland.net or call 448-2505 for more information.

BOYNE CITY

Whiting County Park camping and recreation area are located off Lake Shore Road and offer 60 sites, a half-mile of Lake Charlevoix beach and shower facility and electrical hook-up. A rustic log cabin can be rented. Rates are $12 per site. Visit: http://www.whitingpark.com or call 582-7040 for more information.

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Peaine Township Campground, Beaver Island, (231) 448-2505. 22 primitive sites, seven miles south of town on Lake Michigan. Water, toilets, fire pits, picnic tables and phones. No reservations accepted.

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OBITUARIES

Marjory Jackson Levin:
1926- 2007

Marjory Jackson Levin 1926 - 2007

Marjory Jackson Levin had style and an interest in journalism. Throughout the 1970s, she used both talents to write a style column for the Free Press.

"She was able to combine her professional journalism and active social life," said her son, Jon Levin of Bloomfield Hills. "She always wanted to be a journalist."

Mrs. Levin, 81, died Friday at her Birmingham home after a short battle with lung cancer.

A Massachusetts native, Mrs. Levin grew up in Huntington Woods and graduated from the University of Michigan. She married Dr. Herbert G. Levin and had three children.

While she wrote for the Free Press for 13 years, Mrs. Levin also took up women's and anti-war causes. She started a group called Michigan Citizens for Handgun Control and helped found the Michigan chapter of the National Organization for Women. She also attended a march on Washington in 1968 that protested the Vietnam War.

Even though she had an active life with her career, family and social activism, Mrs. Levin still made time to be a socialite and have fun. She was a regular at local hot spots, including the London Chop House in Detroit.

Mrs. Levin also took pride in always remembering loved ones. In fact, she had a nearly encyclopedic knowledge of her friends and their families. "When we talked about a certain person, she could go back six generations," Jon Levin said. "She had an amazing ability to map the genealogy."

Mrs. Levin's popularity carried over into her later years. She always had visitors after her cancer diagnosis. "Every day at her house for the past five months, she had visitors," Jon Levin said. "She never was without visitors a single day."

In addition to her son, Mrs. Levin is survived by another son, a daughter, one sister and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the Ira Kaufman Chapel on May 28, in Southfield. Interment was at Beth El Memorial Park in Livonia.

Edith Gilbert recalls, "Marje Levin's summer home was at 405 Park Ave. and visited Charlevoix for as long as I can remember! She came up for skiing every winter for many years. She often wrote about Charlevoix."

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Bob Neff will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix with a reception immediately following.

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June 7
Margaret Duerr Award Lecture

The 5th Margaret Duerr Award Lecture featuring Bob Tagatz will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Tagatz will give an informative and entertaining review of the Grand Hotel's history. Preceding the lecture, Richard and Linda Mueller will be honored as the 2007 recipients of the Margaret Duerr Book Award.

June 9
Fairytale Moons with Mary Adams

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, Adams will enchant the young and old with stories of the constellations at the Charlevoix Public Library.

June 10
Lou Open

Mark your calendars for the Lou Open Golf Tournament fund-raiser with proceeds going to St. Mary School.

Registration will take place noon-12:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, at the Charlevoix Golf Club. Shotgun starts at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served at 4 p.m. followed by Bill Stevens' world famous swiss steak dinner.

Teams can be men, women, mixed men and women, parents/kids. Skill and raffle prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call 547-5125.

June 12
Young Americans concert

The Young Americans will present a concert in the Charlevoix High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12. Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for students and are available at the Bridge Street Book Shop and at the door.

For more information, contact Susie Johnson by phone at (562) 430-3342.

Stories in the Garden

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, is the grand opening of "Grandma Geri's Children's Garden," at the library. Stories and refreshments will be shared.

June 13
Helping Hands of Bergmann Center

An open house will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, at the Bergmann Center of Charlevoix to kickoff the Helping Hands of Bergmann Center, a volunteer group designed to teaching classes, assisting with outings, helping with crafts, exercise or assisting individuals in starting their own business. Refreshments and tour of the facility and programs will be offered. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Kim Brock at 547-2979.

June 16
Boating Mysteries Solved

Nationally known maritime law specialist, Jack Coté, will give a presentation at 4 p.m. in the Community Room of the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St. followed by a reception at 6 p.m. at the Charlevoix Yacht Club located at 209 Ferry Avenue. There is no cost to attend presentation or reception.

June 18
Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at St. Mary School will follow the theme of "Great Bible Reef" from June 18-22. Early registration is currently under way. Pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade students are eligible to attend. There is a $20 registration fee or donation.

Volunteers are needed.

For more information or to register, call the parish office at 547-6652.

June 19
Get Involved

The Get Involved Team is hosting a lunch meeting at 12:30 p.m. on June 19 at the Charlevoix Public Library. During this event, people will learn why the Day of Caring concept is important in the community and what people can do to help.

Please plan on attending and finding out, how you can GET INVOLVED.

Please RSVP to Jennifer Archambault by June 12 at 237-6202 or email: jennifer_archambault@harborind.com. Committee members include: Harbor Industries, Huntington National Bank, Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Way Transportation, Charlevoix High School, Charlevoix Manufacturing, Charlevoix Public Library, and the Char-Em United Way.

Skatepark hours

The Charlevoix Skatepark is open from 4-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 4-9 p.m. Friday, noon- 9 p.m. Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday.

Summer hours will begin June 9 and are from noon-9 p.m. daily. Helmets are required. The park is supervised.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis –May 23, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix. Commissioner Reinhardt was excused.

- Motion approved minutes of the May 9, 2007 meeting as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-025, Rescind Farmland & Open Space Preservation Ordinance. Commissioner Roloff voting No.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-026, Rules of Procedure. Commissioner Drebenstedt voting No.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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- Treetops Resort, Robert Trent Jones Masterpiece Course, Gaylord
- Wilderness Golf Course, Carp Lake
- Ye Olde Holles Golf Club, East Jordan

Be careful this summer with fireworks, campfires

Photo by Stefanie Carano

A Charlevoix firefighter puts out a small brush fire just off Bridge Street. Citizens are reminded they can now access burn permits online for rakings and vegetation burning while doing spring or fall cleanup work on their property at www.michigan.gov/burnpermit.

The Charlevoix Fire Department asks Charlevoixans to be careful with fire.

Every year we look forward to summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics, and the Fourth of July. Summertime, however, also brings fires and injuries due to fireworks and outdoor grills. Annually more than 8,000 Americans are injured by fireworks and grill fires. More than half these injuries occur during the first week of July.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays put on by professionals who know how to safely handle fireworks.

If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal in your area.

Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.

Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly.

Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.

Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.

Always read the directions and warning labels on fireworks. If a device is not marked with the contents, direction and a warning label, do not light it.

Supervise children around fireworks at all times.

BARBECUE SAFETY

Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes — where the air and gas mix — are not blocked.

Do not overfill the propane tank.

Do not wear loose clothing while cooking at a barbecue.

Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flames can flashback up into the container and explode.

Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.

Dispose of hot coals properly — douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.

Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas — carbon monoxide could be produced.

Make sure everyone knows to Stop, Drop and Roll in case a piece of clothing does catch fire. Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number if a burn warrants serious medical attention.

CAMPFIRE SAFETY

Build campfires where they will not spread, away from dry grass and leaves.

Keep campfires small, and don't let them get out of hand.

Never leave campfires unattended.

Always be sure your debris fire and/or campfire is completely extinguished before leaving it unattended. Improperly extinguished fires are one of the leading causes of wildfires. They also are a major cause of burns among children. Hundreds of children are burned each year when they fall into or walk over an improperly extinguished fire.

Drown your fire with plenty of water. Wet everything thoroughly, especially the undersides of unburned pieces. Stir the ashes to find any hot spots - you will see and hear steam escape when you find one. Wet everything again with more water.

Do not simply bury your fire with soil. In most cases, this will not extinguish the fire.

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Rayders take their place in track meet

BY ANDY SNEDDON
NEWS-REVIEW
SPORTS EDITOR

KENT CITY — Emily Heffling and Taylor Storm won the girls' 300-meter hurdles and the long jump, respectively, Saturday in leading the Charlevoix High School girls' track and field team to a sixth-place finish in the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association Division III state meet.

The Charlevoix boys claimed seven top-three finishes in placing third for the second straight year. Williamston won both titles as its boys finished with 1,078.5 points, and its girls' team finished with 1,178.

The meet was comprised of team champions from each of the 10 Division III regional meets. The Michigan High School Athletic Association state meets are Saturday, June 2.

Heffling won the 300 hurdles in 47.94 seconds, while Storm took the long jump with a leap of 14 feet, 11 1/2 inches. It was the second straight year that Heffling has won the 300 hurdles at the MITCA championship meet.

Also for the Rayders, Ashley Pett placed second in the discus. Heffling was also third in the 100 hurdles, Alina Dhaseleer was fifth in the 3200, and Madeline Jeakle placed fifth in the high jump.

The Rayders also had two relay teams, the 3200 and the 1600, place in the top five. Dhaseleer, Lindi Edger, Brittney Lamb and Katie Withrow combined to place fourth in the 3200 relay, while Edger, Lamb, Ellise Smolenyak and Withrow teamed up to place fifth in the 1600 relay.

Darron Munson led the Charlevoix boys with a third-place finish in the long jump and fourths in the 200 and 400. Munson also ran a leg on Charlevoix's 1600 relay team, which placed third. Nate LaBlance, Scott Plude and Billy Roloff joined Munson in the relay.

Plude also placed third in the 300 hurdles, Mitch Crandall was fourth in the high jump, and teammate Jacob Wimmer was fifth in the 1600.

The Rayders' 3200 relay team — Dustin Arp, Jacob Hunt, Roloff and Wimmer — placed third.

SOCCER

Charlevoix 3, Suttons Bay 1

SUTTONS BAY — Meridith Rich, Caroline Dupuis and Becca Madison scored the goals Friday as the Rayders avenged their only loss of the season with a victory in their regular-season finale.

Rich and Olivia Catt picked up assists for the Rayders, 16-1. Freshman Madison Way was the Rayders' defensive standout. Charlevoix is 16-1.

Alyssa Korson scored for the Norse.

SOFTBALL

Charlevoix 9-10, Bellaire 1-3

BELLAIRE — The Rayders ripped four homers in the opener as they swept a non-league doubleheader on Friday to finish the regular season 18-10.

Erica Faust had two home runs to lead Charlevoix, while Sasha Spencley and Caitlyn Mitchell also homered. Lauren Mielke added two hits and Spencley also singled. Winning pitcher Desi Faust struck out five, walked two and allowed four hits.

Desi Faust had three hits and Mielke smacked a pair of doubles to back the two-hit pitching of Amber Hoffman in the nightcap.

Hoffman struck out six and walked one. Mitchell added two hits and Hoffman had one.

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Events fill area calendar of things to do

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A burning permit is required any time the ground is not snow covered for open burning. Free burning permits are available online at www.michigan.gov/burnpermit, or by calling (866) 922-BURN (2876).

Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place 7:45-9 p.m. Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190

Baby blanket project

Heidi. McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

Bergmann Center seeks donations

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

Class of 1977

The Charlevoix High School class of 1977 is making plans for their 30th reunion. Activities are being planned for the weekend of Sept. 28. All class members are invited to visit www.charlevoix77.wetpaint.com to register and share memories. Suggestions or questions can be directed to bourke.edmund@vdps.net or rmoore@korthaseflinn.com

DivorceCare

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" at the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

Harsha House hours

The Harsha House Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, call 547-0373.

Commodity pick-up

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

Food pantries

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m.-noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

Charlevoix Senior Center Calendar of Events:

June 7

9 a.m., Computers; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 1 p.m., Pinochle

June 8

10:30 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 11:30 a.m., Lunch

June 11

10:30 a.m., Sit & Be Fit; 11:30 a.m., Lunch

June 12

9 a.m., Computers; 9:30 a.m., Crafts; 11:30 a.m., Lunch; 7 p.m., Ladies Cards

June 13

9:30 a.m., Potato Peelers; 11:30 a.m., Lunch; Noon, Hearing Aid Clinic; 5-7 p.m., Dinner

COURIER BOOK REVIEWS

Max's Words
by Kate Banks (pre-K – 2) (JE Bank)

Max's brothers love their hobbies collecting things. Benjamin collects stamps and Karl collect coins. So Max decides to collect words. First he cuts out words from the newspaper. Then he finds words that make him feel good and discovers new words in the dictionary. Soon he has enough words to tell a story. Max's brothers join in and the story takes and interesting turn. A fun story that shows the magic of words.

Black? White! Day? Night!
by Laura Vaccaro Seeger (pre-K up) (JE 428.1 Seeg)

Here is a wonderful lift-the-flap discovery book. A black bat on a white background turns into the smile on a silly (white) ghost; a few raindrops turn into a summer shower (many). This book offers a fun introduction to the concept of opposites; but it's the illustrations and surprise discovery that make this interesting to a wide range of readers.

The Secret Science Project That Almost Ate the School
by Judy Sierra (K-4) (JE Sier)

It's science fair project time and in desperation a 3rd grader sends away for "Professor Swami's Super Slime" – guaranteed to win 1st prize. She couldn't resist peeking in the box and the super secret slime gets loose. First it eats her kitty cat and then it ate her sister! Wonderful fun with ooey gooey slime pictures and the explosive "ee-uww!" ending. This is great, rhyming read-aloud.

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BUDGET HEARING
FY 07/08 (July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008)

The Charlevoix Public Library will hold a Public Hearing at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at the library, 220 W. Clinton St., for the purpose of hearing oral comments and considering written comments from the public concerning the annual budget for fiscal year 2007/2008. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the annual budget will be the subject of this hearing.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and/or submit comments. The budget is available for review prior to the public hearing at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., Charlevoix, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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Area organizations post their events

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason St.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of each month in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. For more information, call 547-8651.

Addiction help groups —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. 8 p.m. meetings are on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club. There is a women's A.A. meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. meeting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

There is an Al-Anon meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason St. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at noon Mondays in meeting room A at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the back building at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m., every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US 31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Visit www.charlevoixalano.org or call 547-9184 for more information.

Church groups —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

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Groups of all kinds set meeting dates

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The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

Agricultural groups —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

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Hospital groups —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

Support groups —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call 237-0103 for more information.

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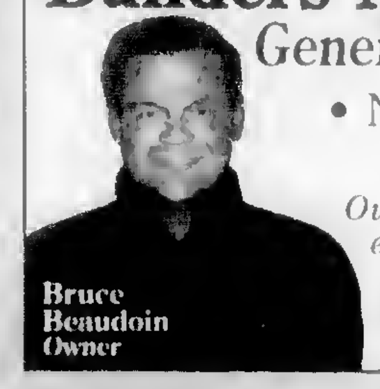

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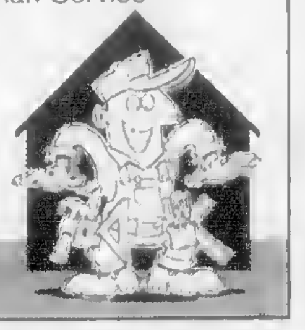

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"At this location there's a certain amount of exposure, but we really needed the space," said co-owner Dave Kurchinski.

Its location is at the Glen's Plaza on the corner of U.S. 31 and M-66 between Dollar General and Barb's Hallmark.

In the last three years, Michigan Officeways has experienced 700 percent growth, which Kurchinski attributes to being the only locally owned and operated office supplier in the area servicing both Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey and Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Its location is at the Glen's Plaza on the corner of U.S. 31 and M-66 between Dollar General and Barb's Hallmark.

They also handle all domestic accounts for East Jordan Iron Works, which has locations all over the United States.

Joanne Hawkins, director of materials management for Charlevoix Area Hospital, said that the company has alleviated ergonomic issues for both staff and patients.

"With their help, we've been addressing how to adapt built-in desks for what is best for the employee," she said.

She said Michigan Officeways has also helped make modifications to clinic chairs so that a chair is not too difficult for a patient to get out of by being too low.

East Jordan Iron Works purchaser Wendy Burneel said the relationship with Michigan Officeways started with co-owner Pat Price, when he purchased the company five years ago.

"Pat has always served us very well, it's been a good partnership," Burneel said. "He also has a good staff backing him up."

The company also has locations in Charlevoix, Petoskey, Gaylord, Alpena and Cheboygan. Their address is 135 Captains Corner M-66 Highway in Charlevoix.

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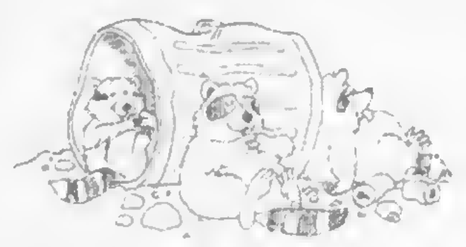

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SPORTS

Soccer team advances

The Rayders girls' soccer team advanced to the district semifinal with a win over the Upper Peninsula Red Devils from Ironwood.

"Although Charlevoix controlled play and outshot the Devils 9-4 in the first half, it wasn't until midway through the period that KC McCary put the Rayders on the board with a sharp volley from a corner kick sent by Meridith Rich," said assistant coach Tom Conlan.

He added, "A few moments later, Rich sent another corner across which rebounded from Lori Zimmerman and was sent home by Becca Madison. The Rich to McCary combination struck again on a corner when KC sent the first touch on the net, an Ironwood defender blocked it back to McCary and she buried the rebound into the net."

Charlevoix went up 4-0 just before the half when Madison connected on a direct kick opportunity 20 yards out from the right side.

Play slowed down in the second half as both teams were affected by the humidity. The Rayders scored the final goal of the night when freshman Madison Way sent a cross in front of the net where Marnie Greene sent it home on the one touch.

Tammy Potter played well in goal, stopping nine opportunities to earn the shutout. Older sister Teresa Potter combined with Emily Foster to provide defensive support to the keeper throughout the match.

Charlevoix advanced to play Burt Lake at Charlevoix followed by the second semi-final, a match between Boyne City and Harbor Springs.

On May 25, the Rayders beat Suttons Bay 3-1 after Madison put Charlevoix on the board with a corner kick by Rich.

"Suttons Bay tied it up shortly thereafter on a nice shot by Alyssa Korson who got free on the left flank," Conlan said. "After the intermission, the Rayders took the lead for good when Olivia Catt sent a cross from the right wing to the far post where freshman Caroline Dupuis sent the ball home on a volley off her body. Charlevoix iced the match on a corner opportunity when Rich scored directly through a defensive miss."

He added, "Charlevoix played well under difficult field conditions. Suttons Bay provided a testing opponent in the regular season final going into the district matches. Freshman Madison Way earned the Rayders' Player of the Game award for strong play at midfield."

The Rayders ended the regular season at 16-1 overall.

Prior to play against Suttons Bay, the girls made it a three-peat.

Madison's goal with 12 minutes left in regulation broke a 1-1 tie and Charlevoix went on to post a 3-1 victory over the Traverse City Liberty and wrap up the Lake Michigan Conference girls' soccer championship.

"It is the third straight league title for Charlevoix, which was a perfect 13-0 in the conference, 14-1 overall, and ranked eighth in the Division IV state coaches poll," Conlan said.

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MIDGET LEAGUE

MAY 8 - Mets 13, A's 12

METS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Jakob Simmons	2				1
Wesley Crandell	1				
Ethan Siegwart	2				1
Nicholas Rhudy	3				
Jacob Taylor	2				1
Montana Thompson	2				4
Michael Turcott		1			2
Freddreick VanSteenburgh	1				1
Noah Carson	3				3
Colin Davis	2				
Tyler Fuchs	2				
Olivia Jeakle	1				

A'S - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 10 - Mets 9, Phillies 9

METS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Jacob Passuth	1				
Noah Carson	2				1
Jacob Taylor	2				1
Tyler Fuchs	1	1			1
Montana Thompson	2				
Wesley Crandell	3				1
Ethan Siewart	2				
Colin Davis	2				1
Frederick VanSteenburgh	[illegible]				1
Jakob Simmons	2				1
Nicholas Rhudy	[illegible]				2

PHILLIES - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 15 - A's 15, Phillies 13

A'S

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Colin Smith	3				5
Mason Louiselle	3				
Hannah Zipp	3				2
Matthew Vanniman	3				
Hudson Flowsky	3				
Jacob Cox	3				
Chris Gregory	[illegible]				
Oliver DeYoung	2				
Cameron Clark	1				
Brandon Clark	1				
Ben Boss	1				

PHILLIES NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 17 - Braves 7, Phillies 6

PHILLIES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Phil Conway	3				
Mick Nesburg	2				
Brad Klinger	2				
Jamen Spencley	2				

BRAVES NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 15 - Mets 12, Braves 5

METS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Noah Carson	1	1			1
Jacob Taylor	2	1			1
Tyler Fuchs	2				2
Montana Thompson	2		3		3
Wesley Crandell	2				1
Ethan Siegwart	2				1
Michael Turcott	1				1
Colin Davis	2				1
Jakob Simmons	1				
Nicholas Rhudy	2				1

BRAVES - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 17 - A's 13, Mets 13

A'S

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Ben Boss	3				
Brandon Clark	3				
Cameron Clark	3				
Hudson Flowsky	3				
Jacob Cox					
Chris Gregory	[illegible]				
Hannah Zipp	3				
Colin Smith	2				
Collin Turkelson	3				
Oliver DeYoung	1				
Matthew Vanmolan	1				
Alex Smith	1				

METZ - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 22 - Phillies 13, A's 7

PHILLIES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Walker Drost	3	1			
Matt Good	3	1			
Jacob Airley	3				
Vladi Barnevald	3				

A'S

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Oliver DeYoung	2				
Hudson Flowsky	[illegible]				
Chris Gregory	1				
Alex Smith	1				
Collin Turkelson	[illegible]				
Matthew Vanniman	2				
Hannah Zipp	3				
Brandon Clark	[illegible]				
Camerson Clark	3				
Jacob Cox	1				

MAY 24 - A's 11, Braves 10

A'S

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Colin Smith	2				
Collin Turkelson	2				
Matthew Vanniman	3				
Hannah Zipp	3				2
Ben Boss	1				
Cameron Clark	1				
Mason Louiselle	3				
Jacob Cox	3				
Hudson Flowsky	3				
Chris Gregory	2				

BRAVES - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 24 - A's 11, Braves 10

A'S

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Colin Smith	2				
Collin Turkelson	2				
Matthew Vanniman	3				
Hannah Zipp	3				2
Ben Boss	1				
Cameron Clark	1				
Mason Louiselle	3				
Jacob Cox	3				
Hudson Flowsky	3				
Chris Gregory	2				

BRAVES - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 29 - Phillies 13, Braves 3

PHILLIES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Brad Klinger	3				
Matt Good	2	1			
Walker Drost	2	1			

BRAVES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Jake Podav	2	1			

MAY 29 - A's 11, Metz 10

A'S

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Chris Gregory	3				
Mason Louiselle	2				
Collin Turkelson	[illegible]				
Mathew Vanniman	2				
Hannah Zipp	3				
Ben Boss	3				
Brandon Clark	2				
Cameron Clark	2				
Oliver DeYoung	1				
Hudson Flowsky					

METZ - NO STATS REPORTED

MINOR LEAGUE

MAY 18 - Cubs 7, Orioles 1

ORIOLES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Shane Sutherland	1				
Jacy Herriman	1				
Skylar Herriman	1				

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Shane Sutherland		0	8	4

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Luke Klinger	1				
Andrew Michard	1				

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Hunter Cox	4	1	11	5

MAY 21 - Reds 3, Orioles 0

ORIOLES

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Shane Sutherland	3	0	9	6
Ryan Joy	2	0	6	2

REDS

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Logan Eckhardt	5	0	10	6

MAY 25 - Sox 11, Orioles 11

SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Luc VonLau	2				
Austin Pulman	1	1			
Jared Cole	2				

ORIOLES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Skylar Herriman		1			
Shane Sutherland	1				
Spencer Bruce	2				
Branden Castle Clees	1				
Alex Klieber	1				

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Ryan Joy	3		8	
Harley Arnold	2		5	

MAY 25 - Reds 13, Cubs 5

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Noah Cetta	1	1			
Luke Klinger		1			
Tyler Drenth		1			

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Noah Cetta	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	

REDS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Jake Segar	2				2
Logan Eckhardt		1	2		4
Keenan Boltz		1		1	4
John Witherspoon	1				1
Jamey Eakes	2				2

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Logan Eckhardt	3		7	2
Noah Jeakle	2		3	5

MAY 23 - Cubs 12, Sox 12

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Noah Certa	2				
Luke Klinger		1			
Tyler Drenth	1				
Adam Michaud			1		
Andrew Michaud	1	1			

SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Will Telgenhof		2			

MAJOR LEAGUE

MAY 21 - Cardinals 6, Tigers 13

CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Tommy Zip			1		2
Joe Rich	1				
Tanner Catt	1				

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Joe Rich	2	2	4	3
Thomas Sutton	2	4	4	5
Tommy Zipp	1	0	2	4
Tanner Catt	1	0	2	0

TIGERS - NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 23 - Cardinals 8, EJ Insurance Shop 3

CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Joe Rich	1				1
Tommy Zip	1				
Carbin Turkelson	1				
Drew Seymour	1				
Tanner Catt	1				

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Tommy Zipp	2	0	3	2
Corbin Turkelson	1	1	3	4
Tanner Catt	3	1	5	2

EJ INSURANCE SHOP NO STATS REPORTED

MAY 30 - Cardinals 10, EJ Rotary 9

CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Charlie Hamilton			1		2
Thomas Sutton	1				
Tanner Catt		1			
Tommy Zip				1	[illegible]
Sam Eakes	2				
Joe Mullen	1				2
Tanner Geer		1			

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Tanner Catt	5	4	7	1
Charlie Hamilton	1	1	2	2

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Baseball team ending season on high note

Despite some proverbial bumps in the road, the Charlevoix varsity baseball team presses on.

"It was a good week for us, with the exception of a tough loss in the second game at Grayling," said coach Alan Telgenhof. "We have some good momentum headed into the districts next weekend. Chris Waha continues to dominate on the mound and at the plate. Clayton Mitchell has been a great addition to the team since coming up from the junior varsity team. Cliff Jones is closing in on a school record for most runs scored in a season and has probably been our most consistent player in the field and at the plate this season."

Charlevoix beat Grayling 12-0 with a five-inning mercy rule in play.

Cliff Jones had three hits, two stolen bases and one RBI. Clayton Mitchell had two hits and two runs. Chris Waha had two hits, two runs and two RBI. Michael Heckendorn had two hits, two runs and two RBI. Zach Scharenbroch had two hits and two RBI. J.D. Speigl and a solo home run and Jon Putman had the other hit.

Waha had a five-inning complete game with zero runs, three hits, one walk and eight strikeouts.

In game two, Grayling bested Charlevoix 9-7.

"We trailed 5-1, scored six in the fourth to take a 7-5 lead, but Grayling scored one in the bottom of the fourth and three in the fifth to win it," Telgenhof said. "They scored their last three runs on two Charlevoix errors."

Jon Putman had two hits, Clayton Mitchell had a two-run single and Heckendorn, Speigl and Scharenbroch each had other hits.

In action against Leland, Charlevoix won 10-5.

Cliff Jones singled and hit an inside the park homer while Chris Waha doubled, Zach Scharenbroch had a two-run single and Clayton Mitchell had a three-run double.

Other hits were made by Nic Williams, Mike Kras and J.D. Speigl.

Putman was the winning pitcher with six innings pitched for three hits, five runs, one earned run, one walk and seven strikeouts.

Charlevoix also lambasted Leland in game two with a score of 14-2 with the five-inning mercy rule in play.

Travis Jakeway had two hits and three RBI with Mitchell having each a single and double and two runs, Waha with a two-run single, Speigl had a RBI single, Andrew Largent and Ty Telgenhof each had a two-run double.

Cliff Jones was the winning pitcher after five innings with four hits, two runs, two walks and seven strikeouts.

In competition with Bellaire, Charlevoix once again won the day with a score of 10-1.

"We scored four in the fifth (and) three in the sixth to break open a 3-1 game," Telgenhof said.

Waha had two hits, two runs and two RBI while Heckendorn had two hits including a double and two runs. Jakeway had a single and two RBI.

Other hits were made by Mitchell, Putman, Speigl, Scharenbroch, and Williams.

Waha, the winning pitcher, had six innings for three hits, one run, zero walks and 12 strikeouts.

Charlevoix beat Bellaire in game two with a score of 11-4.

"(We) jumped out to a 7-0 lead after batting in fourth and held on," Telgenhof said.

Putman had two hits including a double and four RBI. Heckendorn had two hits and a run. Speigl had two hits and two runs. R.J. Moore and Mitchell each had two hits.

Other hits were made by Waha and Kras.

Ty Telgenhof was the winning pitcher with six innings for six hits, three runs, one walk and nine strikeouts.

"We are 20-12-1 overall," coach Telgenhof said. "(We) finished 8-5-1 in the conference and tied for second."

The winner from district play on Saturday, June 2, at Mancelona against Boyne City will play the winner of the Mancelona-East Jordan game which follows the Rayders play.

"Chris Waha set a new school record for most strikeouts by a pitcher with 100. We set a new team record for strikeouts by our pitchers with 228," Telgenhof said. "Our team set a new school record for runs scored in a season with 238. We have won 20 games which is the most wins since 1982. The school record is 23."

Racing results noted

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for May 23, 2007 are:

Moderate to heavy winds and warm weather marked the second race of the spring series for Charlevoix Yacht Club sailors.

Fourteen boats finished the full course of seven windward-leeward legs.

First overall for the evening was Northern Light.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 - Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 2 - M3 (Carey); 3 - Incognito (Fisher).

P-26 fleet: 1 - Cygnus (Stuart); 2 - Original Sin (Miller); 3 - Lost Vermonter (Tinney).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 - Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 2 - Hoi Polloi (Attee); 3 - Sail La Vie (Williamson).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 - Northern Light (Orlow); 2 - Moxie (Jensen); 3 - Windrunner (Pirie); 4 - Affinity (Strawbridge); 5 - Itch (Thomas).

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for May 30 are:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 - Exitus (Pung); 2 - Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 3 - M3 (Carey); 4 - Incognito (Fisher).

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Spinnaker B fleet: 1 - Moxie (Jensen); 2 - Northern Light (Orlow); 3 - Windrunner (Pirie); 4 - Affinity (Strawbridge); 5 - Padawan 3; 6 - Itch (Thomas).

Spring series results after three races with no drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 - Booma (4); 2 - M3 (7); 3 - Exitus (11); 4 - Incognito (12).

P-26 fleet: 1 Cygnus (5); 2 - Tie: Lost Vermonter and Original Sin (8).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 - Gotcha! (4); 2 - Hoi Polloi (5); 3 - Sail La Vie (9).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 - Moxie (4); 2 - Tie: Affinity and Northern (10); 4 - Windrunner (13); 5 - Itch (18); 6 - Padawan 3 (19).

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THAT'S **MY** PHOTO!

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL O'KEEFE

ABOVE: This photo taken on April 27, shows Bruce McArthur, 86, (right) and his partner, Dwight Hunting, 68, resting between tennis matches at South Beach Racquet Club, Hilton Head Island, S.C. They went on to win the 23rd Annual Billy Bob Century Cup Tennis Tournament for the second year in a row at South Beach on Hilton Head Island. The Billy Bob is an aged tennis event in which partners ages are combined to determine the division of play. Bruce and Dwight played in the highest age group.

PHOTO BY KATIE KITELEY

11-year-old Katie Kiteley found this morel mushroom in her backyard.

PHOTO BY LISA SLADEK

14-year-old Dylan Sladek of Charlevoix bagged this eight-point buck in October 2006 with a bow and arrow.

BELOW: Pictured is Kristopher Bartling. He is playing doubles with Bradley Cyr at the regional tennis meet at Petoskey for the Charlevoix tennis team. They won. Taken May 17, 2007.

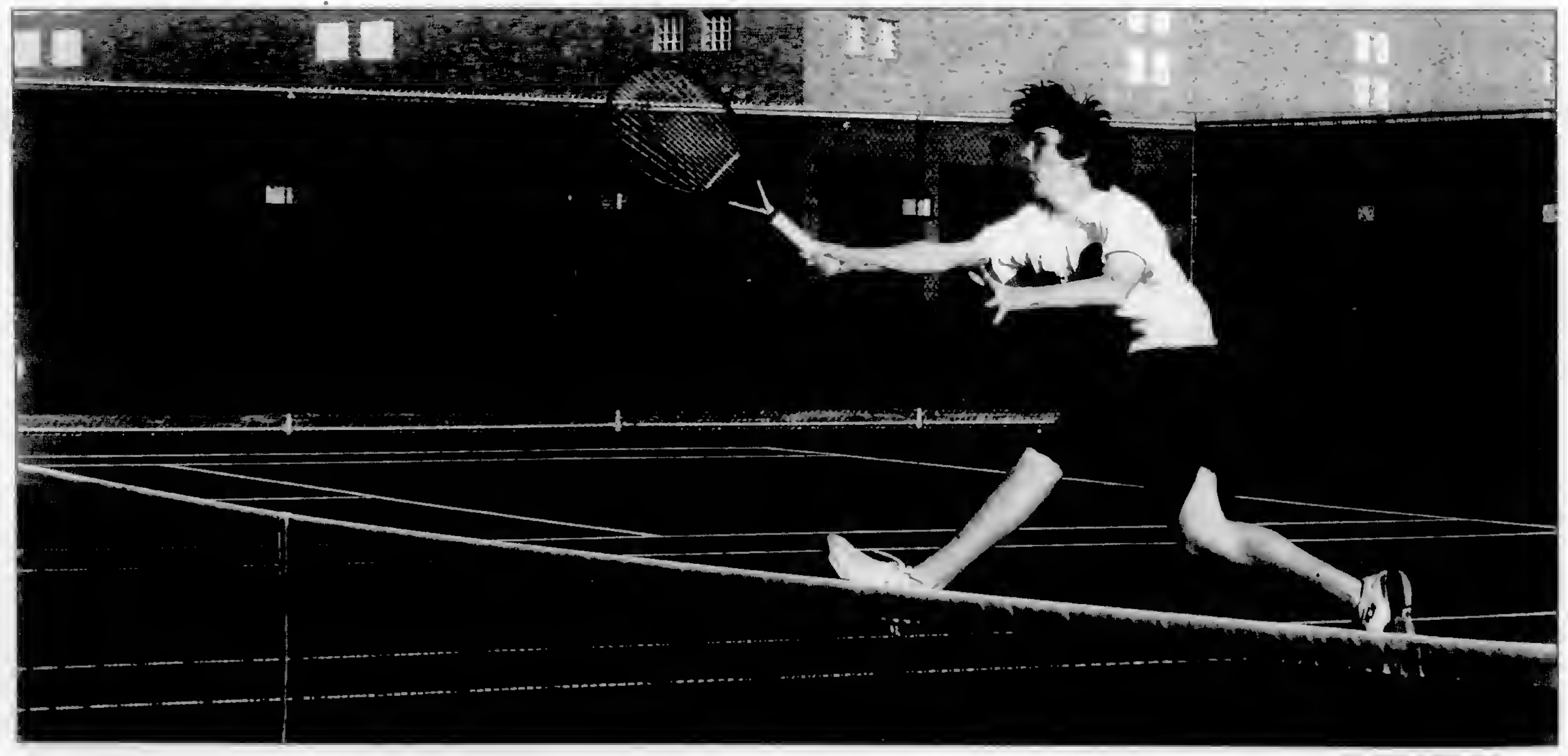

PHOTO BY PETER LONDGREN

Super brings decades of experience

JANIK

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As a longtime Northern Michigan resident, Janik said, "I know the area, the region and I know most of the local superintendents. I feel I can come in and start working from day one. There will not be a steep learning curve."

If all goes well with contract negotiations, Janik said his first move will be to meet with parents, community leaders and educators to develop a long-term vision plan.

"I think it is critical, especially with the tough economic times and new curriculum requirements, that everyone is united," he said. "When everyone is on the same path, that is when success is had."

Janik has been the superintendent of Buckley Community Schools since 2004 and was previously coordinator of special projects with the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District. Before that he was director of college outreach with Northwestern Michigan College for 21 years.

Janik is married with three children.

While he has been a successful educator, even spending 10 years as a fund-raiser, Janik is no stranger to adversity.

"I was born in Poland and I moved when I was almost 5. I did not speak a word of English," he said. "I think it has helped me relate to people in their struggles, because I remember as a kid coming to kindergarten (in America) and not speaking a word of English and feeling left out."

He added, "My parents never went beyond elementary school because of World War II, so education has always been a high priority for my family, because my parents never had that opportunity."

Aside from experience in long-term planning for the schools, Janik has also been employed as an outside consultant and worked to set up endowment funds to help schools pay for programs which increasingly tightening budgets may not allow.

"I hope to expand those type of opportunities into Charlevoix," he said. "I'm really looking forward to working with the community, parents and getting to know Charlevoix."

He added, "I am looking forward to the challenge."

While Spencley could not go into specifics on Janik's contract offer, he said Janik sees himself as superintendent of Charlevoix Schools for the next five to 10 years.

"This is the only job he applied for. He did not apply to any other schools," he said. "This is the one he wanted."

Of contract negotiations, Trubilowicz said. "It's not a done deal, but a significant step forward," and the salary and benefits package offered to Janik will likely be, "comparable to what the other districts around here offered to their superintendents."

Spencley said if Janik accepts the offer, Charlevoix citizens can look forward to a man dedicated to openness and honesty.

"He comes across as very approachable. He will be out in the community and he lays everything on the table on what needs to be done," he said. "I think he's very forthright and will make some hard decisions understandable to the community."

While the board members are anxious to secure a long-term superintendent, the selection process, Spencley said, was in no way a rushed job.

"We went through and did our homework on this search. We had a lot of good candidates brought in front of us and I think we picked a great superintendent," he said. "We had three forums: One for the community, one for teachers and one for support staff and (representatives of the Char-Em ISD) made up a list what these people wanted in a superintendent, and I think we took that list and stuck with that list and remained as close to those (wishes) as we could get."

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LETTERS to the editor

WHO'S AUTHORIZING ATTORNEY'S EFFORTS?

Editor:

At the Norwood Township Board meeting on May 21, 2007, I asked the following questions under public comment:

Is the Norwood Township Board aware of the fact that its attorney, John R. Turner, missed the date to file objections on behalf of Norwood Township, its supervisor Wayne Wynkoop, its board of trustees, its zoning board of appeals, and zoning administrator Jonathan Scheel to orders NTCHS presented to Judge Thomas Power for signature. The county clerk rejected Turner's objections because he missed the March 20, 2007, deadline for filing.

Who authorized Mr. Turner to object? If he was authorized to object, at what meeting was this discussed and acted upon? How much was the township charged for his work on this delinquent pleading? Did the township pay Mr. Turner for this work?

On May 2, 2007, Norwood Township attorney, John R. Turner, on behalf of Norwood Township, its supervisor Wayne Wynkoop, its board of Trustees, its zoning board of appeals, and zoning administrator Jonathan Scheel, filed an appearance with the Michigan Court of Appeals, on appeal of Judge Power's decision.

I would like answers to the following questions:

Who authorized Mr. Turner to file an appearance in the appeal? If he was authorized to file it, at what meeting was this discussed and acted upon?

How much was the township billed in legal fees for preparing and filing the appearance in the appeal? When was each member of the board advised of the filing? Was Mr. Turner authorized to prepare and file a brief and attend the hearings? What was the estimate of legal fees for this?

These questions were not answered on May 21, 2007. I was advised that public comment was only for the expression of public comments. Questions must be written and will be addressed under correspondence on the agenda. I am now sending these questions to be addressed at the June 18, 2007, meeting.

Bill Gnodtke
Norwood

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New mortgage lenders for Charlevoix's homeowners

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix residents Brian May and Jason Murray are two of the city's new mortgage financial consultants, ready to help with Charlevoix's mortgage needs.

"We're the go-to guys," Murray said.

May added, "Either come to us or go to a bank who has a guy like us and is going to charge you a point more."

Murray said what distinguishes them and their employer, Rockford Mortgage Funding, from other mortgage consultants is that they personalize the loan for every customer.

"We make it a point to cater the loan to the customer rather than trying to change the customer to fit the loan we have," Murray said.

Both men network in the community to find out which loans would best suit the citizens of Charlevoix and to increase their customer pool.

"Networking is key," Murray said. "We're trying to get the company's name out there."

May and Murray started working with Eric Arlt who was interested in starting a mortgage company in Charlevoix. From there, Greg White and Fred Ludwig, previously of the Rockford branch in Bay Harbor, joined forces with Arlt, May and Murray to develop a Charlevoix mortgage consulting team for the company. White and Ludwig, who have been in the business for 30 years, are mentors to May and Murray.

"Our goal is to succeed," May said.

Both May and Murray said they want to stay with the company for the long term and stay in Charlevoix.

"We very much like Charlevoix, we were born and bred here," said Murray.

Both May and Murray graduated from Charlevoix High School.

After graduation, May received stock brokerage training before becoming a consultant.

Murray also worked as a stock brokerage trainee for six months, then worked for timeshare company Blue Green Vacation Club for two years before becoming a consultant.

May and Murray said what they like best about their positions is that they can help people afford a place to live.

"You're helping people accomplish their dream and it's rewarding to have people say 'thank-you,'" Murray said.

May said Rockford offers a free consultation for anyone interested in obtaining or refinancing their current mortgage.

The company's new location is at 206 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix just south of the bridge and above the Woolly Bugger coffee shop.

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The Rockford Mortgage Financial Consultant team, including newcomers Brian May and Jason Murray. Pictured from left are May, Murray, Greg White and Eric Arlt.

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Charlevoix council had a busy meeting

Item: Downtown Park/ Marina Renovation

In brief: Street superintendent Pat Elliott presented a change order that includes the cost to redesign and implement the new power supply to the East Park docks. The city of Charlevoix will pay $5, 361, 25 percent of the cost.

Board action: Approved

Item: Purchase of fire department turn-out gear.

In brief: Fire chief Paul Ivan petitioned to the council to purchase fire department equipment including flame retardant gear from Sales & Marketing of Michigan.

Board action: Approved

Item: Award of Commercial Dock for Cruise Ship Bid

In brief: The city opened bids for commercial dockage at the East Park marina after construction is complete. Sunshine Charters, who operates water tours through Charlevoix's lakes, was the sole bidder.

Board action: Approved

Item: Communications Workers of America (CWA) contract negotiations

In brief: The council finalized labor agreements between the city and 23 employees that are part of the street department. The three-year agreement goes back to April 1, 2006, and continues through 2009. Employees will receive a wage increase on April 8, 2008, of 2 percent.

Board action: Approved.

Item: Request for liquor license-Northpointe Food Ventures

In brief: Northpointe Food Ventures, owners of Village Inn Pizza, applied for an SDM liquor license that allows for the sale of beer and wine and consumption off the premises only. Northpointe's new market, Zacarro's Market, are requesting to sell, not serve, beer and wine.

Board action: Approved

Item: Extension of acting city manager employment agreement

In brief: Acting city manager Rick Brandi's contract is scheduled to end July 15. Mayor Norman Carlson brought the extension of Brandi's employment agreement to the council, which would add six months to his position as acting city manager.

Board action: Approved

Item: City manager position

In brief: Mayor Carlson brought a list of 40 applicants for the city manager position to the council. The council approved four interview candidates from this list.

Board action: Approved

Item: Establishment of franchise fee for cable service

In brief: The city council's franchise agreement with Charter Communications has expired. The council is in a position to ask for a franchise fee of up to 5 percent from customers within city limits. Five percent would be an increase of $2.50 on subscribers billing. If council takes no action, no franchise fee would be taken.

Board action: Council took no action

Stay off the new docks

As several boaters have attempted to use the Charlevoix City Marina municipal docks, which are currently under construction, residents and visitors are reminded that the docks are unfinished and therefore present danger to anyone trying to use them. Construction on the docks is tentatively scheduled to conclude by July 1.

Ragamuffins hosting benefit

Ragamuffin Theatre & Company invites you to a special benefit production for Kimberly Isaac and family on Saturday, June 9. Audience members will be treated to "Prince of Egypt," a colorful and full-scale musical drama featuring exciting and original dance pieces, inspiring music and rich dialogue. The 35-member cast, representing various communities, will perform both Saturday and Sunday evenings at the First Baptist sports complex in Charlevoix before taking the show on the road for a second performance at the Big Ticket Festival in Gaylord on June 22 and 23.

"We wanted to do something big to help Kimberly Isaac, who many of you know has cancer," said director Kathleen Whittaker. "Our theater company is all about making a difference in this world, and here was a need right in our own backyard, a chance for us to reach out to our neighbor and offer encouragement and support."

An opportunity will be given for those wanting to help the Isaac family with much needed financial reprieve during both nights of the production. People can write checks directly to the Isaacs or, if needing a tax-deductible receipt, can funnel their contributions through the First Baptist Church earmarked for the Isaacs. Ragamuffin Theatre is not charging an admission fee for this production and the First Baptist church has graciously donated their facility free of charge so that Kim and her family can receive a much needed financial blessing. "Wouldn't we all want that kind of help in a time of crisis?" said Whittaker. Freedom House Ministries has volunteered to host Saturday evening's performance by providing coffee, punch and cookies. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and 7 p.m. on Sunday.

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Paul Geyer of South Lyon waits for Kookie the clown to make one of his signature balloon crafts during Taste of Charlevoix 2006. This year's event of food and fun is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 16.

'Green' college idea promoted

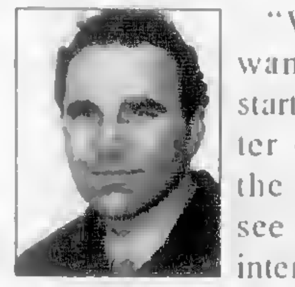
BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Can you imagine a college focused on environmental science studies with a campus in downtown Charlevoix? Larry Smith of Green Starts Small can.

According to Smith, an IBM software engineer and former and recent resident of Charlevoix, the idea of an environmental sciences or "green" college is still just that.

"We do want to get feedback from people and most people think it is a good idea to have a college in the old (Charlevoix Public Library), for example. That would be one place to do it," Smith said. "There would be some work to be done to do that and we would be talking about more or less an extension and some Web-based curriculum."

While Smith emphasized his idea is still in the exploratory phase, Green Starts Small's wish list includes piquing the interest of an esteemed college such as a Stanford, Harvard or Yale and enough benefactors to finance the proposal.



Smith

"We really want to try to start at the better colleges in the world and see if they are interested in expanding in this area," he said. "A few people I have talked to have had doubts and questions on how it could come about, but I think good ideas come about when enough people put enough energy into the idea."

He added, "Right now we're working to put in place the infrastructure to let people collaborate to make this happen. We will see what kind of interest we can generate and work our way from there."

Classes could include applied engineering courses such as learning how to solve engineering problems routine with farming, studying climate

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Taste of Charlevoix is Saturday

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

The 4th annual Taste of Charlevoix will be held 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 16, in downtown.

This year the event will be in conjunction with the Run Charlevoix, a 5K walk/run and 10K run that starts at 7 a.m. on Bridge Street, just north of the bridge.

Instead of the usual East Park location, the Taste of Charlevoix will take place just west of Bridge Street between Clinton and Mason Street.

Chamber of commerce president Jacqueline Merta said the event increases the restaurant exposure to Charlevoix's newcomers and helps increase June business.

"June is the shoulder season in Charlevoix," said Merta. The shoulder season is one of two seasons in Charlevoix when some children are still in school but "empty-nesters" are visiting. Business is neither very high or very low.

Food vendors will serve one or two of their specialties in

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County sued over jail air complaints

BY FRED GRAY
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix County jail administrator Babette Meggison has filed a whistleblower suit against the county and five of its officials, alleging that she had been the subject of discrimination and/or retaliation, in violation of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, for complaining about the quality of air in the jail for years.

Meggison, an employee of the county for more than 18 years, the last 10 as jail administrator, claimed that she, jail staff and inmates had "begun to develop" respiratory and other illnesses following renovations to the jail in 2001.

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Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
June 4	71	58	.22
June 5	61	49	.37
June 6	55	40	—
June 7	69	47	.03
June 8	90	47	.02
June 9	71	49	—
June 10	74	52	—

District Court

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 90th Circuit Court:

Jon Michael Matuszczak, 29, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Serve five days in jail or pay $150 in fines and costs.

David Jay Kirk, 32, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Serve five days in jail or pay $150 in fines and costs.

Erika Louise McCleory, 32, Boyne City. Disorderly person - drunk. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Daniel William McCreely, 33, Charlevoix. Use of cocaine; Possession of marijuana. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 20 days in jail; 329 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,350 in fines and costs.

Mario Victor Rossi, 50, Macomb Township. Careless driving; Failure to report an accident. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $580 in fines and costs.

Craig Allen Reed, 30, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 77 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend Impact weekend; $1,380 in fines and costs. Count Two: Malicious destruction of property — less than $20. Credit for one day in jail; 92 days held in abeyance; $373.77 in fines and costs.

Catheryn Olivia Bryant, 28, East Jordan. Retail fraud — third degree. To serve six days in jail; not to enter Save-A-Lot; $604.76 in fines and costs.

Ashley Lynn Pett, 17, Boyne Falls. No operator license on person; $50 in fines and costs.

Births

Isabella Mae Essenberg weighing 9 pounds 4 ounces was born May 29 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Dutch and Sarah Essenberg of Ellsworth. Her grandparents are Ed and Patrice Porter of Kewadin, Fred and Hellen Allen and Jay and Sue Essenberg from Ellsworth. Her great grandparents are Al and Hellen Potter of Ellsworh.

Mya Anne Brown weighing 8 pounds was born May 31 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Zachary and Laura Brown. Her siblings are JJ and Devon Bottomley. Her grandparents are Nancy Bottomley of Eastport and Bob and Sarah Brown of Clarkston.

Victoria Ann McGeorge weighing 5 pounds 1 ounce was born June 1 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Josh and Becky McGeorge of East Jordan. Her sibling is Troy McGeorge. Her grandparents are Tom and Sandy McGeorge of Boyne City and Jim and Sally Grainger of Onaway.

Sara Lynn Donaldson weighing 8 pounds 14 ounces was born June 3 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Rachelle Donaldson and D. Ross Green of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Duane and Gayla Donaldson of East Jordan and Glen and Camilla Thornburg of Dover, Del.

Sheridan Ann Zipp weighing 5 pounds 4 ounces was born June 3 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Don and Carolyn Zipp of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Gunnar, Tanner and Madelynn. Her grandparents are David and Sharon Zipp of Bay Shore and Scott and Debbie Blanchard of Charlevoix. Her great grandparents are Burr Blanchard of Charlevoix and Clayton and Reva Sarasin from East Jordan.

Brady Andrew Bearss weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces was born June 4 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Stacy Amesbury and Andrew Bearss of Boyne City. His grandparents are Janie and Dennis Amesbury and Norman Bearss, all of Boyne City. His great grandparents are Merla Amesbury and Don Peck of Boyne City.

Assumed Names

The following people recently filed an assumed business name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

C. Williams Tree & Landscape, 7740 Ferry Road, East Jordan

Creations by Cowboy, 201 Meech, Apartment 4, by Steve Juruk.

M.J. Imel Construction, 08375 Goebel Road, East Jordan, by Matthew J. Imel.

Maple Grove Martial Arts, 06220 Maplegrove Road, Charlevoix, by Christopher and Rene Demanacus.

CM Floor Installation, 05928 M-66 North, Charlevoix, by Christopher Mailloux.

Firefly Landscaping, 729 Addis North, Boyne City, by Russell B Eggers.

Shutterbug Photography, 02503 Camp Ten Road, Elmira, by Ann Marie Boettger.

Correction

It was incorrectly stated in the Wednesday, June 6 edition of the Charlevoix Courier that Michigan Officeways has been open for 23 years. Michigan Officeways has been in business for 36 years.

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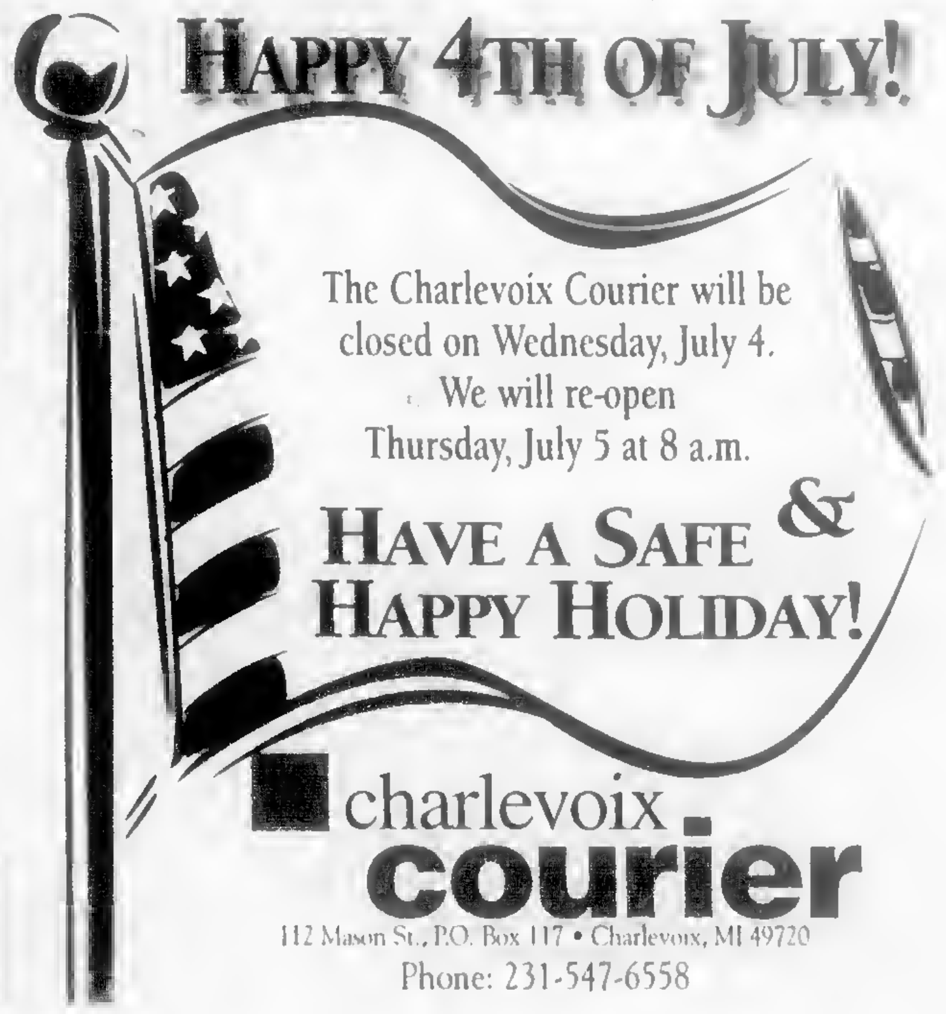

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Three different aspects to green college

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change on the Great Lakes and studies on cultural changes which would need to be made in order to get people thinking about creating environmentally sustainable products locally as opposed to importing them.

Green Starts Small is a group of people working to create environmental solutions.

"We create solutions which improve every facet of our lives, including transit reduction, food chain transformation and carbon signature optimization. We deploy solutions which are designed to provide meaningful employment while revitalizing communities by converting underutilized industrial capacity to new uses," as stated on www.greenstartssmall.org. "We empower industries by maintaining a value network creating sustainable environmental solutions. We build profitable value networks which emphasize agile planning, service-oriented organizations, and open collaboration that return equitable benefit to all contributors."

There are three different aspects to the concept of a Green Starts Small project.

"One is bringing in an educational institution. Two is an aspect that is more of a nonprofit where the college facility would be used to provide local children with education and destinations for field trips," Smith said. "Three is an aspect that is more an industrial collaboration community where we try to build a value chain of local companies in the region that are interested in providing services for environmental solutions and building an infrastructure to more easily help them find those resources."

Another example of utilizing Charlevoix's assets for environmental and economical reasons, Smith said, would be to turn an unused industrial facility into a commercial fish farm where tilapia, cod or other consumable fishes could be raised and sold both locally and across the country.

Smith would not speculate on a price tag for this business plan, but said, "every normal cost: staffing, facilities, marketing, development of a curriculum" would come into play.

Some other financial advantages to the community, Smith said, could include an increase in spending on the shoulder and winter months resulting from an influx of college students and the potential for environmentally-friendly or green companies attracted to an area with a college focusing on environmental science.

"People have talked about different things going on in the area (like) windmills, people have talked about making the bridge energy neutral by putting generators in the channel," he said. "And instead of just doing that, build a generator factory locally to have a local industry to build micro generators for sale to other areas."

"If (people) have a good idea, send it our way and we'll try to incorporate it in the grand plan," he said.

If a college was located in Charlevoix, Smith said classes would likely begin with a partial curriculum depending on what the institution would want.

"There are a lot of questions to answer," he said.

Originally from California, Smith has been an environmentalist since he was a child.

"I have always talked about ways of preserving the environment and when I saw underutilized potential in Charlevoix, I thought maybe I could fill that with a college type of solution," he said.

Smith will attend the 10 a.m.-4 p.m., June 30 Conservation and Renewable Energy (CARE) fair and looks forward to discussing any ideas people have on the green college idea.

For more information, visit www.greenstartssmall.org.

Interested community members, contacts at academic institutions and potential business partners and investors should contact Smith at greenstart@ebeyond.com

CARE fair is about renewables

Conservation and Renewable Energy Fair (C.A.R.E.)

The Charlevoix C.A.R.E. Committee is hosting a CARE fair 9:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at the new Charlevoix Public Library located at 220 West Clinton St. Admission is free.

There is a grand opening ceremony as well as hands-on activities for the whole family, movies, energy saving solutions, clean energy experts to answer questions, alternative energy demonstrations, musicians, organic food, electric/hybrid cars, special children's activities and more.

The fair is sponsored by WATCH Inc., the CARE Committee and the Charlevoix Public Library. For more information call Michelle Rick-Biddick, CARE fair director, at 547-5530 or WATCH@core.com.

Marriages

The following people were recently issued marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Bowdie Bedford Crumpler, 31, and Laura Lenore Cole, 28, both of Boyne City

Ted Goins Rosencrants, 28, and Angela Jean Smith, 24, both of Boyne City

Matthew Edward Thompson, 35, and Kristina Marie Malinowski, 28, both of Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Aaron Michael Robinson, 22, and Iris Mae Musgrave, 21, both of East Jordan

Daniel Russell Anthony, 45, and Virginia Mary Patton, 29, both of Elmira

Marlin Forrest Starkey, 47, and Kathleen Marie Jaskierski, 40, both of Charlevoix

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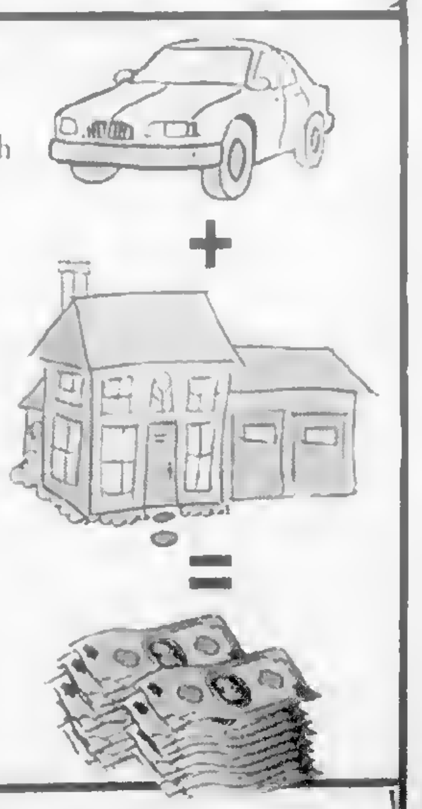

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Roughing it? Not this boy

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

If my wife and kids could spend the entire summer 'round a campfire or biking through the wilderness, they'd do it. Not to say I loathe flies in the food, sand in every crevice and giving blood to nature's littlest vampire, but a couple days in god's country and I'm an itchy, chafed, nervous wreck.

So when the wife spotted an RV for sale on the roadside, I had to investigate. After all, it's not as if I have a choice not to take the family camping, and the wife is certainly sick of pulling up stakes at 2 a.m. because my sobbing is keeping her awake.

The 18-foot 1983 Transmaster by Georgie-Boy had it all: Bathroom, kitchen and beds for four, not to mention a bargain price by anyone's standard.

You outdoor purists may scold my lack of frontier spirit, but if you knew of my days "roughin' it," you might not be so quick to condemn the purchase.

Believe it or not, there was a time when I wasn't a full-blown pansy. And while I'd like to regale you with tales of father and son hikes through Yellowstone or family excursions to Tahquamenon Falls, the only camping we ever did as a family was the summer of 1986 after we were booted from our trailer home in Linwood.

The six of us took up residence at the Bay City State Park in a World War II era tent the size of a walk-in closet which smelled vaguely of old mushrooms and wet dog.

The highlight of eating Hamburger Helper by firelight was tempered by being forced to stay in the sweltering canvas coffin while the parents worked, a move done in hopes of staving suspicion from park rangers that four young children were unattended 40-plus hours a week — camping because you have to is roughing it.

I wouldn't camp again until I was 16 years old when my friends found "Beer Fest," a small chunk of state land a stone's throw from the Rifle River in Rose City.

Several times a year, for the next decade or so, we would scrape together enough money for booze and cigarettes and pilfer whatever food we could from our homes — I remember once taking only the clothes on my back, a five-pound bag of potatoes and a bread bag full of well-past-the-expiration-date sausage.

There were no sleeping bags, no pillows, no toilet paper, and after a night of hard drinking, fighting and consuming too much undercooked and possibly rancid pork, my compatriots and I would pass out in the dirt next to the fire at sunrise.

When you can wake up covered in blood, mud and vomit only to do it all over again, you're roughing it.

Then Otis, a man twice our tender age, drove up to our campsite, parked and proceeded to fall out of his car. He bought us whiskey and shared his contraband in return for some company.

Poor Otis was roughing it when he fell in the fire — I can still hear the howling and smell the burning hair, but that didn't stop him from partying on.

He was really roughing it when he dove nose-first onto our chopping block. Until then, I had never seen that much blood come from anything that wasn't going to die. We wrapped Otis' face in my best friend's new Guess sweatshirt and rushed the dazed drunkard to his residence in his in-law's basement.

Otis' wife just shook her head and helped her man to bed. Being married to Otis, now that's roughing it.

Roughing it nowadays is running low on s'more fixings or trying to use Georgie-Boy's bathroom, an operation akin to performing deep-knee bends in a pantry.

Between avoiding the sting-happy bees and man-eating Michigan grizzlies, I feel I've paid my dues.

So the next time you see a guy in a modern-day prairie schooner hauling a canoe, an SUV and a half-dozen mountain bikes, do not judge him a tenderfoot too quickly, for he too may know the perils of camping.

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Pollen is more complicated than allergies

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knulson

We are about to be deluged with the pollen of pines and other cone-bearing trees. Maybe it is time for a brief essay on pollen and what it is about. It we listen to television commercials from pharmaceutical companies, it is likely we will conclude that pollen is a bad thing. We all know it produces allergy symptoms in allergic people. And of course there are medications that we can take that will protect us from pollen. As is almost always true about any part of the natural world, the real story is a lot more complicated than our television might suggest.

If you have access to a microscope, each grain of pine pollen looks remarkably like a tiny head of Mickey Mouse, with two balloon-like ears and a smiley face. Pollen grains from different plants are almost as unique as fingerprints, and it is possible to determine what sort of forest was in an area 10,000 years ago by examining preserved pollen in the bottom of old lakes.

Pollen is an important part of how plants manage to have sex without moving much. Pollen carries what might best be described as the male essence. It must somehow get to the more female parts of the plants before seeds can be produced. In the earliest history of land plants, all pollen was carried from where it was produced to where it was effective by agency of wind. Our more primitive plants, like the cone-bearing pines, spruces and firs, still get pollinated by the agency of wind. What that means is that in order to be effectively pollinated, they must produce prodigious amounts of pollen. Which explains the thick film of yellowish dust on your car, deck and swimming pool. The amount of pollen from a single large pine tree amounts to quarts, if not gallons of volume. You need not be near a pine tree to notice its pollen. Pollen can easily travel up to 30 miles on a gentle breeze.

Should we be concerned about all that pollen? The short answer is no. Any allergy associated with the pollen of pines and their relatives is so rare as to be of no concern. Other trees that utilize wind-blown pollen can be difficult for the allergy prone person. Elm pollen causes me about a week of stuffy nose in early spring, and other common trees have a similar capacity. It may not be what we think of as a spring cold. It may be the pollen of oaks, maples, beeches or birch trees. They all bloom and pollinate in just a few days in spring.

A small number of pollen producing plants can blanket a large area with enough pollen to assure reproduction for the plant, and gather our attention. Pollen has been found in the air at 50,000 feet altitude. That means it can travel at least 10 miles in any direction.

Fortunately for our comfort and ease of mind, most of the world's half million kinds of plants do not just allow pollen to blow around. Plants have managed to get bees, birds, bats, moths, butterflies and even marsupials and mosquitoes to carry pollen from one plant to another. None of those creatures seem to suffer any allergic effects from their exposure and we benefit greatly by not having thousands of kinds of pollen blowing around.

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LETTERS to the editor

TV IS TOO OUTRAGEOUS

Editor:

In my opinion television is full of deplorable, shocking and outrageous images that children shouldn't see. To support my statement I will first talk briefly about how violence can affect children.

Violence is a huge issue in our world today. When children see or hear violent words or actions, they usually put that into their own lives ... whether you know it or not. For example, I have a 2-year-old brother, Trevor, who acts out what he sees now. So what will he do if he's exposed to violence in his future years? Here's a quick fact, by age 18 the average American witnesses 200,000 violent acts from TV.

Another reason to support my opinion is that there are more useful things to do. A fact that is interesting is that in a year a typical kid spends 900 hours in school and 1,023 hours in front of the television. Here's something else to think about, since TV is entertaining it normally attracts snacking which can lead to young age obesity. As a Christian I believe that, as it says in Philippians 4:8, you should do what it true, noble, pure, right, admirable and lovely. In my opinion I don't think that watching inappropriate television meets any of those expectations.

My last reason for thinking that most television is bad is because of the inducement it has on us children. If, for example, you allow your children to watch PG-13 movies at a too young of age, soon they'll look for something more "cool" because the other rated movies are too "boring."

I also know from past experience that the influence of television doesn't affect just your children, but others, too. If kids watch images of kidnapping or murdering, they normally become more fearful of the outside world and less sensitive towards others.

I know, from being a sixth-grade student myself, that every day children face temptation from friends, television and even the public. I hope that this encourages you to consider what your children really see on television.

Cassidy Bonar
6th Grade Student

CLEANUP EARLY THIS YEAR IN TOWNSHIP?

Editor:

Perhaps someone thought it was an unwanted item since Charlevoix Township's south side annual trash pickup was scheduled for May 22.

On the Saturday just prior to the planned pickup day, our steel trash receptacle was taken. For the past 12 years this heavy canister has set at roadside next to the post with our house numbers. With its attached lid, it was an ideal container for our Wednesday morning service. More importantly, it was an item of my grandfather's.

Because of this item's sentimental value, I would greatly appreciate its return with no questions asked. Also, because it was my granddad's, I am offering a reward to anyone who can bring this about.

Thank you,
Ken Balch

WE NEED YARN SHOP...

Editor,

I love to make afghans and buy a lot of yarn, but I cannot get it here in Charlevoix. I do wish I could also buy material in a store here, too.

Maybe someone will open a store here, I hope so.

Jacqueline Meier
Charlevoix

... AND QUILT MATERIALS

Editor,

I am a quilter and use a lot of material and batting in making quilts. I heard Wal-Mart is not going to have material next year. I know I am not alone in Charlevoix wanting to have a JoAnn's or any other material store here. Maybe someone will. I need yarn also.

Jeannette Moran
Charlevoix

PLEASE, USE SEAT BELTS

Editor:

About 600,000 Michigan citizens put their lives at risk each year by not taking a few seconds to simply buckle up when they get into a vehicle. The advantage of using a safety belt is clear, it's a life-saving device that increases a motorist's chance of surviving a crash by 50 percent.

After last May's Buckle Up or Pay Up, Click It or Ticket mobilization, the state's safety belt use rate reached its highest number yet, 94.3 percent. It has propelled Michigan to a ranking a second in the nation in safety belt use and decreased fatalities to levels last seen in 1945.

Our goal is to increase safety belt use rather than write citations, because every time the state's use rate goes up lives are saved and injuries are prevented. Last year, Michigan's 94.3 percent safety belt use rate contributed to a 4 percent decrease in traffic fatalities and a 9 percent decline in injuries.

So buckle up, every trip, every time. It's the best way to avoid a safety belt citation, as well as serious injuries or even death.

Colonel Peter C. Munoz
Director
Michigan State Police

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Pollen rides the wind

POLLEN

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How important are those animal pollinators? So important that the current mysterious disappearance of bees from their hives is producing a near panic in some agricultural quarters. Wheat, corn, rice and other vital crops are pollinated by the faithful wind. But a few crops like alfalfa, almonds and some others depend completely on bees. Knowing something about plants and pollination could even be important for our legislators. I sometimes wonder how many of them ever studied botany? Maybe it should be a requirement.

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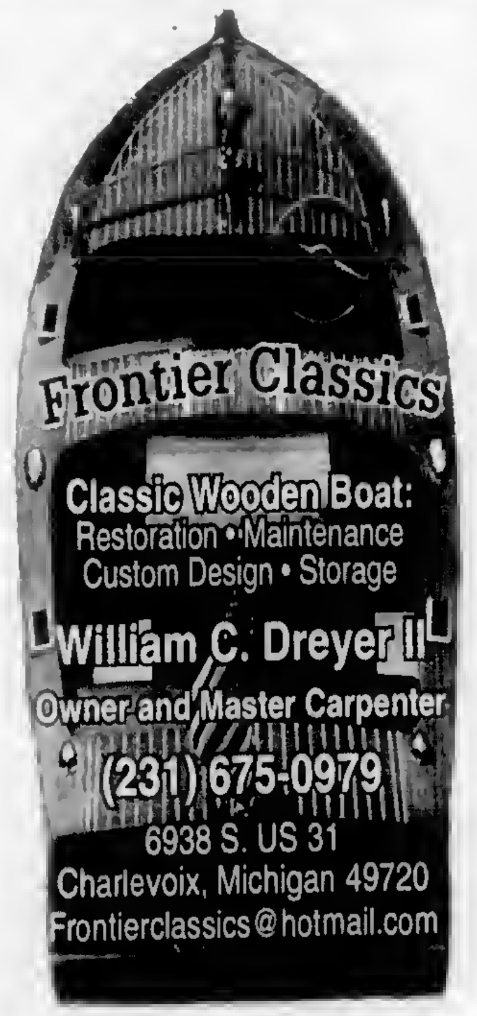

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Local teacher named a 'Who's Who' in education

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Stefanie Carano

Gary Stutzman (right), co-administrator of Northwest Academy school of Charlevoix, poses with teacher Gerry Sciacca, one of 155,000 educators recently named a Who's Who Among America's teachers.

A local Charlevoix educator recently received the Who's Who Among America's Teachers Award and will be featured among 155,000 teachers in the Who's Who Among America's Teachers publication.

For Northwest Academy's sixth- and seventh-grade teacher Gerry Sciacca, her job is about enhancing individual ability and recognizing each student's level of skill, not winning awards.

"To be a good educator, you need to help the students grow while realizing that not everyone is in the same place," Sciacca said.

She said standardized testing makes this all the more difficult.

"The emphasis on MEAP is very harmful to education," Sciacca said. "MEAP pigeonholes kids. I do not believe in it."

Recipients are nominated for the award by one or more of their current or former students that have been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Sciacca teaches her students reading, writing, mathematics and social studies at the charter school in downtown Charlevoix which serves grades kindergarten through 12.

She said her biggest challenge in teaching is getting her students to realize their self-worth.

"I want the kids to think they're awesome," Sciacca said. "I want them to have more confidence when they leave the class and that's just as important as reading, and math, it's everything."

Sciacca was nominated by a former student, a young man, who wished to remain anonymous.

"It's very exciting and humbling," she said of the award.

After spending 10 years as a public school teacher in Saginaw, Sciacca moved to northern Michigan and began teaching at Concord Academy in Petoskey.

She enjoyed the charter school environment offered at Concord and stayed there for seven years. But when her classes started reaching 25 students, she left Petoskey to teach at Northwest Academy, preferring the small classroom setting.

Her current experience she compares to the one-room schools of the 19th century in that there is more personal interaction between younger and older students.

"Older kids rise to the occasion and help the younger ones," Sciacca said. "It's wonderful to see that."

This summer Sciacca will continue to tutor children with attention deficit disorder and dyslexia and waitress at Terry's Place restaurant.

Zion Lutheran welcomes 'Singles for Christ'

Singles for Christ of Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey, invites all singles 40 and over, from area churches to the monthly dinner 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, at Petoskey's covered pavilion, for the first potluck of the year. The pavilion is located behind Petoskey City Hall offices, 101 East Lake St. Use the clock tower entrance and the first parking lot on your left as you enter.

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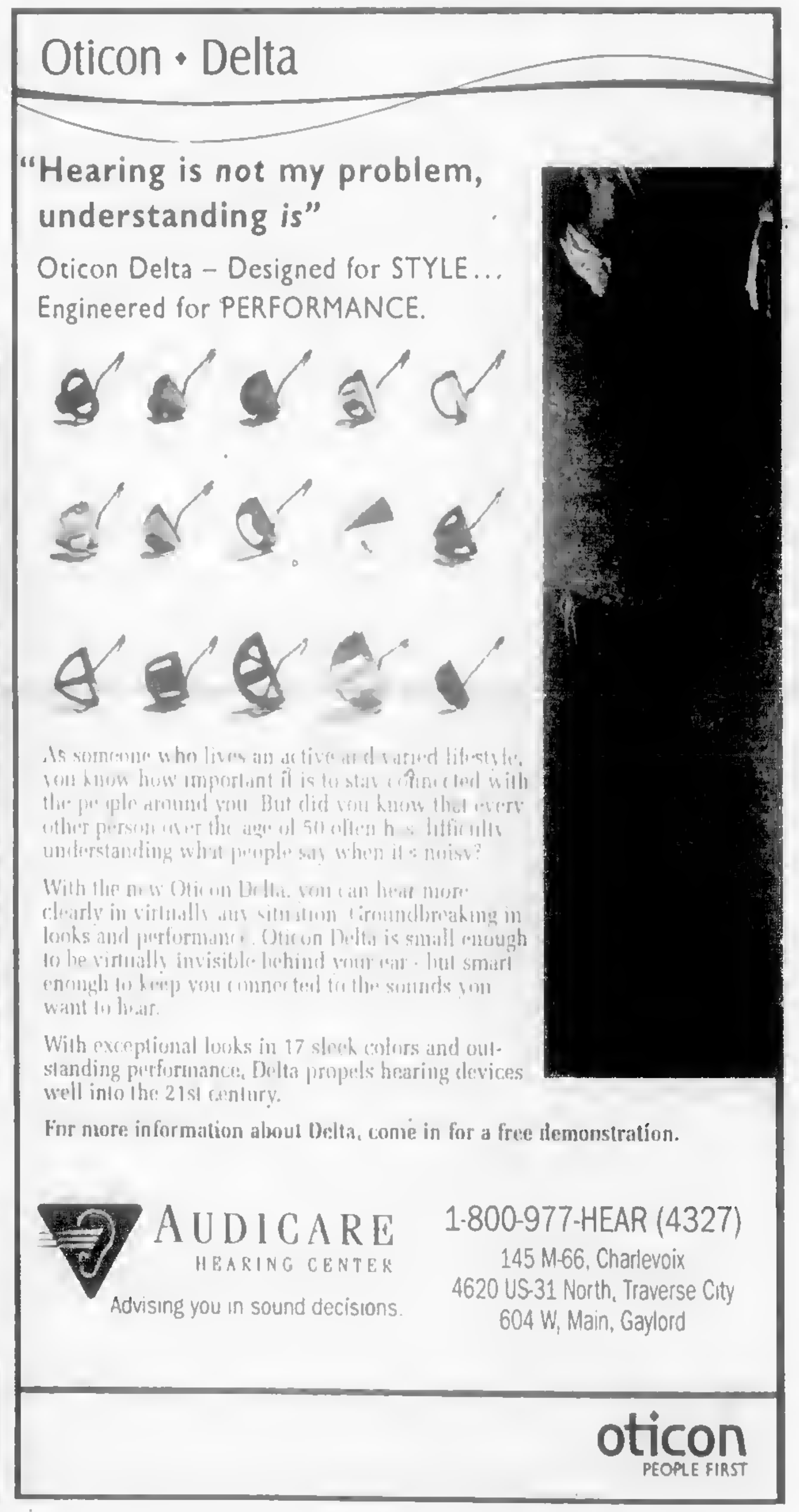

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New store 'Ga Ga' for kids

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

When Jodi Bingham decided to return to her hometown, she wanted to own the only clothing store in Charlevoix just for children.

So she opened Ga Ga for Kids on 323 Bridge St. downtown between The Rocking Horse Toy Company and Celeste Murdick's Fudge.

"It was needed," said Bingham. "This was the market. Everyone was asking for it."

Ga Ga for Kids features clothes and accessories for infants to children age 7 in a variety of bright colors and patterns.

"It's a little bit fashion forward without going too far traditional," Bingham said.

Displayed throughout the store are oversized piggy banks in pastels and white polka dots for $42 made by Elegant Baby. The banks are large but not heavy and Bingham said they are a good seller.

She said her Zutano mix-and-match clothing line is very popular and reasonably priced. Prices range from $14-24 per clothing item. Another popular clothing line is 'Baby's Own," made of 100 percent cotton. The line offers pajamas for $12 and sets of four onesies for $19.

Clothing made for boys includes Skye Hoppus' "Childish" line, featuring a set of lined surf shorts and matching T-shirts for $72.

Bingham said she is enthusiastic to serve those who are looking for gifts or baby shower items.

"If you come in and need a gift, tell us how much you want to spend and we'll find something nice for you," she said.

She provides small cards and gift-wrapping as well.

Some of her specialty items are meant for those with visiting grandchildren, such as her "Baby on the Go" kits. Baby on the Go, also made by Elegant Baby, is a bag with a sippy cup, Tupperware container and plastic spoons in matching colors for grandparents to keep at their house when a baby comes to visit.

A fun item made for older grandchildren is "My Grandpa's Briefcase," a kit that contains games, crossword puzzles and books.

Not only has Bingham spent a lot of time considering the items in her store, she has also spent a lot of time making it a welcoming space.

She brightened the interior by painting the walls and woodwork white and transforming the alcoves built in the walls into display cases for the accessories.

Pastel butterflies dot the walls and ceiling throughout the store, advertising the removable wall art she sells.

"The bones were here, the structure just needed TLC," she said.

Her background in photography, she said, lends ideas to the look and colors in the store.

"I was looking at the color wheel to figure out colors for the clothes," Bingham said.

She said she's also really excited to be involved in Charlevoix's business community, serving on the city's retail committee.

"I'm excited to see where Charlevoix is going," she said.

Bingham received a degree in photography from Northern Michigan University.

Her retail background includes work at J. Phillips of Charlevoix during her high school and college years and operating a J. Phillips store in Vail, Colo., for four years before returning to Charlevoix.

"It's been a lot of fun. I really enjoy kids clothing," Bingham said. "I feel I could do this forever."

Ga Ga is currently open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Store hours will be 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. on weekdays and 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m. on weekends beginning June 17.

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Christine Speer of Petoskey takes a break from shopping at Charlevoix's new children-only clothing store, Ga Ga, to console her 1-month-old daughter, Lily.

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- Maritime Mysteries with Jack Cote
  Saturday, June 16, 4:00 p.m.
  Reception to follow at the Charlevoix Yacht Club. Jack Cote, an attorney, will be sharing his stories of high profile boating mysteries, including the empty boat found adrift in Lake Huron, near Mackinaw Island.
- "The Case of the Missing Books"
  Tuesday, June 19, 6:30 p.m.
  Acting Up Theatre Company presents this comedic satire with Sherlock Poems and Gus Gruesome: CSI Library Division solving the mystery of the missing books. Join one of the Summer Read Clubs for this kick-off event.
- Michael Lindley *Saturday, June 23, 2:00 p.m.*
  Author of Seasons of the EmmaLee, Mr. Lindley will take the readers back in time to the resort community of Charlevoix before World War II. Lindley's family, natives of northern Michigan dating back to the early 1900's, ran a small marina and boatyard on Lake Charlevoix.
- Book Sale
  Saturday, June 23, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
  The Friends of the Library's annual book sale is now renowned for their great collection and even better prices. All proceeds used to purchase new items for the children's library.

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OBITUARIES

Irene Mae Supernaw: Dec. 6, 1910-June 3, 2007

Irene Mae Supernaw was born Irene Mae Martin at home on the family farm on December 6, 1910. Martin Road, on the north side of town, runs through where the original Martin farmhouse sat. Irene said, "When my Dad built the house, he bought the property from his mother for 50 cents an acre."

Irene was the second oldest of 11 Martin children; her sister, Fran Martin, was the oldest.

Irene attended St. Mary's Catholic School in her elementary years and the North Side School, which was across from the existing Don's IGA, for junior high and the original Charlevoix High School, which was downtown.

In high school, Irene worked in the newsstand at The Inn Hotel, which was on the north side of town at the end of Dixon Avenue. In 1936, Irene married Rex Supernaw at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Shortly after that, Rex took a job as a metallurgist with National Twist Drill & Tool Company which was located in Detroit on Grand Boulevard.

Rex and Irene lived in Highland Park until 1944, when they moved to Franklin, Mass. It was there that their first child was born. When Marie was 14 months old, they moved to Rochester. In 1950, their second daughter, Martha, was born.

Irene was very active in St. Andrews Catholic Church in Rochester. She was in the Altar Society, headed up the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, volunteered numerous hours at St. Andrews Catholic School and orchestrated numerous roast beef dinners as fundraisers for the church.

When Rex retired in 1975, Irene and Rex moved back to Charlevoix, where she and Rex lived, until he passed away on June 25, 2001. Recently, Irene had been living with her daughter, Martha, in Royal Oak.

"See, I finally got it on paper, before I passed away!" (Written January 14, 2007 by Irene Supernaw).

Irene passed away Sunday, June 3, at her daughter's home in Royal Oak.

She is survived by her daughters, Marie (Rich) Johnston, and Martha Meyer; grandchildren, Mike (Wendy) Voccia, Jimmy Meyer, Kara Meyer, Ann Johnston; great-grandchildren, Carrissa Michael, Michelle Voccia, Christian Meyer, Angelica Meyer; sister, Sara (Lloyd) Cummings; brother, Phil Martin.

Her funeral was on June 9 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix with the Reverend James K. Gardiner officiating. Interment took place in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Senior Center Inc.

Sue Johnson, 64: Oct. 25, 1942 - June 1, 2007

Madelon Sue Johnson, 64, of Charlevoix, died Friday, June 1, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

She was born on October 25, 1942 in New Paris, Ohio, to Willard and Della (Chesnut) Troutwine.

She graduated from Lake Orion High School in 1960. On April 10, 1970 she married Jim Johnson in Charlevoix, where they made their home. Sue was employed as a secretary and worked in businesses in Charlevoix. Her last employer was the Charlevoix County State Bank where she worked in various departments.

Sue was active in the Charlevoix Garden Club and the American Legion, Leslie T. Shapton Post 226 Auxiliary. Jim preceded her in death on Sept. 8, 2001. She is survived by her children, Cindy (John) Whitley of Charlevoix and Donald Story of Kentucky; grandsons, Nicholas and Andrew Whitley and Brandon Story; sister, Joyce Warchol of Charlevoix; brothers, Tim (Carol) Troutwine of Petoskey, Sam Troutwine of Charlevoix; sister-in-law, Sandy Troutwine of Lapeer; stepmother, Marcella Troutwine of Troy; stepsisters, Barbara Duncan of Troy; Joyce Zeleji; several nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service was Tuesday, June 5, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix, with the Reverend James Mort officiating.

Burial followed at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

ohBOIX! A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Kendall College of Art/Design

Laura Angela Horon graduated with honors with a bachelor of fine arts in graphic design from Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University on Saturday, May 5, at the commencement ceremony in recognition of completing requirements for degrees.

DePauw University

Jennifer Lorraine Rowe of Charlevoix was among 514 graduating students who received degrees at DePauw University's 168th commencement on Sunday, May 20, in Greencastle, Ind.

Rowe received a bachelor of arts degree with a major in kinesiology.

Bethany Lutheran College

Peter Londgren, the son of Jeff and Elisa Londgren of Charlevoix, has been awarded the Bethany Lutheran College Luther Scholarship for the 2007-08 school year. Londgren is a senior at Charlevoix High School. This scholarship, valued at $20,000 over four years, is based on high school grade point average and national standardized test scores.

Anderson University

Nathan Kyle Turner of Charlevoix was named to the Anderson University dean's list for the spring semester of the 2006-2007 academic year. Anderson University is located in Anderson, Ind. To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0.

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Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

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Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
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Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
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"One of the simplest things boaters can do to ensure their safety is to wear a life jacket," said Land, who oversees the state's nearly 953,000 watercraft registrations. "Drowning accounts for about 70 percent of all boating fatalities. Wearing a life jacket can be the difference between life and death."

Van Snider, Michigan Boating Industries Association president, added that there are several resources available to watercraft owners to help them better prepare for a safe boating season.

"Enrolling in a boating safety course is probably the most important step you can take to protect yourself and your boat," Snider said. "You'll learn the skills necessary to be a safe and knowledgeable boater. Courses are available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, some county sheriff's offices, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power Squadron. Boat dealerships, marinas, community schools and colleges also offer instruction."

Residents interested in taking a boating safety course should check with the following sources for more information: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at http://nws.cgaux.org/, (800) 336-BOAT for the BoatU.S. boating safety course hot line), U.S. Power Squadron at www.usps.org/, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at www.michigan.gov/dnr and county sheriff's office.

With the popularity of personal watercraft on Michigan waters, Land added that operators must carry their boating safety certificate and display it if asked by a peace officer. To operate a personal watercraft in Michigan the following requirements apply: Anyone born after Dec. 31, 1978, cannot operate a personal watercraft unless they obtain a boating safety certificate. You must be at least 14 years to operate a personal watercraft. Children ages 12 and 13 may operate a personal watercraft if they are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The child and adult both must have a boating safety certificate. The personal watercraft must also be equipped with a lanyard-type engine cutoff switch that is attached to the adult.

The Department of State provides a safe boating booklet through its branch offices. The guide is free and has information about boating basics, laws and safety.

Be careful with trampolines

Nationally, upwards of 200,000 children are treated in emergency departments as a result of trampoline injuries.

Following are some facts about trampoline injuries:

— Most kids injured on trampolines are between the ages of 6-15.

— Most trampoline injuries and deaths are caused by: Colliding with another person while jumping; landing improperly while jumping or doing stunts; falling or jumping off.

— Almost 75 percent of injuries result when more than one person is on the trampoline.

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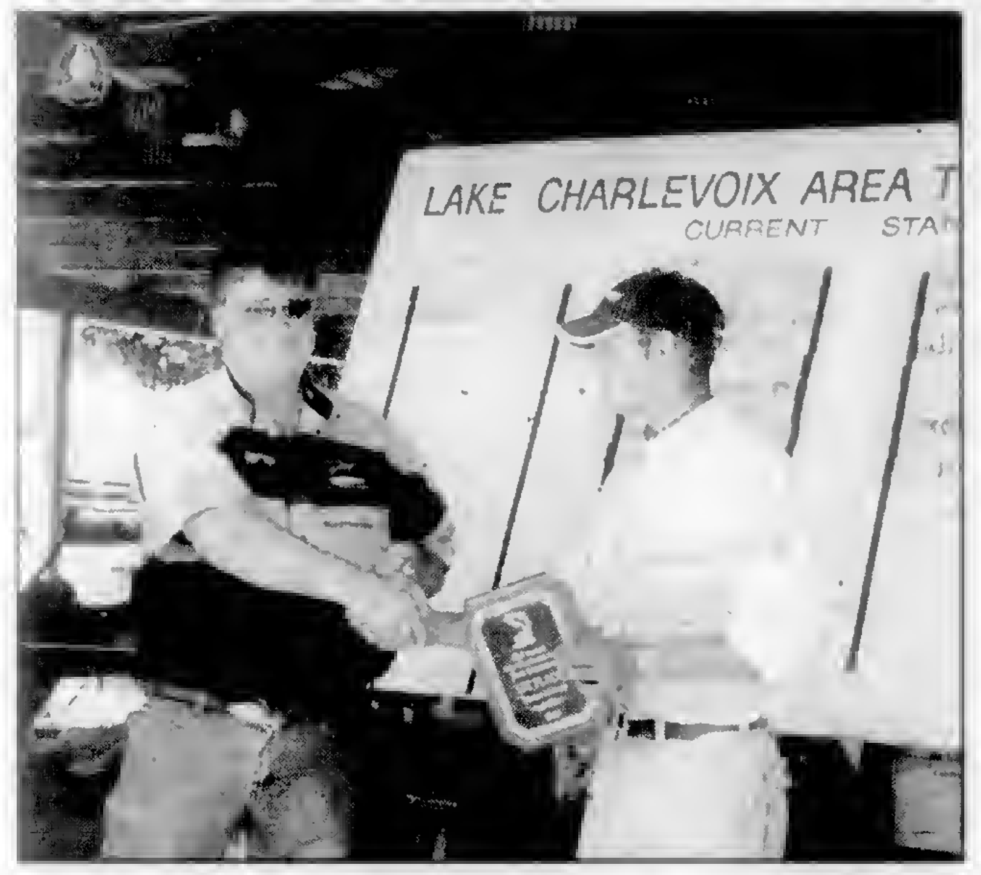

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The fisherman with the largest catch of each day won $100 during the 23rd Annual Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament on June 8, 9 and 10. Here (from left) are Amos Skrocki with the largest fish on Friday, Rich Cross with the largest fish on Saturday and Brady Way with the largest fish on Sunday. LEFT: Rich Cross of team D & R Charters accepts the Golden Stinger award for having caught the largest fish on a Stinger spoon from his boat the Reel McCoy. Cross received a plaque for his efforts.

Chris Mikulski, chairman of the Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament, shows off this fish print by artist Jim Annis which was donated for auction. John McNabb of Charlevoix nabbed the piece of art for $200. Proceeds from the auction went to help defray trout tournament costs. BELOW: Sisters Alison and Ashley Burch of Harbor Springs get up close and personal with a mess of brown trout on Saturday during the 23rd Annual Lake Charlevoix Area Trout Tournament.

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John Kazenko of Lansing caught the 4.44 pound brown trout, Amos Skrocki of East Jordan caught a 15-pound lake trout, Bob Bellmore of Advance caught a 10.16 pound steelhead and Rich Cross of Charlevoix caught a 16.32 pound salmon. Here the men pose during the awards ceremony.

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THANK YOU FROM KIDS CORNER

Editor:

Twenty-five plus years ago Phyllis Hess and Mary Lou Norton started up Kid's Corner Preschool, offering a unique program in which parents could learn along with their children while they participated in a co-op.

Now with the changing needs of the Charlevoix community, it has become apparent that we must close our doors at this time.

With a co-op situation and being non-profit, parents are required to spend many hours to make the school function involving board meetings, fundraisers, being parent helpers, as well as maintaining their own work schedules and families.

Many families have been involved over the years.

I have had the opportunity to work with the following persons and would like to say thank you to them for their special talents and efforts:

Levi Carson, Kenzi Cunningham, Brandon Fels, Tabin Filizetti, Elizabeth Gower, Nathan Herriman, Lauren House, Brandon Mason, Kaitlin Schwenke, Joseph Simkovic, Tristan Simpson, Drew Baten, Halah Boss, Kayla Kaczmar, Isaac Hull, Madison O'Leary, Adrianna Nachazel, Ana Smith, Emma Buday, Braeden Clark, Joao Pedro and Gabriella dos Santos, Hailey and Raymond Greimel, Abby Johnson, Kyle Anne O'Leary, Micayle Vrondran and Grant Winnell.

It is our desire that they have had the opportunity to develop their self confidence, curiosity, self expression and conflict resolution skills, while learning about God's love and giving back to the community.

Thank you to First Congregational United Church of Christ for your encouragement and support throughout our adventures.

Katherine Reed
Program Director/Teacher
Kid's Corner Preschool, 2004 to 2007.

PLANT CONTAINERS NOT RECYCLABLE

Editor:

Hello all you enthusiastic beautifiers of the earth.

The spring planting season is upon us.

You can hardly wait to get your fingers on the blooming plants and sprouting vegetables available in nurseries, garden shops and every street corner in your neighborhood.

There is only one downside to all of this passion to introduce these sprouts and seedlings to your garden plots, their containers.

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Happy gardening.
Nancy Ferguson
Secretary
Charlevoix County Recycling Committee

MORE CROSSWALKS

Editor:

In my opinion I think that our community should have more crosswalks because I feel more and more people are getting hit every year.

It is not just me who thinks it, it is other people, too.

If you want you or your kids crossing the street in a better action then I know that we should have crosswalks. I have seen people cross in places that you are more likely to get hit by a car.

With more crosswalks you will be able to cross where it is way safer.

If our community has more crosswalks then it will give a pedestrian a more safe way to cross the highway.

Plenty of my relatives and friends have come to me and said that we really need a crosswalk at Shell the gas station. They have almost got hit or almost hit somebody before.

I think that crosswalks would help control traffic and it would also make it better.

I have told you all the reasons why we should have crosswalks and I hope you think it to. We need crosswalks for you the community and everybody else.

Erica Darrah, sixth grade
Charlevoix

THANK YOU

Editor:

We would like to thank the Charlevoix Community Pool Auction Committee for their generous contribution to Camp McSauba.

Their donation of $960 will allow less fortunate families to send their child or children to a week of fun at Camp McSauba.

The children participate in several activities during the course of the week including arts and crafts, playing different sports, swimming and building sand castles at the beach, and many, many more.

The older campers also get to participate in swimming at the community pool and because of their donation they will be able to swim free of charge.

Because of this wonderful opportunity for children to be outdoors and involved with their peers, both new and old friendships grow.

The counselors are able to see the campers' happy faces when they are at Mount McSauba, and we just wanted to share how much this gift means to everyone.

Thanks again.
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Recreation Department
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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, June 4, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall,
210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving the contract with Charlevoix Area Pool for auction items, subject to rewrites by the City Attorney.
- Motion passed approving a letter of support for US House Bill 808 creating a Department of Peace.
- Motion passed approving the Venetian contract, contingent upon receiving additional documentation.
- Motion passed authorizing a letter of support for Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council's grant application for the Treasure Lake Charlevoix Project.
- Motion passed authorizing preparation of a supplemental lease for the Beaver Island Boat Company. The lease would allow non-exclusive use of additional dock and mooring space.
- Motion passed authorizing the contract with the Charlevoix City Band.
- Motion passed approving the purchase of a GVW (plow) truck, from Duthler Truck Center for $93,691.
- Motion passed approving change order #6 for Phase one of the East Park/Marina Project for a deduction of $91,634.04.
- Motion failed to reject the Compensation Commission's recommendation for the City Clerk's Compensation.
- Motion passed approving a settlement agreement with William Montgomery (CCMS) for $223,000.00.
- Motion passed amending the City Attorney's contract.

Council adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk   Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

JUN 2007

CCMS to reimburse Charlevoix

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

After taking $222,978.36 from the city of Charlevoix, William Montgomery has agreed to pay the city back in exchange for the city dropping its lawsuit against him.

At the June 4 city council meeting, mayor Norman Carlson signed an agreement to end the suit if Montgomery pays $133,000 by June 10 and $90,000 by Nov. 1.

"If he violates the agreement, nothing can stop us from requesting that he be prosecuted," said city attorney James Young in his letter to the council. "A judgment can be entered against him for the unpaid balance plus other damages."

The agreement originally required that Montgomery pay $123,000 by June 1 and $100,000 by Nov. 1. Though Young's letter to the city council states that Montgomery needs until June 10 to make the first payment, he said the repayment agreement was required to go before city council before it could be acted on, which is why Montgomery was given an extension. However, he must pay an additional $10,000 five months early.

Young said Mackinac County prosecutor Fred Feleppa will continue to work with the state police and make his own judgment on any criminal charges which may or may not be levied against Montgomery.

Back in 2004, a check was written for Montgomery's company, CCMS and Associates, which was supposed to be written to CCMS' insurer, United Fire and Casualty.

Montgomery proceeded to deposit the check into a personal bank account, and by the time city treasurer Rick Brandi discovered the mistake, it was too late to process a stop payment, leaving United Fire and,Casualty without payment for street work performed in 2001.

This began the insurer's lawsuit against the city, costing an additional $220,000.

It was later determined that then city manager Mike Wiesner was responsible for the incorrectly written check.

After Wiesner resigned his position earlier this year, the city began their lawsuit against Montgomery.

Do you have an emergency plan for the road?

When families embark on day trips and vacations this summer, they'll have more to worry about than high gas prices. Thousands of people will break down or crash their vehicle at night — and if they do, will they have the emergency light they need to stay safe?

Roadside emergency tips:

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— Do not use flares; they are dangerous and can cause fires, explosions and burns.

— Conserve your vehicle's battery power; do not use dome lights to read maps or other critical information.

— Do not run your vehicle for light; you'll drain gas and generate toxic fumes.

— Use a light source that does not require outside power or battery sources.

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Test comes back low, cancer in remission

Ken Doty:
Living with Cancer

In part three of the series "Ken Doty: Living with cancer," Doty discusses the short-term results of his treatment.

What is the prognosis?

"The doctors did the blood tests and normal PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) levels are between 0 and 3.5," Doty said. "My levels for PSAs came back less than 0.1 which means nothing's showing up, so technically I'm in remission right now."

Doty received the results in the mail on the Thursday before Memorial Day.

What did you do when you found out?

"I opened my letter at 8 p.m. on May 24, which was a very nice early 49th birthday present for me. It was some relief (and) joy and also a time of getting down on my knees and telling the good Lord thank-you, that's been an ongoing thing everyday," he said. "The first three phone calls were to my fiancée, mom and son and number four was to my co-worker. I tried to, over the last week, contact those people I know have kept me in their thoughts and prayers and made sure they knew I had gotten some good news."

Doty's birthday was May 26.

How are you feeling?

"We did a follow-up on Friday, June 1, just to review all the charts and all the tests. They do have some concerns with my red blood cell count because I'm very tired and severely anemic," he said. "My doctor talked about placing me on a drug but I don't know whether I want to go on it or not — six prescriptions is enough I think."

Doty's fatigue comes from the extensive treatment he has undergone for the last several months.

"I'm more tired now than I was right after the treatments ended," he said. "And as the doctor put it, 'We kicked your butt while we killed everything.'"

He added, "They take you to the point of almost killing you but they don't."

Doty's take on the process of being radiated seems to be on the lighter side.

"I joked with my doctor and said, 'So, if I don't grow a third appendage or third eye or hump on my back I don't need to come see you?'" he said. "The humor does really help get through things."

Did you make any contingencies pending a positive outcome?

"I learned a long time ago, you don't deal with God. He tells you what he wants and you don't make deals," he said. "But, a couple of my friends and I decided that on my 50th birthday we're going to jump out of a perfectly good airplane. I've always been involved in outdoor activities — backpacking, white water canoeing and this is just some-

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How 'Gohs' it?

Bear and bee phobias and other misadventures of camping!

Charlevoix Courier reporter, Benjamin Gohs, known locally for his controversial civil liberties columns and coverage on issues related to Charlevoix, will be a guest on WMKT's Vic McCarty Show.

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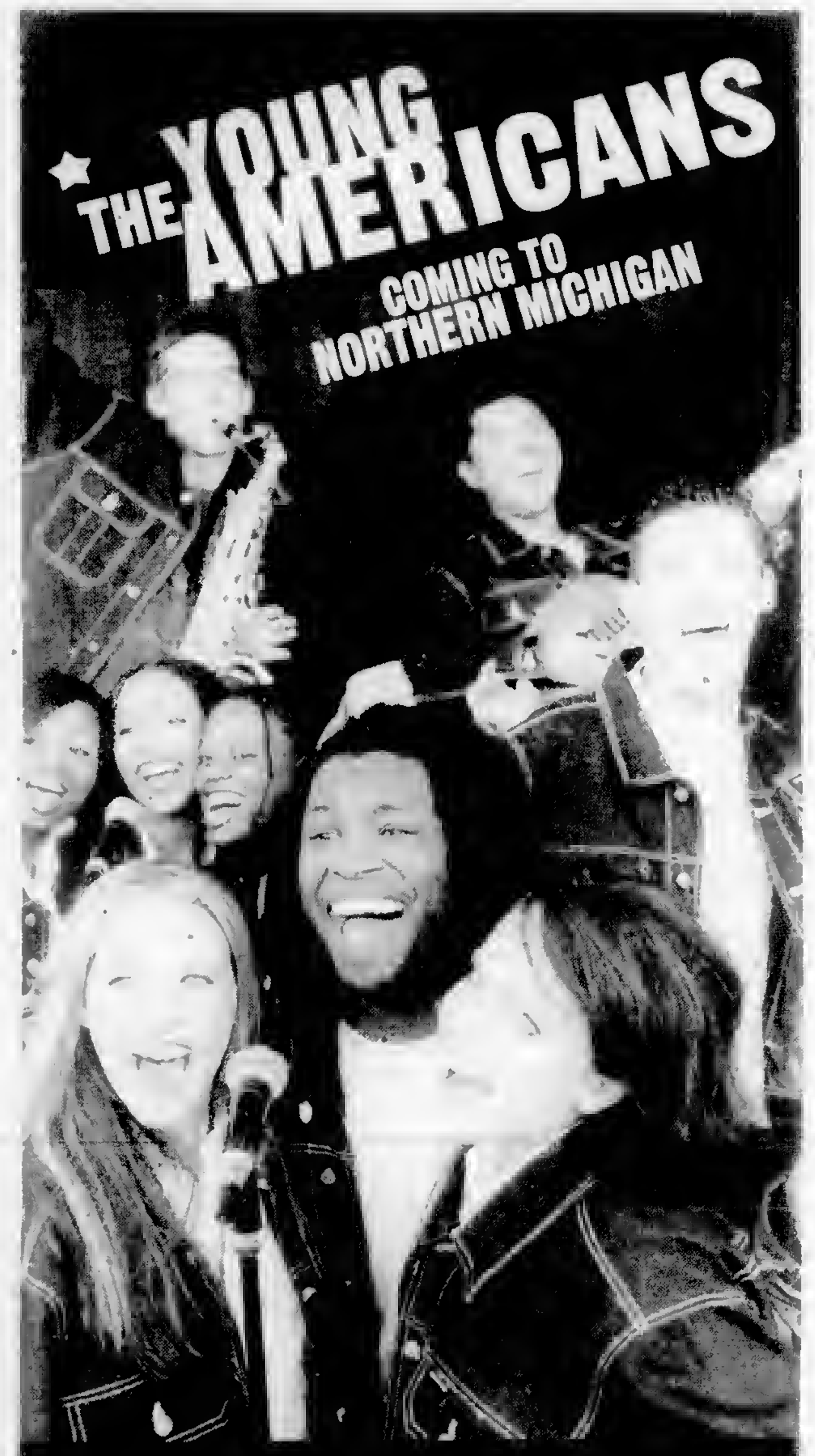

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Energy level takes months to come back

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thing I've always wanted to do."

So what is next?

"It's a nice relief for the next four months that I'm not going to have to go in for treatments, doctor appointments or tests," Doty said.

Doty's next test will be a CT scan toward the end of September.

"I'm going to live life. Of course, you always have it in the back of your mind, but I will continue to recover and live life and try to gain my strength back, continue to eat healthy, take my medications," he said. "I'm very hopeful, you have to have hope and always look ahead. You can't live in the past — good, bad, you still have to go forward because life goes on."

When are you expected to feel better?

"Nine months to a year to regain the energy levels, but it's still not over. I've got to keep the PSAs down and they don't say that you're cancer-free until five years" he said. "If it comes back, radiation which I already have gone through, is not an option. Then I have to go with chemotherapy or possibly surgery. Once the area has been radiated they can't go back and radiate it again."

What kind of support did you receive through this ordeal?

"I know a lot of people just from my job, from coaching and refereeing, from being born and raised right here in the county and for those people that have been keeping me in their prayers and on prayer lists and warm wishes and cards, thank-you very much," he said. "I'm just someone like everyone else trying to survive and hopefully people will have this much help if they have to go through it."

He added, "You can beat it by putting your trust in the man upstairs and the support of family and friends and you've got to have a positive outlook."

According to the American Cancer Society, "Both the PSA blood test and digital rectal examination should be offered annually, beginning at age 50, to men who have at least a 10-year life expectancy. Men at high risk ... should begin testing at age 45. Men at even higher risk, due to multiple first-degree relatives affected at an early age, could begin testing at age 40."

Doty urges men to get checked for prostate cancer at an earlier age.

"Do it for yourself, but most of all do it for your family," he added.

Look for the fourth installment of "Ken Doty: Living with cancer" in early October when Doty will reveal the results of his bone and CT scans.

Red Cross donors could win trips

American Red Cross blood donors across the state of Michigan will have a chance to win either a six-day, five-night cruise trip to the Grand Bahamas or a three-day, two-night trip to Las Vegas simply by presenting to donate blood or platelets during the month of June.

Starting on Friday, June 1, and continuing through Saturday, June 30, all presenting donors at drives across the state can throw their name into a drawing for a chance to win one of the trips, which are provided by Unlimited Travel, located in Muskegon. In all, two lucky donors in the Red Cross' Great Lakes Region Blood Services will have their names selected as winners of the trip packages. Winning donors will be selected the week of July 9-13.

The Grand Bahamas cruise trip is for one presenting donor and a guest. The six-day, five-night trip includes round-trip airfare and port charges, with meals and activities included on board. The Las Vegas trip is also for one presenting donor and a guest. The three-day, two-night trip includes round-trip airfare from Michigan to Las Vegas. The winning donor will also receive a $500 Las Vegas gift card good for chips, meals, drinks, tokens and show tickets to be used in Las Vegas casinos.

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. Sick and injured adults and children need red cells, platelets or plasma for scheduled and emergency surgeries, for cancer and leukemia treatments, trauma and burn care, and for the treatment of serious health conditions like anemia, sickle cell and heart disease. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health.

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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

4th Annual Taste of Charlevoix – June 16

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce invites you to tempt your taste buds at the 4th annual "Taste of Charlevoix" this Saturday, June 16 from 11am to 4pm! Enjoy specialties from Charlevoix's finest restaurants in portions that range in price between one to five dollars. The Chamber will sell tickets for one dollar each, to be redeemed directly at the vendor's station. These tickets may also be used for the purchase of soft drinks, beer or wine. Wineries from the Leelanau and Old Mission Peninsulas will be in attendance as well as regional breweries. Wine and beer will be served in commemorative "Taste of Charlevoix" wine glasses.

Musical entertainment will be provided throughout the event. Artists featured include the City of Charlevoix Marine Band performing from 11:30am – 1pm and Horton Creek Live in concert performing from 1:30pm – 4pm. The children's area has an entrance fee of two dollars, which gives children unlimited access to the Rayder Jump House and an inflatable slide, face painting and four cookies to decorate. In addition, there will be entertainment for the children including "Kookie the Clown".

The U.S. Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary will host Boating Safety Day in conjunction with the Taste of Charlevoix. There will be activities and information for both children and adults including (but not limited to) tours of rescue assets, courtesy inspections of your vessel by the Auxiliary, an obstacle course for kids, flare and fire extinguisher demonstrations.

Don't miss the "Taste of Charlevoix", a day of fun, food and enjoyment for the entire family!

Summer Solstice Art Show – June 23 & 24

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce invites you to the 9th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show, featuring high quality art displayed in beautiful downtown Charlevoix. Participating artisans are carefully selected to ensure a well-rounded show offering a variety of fun and unique creations. Show hours are Saturday, June 23 from 10am to 5pm, and Sunday, June 24 from 10am to 4pm. This exciting event will showcase paintings in oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as sculpture, photography, pottery, jewelry and much more. A delightful surprise waits around every corner. From contemporary to whimsical, it is a spectacular representation of craftsmanship and artwork with many beautiful and unusual products on display. Celebrate the arrival of summer at the Charlevoix Summer Solstice Art Show, where works of art and scenic views are just a step away!

Sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce

Charlevoix Downtown Farmers Market

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The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome the following new members:

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Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

June 16	4th Annual Taste of Charlevoix 547-2101
June 16	Run Charlevoix - Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K, 5K 547-2101
June 16	Book Signing with Evelyn Johnson at Bridge Street Book Shop 547-7323
June 16	5th Annual Pink Ribbon Bike Ride 536-7066
June 23	Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10am,547-2651
June 23-24	9th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show 547-2101
June 26	City Band Concert In Bridge Park, 8pm 547-2101
June 28	Summer Concert Series with Horton Creek in Bridge Park, 8pm 547-2101
June 30	Friske's Strawberry Social 599-2604
June 30	C.A.R.E. Fair at the Charlevoix Public Library 547-4369
July 03	City Band Concert in Bridge Park, 8pm 547-2101
July 04	Charlevoix 4th of July Parade, 10am 547-2101
July 04	Horton Bay Parade, 12 Noon 582-6222
July 05	Summer Concert Series with Charlie's Root Fusion, 8pm 547-2101
July 06	Symphony on the Green 547-8685
July 10	City Band Concert, 8pm in Bridge Park 547-2101
July 10	Charlevoix Historical Society Annual Business Meeting 547-4183
July 11	9th Annual Garden Walk, 10am – 4pm 536-7342
July 11	Charlevoix Area Garden Club Luncheon 547-7034
July 11	Charlevoix County Senior Picnic 237-0103

For information on programs and events offered by the Charlevoix Public Library visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-547-2651.

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on Thursday, June 21 at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce.

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Hospice relieves the grief

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

On June 1, Hospice of Northwest Michigan held a benefit fundraiser at Castle Farms to enhance the services they offer to the community.

Over 2,000 items were donated by artisans and merchants throughout the area. Hospice of Northwest Michigan provides assistance to households where a member is facing the end of their life, like Rita and Louie Orlowski of Charlevoix.

When someone is dying in the family, both caregiver and patient can become highly stressed, as did the Orlowskis.

Louie was being treated for lung cancer. About two years after his initial diagnosis, his oncologist, Dr. Ervin Hire, said nothing more could be done for him and told Rita she'd be getting in touch with hospice.

Knowing that strangers were coming made the Orlowskis a little apprehensive, but their concerns were immediately diminished with the first visit.

"I've heard people say 'well if anything happened to me, I wouldn't want strangers in my house,' but they just set themselves at ease," said Orlowski. At the first visit, two representatives from Hospice of Northwest Michigan came to the house, told Rita and Louie about the program and what services they would provide.

Hospice nurse Patsy Walkulat, who the Orlowskis knew from church, was assigned to handle Louie's care until he passed away on March 28, 2003.

She attended to his medical needs, provided emotional support and gave Rita time to do necessary errands that had been neglected, like grocery shopping.

"She just started to take right over, gently," Rita said, " She knew all the answers."

Rita was very impressed by the sensitivity shown by Hospice.

She said Walkulat also made sure the couple understood Louie's treatment and was prepared for the end.

"She didn't avoid any questions that Lou had," Orlowski said.

As Louie's illness progressed, Walkulat's visits to the Orlowskis increased.

"She came every two weeks and as time went by, she came every week," said Orlowski. "Sometimes she'd just dropped by to talk. It was piece of mind for me that somebody was available."

Nurse Walkulat enjoyed her time with the Orlowskis as much as they enjoyed their time with her.

"Lou was a very bright person, we kept him very informed," Walkulat said. "He was so happy we were there to help Rita."

Walkulat became acquainted with other family members who arrived to help Louie.

"There was a daughter, a granddaughter and a son-in-law, we all became one family," Walkulat said.

The Hospice concept began in the United Kingdom with the establishment of St. Christopher's Hospice near London in the 1960s.

Its services usually consist of a team that focuses on pain management for the dying and support for those caring for the dying.

It is a service benefit for most Medicare plans and insurance plans.

Since the first Hospice was established in the United States 33 years ago, there are now over 3,200 hospice programs throughout the country.

The Charlevoix area is served by two hospice programs: Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and Hospice of Northwest Michigan, which served the Orlowskis.'

Rita will always remember Louie's strength and his trusting nature.

"One day we were sitting at the table and his appetite was dwindling and he just asked me 'Am I going to die?' I couldn't lie to him so I said yes," Orlowski said. "He took it in his stride and he had great faith."

For more information on Hospice of Northwest Michigan, call Pat Johnson at 582-8800.

RIGHT: Volunteers Kathy Waskiewicz (left) and Margaret Lasater (right) help plan the benefit auction for Hospice of Northwest Michigan, taking place at Castle Farms.

Summer Safety TIPS

UNDER THE SUN SAFETY: Is your little turkey cooked yet?

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The following City of Charlevoix Council business was conducted Monday June 4.

Item: Report from Compensation Commission

In brief: The Compensation Commission made determinations regarding elected officials' compensation. Their determinations included a raise and administrative help for city clerk Carol Ochs. Ochs, who currently receives a salary of $34,000 for a 30-hour work week said she wants to be treated like the other administrative heads who work for the City.

Ochs received a 2.75 percent increase, prorated from April 1, on her yearly salary plus three-fourths of benefits such as vacation, sick, holiday and personal day pay for which she had not earlier qualified. Her deferred compensation account, similar to a 401K retirement plan, was increased from 1 percent of her pay to 2.25 percent.

Ochs' yet to be named administrative assistant will make no more than $15 per hour and has been allotted up to 1,040 hours per year of work.

Board action: The motion to reject the clerk's salary recommendation failed 3—3, the commission determinations will stand.

Item: Purchase of 35,000 Gross Vehicle Weight truck

In brief: In the current approved budget, $85,000 was allocated to the purchase of a plow truck that will replace the 1994 model the city currently has. The base bid for the truck and trailer was $93,604. With the additions and deductions the street department plans to make, the cost of the truck is $93,691.

Board action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Request from Charlevoix City Band for funding

In brief: The Charlevoix City Band is requesting funding of $4,700 for the Charlevoix City Band. The band plans to use the money to help defray the costs of providing its musical programs to Charlevoix residents and visitors.

Board action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Request from Beaver Island Boat Company to use additional dock

In brief: The Beaver Island Boat Company would like to acquire an additional dock area, mooring area space and a number of the parking spaces left vacant by the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter Acacia. If approved this contract is nonexclusive, meaning the city can allocate the space for other vessels

Board action: Contract pending approval

Item: Request for support to create a department of peace

In brief: The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom requested the council's support of U.S. House bill 808 to establish a Department of Peace.

Board action: Approved 4—2

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Aquatic Sherlock Holmes comes to Charlevoix

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Human error, act of god or murder? Find out at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, at the Charlevoix Public Library's community room.

Maritime law specialist and practicing attorney, Jack Coté, will talk about the death of at least one and disappearance of another attorney who were both last seen alive on the ship "Sea's Life" found empty between Lake Huron and Mackinac Island in the summer of 2005.

"My expertise is in being able to reconstruct the cause of vessels going missing when I have no boat, no bodies and no witnesses to the event," Coté said.

Coté's experience includes a wrongful death action brought against a boat manufacturer after a boat disappeared on Lake Michigan in 1980 and, though little of the boat was ever found, Coté won the 10-year-long case against the boat manufacturer for having built a vessel with a fault which may have caused it to sink during a storm.

Another high profile case involved the 1993 disappearance of the 40-foot sailboat "Charley's Crab" and four passengers while en route from the Bahamas to Florida.

"Both cases presented extremely difficult factual and legal issues because, in each case, the boat was never found, no bodies were ever recovered, there were no witnesses and a bad storm was involved," Coté stated in his resumé.

With more than 25 years experience in admiralty law and more than 60 years as a boater, Coté has a nautical knowledge base matched by few.

"I determine what happened, where and why and I have been successful in doing that with 90 or 95 percent accuracy on the cases I have worked on," he said.

The focus of Coté's upcoming presentation will include what happened to the couple, 35-year-old Lana Stempien and 34-year-old Chuck Rutherford before their boat was found empty with the engine running in August 2005.

While Stempien's body was found two weeks later, Rutherford's body has not.

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library and the Charlevoix Yacht Club have partnered to bring Coté to Charlevoix.

"Anyone who has any interest in water, boating, mysteries or the law would have an interest," said Charlevoix Yacht Club commodore Lynn Smolenyak. "It's free and open to the public. I think it's going to be a great presentation."

She added, "These are all pretty high profile cases that you always hear about when it happens, but you don't always hear about the outcome and (Coté) has been really instrumental in solving what happened."

To learn more about the mystery surrounding the "Sea's Life," attend the June 16 presentation at the library and 6 p.m. reception at the Charlevoix Yacht Club located at 209 Ferry Ave. in Charlevoix.

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'The Case of the Missing Books' summer reading program begins

Following the "Get a Clue" summer reading theme at the Charlevoix Public Library, Acting Up Theatre Company will be presenting "The Case of the missing books," a mystery that takes place in Charlevoix's own Bridge Park. This summer reading club kick-off event will begin with registration at 6:30 p.m. and the performance at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, at the library, 220 W Clinton St.

The Acting Up Theatre Company has been touring libraries for the past six years with their wonderful messages about reading. Last summer they were voted number one amongst 15 performers in the Capital Area District Libraries. "The Case of the Missing Books" will be filled with the Acting Up Theatre Company staples of audience participation with prizes for volunteers, character changes, comedy and wonderful lessons about friendship, solving problems and the importance of reading.

"The Case of the Missing Books," begins innocently enough with a person visiting the library and emerging with a bounty of books. Slowly, one-by-one, the books begin to disappear in a mysterious fashion. The victim is flabbergasted and doesn't know what to do or who to call, until the helpful paperboy steers him to the world famous detective, Sherlock Poems. Sherlock, assisted by Gus Gruesome, CSI: Library Division eventually solves "The Case of the Missing Books" with fun and antics in between.

For more information about this event or the summer reading club, call 237-7350.

Safety tips for diabetics

Spring and summer fun means getting out in the great outdoors. Being active outside is great for people with diabetes. There are, however, some precautions that people with diabetes should consider to insure a great and safe vacation.

— Protect your skin from sunburn. Use a sun screen and/or protective clothing and hat. There's nothing worse than a bad sunburn to ruin your vacation.

— Use sunglasses to protect your eyes against UV rays.

— Drink plenty of water. Drink more than you usually do if you are more active and the weather is hot.

— Keep your medication and blood sugar monitoring equipment at a safe temperature. Follow manufacturer's recommendations.

— Test your blood sugar more frequently if you are more active than usual.

— If you take medication that puts you at risk for low blood sugar reactions, remember to carry treatments for low blood sugars with you. Also, tell the people you are with how to help you treat low blood sugar reactions.

— Before leaving for a trip, talk to your doctor about possible medication changes that may be needed.

— Since people with diabetes should never go barefoot, always use water shoes at the pool or on the beach, and proper shoes for your planned activities. Make sure to protect your feet from injury and inspect them daily.

— Think about using a fanny pack to carry supplies that need to be with you. A little planning can help guarantee that you have a safe and great time in the out-of-doors.

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Help prevent spread of lethal virus in fish

The Michigan Senate recently approved a resolution urging that Michigan's congressional delegation secure supplemental funding to control the spread of viral hemorrhagic septicemia in fish populations, said Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, sponsor of the resolution.

"The fish disease has recently been discovered in Lake Michigan as well as Budd Lake in Clare County," Allen said. "The introduction of this virus into our lakes may drastically change the way we enjoy fishing and boating in Michigan."

VHS, a lethal virus that causes internal and external hemorrhaging in fish, threatens Michigan's $4.5 billion fishing industry. Each year, nearly 1.4 million individuals go fishing in Michigan, including nearly 400,000 non-residents, contributing more than $800 million directly to the state's economy.

"An outbreak of VHS in our lakes may reduce the amount of fish available to sports anglers and our commercial fishing industry," said Allen, who chairs the Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism. "It could also be quite devastating for Michigan's tourism and recreation industry."

Allen said immediate funding is needed to help federal and state officials take appropriate actions to slow the spread and limit the impact of VHS on the Great Lakes.

"Funding to support surveillance, enforcement, outreach and research is vital to help contain the virus and provide time to develop effective management strategies," Allen said.

First detected in Great Lakes fish in 2005, VHS is thought to have entered Michigan waters from the Maritime Region of Canada through the discharge of infected ballast water from cargo ships that took up water from infected areas. The disease could affect at least 37 fish species living in the Great Lakes region.

Boaters and anglers can help prevent the spread of VHS by not transferring fish or bait between bodies of water and by thoroughly cleaning boats, trailers and equipment when traveling between lakes and streams. Residents are asked to report sick fish or fish kills to their local Department of Natural Resources office or use the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Prudential Preferred Properties Network, Charlevoix, announces manager

David Levy assumes the duties as manager for Charlevoix, Beaver Island, Torch Lake and the Charlevoix Country Club offices in addition to the Boyne City office where he has been manager since 2001. Levy began his career in real estate in 1995 in the Charlevoix office.

There are eight northern Michigan offices with over 70 agents operating as Prudential Preferred Properties Network. They are located in Charlevoix, Beaver Island, Boyne City, Charlevoix Country Club and Torch Lake as well as Petoskey and Harbor Springs.

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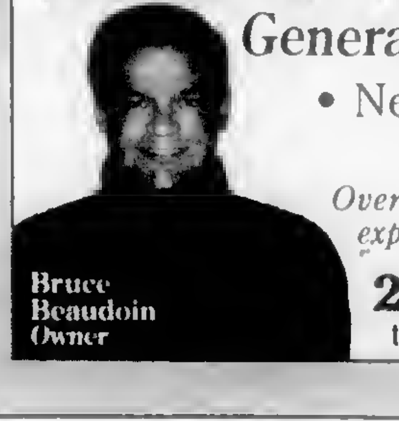

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The former owners of Judy's Restaurant of Charlevoix, Edward R. and Judie G. Johnson, who recently founded A & E Collision at the former site of Russell's Auto Body at 06395 U.S. 31, are counting on Reynolds' 22-plus years of auto body experience.

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Reynolds, a state and ATEG certified auto body technician who graduated from Alpena Community College in 1988, is A & E Collision's manager/auto body technician.

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Tony Reynolds works on a car at A&E Collision in Charlevoix.

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SPORTS

Waha invited to all-star game

Waha

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Waha, a pitcher/catcher who will play next season at Grand Rapids Community College, is one of just 36 players statewide selected for the game. He will play on the West squad.

Waha set a Charlevoix single-season school record with 108 strikeouts this season. He compiled a 1.55 earned run average in 65 innings.

He also led the Rayders with a .379 batting average and 36 RBI, one shy of the school record. Waha helped the Rayders to a 22-15-1 record, their first 20-plus win season since 1982. Charlevoix's season came to an end Saturday with a 5-4 loss to Boyne City in a Division III district semifinal.

"Chris is a tremendous baseball player and a great leader for our team," Charlevoix coach Allen Telgenhof said. "This is a great and richly deserved honor for him. He has worked very hard on his game, and it's nice to see it pay off like this."

For more information, contact Allen Telgenhof 547-7388 or Chris Waha 547-0371.

Men's slow pitch results

Games of Wednesday, June 6:

Game 1: RGM Services : 13 – 1 : Art Form Fabricating/Pioneer Classic

For RGM, Eddie Waldron had a double and a triple and Bo Moore had two doubles

Game 2: Flight Deck/American Waste : 22 – 2 : Subway

For Flight Deck, Nick Cole and Scott Keher both had one triple and Ryan Leitner had an in-the-park home run

Game 3: Carlson's Home Improvements : 21 – 7 : JC Service

For Carlson's, Robert Russell, Kris Bartling Jr., Tom Savanson all had one triple each, Bret Erskine, Jeff Novotny, and John Keirnan each had two doubles and Doug Waha had a triple and a double.

For JC Service, Kris Vondran had a triple

Games of Tuesday, June 5:

Game 1: Flight Deck/American Waste : 11 – 10 : Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting

For Flight Deck, Roger Pittman had two doubles and Eric Hess had four hits, one was a home run

For Swanson's, Barney Drenth and Brent VanStadem both had home runs, Dan Pardee had a triple

Game 2: JC Service : 12 – 0 : Wojan Windows

Game 3: RGM Services : 7 – 5 : Boss Engineering

For RGM, Waldron had a triple, for Boss, Chris Waha had a triple

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MIDGET LEAGUE

May 31 - A's 10, Braves 5

A'S

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Collin Turkelson	2				
Mathew Vanlman	3				
Ben Boss		3			
Brandon Clark		3			
Cameren Clark	2				
Jacob Cox		2			
Oliver OeYoung	1				
Hudson Elowsky	2				
Chris Gregory		2			
Mason Louiselle	2				

BRAVES - NO STATS REPORTED

June 5 - Mets 15, A's 11

A'S

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Hudson Elowsky	3				
Chris Gregory		3			
Mason Louiselle	3				
Collin Turkelson	3				
Mathew Vanniman	3				
Hannah Zipp		3			
Ben Boss		2			
Brandon Clark		3			
Cameron Clark	1				
Oliver OeYoung	1				
Jacob Cox		1			
Colin Smith		1			

METS - NO STATS REPORTED

June 5 - Braves 7, Phillies 6

PHILLIES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Danny Nesburg	2				
Jamin Spencley	2				
Vlad Rarnevald	2				
Boy Hang		2			

BRAVES - NO STATS REPORTED

June 7 - Mets 10, Braves 5

METS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Nicholas Rhudy		2			
Tyler Fuchs			2		1
Ethan Siegwart		2			
Montana Thompson		2	1		
Wesley Crandel		2			
Michael Turcolt		3			
Jacob Taylor			2		
Colin Oavis			1		
Freddy VanSteinburgh	1				

BRAVES - NO STATS REPORTED

MINOR LEAGUE

May 30 - Sox 15, Reds 9

SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Devin Largent		1	1		
Jared Cole		1			
Austin Putman		2			
Will Telgenhof	1	1			

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Oevin Largent				

REDS - NO STATS REPORTED

June 1 - Cubs 13, Reds 12

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Parker Elowsky	2				
Noah Certa		2			
Adam Michaud		1			
Andrew Michaud		1			
Hunter Cox		1	1		
Sam Wise		1			
Luke Klinger		1			

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Hunter Cox	4	2	7	10

REDS - NO STATS REPORTED

June 1 - Orioles 8, Sox 3

ORIOLES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Jacy Herriman		1			
Shane Sutherland	1	1			4
Spencer Bruce		2			
Justin VanLoo		1			1

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Shane Sutherland	5	3	14	10

SOX - NO STATS REPORTED

June 8 - Sox 15, Cubs 11

SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Will Telgenhoff	1				
Austin Putman		1	2		
Zach Hankins		1			
Kourtney Putman	1				1
Brad Klinger		1			

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Zack Hankins				

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Tyler Drenth		1			
Noah Certa		2			1
Hunter Cox		1			1

June 8 - Orioles 15, Reds 10

ORIOLES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Jacy Herriman		1	2	1	6
Shane Sutherland	2	1			3
Alex Klieber		2			1
Haifey Arnold		1			1
Spencer Bruce		2			
Brandon Castle-Clees	1				
Justin VanLoo		1			

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Shane Sutherland	3	5	9	8
Ryan Joy	1	2	2	2

REDS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Jake Segar	1	1			3
Kenan Bortz		1	1		4
Noah Jeakle		1			1
Brett Siegwart		1			1
Logan Eckhardt	1				1

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Logan Eckhardt	2	5	3	4
Turner Havens	1	2	1	3
Noah Jeakle	1	3	2	2

MAJOR LEAGUE

MAY 23 - Tigers 11, EJ Iron Works 0

TIGERS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Andrew Potter			2	1	
Coby Herriman	1			1	
Andrew Mitchell	1	1			
Brad Rizzo		1			
Justine Erskine		1			

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Coby Herriman	5	3	12	
JJ Bottomley		1	0	2

EJ IRON WORKS
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MAY 30 - Tigers 15, EJ Insurance Shop 1

TIGERS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Sydney Carlson	1				
Nick Snabes		1	1		
Jordan Jelinek			1		
Chandler Novotny	1				
Coby Herriman		1		1	

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Coby Herriman	2	0	6	
Andrew Potter		2	2	5

EJ INSURANCE SHOP
NO STATS REPORTED

June 6 - Cardinals 10, EJ Insurance Shop 0

CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Tanner Catt		1		1	2
Charlie Hamilton	1				
Tommy Zip				1	2
Sam Eakes		1			1
Austin Edger		1			1
Drew Seymour	1				2

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder soccer squad falls in finals

CHARLEVOIX — For the second year in a row, Harbor Springs entered a district girls' soccer final as the underdog. For the second year in a row, the Rams left with the trophy.

Harbor Springs beat No. 8-ranked Charlevoix 2-1 Friday for the Division IV district championship. It is Harbor's sixth district title in the last seven years.

"I've got about 20 medals," Harbor Springs coach Hagen Manker said. "But this one will be one of the three on my key chain."

Harbor Springs, 14-4, will play North Muskegon, 15-3, in a regional semifinal 6 p.m. Tuesday at Holton High School.

Charlevoix, which hasn't lost a regular season Lake Michigan Conference game in two years, finishes 18-2.

"We want to win in the regular season, but this is what we practice for," Manker said. "Through our first, second game of the season, we're still running three miles before practice. Then we taper and are fresh for the tournament."

Harbor's backline had a fresh feel, as Kristen Koehler, one of its leading scorers, was moved to right marking back against the Rayders. That bolstered a defense that was under a lot of pressure from Charlevoix's passing game — Harbor was outshot 22-12 — but held tough and provided Harbor Springs with enough long balls, enough chances to win.

"We didn't need scoring," Manker said. "Anna (Causley) can get goals."

Too fast for Charlevoix's defense, she did get one. With just under 4 minutes to play in the first half, Causley broke free of two Charlevoix defenders and then beat goalie Tammy Potter one-on-one for the 1-0 lead.

Ten minutes into the second half, Cooper Dendel, who scored twice in the Rams' semifinal win against Boyne City, kept the hot foot, giving Harbor Springs a 2-0 lead.

"Our defense had some difficulty controlling the ball at midfield, and they got behind us," Charlevoix coach Carol Madison said.

Charlevoix kept up the pressure despite its deficit, but Harbor continued rising to the moment. Morgan Lindsay made a deft recovery to cut off a run by the Rayders' Ariel Ramsey; Brita Olson saved the ball when goalie Becky Boeckman was pulled out of the box. But Charlevoix eventually got a break, with Ramsey putting a left-footed shot into the net, assisted by Olivia Catt.

With 4 minutes to play, Charlevoix's Kaleigh Blanchard got off a strong shot, but Boeckman tipped it over the crossbar.

"Their keeper came up with some big saves," Madison said. "In the end, we just couldn't score."

TRACK

Charlevoix senior Emily Heffling placed sixth in the girls' 300-meter hurdles, and the Rayders' 3200 relay team was seventh in the boys' meet Saturday at the Division III state championship at Comstock Park High School.

Heffling finished in a school-record 46.63 seconds in placing sixth. The boys' relay team — Jacob Winmer, Darron Munson, Billy Roloff and Nate LeBlance — finished in 8:13.99.

Eric Mason won the 3200 relay in 8:03.77, while Amy Myler of Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard won the girls' 300 hurdles in a Division III state record 44.82.

Charlevoix's Alina Dhaselcer placed 10th in the 3200 in a school record 11:34. She took some 13 seconds off her previous school mark.

BASEBALL

MANCELONA — Boyne City defeated Charlevoix, 5-4, in a Division III baseball district semifinal Saturday at Mancelona High School.

Robby Jensen was the winning pitcher, while Ty Telgenhof took the loss. Telgenhof struck out five, walked five and gave up one earned.

"Boyne just outplayed us," Charlevoix coach Allen Telgenhof said. "I felt bad for our guys as we didn't play our best game. We made too many errors, most of them unforced."

For the Rayders, Ty Telgenhof singled, doubled and drove in two runs, J.D. Speigl also singled and doubled, Cliff Jones had two hits, and Michael Heckendorn singled.

Charlevoix finished 22-15-1, its first 20-plus win season since 1982.

East Jordan won the district, defeating Boyne City, 15-0, in the title game.

SOFTBALL

MANCELONA — Holly Staneck's bottom-of-the-seventh triple lifted Boyne City to a 4-3 walk-off victory Saturday over Charlevoix in a Division III softball district semifinal game.

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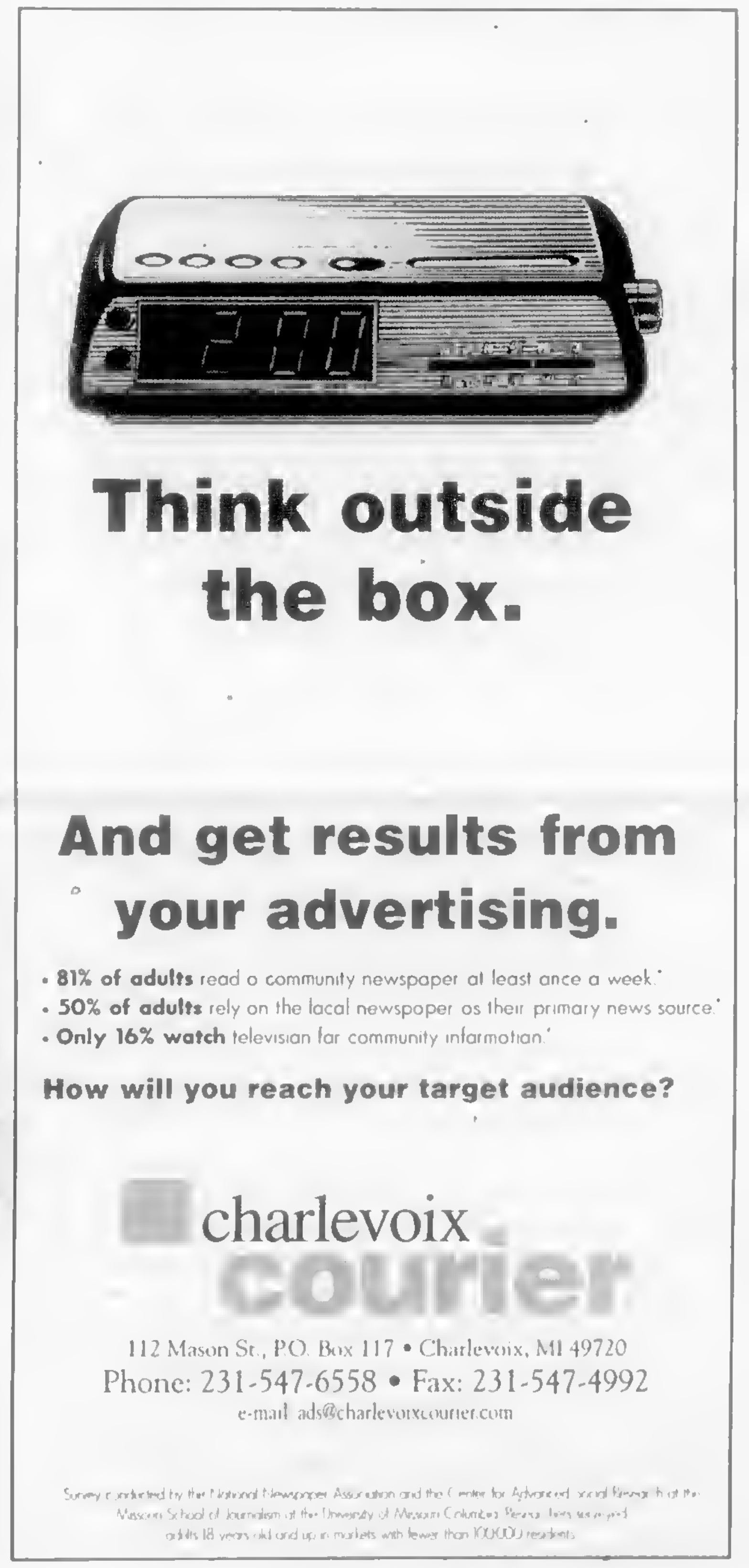
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Decedent's Estate

Estate of MARTIN OSCAR BOHN, Deceased.
DATE OF BIRTH: 04/03/1917

TO ALL CREDITORS:

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Dwight Boss,
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Pleintiffs,

v File: 07-611-21-CH

EX PARTE ORDER TO ANSWER

WILLIAM BABEL and JUDI BABEL, husbend end wife; JAMES CAHILL and GLORIA CAHILL, husband end wife; JAMES EHINGER and MARY ANN EHINGER; husbend end wife; DANIEL ENGSTROM and PENNY ENGSROM, husband and wife; EDWARD ENGSTROM; THOMAS HELZERMAN end PATSY HELZERMAN, husband and wife; SHAUN MACMILLAN end RACHEL MACMILLAN, husband and wife; DAVID OSHABEN and PAMELA OSHABEN, husband and wife; RICHARD SAYWARD; GALE SHELDON end SHERRY SHELDON, husband and wife; MARION PARKER; SALLY J. SIPPELL; DOUGLAS H. PHILP, JR. and NANCY M. PHILP, husbend and wife; ARTHUR A. RANGER es Trustee of the ARTHUR A. RANGER TRUST end PATRICIA L. RANGER, es Trustee Of the PATRICIA L. RANGER TRUST; CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION, CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE; end other Individuels yet to be identified,
Defendents.

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EX PARTE ORDER TO ANSWER

At e session of said Court, held at the County Building in the City of Charlevoix, Michigan on the 23rd day of May, 2007. PRESIDING: The Honorable Richerd M. Pejtes

On March 20, 2007, an ection was filed in the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, Stete of Michigan, by the above named Plaintiffs, egainst unknown Defendents, **Jene Doe, John Doe, and other Indlvlduels yet to be Identifled** who own real property in either the Plat of North Charlevoix or the Plat of Pine Point, Cherlevoix Township, County of Charlevoix, to quiet title to real property and with regard to riparian and littoral rlghts situated In the Plet of North Cherlevolx, Township of Cherlevoix, County of Cherlevoix, Michigan, and more specifically identified as follows:

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 21, 22, 23, 24, end 25 of North Charlevolx, according to the Plat thereof, Cherlevoix County Records.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED thet the unknown Defendents **JOHN DOE, JANE DOE,** end **OTHER INDIVIDUALS YET TO BE IDENTIFIED,** end any heirs, successors, essigns, or others cleiming thereunder, end any other perties claiming interest shall answer or take such actlon es may be permitted by lew on or before **July 18, 2007.** Feilure to comply with this order will result in e judgment by default egainst said Defendents for the relief demanded In the compleint.

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Richard M. Pajtas
Circuit Court Judge
(L-05/30, 06/06, 06/13)

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Dated: MAY 16, 2007

HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2006-4, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-70501 ASAP# 855695
(L-05/23/2007, 05/30/2007, 06/06/2007, 06/13/2007)

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Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Timothy B. Kassuba and Brenda J. Kassuba, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Delta Funding Corp., Mortgagee, dated September 26, 2005 and recorded October 25, 2005 in Liber 712 Page 370 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-4, Renaissance Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Notes, Series 2005-4, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Seventy-Two Dollars and Forty-One Cents ($130,072.41) including interest 8.938% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, June 22, 2007. Said premises are situated in Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel D: Commencing at a railroad bolt at the East One-Quarter corner of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said Section South 0 degrees 16 minutes 49 seconds East 1335.36 feet to a T-iron stake on the South eighth line of said Section; thence along said eighth line, as monumented, South 89 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds West, recorded as South 89 degrees 47 minutes 13 seconds West, 392.29 feet to a One-Half inch rod being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence South 0 degrees 16 minutes 49 seconds East 104.54 feet to a One-Half inch rod; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds West 307.71 feet to a One-Half inch rod; thence South 0 degrees 18 minutes 15 seconds East 274.60 feet to a One-Half inch rod; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds West 307.81 feet; thence South 00 degrees 18 minutes 15 seconds East 588.24 feet to a One-Half inch rod on the North line of said road; thence continuing South 0 degrees 18 minutes 15 seconds East 37.70 feet to the centerline of said road; thence along said centerline the following three (3) courses: North 61 degrees 22 minutes 38 seconds West 78.61 feet; along a curve to the left 198.06 feet, the radius of said curve being 1306.08 feet and the chord bears North 65 degrees 43 minutes 17 seconds West 197.87 feet, and continuing along a curve to the left 62.42 feet, the radius of said curve being 607.47 feet and the chord bears North 73 degrees 00 minutes 36 seconds West 62.39 feet, to the East eighth line of said Section, as monumented; thence along said eighth line North 00 degrees 15 minutes 21 seconds West (recorded as North 0 degrees 15 minutes 38 seconds West) 33.91 feet to a One-Half inch rod on the North line of said road; thence continuing along said East eighth line North 00 degrees 15 minutes 21 seconds West (recorded as North 0 degrees 15 minutes 38 seconds West) 832.72 feet to a One-Half inch rod on the South eighth line of said Section; thence along said eighth line, as monumented, North 89 degrees 46 minutes 38 seconds East (recorded as North 89 degrees 47 minutes 13 seconds East) 923.14 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, being a part of the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 33 North, Range 7 West The double-wide manufactured home (DWMH) that is permanently attached to the land as described above is fully immobilized, and is assessed and intended to be treated as real property securing the mortgage loan, and not chattel or a motor vehicle. Commonly known as 00167 North Advance Road, East Jordan MI 49727 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MAY 16, 2007

HSBC Bank USA, N.A., as Indenture Trustee for the registered Noteholders of Renaissance Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-4, Renaissance Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Notes, Series 2005-4, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-70502 ASAP# 855699
(L-05/23/2007, 05/30/2007, 06/06/2007, 06/13/2007)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: John Spieth and Rebecca Spieth, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2005 and recorded August 22, 2005 in Liber 700 Page 328 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Resmae Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents ($191,118.47) including interest 7.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, July 13, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Pineridge Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 339 and 340, Charlevoix County Records Commonly known as 12938 Pine Ridge Drive, Charlevoix MI 49720 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JUNE 7, 2007

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Resmae Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-71862 ASAP# 862464
(L-06/13/2007, 06/20/2007, 06/27/2007, 07/04/2007

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

THE BANK OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN,
a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

Case No. 06-500-21-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

v.

JOHN S. HUNT and JUDITH C. HUNT, husband and wife,
Defendants.

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

MORTGAGE SALE

1. On May 25, 2007, the Honorable Richard M. Pajtas, Circuit Court Judge, entered a Default Judgment and Order for Sale in this matter in favor of Plaintiff The Bank of Northern Michigan. A copy of this judgment has been recorded beginning at Liber 804, Page 627, Charlevoix County Records.

2. As of the date of this notice, this judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Default Judgment and Order for Sale, on Friday, July 27, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to be held in the lobby of the County Clerk's Office in the Charlevoix County Building, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants John S. Hunt and Judith C. Hunt in and to the real property described as follows:

In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the West 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the West line of said section, as monumented North 00°49'08" West 199.64 feet (recorded as North 200.00 feet) to a T-iron stake, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line North 00°49'08" West 98.90 feet (recorded as North 99.20 feet) to a T-iron stake; thence North 68°09'10" East (recorded at an angle of 69°04' to the right from said 1/4 line) 305.05 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Westerly line of Highway M-66; thence along said highway line south 21°35'56" East 222.94 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence south 89°11'37" West 363.83 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

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3. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of this sale.

Dated: June 13, 2007

JANE E. BRANNON
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK

By: Sharon M. Selissen,
Deputy Clerk
(L-06/13, 06/20, 06/27, 07/03, 07/11, 07/18, 07/25)

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

P.O. Box 30204
Lansing, Michigan 48909

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE, that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charlevoix County Sheriffs Department, 1000 Grant Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 07-15-0019-P under Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended by APJ Properties LLC, Attn: Jim Anderson, 579 Lakeshore Road, Gross Pointe Shores, Michigan. The applicant proposes to dredge an upland boat well and an entry channel, install a floating dock system, and construct a boat house on Round Lake at 304 East Dixon Avenue for the purpose of providing protected dockage and dry winter storage. Approximately 1,000 cubic yards will be excavated from upland to create a 60 foot by 30 foot boat well. Another 316.1 cubic yards will be dredged from an area measuring approximately 33 feet by 40 feet and an existing dam area, where 36 feet of sheet pile will also be removed to create an entry channel. Existing riprap will be repositioned and 32 feet of new sheet pile will be installed for shore stabilization. A boat lift and a 6 foot wide floating dock system measuring a total of 156 linear feet will be installed inside the boat well. A boat house measuring 73 feet long and 42 feet wide will then be constructed. Spoils will be deposited at an offsite commercial pit located one block east of US 31 on the south side of Old US 31. The project is located in T34N, R8W, Section 26, City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan.

The application is available for review at the DEQ website, www.deq.state.mi.us/CIWPIS, or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division, DEO, 2100 West M-32, Gaylord, Michigan 49735-9282, by calling (989)705-3435. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be

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submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30105 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be court-type proceeding; witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will, upon written request, provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
By: s/Wendy Fitzner, Chief
Permit Consolidation Unit
Land and Water
Management Division
(517)373-9244

Date: May 22, 2007

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Event allows restaurants to showcase menu

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portions that range in price between $1 and $5. Tickets will be sold at $1 each and may be used to purchase soft drinks, beer or wine, as well as food.

Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant in Charlevoix plans on serving Great Lakes chowder and lamb chop lollipops.

"It's simple, easy, fun finger food," said Weathervane manager and chamber vice chair Jeff Sprecksell.

He said business increases at his restaurant on the day of the event.

Villager owner Terry Left said the event is an opportunity to introduce tasty menu items that visitors are not usually associating with his restaurant.

"People in the pub assume we'd be serving our fish," said Left. "We're trying to sell a product we don't normally sell."

This year the Villager booth will be serving barbecue ribs and smoked ham soup.

Left's other restaurant, Terry's Place, will have a booth serving shrimp Provencal, a pasta dish with shrimp in a tomato-basil sauce.

Participants in the Taste of Charlevoix have a variety of events to choose from in addition to eating, depending upon their situation.

For those who are active, the Red Rock Marathon will take place preceding the Taste of Charlevoix, offering a calorie burn before hitting the food and spirit booths. More food will be offered at a pre-event dinner for the run on June 15 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church in exchange for a church donation.

Those with kids can come to the children's area. For $2, children have unlimited access to the Rayder jump house, an inflatable slide, face painting, cookie decorating and entertainment from "Kookie the Clown."

Guests who like music with their meal can listen to acts like the Charlevoix Marine Band, performing 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., followed by Horton Creek Live performing 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

Also, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Coast Guard Auxiliary will host Boating Safety Day 2007 at the event. Activities include tours of rescue assets, courtesy inspections of your vessel by the auxiliary, an obstacle course for kids and flare and fire extinguisher demonstrations.

Kelly named to Ferris fame hall

A local man is one of seven athletes and a veteran coach included in the Ferris State University Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame class of 2007, which will be inducted this fall.

Scott Kelly of Charlevoix will be inducted for his performance in baseball from 1982 to 1986.

A 15-member selection committee of faculty, staff, alumni and community members chose the inductees from among 34 nominees.

The eight new inductees will join 74 honorees already enshrined during the eighth annual Induction Banquet 7-8 p.m. on Sept. 28 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Big Rapids.

The Ballroom opens at 6 p.m. with a reception in honor of this year's inductees. The induction program follows until approximately 10 p.m.

"The Athletics Hall of Fame Selection Committee has done another outstanding job in assembling this year's class," said FSU associate athletics director Brian Kegler. "They take their role very seriously considering how many of our former student-athletes in all the various sports are deserving of this highest honor."

He added, "It is very gratifying to see nine different sports represented this year as it is an indication of the quality of the athletic programs that have spanned many decades at Ferris State University."

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Lawuit claims discrimination, retaliation

SUIT

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"Based on investigations and air quality testing performed by experts in the field, plaintiff came to the conclusion that the jail was a 'sick building' and that measures had to be taken to rectify the problem immediately," the 10-page suit says.

It stated that the health department recommended that the facility be inspected by a company specializing in indoor air quality, and upon testing in June of 2005, Meggison learned that the air quality in the facility could negatively affect the health of those exposed.

"Various measures were recommended. However, the defendants failed to actually remedy the unhealthy nature of the air in the facility and staff and inmates continued to be ill as a result of their exposure," the suit said.

"Finally, in June of 2006, the Charlevoix County Board of Commissions (sic) passed a resolution for the purpose of remedying the air quality problem in the jail but then failed to comply with their own resolution.

"Plaintiff stated her belief and the belief of others that the conditions at the jail were hazardous to the health not only of the employees, but the inmates as well, and the commission's refusal to take effective action to rectify this long-standing health hazard appear to constitute a cover-up."

> 'Based on investigations and air quality testing performed by experts in the field, plaintiff came to the conclusion that the jail was a 'sick building' and that measures had to be taken to rectify the problem immediately,' the 10-page suit says.

The suit was filed in Charlevoix Circuit Court on May 25 and demands a jury trial. It names county commissioners Shirley Roloff, Chris Christensen and Joel Evans, county sheriff George Lasater and county civil counsel John Jarema.

The first four named were named individually and "under the cover of law" in their official capacities. Jarema was named individually but only in his capacity as counsel, but not as county prosecutor.

Although Roloff, Christensen and Evans are members of the county board's personnel/internal government committee, it was not clear why the suit named Christensen and Evans, who are newcomers to the county board of commissioners as of Jan. 1, 2007, and took no decisions regarding air quality at the jail during the previous six years.

Roloff, now chair of the board, has been a county commissioner for 11 1/2 years but was a member of the personnel/internal government committee only from the first of the year. She said she had been a committee member years ago but not during the period in dispute.

It was also not clear why none of the previous commissioners were named. And it does not specify the conditions and/or diseases allegedly suffered by the plaintiff, staff or inmates, or the dates or circumstances of their afflictions.

The suit alleges that defendants took a series of adverse employment actions against the plaintiff following her report to the Charlevoix County board on Feb. 28, 2007.

Meggison claims she was engaged in protected activity under the First Amendment when she raised matters of "public concern" about the air quality in the jail, and alleged there was a causal connection between the plaintiff's public speech and the retaliation, punishment and/or discrimination she suffered.

Meggison, who has been on medical leave since March 12, is being represented by Debra Freid, of the law firm Freid, Gallagher, Taylor & Associates of Saginaw. Meggison is claiming damages in excess of $25,000.

None of the defendants would respond to requests for comment on the suit.

Jail air ...

The quality of air in the Charlevoix County jail has been the subject of employee complaints since the jail was renovated in 2001.

In January of this year, after more than a dozen sheriff department employees protested what they said were long delays in resolving health-related issues at the jail, the county board of commissioners approved spending $17,627 to have the air circulation systems and wall and carpet surfaces at the county jail cleaned.

Derek Gaylord, a corrections officer at the jail, said a report by an independent contractor indicated there was cement dust in the system that probably had come from the jail renovation.

In 2001 Thomas Meggison, former maintenance supervisor of the jail and brother-in-law of jail administrator Babette Meggison, sent a letter to the firm that designed the renovation, in which he said a number of people were experiencing health problems while working inside the jail.

The firm claimed it never received the letter.

This year Tom Meggison accused county civil counsel and prosecuting attorney John Jarema of foot-dragging on the issue.

Jarema said he had pursued his investigation vigorously, and reported that all tests of the air and systems showed that particulants circulating in the air or substances found in the ducts or on the walls and carpets of the jail to be non-hazardous.

Tom Meggison was later transferred to a janitor's position at the county building. He retires at the end of this month.

Injuries, damages ...

In her lawsuit against Charlevoix County and five county officials, Meggison claims she suffered the following injuries and damages:

— Emotional distress and mental anguish, past and future, causing ill effects to her physical health;

— Loss of professional esteem and reputation;

— Injury to her feelings;

— Humiliation and embarrassment, past and future;

— Whatever attorney fees are recoverable by law: and

— Loss of income.

She also claims she is entitled to recover punitive damages from the defendants.

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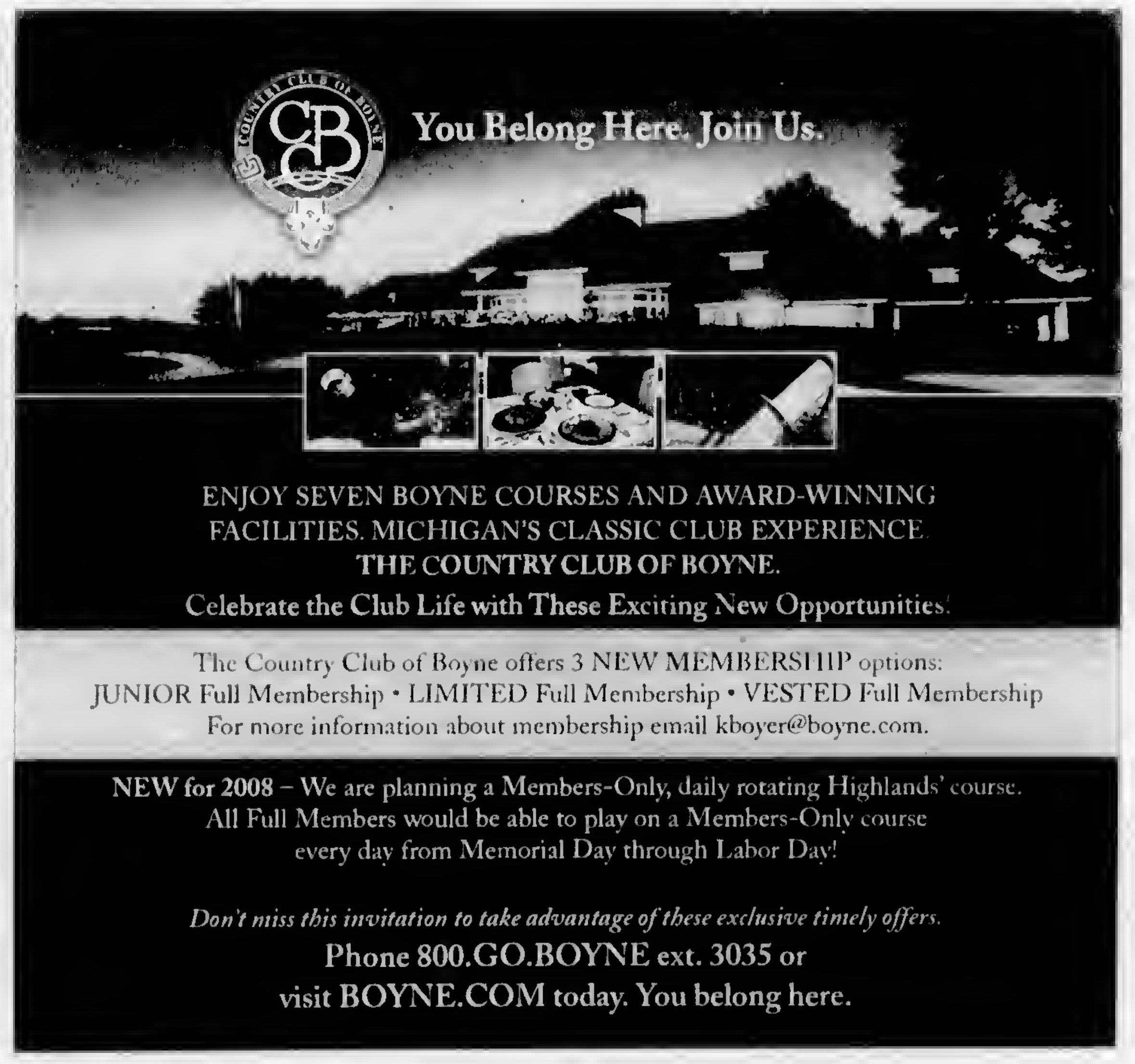
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June 13
Helping Hands of Bergmann Center

An open house will be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the Bergmann Center of Charlevoix to kickoff the Helping Hands of Bergmann Center, a volunteer group designed to teach classes, assist with outings, help with crafts, exercise or assisting individuals in starting their own business. Refreshments and tour of the facility and programs will be offered. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Kim Brock at 547-2979.

June 16
Boating Mysteries Solved

Nationally known maritime law specialist, Jack Coté will give a presentation at 4 p.m. in the Community Room of the Charlevoix Public Library at 220 West Clinton St. followed by a reception at 6 p.m. at the Charlevoix Yacht Club located at 209 Ferry Ave. There is no cost to attend presentation or reception.

June 17
"In Service"

Country and gospel musical group "In Service" will appear at 10 a.m. Sunday, June 17, at the Ironton Congregational Church. This free event is open to the general public. The church is located at 03582 Washington Ave. across from the Ironton Ferry.

June 18
Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at St. Mary School will follow the theme of "Great Bible Reef" from June 18-22. Early registration is currently under way. Pre-kindergarten through fifth-grade students are eligible to attend. There is a $20 registration fee or donation.

Volunteers are needed.

For more information or to register, call the parish office at 547-6652.

June 19
Get Involved Team

The Get Involved Team is hosting a lunch meeting at 12:30 p.m. on June 19 at the Charlevoix Public Library. During this event, people will learn why the Day of Caring concept is important in the community and what people can do to help. Please plan on attending and finding out how you can Get Involved. Please RSVP to Jennifer Archambault by June 12 at 237-6202 or e-mail jennifer_archambault@harborind.com. Committee members include Harbor Industries, Huntington National Bank, Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Way Transportation, Charlevoix High School, Charlevoix Manufacturing, Charlevoix Public Library, and the Char-Em United Way.

June 19

Retired meeting

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon on Tuesday, June 19, at the Petoskey Friendship Center.

All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome.

June 21
DNR public meeting

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will hold a public meeting 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St., in the community room to discuss the 2006 Lake Charlevoix fisheries survey.

The presentation will be followed by a public comment and question session.

For more information call Patrick Hanchin at 547-2914, extension 227.

Skatepark hours

The Charlevoix Skatepark is open from 4-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 4-9 p.m. Friday, noon-9 p.m. Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday. Summer hours will begin June 9 and are noon-9 p.m. daily. Helmets are required. The park is supervised.

The daily user fee is $3. A seven-day punch card is $15 and a season pass is $90. For more information, call the Charlevoix Recreation Department at 547-3253.

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Women's swim night

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place 7:45-9 p.m. on Tuesdays.

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Secretary of State unveils Children's Trust Fund plates

Every five minutes a child is reported as the victim of abuse or neglect in Michigan.

To combat that grim statistic, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land and Children's Trust Fund officials today introduced the newly redesigned CTF fundraising license plate.

"Our children are our most precious resource," Land said. "It is difficult to think that anyone would harm a child. When you purchase a CTF fundraising plate, you support services and programs dedicated to protecting Michigan children and help one of the state's most vulnerable populations."

The plate's brightly colored logo portrays the Upper and Lower Peninsulas as green imprints of a child's hands. The hands are framed against a background of blue water and a yellow sun that are stylized as if a child had drawn them. The Children's Trust Fund name appears at the bottom in green, red and blue lettering.

Richard Bearup, Children's Trust Fund executive director, explained that targeted educational outreach and support is crucial in helping to protect the thousands of Michigan children at risk.

"Training and prevention are the keys to ending the cycle of child abuse and neglect," Bearup said. "Studies show that abused children frequently grow up to be abusers themselves. Furthermore, the societal costs of abuse including damaged families, higher crime rates and increased burdens on the health care system, can be avoided by providing parents with the skills necessary to succeed at parenting. So, when you elect to purchase a CTF fundraising plate, you are making an investment in the success of Michigan children."

Plates may be ordered at a branch office or through the mail. Order forms are available on the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos. Plates are mailed within 14 days.

The CTF plate is one of seven special cause fundraising plates that were introduced in April 2001. Motorists purchasing a fundraising plate pay $35, with $25 of that earmarked for the special cause. The plates may be personalized for an additional $30 and are available in a disability version. When they are renewed, $10 is sent to the special cause.

Sales and renewals of CTF plates have generated nearly $6 million for the Trust Fund. The money provides funding to local CTF councils to help prevent child abuse and neglect.

It also supports community-based, direct service programs that meet a diversity of needs including childhood development, home visits, parenting education and support as well as referrals.

CTF was established in 1982 by the Legislature and is the only independent, statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. For more information about CTF and its mission, visit www.michigan.gov/ctf.

Visit the Department of State Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos for more information about fundraising plates and vehicle registrations.

Scholarship

Pictured (from left) are David Leusink, president and CEO of Bay Winds Federal Credit Union and winners of the 2007 Bay Winds Scholarship, Jill Drenth of East Jordan High School, Brett Mosher of Central Lake High School, Mia Matchett of Charlevoix High School, Devyn Quick of Harbor Springs High School, Breann Massey of Petoskey High School and John Dixon, the board president of Bay Winds.

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Tasty!

Will Potter (left) and Crystal Drost of the Flap Jack Family restaurant prepare pancakes and waffles for hungry tasters at Taste of Charlevoix Saturday in Charlevoix.

Hiring decision prompts recall of board members

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL HIRING CRITICIZED

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

During two of the most contentious Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education meetings in recent times, the board approved an $11,948,468 budget on Monday, June 11, and then held a special meeting on Wednesday to decide on and appoint people to several administrative positions — prompting the threat of a recall.

Educators, angered that an administrative position would be retained in the face of several pink slips handed to teachers, spoke out on Monday, but Wednesday's special meeting crowd was stifled by outgoing school board president Bill Trubilowicz, with board member Jeff Stevens absent and board member John McLean present by phone.

Boss

"I think we fairly much understand what public sentiment is after holding public comment (Monday) night ... so we're not going to take any public comment tonight," he said.

Several people attempted to speak anyway and were told by Trubilowicz, "It's our meeting held in public and as a result it's not a meeting of the public."

According to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, "A person shall be permitted to address a meeting of a public body under rules established and recorded by the public body."

And according to the Charlevoix Public Schools policy on public participation, "The board president shall, at the appropriate time, ask those members of the public attending the board meeting if any of them have something to bring to the at-

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Norwood delays mine OK

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Bill Gnodtke, a representative of Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety, shows aerial photos of mining operations in Charlevoix and Norwood townships.

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

After five hours of public comment and deliberation over township supervisor Wayne Wynkoop's request for a special use permit to operate a limestone mine on Monday, June 11, the Norwood Township Planning Commission adjourned citing the late hour and the inevitability of several more hours of deliberation.

Of the more than 50 people in attendance, nine spoke against and one spoke in favor of the proposed mining operation.

"In the past, and also within the recent years, a great deal of work has been done by Norwood Township citizens and friends to preserve the historic buildings in the village of Norwood," said Norwood resident Marion Shea-Light. "We do these projects because we want to maintain the rural, historical character of this township

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June 15	81	64	—
June 16	84	66	—
June 17	77	59	—

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 90th Circuit Court:

Ryan Samule Leitner, 25, Charlevoix. No operator license on person. Serve five days in jail or pay $200 in fines and costs.

Kimberly Jo Dodder, 26, Cheboygan. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Charles Arthur Middleton, 30, Wyoming. Disorderly person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Kimberly June Smith, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession. Serve 10 days of community service work; submit to PBT/urine test; $500 in fines and costs.

Jesse Allen Kewagshken, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession. Serve 60 hours community service work; to attend BASES; $100 in fines and costs.

Gilberto Jackson, 33, Holland. Open intoxicant of motor vehicle passenger; Provide false information to a police officer. Credit for five days in jail; to serve 35 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

Armando N. Ramos, 33, Saginaw. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 10 days in jail; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Michael Steven Dainoviec, 38, Petoskey. Attempted criminal sexual conduct. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 40 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; no contact with victim; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Iris Mae Musgrave, 22, East Jordan. Three counts of checking account with insufficient funds — less than $100 each. Pay $814.69 in fines and costs or serve 30 days in jail.

Jody Allen Clute, 42, Boyne City. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 20 days in jail; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,230 in fines and costs.

Justin Paul Mosley, 22, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following people recently filed an assumed business name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Self-indulgence Salon LLC, 212 South Park St., Boyne City, by Beatrice C. Grady

Wicked Awesome Painters, 102 Green St., Charlevoix, by Joshua Saur

Joe Ferguson Construction, 6685 M-66 North Lot 45, Charlevoix, by Joe Ferguson

GWS Health 4 U, 12593 Fern, Charlevoix, by Gary Schmidt

Authentic Interior Applications, 04170 Camp Ten Road, Elmira, by Robin Y. Jepsen

Morrison's Bookkeeping Services, 200 East Upright St., Charlevoix, by Lisa Morrison

Millers Finishing Systems, 707 Grant St., Charlevoix, by Blake Miller

Hayden's Services, 703 Lake St., Boyne City, by Derby Hayden

Dave's Demolition, 07890 Burgess Road, Charlevoix, by David Crandall

Variations, 106 Mill St., East Jordan, by Cassie Pardee

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently issued marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Marlin Forrest Starkey, 47, and Kathleen Marie Jaskierski, 40, both of Charlevoix

Darrin Lee Sutton, 38, and Jane Marie Oliver, 39, both of East Jordan

Robert James Roth, 40, and Shelley Kay, 41, both of Charlevoix

Paul Thomas Wood, 26, and Jessica Ann Corey, 26, both of Chicago, Ill.

Charles William Leazier, 44, and Janet Lee LaChance, 48, both of Charlevoix

Roger Dean Cicotte Jr., 32, and Melissa Ann Chandler, 38, both of Boyne City

Warren Mark Reynolds, 44, and Nicole Erma Sparks, 37, both of Charlevoix

Clayton Edward Faivor, 25, and Jean Marie Maager, 24, both of Charlevoix

Roydon Brooks Dixon, 32, and Jodi Anne Bray, 30, both of Marietta, Ga.

Ryan Christopher Rafacz, 23, Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Katie Sue Swenor, 23, Charlevoix

DIVORCE

The following divorce was recently granted in Charlevoix County:

Myle Wasylewski vs. Garret Wasylewski

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court

April Sue Cross, 30, Charlevoix. Operating while under the influence — third offense. Sentenced to 240 days in jail with credit for 68 days; to serve 240 days in jail; $1,220 in fines and costs.

Ryan William Falting, 28, Boyne City. Controlled substance — possession of narcotic/cocaine of less than 25 grams. Sentenced to 90 days in jail; to serve 90 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Steven Wayne Gardner, 19, East Jordan. Attempted criminal sexual conduct — third degree with a person 13-15 — probation violation. Sentenced to 330 days in jail with credit for 147 days in jail; to serve 330 days in jail.

Robert Jason Wilks, 25, Bellaire. Attempted robbery — unarmed. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for four days; to serve 90 days in jail; to serve 24 months on probation; $470 in fines and costs.

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Charlevoix helping entrepreneurs

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Sustaining a healthy economy in Charlevoix may come down to the strength and success of its small, independently-owned businesses.

On June 12 at the Charlevoix Public Library members of Charlevoix's business community were invited to discuss the benefits of promoting entrepreneurship throughout the city and surrounding townships.

The meeting was hosted by the Entrepreneurial Support Initiative (ESI), an organization dedicated to growing business in Charlevoix County. Its members include the city of Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority executive director Keith Carey, Charlevoix State Bank's Mike Hinkle and Chris Cuffaro of Citizen's Bank in Charlevoix.

"It's about the control of our destiny," said Carey. "It's a pursuit of a strategy I think is due."

The strategy presented by ESI involved generous encouragement and support to small, independent businesses and those interested in starting one.

The strategy included ideas for a "one-stop shop" business resource center, building a peer network of entrepreneurs, creating a resource network, developing educational strategies and securing sustainable funding.

ESI also recommended including youth orientation and retention.

"We want the youth to come back to our area and increase hometown pride," Cuffaro said.

He also said a peer network for Charlevoix could include business retirees from around the area that would serve as mentors to current entrepreneurs.

"We've got a lot of brilliant people in our community and great retired people," he said. "Those people would love to volunteer to mentor and guide these new business start-ups."

Carey said entrepreneurship is not just important to those who want to own a business but also those who could work for an entrepreneur.

"Bigger employers tend to see their employees as another $8-an-hour job," said Carey. "Small businesses look to take care of them and retain them. The family business can't be successful without a very stable staff."

He said the closing of the Georgia Pacific plant in Gaylord is an example of the instability often encountered when being employed with a larger corporate business.

Carey

The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance is joining in ESI's efforts to create year-round entrepreneur-friendly communities.

"We're going to have a study for the whole region to find out what types of business might compliment what's already here," said Jan Kellog, economic development specialist for the alliance.

The discussion that continued after ESI's presentation included talk of obstacles to sustaining a year-round entrepreneur economy in Charlevoix and its current business climate.

"We'll always be a resort town in the summer," said Carey. "But, with the steps we're taking, the DDA is looking for ways to supplement the shoulder season."

The shoulder season is the less active business season in Charlevoix.

Carey said bringing community activity downtown during the shoulder season will significantly help the entrepreneurial community, bringing more potential customers to area businesses.

Cuffaro said there needs to be recognition of successful entrepreneurs in the community.

"When people make it, you need to create that excitement," Cuffaro said. "It would be great to have a celebration with the chamber, an award from the mayor."

Sleep Inn being converted

Charlevoix's newest hotel conversion is under way on Petoskey Avenue north of Charlevoix, across from the Public Golf Course. The new hotel/condominium has been redesigned by Charlevoix architect, H. Jack Begrow, a member of the American Institute of Architects.

The original Sleep Inn was built approximately 9 years ago. The newly converted Charlevoix Inn will feature both studio and bedroom suites. Many of the suites will have glass rail balconies and great views of Lake Charlevoix.

The bedroom suites feature king sized beds and spacious new baths. The studio suites have sofa sleepers, a kitchen/bar area with full sized refrigerators and some encompass a glassed-in sun room. There are private gardens adjacent to some of the suites on the first floor.

Units are anticipated to be priced from $89,000. Denny Heck, from Prudential Preferred Property in Charlevoix, is handling showings. For your reservation, call Heck at 547-9905.

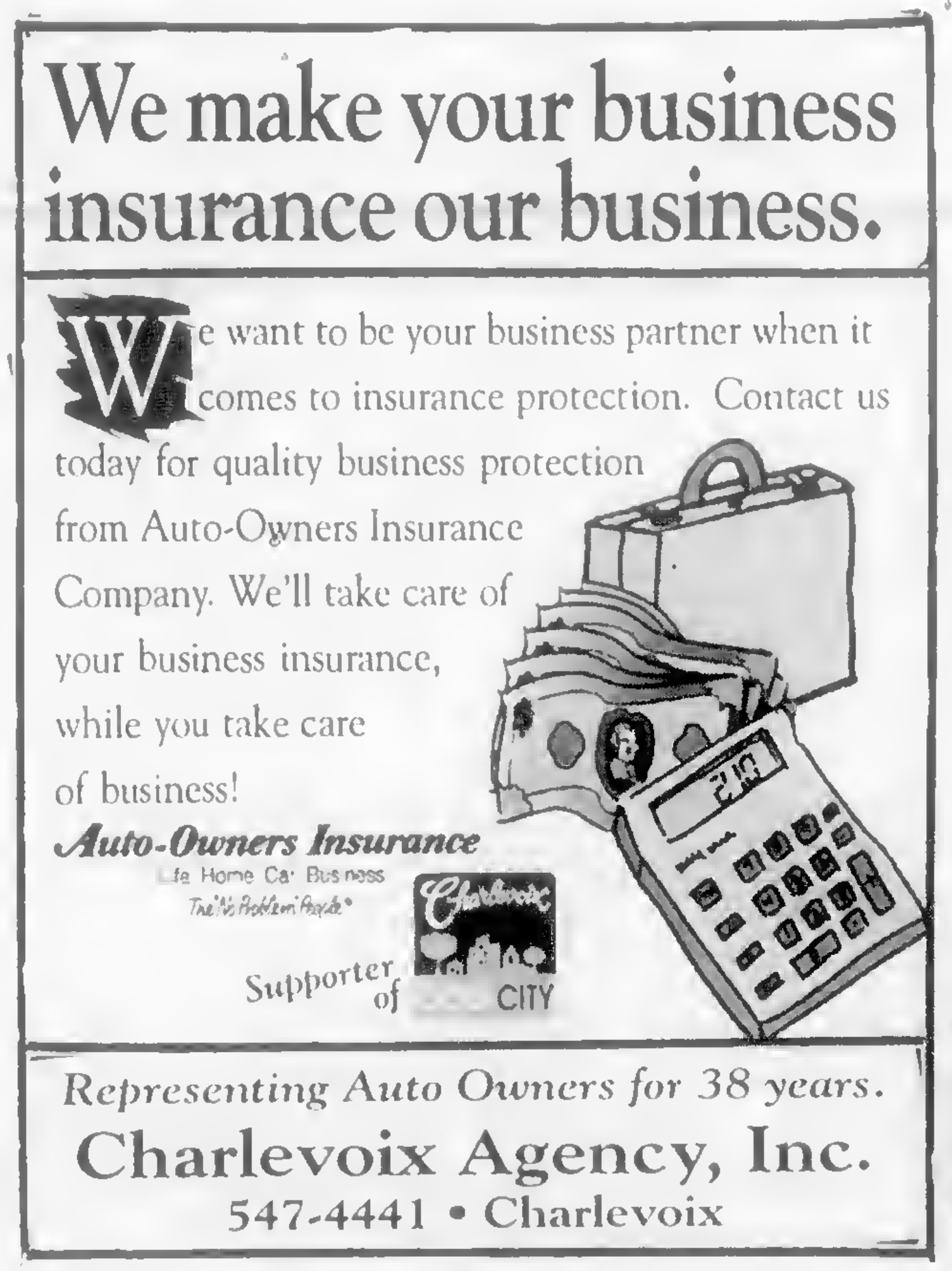
Youth gathering set for June 28-30

A UNITED Youth Conference will begin at 5:30 p.m. on June 28 and last through June 30. This is a Northern Michigan community wide outreach for junior high through 2007 graduates, sponsored by Light of the North Church in Traverse City and Living Word Church in Bellaire, along with Charlevoix Assembly of God Church. Cost is $20 (pre-register) or $30 at the door.

UNITED is adult chaperoned with two overnight lock-ins. Area teens are invited to attend this powerful three-day conference featuring services, rockin' praise, worship, activities, competitions, games and food.

Attendees should bring a Bible, pillow, sleeping bag, toiletries, spending money, modest swim suit and towel. Don't bring: Personal electronic gadgets or valuables. UNITED wear will be sold at the conference.

Contact Brad or Lynnsey Klooster at the church at 547-6430 for more information or the church Web site at www.charlevoixcag.com.



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Politicians, journalists can help society

While it is well known that journalists and politicians are not natural friends, my interviews with the candidates for the Charlevoix City Council verified the striking similarities between what I was doing and what the person across from me wanted to do.

Both political and journalism professions require the courage to be exposed to public scrutiny. Wherever a politician or a journalist goes in public, whatever thoughts they write on paper, he or she is open to criticism.

In both professions, mistakes are unavoidable. Some handle themselves well when they err, some do not. Former President Clinton insisted he didn't sleep with "that woman." Journalist Stephen Glass claimed he never fabricated any of his news stories. Both men lied about their mistake and their lie has affected their reputations dramatically.

Most journalists and politicians actually do have good intentions. The exception, though, tends to stand out in the minds of the public. This is because both a corrupt politician and a corrupt journalist can cause considerable damage to the people they are supposed to serve. They exchange what is best for the public in return for what is best for them and the effect can last for years.

Stefanie Carano

And a good journalist, like a good politician, can be pivotal in influencing beneficial social change. They have the insight and wisdom to be open to change. Despite opposition, they move forward with what they know is right.

The alienation, rejection and criticism from their peers do not sway them.

They risk it all, even when they are threatened, harassed, attacked or incarcerated for their courage. All for the common goal of moving the human race to a better tomorrow.

Stefanie Carano is a Charlevoix Courier staff writer. Contact her at 547-6558.

East Jordan glass blowers make their mark

Blown glass is a wonderful addition to any collection of art and accessories for the home. Glass designs range from functional pieces such as vases, bowls, lighting and chandeliers, to fanciful items such as jewelry, sculptures, and wall decorations. No matter what the size or shape of the piece, the play of color and light can make blown glass pieces exquisite. Plus, the range of styling is so extensive as to fit into almost any type of decor.

The first evidence of glass blowing was found in Syria around the 1st Century B.C. but it wasn't until the Venetians mastered the craft that glass started drawing a lot of attention. Fires in Venetian glass furnaces forced glass blowers to move to the nearby Island of Murano by the 1300s, where highly skilled craftspeople still blow glass today.

Fine blown glass is made all over the world now. American artist Dale Chihuly is a well-known name in the field these days, receiving acclaim for his massive, playful and eccentric sculptural pieces. With artists like Chihuly sparking a new interest in the craft there has been a resurgence in the popularity of handmade blown art glass

While perusing the December issue of Detroit Home Magazine's Design Awards, I noticed a colorful eye-catching wall installation created by Jordan Valley Glassworks in East Jordan, the first place winners in the "Decorative Glass and Mirror Installation" category.

Their winning installation consisted of about 15 multi-colored individual "rondels," which are amorphous shaped bowls. Set inside of the bowls are "points of interest," which vary in shape, from smaller rondels to tiny bowls. Connected to the larger rondels were "wall arms." These are spiral-like shapes curled and bent over, creating a flower-like installation.

I stopped by Jordan Valley Glassworks on my way up north to our vacation home in Charlevoix. Besides the custom work they do, their store is full of reasonably priced hand blown glass pieces in every possible category, including Christmas ornaments, vases, jewelry and multi-armed chandeliers.

DR. DECOR

Barbara Kopitz

The studio has four award winning glassblowers. Glenna Haney, Jay Bavers, his son Bill and daughter Beth. Each has their own specialty and area of expertise. However, Jay says "the most fun we have is when we all work together on the bigger projects."

It's fascinating to see them blow the glass and create the shapes. They do their work out in the open and it's like watching a well-choreographed dance.

Jay's grandfather was a glassblower who came to the United States as an immigrant around 1925. He thought of his work as low class and therefore he wanted his children to live the "American dream" and become professionals, not glass blowers. So even though Jay's father knew how to blow glass, he became an engineer. "Now," says Jay, "it's OK to be an artist."

Jay's 23-year-old son Bill, a fourth generation glass blower, has worked with his dad for 10 years. He also is working on a bachelor of fine arts degree with a studio specialty in glass blowing from Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

I liked the fact that everything in the store could be custom made. I brought in samples of my color scheme and I ordered three large "rondels," two "points of interest" and two "wall arms." They will cascade down the high wall over my fireplace mantel. The price including installation was $945.

Their work will be part of a show at the Saginaw Art Museum that runs from June 21 to Sept. 2 entitled "Taming of the Flame, Decorative Artworks in Iron and Glass."

Jordan Valley Glassworks is located at 209 State St. in East Jordan, at 536-0539 or www.jordanvalleyglassworks.com.

Barbara Kopitz is an interior designer in the Detroit area who also is a resident of Charlevoix.

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LETTERS to the editor

HOSPICE SAYS THANKS

Editor:

On June 1 Hospice of Northwest Michigan sponsored another successful Benefit Auction using the theme "An Evening With Hospice of Northwest Michigan." A sincere thank-you to all the artists, crafters and businesses in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties who donated to the auction.

The music was provided by Margaret Thomson. She gave a special sound to the evening. I want to thank all of the volunteers, especially those of Hospice of Northwest Michigan and its Board of Director's.

This is our major fundraising event for the year and many others should be thanked personally for their generosity. Thank-you to all who attended and made generous bids! Your support allows us to continue to provide volunteer, grief and bereavement services to those in our communities. Hospice of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, provides a comprehensive hospice program to those with a life limiting illness. We are very grateful to all of the people who supported us, in any way, that evening!

Patricia A. Johnson
Administrative Coordinator

BIKE TRACK NEEDED

Editor:

Are you aware that there is nowhere around Charlevoix to ride your dirt bike? I would like to see some land available to ride dirt bikes and other ATVs. My friends and I would like to ride dirt bikes somewhere close to town.

Land close to town would be a good idea for a place to ride because it would be fun. You could go camping and dirt biking, like my dad did when he was a kid. That would be awesome. You could also meet with friends and see who can get muddy.

Currently the closest place to dirt bike near Charlevoix is a track in a nearby town that is open only on Thursdays. Local property to ride on would bring in kids from surrounding towns and maybe even convince them to live here.

Dirt biking would bring in money for the town. The gas stations would get more customers. The parts stores would get more business because more people would be buying dirt bike parts.

Clearly there should be somewhere to ride dirt bikes closer to town. Dirt hiking would keep kids out of trouble, too. Overall, land close to Charlevoix for dirt biking would be good for the community.

Sawyer Russell
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

THANKS FOR GROOMING

Editor:

I want to thank all of the people that mark, clear and groom the snowmobile trails in the Charlevoix area. The dedication of these people makes it possible for snowmobile riders to enjoy the surrounding area.

Possibly in the future the snowmobile club could get permission from more landowners to obtain usage of more land for trails. This would be nice so snowmobile riders wouldn't have to ride on plowed roads and shoulders. It would prevent damage to the skis to not have to ride on the roads.

I would also like to see hills marked more clearly. This would let riders know that there may be someone coming from the other direction. This would prevent accidents in the future.

I think it would be nice to see barbed wire fences marked more clearly. It would let riders know to stay clear because it is dangerous. It would prevent snowmobile riders from getting injured or even killed.

Because of the nicely groomed trails that we do have, more people are able to enjoy the businesses and restaurants of downtown Charlevoix in the wintertime. It is also nice that the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club has the annual snowmobile RIDE IN to bring some wintertime business to town.

Drew Seymour
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

WE NEED DOG PARK

Editor:

It is in my belief that Charlevoix should have a dog park. Parks are fun but it would be more fun if your dog were with you.

Dogs need their exercise and in fact vets recommend you walk your dog once a day. We currently have no parks that allow dogs. This leads to a ticket if you take your dog in the park.

I believe there are many dogs in the town of Charlevoix and tourists bring many more. So Charlevoix can have more business downtown.

Without a doubt the dog park will give Charlevoix the happiness and joy in the summer, fall, winter and spring!

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Abbi Romano
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

MOVE PARK INSIDE

Editor:

Making our outdoor skateboarding park an indoor facility would make the public of Charlevoix more active in the winter.

Charlevoix could skate all year long. Skateboarding year long is good because when all the snow melts we haven't skated in a long time so we have to relearn all the tricks we already knew. Also so the public of Charlevoix is more active in the winter. Another reason is so the public of Charlevoix has fun all year round.

The skate park could receive more money. With more money the park could sponsor skaters. Also the park could be improved. And it would be more exciting for us kids.

With the park open all year more people could try skating. People who always wanted to skate but didn't have the time would have more time. Also the skaters would have more time to improve their skills. And the park could give skating lessons.

To recap an indoor skate park would make the children of Charlevoix be more active in the winter. There are some kids who prefer not freezing like crazy just to play outside. So to me an indoor skate park is just what the doctor ordered.

Brandon Arp
Sixth-grade Student

TURTLE GOES MISSING

Editor:

I just wanted to get the word out that a large 4-foot turtle that has resided beside the Castle Farms reflection pond was stolen over the Memorial Day weekend. It is a large fiberglass sculpture that has a smaller twin that was left behind in the pond. Two gnomes from the Castle Farms enchanted garden are also missing.

Richard Mueller, the general manager of Castle Farms, wonders if a guest from one of the weddings had a bit too much to drink and in a moment of non-clarity put the turtle in a truck to take it for a joy ride. The turtle was used as a mascot by the employees and was given to Richard and Linda Mueller as a Christmas gift in 2005 by Richard's brother and sister-in-law, Glenn and Val Mueller. Linda has been heard speculating that the gnomes may have snuck out of her new enchanted garden and jumped on the back of the large turtle and they may all be off on a summer holiday.

A police report has been filed and if anyone knows of the location of the turtle and gnomes and can help to secure their safe return no questions will be asked. Castle Farms will gladly pick the items up if notified of their location. Castle Farms can be contacted at 237-0884 or www.castlefarms.com.

Peggy Kusina
Tour coordinator Castle Farms
Charlevoix

DONORS DESERVE THANKS

Editor,

May 17th was a beautiful day. The sun was shining. It was a delightful 60-something degrees after many chilly days of clouds and drizzle. It was a perfect day for gardening, golfing, boating, etc. However, the American Red Cross was at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix for a blood drive. The church was ready for their arrival. An abundance of members of the Charlevoix Lions Club came to set-up and take-down. Many volunteers worked the two shifts.

I am immensely grateful to the 94 donors who arrived to donate blood after heeding the gentle reminders from my volunteers who phoned them from Preferred Properties Network. Other donors noticed the banners the city electric department put up, or the posters that businesses graciously displayed.

I'm grateful for the dedication of all the volunteers and donors. Approximately 250 sick and injured patients' day was made more beautiful, also, by the contributions of blood, the gift of life, from Charlevoix.

On behalf of the patients, the American Red Cross and myself, I say a hearty thank-you.

Sincerely,
Ellen Breining
Charlevoix Coordinator

BIKE RACKS ARE GREAT

Editor:

Good news for Charlevoix! There are now two bicycle racks at Captain's Corners: One at Glen's Market and one near the China One restaurant and Hallmark Card Shop corner. This may not sound like much, but we must remember that just a few weeks ago there were none. Let's hope these racks are among the first steps toward making Charlevoix a bicycle friendly, bicycle accessible city. The goal is to make Charlevoix a city where the bicycle is welcome, not just as a recreational vehicle, but as a means of transportation.

To complete the deal, Charlevoix will need more numerous and traffic-safe bikeways in the city. Charlevoix will need more bike racks downtown. Think of all the small errands that you could run on a bicycle with a basket or carrier, if there was a secure place for your bike and a secure path there and back. A higher proportion of children could bicycle to school with these arrangements.

The mindset of many of us will need to change. Riding a bicycle is not what you have to do if you don't have a car! Bicycling is often better than using the car! Bicycling will improve our health, will save an increasingly large amount of money and bicycling will help our nation and the world.

Charlevoix citizens and many of the visitors who stay with us in the summer will recognize the truth in this motto: "The best trip by car is the one not taken." I'll look for you a Captain's Corners; I'll know you by your bike helmet.

Steven Hansen
Charlevoix

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Down on the farm down in the city

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Sample the local flavor at this year's Downtown Charlevoix Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. this Thursday, June 21, on the sidewalk of East Park downtown.

The market will run every Thursday until Sept. 27.

"After a successful trial run last summer we've decided to provide a full summer of locally grown produce this year," said Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce president Jacqueline Merta. The chamber is sponsoring this year's market.

Twelve area farmers will be participating in the market, selling locally grown produce, eggs, meat, baked goods, canned items, flowers, trees and shrubs, honey and maple syrup.

Farms featured at the farm market include Berg Farm, Best Farm, Currey Farms Pure Maple Syrup, DeKorne Farm, Friske Orchards Farm Market, Harwood Heritage Gold Maple Syrup, Johnecheck Farm, Kiteley's Farm, Lavanway Farms, Providence Farm CSA & Wagho Peace Center, Siegrist Farms and Greenhouse and Ya Ya's Organic Bakery and Certified Organic Garden.

"We're looking forward to a great summer in downtown Charlevoix," said Judy Kehr of Friske Orchards. "We participate in other area farmers markets but being right in downtown on Bridge Street should be the best place for people to see our products."

Part of the Farmers Market vision is to provide locally grown produce to the Charlevoix community.

For more information, call the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 547-2101.

Charlevoix, Charlevoix … How do your gardens grow?

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Come tour the tended growth at the Charlevoix Garden Club's ninth annual Garden Walk 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 11.

The Garden Walk is the club's biggest fundraiser, supporting its 11 civic gardens around the city.

"This year we're aiming towards smaller city gardens instead of big estate gardens," said club president Rhea Dow.

For $10 in advance or $12 on the day of the event, visitors can tour seven private gardens the club currently cares for.

The seven gardens include the Mack's organic vegetable garden, the Brennans "Irish garden," the Schuilings estate garden, the Polatowksi garden, the Alexander garden and the Chavez garden.

Four of the gardens are small city gardens.

The Schuilings' garden, which overlooks Lake Michigan, is the one estate garden.

The tour will include a luncheon for $25 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library.

The luncheon is by reservation only.

The gardens are located at Charlevoix Middle School, the Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Area Hospital, the Charlevoix Post Office, the Charlevoix Community Pool, the Charlevoix Depot, Harsha House Museum and "the triangle," a small area of vegetation at the cross section of U.S. 31 and Michigan Avenue.

Tickets for the Garden Walk can be purchased at the Bridge Street Bookstore, Shop of the Gulls, the Garden Club Web site, the Chamber of Commerce Web site or from any club member.

Castle opens gift shop

Castle Farms has opened a 700-quare-foot gift shop directed by Peggy Kusina.

Stones from the Charlevoix band shell and chamber of commerce were used in the construction of the addition. The gift shop and property are open to visitors for guided and self-guided tours 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday through Friday.

Featuring Renaissance themed items, the Castle Farms gift shop offers a variety of items for all ages. Little ones will find everything necessary to transform themselves into a princess, fairy, knight or pirate. For those who enjoy Castle Farms' life-sized chess set, the gift shop offers chess sets and books so visitors can take the fun home. Couples will find gifts for their wedding party and the assortment of Renaissance and Fleur-de-lis items make great gifts for everyone.

To book a guided tour or for more information, call Castle Farms at 237-0884 or visit www.castlefarms.com.

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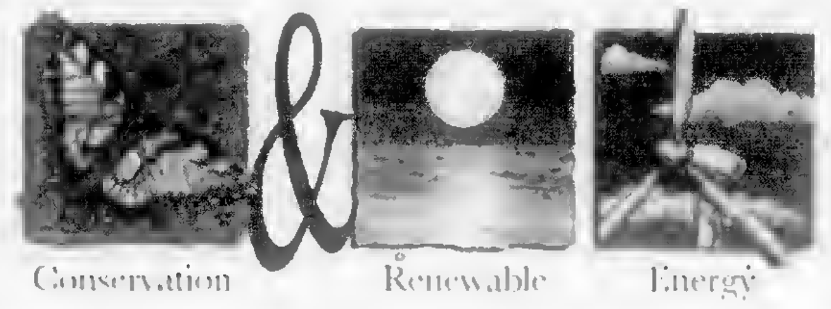

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ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Evans, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Evans, 2007

Polly and Arnold Evans mark golden anniversary

Polly and Arnold Evans were married on June 15, 1957 in Denver, Colo. The Evans, who recently celebrated 50 years of marriage, are halftime resients of Charlevoix.

Morts celebrate 50 years of marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mort, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mort, 2007

Tom and Alice (Crothers) Mort of Petoskey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 22.

The two were married on June 22, 1957 at the Church of Christ in Bangor by A. P. Benjamin.

They returned to the area in 2002. Jim is currently the Interim Pastor at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix. Alice retired from the Holyoke, Colo. School District. They both currently are volunteers at Northern Michigan Hospital.

They have three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Their children are Ruth Finney of Flanagan, Ill., Steve Mort of Holyoke, Colo. and David (Deb) Mort of Greeley Colo.

Wells mark 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wells, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wells, 2007

The children of Donald and Lura Wells hosted a party celebrating their parents 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 17, at Ferry Beach.

They were married on June 15, 1957, in Charlevoix by the Rev. Anskad.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells have two children, Don Wells and Julie (Wells) Montie of Charlevoix.

They also have six grandchilden.

Panhellenic women meet for luncheon and book program June 27

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will meet for a noon catered luncheon on Wednesday, June 27, at the home of Judy Bryan, 317 Fairview, Petoskey.

Hostesses will be Judy Bryan and Phyllis Nolan.

Following a brief business meeting, Julie Norcross and Susan Capaldi of McLean & Eakin, Booksellers in Petoskey will present the program.

All Panhellenic members in the area are invited to attend. For reservations, sign up at the Bay View Post Office or call 348-1197 by Monday, June 25.

Thanks for reading the Charlevoix Courier

What's happening at the Library this week?

- **Michael Lindley**
  Saturday, June 23, 2:00 p.m.
  Author of Seasons of the EmmaLee, Mr. Lindley will take the readers back in time to the resort community of Charlevoix before World War II. Lindley's family, natives of northern Michigan dating back to the early 1900's, ran a small marina and boatyard on Lake Charlevoix.
- **Book Sale**
  Saturday, June 23, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
  The Friends of the Library's annual book sale is now renowned for their great collection and even better prices. All proceeds used to purchase new items for the children's library.
- **Stepping Stones to School Play Club**
  Wednesday, June 27, 6:00 p.m.
- **CARE Fair**
  Saturday, June 30, 10:00 – 5:00 p.m.
  Grab the entire family for a fun filled educational event. Sponsored by WATCH (Water and Air Team for Charlevoix) and C.A.R.E. (Conservation and Renewable Energy), the event will focus on conservation and renewable energy resources. With special guest speakers, movies, green energy displays, children's activities, mouth-watering organic wholesome food, demonstrations and more, this event will be sure to activate your enthusiastic spirit.

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OBITUARIES

David Jon Mutz, Nov. 25, 1954-Feb. 25, 2007

David Jon Mutz, 52, of Boyne City, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007.

David was born on Nov. 25, 1954, in Chicago, Ill., the son of the late Anton and Lulu Mutz. He grew up in Charlevoix and graduated from Charlevoix High School.

He was a builder by trade and was proud of much of the work he had done in the Northern Michigan area as well as in the Bloomington, Ind., area where he had also lived a significant portion of his life. Most recently, he took great pride in the restoration work he had done on the Round Island Lighthouse on the St. Mary's River. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and his beloved dog, Molly.

He is survived by one sister, Jeanne (John) Hamilton, of East Tawas; two nieces, Jennifer (Elliott) Buchanan of East Tawas and Julienne of Saginaw; an aunt, Ann Drost, of North Carolina; and several cousins.

A memorial gathering was held Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Weathervane.

The family suggests memorial contributions be directed to the Tawas PRIDE Youth Drug and Violence Prevention, David Mutz Memorial, P.O. Box 387, East Tawas, Mich. 48730; www.prideyouthprograms.org.

John Klooster, May 15, 1916-May 3, 2007

John Klooster, 90, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, May 3, at his home.

He was born May 15, 1916, in Marion Township, the son of Albert and Mary (Potter) Klooster.

On Oct. 24, 1952, he married Anna DeGroot in Charlevoix, where they made their home.

John worked at Penn Dixie Cement Co. for 27 years.

He enjoyed gardening, raising and selling Belgium draft horses. He also raised beef cattle.

He was a member of Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix.

Surviving are his wife Anna; children, Garry Dale (Esther) Vandenberg of Delton, Ronald J. (Mary Ann) Vandenberg of Swartz Creek, Janice (Douglas) Maddox of Mission Viejo, Calif., Doris Arlene (Michael) Delmotte of Peoria, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded by siblings Jacob, Hiram, James, Jennie and Grace.

Visitation was held Sunday at Hastings Funeral Home in Ellsworth.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 7, at Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix with the Rev. Chip Sauer and the Rev. Larry Grooters officiating. Burial was in Barnard Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan or Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix.

Helen 'Lila' I. Selfridge, Jan. 10, 1931-June 9, 2007

Helen "Lila" I. Selfridge, 76, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, June 9, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. A Rosary was recited on Friday, June 15, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island followed by a memorial Mass on Saturday, June 16. The Rev. Patrick Cawley officiated; an interment followed at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Helen was born Jan. 10, 1931, on Beaver Island, the daughter of Hugh and Catherine (Malloy) Connaghan, and grew up there. On Nov. 3, 1950, she married Cyril Joseph Jones in Charlevoix. Stationed with the U.S. Coast Guard, they lived in several places before returning to Charlevoix, raising their daughter and sons until Cyril's untimely death on Sept. 3, 1959. On April 5, 1963, Helen married Max F. Selfridge, and he preceded her in death on Jan 11, 1976.

Helen worked in housekeeping for Charlevoix Area Hospital for over 29 years and was a member of Saint Marys Catholic Church in Charlevoix. She is survived by her children, Raymond D. (Kim Marie) Jones, and Catherine Livingston, all of Charlevoix, Joseph L. (Julie) Jones of Ellsworth, Clayton W. Jones, and Thomas L. (Terri L.) Jones all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Dean, Chelsi and Cyril, Brian and Aimee, Dalton and Travis; sisters, Marguerite "Mugs" Welsh of Willingboro, New Jersey, Catherine "Georgie" Gatliff of Detroit, and Anna Mae Maxwell of Wheaton, Ill. Helen's grandson, Brandon, preceded her in death, as did 10 brothers and sisters. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix handled arrangements.

Robert E. Bartholomew, 76

Robert E. Bartholomew, 76, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, June 10, at the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Bob is survived by his wife, Myrna of Charlevoix; son, Eric A. (Sandra C.) Bartholomew of Fenton; daughters, Jody A. (Greg) Michon of Porter, Tex., Lisa A. (William) Declaire of Canton, Amy L. (Dave) Prizlow of Rochester Hills, Suzanne L. (Steve) Zeigler of Atlanta, Ga.; 13 grandchildren; brothers, Richard (Rita) Bartholomew of Dearborn Heights, Ralph (Aimee) Bartholomew of Tavares, Fla. There will be no services. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is assisting the family.

An additional obituary appears on page 16

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m..
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship Service	10:0 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

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State Street at Clinton

Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	547-6322

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	588-2112
or Missionaries	547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875

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Sunday Services 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Church Office	547-9482

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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort	547-4121

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Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Church Office	547-9122

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Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

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Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

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June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill	231-347-6651

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

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Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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Symphony offers Strings on the Lake

Event is benefit for the hospital

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

At 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 6, Symphony on the Green will present "Strings on the Lake," featuring members of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra to benefit the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

For the second year in a row, the event is taking place at the private residence of Warner and Patti Blow.

The Blows have offered their home at 11721 North Pa Ba Shan Trail in Charlevoix as an alternative to a public facility.

"The cost of hosting a private event gets higher every year," said Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation executive director Lyn Jenks. "We decided to do something different and it costs less, so more can go toward the benefit."

This year proceeds will go specifically toward funding digital mammography equipment for the hospital.

"It was something the hospital had on its capital needs list," Jenks said. "We decided to use that as our focus for fundraising this year."

Dr. Carl Harlan of radiology/imaging at Charlevoix Area Hospital said there are certain advantages to digital mammography.

"It's digitally manipulated so the images are actually clearer, particularly for women that have dense breasts," Harlan said.

The cost to attend the benefit is $125 and includes wine, hors d'oeuvres and dessert.

The registration deadline for the event is Wednesday, June 20.

The event will feature musicians Doug Stewart on oboe, John Van Patten on violin, Nancy Koski of Charlevoix on viola, Peggy Beek on violin, Marga Eickholt on cello, Bonnietta Benn on flute, Bob Pattengale on harpsichord and Cherise Titejen on bass.

"We had a great time last year, it's a wonderful place to play music," said Dale Hall, executive director of the orchestra. "We're going to play Joshua Rifkin's baroque Beatles' book."

The musicians will play in trios and quartets throughout the house and yard and then come together at the end of the night to play songs by the Beatles.

"The orchestra is well known with local musicians and they're a nonprofit organization," Jenks said. "We use local whenever we can and local nonprofits."

Quilt show set

The Charlevoix Historical Society will be hosting an exhibit "Antique Quilts — The Charlevoix Connection," beginning Wednesday, July 11 through Sunday, July 15, at the Historic Charlevoix Depot. This exhibit of the beauty and craftsmanship of antique quilters will be open to the public free of charge. Mark your calendars now.

Summer Solstice Art Show this weekend

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to the 9th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 24, featuring high quality art displayed in downtown Charlevoix. Participating artists are carefully selected to ensure a well-rounded show offering a variety of fun and unique creations.

This two-day event showcases paintings in oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as sculpture, photography, pottery, jewelry and more.

From contemporary to whimsical, it is a spectacular representation of craftsmanship and artwork with many beautiful and unusual products on display.

For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at 547-2101, (800) 951-2101 or on the Web at www.charlevoix.org.

Hayes Twp. hires zoning official

Hayes Township has hired Jonathan Scheel as its new zoning administrator. Scheel began his new duties on June 1 on the heels of Ethel Knepp's retirement.

He will be available 8 a.m.-noon on Mondays at the Hayes Township Hall located at 09195 Old U.S. 31 north. He will be on call for appointments and may be reached by calling 342-9025.

Author of Charlevoix-based book to appear

Michael Lindley, author of the Charlevoix-based novel "The Seasons of the EmmaLee" will appear at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the Charlevoix Public Library to discuss his book as well as look back at some history of the Charlevoix area that helped in crafting the story as well as Lindley's family history in the area as it relates to the story dating back over 100 years.

He will also be discussing the business of writing and publishing fiction.

In "The Seasons of the EmmaLee," Lindley explores the deep and complex emotions of unexpected love, betrayal, murder and redemption as two families from different social classes find themselves tragically drawn together by the relationship of their son and daughter.

The story is set in the idyllic resort community of Charlevoix in the early 1940s, as well as present day. "Seasons" was recently selected as a "super summer beach read" by Traverse magazine and "book of the month" by River Bank Books in Grand Rapids.

"The Seasons of the EmmaLee" is now available as a trade paperback from Sage River Press.

The book is available at independent and chain bookstores throughout Michigan and surrounding states as well as Amazon.com and other major Internet book retailers.

For more information on "The Seasons of the EmmaLee" and Lindley's other writing, visit www.michaellindley.net.

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Charlevoix picks superintendent

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix Public Schools officials recently hired 27-year veteran Chet Janik as their new superintendent.

Janik, whose starting salary is $98,500 plus benefits, will begin officially on July 1.

"I'm excited about the opportunity," he said. "I'll be trying to spend at least a day a week for the next couple weeks trying to meet with as many staff members and community people as I can and to familiarize myself with the school district so I'm raring to go when the school year starts."

Janik

Outgoing Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education president Bill Trubilowicz said the contract negotiation process was a smooth one.

"I thought Chet's salary was fair for him and fair for us, too," Trubilowicz said . "I think it's right in the ballpark of superintendents in the area. The other thing we put in his contract is a kind of a performance clause based on success of goals and objectives to help determine salary increases in the future."

He added, "We're expecting great things from him. He's got some great ideas."

While Janik officially begins in Charlevoix next week, he has been in town several times working to get ready for his new position.

Janik, 50, accepted a three-year contract with the option to renew at the board's and his pleasure.

"I'm pretty happy that we got where we are and I'm glad we're moving forward," Trubilowicz said. "It's an exciting time to have Chet here because he's really going to be dynamic."

He added, "I think he's going to move our district in the direction we want to go."

Janik said his main focus in the beginning will be the state of the state's budget for the 2007-2008 school year, working to resolve issues with the administration and maintenance garage buildings as well as working to create a three- to five-year vision plan.

A longtime Northern Michigan resident, now working as superintendent of Buckley Community Schools since 2004, Janik has a bachelor's and master's degree from Central Michigan University and has taken advanced classes through the University of Nebraska.

Janik, who is married with three children, was previously the coordinator of special projects with the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District. Before his stint with Traverse Bay, he was director of college outreach with Northwestern Michigan College for 21 years.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve Charlevoix and I just appreciate all the calls and cards I've got from Charlevoix — some people I've known and some I've not known," he said. "I'm also grateful superintendent (Jim) Cooper and the board worked to resolve next year's budget and staffing issues."

He added, "Hopefully this will be a successful partnership."

Youth makes Eagle Scout

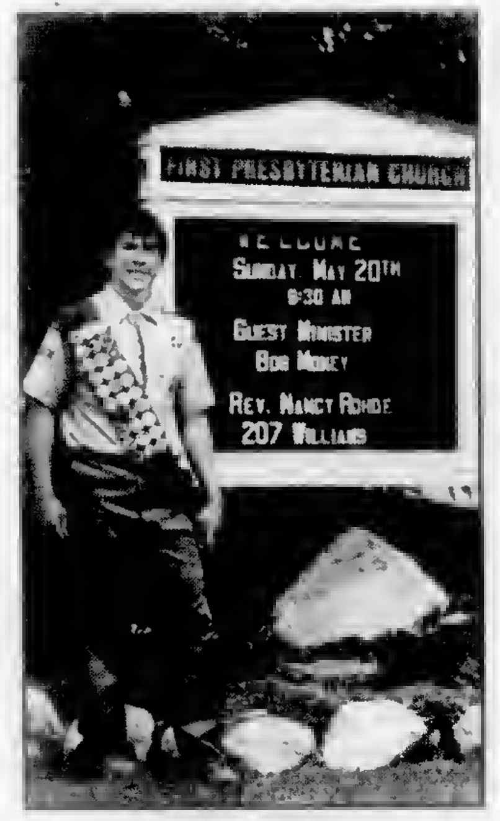
Nicholas Cook, 16, of Boy Scout Troop 11 of Charlevoix, was honored at a special Eagle Scout ceremony on May 20. The ceremony took place at the First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, which is scouting's highest award, Nick had to earn 21 merit badges, serve as a leader in his troop and complete a major community service project.

Nick's service project took place at the First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan, where he is a member. The project consisted of landscaping the front of the church with rocks, perennials and mulch, creating a sitting area in the back of the church with benches, removing a raised step on the altar area, and painting some windows and doors. He did this with 27 other people for a total of 262 hours.

Nine years ago, Nick started scouting as a tiger Cub with Cub Scout Pack 114 of Swartz Creek. When he was 11, he crossed over to Boy Scout Troop 114 also of Swartz Creek. Three years ago, he moved to Ellsworth. He then transferred to Charlevoix Troop 11, which is chartered to the Charlevoix Kiwanis. He has earned 30 merit badges, served as patrol leader, den chief and scribe. He also has earned the Boy Scout life guarding certification.

Nick attends Ellsworth High School where he will be a junior in the fall.



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16-year-old Nicholas Cook of Boy Scout Troop 11 of Charlevoix was honored at a special Eagle Scout ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan.

4-H gets grant from community foundation

Charlevoix County 4-H recently received a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

4-H summer programming in the Charlevoix County MSU Extension office is under way and this year, thanks to the foundation grant, 4-H will be able to increase enrollments in its programs.

Money was allocated to the Charlevoix County 4-H Youth Program for low income eligible youth, ages 5 to 19. Participants involved in any 4-H program during the 2007-2008 program year requiring a fee are welcome to apply.

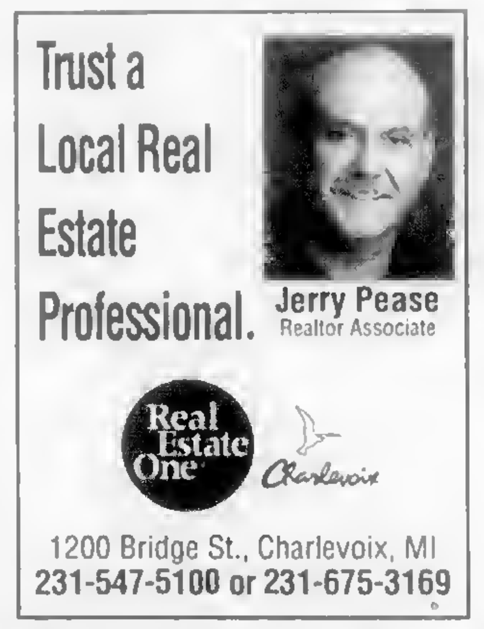
For information or questions, contact the Charlevoix County MSU Extension at 582-6232.

Panhellenic season opens

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will open the 2007 season with a noon luncheon meeting on Wednesday, June 20, at the Bay View Women's Council Building on Park Avenue in Bay View.

The program will follow a short business meeting conducted by president, Connie Burt. Hostesses are this year's board members.

All Panhellenic Women of the area are welcome as are new members. Reservations are due by Monday, June 18. Sign up at the Bay View Post Office or call 347-1819.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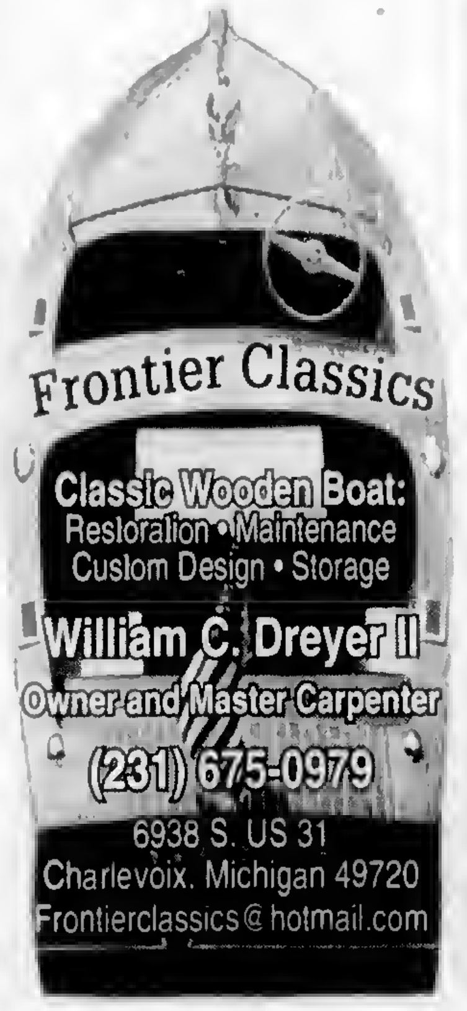
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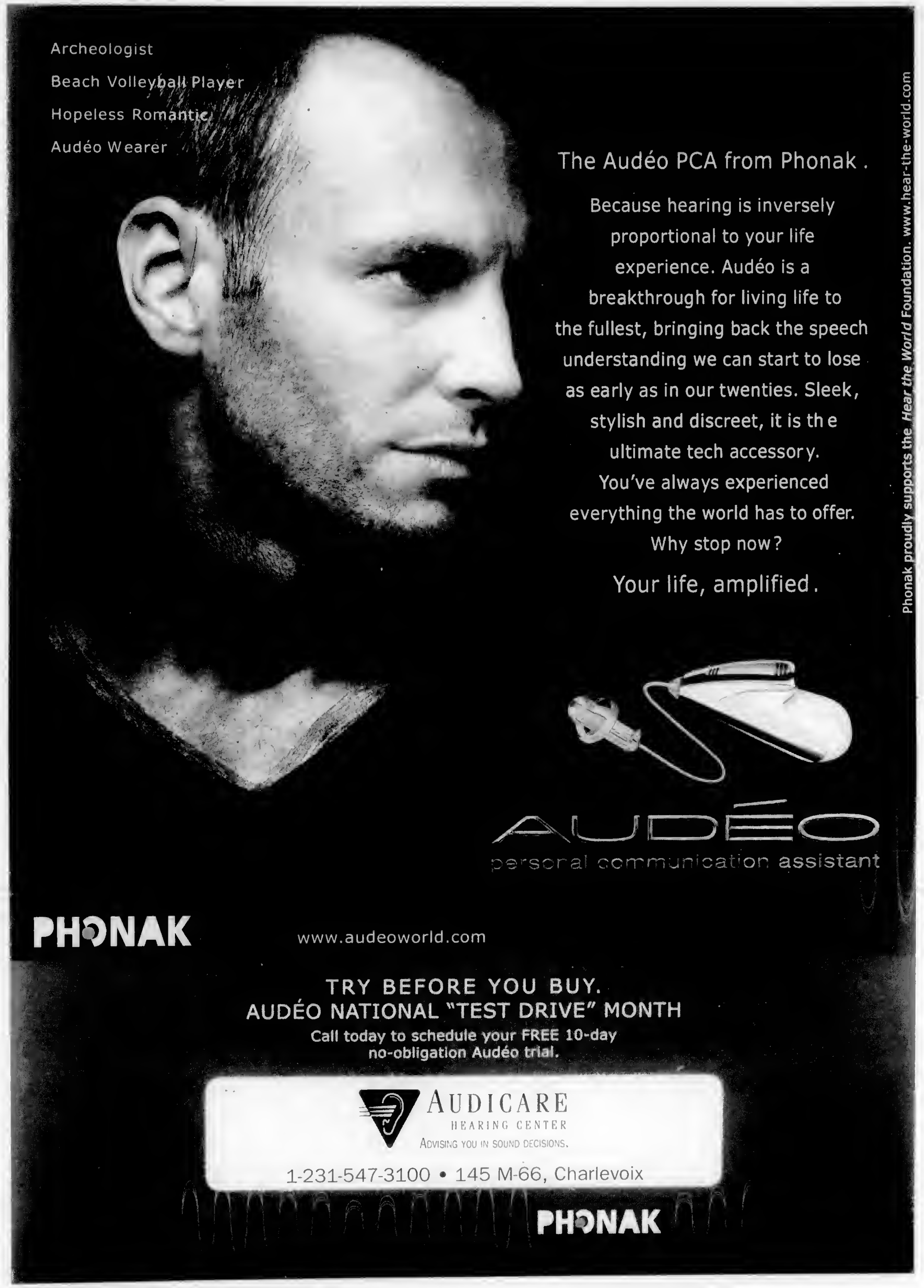
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Ride in a WWII bomber June 29-30

The Charlevoix Municipal Airport and Island Airways are welcoming back the World War II B-17 Bomber, sponsored by the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airfield in the suburb of Detroit.

The B-17 is best remembered for its dangerous daylight bombing missions over Germany during World War II. With a wingspan of 103 feet, 9 inches, this 10-passenger "flying fortress" is a force to be reckoned with. A famous example of this type was the "Memphis Belle," which was featured in the film of the same name.

Comprised of dedicated Yankee Air Force volunteers, a comprehensive repair and rebuild program began after receiving the B-17 in 1986 with its first post restoration flight in July 1995. The "Yankee Lady" will be open for viewing and rides all day Friday, June 29, and Saturday, June 30. The cost for a 25 minute ride is $425 per person.

For more information, contact Dave Wright at (734) 483-4030 or visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

Senior citizen picnic set for July

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging presents the 28th annual Senior Picnic 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, at the Harvest Barn Word of Faith Church, formerly the Jordan Valley Express.

Featured will be chicken barbecue with all the fixings. Tickets are $6 for those under 60. Suggested donation for seniors 60 and older is $3. Only 450 tickets will be sold and can be purchased in advance at all Charlevoix County Senior Centers and the Commission on Aging Office at 207 Antrim St. or call 237-0103.

Good food, fun, music and lots of chances to win door prizes are offered. Transportation to and from the event will be paid by the local Senior Center or Commission on Aging. To make arrangements for a ride, call 582-6900 by Monday, July 9.

Event coming up at the library

Charlevoix Public Library upcoming events occur at 220 W. Clinton St. unless otherwise stated.

Michael Lindley, author of the "Seasons of the EmmaLee," will take the readers back in time to the resort community of Charlevoix before World War II. Lindley's family, natives of Northern Michigan dating back to the early 1900s, ran a small marina and boatyard on Lake Charlevoix. Presentation is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 23.

The Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library's annual book sale is now renowned for their great collection and even better prices. All proceeds are used to purchase new items for the children's library. The sale is 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 23.

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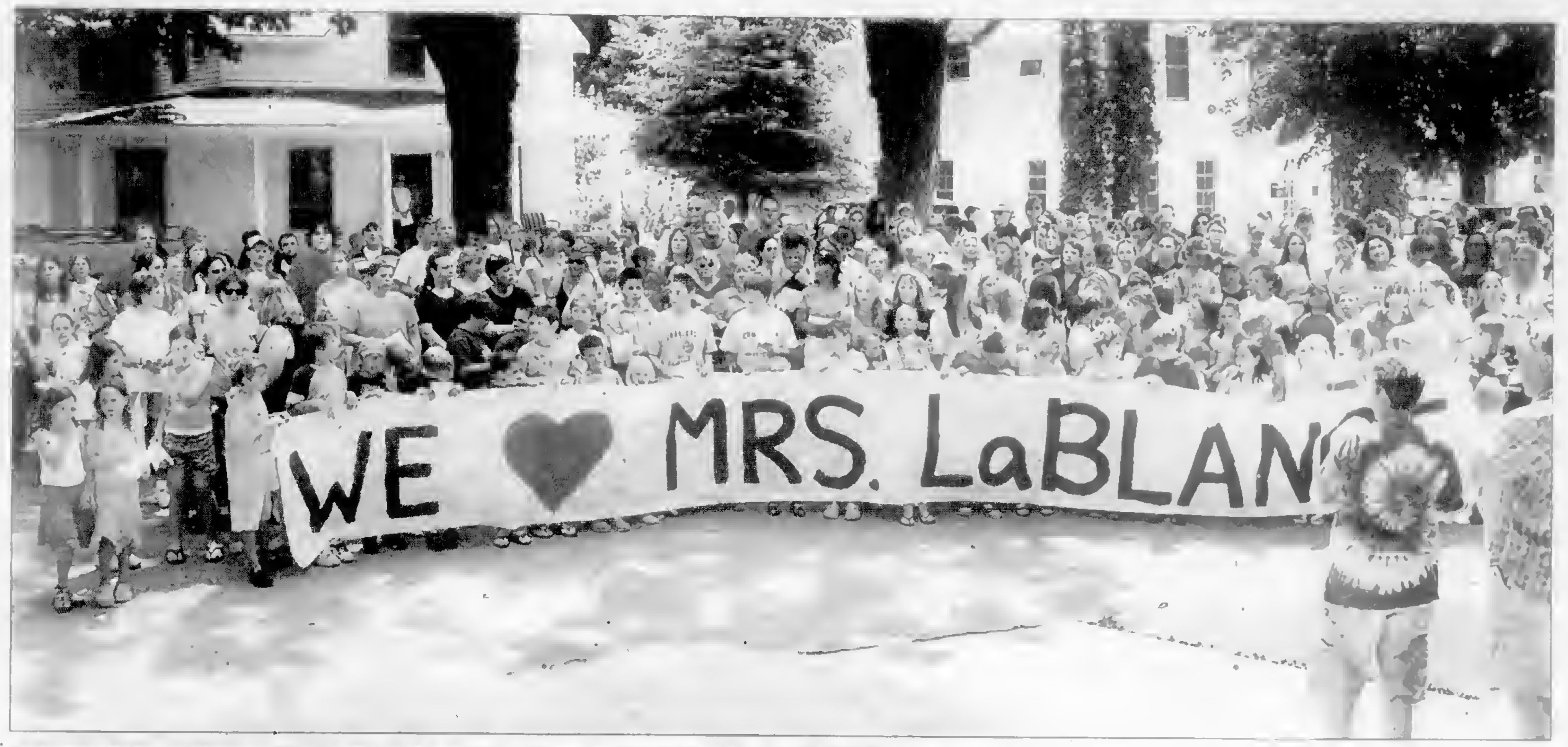

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Monday, July 2, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chamber of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed ordinance to amend sections 5.5-5.12 and section 5.200 of chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code. The proposed ordinance provides for the reorganization, addition, and amendments to the Definitions sections of Chapter 51 and will amend section 5.200, Building Heights.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
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City supports grant to improve water quality

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

The city of Charlevoix is working with the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council on a environmentally-friendly plan to improve the city's stormwater management.

On June 4 the city council unanimously supported Tip of the Mitt's application for a grant to help fund its Treasure Lake Charlevoix project, a major objective of which involves the improvement of stormwater systems in the city.

"The goal of the TLC project is to protect and enhance the water quality of Lake Charlevoix," said Tip of the Mitt's watershed coordinator, Valerie Olink-Danstra.

Olink-Danstra said funds needed to support the TLC project total $185,000 with $53,000, if approved, coming from the Frey Foundation grant.

"We put together a package for Frey," Olinik-Danstra said. "We thought support from the city would help."

She said the TLC project consists of four components — stormwater management, water quality monitoring and inventory, watershed management and planning, and information and education.

The stormwater management component, according to the grant application, is the current objective of the TLC project. It is intended to reduce the amount of stormwater pollutants going into Lake Charlevoix. This would include installing rain gardens as an alternative to storm drains, starting near the Charlevoix Public Library. Rain gardens are depressions created in the ground that are then filled with native perennial plants. The rain garden takes in stormwater from nearby paved areas to prevent drainage into waterways.

Olinik-Danstra said the work in the city would serve as a model project for Boyne City and East Jordan.

"We've developed a good relationship with Pat Elliott over the last few months and thought Charlevoix would be a good place to start," she said. "All three communities are too small to be under federal regulation with stormwater management."

"We need to be conscious of our watershed and I feel we need to be proactive in protecting it," Elliott said.

The second component of the project, water quality and monitoring, will consist of Tip of the Mitt's volunteer lake and stream monitoring programs and conducting water resource inventories to determine if there's any chronic problems with water quality.

The third component of the project, watershed management and planning, is part of the Lake Charlevoix Watershed Management Plan that was started in 2001.

Tip of the Mitt is working with the Lake Charlevoix Advisory Committee to ensure the plan meets the newly mandated Environmental Protection Agency standards.

The fourth component, information and education, is part of a continuing effort to convey the need to protect and enhance the water quality of Lake Charlevoix.

This includes the 14th annual Experience Lake Charlevoix event, creating a "Sensible Shoreline Development" brochure, implementing a media campaign and hosting a Web page that will be used to communicate current work and completed projects in the watershed.

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Driveway divides neighbors

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Plans to pave a driveway over wetland property have divided the residents of Eveline Township.

During a recent Michigan Department of Environmental Quality hearing, residents spoke in opposition to Lore Silberman's application for a permit to put a driveway on her 65-acre property, which contains a significant portion of wetlands.

Silberman said the driveway is necessary in order to use her property.

"It's our only insurable access to this piece of property," Silberman said. "If we want to legally get to it and use it as a beach, it's the only way we can get to it."

She said her family is currently accessing the property by roads they use with permission from other people.

Brenda Jones, a neighbor to the property, is concerned not only about the environmental impact the driveway would have but also the effect on the aesthetic value should Silberman go through with her plans.

"I'm concerned about increased traffic volume on the road (and) pollution," said Jones.

The plans have captured the attention of Water and Air Team for Charlevoix, an organization whose mission is to protect the environment of Charlevoix County.

"The reason we have a wetlands law is that we can't afford to lose even one more acre of wetland and they're proposing to remove several," said Bill Henne, president of WATCH.

Henne said the driveway alone could affect the ecology of the stream that runs through the property and interfere with water flow through the wetland.

The land that belongs to Silberman was once part of the Loeb property, the family who originally owned Castle Farms.

The property now owned by Silberman was gifted to her by her mother, Jane Sooy.

Sooy was one of three daughters who were each given a portion of the original Loeb property.

"We don't want to put a road through wetlands," said Silberman. "But from Shar Road, it's the only legal access to this property."

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will assign this case to a field reviewer who will review the permit application to determine if a permit can be granted.

Bible school event set for Saturday

The 2007 Interfaith Vacation Bible School kick-off block party will be held at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 23. The church is located at Waller Road and US 31 north and the event is held in association with Safe Harbor Baptist and the Charlevoix United Methodist churches.

A blow-up slide and moon walk, games, cotton candy, snow cones and popcorn will be offered for the children's enjoyment. VBS registration is for ages 4 to 12.

The Interfaith Vacation Bible School will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 25, through Friday, June 29, at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene.

Annual home tour June 25

For the past 27 years, homeowners have opened their doors for the Crooked Tree Arts Center's Home Tour. This year's theme is "Lakeside Living" featuring homes on Walloon Lake. The home tour is always the last Monday in June, with this year's tour scheduled for 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday, June 25.

Seven homes will be featured, each one with a special setting on one of Michigan's most picturesque inland lakes. New log homes, classic prairie design, traditional bead board cottages and traditional lakeside retreats, each residence is a diverse as the homeowners. Many interiors are filled with antiques, artwork and family heirlooms while others ring with fresh modern design.

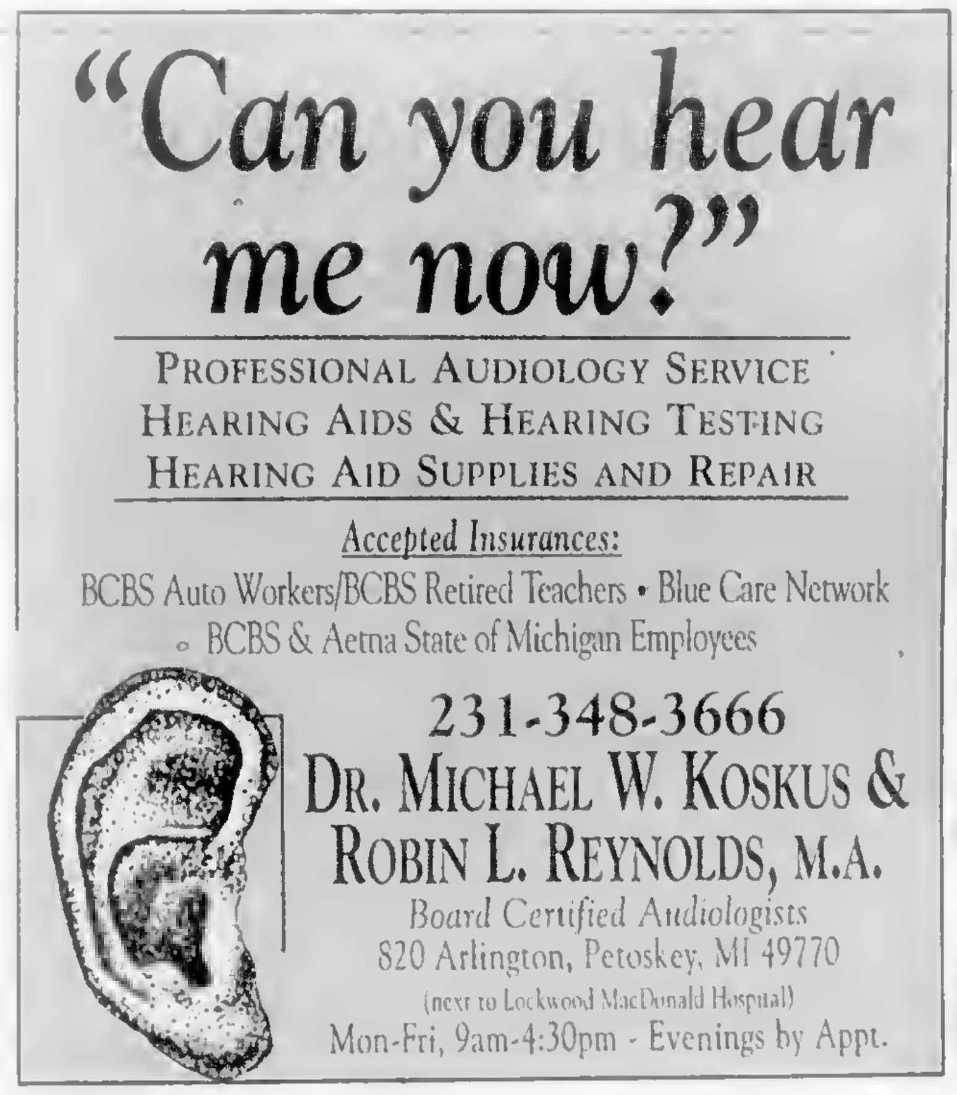
"We hope visitors make a day of it, touring breathtaking Walloon Lake homes and stopping for lunch as Petoskey, Boyne City, Horton Bay and Bay Harbor are all within a few minutes drive," said Phoebe and Kurt Wietzke, co-chairs.

"We are grateful to the home owners for graciously inviting us into their homes for this great one day fundraising event," added Babs and Mike Hanahan, also serving as co-chairs.

Volunteers are still needed to help with parking and serving as hosts. Call the Crooked Tree Arts Center if you are interested.

Tickets are $30 per person. Tickets are available by calling the Crooked Tree Arts Center, 347-4337 or online at www.crookedtree.org. Tickets are also available in Harbor Springs at By the Bay; Gallery on Main in Bay Harbor, C2 Gallery in Charlevoix and in Boyne City at Boyne Country Books.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell St. in downtown Petoskey.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Whiting Park topic of history society meeting

The Charlevoix County History Preservation Society will hold their next meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 25, at Whiting County Park located at 05820 Lake Shore (Ferry) Road in Boyne City.

The evening will celebrate the two-year anniversary for the society. The public is invited and we would like to encourage all members to bring guests.

The evening will begin with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish or two to pass, your own table service and you may wish to bring along a tablecloth to cover a picnic table. Coffee, tea, lemonade and iced tea will be provided.

The park phone number is 582-7040.

The evening's program is a talk by Bob Prehble on the book "Perry: Experiences of a pioneer by Perry Whiting."

Ross Maxwell, park manager, will speak about the future of the park.

At the end of the evening there will be a short annual meeting to elect officers, approve bylaw changes and to hear the 2007-2008 plans for the society.

Dues for 2007-2008 must be paid by July 1.

Fore more information, call Carol Goodenough, CCHPS president, at 582-7042.

Betty Beebe presents program in Norwood

The Norwood Area Historical Society will host a presentation by Betty Beeby at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, in the Norwood schoolhouse in the village of Norwood.

Betty's topic will be "Gleanings from an Eastport barn."

Beeby, a well-known local author and artist, has received many awards for her work.

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Robert Allen Kenwabikise, Oct. 27, 1950-June 11, 2007

Robert Allen Kenwabikise, 56, of Beaver Island died Monday, June 11 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

A mass was held on Friday, June 15, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island. The Rev. Fr. Pat Cawley officiated with interment following at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Robert was born on Oct. 27, 1950, on Beaver Island, the son of Paul D. and Isabella A. (Wabanimkee) Kenwabikise.

He had worked as a commercial fisherman and carpenter for many years. He was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa/Chippewa Indians and Holy Cross Catholic Church.

He is survived by six children, Austin, Ryan, Roberta (Migual), Robert (Molly), Patrick and Nicole; five grandchildren; 10 siblings, John P. Kenwabikise, Caroline (Orville) Ramey, Nancy (Dennis) Harris, Pauline (George) Anthony, Sarah (Jack) Bray, Leonard (Peggy) Kenwabikise, Joey Kenwabikise, Diane (Sonie) Smith, Mary Kenwabikise-Halpin and James (Barbara) Kenwabikise; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul D. and Isabella A. Kenwabikise; one brother, Stephen; and two sisters, Margaret and Aleta.

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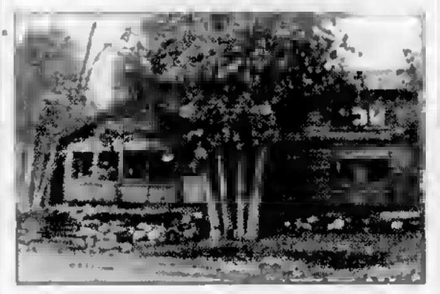
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Residents take issue with new mine

MINE

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which ties us to our past. We ask that you not change the character of this township by undermining the zoning laws which we rely on to preserve our community."

Resident Jeannette Kling said normally when residents want to change the zoning of an area, the issue is placed on the ballot.

"Approval of a special use permit to allow a limestone quarry, an industrial use, in an area zoned agricultural and residential in our township is not what is meant by allowing for excavation of sand and gravel in an agricultural zone," she said.

Karen Ferguson, legal representative for the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety, introduced a hefty packet of last-minute evidence she claims shows Wynkoop is not in control of the mineral rights on his property.

Ferguson told the commission they could not act on the application because Wynkoop was trying to utilize something which doesn't belong to him.

Resident Bill Gnodtke spoke on several issues he felt were valid reasons to preclude Wynkoop from operating a mine.

"The site is not served by an appropriate highway. The location and nature of a mining quarry is inconsistent and not compatible with the uses of the surrounding properties which are zoned agricultural/residential," he said. "The site plan is inconsistent with the Norwood Township Land Use Plan and approval of this application would constitute spot-zoning of industrial mining in an agricultural area. If the planning commission approves this application, they would in effect be changing the zoning."

He added, "A limestone quarry in an agricultural zoned area does not carry out the spirit and intent of the township zoning ordinance. Our ordinance says, 'Agricultural zones are rural in character, including agricultural uses mixed with water bodies, forest lands and open lands."

Wynkoop's lawyer, Edgar Roy III, said the quality of the limestone produced by the controversial project is unmatched by any in the area.

"The greater the demand for the material, the more negative consequences are allowed for the operation," he said.

Fellow gravel pit owner, Greg Karam, of Central Lake spoke in favor of Wynkoop's proposed operation.

"One thing that we're not going to tolerate as neighbors and fellow pit owners is the gangstering of someone's equitable rights and that's what I see here," he said. "To allow a community to become fragmented and combative over issues of this nature is wrong."

He added, "I went through similar situations with maniacal, evil activity behind the scenes and I for one won't tolerate (it). If it was one of you folks that are opposed to this and somebody was violating your rights ... I would be standing up for you too."

Following public comment, the commission members pored over the requirements which must be met for Wynkoop to receive a special use permit point-by-point.

The planning commission will reconvene at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, at the Assembly of God Church located at 05291 M-66 North in Charlevoix.

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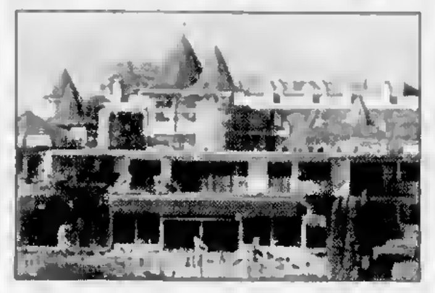
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Charlevoix grads off to real world

BY KIM WAY

This is the final installment of Teen Scene for the 2006-2007 school year. Teen Scene will pick back up in September.

It's that time of year again! With the month of June comes graduation season in our small town. Graduation open houses, senior all-night parties, tears and advice are only a small number of the activities that have taken place over the last few weeks.

Charlevoix High School seniors graduated on June 3 in the high school gymnasium, but that wasn't the only busy time for these scholars.

"There were so many open houses to go to on (Saturday, June 2), including my own," said senior Bethany Pearson. "And that doesn't include the senior breakfast, graduation, more open houses and senior party on Sunday!"

Along with the busyness came a lot of good advice from the speakers at the graduation ceremony. Salutatorians Logan Priess and Jacob Wimmer brought a bit of humor to the ritual when they offered comical characteristics of many high school faculties. Valedictorians Zita Anderson, Lauren Bradley, Lauren Dupuis and Caitlin Taylor spoke about the importance of teamwork, coaches, the crowd and the field. Guest speaker Jim Kanine took advantage of having all the students present and taught a five-pointed lesson — assessment, new material, experiment, test and homework.

Kanine's assessment covered what the students already know from their experience on school trips throughout their school career. For the new material, Kanine branched off the saying "Home is where the heart is." During this time, the importance of balancing one's time and organizing where to put one's heart was emphasized. The experiment was performed by Roger Gowell and Tom Schultz and brought laughter to the attendees. The homework was to keep in touch with all of one's classmates by using the provided "coffee list" that includes the class of 2007's names, addresses and phone numbers.

With so much advice, so many things going on and so many decisions to make, it's hard for many seniors to get it all under control. Not only is it tough, it's also nerve-racking.

"I'm so nervous to go to the University of Michigan this fall," said senior Ian Hughes. As stated in a previous Teen Scene issue, Hughes will be attending the University of Michigan engineering program this fall. "It'll definitely be different not having anyone there to watch out for me with my diabetes. Also, I'm nervous about entering the engineering program; it'll be hard."

Most graduated seniors have until the middle or late August before they head off to school, but for Chris Waha, it's already started. At Grand Rapids Community College, Waha starts his freshman year on the baseball team with practices during the summer.

"I already miss Chris, and he left only a few days ago," said senior Sasha Spenceley. "I don't know what I'll do when everybody leaves!"

For many, the advice given at the commencement ceremony added a new perspective on their situation. Graduated senior Kevin Moore is putting the "golf ball" theory, taught by Kanine, into action by not worrying so much about the little stuff and keeping the important things important. Erica Hedrick plans to use her "coffee list" in years to come to keep in touch with her high school friends.

With all the changes, many will go, some will come and few will stay; life lessons will be put to action, new friends will be made and old friends will be treasured, but the Charlevoix High School graduating class of 2007 will never be forgotten. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of these students and to those who will continue to help.

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>
> **Ian Hughes**
> 2007 CHARLEVOIX GRADUATE

Charlevoix artist showing in Glenn

More than 100 crows by Charlevoix artist Meredith Krell will be flying, scavenging and cavorting around at Vesuvius Gallery, near Glenn, for "A Murder of Crows" 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through June 24 in celebration of the gallery's 100th exhibit.

"A Murder of Crows" features Krell's linoleum prints, paintings and mixed media work based on her most popular and intriguing subject matter, crows and ravens.

"A Murder of Crows" takes a look back at her imagery through the years and combines it with a selection of new work. All artwork is available for sale. Vesuvius opened in 1993 and Krell first exhibited her work at the gallery in 1994.

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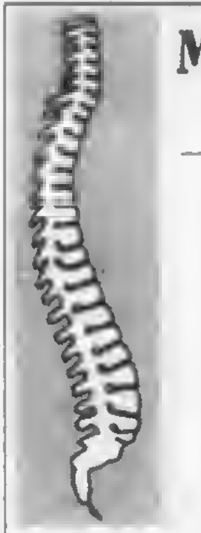

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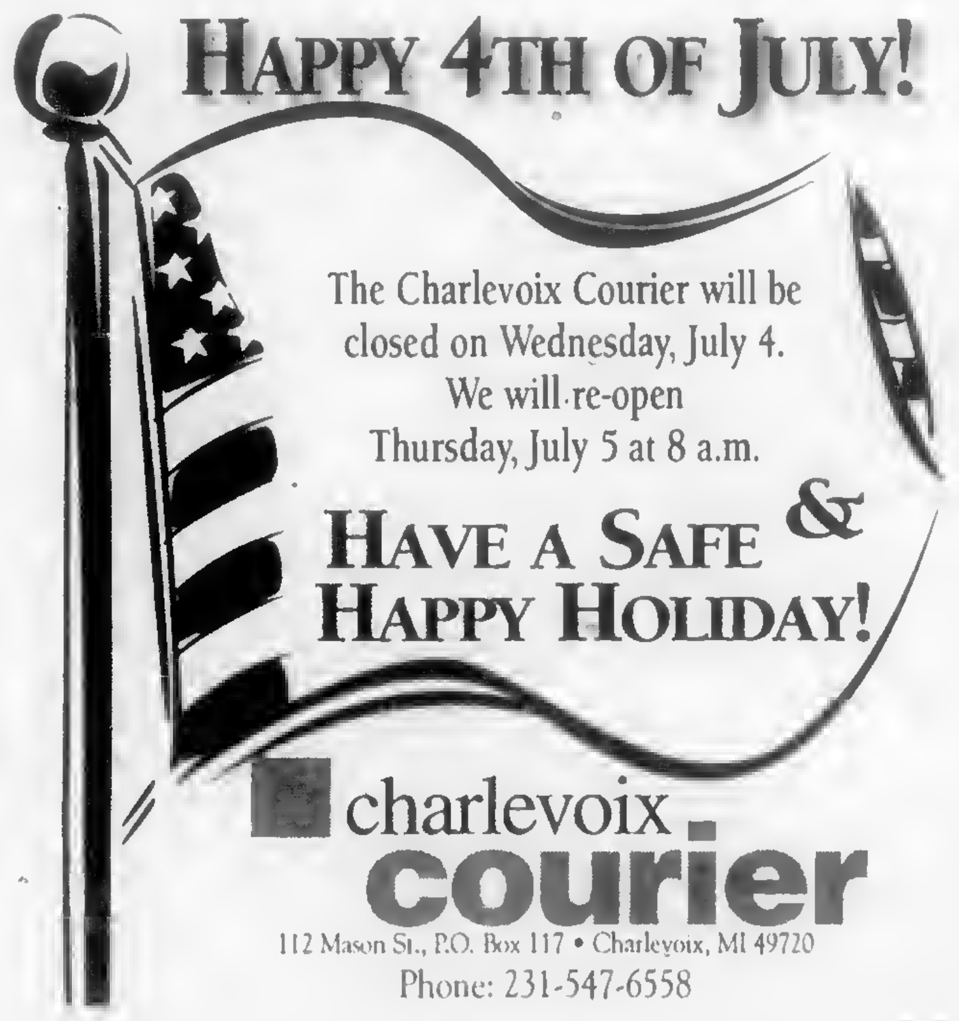

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Monday, July 2, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

The Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chamber of City Hall to receive public input on a proposed ordinance to add section 5.82(23)(d) to Article IV of Chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code. The proposed change will add provisions for clustered housing developments.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
06/15/07

VENETIAN BURGEE CLUB

For the 77th consecutive year, the time honored tradition of "Venetian" will soon embrace Charlevoix in our annual celebration of life, family and community. The "Venetian" mission of elevating our spirit of community is more timely than ever, as we struggle with the temporary loss of our downtown jewel, East Park, during her well deserved construction make over. "Venetian" will forge ahead with alternative downtown venues in 2007, which may prompt greater appreciation of such community blessings as Lake Michigan Beach and the new Charlevoix Public Library. The wonderful Charlevoix tradition of "Venetian" would not be possible without the support of the Venetian Burgee Club, those individuals, organizations and businesses who have generously contributed funds, goods and services to the Festival. Please join us in thanking the members of the 2006 Venetian Burgee Club who are reflected below.

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Jordan Valley Freedom Festival
East Jordan, Michigan
June 21-24

2007 Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 21, 2007

4:00pm	Carnival, presented by Schmidt Entertainment.
9:00pm	Sing-Your-Way Freedom with Connie's Karaoke at the Zone.

Friday, June 22, 2007

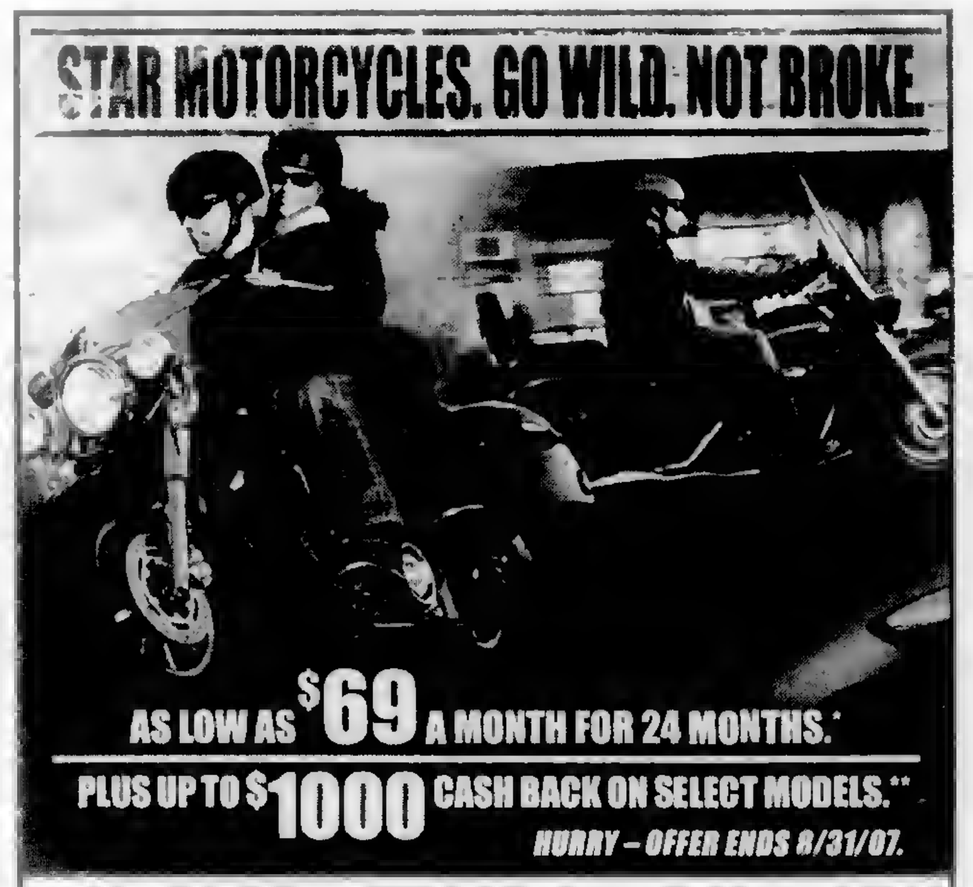
9:00am	5th Annual East Jordan Sno-Mobiles's Flea Market, Mt. Bliss Rd.
4:00pm	Carnival, presented by Schmidt Entertainment.

Friday, continued

6:00pm	Gemini Lanes Doubles Horseshoe Tournament. Contact Bill 536-2411.
7:30pm	Family Night in the Park, Lip-sync/Talent Show in Memorial Park - Contact Jackie Cutler , 536-7763. Followed by Family sing along and dance.
Dusk	"SHREK" will be shown on a 40 foot screen. Concessions will be available by 6th Grade Class - sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank, Way Transportation and Northern Michigan Dust Control.

Saturday, June 23, 2007

9:00am	E.J. Sno-Mobile Flea Market -cont.
10:30am	Youth Parade Line-Up, at Veterans/Gar Park (across from Fire Hall)
11:00am	Youth Parade, "Disney Stars" sponsored by Huntington Bank, Emcee: Cal Prins.
	Walk-in Bingo, American Legion Hall
11am-6pm	Freedom Festival BBQ Top Ten Party Shoppe; Corner of Bridge/Water Street - Menu: Chicken or BBQ Pork Sandwich w/chips, corn on the cob and water.
Noon	Carnival
1:00pm	Grand Parade Line-Up, check-in at E.J. Family Health Center (Bridge St.) by E.J. Lioness.
4:00pm	Grand Parade, "Stars of East Jordan". Grand Marshall - E.J. Public Schools. Emcee: Tony Cutler.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Jordan Valley Freedom Festival
East Jordan, Michigan
June 21-24

2007 Schedule of Events

Saturday, continued

6:00pm	Gemini Lanes Singles Horseshoe Tournament. Contact Bill, 536-2411.
6pm-cont.	Entertainment in Memorial Park.
6:30pm	CHARLIE'S ROOT FUSION, Live on Stage in Memorial Park.
8:00pm	FESTIVAL 500 Drawing, Memorial Park.
9:00pm	HORTON CREEK, Live on Stage in Memorial Park.
Dusk	Fabulous Fireworks, by Zambelli Fireworks.

Sunday, June 24, 2007

7am - Noon	Lumberjack Breakfast, E.J. Sno-Mobile Club, Mt. Bliss Rd.
9:00am	Flea Market-cont.
Noon-5pm	Carnival
1:00pm	Horse-Pull, E.J. Sno-Mobile Club, Mt. Bliss Rd.

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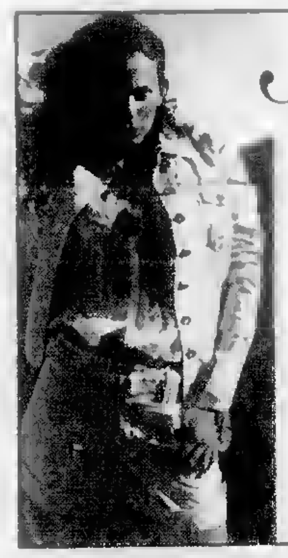

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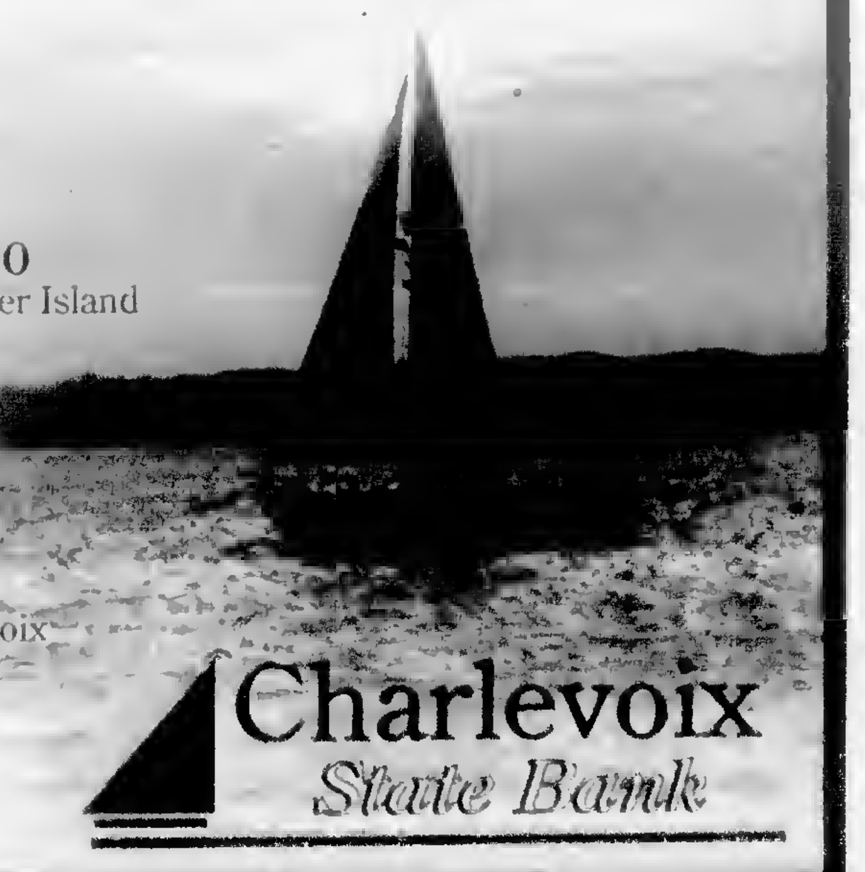

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Congressional page recalls work

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Stefanie Carano
Charlevoix High School student Sam Balasz spent the first half of 2007 as a congressional page in Washington, D.C.

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>
> **Sam Balasz**
> CONGRESSIONAL PAGE

Congressman Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, selected Charlevoix High School junior Sam Balasz to be a Congressional Page for the U.S. House of Representatives for the 2007 spring semester. On June 12, the Courier sat down with Balasz to talk about his semester.

What was it like to work with Congressman Bart Stupak?

I really didn't work specifically for him, I just worked for every congressman, whoever needed me at the moment. Their office would call and I would go and run a letter for them. I worked for anyone and everyone.

Could you explain a little more about your position and your typical day there?

I would work on the House floor, a congressman's office would call in and say "I need this letter to go to the hopper to be put into the Congressional Record," or "I need a letter to this office," and then I'd have to go to each office building. There's three office buildings and they're all connected by tunnels. I'd have to go there and come back, a lot of walking.

What was your impression of Washington, D.C., was this your first visit?

It's not the first time I've been there but I love the city, there's so much to do and I just loved seeing all the sights and monuments.

What high school did you go to in Washington, D.C.?

It's a high school just for congressional pages and it's in the Jefferson building at the Library of Congress.

How was your semester there?

It was a lot of fun, the school was a little bit harder than here and I was getting up a lot earlier. School starts at 6:45 and then I was going to work at 11:30 every day and then working until 5:15 or later.

Where did you live?

I lived in a dorm a couple blocks from the capital and it's just for the pages.

You're going to be a senior this year, has this experience influenced how you'll spend your senior year?

Not really. I pretty much had the same outlook on my senior year. Taking a hard schedule and continuing sports. I'm going to be running cross country in the fall and playing baseball in the spring.

What are your plans for college?

I'm looking at in-state schools, the University of Michigan and Michigan State. I'm not sure what I want to major in yet.

How did this experience compare to your experiences working in Africa with your dad?

This is completely different than Africa, but this experience was amazing. Nothing compares to it, it was the greatest thing I'd ever done.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis –June 13, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved minutes of the May 23, 2007 meeting as corrected.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-027, Outside Counsel.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-028, Application for Funds, and authorized Chairman Shirley Roloff to sign any necessary documents.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-029, 2007/2008 Area Agency on Aging Grant Application and authorizes Chairman Shirley Roloff to execute the same.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-030, Marine Budget Amendment, and authorized the Clerk to amend the budget.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-031, Amend Bank Depositories for 2007.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-032, Opposing House Bill 4780.
- Motion adjourned the meeting.

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- Treetops Resort, Robert Trent Jones Masterpiece Course, Gaylord
- Wilderness Golf Course, Carp Lake
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Beatles photographer to speak Friday

Internationally renowned photographer Bill Eppridge will be at the Crooked Tree Arts Center for a Coffee at Ten lecture at 10 a.m. and a gallery talk at 7 p.m. Friday, June 22, discussing his life as a photojournalist and his time spent with the Beatles on their first U.S. tour captured in the current exhibition at the arts center entitled "The Beatles! Backstage and Behind the Scenes."

Revisit the beginnings of the magical mystery tour with a fine art photography exhibition from the archives of CBS and LIFE, where Eppridge worked. Eighty-four never-before-published images of The Beatles are showcased in this exhibition, magnifying a condensed 1964 time-frame as the Fab Four won new North American audiences and revolutionized rock music at an unprecedented pace.

Eppridge graduated from the Missouri School of Journalism in 1960 and his first assignment was a nine-month, round-the-world photographic shoot for National Geographic magazine. Eppridge worked for LIFE from 1962 through 1972 and his assignments ranged from photographing wild horses in Montana, to the 50th anniversary of the Soviet Revolution; from the Beatles first days in the United States to the war in Vietnam.

When Robert Kennedy was assassinated in Los Angeles during the 1968 campaign for the Presidency, Eppridge was 12 feet behind the Senator when he was shot. The photograph of Senator Kennedy lying on the floor, his head cradled by a busboy, was taken by Eppridge and is one of the most famous images in photojournalism.

Sports Illustrated hired Eppridge after LIFE dissolved and he dove into sports coverage on stories such as five Olympic games; five America's Cup campaigns; the awful consequences of the explosion of Mount St. Helens and the oil spill of the Exxon Valdez.

Eppridge's visit to Petoskey will be a highlight of the programming behind the current exhibition at the Crooked Tree Arts Center which will be on display through July 8.

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Consign Design brings affordable furnishings, acccessories to Charlevoix

BY BENJAMIN GOHS

With the recent opening of Consign Design, treasure hunters, art aficionados and collectors of antiques have yet another reason to visit Charlevoix.

Owned and operated by Mary Adams and her husband, Chuck, Consign Design, located at 211 Bridge St. Suite B, offers both buyers and sellers a place to conduct their business be it Baroque or Vetruvian, expensive or cheap.

"Our goal was find something every person can afford. We have some nice things with better quality than Wal-Mart, but we can compete with Wal-Mart prices because our stock is used," Mary Adams said. "We have some original artwork, some antiques and used furniture that's in good condition. Right now we have a really beautiful end table/cabinet priced at $28, we have linens priced as low as $1, we have some lamps priced as low as $14 and then we have expensive things like $700 lamps priced at $350."

Adams said her stock changes on a daily basis.

"We have stuff going out and stuff coming in all the time. I think it's really fun to get to see all the different things people collected themselves that they are now extinguishing collections or tired of it or trading up," she said. "It's like bits and pieces of people's lives — it's always interesting."

While Consign Design may be a buyer's paradise, Adams urges sellers to stop in for a look.

"We are looking for new consignors and we take a variety of items (non-electronic household items) like rugs, dishes, lamps and any kind of accessories, pictures, crystal, china, linens, just a lot of stuff," she said. "If they (people looking to sell on consignment) have small items, they can bring them in, of course they have to be in good condition and clean, or we have someone who will pick up larger items after hours."

There is a small charge for picking up larger items depending on how long it takes.

"We determine what the retail value is, if we can, and discount 60 percent off the original price for the first month," Adams said. "Then, each month for three months after that, the price goes down 10 percent. You can get some good deals."

The large discounts apply to items which are not antiques, but added, "We have the antiques appraised and sold at a reasonable price."

Adams has been a collector for years, but this is her first venture in the retail sale of them.

"We used to sell and buy antiques on consignment at various places and ended up having a back stock of antiques," she said. "I was on the committee for Cool Cities and everyone said we need affordable furniture and home accessories and affordable art and another antique shop downtown."

She added, "Since I'm one of the biggest critics of empty stores downtown, I decided to do it. I see us somewhere between the Rainbow Shoppe and retail."

Some of her current stock includes European antiques, a kitchen table for less than $25, mission pieces, arts and crafts pieces and rattan furniture from the 1940s by Heywood-Wakefield.

"That rattan is like the coolest thing we have right now, and it's in perfect original condition. We have side chairs, end tables a game table and a sofa," she said. "It can be broken down and sold individually. There is also a rocker that is very cool."

Adams added, "I hope that (Consign Design) will be an asset to the community. We intend to be open year-round. The best thing about it is, when someone comes in and doesn't have a large budget, there is something they can afford."

Adams and her husband have owned a cottage in Charlevoix since 1990 and lived year-round since 1995.

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Crooked Tree Arts Center Summer 2007 classes

Meet other artists and join in the fun this summer at the Crooked Tree Arts Center by taking a summer art class. There are offerings of various lengths and in different media throughout the summer for children and adults.

Watercolor: The Fearless Approach

Donna Vogelheim

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., July 11-12

Level: Beginner to advanced beginner

Members: $150 /non-members $185

Minimum: Six students, maximum 16 students ages 17 to adult

Watercolor is such a beautiful medium, but hard to control. In this two-day workshop take the fear out of painting with this medium by doing simple exercises that will teach all the basic techniques. Color and its characteristics will also be discussed to make the watercolor experience easier and fun. Attendees can also make a technique reference manual from the painting exercises done in class.

Watercolor: Shape not Object

Donna Vogelheim

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., July 23-25

Level: Advanced beginners-advanced

Members: $225 /non-members : $260

Minimum: Six students, maximum 16 students ages 17 to adult

Good composition is accomplished by putting together beautiful shapes to create a painting. It is important not to focus only on the objects, but the resulting shape that several objects make. This will start off with an exercise that will shift the focus to that end.

The subject matter will be the landscape with many demonstrations and illustrations of its component parts. A brief discussion of color will enhance painting technique and experience. Part of the time will be spent out of doors to put this knowledge in practice.

Summer Ceramics with Jim Beckering

Youth Ceramics for ages 7-14 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays, June 13 to Aug. 1

Adult Ceramics for ages 15-adult 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays, June 13 to Aug. 1

Skills: You will learn minimum skills using the potter's wheel, slab building, coil building, glaze application, and firing. The first class is intended as a foundation for more specialized learning in the future. Knowledge of art: We will work on some basic questions about art. Why is art done? How does an artist come up with ideas? What are the strategies of creativity used by artists? How art is made expressive and meaningful? Knowledge of ceramics: We will cover the special qualities of the materials and processes used in ceramics. You will learn about clay bodies and glazes, firing kilns, as well as various ways to form and decorate ceramic work. Adult class members: $180, non-members: $215

Fees include all glazes, firings and your first 25-pound bag of clay. After the first bag, additional clay can be purchased at $10 per bag.

Youth class members: $120, non-members: $140

Fees includes all glazes, firings and clay

Minimum class size: Six students, maximum class size: 10 students

Paper Batik Workshop

10 a.m.-3 p.m. on July 31 through Aug. 2

Maggie Van Wagoner

Paper batik is very similar to cloth batik using wax and paint/ink and proceeding from the lightest colors to the darkest. Rice paper is used instead of cloth; watercolors are used instead of dye. The process of paper batik will be demonstrated step-by-step, examples will be shown and possible ideas will be covered. There will be plenty of time for each student to complete one or two batik designs. Designs may be simple or more complex. You may want to bring some design ideas or some reference materials/photos from which to work (photos of flowers from your garden, landscape photos, photos of animals, fish, etc.). Also, if you have watercolors, you may want to bring them along to use.

Members: $100, non-members $135

Fee includes all materials

Beginner to advanced student /teen to adult

Summer Kids Art Camp

Session 1: 9 a.m.-noon, June 25-29, for children entering grades three to six. CTAC members $120 /non-members $140

Session 2: (Morning) 9 a.m.-11 a.m., July 16-20, for children entering grades kindergarten to grade two. CTAC members $100 /non-members $120

Session 3: (Afternoon) Noon-3 p.m. July 16-20, for children entering grades three to six in the fall. CTAC members $120/ non-members $140

Session 4: (Morning) 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Aug. 13-17, for children entering grades kindergarten to grade two. CTAC members $100 /non-members $120

Session 5: Noon-3 p.m., Aug. 13-17, for children entering grades three to six. CTAC members $120/non-members $140

Children will work on a variety of different projects from fabric painting, mosaic, ceramics, painting, sculpture and more with an art opening at the end of each session. All three sessions will have different projects so students can sign up for more than one art camp week. Taught by Sue Bolt and Maggie Van Wagoner.

Minimum class size 10 students, maximum class size 16 students

Painting on Silk

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Aug. 7, 8 and 9

Taught by Maggie Van Wagoner

Silk painting is similar to watercolor painting, but easier and is done on a piece of silk. The class will be individualized to fit the ability level of each student. Watch demonstrations, learn the basics, try out the techniques and create one-of-a-kind silk designs. Many ideas, techniques and examples will be covered. Each person will be given two scarves on which to paint. If time allows, additional scarves will be available to purchase. Designs may be very simple or more detailed; realistic or abstract. You may want to bring some design ideas or reference materials/photos from which to work. Once you learn the basics, this is something that can be done on your own. Members: $125, non-members: $160

Beginner to advanced student, teen to adult

Fee includes all materials

For more information, call Gail Hosner visual arts and education director with Crooked Tree Arts Center, located at 461 East Mitchell St., Petoskey, at 347-4337.

May Street apartment fire

Photo by Ben Gohs

Firefighters battle a blaze in a three-unit apartment building on Wednesday, June 13, at 999 May St. While the fire was stopped before the building collapsed, the dwelling is no longer habitable.

At approximately 11:10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13, Charlevoix Fire Department responded to a structure fire at 999 May St. The building contains three apartments owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wise of East Jordan.

When firefighters arrived, fire was visible in the center of the building and from the roof in the center of the building. Fire did extend to all apartments through the common attic.

The one tenant who was home when the fire started was able to escape without injury. No one was injured while fighting the fire.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. Firefighters were on the scene for nearly two hours.

The building is no longer habitable.

Firefighters were assisted on the scene by the Charlevoix Police Department, Charlevoix County Sheriffs Department, Michigan State Police and city electric and water departments.

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Boy Scout troop on high adventure trek

This summer Boy Scout Venture Crew 11 of Charlevoix is is on a high adventure trek to Philmont Scout Ranch, which is located in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of the Rockies in northern New Mexico until June 30. Philmont is comprised of 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness. The group will be exploring the Philmont high country on a 12-day backpacking expedition. During the trek crew members will have the chance to learn, participate and enjoy some special activities at certain camp sites as well as help in the upkeep of this pristine and complex area.

The base cost for this trip is $1,100 per person. This includes round-trip bus and train fare, food allowance while traveling, Philmont expedition fee which includes trail food, several trek T-shirts and the Chicago side trip. It does not cover required crew/Scout uniforms, personal equipment or crew equipment. Venture Crew 11 is asking for your financial support for this worthwhile cause. There are still several openings.

Contact Carl Shutler Boy Scout Venture Crew adviser at (231) 599-2112 or 350-1030 or e-mail michigander_78@yahoo.com.

Candace Boss graduates from Anderson University

Local student Candace Boss graduated from Anderson University in Anderson, Ind., on Saturday, May 5, 2007.

Approximately 520 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees during the graduation ceremony. Commencement activities were conducted in the Kardatzke Wellness Center and were preceded by a baccalaureate service in Reardon Auditorium.

Dr. Cheryl J. Sanders, senior pastor of Third Street Church of God in Washington, D.C. and professor of Christian Ethics at Howard University School of Divinity, addressed the 2007 Anderson University graduating class.

Jennifer Rowe graduates from DePauw

Jennifer Lorraine Rowe of Charlevoix was among 514 graduating students who received degrees at DePauw University's 168th commencement on Sunday, May 20, in Greencastle, Ind.

Rowe received a bachelor of arts degree with a major in kinesiology.

Charlevoix students named to dean's list at LSSU

The following Lake Superior State University students have made the Dean's list for the fall 2006 Semester:

Senior Natashia Kleiber of Charlevoix, an elementary education student and sophomore, Elyse Michrina of Charlevoix, a student in business administration.

To make the Dean's List, students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

Appellate court upholds anti-smoking regulation

BY FRED GRAY
NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Court of Appeals has effectively upheld the four-county Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency's authority to adopt an anti-smoking regulation that went into effect last year.

The appellate court upheld Charlevoix Circuit Judge Richard Pajtas' order denying a motion for summary disposition in the case, filed by five citizens who argued that the state Legislature had pre-empted the authority of local health departments to regulate the smoking issue.

The regulation prohibits smoking in all public places within health department's jurisdiction — Charlevoix, Emmet, Antrim and Otsego counties —, and requires employers who do not wholly prohibit smoking at an enclosed place of employment to designate an approved smoking room.

In the case before him last August, Pajtas said the issue was narrowly limited to one of pre-emption and did not include arguments over the dangers of second-hand smoke or government interference in individual rights.

In its ruling this week, the appellate court held that under the Michigan Public Health Code (PHC) the state department of community health could authorize a local health department to enforce the smoking restrictions set by the Michigan Clean Indoor Air Act (MCIAA).

"The preliminary provisions of the PHC require that the code and each of its various parts 'be liberally construed for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the people of this state,'" the court said.

Attorneys for both sides said they expected Pajtas' decision to be appealed all the way to the Michigan Supreme Court.

"This case is exceedingly important statewide," health department attorney Jim Young said at the time, adding that although he had no direct evidence, he believed the plaintiffs had the secret backing of tobacco companies, a charge plaintiffs' attorney firmly denied.

Young said the he believed the plaintiffs had selected a small, rural Northern Michigan county to test the authority of health departments throughout the state be-

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Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Second Floor, One MacDonald Drive, Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770.

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Rayders baseball ends season with semifinal loss

After a record setting season on the field, the Rayder boys' baseball team finished their season with a loss in district semifinals to Boyne City, 5-4.

"It was a disappointing way to end the season. We felt like we had a good chance to win the districts this year but we didn't get it done. In a one-run game like this, there were a lot of things that made a difference, but we have to give credit to Boyne City," said coach Allen Telgenhof. "They only got two hits to the outfield all day off Ty (Telgenhof), but they bunted like crazy. We made some key errors and they manufactured five runs. I told the guys I felt like I let them down with a key decision I made to have our guys be too aggressive on the bases which cost us a run."

He added, "Some people might question why we didn't throw Chris Waha against Boyne City but they hadn't hit Ty when we played earlier in the season. We figured we'd be playing East Jordan if we made it to the district finals and they hadn't hit Waha. So taking all of that into account, we thought throwing Ty in game one and Chris in game two gave us the best chance to win a district championship."

Telgenhof said his plan didn't work out as he had hoped.

"Charlevoix scored two in the first on a catcher's interference, an error and a (Michael) Heckendorn RBI single. Boyne came back with one in the bottom of the inning on a single, a stolen base, a passed ball and a ground out," he said. "Boyne scored two in the bottom of the third on a walk, single and two straight errors to take a 3-2 lead. Charlevoix tied it in the top of four on a Ty Telgenhof RBI single. In the bottom of four, they took the lead for good on a single, walk, bunt single and sacrifice fly."

He added, "They scored an insurance run in the fifth with a two-out rally that began with an error, followed by two walks and an RBI single. Charlevoix scored in the sixth on a walk and a Ty Telgenhof RBI double but left him stranded on second. Chris Waha pitched the sixth inning for us, striking out two."

Charlevoix left six runners on base, including four in scoring position. Boyne City left six on as well, with five in scoring position.

Ty Telgenhof had a single and double and two RBI. J.D. Speigl had a single and a double. Cliff Jones had two singles. Heckendorn had a single and Ty Telgenhof was the losing pitcher wit 5 innings pitched, five runs, one earned run, five strikeouts and five base on balls.

While Coach Telgenhof admits his boys came up short of all their goals for the season, they had many successes.

"We won 22 games, which is second in school history. We scored 267 runs which blew away the old school record of 220, set in 1982. We also had a lot of individual honors, and they continue to come in," Telgenhof said. "Chris Waha was unbelievable all year long, setting a school record for strikeouts by a pitcher with 108. He won eight ball games which is third in school history. He led our team with a 1.55 ERA and with 36 RBIs and a .379 average as a hitter."

He added, "Cliff Jones tied the school record for runs scored in a season with 37."

As for the next season in Charlevoix Rayder baseball, Telgenhof said, "The future of our program is bright with sophomores Heckendorn and Jon Putman and freshman Clayton Mitchell having great seasons. Heckendorn batted .365, scored 28 runs and drove in 21. Putman hit .288, scored 35 runs and knocked in 23. Mitchell brought up eight games into the season, hit .289, scored 29 runs and stole 20 bases. Ty had a fine year as our number two starter and will be ready to step up to be the number one guy next year."

Ban on smoking upheld in state court

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cause the plaintiffs believed the local agency had neither the resources nor the will to withstand a legal challenge, as larger counties might have.

Asked to comment on the appellate court decision, health officer Gerry Chase said: "I thank the boards of commissioners of all four counties who accepted our arguments that the regulation was needed to protect the public health and that of individuals, and that it was totally legal.

"Since its adoption we have had enforcement actions which have been resolved at the cost of correspondence to owners of businesses, who have complied with the requirements."

None of the appellants, Kent McNeil, Franklin Fisher, Roger Griffin, Scott Way or Jeff Legato, could be reached for comment.

Fred Gray can be contacted at 439-9374 or fgray@petoskeynews.com.

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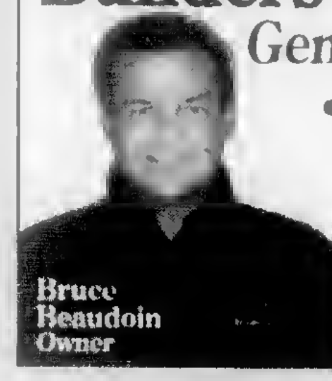
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Rayder girls' team finishes 18-10

The Rayder girls' varsity softball team ended their season with 18 wins and 10 losses

"It was a very good season as we built off of the '06 season where we ended with a 12-12 record," said coach Tony Zimmerman. "All of the young ladies went into every game with the confidence that we were going to come out on top. They played hard all season and never quit until the final out was made and I am very proud of them for their efforts."

Lake Michigan Conference all-conference selections went to sophomore catcher Lauren Mielke with a .462 batting average and to junior pitcher/first base Desi Faust with a .444 batting average. The Lake Michigan Conference honorable mention selections went to sophomore and third basemen Erica Faust with a .391 batting average and sophomore pitcher/first base Amber Hoffman with a .374 batting average.

"We will be losing seven seniors. Those players include four-year player Sasha Spencley, three-year players Chariesse Rogers and Janay Drost, two-year player Kara Cieslecwyk, and one-year players Renee Drew, Kim Rosen and Jill Loper. These (girls) will be missed and it has been a joy to coach this group of young ladies and I wish them the best in there future endeavors," Zimmerman said.

"For the '08 season we are looking forward to building on our success with the core group we have coming back. The future looks bright with second basemen Leah Kelly (with a) .328 batting average, outfielder Caitilyn Mitchell (with a) .285 batting average with one home run along with Mielke, Desi Faust, Hoffman and Erica Faust with three home runs," he said.

He added, "We will look for these players to lead the team

See Rayders, page 33

Charlevoix Recreation Men's Slo-Pitch scores

GAMES OF JUNE 11

Game 1: Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting : 20 – 0 : Subway/Chx Collision

For Swanson's, Don Jess had a triple and Chuck Pop had a triple and a home run.

Game 2: RGM Services : 22 – 0 : Wojan Windows

For RGM, Eddie Waldron had an in the park home run and RJ Moore had a triple and an in the park home run.

Game 3: Boss Engineering : 9 – 8 : Art Form Fabricating

For Boss, Jer Teuscher had a triple and Scott Boss and Wayne Boss both had one double.

For Art Form, Matt Hamel had a triple.

GAMES OF JUNE 13

Game 1: Art Form Fabricating/Frontier Classic : 17 – 3 : Wojan Windows

For Art Form, Wren Chellis had a double.

Game 2: Carlson's Home Improvement: 27 – 4 : Subway/Charlevoix Collision

For Carlson's John Kiernan and Double Waha each had a double and a triple, Kris Bartling Sr. and Tom Savanson each had a triple, and Kristopher Bartling had a in the park Grand Slam and a triple.

Game 3: JC Service : 24 – 21 : Flight Deck/American Waste

For JC, Mike Rautio had 2 doubles and a triple.

For Flight Deck, Nick Cole had two triples, Ethan Towsley had a homerun.

GAMES OF JUNE 14

Game 1: RGM Services : 12-7 : JC Service

For RGM, Brad and Danny Waldron each had a double.

For JC, Mike Rautio had two doubles and JD Pop had a double.

Game 2: Flight Deck/American Waste : 12 – 11 : Boss Engineering

For Flight Deck, Nick Cole had a homerun, JT Fedorick and Eric Hess each had a double.

For Boss, Jer Teuscher had a double and Kyle Jones had two doubles.

Game 3: Carlson's Home Improvement : 11 – 10 : Swanson's K&D J. Arnold Painting (Game went to 8 innings)

For Carlson's, Brett Erskine had a homerun and a double, Jody Putman and Doug Waha each had a double.

For Swanson's, Don Jess had two doubles and Brent VanStedem, Matt Stuck and Kreg Swanson each had a double.

CHARLEVOIX LITTLE LEAGUE BOX SCORES

MIDGET LEAGUE

June 12 - Braves 16, Mets 15

METS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Noah Carlson	5				
Tyler Fuchs	5				
Ethan Siegwrl	5				
Montana Thompson	3				
Wesley Crandell	3				
Michael Turcott	3				
Jacob Taylor	3	1			
Jacob Passuth	4				

BRAVES - NO STATS REPORTED

June 12 - Phillies 16, A's 10

A'S

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Mathew Vaniman	3				
Hannah Zipp	2				
Ben Boss	1				
Cameron Clark	1				
Brandon Clark	2				
Jacob Cox	1				
Oliver DeYoung	1				
Hudson Eloswky	2				
Chris Gregory	2				
Mason Louiselle	1	1			
Colin Smith	1				
Collin Turkelson	2				

PHILLIES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Trevor Prevo	2				
Matt Good	2	1			
Brad Klinger	3				
Walker Drost	2				
Mick Nesburg	3				
Jacob Archey	3				
Katherine Edwards	2				
Danny Nesburg	3				
Boy Hang		3			

June 14 - Braves 14, A's 10

BRAVES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Chris Gregory	3				
Mason Louiselle	1	1	1		
Hudson Elowsky	1	1			
Oliver DeYoung	1	2			
Jacob Cox	2				
Cameron Clark	2				
Brandon Clark	2				
Ben Boss	1				
Hannah Zip	2				
Mathew Vanniman	1				
Collin Turkelson	1	1			
Colin Smith	1				

A'S - NO STATS REPORTED

June 14 - Mets 9, Phillies 8

METS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Natalie Nesburg	2				
Danny Nesburg	3				
Matt Good	2				
Brad Klinger	2				
Vladi Barnevald	2				
Walker Drost	1				
Mick Nesburg	1				
Jamen Spencley	1				
Jacob Archey	1				

PHILLIES - NO STATS REPORTED

MINOR LEAGUE

June 11 - Sox 14, Cubs 1

SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Luc VonLoo	1				
Will Telgenhol	1	2			
Kourtney Putman	1				

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Luc VonLoo	2			

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Adam Michaud	2				
Andrew Michaud		1			
Noah Certa	1				
Hunter Cox	1				

June 12 - Cubs 10, Reds 8

CUBS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Noah Certa	2				2
Parker Elowsky	2				
Luke Klinger	1				
Tyler Drenth	1				
Triston Rudolph	1				

REDS - NO STATS REPORTED

June 13 - Sox 12, Orioles 10

SOX

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Zach Hankins	2				
Austin Pulman	2				
Will Telgenhol	1				

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Will Telgenhol	1			

ORIOLES

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Alex Kleiber	1				
Jacy Herriman	1				
Shane Sutherland	2				
Justin VanLoo	1				

PITCHER	IP	HA	SO	W
Alex Kleiber	2	4	1	5
Halley Arnold	2	1	2	5
Ryan Joy	1	2	1	4

MAJOR LEAGUE

June 8- Tigers 9, Cardinals 8

CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Charlie Hamilton	1	1		1	1
Tanner Catt	2				3
Tommy Zipp	1				1

PITCHERS	IP	HA	SO	W
Charlie Hamilton	3	6	5	7
Tommy Zipp	2	1	2	5

TIGERS - NO STATS REPORTED

June 11 - Cardinals 6, EJ Iron Works 3

CARDINALS

	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI
Charlie Hamilton	1				
Thomas Sutton		1			
Tanner Catt	1				1
Corbin Turkelson					2

PITCHERS	IP	HA	SO	W
Tommy Zipp	3	2	5	6
Tanner Catt	3	2	6	2

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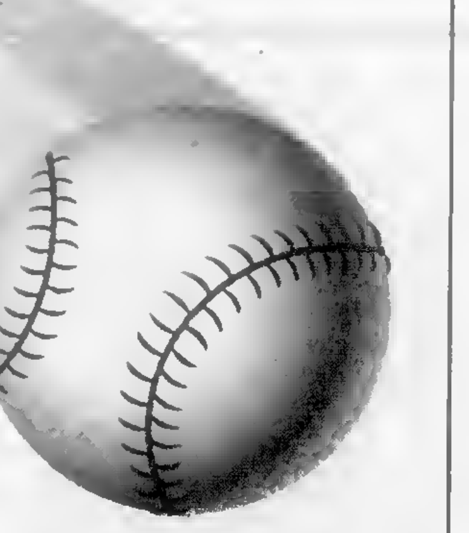

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Charlevoix Yacht Club race results

Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for June 13:

Dying breezes marked the fifth race of the spring series for Charlevoix Yacht Club racers.

Fourteen boats competed in the race, with one boat registering a did-not-finish.

The course was shortened to a triangle and two windward-leeward legs.

Northern Light was the fastest boat over all and once again, less than 20 seconds corrected time separated the first two boats of the Spinnaker A fleet.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 - M3 (Carey); 2 - Exitus (Pung); 3 - Booma (Gosling/Tyra).

P-26 fleet: 1 - Original Sin (Miller); 2 - Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 3 - Cygnus (Stuart).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 - Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 2 - Hoi Polloi (Attee); 3 - Sail La Vie (Williamson).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 - Northern Light (Orlow); 2 - Moxie (Jensen); 3 - Windrunner (Piric); 4 - Affinity (Strawbridge).

Spring series results after five races with one drop:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 - Booma (5); 2 - M3 (7); 3 - Exitus (11); 4 - Incognito (17).

P-26 fleet: 1 - Tie: Lost Vermonter and Original Sin (7); 3 - Cygnus (8).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 - Gotcha! (4); 2 - Hoi Polloi (7); 3 - Sail La Vie (12).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 - Moxie (5); 2 - Northern Light (6); 3 - Windrunner (12); 4 - Affinity (14); 5 - Itch (23); 6 - Padawan 3 (25).

Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for June 6:

For the fourth series of the spring series, 15 boats sailed a full course of seven windward-leeward legs in moderate winds.

Moxie was the fastest boat overall and only 18 seconds separated the first two boats of the Spinnaker A fleet.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 – Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 2 – M3 (Carey); 3 – Exitus (Pung).

P-26 fleet: 1 – Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 – Original Sin (Miller); 3 – Cygnus (Stuart).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 – Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 2 – Hoi Polloi (Attee); 3 – Sail La Vie (Williamson).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 – Moxie (Jensen); 2 – Northern Light (Orlow); 3 – Windrunner (Pirie); 4 – Affinity (Strawbridge); 5 – Itch (Thomas); 6 – Padawan 3 (Lamb).

Spring series results after four races with no drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 – Booma (5); 2 – M3 (9); 3 – Exitus (14); 4 – Incognito (17).

P-26 fleet: 1 – Cygnus (8). 2 – Lost Vermonter (9); 3 - Original Sin (10).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 – Gotcha! (5); 2 – Hoi Polloi (7); 3 – Sail La Vie (12).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 – Moxie (5); 2 – Northern Light (12); 3 – Affinity (14); 4 – Windrunner (16); 5 – Itch (23); 6 – Padawan 3 (25).

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Coach thanks fans, parents

RAYDERS

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and to show the very solid group of junior varsity players that will be competing to secure a varsity spot left open by the graduating class."

Zimmerman thanked his assistant coaches Ken Hoffman, Patrick Faust and junior varsity staff members Ann Gorney, Waja Dixon and Jim Spielgle.

"I would also like to thank athletic director Doug Drenth, Bob and Gay Pung — you inspire us all — Liz Grunch and all of the fans. In my two years here I could not ask for any better fans and parents. You have been terrific and it is truly an honor to be a part of Charlevoix High School athletics and this community."

Charlevoix Golf Club League results

Men's Thursday night Stag League (season long running results) as of June 7: Sam Washburn, first; Glen Taylor, second; Jack Niswander, third; Dan Gillespie and Larry Nunemaker tie for fifth.

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(B-6/20, 06/27)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: John Spieth and Rebecca Spieth, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2005 and recorded August 22, 2005 in Liber 700 Page 328 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Resmae Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents ($191,118.47) including interest 7.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, July 13, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Pineridge Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 339 and 340, Charlevoix County Records Commonly known as 12938 Pine Ridge Drive, Charlevoix MI 49720 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

THE BANK OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN,
a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

Case No. 06-500-21-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

v.

JOHN S. HUNT and JUDITH C. HUNT, husband and wife,
Defendants.

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Plaintiff

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

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MORTGAGE SALE

1. On May 25, 2007, the Honorable Richard M. Pajtas, Circuit Court Judge, entered a Default Judgment and Order for Sale in this matter in favor of Plaintiff The Bank of Northern Michigan. A copy of this judgment has been recorded beginning at Liber 804, Page 627, Charlevoix County Records.

2. As of the date of this notice, this judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Default Judgment and Order for Sale, on Friday, July 27, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to be held in the lobby of the County Clerk's Office in the Charlevoix County Building, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants John S. Hunt and Judith C. Hunt in and to the real property described as follows:

In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the West 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the West line of said section, as monumented North 00°49'08" West 199.64 feet (recorded as North 200.00 feet) to a T-iron stake, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line North 00°49'08" West 98.90 feet (recorded as North 99.20 feet) to a T-iron stake; thence North 68°09'10" East (recorded at an angle of 69°04' to the right from said 1/4 line) 305.05 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Westerly line of Highway M-66; thence along said highway line south 21°35'56" East 222.94 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence south 89°11'37" West 363.83 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

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3. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of this sale.

Dated: June 13, 2007

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO RELOCATE A BRANCH OFFICE

This is to inform the public that under 12 C.F.R. 303.44, Northwestern Bank, 625 South Garfield Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan 49686, has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to relocate the existing branch office located at 101 East M-66 Highway, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 to 1425 Bridge Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the Regional Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its Regional Office (500 W. Monroe Street, Suite 3500, Chicago, Illinois 60661) not later than 15 days following publication of this notice. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file in the regional office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

(L-06/20)

STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE FILE NO 07-011107-DE

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The decedent, Gene Allen Murray, who lived at 6469 Dutchmans Bay Road, East Jordan, Michigan died April 06, 2006.

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Date: June 13, 2007

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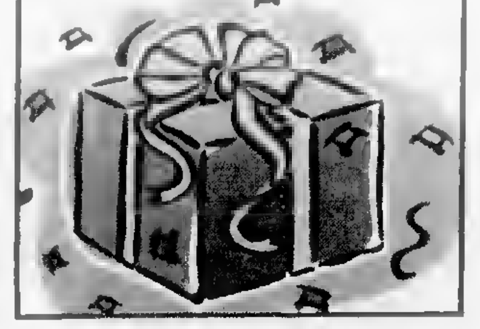

JUN 2007

Resident seeks recall of 4 on board

RECALL

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tention of the board."

Since the first of the year the board has allowed public comment at both the beginning and end of their meetings until Wednesday's meeting.

In a post-meeting interview, Trubilowicz said he felt the Wednesday meeting was a continuation of Monday's meeting and therefore didn't need more public comment.

A former teacher at schools in Florida and current Charlevoix resident, Pam Beatty, attempted to speak and again Truhilowicz said no public comment would occur.

"There should be an uprising of the people," said Beatty, who was supported by Ike Boss.

"There will be," Boss said. "There will be a recall tomorrow, believe me. I will circulate the petitions to recall every board member that votes to hire an assistant principal and you will be recalled. The people will speak."

He added, "This is not a communist country, yet. But this must be a communist board if we can't speak."

Board member Christine Michaud said the elementary students will still have specials, though the duration will be shorter.

"We do need an athletic director. We do need a disciplinarian in the high school," she said. "Numbers are down in the elementary school and the middle school and so therefore, teachers, if we didn't have enough for them to do, maybe we should lay them off part-time if they don't have a class to go to."

The elementary school went from a fall 2003 head count of 451 to 431 in 2004 and 421 in 2005. The middle school went from a fall 2003 head count of 433 to 427 in 2004 and 393 in 2005. The high school went from a fall 2003 head count of 455 to 479 in 2004 and back to 455 in 2005.

Following the meeting, Beatty expressed her disappointment with the entire evening.

"They didn't allow the people to speak," she said. "All elementary children are being affected by these cuts. PE, art and music time is being cut. They pink-slipped teachers and got rid of support staff so they can appoint people to, positions in administration? These cuts are going to affect the children."

Beatty said during her time in Florida, they had far more children per school and managed to operate without an assistant principal.

"I hate to see children and teachers affected at the cost of administration when it has been done and can be done without (additional administration)," she said.

Michaud said the administrators would not put more work on the teachers than they can handle.

Truhilowicz said the board is getting down to making difficult cuts.

"Do we want to lay anyone off? Absolutely not," he said. "That is certainly not my choice ... but it comes down to a question of, 'How critical is it to have an assistant principal?'"

Prior to the 5-1 vote in favor of the motion for an assistant principal, Truhilowicz said Stevens was against hiring the assistant principal/athletic director. Larry Levengood voted against the measure.

As he had stated during Wednesday's meeting, Boss began the process to recall Christine Michaud, Diane Kilkenny, Dean Spencley and McLean on Thursday, June 14.

"I've pulled the petitions, I'm looking through election law and getting an attorney's opinion on the wording," he said. "(Then), I'll get it turned back into the county for certification."

Spencley said if Boss is that deadset against the assistant principal/athletic director position, then he should file the recall, but after asking the three administrators if the high school principal's job could be done with that position, they said no.

Aside from the decision to hire an assistant principal/athletic director, Boss was unhappy with the way the meeting was conducted.

"It was illegal. There was not an open meeting because they would not let anybody talk," he said. "We elected those people. They're spending our taxpayer money, but they think they're spending their own money."

Boss questioned whether or not the board is really working for the best interests of Charlevoix's students.

"The people did not want an assistant principal and they

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Board questioned on teacher layoffs

PETITIONS

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(board) still went ahead with it anyway," he said. "The board just needs to know who they're working for."

He added, "I'm going to find out what the people really want."

Boss said he understands you cannot put everything to a vote, but added, "When you have little over 400 kids in the high school and you're laying off teachers and to keep an administrator, well, the people of the town will decide whether that decision was right."

The next item on the agenda was to appoint a high school principal.

Following deliberation by the board on whether or not it was appropriate for current middle school principal, Keith Haske, to continue coaching if he takes the position as high school principal, they voted 5-1 to appoint him, with the restriction he may not coach during the 2007-2008 school year.

Interim superintendent Jim Cooper said the newly hired superintendent, Chet Janik, felt an administrator should not coach and Levengood, who was the lone nay vote, said Haske deserved better.

The board then voted unanimously to appoint current assistant high school principal, Suzanne Klinger, as the middle school principal.

In financial matters, Charlevoix Public Schools will not face the sting of proration as was originally feared.

"We're not anticipating losing any of the (per pupil funding)," said school business manager, Shawn Biddle, who would not go so far as to call the news a win.

"I think the victory will be when we know, when making these budgets in June, what our foundation allowance will be the following year," she said.

Biddle budgeted for the upcoming school year with the prediction of receiving the same amount of per pupil funding as last year, though that number is not yet known.

Some cuts made by the board include four teachers laid off with one to be called back at two-thirds time, summer studies and a counseling position.

Over the past five years, Charlevoix schools have made nearly $4 million in cuts in an attempt to keep up with declining enrollment and Michigan's slumping economy.

Haske was out of town and unable to return phone calls by press time. According to his wife, Haske had not yet been offered the position by the board as of Friday, June 15.

Board members Michaud and McLean did not return phone calls on a possible recall by press time.

When asked how she felt about the recall drive, Kilkenny said she knew nothing of it aside from Boss' threats during the June 13 meeting.

"Well, it certainly is his right to do so. I don't feel we made the wrong decision," she said. "There is no member of the board that is an educator. We took advice, as well as all three principals, and they believe this is a necessary position and weighing all the options at that point to have that position, I think, is very important."

Kilkenny said, with all the changes facing Charlevoix schools, now is not the time to shortchange the high school.

Trubilowicz said he is disappointed someone would attempt to recall board members, "when they don't get their way."

He added, "They elected us to be their representatives and it's not like we're doing anything with criminal intent."

Boat well hearing set on June 26

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing on proposed dredging, installation of a floating dock and the construction of a boathouse on Round Lake.

The hearing, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, at the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department located at 1000 Grant St. in Charlevoix, pertains to the application filed by APJ Properties LLC attention: Jim Anderson, 579 Lakeshore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, 48236.

"The applicant proposes to dredge an upland boat well and an entry channel, install a floating dock system and construct a boathouse on Round Lake at 304 East Dixon Avenue for the purpose of providing protected dockage and dry winter storage," as stated in the application for permit number: 07-15-0019-P. "Approximately 1,000 cubic yards will be excavated from upland to create a 60-foot by 30-foot boat well. Another 316.1 cubic yards will be dredged from an area measuring approximately 33 feet by 40 feet and an existing dam area where 36 feet of sheetpile will also be removed to create an entry channel."

Stated further in the application is, "Existing riprap will be repositioned and 32 feet of new sheet pile will be installed for shore stabilization. A boat lift and a 6-foot wide floating dock system measuring a total of 156 linear feet will be installed inside the boat well. A boathouse measuring 73 feet long and 42 feet wide will then be constructed."

According to the application, spoils will be deposited at an off site commercial pit located one block east of U.S. 31 on the south side of Old U.S. 31.

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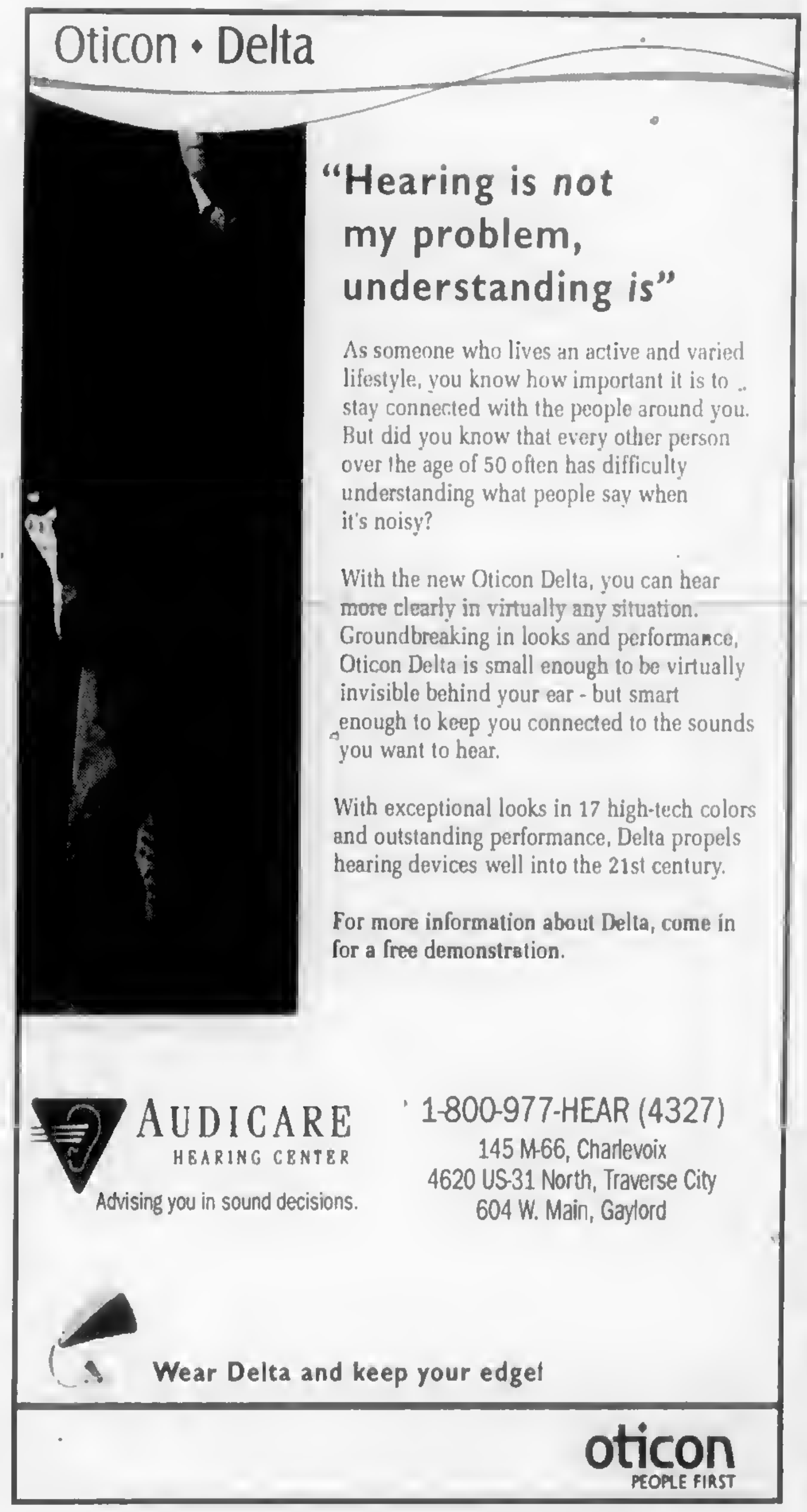
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Meet other artists and join in the fun this summer at the Crooked Tree Arts Center by taking a summer art class. There are offerings of various lengths and in different media throughout the summer for children and adults.

Watercolor: The Fearless Approach

Donna Vogelheim

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., July 11-12

Level: Beginner to advanced beginner

Members: $150 /non-members $185

Minimum: Six students, maximum 16 students ages 17 to adult

Watercolor is such a beautiful medium, but hard to control. In this two-day workshop take the fear out of painting with this medium by doing simple exercises that will teach all the basic techniques.

Color and its characteristics will also be discussed to make the watercolor experience easier and fun.

Attendees can also make a technique reference manual from the painting exercises done in class.

Watercolor: Shape not Object

Donna Vogelheim

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., July 23-25

Level: Advanced beginners-advanced

Members: $225 /non-members ; $260

Minimum: Six students, maximum 16 students ages 17 to adult

Good composition is accomplished by putting together beautiful shapes to create a painting.

It is important not to focus only on the objects, but the resulting shape that several objects make.

This will start off with an exercise that will shift the focus to that end.

The subject matter will be the landscape with many demonstrations and illustrations of its component parts.

A brief discussion of color will enhance painting technique and experience.

Part of the time will be spent out of doors to put this knowledge in practice.

Summer Ceramics with Jim Beckering

Youth Ceramics for ages 7-14 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays, June 13 to Aug. 1

Adult Ceramics for ages 15-adult 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays, June 13 to Aug. 1

Skills: You will learn minimum skills using the potter's wheel, slab building, coil building, glaze application, and firing.

The first class is intended as a foundation for more specialized learning in the future.

Knowledge of art: We will work at some basic questions about art. Why is art done? How does an artist come up with ideas?

What are the strategies of creativity used by artists?

How art is made expressive and meaningful?

Knowledge of ceramics: We will cover the special qualities of the materials and processes used in ceramics.

You will learn about clay bodies and glazes, firing kilns, as well as various ways to form and decorate ceramic work.

Learning in art — how it happens: We take class time to discuss student work in progress.

You might also clarify your ideas by discussing your pieces with a classmate. What do your pieces say to another person?

Talking and critiquing can also be very helpful in identifying some quality in your work which you may have been unaware of.

Ask for instructor counsel. The teacher knows this is a beginning class, so don't hesitate to seek advice.

If class time is too busy, ask for an appointment.

Adult class members: $180, non-members: $215

Fees include all glazes, firings and your first 25-pound bag of clay. After the first bag, additional clay can be purchased at $10 per bag.

Youth class members: $120, non-members: $140

Fees includes all glazes, firings and clay

Minimum class size: Six students, maximum class size: 10 students

Paper Batik Workshop

10 a.m.-3 p.m. on July 31 through Aug. 2

Taught by: Maggie Van Wagoner

Paper batik is very similar to cloth batik using wax and paint/ink and proceeding from the lightest colors to the darkest.

Rice paper is used instead of cloth; watercolors are used instead of dye. The process of paper batik will be demonstrated step-by-step, examples will be shown and possible ideas will be covered.

There will be plenty of time for each student to complete one or two batiked designs. Designs may be simple or more complex.

You may want to bring some design ideas or some reference materials/photos from which to work (photos of flowers form your garden, landscape photos, photos of animals, fish, etc.).

Also, if you have watercolors, you may want to bring them along to use.

Members: $100, non-members $135

Fee includes all materials

Beginner to advanced student /teen to adult

Summer Kids Art Camp

Session 1: 9 a.m.-noon, June 25-29, for children entering grades three to six. CTAC members $120 /non-members $140

Session 2: (Morning) 9 a.m.-11 a.m., July 16-20, for children entering grades kindergarten to grade two. CTAC members $100 /non-members $120

Session 3: (Afternoon) Noon-3 p.m. July 16-20, for children entering grades three to six in the fall. CTAC members $120/ non-members $140

Session 4: (Morning) 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Aug. 13-17, for children entering grades kindergarten to grade two. CTAC members $100 /non-members $120

Session 5: Noon-3 p.m., Aug. 13-17, for children entering grades three to six. CTAC members $120/non-members $140

Children will work on a variety of different projects from fabric painting, mosaic, ceramics, painting, sculpture and more with an art opening at the end of each session.

All three sessions will have different projects so students can sign up for more than one art camp week.

Taught by Sue Bolt and Maggie Van Wagoner.

Minimum class size 10 students, maximum class size 16 students

Painting on Silk

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Aug. 7, 8 and 9

Taught by Maggie Van Wagoner

Silk painting is similar to watercolor painting, but easier and is done on a piece of silk. The class will be individualized to fit the ability level of each student.

Watch demonstrations, learn the basics, try out the techniques and create one-of-a-kind silk designs.

Many ideas, techniques and examples will be covered.

Each person will be given two scarves on which to paint. If time allows, additional scarves will be available to purchase.

Designs may be very simple or more detailed; realistic or abstract.

Your may want to bring some design ideas or reference materials/photos from which to work.

The scarves can be used to wear or to hang on a wall or in a window.

Once you learn the basics, this is something that can be done on your own. Members: $125, non-members : $160

Beginner to advanced student, teen to adult

Fee includes all materials

For more information, call Gail Hosner visual arts and education director with Crooked Tree Arts Center, located at 461 East Mitchell St., Petoskey, at 347-4337.

Students experience lake

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and the Lake Charlevoix Association hosted the 14th "Experience Lake Charlevoix" event on May 22 and 23 for sixth-graders of the Lake Charlevoix watershed.

More than 300 students from Boyne City, East Jordan, Charlevoix, Concord Academy-Boyne and Northwest Academy came aboard the Beaver Islander to participate in the annual field trip adventure.

Students visited seven stations aboard the boat designed to teach them about Lake Charlevoix and its watershed, including water quality, ecology and safety.

More than 20 volunteers worked hard to help make this program a success.

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Plenty of festivals, events to be in Charlevoix

The summer fun contines once again as Charlevoix's will be home to many festivals and events in 2007.

All of the events held downtown last year will be held downtown this year in the following locations:

Farmers market

9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Thursdays from June 21 to Sept., 27 in East Park until further notice, except on July 26 when it will be held at Charlevoix State Bank.

City band concerts

8 p.m. on Tuesdays from June 26 to Aug. 14 in Bridge Park

Summer concert series

8 p.m. on Thursdays from June 28 to Aug. 30 in Bridge Park

9th annual Summer Solstice Art Show

10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday June 23 and 24 behind the Bridge Street storefronts between Clinton and Mason Streets

4th of July Parade

10 a.m. through downtown Charlevoix

39th annual Art and Craft Show

10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, July 15, behind the Bridge Street storefronts between Clinton and Mason Streets

15th annual Street Legends Classic Car Show

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 Mason Street and behind the Bridge Street storefronts between Clinton and Mason Streets. Visit www.streetlegends.net for more information.

Venetian

The 77th Annual Venetian Festival will be Sunday July 22 through Saturday, July 28

The Festival will use various downtown locations including Mason Street, behind Bridge Street storefronts; Bridge Park, Michigan Beach, and the Library for Kids' Day. Visit www.venetianfestival.com for more information.

49th annual Waterfront Art Fair

9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11 along Mason Street and behind Bridge Street storefronts between Clinton and Mason Streets. Visit www.waterfrontartfair.com for more information.

Sidewalk sales

All day long on Thursday Aug. 16, through Saturday, Aug. 18, in downtown Charlevoix.

28th annual Apple Festival

10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12 and 13, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14. Mason Street and behind Bridge Street storefronts between Clinton and Mason Streets.

Steve Braun recieves champions of character award

The long-standing contribution Steve Braun, golf professional at the Charlevoix Belvedere Club, has made to the popular Charlevoix Area Junior Golf program has not gone unnoticed.

His efforts for 12 seasons were recognized recently by the Beyond the Scoreboard, Inc. Braun's selection to receive a Champion of Character Award for his efforts as a youth sports leader was announced by Jack Taylor, executive director.

Steve joined several other local golf enthusiasts to start the Charlevoix County Junior Golf Association's program in 1994 and has volunteered to teach youngsters the fundamentals of golf. However, Braun's involvement doesn't stop here.

As the program grew to between 150 and 200 young golfers, several unique features were added.

Scholarships to the prestigious Ferris State University and Boyne Academy week-long golf camp were awarded to five to six golfers annually who displayed a passion for the game.

So he began a fundraising venture to generate funds for the scholarship program by taking pledges and playing 100 holes in a day.

Over the past few years, his efforts have raised more than $40,000 for the program.

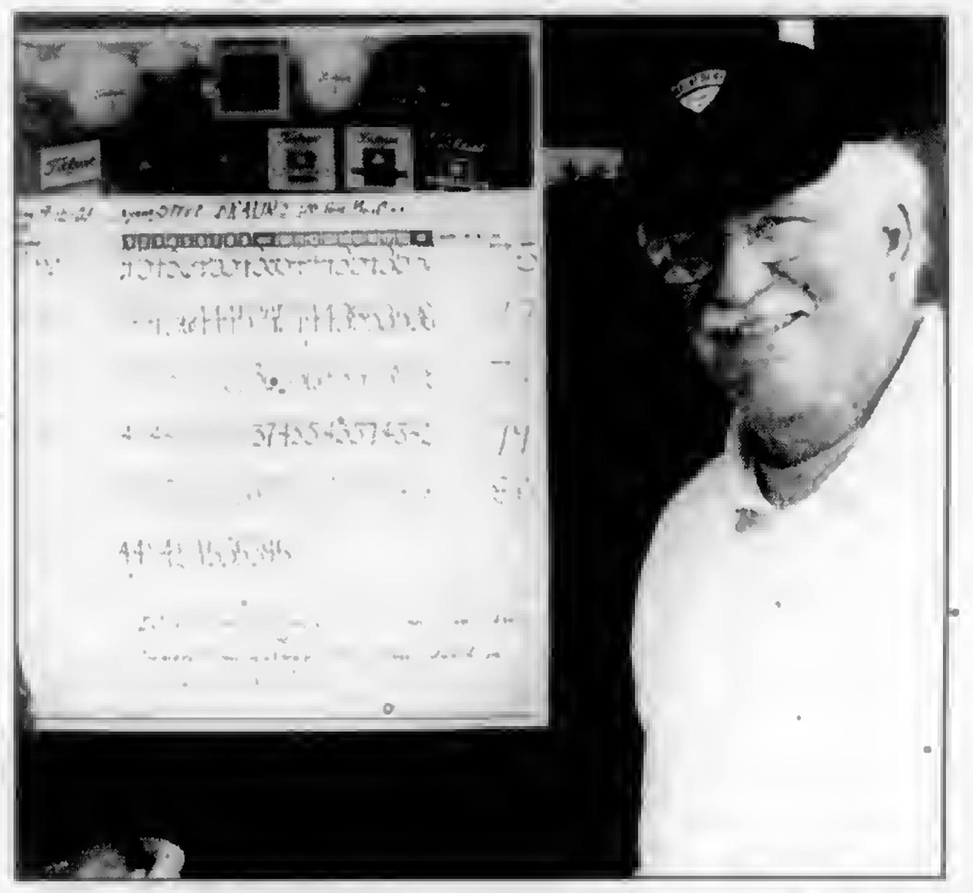
Junior golf program director Dean Davenport, who nominated Braun as a candidate for the award, was excited that he was selected. "Steve certainly deserved to be recognized for his continued efforts to help our area youngsters learn life's skills through playing golf in our program.

We were recognized by the National Junior Golf Association as one of the top 13 programs in the country a few years ago and our unique scholarship program was singled out as being part of the reason. All recipients of our camp scholarships have benefited greatly from the week away from home and learning about themselves and about golf."

The Beyond the Scoreboard banquet was scheduled for June 19, and was held at the new Community Building located at the Petoskey fair grounds.

Taylor, in focusing on the mission of the organization, added, "Beyond the Scoreboard is about teaching the principles and life lessons to coaches, athletes, parents and officials. We will recognize the area's outstanding high school and youth coaches, sports leaders, and outstanding high school athletes at our third annual awards banquet.

We are pleased to recognize Steve Braun's excellent record and achievement that stands in harmony with our mission in sports."



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Steve Braun, longstanding golf professional at the Belvedere Club, was recently recognized by Beyond the Scoreboard Inc. for his efforts as a youth sports leader in Charlevoix.

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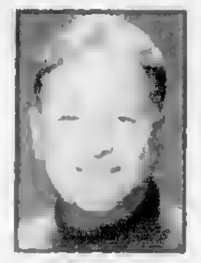

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Trés chic

Hundreds of art lovers converged on downtown Charlevoix for the 9th Annual Summer Solstice Art Show June 23 and 24. Artists specializing in various mediums were on site including Linda Kustra (above). Here she shows off her feathered and beaded shawl at her booth. Kustra, of Traverse City, hand-knits women's apparel at her business "Knits by Linda Kustra."

Norwood mine moves forward

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Wayne Wynkoop

The Norwood Township Planning Commission voted 6-1 to allow the Norwood Limestone Mine, LLC to operate as long as it meets certain criteria, but the issue is nowhere close to dead.

First, Norwood Township supervisor, Wayne Wynkoop, owner of the gravel operation, must await planning commission minutes approval at their regular July 9 meeting before again going before Judge Thomas Powers to present the special use permit and find out whether the court will lift a stay of operations imposed on Wynkoop back in January.

"I feel relieved that one stepping stone is out of the way for the time being, but I think the writing has been out there that this is far from being over," Wynkoop said.

According to Denny Way,

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A celebration of freedom

July 4 events on Beaver Island, in Charlevoix and Horton Bay

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Courtesy photo

Beaver Island will host a fireworks display and many other events to celebrate Independence Day while Charlevoix and Horton Bay will host parades.

This July 4, three Charlevoix County communities are offering celebrations in honor of this country's Independence Day.

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

The City of Charlevoix's parade starts at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, 106 East Garfield Street. The parade line-up is at 9:30 a.m. Groups featured will include the Legion, VFW and the local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts.

BEAVER ISLAND

For even greater fanfare, Beaver Island is firing off several patriotic events.

Downtown, near the Chamber of Commerce office, at 1 p.m.,

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Judge grants Central Drug bandit plea deal

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Robert Wilks

Robert Jason Wilks, the 25-year-old Bellaire man who attempted to rob Central Drug Store of Charlevoix last January and later arrested on March 6, was found guilty of attempted unarmed robbery.

According to Charlevoix Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarema, Wilks received a plea deal after Central Drug owner, John Ochs, asked for leniency.

"I felt it was a good result. It relied on the victim's wishes in this case as far as the plea," Jarema said. "This case shows the addictive nature of prescription drugs."

In a written statement from Ochs to the court he stated, "I never felt threatened by Mr. Wilks. He did not threaten us (Ochs and his father Frank) with harm if we did not give him narcotics nor did he say he had a gun. Because he was facing me, I could not see the butt

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June 18	75	64	—
June 19	93	62	.86
June 20	71	56	—
June 21	77	57	.46
June 22	67	52	—
June 23	67	54	—
June 24	73	58	—

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Juan Manuel Diaz Hernandez, 19, Petoskey. Open intoxicant, motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Jacob Daniel Bissonette, 21, Harbor Springs. Disorderly person, drunk. Serve 10 days in jail or pay $300 in fines and costs.

Shawn Anthony Spicer, 32, Boyne Falls. Open intoxicant motor vehicle passenger. Serve 10 days in jail or pay $250 in fines and costs.

Julie Kay Bennett, 31, Boyne Falls. Open intoxicant motor vehicle driver; motor vehicle operator without security; unlawful use of license plate. Serve 20 days in jail or pay $565 in fines and costs.

Barbara Cherie Hernandez, 28, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Gary Allen Noel, 39, Mancelona. Open intoxicant motor vehicle driver. Serve 10 days in jail or pay $250 in lines and costs.

Kevin John Farkas, 48, Ellsworth. Motor vehicle operator without security; operator no license/multiple license. Serve 20 days in jail or pay $515 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Lynn Oliver, 29, Charlevoix. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Serve 10 days in jail or pay $260 in fines and costs.

Dana Marie Radle, 30, Kentwood. Malicious destruction of property under $200. Credit for five days, 88 days held in abeyance; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; attend substance abuse classes; not to enter Boyne USA; $1,430 in fines and costs.

Michael Norman Johnson III, 19, East Jordan. Motor vehicle operator without security. Serve 15 days in jail or pay $350 in fines and costs.

Benjamin Lee Jones, 18, Grayling. Operating while intoxicated; open intoxicant, motor vehicle driver. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

Francisco Jaramillo Rangel, 30, Petoskey. Driving while impaired; open intoxicant, motor vehicle driver. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $980 in fines and costs.

Cortni Alice Cutler, 27, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Credit for three days in jail, to serve 60 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $650 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

James W. Chambers Jr., 35, Muskegon. Failure to pay child support. Sentenced to 270 days in jail, credit for 44 days in jail, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; $15,299.69 in fines, costs and hack support.

Heidi L. Endres, 33, Alanson. Attempted conducting criminal enterprise. Sentenced to 180 days in jail, credit for 19 days in jail, to serve 30 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; $695 in fines and costs.

Rhonda Sue Richards, 30, Boyne City. Probation violations: Uttering and puhlishing and attempted home invasion — third degree. Count one: Sentenced to a minimum of two years to a maximum of 14 years in prison with credit for 371 days. Count two: Sentenced to a minimum of 16 months to a maximum of 24 months in prison with credit for 371 days; $3,901.32 in fines and costs.

Shannon Michael Rake, 32, address unknown. Motor vehicle, unlawfully driving away; controlled substance, possession of marijuana — second or subsequent offense. Count one: Serve a minimum of 24 months to a maximum of 60 months in prison. Count two: Serve a minimum of 13 months to a maximum of 24 months in prison; serve 24 months probation; $240 in fines and costs.

Bruce Wayne Evans, 32, Boyne City. Probation violation, operating a vehicle while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed causing serious injury. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 30 days in jail; $820 in fines and costs.

Michael Allen Cosier, 17, East Jordan. Two counts of attempted criminal sexual conduct with a person under the age of 13. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 65 days, to serve 365 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; $530 in fines and costs.

Cortni Alice Cutler, 27, East Jordan. Controlled substance - deliver/manufacture narcotic/cocaine less than 50 grams. Credit for three days in jail, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; $870 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jordan Inn Food, Wine, Spirits & Lodging; Jordan Valley Inn, 228 Main St., East Jordan, hy Mary Jane Krumholz

Profit Qwest, 524 Meadowlane, Charlevoix, hy Kirk Heckendorn

MiBankowned.com, 4963 Cosier Road, East Jordan, by Sara Schroeder

A & M Services, 10252 Boyne City Road, Charlevoix, by Mary Ann Mosley

FreshExteriors, 507 Second St., East Jordan, hy Matt Hamilton

Taming Waste, 11340 Detour Road, East Jordan, by Linda Hill

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Wilson Clay Christner, 22 and Sarah Naomi Deseno, 18, both of Sarasota Fla.

Antwan Lamar Moore, 33, Flint and Molly Pamela Handy, 27, Boyne City

Gregory Peer Gynt Krueger, 59, and Judith Marie Harrison, 47, both of Boyne City

Allen Michael Keehn, 26 and Celia Erin Magee, 21, both of Charlevoix

Benjamin Dean Speigl, 23, Charlevoix and Amy Lynn Beyer, 22, Petoskey

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Victim requests lenience in Wilks sentencing

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> **Robert Wilks**
> BELLAIRE RESIDENT
> CONVICTED IN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY OF CENTRAL DRUGS

of the gun that my father saw."

"My understanding is that he is a known drug abuser. I feel sorry for him that he felt he is so addicted that he needed to try to rob a pharmacy to support his habit," Ochs further stated. "I certainly do not condone what he did and I feel he has to be held responsible for his actions."

He added, "I would like to have him forced to undergo drug rehabilitation and only incarcerated if he refuses, does not complete it or relapses into drug use again."

Wilks was ordered in May to serve the rest of his 90-day sentence with the possibility of time off for good behavior, which is statutory, and ordered to pay $820 in fines and costs as well as serve 24 months on probation.

Before being sentenced, Wilks read a prepared statement to the court in which he told them he is an Eagle Scout, a long-time depression and chronic pain sufferer, computer enthusiast, recovering drug addict and soon to be convicted felon.

"I believe Mr. Ochs saved my life by denying me the drugs I demanded," he said. "I realize now, more than ever, that while I thought what I was doing was only going to hurt myself, how many people I have already caused pain and the countless others my actions that day could have affected."

Wilks recounted his introduction into the world of prescription drug abuse.

"Opiates ... were my drug of choice. I had start(ed) using them when I could not find adequate medical treatment for my pain," he said. "In the end, I sought them on my own illegally and began treating myself, mirroring other people's doses."

Wilks said his eight-year period of self medication led to, "a skyrocketing tolerance and ultimately daily intravenous use."

"My personal supply, and what I thought were all other choices exhausted, and in the grip of a full day of withdrawal including intense physical pain and mental duress, I decided I was going to kill myself," he said. "As I was driving home from work, the trigger of seeing a drug store containing the very things I knew would end my pain ... drove me to this act of total desperation."

Wilks told the court he hopes, "that my actions have not permanently scarred the victims."

"Thanks to the support of my family, friends and countless others who at first only knew me by my self-inflicted, tarnished name, I am in recovery after over three months of intense rehabilitation including medical and mental therapy," he said. "For the first time in over 14 years, my depression is almost completely under control, I have minimal pain and I look forward to each day and the rest of my life."

Wilks apologized for his actions and added, "While it has been proven relapse is a part of recovery, I know deep within my soul that my next relapse will be a funeral, and I have more reasons to live now than I ever have."

July 4 bring fireworks, parades and more to area

JULY 4

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the Beaver Island Community Choir will open the events.

At 2 p.m., a pair of A-10 jets from the Michigan National Guard will conduct a fly-over, followed by the firing of an exact replica of a Civil War canon, that will kick off the parade.

"That baby is loud," said Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce executive director, Steve West.

The parade will proceed from Holy Cross Church. This year's theme is "Water, Woods, Wonderland." In case of rain, the parade will he delayed until 3 or 4 p.m. if necessary.

Following the parade is a kid's carnival that features a dunk tank of prominent Beaver Islanders. This year, Beaver Island Community School principal Kitty McNamara will lead the line up of dunkees.

West said visitors of the public beach may be in for a surprise.

"There's a rumor that some skydivers are going to jump out of an airplane trailing red, white and blue," he said.

Just before dusk, the Clyde Fogg Memorial Boat Parade will take place in the harhor, followed by a fireworks display put on the hy the island's fire department.

Photo by Stefanie Carano

Uncle Sam (from left) and the Durango Kid pose with the Bad, the Good and the Ugly — representatives of this year's Horton Bay July 4 parade theme, "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" gathered for the Horton Bay Pow Wow on Friday, June 15, which is the annual kickoff to the upcoming parade at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4.

Those looking to lodge at the island may he out of luck.

"There's not a place to stay unless you like to camp or have a hoat," West said.

For more information on Beaver Island events, visit www.beaverisland.org.

HORTON BAY

Every year, the community of Horton Bay, west of Boyne City, hosts a parade that is completely non-commercial.

This year's parade theme is "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly."

"The good is Sam Horton, the founder of Horton Bay. The bad and the ugly are "The polluters on the lake," said owner of Horton Bay General Store Chip Lorenger.

The Horton Bay General Store hosts a variety of activities to promote the parade, including an auction that helps fund next year's event. The parade costs the community ahout $3,000 to $4,000 each year. The auction's highest bidder will be invited to a special event on the store's upper deck that includes drinks and appetizers.

The parade will begin at 1 p.m. at the intersection of Horton Bay and Boyne City-Charlevoix roads, continue down Boyne City-Charlevoix Road and end in front of the Horton Bay United Methodist Church. The judge's stand is located on the front porch of the store where prizes will he awarded to parade participants.

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Textbooks, tools of special interest?

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

As a lifelong lover of history, I was shocked when I learned Abraham Lincoln, Christopher Columbus and Thomas Jefferson dabbled in corporate welfare, genocide and slavery.

I wasn't shocked so much because I thought these men incapable of dirty doings, but because I had been taught otherwise as a child. After all, it's not like my teachers admitted to using textbooks handcrafted with the most selective chunks of misinformation special interest attack dogs could manipulate.

Don't get me wrong, I lay none of the onus on schools or teachers and all of the blame on the knowledge industry — those multinational textbook corporations who bow to extremist groups interested only in shaping factoids around the environment, sexual preference, religion and politics — truth be damned.

Instead of feeding the yearnin' for learnin', they foster super patriotism, compliance with authority and adoration of apparently infallible capitalism.

According to his 2003 Senate testimony, Gilbert T. Sewall of the American Textbook Council said, "Textbook content is thinner and thinner, and what there is, it is increasingly deformed by identity politics and pressure groups."

Flipping through a couple middle and high school history books recently I noticed some blatant omissions and sentimental treatments of some serious schmucks.

Your kids may learn Columbus was an explorer in a section which queries, "What happens when different societies meet?" but the only mention of brutality comes in the quote about the queen of Spain becoming angry when she heard Columbus mistreated the people of what we now call Hispaniola.

Desperate to learn of this "mistreatment" I called Macalester College anthropologist, Jack Weatherford, who told me, "No encounter in history was worse than that between the Europeans and the Americans," but to be more specific, Columbus' men killed natives for dog food, forced them to pay tribute, raped their women, kidnapped and enslaved hundreds and thousands of them. Oh, and European disease killed 90 percent of the native population over the next century.

Your kids' hooks are also remiss in telling how Honest Abe saw blacks as an inferior in all respects and, while debated among academics, Thomas DiLorenzo states in his book "The Real Lincoln," that, "Lincoln invaded the South without the consent of Congress, as called for in the Constitution; declared martial law; blockaded Southern ports without a declaration of war, as required by the Constitution; illegally suspended the writ of habeas corpus; imprisoned without trial thousands of Northern anti-war protesters, including hundreds of newspaper editors and owners; (And) censored all newspaper and telegraph communication."

One of the textbooks dances around president Woodrow Wilson's rabid racism, after all, he was but a man of the times, but practically pats him on his pointy white hood for creating the Federal Reserve Bank by stating, "this improved the nation's monetary and banking system."

But who needs truth? If kids knew their money was valued somewhere between a punched lunch ticket and a Taco Bell napkin they might be apt to revolt.

This country has too much to celebrate to risk losing our self-appointed status as moral arbiter by covering up our naughty bits.

Nevertheless, we lie to our children because we are afraid they might not forgive us for the truth, and then we have the gall to wonder why they rebel when they get to college and learn their K—12 years were replete with lemon scented horse dung.

How can students think critically, appreciate past sacrifices and be ever-vigilant of man's temptation for tyranny if we fail to dispense the bad with the good?

Keeping our kids deaf, dumb and blind may be easier for us and the purveyors of knowledge, but it won't go very far to prevent future historical horrors.

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LETTERS to the editor

TRUE CHARACTER

Editor:

Accidents sometimes happen to even good people who exercise reasonable care in the performance of their duties. While it is always easy to criticize a person for an accident, I prefer to look at how the person reacts to an unfortunate event. In my opinion, this shows the real character of a person.

Case in point. This spring Douglas Bergmann of Bergmann Marine was transporting my sailboat and the boat slipped in its cradle and fell off the trailer causing a substantial amount of damage. The Courier ran a picture of the boat on its side on the front page to the great embarrassment to Douglas personally and to his business. I thought it might be important for your readers to hear the rest of the story.

From the first phone call to me, Douglas took full responsibility and said that he would personally see that everything was made right. Douglas worked hard with the insurance company and the boat manufacturer. He personally made sure that all of the damage was fully identified and repaired. This week the sailboat was delivered in spotless "white glove" condition with all repairs made. In fact, my inspection shows that Douglas went beyond repairs authorized by the insurance company because he wanted to return the boat in better condition than when it went into storage last fall. I very much admire Douglas and his character in the way he handled himself following the accident. Both he and his company are a shining example of what is right with American business and he is a credit to our community.

Yes accidents do happen to good people. During a difficult time and great embarrassment, Douglas has shown his true character. I remain proud to tell everyone that Bergmann Marine remains my marine company. We could all learn by Douglas' example of taking responsibility and then making it right.

Donald A. Van Suilichem
Charlevoix

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Scientific and novice views of global warming

CARE enough to learn

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

So, you have decided that global warming is a real threat and that something needs to be done about it. Now, what to do? I have a small suggestion.

On Saturday, June 30 at the Charlevoix Public Library WATCH (Water and Air Team for Charlevoix) and CARE (Conservation and Renewable Energy) are sponsoring an educational fair that will help in making decisions about what to do. It begins at 9:45 a.m. and it's free.

As a lifelong teacher of ecology and conservation, I have always thought that the solution to most environmental problems required education. The CARE Fair is hoping to educate and motivate both children and adults, and begin to make Charlevoix County a model of appropriate response to energy and resource concerns. Don't miss it.

And now for something completely different, but maybe related. Summer seems to have arrived even earlier than its official beginning on June 22. Both Lake Michigan and Lake Charlevoix are warmer than they have been on these dates during the 12 or 13 years. Salmon have arrived earlier than in the past and I caught a small mouth bass in the Pine River Channel last week. The garden got an earlier start than in many years, and there may even be the possibility of some sweet potatoes maturing if late summer is kind to me.

All that earlier start can be something of an advantage for the human population and our closest plant companions. But those organisms that have lived here for a few thousand years and don't have our easy capacity to move if necessary or desirable, may be subject to serious confusion or even serious problems. Suppose for argument's sake, you are a small mammal that ordinarily sheds last year's crop of insulating hair, beginning on a date determined by date length. If it gets warm some time before that date, your life is likely to be as uncomfortable as would ours if the air conditioning went out in the middle of an August heat wave. Almost all plants and animals in our part of the world manage their pattern of life and reproduction on the basis of day length rather than temperature. That pattern has worked well for thousands of generations of those plants and animals. Now, if temperatures change and day length does not, the resulting confusion can retard or even eliminate reproduction of both plants and animals. And, of course, no reproduction will result eventually in the total demise of that particular organism. We don't know enough about the detailed habits and structures of most plants or animals to predict which ones might be most in danger, but it is a certain bet that many of them will be in danger.

It is clear that we live in interesting times. We can only hope that we learn enough about the effect of those times quickly enough to help hold the world together. Maybe the CARE Fair will help with the answers. Go and learn.

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CARE Fair details

What? The Charlevoix CARE (Conservation and Renewable Energy) Committee is hosting a CARE Fair. Admission is free. There is a grand opening ceremony as well as hands-on activities for the whole family, movies, energy saving solutions, clean energy experts to answer your questions, alternative energy demonstrations, musicians, organic food, electric/hybrid cars, special children's activities and more.

When? From 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 30.

Where? At the new Charlevoix Public Library located at 220 West Clinton St.

For more information contact Michelle Rick-Biddick, CARE Fair director at (231) 547-5530 or WATCH@core.com.

Is local weather a sign of a global problem?

BEHIND THE NEWS

Edith Gilbert

Charlevoix warming a sign of global problem?

Global Warming? Don't know a thing about that — but just ask me about Charlevoix Warming.

Come with me into my basement where I still have a long steel pole like a fishing rod. On the tip is a little yellow flag. When we moved to Charlevoix to live year-round in the 1960s, the snow banks were 6 feet high, and the gas stations and hardware stores sold these poles for people to attach them to the front of their car. Old timers will remember. The object was that one could see a car in advance coming around the corner. We haven't had 6 foot snow banks in Charlevoix for a great many years.

I also remember the first thing summer people did when they arrived in Charlevoix was to order a cord of wood to burn in their fireplace. We always had a nice grate fire in our fireplace on the Fourth of July. Not now. We haven't had a grate fire in June or July for many years.

Before my California summer visitors arrived, I used to tell them, "Bring sweaters and rain gear." We could count on a good three-day blow in August, but we haven't had this change of weather for a long, long time.

When the Lodge was built in the early 1960s, we were asked if we wanted air conditioners installed. "Air conditioners" we laughed. "We have cool breezes off Lake Michigan, who needs air conditioners?" Last summer I installed an air conditioner on the second floor, and many of my friends are air conditioning their cottages these days.

Old timers have described in detail when snow reached up to second story windows. Strong armed men shoveled snow that created a 5 foot high tunnel from the front door to the sidewalk. Today ski areas are hurting because there isn't enough snow to ski during Christmas vacation.

This climate change has been keeping more and more people "up north" for longer periods during the winter. "Winters aren't so bad up north anymore" people say. Instead, the two favorite get-away-months are March and April, during the mud season.

Are Charlevoix people interested in global warming or Charlevoix warming? Probably both! They want to know more about climate change, clean renewable energy, recycling and promoting conservation. For more information, attend the CARE FAIR from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 30 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

Edith Gilbert is a guest columnist of the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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10 things you never knew about JoAnne Beemon

Bringing you closer to your neighbors ...

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix resident of nearly four decades, JoAnne Beemon, is a wife, mother of four girls and a boy as well as a substitute teacher, director of the Charlevoix County Land Conservancy and a lifelong environmentalist.

1. What is your favorite food?

Potatoes. I think it should have been the apple of the Garden of Eden.

2. What really makes you mad?

Behind the scenes government. I think there are real forces that stand and keep us from getting a trail system, that keep us from having clean storm water and that allow illegal, behind the scenes acts such as public office holders who are also being employed by the government.

3. If you could meet anyone for an hour lunch, live or dead, who would it be?

I think I would still like to take Eleanor Roosevelt and talk to her about her dream of the United Nations and peace on earth, and maybe Adlai Stevenson could come along.

4. What scares you most?

I think human stupidity, coupled with technology. We have the ability to blow ourselves up and harm the planet in irreparable ways and we do not seem to have the wisdom to understand that everything is interrelated.

5. Name something you want to accomplish?

I want to see a bike trail to Fisherman's Island (park) so every kid can ride their bike out there. I want to jump on my 1965 Schwinn and pack a big old lunch and drive that bike out to Fisherman's Island (park).

6. Who is the most interesting person you ever met?

Bobby Kennedy. He was a terrific person. We went out to Washington and met Bobby Kennedy and his message was, each one of us needed to go out in the community and make a difference.

7. If you had a magic wand and could change one thing about yourself or your world, what would it be?

That my husband and children could have strength and patience, because they need it living with me.

8. What has been your life's work?

I have had the joy of following what I think God would want me to do and that is to fight for the environment, fight for social justice and to work for the common good. I have led a charmed life. I've been able to participate in some of the most wonderful projects and see them to fruition.

9. What is something few people know about you?

I got kicked out of Gerry Ford's office. It was the late (19)60s and we picketed his office whenever he was in town. My sign said, "Free lunches, not war." We'd go in and talk to him and one day we really tried his patience and he kicked us out. He was a really nice guy, he was a terrible hawk, but a nice guy. One day he picked us up when we were hitchhiking to school and he took us to school.

10. What is your passion?

Sharing the wisdom that every person has a purpose and every person is needed. The great work of today's generation is to save the ecosystem so that we can all live.

The information for "10 things you never knew" is compiled by Courier staff writer Benjamin Gohs.

ENGAGEMENT

Paterka — Carter

Courtesy photo

Steve and Kathleen Paterka of Charlevoix have announced the engagement of their daughter, Abigail Lee Paterka, to Patrick Ryan Carter, son of Gary and Peggie Carter of Crestview, Fla.

Abigail is a 2004 graduate of Aquinas College and teaches fifth-grade in Henderson, Nev.

Patrick is a 2002 graduate of Southeast Missouri State University and received his master's degree from Florida State University. Patrick is an independent marketing consultant.

The wedding will take place on Oct. 2 in Las Vegas, Nev., where the couple resides.

County-wide senior picnic set for July 11 in East Jordan

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging presents the 28th Annual Senior Picnic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11 at the Harvest Barn Word of Faith Church, formerly the Jordan Valley Express in East Jordan.

Featured will be Barbecue Chicken with all the fixings. Tickets are $6 for those under 60. A suggested donation for seniors 60 and older is $3. Tickets will be sold in advance at all Charlevoix County senior centers, at the Commission on Aging Office at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix or by calling (231) 237-0103.

Door prizes will be offered. Transportation to and from the event will be paid by local senior centers or Commission on Aging. To make arrangements for a ride, call (231) 582-6900 by Monday, July 9.

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Friday	6-8am, 12-1pm, 5-6pm
Saturday	11:30am-1pm

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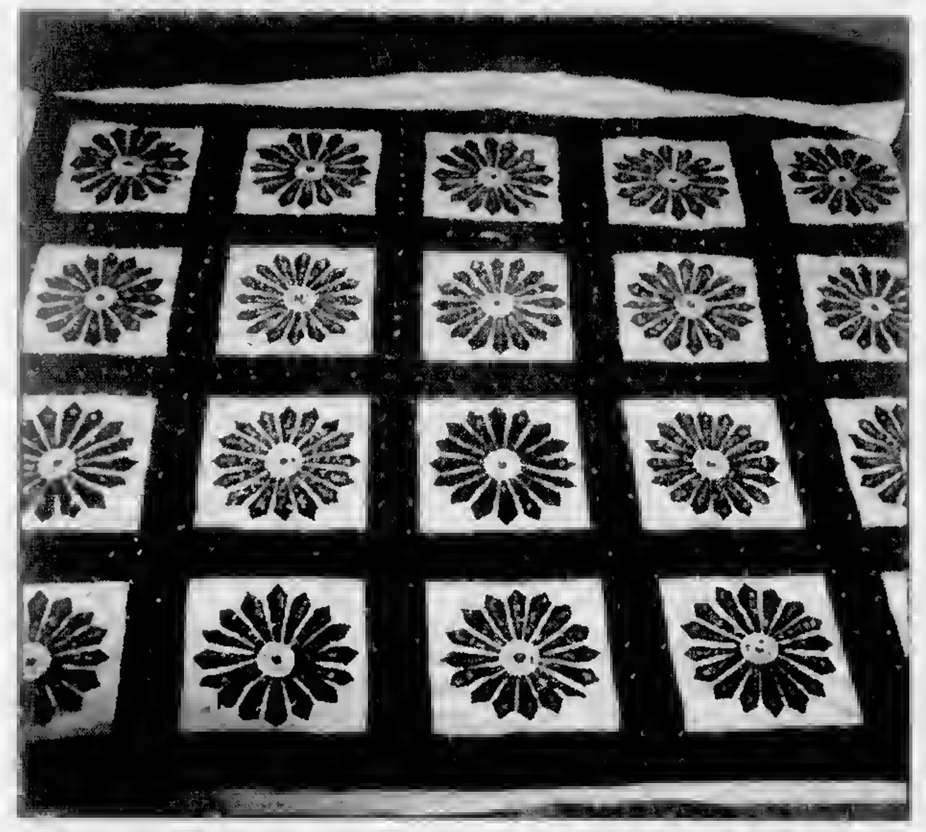
Historical society to host week-long quilt show



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Quilts like this will be on display at the Charlevoix Historical Society exhibit entitled "Antique Quilts - The Charlevoix Connection." The exhibit opens Wednesday, July 11 and runs through Sunday, July 15 at the historic Charlevoix Depot.

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host an exhibit entitled "Antique Quilts - The Charlevoix Connection," beginning Wednesday, July 11 and running through Sunday, July 15 at the historic Charlevoix Depot.

This exhibit of the beauty and craftsmanship of antique quilters will be open to the public free of charge.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

ANNIVERSARY

Jim and Alice Mort

Jim and Alice (Crothers) Mort of Petoskey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 22.

The two were married on June 22, 1957 at the Church of Christ in Bangor by A. P. Benjamin.

They returned to the area in 2002. Jim is currently the interim pastor at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix. Alice retired from the Holyoke Colorado School District. They both currently are volunteers at Northern Michigan Hospital.

They have three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Their children are Ruth Finney of Flanagan, Ill., Steve Mort of Holyoke, Colo. and David (Deb) Mort of Greeley Colo.

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Lions tee off at 13th annual tourney July 12 at Belvedere

The Charlevoix Lions will hold their 13th annual charity golf fund-raiser on Thursday July, 12 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

All proceeds go to the Lions Club's 33 beneficiaries which include youth scholarships, sports teams and activity programs, civic programs and projects and of sight and hearing local and state programs.

At the upcoming event, 25 teams are expected to go for the winning lowest-score trophies and cash prizes. This year, a player who sinks an ace on hole 17 will win a new Chevy Trailblazer for three years from Fox Charlevoix.

There are consolation cash awards on each of the above holes for the players who come closest to the pins. There are cash awards for longest in-the-fairway drives on holes one, 10 and 16. Players can go for $5,000 in the putting contest held on the practice green. A trophy and cash award goes to the closest-to-the-pin putting finalist.

Players are asked to register beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 12 when a brat picnic lunch will be served. Shotgun start is at 2 p.m. The awards banquet, featuring Lions Chicken, will take place under a tent at the golf course.

The $98 per player fee includes the 18 holes, cart, all events and the awards dinner. A fee of $12.90 is for awards dinner only guests. Individual golfers, pairs, threesomes and teams can receive a registration form by calling Jeff Rizzo at (231) 547-5117 or Jerry Lauwers at (231) 547-6081.

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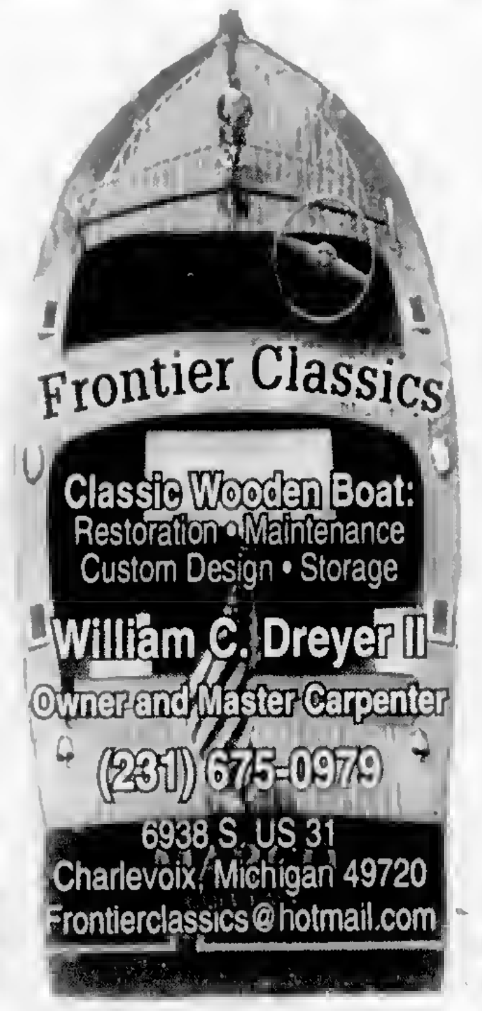

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OBITUARY

William Sarasin: July 18, 1929 - June 18, 2007

William F. "Bill" Sarasin, 77, of Charlevoix, passed on to his maker, Monday, June 18, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. He was born July 18, 1929, in Norwood, to George and Ila (Webster) Sarasin. Bill lived in the Charlevoix area his entire life.

He retired from American Mold after working there 30 years where he was a truck driver. Bill loved to work at home, cutting wood and mowing the lawn. He also enjoyed traveling, and made videos of his travels and his home life. He was a member of the Community Church of God in Charlevoix. On May 23, 1969, he married Jane Rarick in Charlevoix, and she survives. Bill's brother Clayton and his wife Reva of East Jordan also survive. His brother Bob preceded him in death.

A memorial service will take place at a later date. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling arrangements.

LETTERS to the editor

LETTERS

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JOURNALISTS ARE NOT TOOLS OF SOCIAL CHANGE

Editor:

Your opinion, as expressed (on page 4) June 20 by Stefanie Carano in "Politicians, journalists can help society," is totally offensive to intelligent and independent thinking adults. She states that "a good journalist, like a good politician, can be pivotal in influencing beneficial social change … they have the wisdom to be open to change … they move forward with what they know is right … all for the common goal of moving the human race to a better tomorrow."

It is extremely arrogant, but typical, of the liberal elite among journalists and politicians who believe they know what is best and what is a 'better tomorrow' and that they have a role in social change because they have insight and wisdom, implying that others do not.

This attitude, along with journalistic failure to investigate and report facts without their own interpretation or feelings about them, is the very reason that journalists and politicians are held in low esteem these days. Politicians and journalists, unfortunately, have assumed a role for themselves in social change – something in which they have no legitimate involvement.

Margo Johnson
Charlevoix

CHARLEVOIX THE BEAUTIFUL?

Editor:

At first glance, Bridge Park appears to be a great place downtown Charlevoix to sit and relax with family and friends. However, every time I have merely walked nearby there is a raw-sewage-like odor in the air. This disgusting smell, rising from two unsightly large pipes at either end of the park, surprises me. I wonder if this has already been discussed while I was away at school and if so, why we, who pride ourselves on living in a beautiful place, still tolerate it. Then I wonder if it has not been discussed, why such a poor design was approved in the first place.

Bridge Park is a stain on Charlevoix and I only hope to return next summer and see that East Park is not only functional, but socially and aesthetically acceptable too.

Michelle Fritsch
Charlevoix

HOW SOON WE FORGET

Editor:

Hats off. Along the street there comes a blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums and loyal hearts are beating high — a flash of color beneath the sky. Hats off. The flag is passing by.

The old saying "out of sight, out of mind" appears to be holding true in communities all across our great country. Following 9-11 everyone seemed united by flying American flags and displaying bumper stickers announcing their patriotic support of their country and, following the invasion of Iraq, by supporting our troops by displaying ribbons stating "We Support Our Troops" or "God Bless Our Troops" on their cars and trucks. If you will take notice, you will see very few messages of support being displayed and fewer privately owned American flags being displayed. How soon many appear to forget, being caught up in everyday family events.

Another disturbing cultural change is the lack of respect being shown our American flag during parades and ceremonies by the public in general and especially our children in particular. All through my childhood my parents taught me to respect our flag, our national anthem and our pledge of allegiance. Our schools used to teach patriotism and respect for our country and its symbols, but this too has seemingly been eliminated from our culture, as has God who gave us all our liberties and freedoms. It is time that we reflect on the cultural changes around us and make personal commitments to reverse these trends and return to a culture that shows the world that we are a United States of America by showing respect to our national symbols. We can begin this July 4 by standing up, removing our hats and placing our right hands over our hearts as Old Glory passes in our parades to celebrate the birth of our nation with all its freedoms. What culture do you ascribe to and support? Will you set an example for our children by showing respect for our flag when it passes by? The choice is yours.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

THANKS LEAGUE SUPPORTERS

Editor:

The Northern Michigan Detachment of the Marine Corps League offers their heartfelt thanks to the generous citizenry residing in the "Tip of the Mitt," for their support of the Flag Day sales of American flags, in recent weeks.

Very few people entering area stores found it necessary to pass by the men, women and friends of the league handing out the flags. The results are gratifying.

The result was the greatest amount of money ever collected in the 10-year history of this event.

After minimal expenses, this new record will allow the league to provide three, $1,000 scholarships to high school seniors attending North Central Michigan College this fall.

An extra amount is building in an endowment account, the interest from which will eventually provide a fourth, self-sustaining scholarship.

Glen R. Williams
Boyne City

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Two face off for city manager's seat

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Robert Straebel

Age: 42

Experience: Has served as the village administrator for the Village of Taos Ski Valley, N.M. for five years, worked as town manager for Hayden, Colo. for five-and-a-half years, started as a manager's assistant for one year in Congress City, Colo.

Academic background: Masters of public administration from the University of Colorado at Denver, bachelor of arts in marketing from Ferris State University

Greatest accomplishment to date: Serving two-and-a-half years in Honduras and Central America working for the U.S. Peace Corps. Developed a junior achievement program in the communities, incorporating business skills for high school students.

Management philosophy: Lead by example-set the bar very high, demand phone calls are returned, is here to first and foremost to serve the public.

Todd Campbell

Age: 38

Experience: Has served for four years as Sturgis' assistant city manager, three years as Greenville's assistant city manager, started his career as the Village of Homer's village manager for two years.

Academic background: Masters of Public Administration from Central Michigan University, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Hope College

Greatest accomplishment to date: The downtown revitalization project in Sturgis, increasing the industrial park.

Management philosophy: Manage for results, not worrying about what an issue will do for one's career, need to be flexible and be able to work with different personalities.

The Charlevoix City Council has selected two potential replacements for former city manager, Michael Wiesner, whose seat was vacated in February.

Robert Straebel

Todd Campbell

Robert Straebel of Taos Ski Valley, N.M. and Todd Campbell of Sturgis have been chosen as candidates to oversee the city's 2,994 residents, its seven departments, airport, golf course, marina, downtown development authority, sewage and water treatment plants and the attorney and treasurer's offices.

Robert Straebel, 42, has been village administrator for Taos Ski Valley for five years. Taos Ski Valley is a small skiing community in the Rocky Mountains with 56 full-time residents. Previously, Straebel was town manager of Hayden, Colo. and started his career as a manager's assistant in Congress City, Colo. He received a master of public administration from the University of Colorado at Denver and a bachelor of arts in marketing from Ferris State University .

Straebel wishes to return to Michigan, having family and friends in the area, and said Charlevoix is the type of community he'd very much enjoy working for.

"It's on the move," Straebel said. "It's a vibrant community with natural resources."

He said he noticed Charlevoix has a number of department heads in its city government who have been in their positions for a long time and said he would use them as a resource in his position.

Straebel said his management philosophy is "lead by example," setting the bar very high, demanding phone calls are returned and committing to not being swayed by special interest.

"I'm a strong proponent of ethical, transparent and participatory government," he said. "I don't accept folks that spread ill will, I don't tolerate substandard performance."

Third Ward council member Shirley Gibson said she is in favor of Straebel becoming manager.

"Mr. Straebel is the candidate I would vote for," Gibson said. "I liked his plans for growth and to work with developers. I like his open door policy."

Todd Campbell, 38, has spent the past four years as assistant city manager for Sturgis, located in St. Joseph County which borders the Michigan-Indiana state line. The city's population is approximately 11,285. Prior to his time in Sturgis, Campbell was Greenville's assistant city manager and started his political career in the Village of Homer as village manager.

His academic achievement

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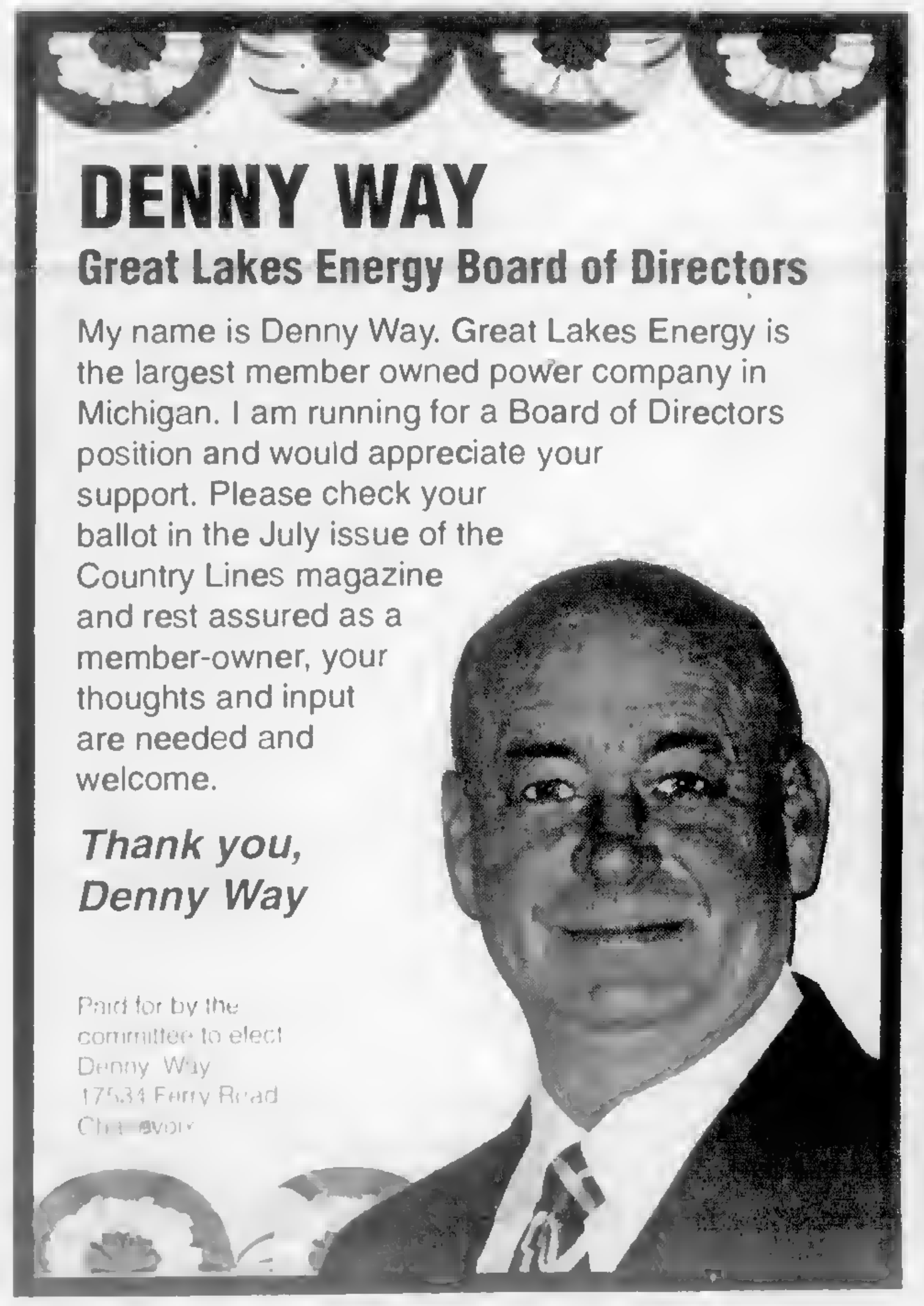
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Council to name new manager in July

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includes a master of public administration from Central Michigan University and a bachelor of arts in political science from Hope College.

"Things aren't going well in Sturgis," Campbell said. "Being here, it's a great community, it's an engaged community."

He said his youth and sense of duty are his greatest strengths.

His management philosophy, he said, is "manage for results," not worrying about what an issue will do for one's career, recognizing the need to be flexible and being able to work with different personalities.

"The department heads need freedom to challenge what my thoughts are," Campbell said.

Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said he liked Campbell's background with public utilities.

"There's only one candidate with experience extensively in electric, water and sewer and that's Mr. Campbell," Carlson said.

City treasurer Richard Brandi said the electrical department is the city's largest revenue source and its department head is currently on medical leave.

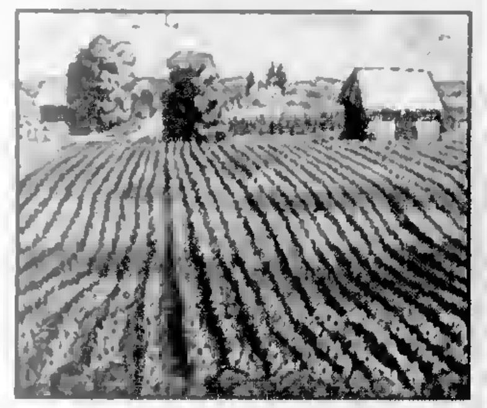
Third Ward councilman Sherman Chamberlain said it may come down to economics when choosing the candidate and said council should call the candidates and ask what their salary requirements are.

Mayor Carlson said the council may make a hiring decision as soon as the week of June 25 and that, at that time, he would notifiy council of the candidates' answers to salary requirements.

Charlevoix resident John Picha said money will always be an issue when it comes to hiring a new employee.

"I think you're going to have a problem with money no matter who you get," Picha said.

Crooked Tree's 2007 Paint Out



Courtesy photo

Kevin Barton's, plein air painting "Zippered Fields" pictured above is an example of work artists will generate on July 28 during Crooked Tree's Paint Out event.

On July 28 there will be artists painting all around northwest Michigan for Crooked Tree Arts Center's second Paint-Out.

Beginning at 8 a.m. artists will gather at various locations in the area including Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Walloon Lake and Charlevoix to have canvases or paper stamped to verify that the material they will be painting on was blank in the morning of the paint-out. After a cup of coffee and a doughnut they will then venture anywhere in the area to begin a day of plein air painting. As the sun moves across the sky, artists will be painting and capturing a day in the life of northern Michigan. The completed artwork must be returned to arts center framed and ready to hang by 6 p.m. that same day.

At 6 p.m. the work will be highlighted in an opening in the lower level of arts center. All work will be on display and for sale until the end of August.

The paint-out is open to all artists over the age of 18 and with all levels of artistic ability. There will be a $10 charge for participation. For more information, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

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CCMS owner shells out $123,000 to the City of Charlevoix

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BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

As of June 15, the City of Charlevoix's treasury received $123,000 from William Montgomery as part of his pay back to the city.

Montgomery initially wired the funds to the Michigan Municipal League's hired attorney Peter Warden.

Warden received an e-mail late Tuesday evening, June 19, that said $123,000 from Montgomery had landed in his trust account. Warden, an attorney in private practice at Garan, Lucow, Miller P.C., was going to represent both the city and the league in a lawsuit against Montgomery.

"He was to walk in a check to city hall," said city attorney Jim Young. "What he did, I think for speed, was to wire the money."

City treasurer Richard Brandi said the city treasury has received the funds from Warden.

"It's going to be a lot cheaper for everybody if we get him to pay the full amount rather than take him to court," Brandi said.

Young said no charges will be made against Montgomery at this time.

"This is only one of two payments, the city expects him to live up to what he's promised," Young said. "$123,000 will be sent to the city, leaving a balance of $10,000 that we and the league will discuss who gets."

Montgomery's next payment of $90,000 is due Nov. 1. Young said if the city does not receive the money, criminal charges will be filed then.

The initial conflict between Montgomery and the city started when he deposited a check for $223,000 to his personal and investment bank accounts that was meant to go to his company's insurer, United Fire and Casualty. The funds were an insurance payment for city street work performed in 2001. Since then, the city was sued by United Fire and Casualty, having to pay another $223,000 on top of what was lost to Montgomery. The city in turn sued Montgomery to make up their loss of revenue, attorneys' fees and legal assistance from the league.

Montgomery's attorney Michael Winnick said neither he nor his client have a comment for the press at this time.

Jarema's BBQ chicken featured at Republican picnic event

The annual Charlevoix Republican Picnic will take place at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 8 at Whiting Park.

Invited guests include Senator Jason Allen, state representative Kevin Elsenheimer, attorney general Mike Cox, Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, National Committeeman Chuck Yob and National Committeewoman Holly Hughes.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema's famous chicken BBQ will be featured. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass. Table service and beverages will be provided.

Door prizes will be offered. Tickets at the door are adults $8, children 12 and under free. For more information, call (231) 547-4046 or (231) 547-6600.

Jeff Porter resigns from DDA

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Jeffrey Porter

Charlevoix dentist Jeffrey Porter recently announced his resignation from the City of Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority.

"I feel it's time for somebody else to take my place," Porter said.

He is giving up the position to become president of the Crooked Tree Arts Council based in Petoskey, which has projects in Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties.

"It was a time issue," Porter said. "I want to do one thing very well."

Porter's resignation marks the end of a long stint on the authority, totaling 24 years. His first term spanned from 1983 to 1986, his second from 1986 to 1990 and his third and most recent term spanned from 1991 to 2007, leaving only a brief period of time in 1991 when he did not serve.

"He did a fine job serving owners of the DDA, I really appreciate it," said mayor Norman Carlson Jr.

Carlson said he is in the process of appointing Porter's successor but has not made a decision yet.

Porter said over the years he has seen many changes in Charlevoix's downtown and in the authority's district, such as greater expenditures on construction projects.

"Up until the East Park project, the DDA spent $11 to 12 million in downtown," Porter said. "With East Park, they spent another $3 or 4 million."

During his terms, there were two particular projects he was very proud to be a part of.

"I'm most proud of getting the lights replaced in downtown with the current streetlamps," Porter said. "I'm equally proud of the Ferry Avenue park concession stand and re-landscaping project."

His term, now vacant, expires in April of 2010.

Hospital guild to host July 9 picnic at Michigan Beach

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will have its annual picnic at 10 a.m. on July 9 at the Michigan Beach pavilion.

Those interested in joining the guild and/or volunteering at the hospital are invited to attend.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the City of Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider an appeal of the decision by the city zoning administrator to issue Zoning Permit No. 2850 to James and Patricia Anderson concerning their property at 300 and 304 East Dixon Ave., Charlevoix, Michigan, or in the alternative, to interpret Sections 5.5(1), 5.5(10), 5.5(14), 5.11(7), 5.176, and other applicable provisions of the city zoning ordinance concerning whether the zoning ordinance requires that a boathouse be a detached accessory building. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in the Charlevoix City Hall located at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. The public is invited to attend and present its comments on the issues before the ZBA. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing, may be mailed to the city planning department at the above address, or may be faxed to the city planning department at (231) 547-3617 before the public hearing.

Gerry Harsh
City Planner

JUN 2007

Student art selected for China exchange

Dillan Bryant

Artwork by Jonathon Pischner and Beatriz Ramalho of St. Mary School in Charlevoix, and also Dillan Bryant of Northwest Academy in Charlevoix was recently selected to represent Michigan in Binshou City, Shandong Province. The Michigan artwork will be exhibited in schools in this eastern province of China.

Thousands of children from across Michigan participated in the Michigan 4-H Children's Art Exchange with China from September 2006 through April 2007. More than 400 of the thousands of pieces of artwork, were chosen to be sent to Michigan State University in May. Of the 400 plus pieces of art, 69 were selected to be sent to Shandong Province.

Charlevoix art students were among the 69 selected to represent Michigan.

Courtesy photo

Artwork by Jonathon Pischner (above, right) and Beatriz Ramalho (above, left) of St. Mary School in Charlevoix, and also Dillan Bryant of Northwest Academy in Charlevoix were recently selected to represent Michigan in Binshou City, Shandong Province.

Sheriff warns of fraudulent mail

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater advises that a fraudulent mailing is going out to citizens of Charlevoix County stating they are required to complete an electrical inspection.

This mailing fraudulently uses the Charlevoix County Building Department's name and address on it and claims that records indicate a failure to complete home inspection. The mailing is very detailed giving permit numbers and time frames that the alleged inspection was supposed to have taken place. It also includes a form labeled electrical permit application.

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Digital photography helps assault victims

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Any victims of assault in Charlevoix County can expect clearer, more accurate documentation that will help prosecute their attacker.

New documentation equipment was recently provided to Charlevoix Area Hospital with the help of the Northern Michigan Women's Resource Center, county courts and police.

"We had antiquated equipment, we would never know if the pictures were good," said Sue Coen, emergency room nurse for Charlevoix Area Hospital. "Now if we have a bad one, we can delete it and take one at a fresh angle."

The new equipment includes a Fujifilm digital camera, tripod and Hewlett-Packard photo printer.

Coen, who performs all the examinations for physical and sexual assault cases, said a clear picture helps support evidence of an attack when presented in court. Investigations will now be faster and more efficient.

The grant to purchase the equipment came from a combination of funds from the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan in Petoskey, Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema's office, the Charlevoix County Sheriff, the City of Charlevoix and the City of East Jordan.

Coen said that initially it was a victim of sexual assault who came to Charlevoix Area Hospital who recommended the hospital update their equipment.

"We knew we were working with old equipment, it happened to be the victim that said 'You know, you need something new,'" said Coen. "She worked as a victim's advocate."

After the victim's complaint, the hospital took action and the equipment was purchased within three to four months.

Coen said a victim's greatest resource after an assault is a network of personal support from family and friends to help them provide emotional strength needed to prosecute their attacker. If not, Coen said the Women's Resource Center is available to help.

Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Program Director Chris Krajewski of the Women's Resource Center said the center receives a grant made possible by the Violence Against Women's Act of 1998. A portion of the grant is given to the prosecutor's office and police departments to purchase equipment that will help prosecute physical and sexual attackers.

Krajewski said the idea for the equipment came after Jarema was approached by Coen.

"The prosecutor's office said 'hey,' let's pool all our money this year,'" Krajewski said.

In the past, the grant has been used for items such as a screen that enables the victim not to have to face their attacker in court.

Photo by Stefanie Carano

This digital camera and equipment was purchased to help document assault cases that come to Charlevoix Area Hospital. From left to right: City of Charlevoix Police Chief Gerard Doan, Northern Michigan Women's Center Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assualt Program Director Chris Krajewski, Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema, Charlevoix County Undersheriff W.D. (Don) Schneider, Charlevoix Area Hospital Emergency Nurse Sue Coen and East Jordan Police Chief Daniel Reece.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, September 18, 2006 - 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street,
Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving a letter endorsing the Charlevoix Senior Citizens' Center request for a grant from the Grant Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
- Motion passed approving a Major Development Plan Amendment for 99 & 103 Bridge Street (Pine River Building).
- Motion passed authorizing issuance of the Fireworks Permit, execution of the Hold Harmless agreement, and approving itinerary changes for the 2007 Venetian Festival.
- Motion passed approving a partial occupancy agreement with Hallmark Construction for the Marina/East Park Project.
- Motion passed approving an amendment to the agreement with the Beaver Island Boat Company.
- Motion passed approving the Mayor's reappointment of Ken Polankowski to the Shade Tree Commission.
- Motion passed approving the Mayor's reappointment of John Hess and Doug Way, Jr. to the Planning Commission.
- Motion passed approving the Mayor's reappointment of John Yaroch and Hugh Mason to the Downtown Development Authority.
- Motion passed approving the Mayor's reappointment of Linda Mason and Hans Wiemer to the Historic District Commission.
- Motion passed approving the Mayor's reappointment of Rick Brandi to the District Library Board.
- Motion passed to reconsider the Compensation Commission's recommendation for the City Clerk's Compensation.
- Motion passed to reject the Compensation Commission's recommendation for the City Clerk's Compensation.
- Motion passed recommending the Compensation Commission consider a 3% raise to the Clerk.

Council adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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Charlevoix City Council

The following issues were discussed during the Monday, June 18 meeting of the Charlevoix City Council:

Item: Charlevoix Senior Citizen's Center- Request for Support for Grant

In brief: The Charlevoix Senior Citizens' Center is asking the city council for their support in endorsing the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians two percent allocation funding to pay for the expansion of the center's kitchen facilities. The center had asked the tribe for financial support.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Request for Major Development Plan- Pine River Building, 99 Bridge St. and 103 Bridge St.

In brief: The council considered the development plan submitted by Clint and Steve Berlage, that was previously presented to the city's planning commission. The Berlages have requested a change in their building's use at 99 and 103 Bridge St. from office to residential. Their plans include one retail space and five residences for the property. According to the planning commission, the plan meets all the requirements under Section 5.92 (18) of the zoning ordinance. The plans meets the requirements of the fire and police protection, except for the water supply. A 2-inch water line that has been proposed to serve the residential units will meet this requirement.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: 2007 Venetian Festival itinerary, fireworks permit and liability

In brief: The council reviewed the fireworks permit, the hold harmless agreement and the revision of Venetian itinerary presented to them by Daniel Barron, president of the 2007 Venetian Festival. The city reviewed the certificate of liability insurance and hold harmless agreement submitted by the Colonial Fireworks Company based in Clayton. The hold harmless agreement would prevent the city from any liability caused by the fireworks show. Colonial Fireworks agrees to reimburse the city all reasonable attorney fees and costs of litigation in the event a claim is filed. Also, Barron said that most of the Venetian events will now take place at Lake Michigan beach (such as Kid's Day, the musical concerts, etc.) with the exception of the carnival and Saturday's boat parade and fireworks show, which will take place at their usual locations. The boat parade and fireworks viewing scheduled for July 22 has been moved from East Park to Bridge Park.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Partial occupancy or use agreement — Downtown Park Project

In brief: The city is seeking permission from Hallmark Construction, who is currently performing the work in East Park, to use a sidewalk and the marina at the park in the months of July and August. This would allow boaters to use the marina during this time. Hallmark Construction has agreed to put up a construction fence along the sidewalk for this purpose.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Request from Beaver Island Boat Company to use additional docks

In brief: The Beaver Island Boat Company would like to acquire the additional dock, dockage space and parking spaces left by the decommissioning of the U.S. Coast Guard vessel, Acacia. The company wants to use the extra dock for their luggage operations. The six parking spaces would be used for the unloading and loading of luggage and vehicles from the ferry and would be restricted to 15-minute use.

Council action: Approved, 4-2

Item: Appointments

In brief: City council and Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. addressed current vacancies on city appointed boards, authorities and commissions including a seat on the Downtown Development Authority, the Planning Commission, the Housing Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Ken Polankowski's term on the Shade Tree Commission expired on Dec. 31, 2006. June Cross, John Hess and Doug Way Jr.'s terms on the planning commission expired in April of this year. John Yaroch and Hugh Mason's term on the Downtown Development Authority also expired in April of this year. On the Historic District Commission, Linda Mason and Hans Wiemer's terms expired in June of this year. Rick Brandi's term as city representative on the District Library Board also expired in June of this year.

Council action: City council approved appointment of Ken Polankowski to the Shade Tree Commission, re-appointment of Rick Brandi as city representative to the District Library Board and Linda Mason and Hans Wiemer were re-appointed to the Historic District Commission. Council also approved the mayor re-appointment of John Hess and Doug Way Jr. and the re-appointment of John Yaroch and Hugh Mason to the Downtown Development Authority.

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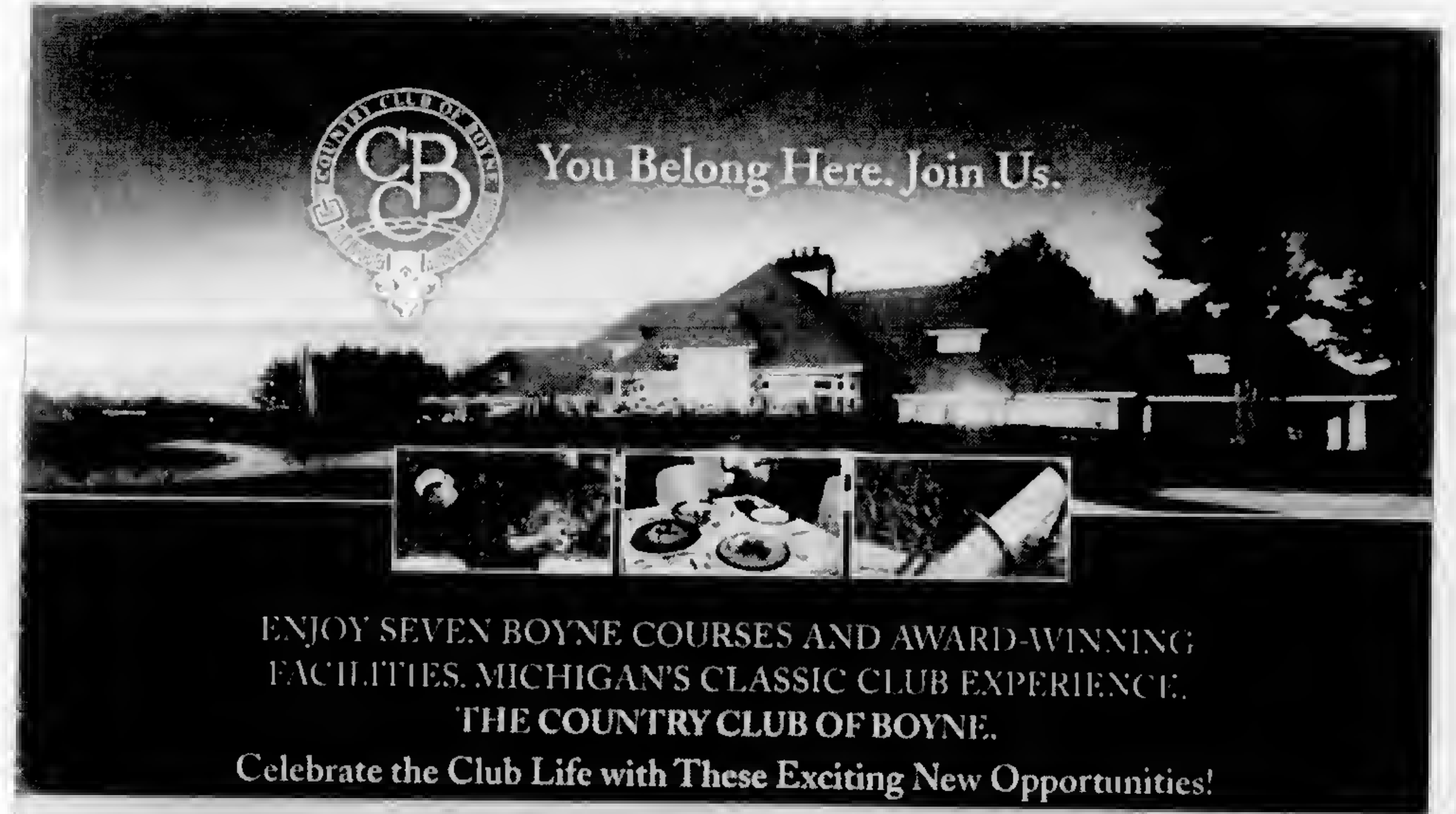
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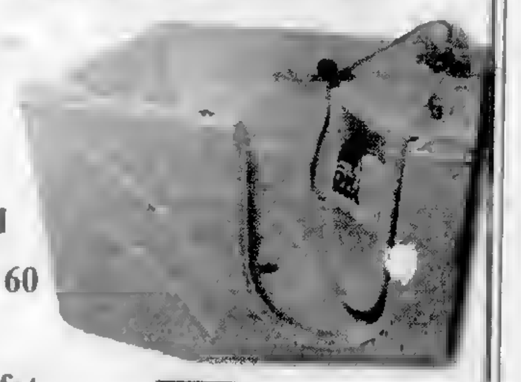
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Marina FLASHBACK

In an effort to remind readers of how the East Park and municipal marina property have evolved, the Courier has teamed up with the Charlevoix Historical Society to bring readers a photo history of the property. This will run weekly in a "Then and Now" format with a picture from the past and the current construction schedule.

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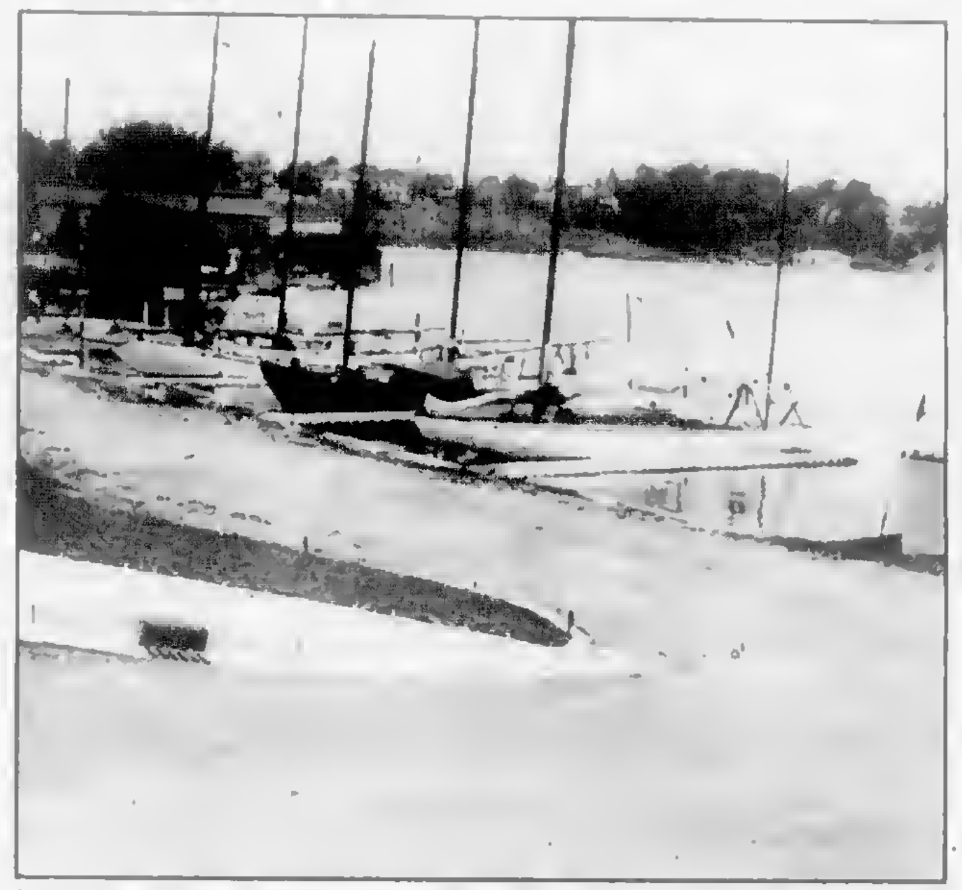

(Above) One of the features of the new waterfront of the 1930s was a roadway that stretched from the base of Antrim Street near present day Ward Brothers and ran one block north to the base of Mason Street. At first it was only a dirt road. It was later paved. Boat owners could park their cars right at their dock.

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Background

Phase 1 of the $10 million East Park and marina renovation project includes the seawall replacement, removal of the 17 existing piers, which at the furthest point extend 75-feet into Round Lake, installation of new sheet pile running the length of the park 850-feet, and other miscellaneous work. The targeted completion date for Phase 1 is near the end of April. Installation of the new docks, Phase 2, is underway simultaneously. It includes installation of a 67-slip floating dock system that extends 220-feet into Round Lake at the furthest point. Docks which were fabricated this winter are currently being installed. Utilities are expected to be hooked up and operational near the end of June. The total cost for Phases 1 and 2 is $3.8 million.

Events as of June 27:

Finishing up the floating piers.

The bore and jack under bridge street is complete.

A concrete promenade is starting to be poured. This is a wide walkway boaters will use to access the docks.

A trench drain is being installed and concrete is being poured around the shell. A trench will drain rainwater away from paved areas.

All of light pole bases have been installed.

H piles have all been installed to support a retaining wall.

Auger cast piles for the harbor master building is complete.

Work on Mason Street is expected be complete between June 23 and June 25.

Starting Monday, June 25, electric department employees will start pulling the primary wire through the conduits that have been installed.

The ice suppression system is complete with the exception of the compressors and covers.

This report was generated by Pat Elliott, City of Charlevoix Street Department superintendent. If you have any questions, please contact Elliott at 547-3276. The project update can also be viewed on the city Web site at www.cityofcharlevoix.org/public.htm

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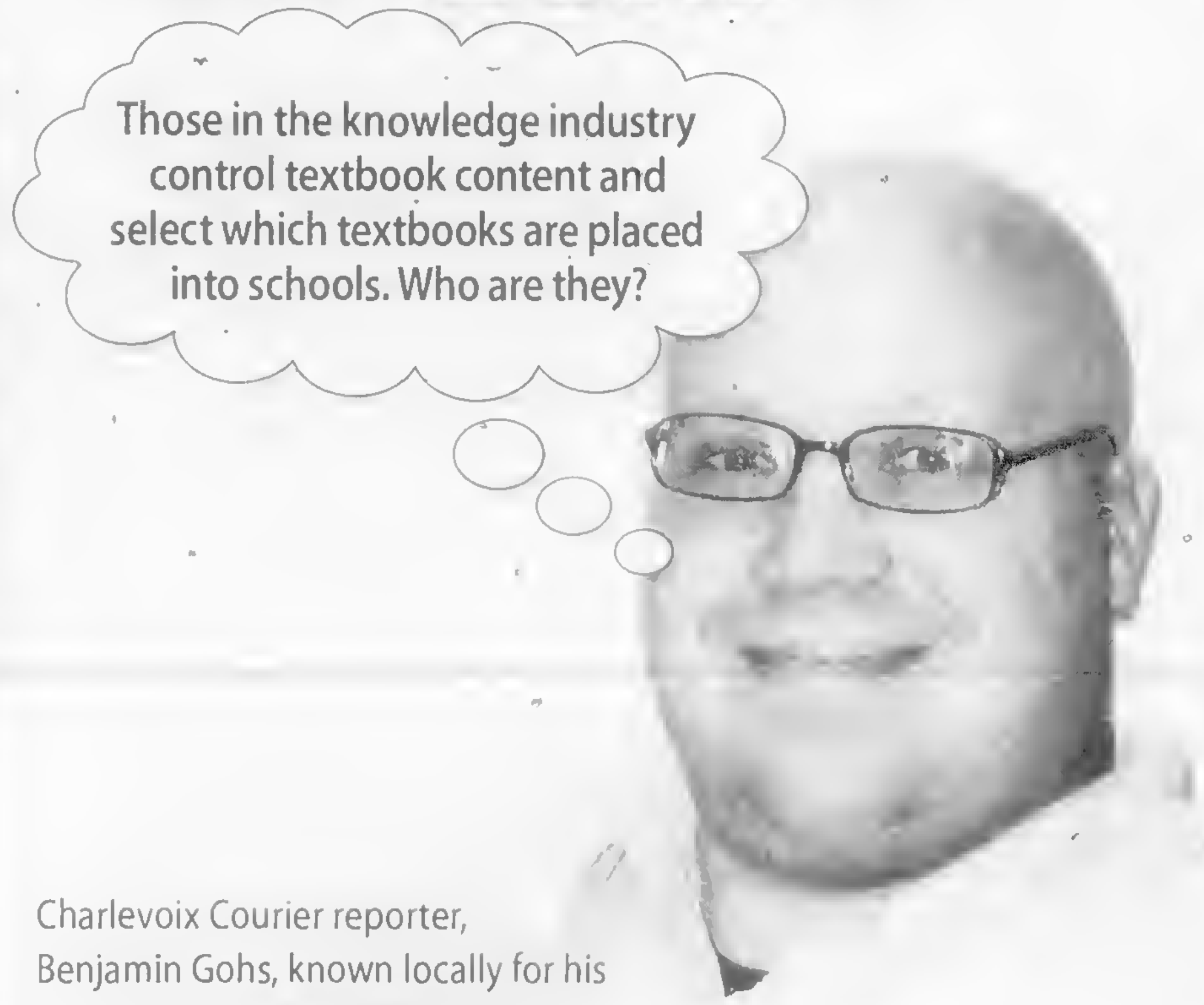
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Pajtas' smoke ban ruling stands

The State of Michigan Court of Appeals issued a ruling on June 5 in unanimous agreement with the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency that it has the authority to regulate smoking in most workplaces and public places in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties, its four-county health district.

Plaintiffs took their case to the Court of Appeals after Judge Richard Pajtas at the 33rd Circuit Court in Charlevoix ruled in favor of the health department in August 2006. The case is now over unless the plaintiffs ask the Michigan Supreme Court to accept the case. There is no automatic appeal to the Supreme Court.

"This decision is significant, not only for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, but for all health departments in Michigan," said attorney Jim Young, who represented the health department in both court cases. "It will be a published opinion which sets a statewide precedent that is binding on lower courts."

Not only was the decision unanimous, but the three-judge panel agreed with the health department on every one of its arguments defending its authority to enact regulations that protect public health, Young said. "The clear success of our case illustrates the thoughtfulness of Judge Pajtas' ruling last summer in favor of the health department."

The court ruled local health departments were charged by the Legislature to "adopt regulations to properly safeguard the public health." It agreed with the local health department that the Michigan Clean Indoor Air Act does not conflict with the local regulation, even though it is more stringent than the state law.

Plaintiffs also argued that a provision banning the firing of an employee who makes non-smoking an issue violates an employer's at-will employee rights. But the court said that it is lawful to protect an employee from discharge when the employee reports the violation of a local regulation as well as a violation of state law.

According to Gerald Chase, health officer for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, 24 non-smoking individuals on average die each year in the health department's four-county health district as a result of exposure to secondhand smoke.

"We worked with our county boards of commissioners to approve the smoke-free workplace regulation for one reason: Eliminate non-smokers' exposure to secondhand smoke, a known carcinogen, at least at the work site," Chase said. "We are grateful to our four county boards of commissioners for recognizing the regulation was needed to protect public health."

The "Public Health Indoor Air Regulation of 2005" requires most businesses in the four county health district served by the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, to provide smoke-free environments for their employees. Businesses in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties may designate a smoking room for their smoking employees that is independently ventilated so that smoke does not enter other non-smoking areas of the work site. The regulation does not apply to restaurants and bars, private residences (except those used for child care, health care or adult day care), Indian-owned casinos or vehicles occupied by only one employee.

Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality health care, address health problems of vulnerable populations and protect the environment for residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. For more information about the smoke-free workplace regulation, visit www.nwhealth.org.

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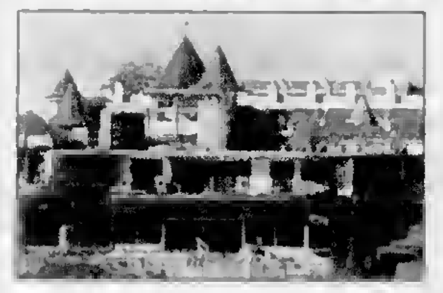
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The focus of the Char-Em ISD AmeriCorps Program is to mentor elementary school age children in need of academic assistance or social issues. Currently applications are being accepted for 10 positions that will serve as mentors and teach conflict resolution skills to at-risk students.

The full-time positions are a 10-month commitment and require completion of 1,700 hours of service throughout the 2007-2008 school year. Benefits include a living stipend of $11,100, an education award of $4,725, and single subscriber health insurance for those who qualify. Members must be at least 17 years of age, and have a high school diploma or GED.

Applications will be accepted until July 10 and are available by contacting AmeriCorps assistant Linda Johnson at (231) 547-9947, or by visiting the AmeriCorps Web site at www.americorps.org and clicking on Join Now. The Char-Em ISD AmeriCorps Program serves 11 school districts within intermediate school district's service area of Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties.

Women's Resource Center offers parenting workshop

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What? A parenting workshop, based on the best-selling book, "How to talk so kids will listen and listen so kids will talk."

When? From 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 9.

Where? The Women's Resource Center in Petoskey.

A parenting workshop, based on the best-selling book, "How to talk so kids will listen and listen so kids will talk," will take place from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 9 at the Women's Resource Center in Petoskey.

Parents will learn proven skills, such as how to set limits while maintaining goodwill, cope with their child's negative feelings, express anger without hurting, engage their child's willing cooperation and help their child become caring and responsible.

The six-session workshop will be led by Joanne F. Townsend, ACSW. The cost of the workshop is $80 per person or $85 per couple, materials are included.

The sessions are held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. July 9, 16, 23, 30, Aug. 6 and 13. Advance registration and payment is requested.

To register, call the Women's Resource Center at (231) 347-0067 or visit www.wrcnm.org.

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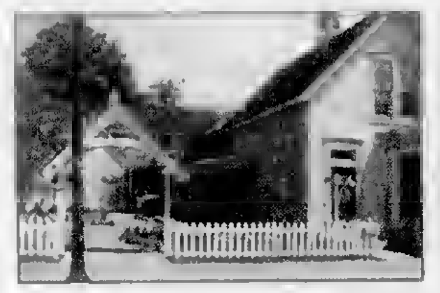
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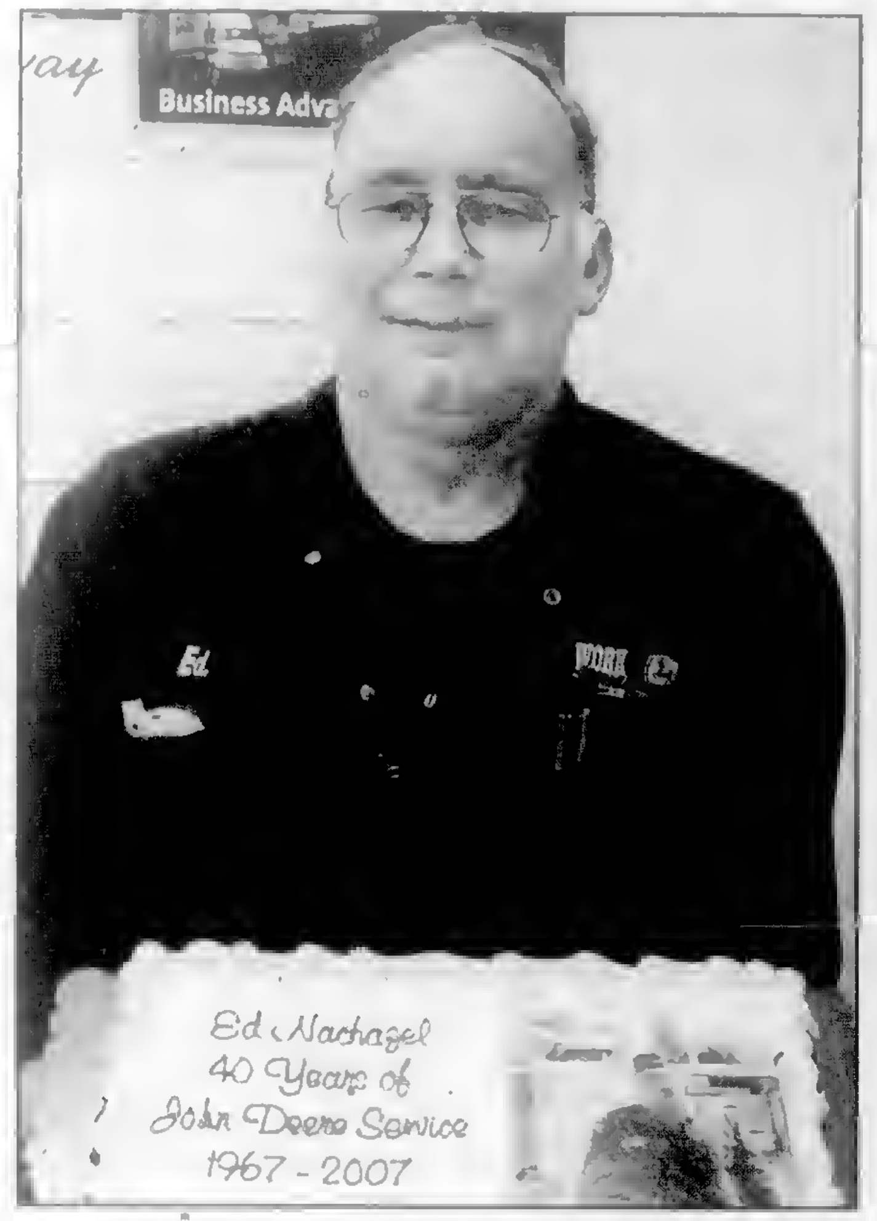

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40 years of service

A luncheon was given to celebrate Ed Nachazel's 40 years of service to Klooster Machinery/Work 'n Play Shop in Atwood on U.S. 31, south of Charlevoix. Nachazel started in 1967 as an entry level technician and over the years advanced to senior technician, road technician and then to foreman, working on both John Deere agricultural and construction equipment.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING
July 9, 2007

The Charlevoix Township Board will hold its Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing July 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting at the Charlevoix Township at 12491 Waller Road.

At such time the budget concerning estimated revenues and proposed expenditures will be submitted for consideration. **The proposed millage rate to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.**

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for inspection after July 5, 2007 at the Office of the Clerk at 12491 Waller Road.

Carol Martin
Charlevoix Township Clerk

Charlevoix State Bank announces
the Retirement of

Richard M. Hodgson & John E. Kurtz

An Open House Celebration will take place Tuesday, July 10, 2007, from 12 - 4pm, at Charlevoix State Bank, 111 State St., Charlevoix, Michigan to wish Richard and John well in their retirement.

Richard M. Hodgson moved to Charlevoix in 1970. He has owned and operated several businesses in the area, including Walker Marine Agency on Round Lake, and has been a partner in Island Airways. He became involved in banking as a Director of First State Bank of Charlevoix in 1974 and continued until that bank was sold. In 1994 he was part of the group that formed Charlevoix State Bank and has since served as its Chairman. He has been instrumental in developing the bank's branch network, including award winning Main Street Center in East Jordan and the newest branch in Ellsworth.

Richard has been very active in community service. He was a charter member and Commodore of Charlevoix Yacht Club. He has served in positions with the Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals, City Planning Commission, Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce, and East Jordan Chamber of Commerce.

Richard's plans for retirement include continued community involvement and travel with his wife Laurie and daughter Elizabeth.

John E. Kurtz began his banking career in 1970 in the Detroit Area. He moved to northern Michigan in 1973 as Assistant Vice President of First National Bank in Petoskey. In 1981, his career brought him to Charlevoix where from 1981 through 1993 he was Vice President and Cashier of First State Bank of Charlevoix. From 1993 to 1997, he was Senior Vice President and Senior Loan Officer for CB North Bank of Charlevoix, now Citizens Bank. Since 1997, he has held the position of President and CEO of Charlevoix State Bank.

John has always been active in the community. He has held several positions with various organizations, including Charlevoix Lions Club where he served as president, member of Library Finance Board, Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation Finance Committee, Charlevoix Cool Cities Process Committee and many, many more. John received the Outstanding Citizen Award this year presented by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

John's retirement plans include traveling with his wife Elaine and enjoying everyday to it's fullest.

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Sleeping Bear Press author event

Illustrator Gijsbert (Nick) van Frankenhuyzen and his wife, author Robbyn Smith van Frankenhuyzen, are flanked here by former Michigan Governor William Milliken and Gov. Jennifer Granholm at an author's reception at the governor's residence in Lansing early this spring. Nick's latest book, "Mackinac Bridge: The Story of the Five Mile Poem" was selected as a 2007 Michigan Notable Book. Robbyn's latest, "Kelly of Hazel Ridge" (illustrated by Nick) won the 2006 National Outdoor Book Award. The Sleeping Bear Press duo is undergoing a whirlwind mini-tour of northern Michigan. At 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4 they will be signing copies of their books at Up North Kids located at 220 Bridge St. in Charlevoix.

Celebrate the summer strawberry harvest

What? An old-fashioned strawberry social.
When? 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 30 at Friske's Farm Market.

Friske Orchards will celebrate the strawberry harvest at their annual Strawberry Social, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 30.

The day begins with a strawberry pancake breakfast at Friske's Orchard Cafe and u-pick strawberries at the farm on Doctor Road.

There will be something for all ages to enjoy — wagon rides, old-time music, old-fashioned children's games, early American handcraft demonstrations, strawberry shortcake and a chance to meet Miss Strawberry.

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See art in action at Bier Art Gallery demonstration day

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The gallery is located six miles south of Charlevoix in a red and white schoolhouse.

For more information, call (231) 547-2288.

Meet the man behind 'A Thousand Bones' at Bridge Street Books

Bridge Street Books will host a book signing featuring P.J. Parrish author of "A Thousand Bones," from 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday, July 2.

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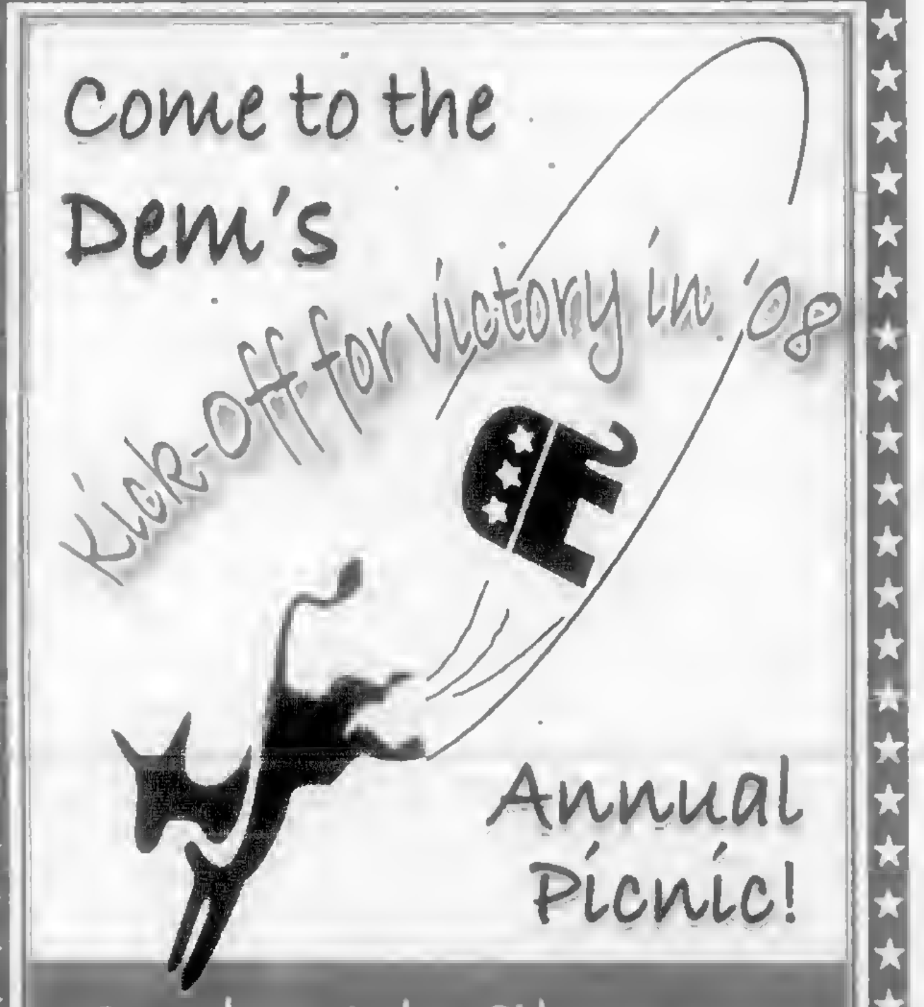
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Tuesday - July 3rd

11am - 6pm	30th Annual Waterside Art & Craft Show - Veteran's Park
6pm - 7pm	Early Registration & Packet Pick-up for Running Race
7pm	Horton Creek Band behind the Chamber of Commerce Building

Contacts

Parade Registration:	Liz Kroondyk 582-3389
Independence Running Race:	Barb Bryant 582-9196
Art Fair, Concession Stands:	Nancy Adams 582-7944
Duck Race:	Chamber of Commerce 582-6222
All School Class Reunion:	Ann 582-9076
Fundraising:	Liz Kroondyk 582-3389

Wednesday - July 4th

All Day - Food, Games & Concession stands of non-profit organizations

6:30am - 7:15am	Running Race Registration behind Chamber building
7:30am	29TH Annual Independence Day Race
8:30am	Parade registration & lineup at Water Works Dept. on Division St.
9am - 9:15am	Children's bike & costume lineup at Early Child. Devel. Center playground; judging at 9:30am sharp!
9:30	Pre-parade show: Boyne City Gymnastics & Eta Nu Clowns - Downtown
10am - 6pm	30th Annual Waterside Art & Craft Show - Veteran's Park
10am	GRAND PARADE - Water & Lake Street
11am	Rotary's Chicken BBQ - Veteran's Park
11am	Boyne Valley Garden Club Pie Sale
2pm	Commemorative Raft Race - Old City Park
12pm - 2pm	Kiwanis Children's Games across from museum
1pm	Horton Bay Parade in Horton Bay
1:30pm	Bands in Veteran's Park: Northern Nites, TNT, Rowhide
2:30pm	19th Annual Duck Race - Old City Park
3pm	B.C. Volunteer Fire Dept. Waterball Challenge - Veteran's Park
4pm	Soap Box Derby - trial runs followed by race - Park & Cedar Street
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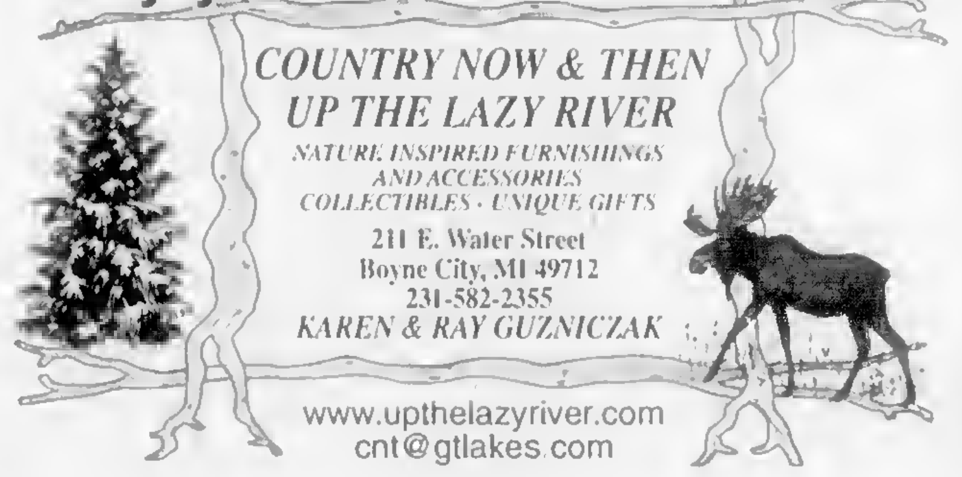
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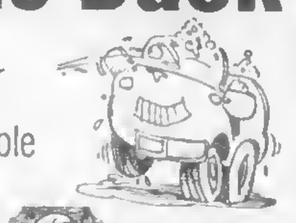

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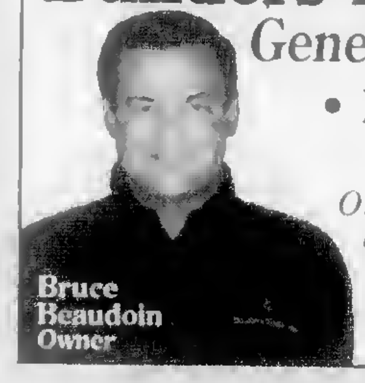

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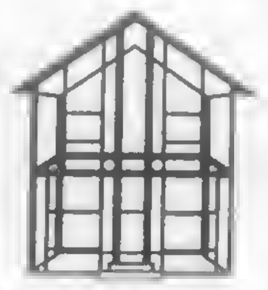

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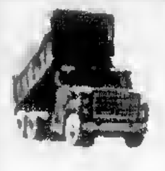

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Beach patrol

Lifeguards for Charlevoix's beaches have been chosen for 2007. They are (above, from left to right) Michelle Rowe, Michelle Hizelberger, Samantha Danbert, Jessica Nagel (head lifeguard), Stephanie DeKort, David Drury, Eddie Waldron, Bethany Pearson and Shannon Gillespie. Lifeguards will be stationed at Michigan, Ferry and Depot beaches from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m seven days a week from June 22 through Aug. 25.

Post-season honors go to baseball team

The post-season honors continue to come in for the Charlevoix Rayders baseball team.

Chris Waha was named first-team All-State in Division 3, Charlevoix's first recipient since Jim Buchanan and Gary Drury in 1982.

Waha was also named to the all-district and all-region teams by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association. Cliff Jones, Michael Heckendorn, J.D. Speigl and Clayton Mitchell were also named all-district.

Waha, Jones, Heckendorn and Jon Putman were named to the All-Lake Michigan Conference squad. Speigl, Mitchell and R.J. Moore were honorable mention.

For their work on the field and in the classroom, Jones, Speigl, Moore, Zach Scharenhroch and Nic Williams were all named all-academic all-district. Williams received all-academic all-region and all-state honors.

Men's June 18 rec league softball results

Men's rec league softball teams continued their season on June 18.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch June 18 games, Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Boss Engineering 2–1. For Boss, Jeremiah Teuscher had a double.

In game two, Art Form Fabricating/Frontier Classic beat JC Service 7–6. For JC, Anthony Cesaro had a triple and JD Pop and Josh Chamberlain each had a double.

In game three, RGM Services beat Subway/Charlevoix Collision 9–1. For RGM, Eddie Waldron had a triple and Bo Moore had a double.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Friday, June 15, 2007 – 5:45 p.m.

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

Motion passed to set public hearings for Monday, July 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the following proposed ordinances:

A proposed ordinance to amend Sections 5.5—5.12 and Section 5.200 of Chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code. The proposed ordinance provides for reorganization, additions, and amendments to the definitions section of Chapter 51; and amend section 5.200 Building Heights, and

A proposed ordinance to add Section 5.82(23)(d) to Article IV of Chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code.

Council adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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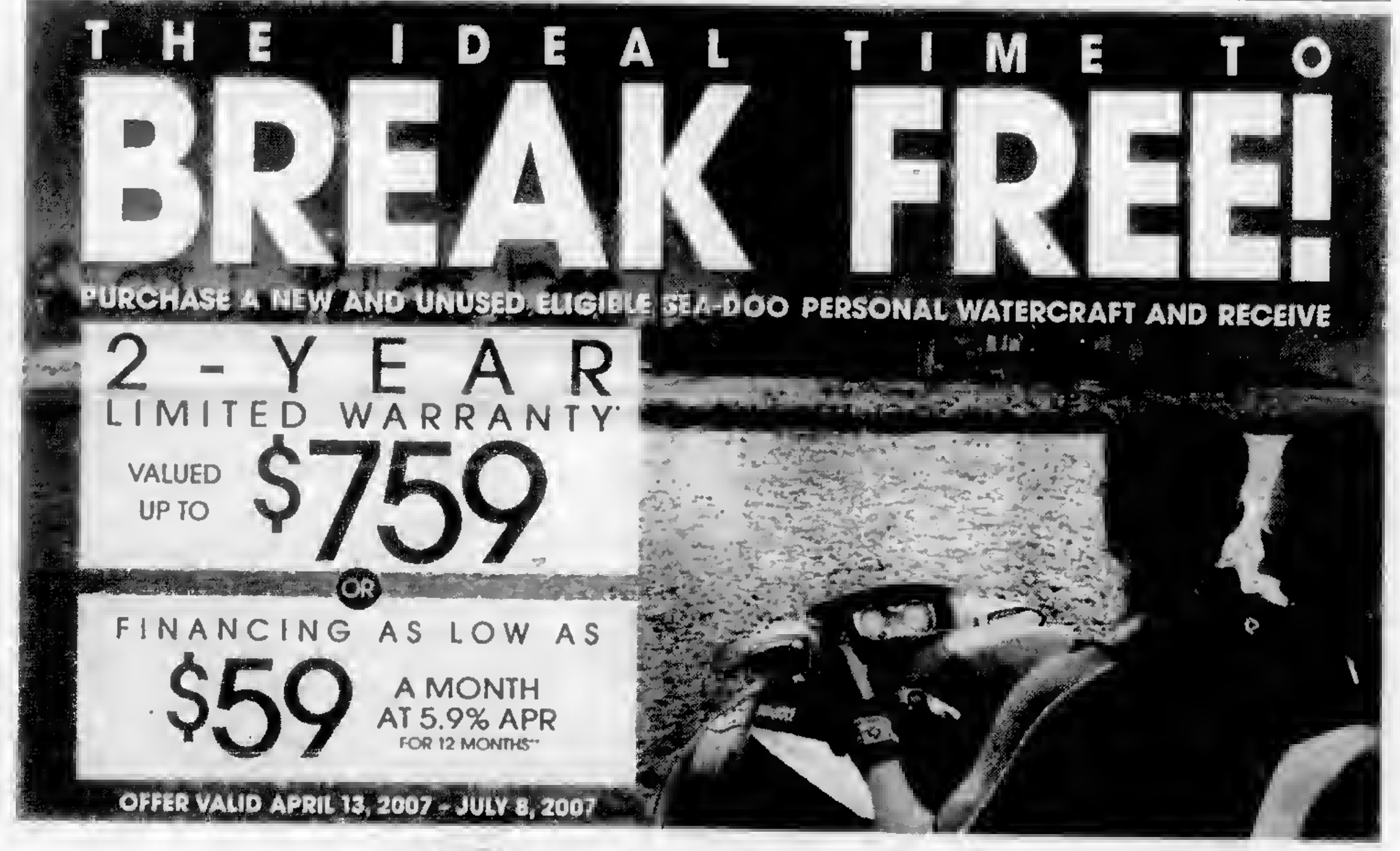

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Charlevoix public pool 10 year anniversary celebration

What? "Ten Years and Growing Stronger" is the theme for the 10th anniversary celebration of the opening of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool.
When? Thursday, July 19
Where? 11905 U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix

"Ten Years and Growing Stronger" is the theme for the 10th anniversary celebration of the opening of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Thursday, July 19.

THE CELEBRATION

The staff and board of directors have planned special events that day to showcase how the pool has served the public over the last decade.

The public is invited to use the pool that day at no charge and tours will be available for those who don't want to swim but wish to see and learn more about the pool facilities and its programs. The staff will serve hot dogs and a light meal from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. free to visitors.

EVENT SCHEDULE

The schedule for Thursday, July 19 in which the public can join in activities for free is as follows:

- Lap swimming 6 to 8 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. (two lanes).
- Open Swimming for all ages 3 to 5 p.m. (with the inflatable tanker) and 6 to 8 p.m., OYO (on your own) for adults only from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. (two lanes) and Aqua Exercise class from 8 to 9 a.m. The public can observe Red Cross Swim Lessons from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

THE HISTORY

Nearly 50 years ago the late Ralph Hamilton, a member of the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club envisioned and promoted an indoor pool for Charlevoix. The Friends of the Pool's many volunteers, spearheaded by Bruce and Barbara MacArthur made the pool a reality in 1997.

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool was one of only a few pools in the country built and operated without public funding. In 2005, the pool went to the public and passed a Recreational Authority Millage for the City of Charlevoix, Hayes Township and Charlevoix Township. These funds help keep the fees reasonable to the users, including offering dollar nites (four nights a week); non district users pay $1.50. The millage has also allowed the pool to put aside $35,000 a year in a contingency fund. This fund was used this past winter to replace the aging ventilation system at $110,000.

To date over 325,000 swimmers from Charlevoix and the surrounding area have used the pool.

THE BUDGET

The pool's budget for 2007 is $427,000. Of that $177,000 comes from the Recreational Authority, $80,000 from the annual pool auction, $50,000 from donations/other fundraising and $120,000 from fees and charges.

Anyone purchasing a pass or signing up for a class the week of July 16 will receive a 10 percent discount.

For more information about the Charlevoix Area Community Pool programs, call (231) 547-0982 or visit www.charpool.org.

Rayder soccer players recognized by state, team polls

The Charlevoix High School Women's soccer team completed their best season to date with a final record of 18-2.

The Rayders won the Lake Michigan Conference Championship for the third year in a row with 33 straight wins in conference and a record of 36-1-1 since 2005.

The Rayders earned all-state academic honors, finishing first in their division and second overall with a team GPA of 3.86. Earning individual all-state recognition were the team's three graduating seniors Zita Anderson, Teresa Potter and Lori Zimmerman.

All Lake Michigan Conference First Team recognition went to Zita Anderson, Emily Foster, Becca Madison, Tammy Potter and Ariel Ramsey. Honorable Mention recognition went to Olivia Catt, Teresa Potter, Meridith Rich and Lori Zimmerman.

All District First Team honorees are Zita Anderson, Olivia Catt, Emily Foster, Becca Madison, KC McCary, Ariel Ramsey and Meridith Rich. Honorable Mention recognition went to Kaleigh Blanchard, Tammy Potter, Teresa Potter and Lori Zimmerman.

Becca Madison, KC McCary, Ariel Ramsey were named to the All Region First Team. Becca Madison was also named to the All State Second Team. All State Honorable Mention recognition went to KC McCary and Ariel Ramsey.

Team awards determined by a vote of team members are as follows: Defensive Player of the Year, Teresa Potter; Offensive Player of the Year, Olivia Catt; Most Improved Player, Marnie Greene; Team Spirit Award, Becca Madison; Coaches Awards, Zita Anderson, Kaleigh Blanchard and Tammy Potter.

Rayder Youth Football Camp July 7 at Kipke Field

Charlevoix Rayder Youth Football Camp will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on July 7 at Kipke Field.

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Leslie Donaldson

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For more information, call the arts center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

Art entry dates

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Event opening

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Who? Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airfield

What? Rides and viewing of a World War 11 B-17 Bomber

Where? Charlevoix Municipal Airport

When? Friday June 29 and Saturday June 30

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CHARLEVOIX

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DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX

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On Lake Susan in Charlevoix. Weekend rate $1,000. Weekly rates available. Call (989)463-3937 and ask for Linda.

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2090 BIDS WANTED

Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

INVITATION TO BID

North Country Community Mental Health is requesting bid proposals for professional auditing services for fiscal years ending September 30, 2007 through September 30, 2009. The request for proposal would include Financial and Compliance audits for North Country Community Mental Health and it's Affiliates, AuSable Valley Community Mental Health and Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority. The bid packet will be published on the North Country Community Mental Health website at: www.norcocmh.org **after July 2, 2007** or can be requested by contacting Tiffany Hawley, Administrative Assistant, at (231)439-1274 **after July 2, 2007**. A pre-bid conference will be held on July 11, 2007 at 10:00 AM at our offices located in the J. Richard Yuill Alpine Center, 800 Livingston Blvd., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Gaylord, Michigan, to address any questions regarding the bid packets.

North Country Community Mental Health reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

2090 BIDS WANTED

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

BID NOTICE

The Charlevoix County Transportation Authority will accept sealed proposals until 10:30 AM September 1, 2007 at the Charlevoix County Clerk's office located at 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Bids will be opened at 10:30 AM September 1, 2007 for the following:

REPOWER IRONTON FERRY "VESSEL CHARLEVOIX"

Bid packets are available at the Charlevoix County Clerk's office for a $50.00 fee. Bid packets include blue prints of the Ironton Ferry. Contact Michael Luchenbill at the Charlevoix County Road Commission (231) 582-7330 for any bid specification or mechanical related questions.

Bids shall be presented in sealed envelopes, plainly marked as to contents and on Charlevoix County Transportation Authority furnished forms. Bids must include detailed information about all proposed work and components being replaced.

The Charlevoix County Transportation Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to award the bid deemed in the best public interest.

(B-6/20, 06/27)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: John Spieth and Rebecca Spieth, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2005 and recorded August 22, 2005 in Liber 700 Page 328 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Resmae Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents ($191,118.47) including interest 7.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, In the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, July 13, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Pineridge Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 339 and 340, Charlevoix County Records Commonly known as 12938 Pine Ridge Drive, Charlevoix MI 49720 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JUNE 7, 2007

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Resmae Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-71862
ASAP# 862464
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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christopher D. Hartley, a single man, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated July 6, 2000, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on July 28, 2000, in Liber 393, Page(s) 185, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $102,554.40, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Christopher D. Hartley, a single man, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), together with interest at 9.00 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on July 27, 2007 at 11:00 a.m., in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING AT A CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SURVEY MARKER AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 19, TOWN 33 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST; THENCE ALONG THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION, AS MONUMENTED BY E.A. ROBINSON, COUNTY SURVEYOR, IN 1928, SOUTH 89º 20' 27" EAST 66.01 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH RE ROD ON THE EAST LINE OF A PRIVATE EASEMENT FOR ROADWAY AND UTILITY PURPOSES, FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID 1/4 LINE, SOUTH 89º 20' 27" EAST 1297.51 FEET TO A 1 1/2 INCH WELL POINT ON THE WEST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION, AS MONUMENTED BY SAID ROBINSON; THENCE ALONG SAID WEST 1/8 LINE, SOUTH 01º 13' 27" WEST 338.99 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH RE ROD; THENCE NORTH 89º 20' 27" WEST 1298.67 FEET TO A 1/2 INCH RE ROD ON THE EAST LINE OF SAID EASEMENT; THENCE NORTH, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID EASEMENT, NORTH 01º 25' 11" EAST 339.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19.

TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT OVER THE NORTH 300.00 FEET OF THE WEST 66.01 FEET OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWN 33 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: June 18, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
(f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.)

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(L-06/20, 06/27, 07/04, 07/11, 07/18)

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

THE BANK OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN,
a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

Case No. 06-500-21-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

v.

JOHN S. HUNT and JUDITH C. HUNT, husband and wife,
Defendants.

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1. On May 25, 2007, the Honorable Richard M. Pajtas, Circuit Court Judge, entered a Default Judgment and Order for Sale in this matter in favor of Plaintiff The Bank of Northern Michigan. A copy of this judgment has been recorded beginning at Liber 804, Page 627, Charlevoix County Records.

2. As of the date of this notice, this judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Default Judgment and Order for Sale, on Friday, August 10, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to be held in the lobby of the County Clerk's Office in the Charlevoix County Building, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants John S. Hunt and Judith C. Hunt in and to the real property described as follows:

In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the West 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the West line of said section, as monumented North 00°49'08" West 199.64 feet (recorded as North 200.00 feet) to a T-iron stake, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line North 00°49'08" West 98.90 feet (recorded as North 99.20 feet) to a T-iron stake; thence North 68°09'10" East (recorded at an angle of 69°04' to the right from said 1/4 line) 305.05 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Westerly line of Highway M-66; thence along said highway line south 21°35'56" East 222.94 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence south 89°11'37" West 363.83 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH a Non-Exclusive Easement for ingress and Egress to Lake Charlevoix with the privilege of using the same for boating and bathing purposes over and across a strip of land 25 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Easterly along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 530.8 feet; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 104°14'45" to the left from said 1/4 line 90.39 feet, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence Northeasterly at an angle of 84°27'35" to the right from the last described course to the shore of Lake Charlevoix, being the Point of Ending, and being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

3. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of this sale.

Dated: June 20, 2007

JANE E. BRANNON
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK

By: Sharon M. Selissen,
Deputy Clerk
(L-06/27, 07/03, 07/11, 07/18, 07/25, 08/01, 08/08)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made In the condition of certain mortgage made the 14th day of May, 2004, by Daniel McGillis, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on May 18, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 614, page 791, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX AND 70/100 DOLLARS ($38,336.70) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, August 3, 2006 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage,, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at an axle shaft at the Southeast corner of Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section North 00°06'22" East 1320.90 feet to a boat spike on the South 1/8th line of said Section; thence along said 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 1318,19 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the East 1/8th line of said section; thence continuing along said South 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 459.30 feet; thence North 00°1 3'06" East 435.60 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 89°32'31" West 200.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section; thence along the aforementioned line North 00°13'06" East 227.13 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said section; thence along the aforementioned line North 89°37'26" East 233.00 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 00°13'06" West 226.79 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 89°32'31" West 33.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; all being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West.

PARCEL 2: A non-exclusive easement 66 feet in width for ingress, egress and installation, and maintenance of utilities both above and below ground, described as:

Commencing at an axle shaft at the Southeast corner of Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section North 00°06'22" East 1320.90 feet to a boat spike on the South 1/8th line of said section; thence along said 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 1318.19 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the East 1/8th line; thence continuing along said South 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 459.30 feet; thence North 00°13'06" East 33.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the North line of Mountain Road being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing North 00°13'06" East 435.60 feet; thence North 89°32'31" East 66.00 feet; thence South 00°13'06" West 435.60 feet to the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89°32'31" West 66.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; all being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: June 18, 2007

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(L-06/27, 07/04, 07/11, 07/18)

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Planning commission isn't Wynkoop's last stop

MINE

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the lone "nay" vote on the planning commission, he could not in good conscience vote for the special use permit knowing what the gravel-hauling trucks would do to Norwood Road.

"Things like noise and dust can affect a small group of individuals, but something like that road is an entity that belongs to the entire township," he said. "I did read all the letters and that was one of the reasons I made the recommendation I did, because a lot of people were concerned with the road issue. I made my decision on a lot of letters and a lot of fact."

Way said he would have voted in favor of the permit if Wynkoop had agreed to be bonded with responsibility for the nearly one mile section of Norwood Road, from the Wynkoop mine to U.S. 31.

"We asked him to obtain a bond for the road and they (Wynkoop and his representatives) politely refused," he said. "The way it's set up now, they agree to put in a part of the material so the county road commission can fix it when the road deteriorates, and his (Wynkoop's) attorney and engineer admitted it will deteriorate. My question is, if that happens and you're out of business, is the township going to be stuck with a rotten road to pay for?"

"Why should I pay for a brand new road for a 50-year-old road already damaged," said Wynkoop, who had at one time planned to work with a gravel hauling contractor to pay for the complete repair of the section of Norwood Road from his property to U.S. 31. "If I still had the money sitting in my bank account, I would have been happy to (pay for the road repairs) but, these people have taken these plans away from me by battling me and not listening to what I had to say and not taking me as a man of my word and misrepresenting my good intentions from day one."

He added, "I was in the trucking business for 15 years. I know how trucks deteriorate roads, it's going to happen, but everything else deteriorates the roads too. I'm willing to pay my fair share. I'm willing to pay more than my fair share, but I should not be held accountable for rebuilding a road that has already deteriorated."

Norwood resident Bill Gnodtke said, while he is disappointed with the commission's decision, he was not surprised.

"By granting that special use permit, they succeeded in denying the people of the township the rights afforded to them when property is rezoned," he said. "When

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Nearly 30 people attended the Thursday, June 21 meeting of the Norwood Township Planning Commission to decide the fate of a special use permit requested by Wayne Wynkoop (third from left) for his limestone mine. The commission approved the permit request pending ratification of the minutes at their July 9 meeting.

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you look at the makeup of the planning commission and consider the statements some members had made as far as a year and a half ago, they supported the original application, so it wasn't a surprise they OK'd it."

Gnodtke also echoed Way's sentiments about the deterioration of Norwood Road.

Chairman of the commission, Tom Mielke, said after reviewing all the facts, he felt the commissioners ruled appropriately and added that Wynkoop's offer to provide the gravel for road repairs was generous.

"That offer is probably worth somewhere in the neighborhood of $100,000," Mielke said.

Mielke thanked his fellow planning commission members for their hard work.

"There was a lot of evidence and a lot of time spent to make their findings," he said. "It was a difficult task and I think they did a good job."

Wynkoop said he has no issue with most of the planning commission's restrictions.

"I am concerned with the hours of truck operation. I think they are a little too restrictive," he said. "The hours will put a damper on contractors who want to start work early in the morning."

He added, "I think if they were really concerned about health and safety they would not be subjecting more truck (traffic) during the peak (time) of traffic."

Stipulations on Wynkoop's special use permit according to the Norwood Township site plan review requirements:

- A 2 cent per ton deposit into an escrow account to later be used for reclamation or the process of where land tore up by mining is restored back to a more natural or otherwise useable state.
- The special use permit will expire 15 years from the first date of operations following this special use permit approval.
- Reclamation must be completed within 12 months of end of operations.
- Permit is limited to extraction from the 25-acre pit defined in the application.
- Operations must not extend closer than allowed by the applicable state and federal laws to the seasonal watercourse "Whiskey Creek." There must not be any drainage from the operations into Whiskey Creek.
- The normal peak estimated traffic of 30 truck trips (in/out) per day between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays only traveling on Norwood Road between the site and U.S. 31 with warning road signage erected per zoning ordinance 7.02.3.C
- The decibel levels as measured at the property lines must be at or below 60 decibels as measured on the C scale.
- Blasting, a potential source of vibration, must not be performed.
- Dust must be controlled within the site as required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

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Road reopens

Construction being performed on Mason Street is for East Park's stormwater system that runs under U.S. 31. Work began on Monday, June 11 and was finished by Saturday, June 23.

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JUNE 27
PANHELLENIC WOMEN MEETING

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will meet for a noon catered luncheon on Wednesday, June 27 at the home of Judy Bryan, 317 Fairview, Petoskey.

Hostesses will be Judy Bryan and Phyllis Nolan.

Following a brief business meeting, Julie Norcross and Susan Capaldi of McLean & Eakin, Booksellers in Petoskey will present the program.

All Panhellenic members in the area are invited to attend. For reservations, sign up at the Bay View Post Office or call 348-1197 by Monday, June 25.

JUNE 28
FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Charlevoix Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 24.

JUNE 28
CONCERT IN THE PARK

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority are co-sponsoring a summer concert series. Tuesday evenings will feature the Charlevoix City Band. The first Thursday night performance will feature local bluegrass band, Horton Creek at 8 p.m. on June 28 in Bridge Park.

JUNE 30
STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

Friske Orchards will celebrate the strawberry harvest at their annual Strawberry Social, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 30.

The day begins with a strawberry pancake breakfast at Friske's Orchard Cafe and u-pick strawberries at the farm on Doctor Road.

There will be something for all ages to enjoy — wagon rides, old-time music, old-fashioned children's games, early American handcraft demonstrations, strawberry shortcake and a chance to meet Miss Strawberry.

Friske's Farm Market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31 at Atwood. For more information, call (231) 599-2604 or visit www.friske.com.

JUNE 30
CARE FAIR

The Charlevoix CARE Committee is hosting a CARE Fair from 9:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 30 at the new Charlevoix Public Library located at 220 West Clinton St. Admission is free. There is a grand opening ceremony as well as hands-on activities for the whole family, movies, energy saving solutions, clean energy experts to answer your questions, alternative energy demonstrations, musicians, organic food, electric/hybrid cars, special children's activities and more.

The fair is sponsored by WATCH Inc., the CARE Committee and the Charlevoix Public Library. For more information contact Michelle Rick-Biddick, CARE fair director at 547-5530 or WATCH@core.com.

JULY 2
BOOK SIGNING

Bridge Street Books will host a book signing featuring P.J. Parrish author of "A Thousand Bones," from 1 to 3 p.m. on Monday, July 2.

Bridge Street Books is located at 153 North M-66 in the Glen's Plaza. For more information, call (231) 547-7323.

JULY 4
BOOK SIGNING II

Illustrator Gijsbert (Nick) van Frankenhuyzen and his wife, author Robbyn Smith van Frankenhuyzen, The Sleeping Bear Press duo, are on a whirlwind mini-tour of northern Michigan.

At 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4 they will be signing copies of their books at Up North Kids located at 220 Bridge St. in Charlevoix.

JULY 5
ART DEMONSTRATION

Bier Art Gallery will host an art demonstration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 5. Demonstrations will include basket making, pottery and blacksmithing. Refreshments will be available.

The gallery is located six miles south of Charlevoix in a red and white schoolhouse.

For more information, call (231) 547-2288.

JULY 7
YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

Charlevoix Rayder Youth Football Camp will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on July 7 at Kipke Field.

The free camp open to students entering third through eighth grades will be run by the Charlevoix High School football coaching staff. Pre-registration and registration the day of camp is permitted. Campers should wear cleats, shorts, and a T-shirt.

For more information, contact coach Don Jess at (231) 237-9490.

JULY 8
REPUBLICAN PICNIC

The annual Charlevoix Republican Picnic will take place at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 8 at Whiting Park.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema's famous chicken BBQ will be featured. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass. Table service and beverages will be provided.

Door prizes will be offered. Tickets at the door are adults $8, children 12 and under free. For more information, call (231) 547-4046 or (231) 547-6600.

JULY 9
HOSPITAL GUILD MEETING

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will have its annual picnic at 10 a.m. on July 9 at the Michigan Beach pavilion. Those interested in joining the guild and/or volunteering at the hospital are invited to attend.

Attendees are asked to bring a friend, a dish to pass and table service.

For more information call (231) 547-4024.

JULY 10, 12 AND 19
BLOOD DRIVES

Bethany Lutheran Church, Charlevoix Community Reformed Church and Harbor Industries will host American Red Cross blood drives in July.

Harbor Industries will host a drive from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on July 10 at 100 Harbor Drive in Charlevoix.

Bethany Lutheran Church will host a drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on July 12 at 11906 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix Community Reformed Church will host a drive from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 19. The church is located at U.S. 31 North and Meech Street in Charlevoix.

During the month of July, all presenting donors can enter a drawing to win one of four $500 gas cards. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

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JULY 11
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The Charlevoix Historical Society will host an exhibit entitled "Antique Quilts - The Charlevoix Connection," beginning Wednesday, July 11 and running through Sunday, July 15 at the historic Charlevoix Depot.

This exhibit of the beauty and craftsmanship of antique quilters will be open to the public free of charge.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

JULY 11
SENIOR PICNIC

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging presents the 28th Annual Senior Picnic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11 at the Harvest Barn Word of Faith Church, formerly the Jordan Valley Express in East Jordan.

Featured will be Barbecue Chicken with all the fixings. Tickets are $6 for those under 60. A suggested donation for seniors 60 and older is $3. Tickets will be sold in advance at all Charlevoix County senior centers, at the Commission on Aging Office at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix or by calling (231) 237-0103.

Door prizes will be offered. Transportation to and from the event will be paid by local senior centers or Commission on Aging. To make arrangements for a ride, call (231) 582-6900 by Monday, July 9.

JULY 12
LIONS GOLF TOURNEY

The Charlevoix Lions will hold their 13th annual charity golf fund-raiser on Thursday July, 12 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

Players are asked to register beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 12 when a brat picnic lunch will be served. Shotgun start is at 2 p.m. The awards banquet, featuring Lions Chicken, will take place under a tent at the golf course.

The $98 per player fee includes the 18 holes, cart, all events and the awards dinner. A fee of $12.90 is for awards dinner only guests. Individual golfers, pairs, threesomes and teams can receive a registration form by calling Jeff Rizzo at (231) 547-5117 or Jerry Lauwers at (231) 547-6081.

JULY 19
CHARLEVOIX POOL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

"Ten Years and Growing Stronger" is the theme for the 10th anniversary celebration of the opening of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Thursday, July 19. The public is invited to use the pool that day at no charge and tours will be available for those who don't want to swim but wish to see and learn more about the pool facilities and its programs. The staff will serve hot dogs and a light meal from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. free to visitors. For more information about the Charlevoix Area Community Pool programs, call (231) 547-0982 or visit www.charpool.org.

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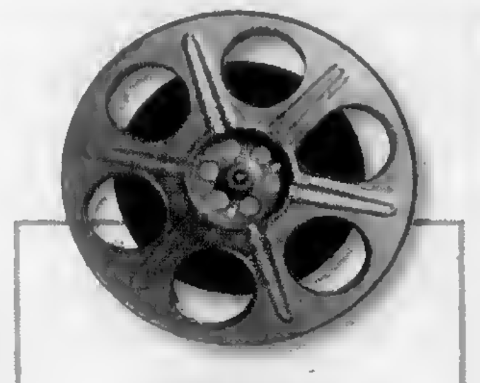

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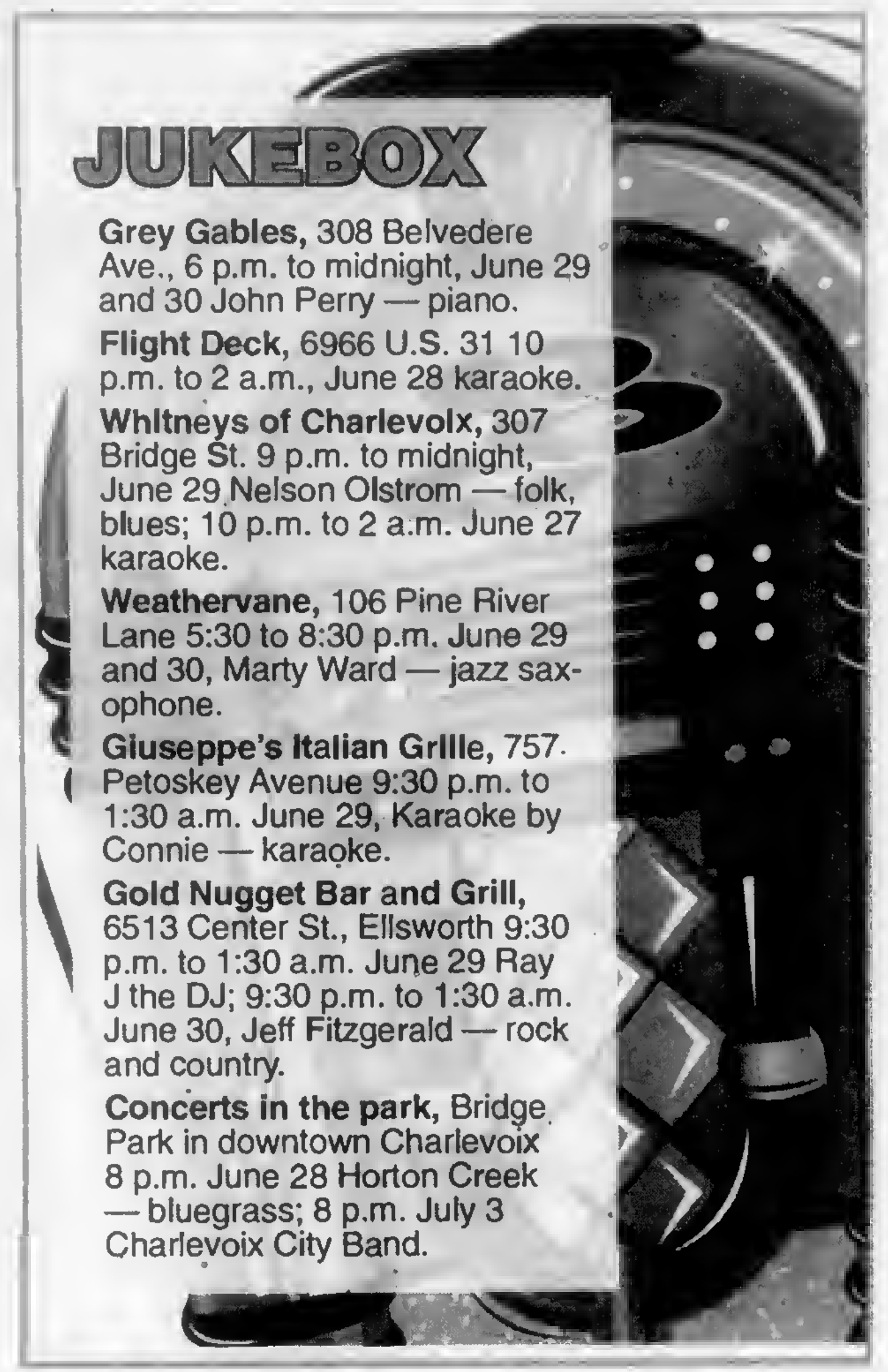

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Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Ave., 6 p.m. to midnight, June 29 and 30 John Perry — piano.

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., June 28 karaoke.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, June 29 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. June 27 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 29 and 30, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. June 29, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. June 29 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. June 30, Jeff Fitzgerald — rock and country.

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June 26: The day the music died

BY KRISTINA HUGHES
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Marina LaBlance kept a notebook.

Between the pages, she kept track of the lines, skits or solos in the annual Charlevoix Elementary Spring Musicals — making sure each student had a moment to shine.

"I have past students in their 30s and 40s and they can still remember the dance they did, their partner or the show's theme," LaBlance, said in a jovial voice before her final curtain call in 2004. "It's become an important part of their childhood." "... They are all stars that shine that night."

But on Tuesday, the music died. The 59-year-old mom and retired teacher passed away after a struggle with colon cancer.

However, her memory will be kept alive in the hundreds of "Marina" stories, the words to "Sing a Song" and in Greek dinners.

"Marina's like the lyrics of your favorite song — the memories and words will never be forgotten," Cathy Silberhorn, a third-grade Charlevoix teacher and friend said.

Recently, former students and community members

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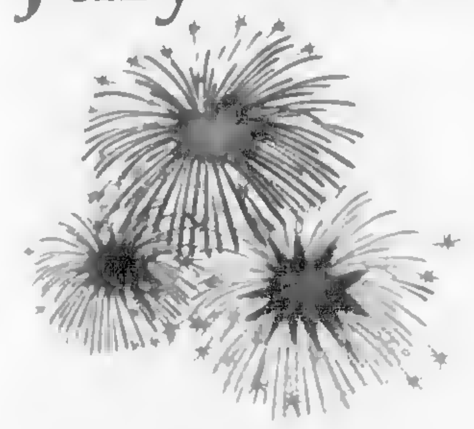
File photo

On June 26, beloved Charlevoix Elementary School music teacher of 33 years, Marina LaBlance died following a year-long battle with cancer. She is pictured above flashing her signature smile while riding in the 2005 Venetian Festival parade. That year she was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

July 4 events lineup



Here is a lineup of July 4 events in three Charlevoix County communities:

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

- The parade line-up is at 9:30 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, 106 East Garfield St.
- Parade starts at 10 a.m. proceeding north on Bridge Street and ending at Bridge Park where a brief ceremony will take place. Activities are expected to end at 11 a.m.

BEAVER ISLAND

- At 1 p.m., downtown, near the Chamber of Commerce office, the Beaver Island Community Choir will perform.
- At 2 p.m., A-10 jets from the Michigan National Guard will conduct a fly-over, followed by the firing of an exact replica of a Civil War cannon, that will kick off the parade.
- The parade will proceed from Holy Cross Church. In case of rain, the parade will be delayed until 3 or 4 p.m.
- Following the parade is a kid's carnival.
- Just before dusk, the Clyde Fogg Memorial Boat Parade will take place in the harbor, followed by a fireworks display.

HORTON BAY

- This year's parade, "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly," will begin at 1 p.m. at the intersection of Horton Bay and Boyne City-Charlevoix Roads, continue down Boyne City-Charlevoix Road.

Haske picks the court over a principalship

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

"I had to follow my heart and in my heart I still wanted to be a coach."

Keith Haske
CHARLEVOIX MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
COACH CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Keith Haske

Charlevoix Middle School principal, Keith Haske, will continue coaching basketball and his principalship at the middle school.

According to Haske, while he wanted the Charlevoix High School principal position, he felt a loyalty to his team to continue coaching.

"I felt after 10 years in our district in coaching and administration that I could do both, but the board felt otherwise," he said. "I think that is probably the hardest principal job in the district. I just thought it might be good for the district if I went up to the high school."

After deliberation over whether Haske should be allowed to continue coaching varsity basketball if he accepted the position, the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education voted 5-1 during their June 13 meeting to offer Haske the position as principal of Charlevoix High School.

"Keith decided yesterday (Monday, June 5) to stay at the middle school. We talked and he weighed all the options and he decided to stay and coach," said outgoing interim superin-

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Karen Ann Nicols-Stewart, 45, Bloomfield. Littering on private property. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Mitchell Frederic Kalilimoku, 60, Charlevoix. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Neal Patrick Wilson, 23, Central Lake. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed; unlawful use of a license plate. Pay $380 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Sebastian Kyle Kirby, 19, Boyne Falls. Minor in possession -- second offense; operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed; open intoxicant, motor vehicle driver. Pay $710 in fines and costs or serve 20 days in jail; to attend BASES by Aug. 27.

Orellana Mauricio, 43, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Cass Norman Dolbow, 22, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 12 days in jail, 65 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substance; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $935 in fines and costs.

Kyle Edmund Peters, 27, Kalkaska. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days in community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Alec Leonard Cosier, 43, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated. Credit for five days in jail, 31 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

Ann Marie Olson, 44, Harbor Springs. Disorderly person/drunk. Fines and costs totaling $350.

Troy Allen Roes, 44, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended. Pay $800 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Mark Lewis Scotton, 49, Fenton. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $880 in fines and costs.

Mary Virginia Goodrich, 45, East Jordan. False report of a misdemeanor. Pay $500 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

Gary Allen Matsen, 65, Charlevoix. Insufficient funds in checking account greater than $100, but less than $500. Credit for 19 days in jail, to serve 26 days in jail; $850 in fines and costs.

Michael A. Shaner, 46, Okemos. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $880 in fines and costs.

William Neal Zoerhof, 58, Harbor Springs. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; $880 in fines and costs.

Dominic David-Gordan Gibson, 34, East Jordan. Credit for one day in jail, 334 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Johnathon Andrew Dunlop, 23, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated — second offense. Credit for five days in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, 320 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,630 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Microbiologist on the Go, 119 Water St., Boyne City, by Leslie Marie Neilson

Hearts To Holly, 109 West Upright St., Charlevoix, by Susan Miller

Ike Enterprises Inc., 13191 Pleasant St., Charlevoix, by Dwight M. Boss

SOS Staging, 112 South Park St., Boyne City, by Sara E. Richards

T-N-T Specialty's, Island Hide-a-way, P.O. Box 427 Beaver Island, by Thomas C. Turner

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Adam David Wilson, 27 and Penny Lynn Marchinkewicz, 27, both of Boyne City

Robert Paul Grover, 23, East Jordan and Ashley Irene Ferris, 22, Charlevoix

Jacob Elijah Sonner, 20 and Katy Elizabeth Bontrager, 21, both of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Lee Russell Ricks, 25 and Tricia Ann Matson, 22, both of Helena, Mont.

Michael Alan Moore Jr., 33 and Tasha Lee Hart, 19, both of Boyne City

Joseph S. Dresner, 81, Bel Harbour, Fla. and Helen Lucille Pershin, 81, Charlevoix

Jeffrey Thomas Bateson, 31 and Kristy Lynn Hopper, 28, both of Highpoint, N.C.

Paul Douglas Nicholls, 37 and Leslie Marie Neilson, 40, both of Boyne City

Glenn Arthur Hardy, 41 and Norma Jean Schroeder, 45, both of East Jordan

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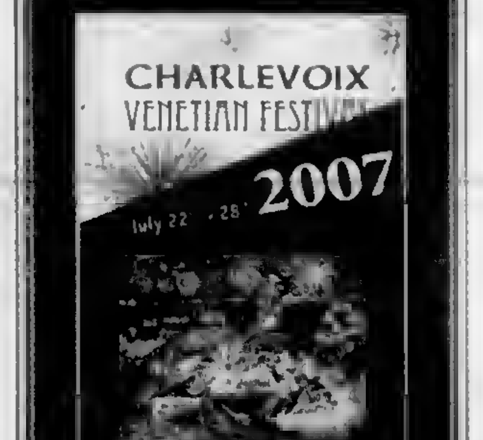

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Haske rejects high school principal's position

HASKE

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tendent of Charlevoix Schools, Jim Cooper. "I think the board felt that the high school principalship, especially being new in the position in the first year with the commitment in the evenings, they felt it would be very difficult for a person coming in to do that and coach a varsity sport, so that was their hesitation."

Haske has been a head coach for 23 of his more than 28 years in education with 13 years spent at St. Johns and 10 years with Charlevoix Public Schools as both assistant high school principal and athletic director for four years and middle school principal for six years.

While disappointed with the board's decision, Haske said he will be happy wherever he goes.

"I'm excited. I love being at the middle school. I think we have great staff at the middle school," Haske said. "For me it was a no-lose situation. I had to follow my heart and in my heart I still wanted to be a coach."

Larry Levengood, school board secretary and lone nay vote during the June 13 meeting, said Haske deserved to be treated better after 10 years of service to the district.

"It was unfortunate to have the discussion in a public forum," he said. "I think if he had known he wasn't going to be able to coach, then he probably would not have submitted his name, that's just my thinking."

He added, "I would rather that he moved to the high school, but we have some other good candidates. We'll get a good high school principal."

Outgoing board president, Bill Truhilowicz, said the board wanted to make sure the new principal has no distractions.

"I felt there was potential conflicts there to be head coach and the principal," he said. "When you get into coaching athletes, you end up being judge and jury if you do both jobs. I thought it was a reasonable compromise to try it for a year without coaching and go forward from there, but I respect Mr. Haske's decision — I know he loves to coach."

Current high school assistant principal, Suzanne Klinger, who was to be appointed as middle school principal if Haske would have accepted the high school principalship, will now be recommended by Cooper for the high school principalship during the board's July 9 organizational meeting.

Haske said, "Suzanne will do a great job wherever she is, but I thought it would be a little bit easier with her first principal's job at the middle school."

Truhilowicz hopes everything will work out for everyone.

"I expect great things from all parties involved," he said.

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BIRTHS

Joan Vachon Kinsey weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces was born on June 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Thomas and Kristin Vachon of Petoskey. Her sister is Karagan Dora Poole. Her grandparents are Bob and Patsie Joan Riedel and Dora and Kevin Kelsey, both of Houghton Lake. Her great-grandparent is Fran Kelsey, also from Houghton Lake.

Daimon Charles Kauska weighing 9 pounds, 4 ounces was born on June 12 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Terry and Miriah Kauska of East Jordan. His siblings are Shawntae Noel and Dalton Ruehl. His grandparents are Vern and Norma Halliker of East Jordan, Ed and Colleen Kauska of Elmira and Donna and Dane Chapel of Boyne Falls. His great-grandparents are Bethal Lento of Boyne City and Robert Kauska of Alba.

Carl Raymond Dyer weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces was born June 16 to David And Donna Dyer of East Jordan. His sibling is Gabe. His grandparents are Debbie and Chris Derenzy of East Jordan, Nancy and Gene Norton of Boyne City, Raymond and Melissa Dyer of Wyandott and Jim Grutsch of East Jordan. His great-grandparents are Carl and Doris Grutsch of East Jordan and Raymond and Rose Marie Dyer of Southgate.

Sarah Maxine Lewis weighing 7 pounds was born June 21 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Daniel and Kristina Lewis of East Jordan. Her siblings are Stephanie, Kimberly and Ryan.

Kaydence Flora McPherson weighting 7 pounds, 5 ounces was born June 26 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Phil and Tiffany McPherson of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are Gordon McPherson and Phyllis McPherson, both of Ellsworth, Tony, Resch and Linda Resch, both of Charlevoix. Her great-grandparents are Anna Mae McPherson of Ellsworth and Martha Resch of Charlevoix.

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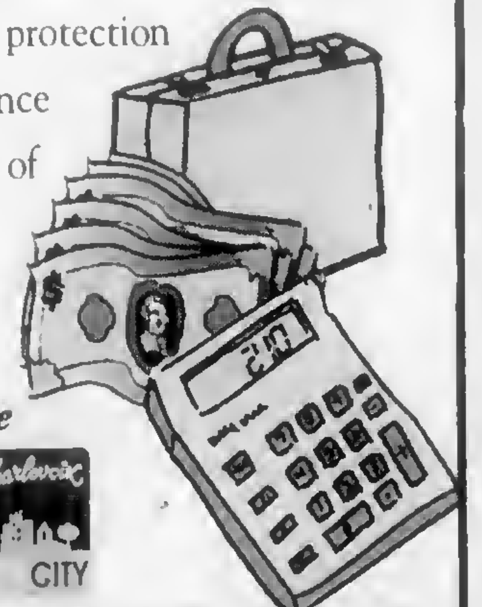

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Writers remember Marina LaBlance

1972	1973	1995	1996	2004	1/2005	6/2005	6/14/2006	6/27/2006
LaBlance moved to Charlevoix	Her dedication to education earned her the Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America Award during her first year of teaching.	LaBlance is diagnosed with breast cancer. Radiation treatment followed and she entered remission.	Her colleagues and peers voted for her to receive an Outstanding Person in Education award.	She received an eddi Award for her dedication to the arts and education.	LaBlance was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.	She retired from her position of 33 years as Charlevoix Elementary School music instructor.	LaBlance was diagnosed with colon cancer by her family practitioner, Dr. Jim Gels following an ultrasound that revealed tumors on her liver. Surgery followed to remove a tumor in her colon.	Her first day of a 48 hour jump-start chemotherapy treatment took place.

A tribute to my friend

I first met Marina LaBlance more than 30 years ago. She was the young, beautiful Marina Anegon, music teacher at Charlevoix Elementary School. I was a parent of young children. We were all young, and full of life and dreams.

Our kids would come home singing silly little songs like "My Daddy's Whiskers" or the one about a lady floating down the Nile on the back of a crocodile, and teach us the words. Those were the days of the legendary spring musical, when half the town of Charlevoix would cram into the high school gym to watch the extravagantly orchestrated production directed by a diminutive woman who held hundreds of students and their families and friends in the palm of her hands. She would stand in front of her piano and look up into the bleachers packed with up to 600 spit-shined children dressed in white tops and dark bottoms, give them that special "Everyone look at me and no talking look," and transform the gym into a concert stage. She looked like Marlo Thomas in those days, long dark hair and dark eyes. Her voice was low and touched with a contagious lilt, a little bit Greek, a little bit U.P. Her eyes could twinkle with laughter or pierce you to the core in a serious moment.

I later came to know Marina as a colleague. By this time she had married and become a parent herself, and

Courtesy photo

Courier guest columnist Anne Kelly is pictured above (right) with her friend, neighbor and colleague Marina LaBlance who passed away on June 26. Kelly shares her memories in this column.

Other accolades:
LaBlance also received the E. Dale Kennedy Award for excellence in promoting education and was secretary for the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair board of directors.
She has been actively involved with the art fair for over 20 years. This year's event will take place on Aug. 12 in East Park.

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Greek goddess of music takes her place in sky

JUST A THOUGHT

Julie Witthoeft

Last night I stared at the clear summer night sky.

With two semesters of college level astronomy under my belt you would think the names of constellations are well anchored in my brain and roll off my tongue like the ABCs. Not so much.

I do remember the names have close ties to Greek mythology and are associated in many cases to gods or heroes.

The evening was spent as most have been over the past six weeks since our family welcomed our new baby girl Harper — rocking, thinking and staring out the nursery window at the quiet night sky.

This night was different. I rubbed my tired, teary eyes as I thought about the loss of a friend, a friend who lost her mom and a community left calling for an encore.

That morning, Tuesday, June 26, I learned Marina LaBlance, a 59-year-old community icon who taught music at Charlevoix Elementary School for 33 years, retiring in June 2005, had died following a battle with cancer.

I first met Marina in my teens. At that time her strict curfews and mother's intuition stood between me and her daughter Maro, now 29, getting into trouble. We couldn't get anything past her. As cunning as we were, we never successfully pulled the wool over her eyes.

Returning to Charlevoix in 2000 after graduating from college, as a cub reporter for the Courier covering the school beat Marina was my media contact at Charlevoix Elementary School. It was clear to me and anyone who saw Marina at school that she was passionate about her work.

When the Charlevoix Middle School bleachers were removed in conjunction with gym renovations putting the kabash on her signature spring musical our conversation was packed with off the record comments I'll never leak.

Her exasperation wasn't at all rooted in ego about the end of her big performance. It was always about the kids. Every time we discussed the musical she said this was a time when all the students were equal. They all had a role and they could all be proud of what they accomplished at the end of the show.

I started this column with a blank stare and my laptop on my legs. My husband Charlie asked what had me stumped? I told him I had to write a column about a woman that was everything and I didn't know where to begin.

When I told him it was Marina he said what all her students have said, "She made music fun — I loved going to music class when I had her. She made you believe you could do it.".

In the obituary Marina's family submitted which appears on page 8 of this week's Courier it states she died peacefully at her home. We should all hope that when our time comes we can be at peace knowing, like Marina that we trusted our intuition as parents and developed strong friendships with our children, that we were passionate about our work and made a difference in the lives of many.

As Harper drifted off to sleep that night, I spotted a summer constellation I remembered the name of, Lyra (harp) and renamed Vega, its brightest star, Marina after Charlevoix's own Greek goddess of music.

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LETTERS to the editor

FILL THE HOLE

Editor:

Is there any reason that when a storefront is empty, the Chamber of Commerce can't offer it up for other merchants to merchandise?

If they used the Chamber roster in alphabetical order in a two-week rotation, it would be more than fair. It would also benefit those left dealing (with) this gaping hole in their midst. An empty store window is punishing to the small retail district.

Mary F. Millington
Charlevoix

CHEERS TO A SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Editor:

The Charlevoix girls soccer program had another very successful year. The varsity team retained their conference title for the third year in a row and was second in the state among all divisions with a team GPA of 3.86. With the help of the Sports Boosters, we were able to add a JV club team. This enabled 17 more girls the opportunity to play soccer as well as ensure the quality of the program.

We as coaches can't do it all by ourselves, and we are very fortunate to have had such great community support for the girls. Thanks so much to all the Sports Booster Board members, Doug Drenth, Andy's Market, Tom Bergmann, Bob Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. Pung, Maribeth Zimmerman, Zita Winn, Charlevoix Screenmasters, Ron Way and Charlevoix 4-H, loyal fans, Boogie Bob, Tom at ACE Hardware, and last but not least the referees (we didn't always agree with your calls, but appreciate your effort which enables us to play).

We're already looking forward to next season.

Coach Carol Madison
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Charlevoix High School girls' soccer program

KUDOS FROM A CANADIAN NEIGHBOR

Editor:

I came upon your site purely by accident. Being Quebec born and raised, I found that many of my family ancestors came from Charlevoix County in Quebec Province. So naturally, I love Charlevoix, I have visited many times because it is one of the most beautiful sights on the great St. Lawrence. Being naturally prejudiced, I automatically am drawn in the most friendly way to anything bearing the name Charlevoix.

I read through your Web site and must compliment you on what a delightful publication you produce. So sharp and professional and good looking. Your readers must be very proud of it and of you. I further checked out the town of Charlevoix in your state. I really didn't know about it either until I looked it up. It seems to reflect the same sophisticated friendly appearance and style and atmosphere evident in your newspaper. Congratulations to you all. So far, I have never been disappointed in anything called Charlevoix.

L. Roly Jobin.
Quebec

THANKS OBAMA SUPPORTERS

Editor:

On behalf of Michiganders for Obama, we want to thank the people of northern Michigan for the warm reception and productive discussions on June 19 in Petoskey. We learned a lot from the more than 100 northern Michigan citizens who spoke with us about

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'Oompah' to Marina and the legacy she left

TRIBUTE

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I had returned to the classroom to resume my teaching career. I marveled at how she did it — all those classes introduced to every form of music and dance imaginable, but especially the continuation of the annual spring musical show, each with a different, timely theme. As a staff, we found ourselves swept up into preparations for each production, learning the songs and dances, burning the midnight oil to help construct the elaborate scenery on one side of the gym which would form the backdrop for her show, taping black paper to the windows usually while listening to the Rayder's tournament basketball game on the radio while we worked. So many shows, over 25. So many children transformed into stars for a night, hundreds. The most poignant memory of Marina in those years for me was the night of the "Desert Storm," patriotic-themed show, during which she played the piano and sang, with the children echoing the chorus of "From a distance." There wasn't a dry eye in the house. It's the only time I ever heard Marina sing in performance. She never featured herself.

I eventually knew Marina as a friend. We shared the love of teaching and the arts, we shared many of the same friends, we lived in the same neighborhood, and we often celebrated our birthdays together since they were only a day apart. We watched our children grow up together. She introduced me to her wonderful Greek family, and foods that I had only heard of, and yes, "ouzo," that powerful Greek licorice flavored aperitif. The same friend, who used to sneak into my classroom after school to snitch candy out of the treat jar on my desk, was there to offer me support in so many ways over the years. I wish I could give her chocolate today to thank her, one more time.

There's a Greek tradition that involves lighting a shot of brandy dribbled over a cheese hors d'oeuvre, in which, at the moment of ignition, everyone shouts "Ooompah," and raises their glasses to the occasion. Well, Marina, "Ooompah" to you and to the legacy you have left us all…determination, spirit, love, humor, and most of all, enduring friendship. We know you will be watching over us, from a distance.

Anne Kelly is a guest columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Charlevoix State Bank announces an Open House for Richard M. Hodgson & John E. Kurtz

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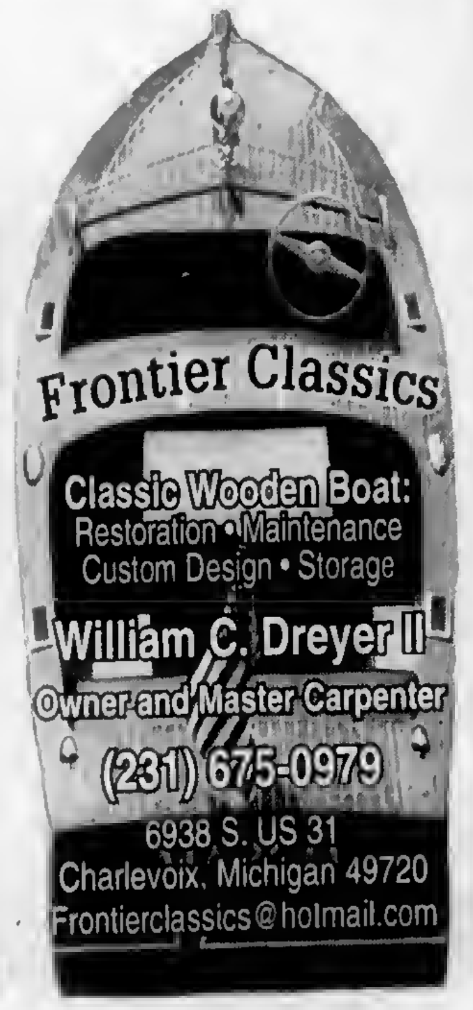

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BUTLER UNIVERSITY GRADUATE

Tom Rex recently graduated in the historic Hinkle Fieldhouse at Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind. His major was administration/marketing.

SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Scott Parrish, the son of Jim and Faye Parrish of Charlevoix and a senior at Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor majoring in social studies/elementary education was named to the dean's list for the semester that ended in May 2007.

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC HONORS LIST

Six local students attending Ferris State University and Kendall College of Art and Design received academic honors for the semester that ended in May 2007. The Charlevoix students honored were Thaddeus Bakker, Laura Horon, Samantha Keie, Michael Nachazel, Robert Shutler and Daniel Soullier.

ARMY ENLIST

Phoebe R. Allport of Charlevoix has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program which gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career joh specialty prior to being assigned to their first permanent duty station. Allport will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training. She is the daughter of James S. and Luann N. Allport of Charlevoix.

MICHIGAN TECH DEAN'S LIST

Pamela Hilton, a junior attending Michigan Technological University and majoring in environmental science is one of 1,200 students named to the school's spring 2007 dean's list, earning grade point averages of 3.5 or higher. Michigan Tech is located in Houghton.

LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

The following Lake Superior State University students have made the dean's list for the fall 2006 semester: Senior, Natashia Kleiber of Charlevoix, an elementary education student and sophomore, Elyse Michrina of Charlevoix, a student of business administration. To make the dean's list, students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

9th Annual Garden Walk features seven local gardens

Courtesy photo

Marsie Gowdy, chairperson of the 9th Annual Garden Walk, "A Tapestry of Northern Gardens," recently visited the home of Carol Mack, one of seven garden owners featured at the July 11 event. Mack owns a completely organic vegetable garden.

On Wednesday, July 11, the Charlevoix Area Garden Club will host their 9th Annual Garden Walk in Charlevoix featuring seven gardens.

"A Tapestry of Northern Gardens" will offer those who garden and those who just enjoy the beauty of a garden a quiet place for a welcome respite from the summer days. Those attending will start with the gardens of their choice at 10 a.m. and walk leisurely through the gardens until 4 p.m.

Gardens include the Polakowski's family garden, the Heath room designed garden, the Chavez weed-free wonder, the Brennan's Irish garden, the Alexander's inviting garden, the Schuiling's sloped sensation and the Mack organic garden.

Many of these Charlevoix gardens have been personally designed, planted and maintained by the owners. Each garden offers ideas and plant material selections for the home gardener, amateur or professional, to take home and incorporate into their personal gardens.

Tickets for the walk may be ordered in advance by calling (231) 237-0239. Tickets are $10 per person in advance or $12 the day of the walk.

A Garden Club luncheon will coincide with the event from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the new Charlevoix Public Library. The cost is $25 per person. To make lunch reservations, call (231) 547-7034.

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Wendy Evans, art historian discussing French art in the 19th century:
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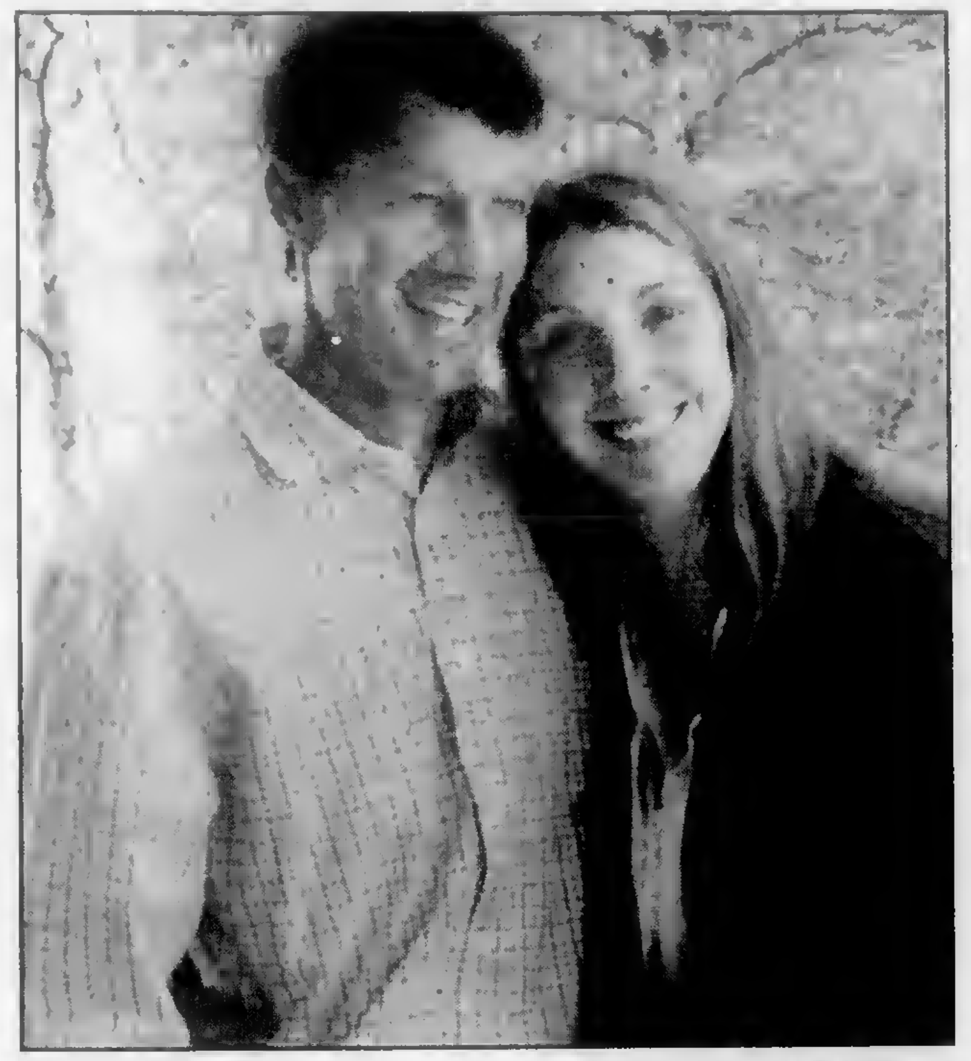

Courtesy photo

Patricia Kelly and Doug Drenth are announcing their engagement. The couple is planning an Aug. 24 wedding at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Anne Kelly of Charlevoix. She received bachelor of science and master of science degrees in nursing from the University of Michigan. She is currently working as a public health nurse in the family health division at the health department in Charlevoix.

The groom-to-be received a bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in educational leadership from Grand Valley State University. He is currently employed by Charlevoix Public Schools.

Mackenzie presents street names programs

Who? The Charlevoix Historical Society.
What? Charlevoix's street names program, Parts One and Two.
When? 7 p.m. Monday July 9 and July 16
Where? Community room, Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St.

The Charlevoix Historical Society is having its annual business meeting and election of officers at 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 9 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library located at 220 Clinton St.

At 7 p.m. a repeat of the Part One program on Charlevoix's street names, will be presented by Charlevoix Historical Society past president, Dr. Jack Mackenzie. Part Two of the city's street names program can also be heard at 7 p.m., Monday July 16 at the library.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

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ANNIVERSARY

Bernard and Ruth Cannan

Courtesy photo

Bernard and Jo (McColl) Cannan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 24 at the Weathervane. The party was hosted by their sons, David of San Antonio, Texas and James Cannan of Downers Grove, Ill.

The couple was married on June 28, 1947 in Detroit by Dr. Bechtel.

Bernard is retired from being a research and development director at Service Master Inc. and Ruth is retired from teaching kindergarten. They have lived in the Charlevoix area for 20 years. Bernard was named the 1997 Charlevoix Outstanding Citizen of the Year.

The couple have two sons and seven grandchildren.

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OBITUARIES

Gerald Mahoney: Died June 25, 2007

Gerald Mahoney

Gerald (Jerry) R. Mahoney, 76, passed away June 25 after a brave and earnest fight against leukemia.

Beloved husband of Nancy for 55 years; dear father of Keith (Constance), Karen (Douglas Hadley) and Kimberly (Benjamin Jones); brother of Sheila; grandfather of Lauren, Lindsay (Bradford), Mallory, Gavin, Christopher, Sarah, Christopher and Zachary.

He was born in Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe of Canadian-born parents.

He was a Korean War veteran who worked in the automotive industry and retired as a General Motors executive in 1987. His family was his major interest, and they joined him in his love of the outdoors and sports including tennis, sailing and skiing at Nub's Nob on the ski patrol. He was a gregarious person, who had a great sense of humor, a talent for sharing stories, and who loved and was loved by all.

A private family service will be held. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jerry's name may be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Marina LaBlance:
Sept. 17, 1947 - June 26, 2007

Marina LaBlance

Marina Anegon LaBlance, 59, of Charlevoix, died peacefully in her home on Tuesday, June 26, after a courageous year-long battle with cancer.

She was a beloved mother, sister and dear friend to many. She was the youngest of four children born to Greek immigrants, Christopher and Mary Anegon, on Sept. 17, 1947 in Iron Mountain. The family relocated to Saginaw where she lived until she attended Western Michigan University and graduated with a major in music education.

Marina is survived by her daughter, Maro (Jason); son, George; sisters, Julia (Louis) Cini, Electra Tarachas; brother, Jim (Shirley) Anegon; and close friends, Mary Beth McGraw and the McGraw family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and brother-in-law, George Tarachas.

She had a zest for life, and a profound love for family, friends, teaching, children and the arts. Marina moved to Charlevoix in 1972 and was the elementary music teacher at Charlevoix Elementary School for the next 33 years, retiring in June of 2005. Throughout her career, she received multiple awards, including the Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America Award, the OPIE (Outstanding Person In Education) Award, the prestigious Crooked Tree Arts Council "eddi Award" and Charlevoix's Outstanding Citizen Award. Marina's love for art led her, along with McGraw, to open a gallery in downtown Charlevoix from 1986 to 1991. She also spent 23 years as an active member of the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair Committee and was a founding member of Charlevoix Council for the Arts.

As a 12-year breast cancer survivor, Marina volunteered with Reach to Recovery to offer guidance and support to other women faced with similar challenges.

Marina enjoyed gardening, traveling, reading, music, and entertaining friends and family. Teaching music was her great passion; her annual Spring Musical became a community tradition. She genuinely loved all her students and touched countless lives. Marina lived her life with compassion, enthusiasm, honesty and conviction, and will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

A funeral service took place on Friday, June 29 at Greensky Hill United Methodist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Charlevoix County Community Foundation c/o Marina LaBlance Music Education Fund, P.O. Box 718, East Jordan, MI, 49727 or Charlevoix Hospice, Hospice of Northwest Michigan, P.O. Box 233, Boyne City, MI 49712. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is assisting the family.

LETTERS to the editor

LETTERS

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health care, education, international relations, war and peace. We also would like to extend a special thanks to Abby Dart and her northern Michigan team who coordinated this event.

This roundtable discussion was the first of a series to be held around the state. We found it informative and were impressed at the growing enthusiasm for presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama.

Michiganders for Obama is growing. We have over 4,000 volunteers working to deliver the state of Michigan to Senator Obama during the Democratic Caucus.

We were very pleased to see the level of support for Senator Obama in northern Michigan. For those northern Michigan citizens who were unable to attend the roundtable discussion or anyone who is interested in learning more about the Michigan campaign for Senator Barack Obama, please visit our Web site at www.michigandersforobama.com

Christina Montague
Michiganders for Obama
Michigan coordinator

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Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

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Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
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B033 Church Road, Ellsworth
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Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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11906 US-31 North
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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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104 Stale Street
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State Street at Clinton
Women's Bible Study Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided
Church Office 547-6322
Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday 2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday Sacraments 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society 12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women 7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins 588-2112
or Missionaries 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3B99

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Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright 5B2-9262

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DDA warns Chamber time is running out

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

For the second year in a row, the City of Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority gave the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce $25,000 to fund events including the Thursday night concerts, Taste of Charlevoix, Summer Solstice Art Show, Farmer's Market, an update of the restaurant guide and the Christmas Open House.

"I told them (Chamber of Commerce representatives) they need to look elsewhere for compensation," said Hugh Mason, Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority. "I question how much they're doing for the DDA, they're really doing it for their members."

Chamber of Commerce president Jacqueline Merta said they are using the money to market and advertise downtown events as part of the Cool Cities plan. She said events like Taste of Charlevoix in a town the size of Charlevoix is costly.

"There are members who put money into that event, but that event costs a lot of money to put on," Merta said.

Merta said that the money from the Downtown Development Authority markets the community, not just their members.

"A lot of what we do is for the public," Merta said. "All this information is not just member information, its community information."

She said funds from the Downtown Development Authority specifically go toward promotion of events and to pay the musicians for the Thursday night concerts.

The Downtown Development Authority's 2007-2008 budget currently contains a $30,000 figure allocated for professional services and Mason said he believes part of that is where the money comes from that is given to the Chamber.

He said that in the past, the money for professional services was used to fund a downtown coordinator.

"Ten years ago, the downtown coordinator was shared by the Charlevoix Area Convention and Visitor's Bureau, the DDA and the Chamber," Mason said.

> *"I told them they need to look elsewhere for compensation."*
>
> **Hugh Mason**
> CHARLEVOIX DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN

Now, Mason said, the Convention and Visitor's Bureau has dropped out and the Downtown Development Authority has their own downtown coordinator, executive director Keith Carey.

"Next year, we may have to take over the concerts ourselves," Mason said.

Carey said he will work with the Chamber on finding alternative sources of funding.

"What's good for the Chamber is good for the DDA, the DDA is the face of the downtown, Chamber is the face of business, opportunities exist for us to collaborate," Carey said.

He said approaching private foundations and area townships may be an additional source of funding for the Chamber.

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After more than two decades of service as a Michigan Department of Natural Resources conseravtion officer, Tim Kochanny of Charlevoix has retired. Here Kochanny is thrown into Pine River Channel by U.S. Coast Guard personnel in a timehonored tradition of saying goodbye to conservation officers.

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

From falling in a river while writing a ticket and trying not to get shot by angry hunters to teaching youngsters about the outdoors, Tim Kochanny has had a full career in his work as a Michigan conservation officer.

Kochanny, who retired on June 27, began his career with the Michigan State Police in 1983 and said he has loved every minute of his work for the Department of Natural Resources.

"I've always had a basic love for the outdoors being a hunter and fisherman. It's funny, people think because you're working outdoors and riding snowmobiles in the winter that it's all fun, but I've been in some situations that have been pretty scary," he said. "I had a guy try to run me over and kill me in Midland County while I was working deer season. It's a dangerous job."

Kochanny added, "You are 10 times more likely to die in the line of duty as a CO (conservation officer) than a police officer because we're dealing with people with guns most of the year."

However, Kochanny said, "99 percent of the people we deal with are decent which is kind of nice."

Kochanny, who graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and criminal justice, said the fun parts of his job included showing children how to fish and teaching them about wildlife in general.

"It's probably been most enjoyable going to the schools and giving talks and bringing animals in," Kochanny said. "I go to all the groups and they think it's fun because they love hearing DNR stories."

In his spare time, Kochanny writes short stories about his days in the DNR and hopes to publish a book.

"People seem to think it's funny when law enforcement people make mistakes," he said. "And it's neat catching violators using decoys. We have a stuffed deer and stuffed turkey."

He added, "You'd be surprised how many people shoot at (them) and people love to hear about that."

While happy with his career, Kochanny said he is also proud to have raised three children in Charlevoix.

"Two of them are graduates of Michigan State (University), one is a CPA and the other is in special education and my daughter is a sophomore at Michigan State (University) and my wife is a medical technologist at Northern Michigan Hospital," he said. "It's just been so neat to raise a family in this community that just really cares about kids."

Kochanny, who recommends this career to any upandcoming nature lovers, is excited about moving on to the next level of his life.

"I think it's going to be great. I'm going to decide in few months what I want to do with rest of my life," he said. "I like kids and probably will help out with the Catholic school and get involved with more organizations and do more things."

He added, "I'll probably do a lot more fishing and I have a boat in the garage that does not get out often enough."

Aside from aspiring to publish his work, Kochanny is considering teaching self-defense and firearm safety classes.

"I taught self-defense for 10 years at Delta College and Ferris State (University) and I am a firearms instructor so I might do that too," he said.

In his nearly quarter century of service, Kochanny has been awarded a medal of valor for surviving a storm on the lake and was awarded a commendation for making drug busts at the Bay City State Park.

He won't miss the significant increase in paperwork he has seen over the years, but he will miss working with other members of law enforcement.

"There is a camaraderie in law enforcement that is different from every other job," he said. "I will probably miss that the most."

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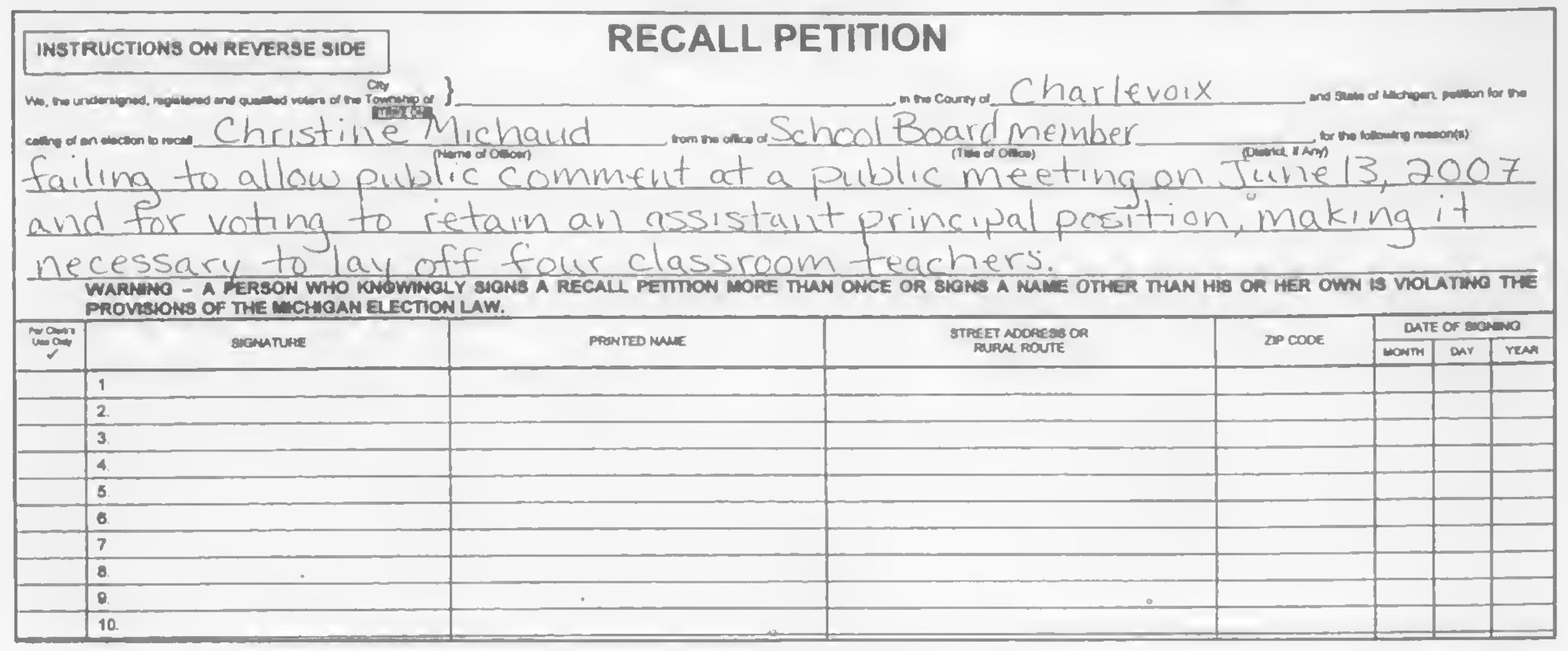

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(Above) Here is what the school board recall petition will look like if the election committee decides the wording is clear enough for voters to understand. Ike Boss started the recall on four board members after they voted to begin the hiring process for an athletic director/assistant high school principal.

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Recall proceedings on four members of the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education are underway.

John McLean, Christine Michaud, Dean Spenceley and Diane Kilkenny have been threatened with recall for, as Ike Boss, author of the recall stated in his petition, "Failing to allow public comment at a public meeting on June 13, 2007 and for voting to retain an assistant principal position, making it necessary to lay off four classroom teachers."

But, said outgoing school board president, Bill Trubilowicz, the teachers in question would have been laid off regardless of whether the assistant principal/athletic director position was retained or not.

The teachers to be laid off include Gwen Catt, Sara Parrish, Steve Carland and Kristine Burmeister, though Burmeister will be brought back at two-thirds time and counselor, Kristen Beach's position was eliminated and she will likely be moved to an elementary classroom.

And, as far as the issue over whether or not public comment needed to be allowed, Kelly Yaroch, human resource coordinator for Charlevoix Schools said the Wednesday, June 13 meeting was merely a continuation of Monday night's meeting and therefore the public comment allowed during the Monday, June 11 meeting was sufficient.

Boss filed the recall with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office on Thursday, June 14.

A clarity hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on July 11 in the commissioner's room by the probate judge, county clerk and county treasurer, members of the Charlevoix County Election Commission, to decide whether the wording is of sufficient clarity that voters will understand it.

If the wording is found to be intelligible, the petitions will then go to Boss who will then have six months to circulate petitions.

Boss will need at least 25 percent of those registered voters in the Charlevoix school district who voted in the last governor's election.

Signatures may not be older than 90 days.

School board secretary, Larry Levengood said, while he didn't support hiring the assistant principal/athletic director, he would like to see people pull together instead of resorting to a recall.

"It's a budget issue and tough decisions have to be made," he said. "(I) felt administrative cutbacks should be made the same as maintenance staff, bus driving staff, secretarial staff and teaching staff."

He added, "We knew this wasn't going to be easy."

Outgoing interim superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Jim Cooper, said the recall effort is unfortunate.

"If someone doesn't like a decision, they can start a recall drive, but I think you're going to discourage people from wanting to even be part of the board," he said.

Middle school principal, Keith Haske, said, "The funny thing is, the job the board is being recalled for, I was hired for 10 years ago and I find it interesting that, at the same time there was the same debate."

He added, "It seems to me that some people don't think it is a necessity to have help in the high school. I know in doing that job alone is more than enough for one person."

McLean is disappointed the recall has been filed, but said he will not budge from his decision.

"Nobody wants to be recalled, but I think it's an important decision, so I will stand by that," he said.

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Evans is an instructor in art history and humanities at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Wayne State University and the College for Creative Studies. She is the former chair of the 1,000 member Detroit Institute of Arts volunteer committee and a recent recipient of the United Way Heart of Gold Award.

The program is free, but seating is limited. Reservations are available by calling the library at (231) 237-7340.

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Who: Art history professor Wendy Evans

What: A lecture on the history of art in France during the 1800s.

When: 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 14.

Where: Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St.

County Democrats host July 8 picnic

The Charlevoix County Democrats' Annual Picnic will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. July 8, at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boyne City.

The event will feature food, live music and live and silent auctions.

The annual gathering of the growing Charlevoix County Democratic Party is expected to draw a lot of interest this year.

Connie Saltonstall, Charlevoix County Democratic Chair, said, "The Democratic Caucus is only a few month away when we will be choosing the Democratic candidate for president. This is a great opportunity to get involved and make a difference in our country's policies. Anyone interested is invited. You do not have to be a Democrat. Come join the fun."

Grillers of Petoskey will serve their famous pulled pork and chicken bar-b-que. Dale Parsons and Friends will provide old-time blue grass music.

Among the auction items are a luxury sailing cruise with appetizers and wine: a New Orleans style dinner for six or eight, an exercise bicycle, a wall safe, a microwave oven, and more. The featured auction piece is a wildlife photo by Kris Busk.

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New marina docks open with power

Opening is over, a month late

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

After initial delays due to changes in wage requirements and changes in leadership at the beginning of this year, Charlevoix's downtown East Park marina has opened its docks to the public.

"Our goal has been to have the docks powered up and available for use the first week of July," said City of Charlevoix Street Superintendent Pat Elliott.

In recognition of this event, the Downtown Development Authority hosted a July 3 ceremony at the foot of Pier A, the northernmost pier to welcome summer boaters.

The Charlevoix City Council recently signed an agreement with Hallmark Construction granting the city permission to use the sidewalk and promenade for boater traffic in July and August, in the expectation that the docks would be completed.

Sunny Ward, co-owner of Ward Brothers Charter Boats on Round Lake said boat traffic is down this year and it would've been better if the East Park construction was started earlier.

"We're not satisfied that it wasn't done before the season started but there's some things you can't control," Ward said.

He said people have been calling asking why there isn't a place for transient docking.

"We've put them at our gas dock, which we normally wouldn't do and tried to work around that," Ward said. "It would've been better if they were done in June but at least they're making an effort now."

He said he's seen the construction activity increase at East Park in the past two to three weeks.

"They didn't used to work Saturdays," Ward said.

In the initial project presentation to Charlevoix's city council in July 2006, the docks were scheduled to be finished by May 27.

City of Charlevoix treasurer and acting city manager Richard Brandi said there are two reasons for the delay in the project, the first was the requirement that employees who worked on certain segments of the project were paid wages set by the federal government. The second was the need to change the project architect. In April, Peter Pollack of Pollack Design Associates in Ann Arbor was replaced as head architect by Mark Buday, an architect out of Harbor Springs, in order for the project to continue to be state-funded by Michigan Waterways.

The change in head architect delayed the start of construction by four months.

As a result, the completion of the docks were delayed by a month and a half and the harbormaster building, that was supposed to be finished in March, is still being completed.

As the project has continued, there has also been unexpected work, like construction beneath the east side of Mason Street in order to enhance storm water systems that will be connected to the park.

Brandi said the city will be paying for the cost of the work at Mason Street. He said he did not know exactly how much the work would cost.

In the meantime, Elliott said he has been trying to ensure that the whole downtown park will be available by the summer of 2008.

"Pat's been working hard to get the project taken care of for users of the park," said Keith Carey, executive director of the Downtown Development Authority. "The focus is on customers."

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The docks at the East Park marina in downtown Charlevoix (above) officially opened July 3. The scheduled completion date and opening was May 27.

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Venetian Festival relocates to Michigan Beach

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

The 2007 Venetian Festival planning has successfully progressed, despite the temporary closing of East Park, the festival's primary location for the past nine years.

This year, all events will take place at Lake Michigan Beach, with the exception of the carnival and the Saturday boat parade and fireworks show, which will take place at their usual locations.

Something new at the events will be a tent serving alcohol on festival grounds.

"We have focused more intensely on revenue-generating opportunities, one of which will be a tiki tent for beer and wine," said Dan Barron, president of Charlevoix Venetian Festival Inc., the nonprofit organization that funds and operates the festival every year.

The tent will be within a roped-off area on Lake Michigan Beach. Those under 21 will not be permitted inside the ropes, nor will those enjoying alcohol be allowed outside of the roped area.

Barron said the tiki tent will help offset the cost of the festival relocation in which he said a considerable amount of time and research was spent.

"This took extraordinary additional effort," Barron said. "We've had extensive assistance from city staff and from our sound and lighting experts."

Sound Environments, the festival's light and sound company for the past eight years, has provided a stage for the musical acts.

"I think there's some obvious difficulties involved in a new venue but Lake Michigan Beach has a large area and beautiful resources," Barron said. "It will provide an outstanding staging area."

Festival assistant director Amy Kurtz said the stretch is perfect for viewing the Friday night fireworks.

For the boat parade and fireworks scheduled for Saturday, July 28, Kurtz said spectators can view the show from Bridge Park and the parking lot below Bridge Park, instead of East Park. They will need to bring chairs this year because of the pavement.

"The Beaver Islander will be moved so the whole area will be open," she said. "We don't expect it to be any different other than a shift to the north."

East Park will not be available for the 77th Annual Venetian Festival use July 22-28. The following is a brief overview of where events will be staged:

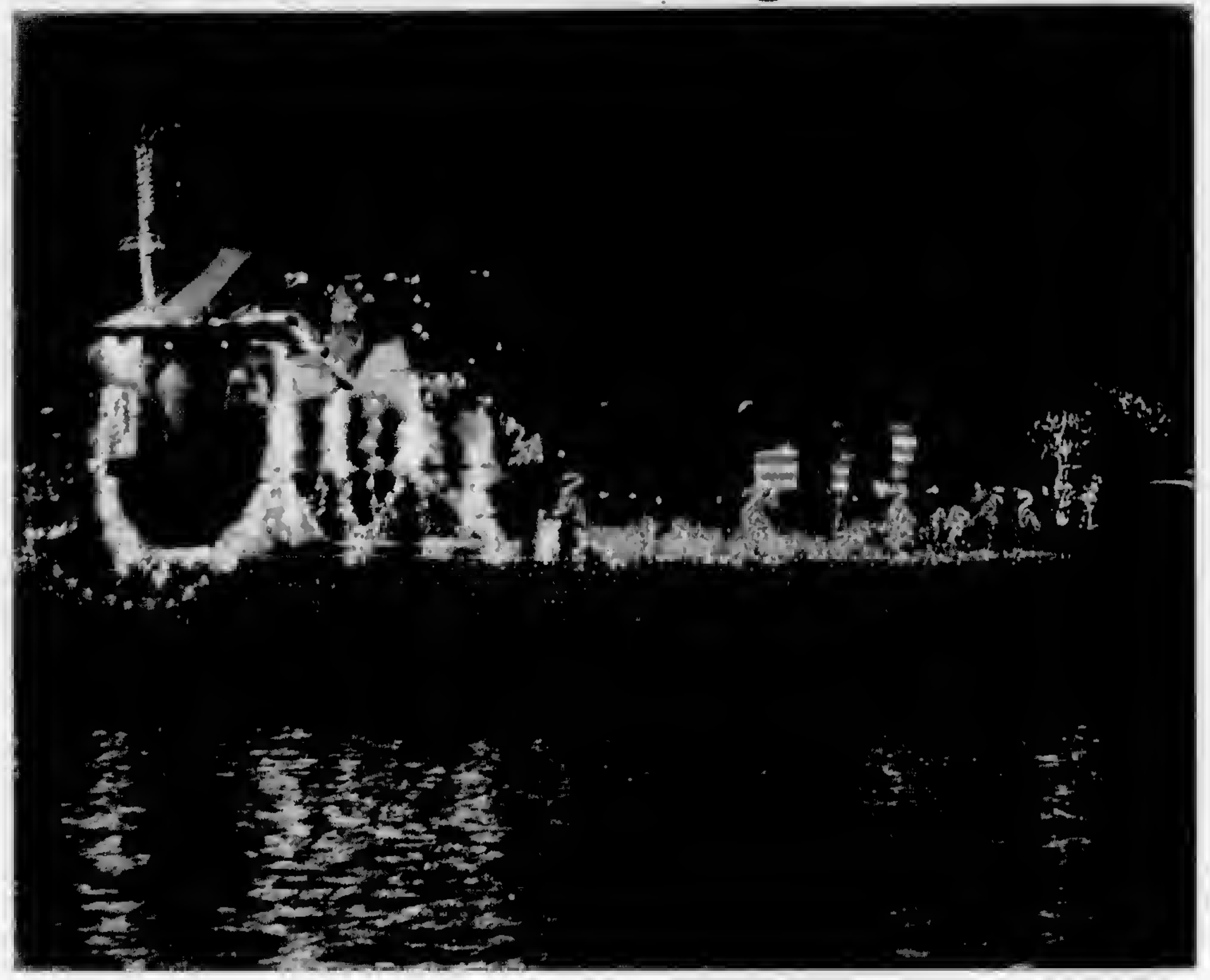
Country Kickoff, July 24, Castle Farms.

Rhythms of Venetian concert series, July 22-28, Michigan Beach.

Kids' Day, July 26, Michigan Beach.

Fireworks, July 27, viewing at Michigan Beach where like entertainment will take place at other locations along Lake Michigan.

Boat Parade and Fireworks, July 28, Bridge Park



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In spite of East Park construction, Venetian's signature Grand Electric Boat Parade and stadium fireworks will still take place in the Round Lake harbor with viewing areas in the parking lot accessed off Clinton Street as well as from Bridge Park. The Courier will publish a complete festival guide in the coming weeks.

Driver injured in car, deer collision

On Tuesday, June 26 Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office deputies Westrick Jr. and McAuliff were dispatched to Charlevoix Area Hospital to responded to a driver injured in a car collision with a deer.

Samuel Jordan Sheelk, 17, of Norwood, was driving south on Barnard Road near Matchett Road when his 1993 Buick Skylark struck a deer.

The deer impacted the left front corner of his car and came towards the driver's side rearview mirror. The deer ripped the mirror from the vehicle which came up and hit Sheelk in the face through his open window. The deer left the scene of the accident, and Sheelk suffered a minor cut to his left eyebrow. Sheelk was later transported to the Charlevoix Area Hospital by his father to receive a few stitches from where he was treated and released the same evening.

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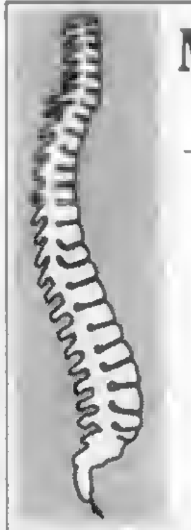
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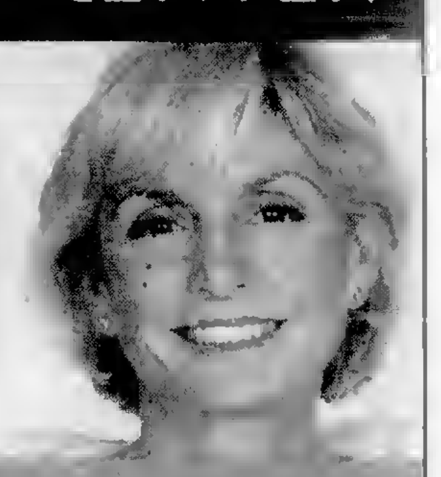

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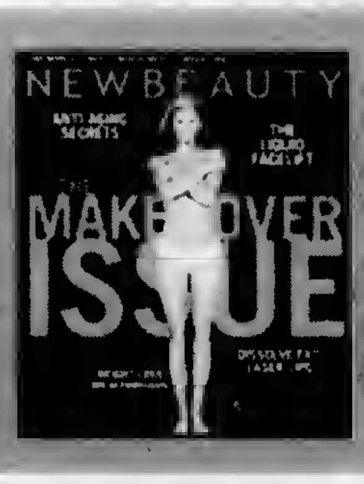

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Boathouse proposal draws concern

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

At least 25 people attended the Tuesday, June 26 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality hearing on proposed dredging for a boathouse at 304 East Dixon Avenue.

Following applicant Jim Anderson's presentation and three-minute comment periods by Elden Johnson and Gene Saenger, two neighbor's opposing the development, Johnson's attorney, Bridget Brown Powers, told the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality agents the hearing may have been out of order.

"I think it is important to note that we are scheduled to appear in front of the Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals on (July 18) and it is our position that the permit was not issued properly," she said. "While it's on appeal it's stayed and therefore there really isn't any standing to come before the DEQ or the Army Corp of Engineers with a zoning permit that is stayed at the moment."

Roxanne Ramirez, a representative of the land and water management division for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in Charlevoix County said her division regulates the administering of construction activities on inland lakes, streams, sand dunes and wetlands among others.

"The department shall issue a permit if it finds that the structure or project will not adversely affect the public trust or riparian right," she said. "The department will not (issue a permit) if the proposed project or structure will unlawfully impair or destroy any of the water or natural resources of the state."

Anderson spoke on his project's behalf during the hearing and told the representatives he has four reasons for proposing his 72 by 42-foot boathouse and dock project.

"The waves get very difficult in the fall and in the spring, making it difficult, very difficult, to moor a boat, let alone get on or off a boat, in those conditions," said Anderson, who added that owning his own boathouse will allow him to extend his boating season into the shoulder months.

Anderson would also like a boat with a lot of "bright work" which is a varnished wooden boat.

"Wood and varnish don't mix with sun and so you have to cover a varnished wooden boat or it simply will degrade in short order," he said, adding that he wants the option to work on the boat during winter.

While neighboring property co-owner, Gene Saenger, has worries about the size of Anderson's project, he has other concerns.

"I'm all in favor of a boathouse, not necessarily the boathouse that's proposed. I don't see any evidence as to why this boathouse has to involve upland dredging," Saenger said. "I think the project is completely out of scale. I think there are many alternatives to this project, one of the alternatives is to build it over the water and a second alternative is to build it on a scale that's more in character with boathouses already in Round Lake."

Anderson said he plans to go to great expense to make his boathouse fit the neighborhood.

"The first rule I said to the architect when we first met was, 'This boathouse, this house, has to look like it has been in Charlevoix for a hundred years so the architecture fits the community," he said. "I'm using building materials like wood shingles that require a lot more maintenance than would ordinarily be used in a house today so that I could make this project fit the neighborhood."

As far as the size of his project when comparing it to neighboring boathouses, Anderson said, "Mine is larger than three others, about the same as the fourth and much smaller than all of the rest on Round Lake."

Aside from aesthetic concerns, Johnson said he fears for the environment.

"This over 20-feet-deep excavation extending 60 to 80 feet upland into the property will penetrate into the old dump and fill property of the Redington, Nelson and Company steam mill property," he said. "The subject permit is situated on the east 120 feet of said property which operated for over 50 years as a lumber mill and timber flat and shipping business."

Johnson said much of the ground below the property's surface is filled with garbage and other debris from the former company.

"What guarantees will I and my neighbors have to protect our property and families against the pollution affecting our health and safety?" he said. "Should the MDEQ approve this permit and allow upland dredging, it will be the first allowed in the R1 residential zone of City of Charlevoix in Round Lake."

Johnson also objected to Anderson's 14 boat slips, but Anderson assured the representatives that the city counts boat slips by the number of feet of dock one has.

"The truth of the matter is I have two docks and the way the city calculates boat slips is any distance of 26 feet along a dock," Anderson said. "The density of boat slips on my property is lower than most of the other boat slips along the north shore."

Anderson added that he will not rent boat slips to anyone.

Anyone wishing to have their thoughts on the project included in the public record, must have their comments in to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality by July 6. Reference file number 07-15-0019-P and send comments to: Land and Water Management Division, 2100 West M-32, Gaylord, Mich. 49735-9282 or call (989) 731-4920.

Who? Jim Anderson

What is proposed? Dredging for a 72 by 42-foot boathouse and dock.

Where? 304 East Dixon Avenue on Round Lake.

What are the concerns? Size and water contamination from dredging.

What's needed to move forward? A permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

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Young artists craft clay guitars at Bier Art Gallery

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

What? The guitars will be on display at the Bier Art Gallery art demonstration.

When? From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 5.

Where? The gallery is located six miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31 in a red and white schoolhouse.

Aficionados of art and music will have the opportunity to see the two merged during Bier Art Gallery's Demo Days.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 5 at Bier Art Gallery six miles south of Charlevoix, artists Tyler Bier, 20 and Anna Ferrell, 18, will display their lifelike clay representations of famous guitars.

"We've done a Les Paul, Stratocaster, Jaguar, Flying V, some acoustic guitars and a butterfly guitar," Bier said.

Lifelong artists, Ferrell and Bier began creating the guitars last fall as a creative release.

"I always liked art class and won some awards for some of the stuff I've done and I'm always drawing and trying to do something (artistic)," Ferrell said. "Tyler's the musician. He has a wall of guitars and he's always playing, so that was kind of the inspiration."

Bier added, "My parents have done art since I was born, so I just kind of grew up around it and my parents were encouraging us to make something we could put in the gallery and I like guitars, so we decided to try it."

Though a musician of six years, Bier has been an artist for much longer.

"I started working in clay when I was 13," he said. "I made piggy banks after my grandpa passed away — he used to make them."

The artisan duo enjoys making the guitars in pairs.

"Usually we sit down to make one each and the process takes about eight hours to make one," Ferrell said. "I look at Tyler's wall of guitars and we just kind of model them after those. The acoustic ones are more easy to make, but if you get into electric guitars you have knobs and other details to put on them."

Bier added, "After we shape the clay, we let them dry for a few days then fire them in the kiln and after that you have to glaze them and fire them once more and after that we have to string them."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The delicate strings on the itsy-bitsy instruments, which measure nearly a foot long, are made of copper speaker wire.

Anyone interested in a custom clay guitar need only snap a few pictures of their favorite guitar and let Ferrell and Bier do their thing.

The 13 guitars for sale at the gallery range in price from $165 to $195.

Both Ferrell and Bier will be at the gallery shaping their clay during the Demo Days demonstration.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Anna Ferrell and Tyler Bier have created more than a dozen smaller versions of guitars out of clay. The two young artisans will be on-hand creating guitars during Bier Art Gallery's Demo Days on July 5.

Official Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing concerning its pending co-application to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for funding under the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program's (CDBG) Economic Development Planning Project Grant. The application request for $20,000 is proposed to be used to help fund the "NLEA Small Business Incubator Network Feasibility Study". Funds from this grant will be used to study the potential for developing a network of small business incubators throughout the area, including Charlevoix County. It is expected that this project will benefit at least 51 percent low and moderate income persons.

The public hearing will be held on July 11, beginning at 9:45 a.m., at the Charlevoix County Courthouse, located at 203 Antrim St., Charlevoix, Michigan.

All interested persons are invited to attend this public hearing, especially persons of low and moderate income and those living within the project area.

Jane E. Brannon
Charlevoix County Clerk

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T39N, R10W, Sub: Port St. James No. 2; Lot 147.	0.28
T39N, R10W, Sub: Port St. James No. 7; Lot 532.	1.43
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Zaccaro's celebrates family legacies, local talent

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Stefanie Carano

Zaccaro's Market at 221 Bridge St., a new specialty foods and wine shop recently opened. Pictured above (from left) head chef of Zaccaro's Market, Jim Morse and customer Jim Flanagan. The market is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

The story of Cindy Warner's Zaccaro's Market begins in Bari, a small fishing village on Italy's eastern shoreline.

It was from there that Warner's maternal grandparents immigrated individually to the United States and settled in Cleveland, Ohio where they eventually met, married and became U.S. citizens. When they started a family, George and Phyllis Zaccaro decided to introduce Italian delicatessen to Americans.

This deli, along with Warner's extensive experience operating three restaurants in northern Michigan, led to the creation of Zaccaro's Market at 221 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.

Warner never visited her grandparent's Cleveland business but when her grandmother came to live with her after the passing of her grandfather, she was told many stories about it. One in particular took place during Prohibition.

"My grandmother couldn't figure out why gentlemen would come in and drink coffee at the counter for hours," Warner said. "She found out years later that her husband was serving Cafe Royale, coffee spiked with bootleg whiskey."

The coffee bar at Zaccaro's Market is dedicated in memory of her grandfather.

Besides coffee, wine and beer), Zaccaro's Market features a deli, bakery, fresh produce, gourmet dishes, seafood and international grocery items. Her freezer section features dishes like Creme Brulee and Roast Duck.

"Everything in our freezer is what we would consider gourmet quality," Warner said. "A lot of things made by chefs are now flash frozen and it defies the cost of making it yourself."

Fruits and vegetables in her produce section are selected by her head chef, Jim Morse and are used in the dishes served at the prepared foods counter.

"All ordering was hand-picked by our executive chef," Warner said. "In produce, we want to have a really good selection. We cater to the foodies."

Warner said anything loose and non-packaged comes from local farms.

"50 to 60 percent of our produce is local," Warner said.

One featured seasonal item in her produce are strawberries from the Leelanau Peninsula.

"The gentleman out of Leelanau, he picks his strawberries earlier," Warner said. "He gets the first pick of the crop and delivers them mid-morning, an hour after they come off the vine."

In addition to providing locally-grown produce, Warner's businesses also contribute $5,000 a year to an organization called 'Taste the Local Difference' that helps sustain local farming.

Warner said she is very selective when picking her staff for the market.

"They have to have a serious bent on customer service," Warner said. "When people come here, their experience has to be excellent."

She said in addition to providing good customer service and having experience serving food and wine, her staff is also primarily local.

Chef Morse grew up in Lake Ann, near Traverse City and studied culinary arts at Northwestern Michigan College.

Warner said Morse leads the staff at the prepared foods counter and selects the dishes that will be featured there.

The prepared foods at Zaccaro's Market include international dishes like lasagna and hummus, and American favorites like macaroni and cheese. Customers ordering these items, or meat and cheese from the deli section, can also watch the Food Network on a plasma television situated on the wall behind the counter.

Warner said she intends to stay open all year long and is already making preparations for the winter season.

"In winter we're going to have to get creative," Warner said. "We'll do less quantity and see what sells, we'll do catering trays for local businesses."

In addition to owning Zaccaro's Market and other northwest Michigan restaurants, Warner is involved in the software business. She runs the Services Division of a California-based company called Salesforce.com. She also owns downtown's Village Inn Pizza, and Traverse City restaurants J and S Hamburg and The Boathouse.

Charlevoix resident Jim Flanagan said Zaccaro's has magnificent customer service.

"This is an upscale, first class shop and I wish them well," Flanagan said.

Charlevoix resident Sharon Witucki also enjoyed it. "It's a fun place, great atmosphere," she said.

Zaccaro's Market is open this summer seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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Council offers Straebel city manager's seat

STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Robert Straebel

At a special meeting on Wednesday, June 28, the Charlevoix City Council voted unanimously to offer the position of city manager to Robert Straebel.

Straebel is currently the village manager for the Village of Taos Ski Valley, N.M. but has roots in Michigan, being a graduate of Ferris State University and having family in the northern Michigan area.

Council is offering Straebel a three-year contract with a base salary of $79,000 and a department benefits package that includes seven days of sick leave, nine paid holidays, six days of funeral leave, three personal days and a Premier Health PPO.

Also included is a cell phone allowance for $41 a month, a car allowance for $450 a month and a 100 percent education reimbursement.

Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said he would call both Straebel and candidate Todd Campbell to let them know of council's decision.

In a previous meeting, Carlson said that Campbell was the only one with experience extensively in electric, water and sewer in regards to the city electric department's $5.9 million budget and department head that is currently on sick leave.

As of June 28, he said Straebel's knowledge of public works would not come into play.

Straebel has been selected to fill the vacancy of former city manager Mike Wiesner who council fired in January. City treasurer Rick Brandi has been acting city manager during the transition.

Grounds for Wiesner's dismissal included, "Failure to properly supervise the city treasurer regarding the issuance of a check to CCMS in the amount of $222,978; failure to properly supervise the city wastewater treatment plant regarding the falsifying of records by wastewater treatment plant personnel; failure to provide in a timely manner the city council with information that will be considered at a city council meeting; and failure to provide monthly reports regarding the operation of city departments."

Wiesner has since accepted the directorship of the Boyne City Department of Public Works.

CARE to learn?

Photo by Stefanie Carano

Valerie Olinik-Danstra (right), program coordinator for the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, demonstrates soil erosion to Abby Johnson of Charlevoix. Tip of the Mitt was one of many booths featured at this year's Conservation and Renewable Energy (C.A.R.E) Fair.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF REVIEW

Tuesday, July 17, 2007 • 9:00 A.M.

The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, at 9:00 A.M., at City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, in the Conference Room on the Main Floor.

The purpose of the meeting is to correct clerical errors, Homestead affidavits, mutual mistakes of fact, or mathematical computations.

If you have any questions please call the City Clerk's Office at 547-3250.

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Photo by Tom Wanek

Charlevoix resident Tom Wanek took this shot of his daughter Celina Wanek working the gun inside the belly of a World War II B-17 Bomber, sponsored by the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airfield on June 30.

Photo by Bobbie Albright

On May 31, these two baby raccoons stopped by the Albright condo just long enough to have their picture taken. Mama raccoon was nowhere to be seen.

Photo by Mary Edger

Charlevoix resident Mary Edger shot this picture of the Charlevoix girls and boys track teams after their big win at the regional meet In May.

Photo by Ray Wallick

Ray Wallick of Ellsworth submitted this picture of his pup with a caption stating, "Zach says, 'Isn't it a nice day to take me on the bike?'"

Photo by John Scharenbroch

This picture of Mary Scharenbroch with a 30.25 inch walleye weighing 8.23 pounds that she caught May 24 in Lake charlevoix was taken by her father John Scharenbroch during a father-daughter fishing day.

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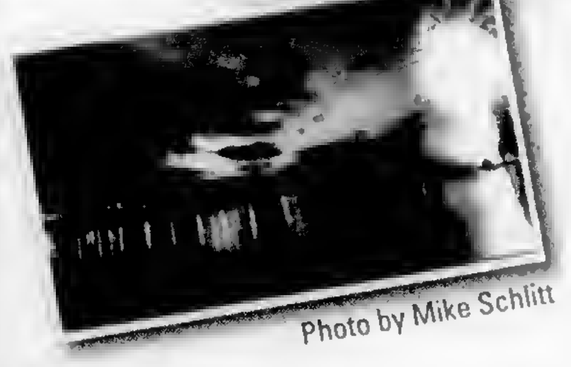

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BUSINESS What's new?

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Ragamuffins, Grey Gables team up for dinner theater

"A Cinderella Christmas in July" will be performed July 9, 10 and 11 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Performances will feature a diverse cast of youth and adults from Charlevoix, Elk Rapids, Petoskey and East Jordan. Audience members will be treated to artistic excellence along with royal cuisine prepared by Grey Gables.

"Everyone who came to our opening performance last December loved the show, so we thought we'd bring it back in a different format" said director Kathleen Whittaker. "A dinner theater is a little out of the ordinary and makes for a lovely night out."

The play will have something for everyone including creatively choreographed dances and hysterical characters. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m. and the show will begin at approximately 7 p.m. Tickets are $44 per person which includes tax and gratuity. Wine will be available for purchase through Grey Gables.

Seating will be limited so those wanting to attend can buy tickets at www.ragamuffintheatre.com, or through The Clothing Company at 339 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix. All tickets must be purchased by July 8. For more information, call (231) 237-9686.

Courtesy photo

Ragamuffin Theatre will presnt "A Cinderella Christmas in July" dinner theater performance July 9, 10 and 11 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Music, art featured at Otis Pottery open house

The 10th annual open house at Otis Pottery will take place July 6-8.

This annual event which features concerts of chamber music on Friday and Saturday evenings is open to the public. David, June and Andrew Otis, will be showing their recent wood-fired clay work. Also featured will be an exhibition of aerial photographs by Robert Hartman, professor emeritus from the University of California, Berkeley.

For nearly three decades Hartman has flown over the California landscape in his 1949 Piper-clipper aircraft, taking photographs with infrared film that transforms environmental reality into gorgeous abstractions.

The chamber music concerts will feature a return of Fran Shelly, professor of flute and principal flutist with the Wichita Symphony Orchestra, Kansas, and Dorothy Vogel, pianist, from Traverse City. Joining the ensemble this year will be Jill Marderness, a bassoonist from Scottsdale, Ariz. and artist in residence with Michigan Bay View Music Festival.

Chamber music will include works for flute, bassoon and piano by Vivaldi, Haydn, Beethoven, Taffanel, Villa-Lobos and Douglas.

This open house will continue each day with concerts scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings. Pottery demonstration and flute ensemble music are scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

Otis Pottery is located at 01691 M-66 North, East Jordan, one mile south of the Ironton Ferry. For more information, call (231) 536-7856.

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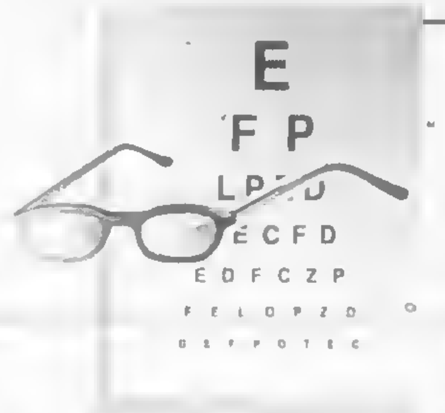

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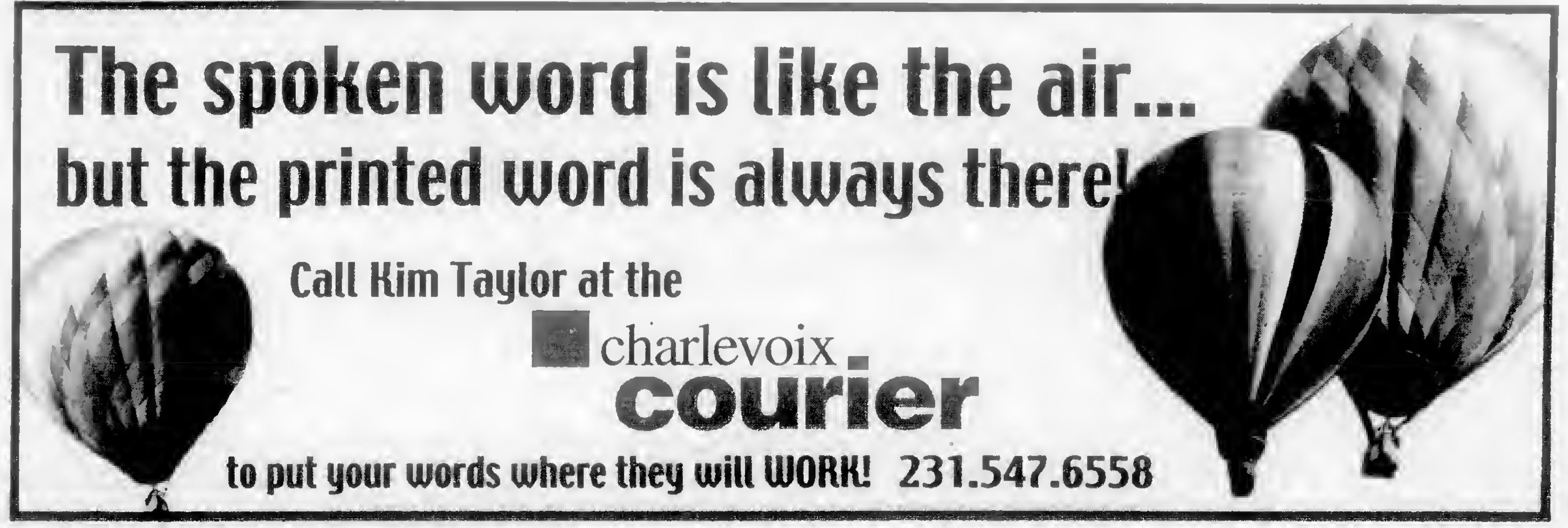

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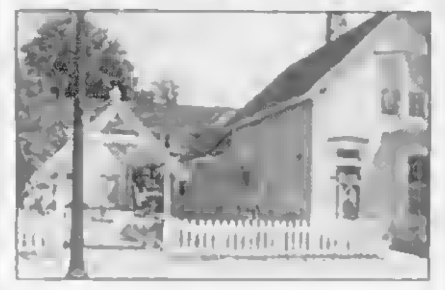

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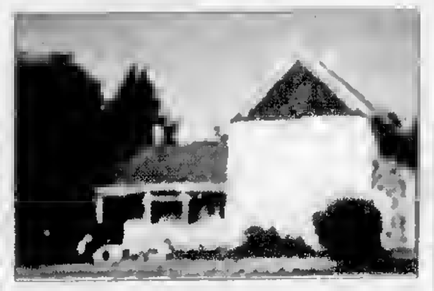

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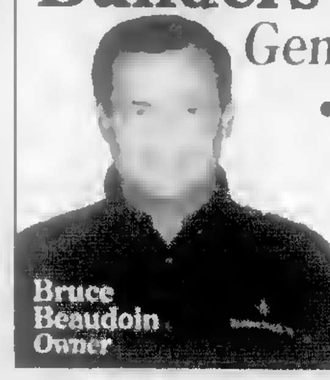

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Lions tee off at 13th annual golf tourney

The Charlevoix Lions will hold their 13th annual charity golf fund-raiser on Thursday, July 12 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

All proceeds go to the Lions Club's 33 beneficiaries which include youth scholarships, sports teams and activity programs, civic programs and projects and of sight and hearing local and state programs.

At the upcoming event, 25 teams are expected to go for the winning lowest-score trophies and cash prizes. This year, a player who sinks an ace on hole 17 will win a new Chevy Trailblazer for three years from Fox Charlevoix.

There are consolation cash awards on each of the above holes for the players who come closest to the pins. There are cash awards for longest in-the-fairway drives on holes one, 10 and 16. Players can go for $5,000 in the putting contest held on the practice green. A trophy and cash award goes to the closest-to-the-pin putting finalist.

Who? The Charlevoix Lions

What? 13th annual charity golf fund-raiser

When? Thursday, July 12

Where? Belvedere Golf Club

How much? $98 per player fee includes the 18 holes, cart, all events and the awards dinner

Players are asked to register beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 12 when a brat picnic lunch will be served. Shotgun start is at 2 p.m. The awards banquet, featuring Lions Chicken, will take place under a tent at the golf course.

The $98 per player fee includes the 18 holes, cart, all events and the awards dinner. A fee of $12.90 is for awards dinner only guests. Individual golfers, pairs, threesomes and teams can receive a registration form by calling Jeff Rizzo at (231) 547-5117 or Jerry Lauwers at (231) 547-6081.

Charlevoix public pool 10 year anniversary celebration

What? "Ten Years and Growing Stronger" is the theme for the 10th anniversary celebration of the opening of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool.

When? Thursday, July 19

Where? 11905 U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix.

"Ten Years and Growing Stronger" is the theme for the 10th anniversary celebration of the opening of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Thursday, July 19.

THE CELEBRATION

The staff and board of directors have planned special events that day to showcase how the pool has served the public over the last decade.

The public is invited to use the pool that day at no charge and tours will be available for those who don't want to swim but wish to see and learn more about the pool facilities and its programs. The staff will serve hot dogs and a light meal from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. free to visitors.

EVENT SCHEDULE

The schedule for Thursday, July 19 in which the public can join in activities for free is as follows:

- Lap swimming 6 to 8 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. (two lanes).
- Open Swimming for all ages 3 to 5 p.m. (with the inflatable tanker) and 6 to 8 p.m., OYO (on your own) for adults only from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. (two lanes) and Aqua Exercise class from 8 to 9 a.m. The public can observe Red Cross Swim Lessons from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

THE HISTORY

Nearly 50 years ago the late Ralph Hamilton, a member of the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club envisioned and promoted an indoor pool for Charlevoix. The Friends of the Pool's many volunteers, spearheaded by Bruce and Barbara MacArthur made the pool a reality in 1997.

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool was one of only a few pools in the country built and operated without public funding. In 2005, the pool went to the public and passed a Recreational Authority Millage for the City of Charlevoix, Hayes Township and Charlevoix Township. These funds help keep the fees reasonable to the users, including offering dollar nites (four nights a week); non district users pay $1.50. The millage has also allowed the pool to put aside $35,000 a year in a contingency fund. This fund was used this past winter to replace the aging ventilation system at $110,000.

To date over 325,000 swimmers from Charlevoix and the surrounding area have used the pool.

THE BUDGET

The pool's budget for 2007 is $427,000. Of that $177,000 comes from the Recreational Authority, $80,000 from the annual pool auction, $50,000 from donations/other fundraising and $120,000 from fees and charges.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rec league slo-pitch results from June 21, 25 and 26

Men's rec league softball teams continued their season on June 21, 25 and 26.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch June 21 games, Art Form Fabricating/Pioneer Classic beat Wojan Windows 24–2. For Art Form, Matt Dryer, Taylor Fisher, Andrea Hoeksema and Ben Macks each had a double, Mike Rosen had a double and a triple, and Luke Whitley had two doubles and a home run.

In game two, Carlson's Home Improvement beat Subway/Charlevoix Collision 13–2. For Carlson's, Robert Russell, Kris Bartling, Doug Waha, Norm Carlson and Kristopher Bartling each had a double and Mike Thompson had a triple.

In game three, Flight Deck/American Waste beat Boss Engineering 16–4. For Flight Deck, Roger Pittman had two doubles and Nick Cole had a home run. For Boss, Jer Teuscher had a double and Wayne Boss had two doubles.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch June 25 games, Flight Deck/American Waste shut out Wojan Windows 13-0. For Flight Deck, Roger Pittman had a double, Casey Crain had two doubles and Nick Cole and James Crain each had a triple.

In game two, Subway/Charlevoix Collision beat Art Form Fabricating/Pioneer Classic 10-5. For Subway, Gene Fowely had a double.

In game three, RGM Services shut out Carlson's Home Improvement 7-0. For RGM, Eddie Waldron had a double. For Carlson's, Kris Bartling had a double and Jeff Novotny had a triple.

The June 26 games were scheduled due to a June 20 rain cancellation.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch June 26 games, Carlson's Home Improvement beat Flight Deck/American Waste 16-12. For Carlson's, Brett Erskine had a double and a triple and Mike Thompson and Doug Waha each had a double.

In game two, RGM Services shut out Wojan Windows 12-0. For RGM, Gordy Lake, Tom Moore, RJ Moore and Bo Moore each had a double.

In game three, Swanson's K&D/ J. Arnold Painting beat JC Service 16-6. For Swanson's, Matt Cera had a double and Brandon Webb, Don Jess, and Dan Pardee each had a triple. For JC, Joe Nocks, Anthony Cesaro and JD Pop each had a double.

Moxie takes first at summer sailing opener

The first race of the Charlevoix Yacht Club's summer racing series was sailed June 27 in moderate winds allowing the fleet to sail a full course of six legs, including a triangle and three windward-leeward legs.

Less than one minute corrected time separated the first three boats of the Spinnaker A fleet and Moxie was the fastest boat overall.

Race results provided by Keith Attee, co-committee chair.

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for June 27 are:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Sonnet (Lepman); 2 — Exitus (Pung); 3 — Opus (Hansen).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Tireless (Carland); 2 — Original Sin (Miller); 3 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 4 — Apothecary (Ochs); 5 — Cygnus (Stuart).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Suzie Q (Kelly); 2 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 3 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 4 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 5 — Fairret (Seymour); 6 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 7 — M3 (Carey); 8 — Incognito (Fisher).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Moxie (Jensen); 2 — Northern Light (Orlow); 3 — Windrunner (Pirie); 4 — Affinity (Strawhridge); 5 — Itch (Thomas).

Rayder Youth Football Camp is July 7

Charlevoix Rayder Youth Football Camp will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on July 7 at Kipke Field.

The free camp open to students entering third through eighth grades will be run by the Charlevoix High School football coaching staff. Preregistration and registration the day of camp is permitted. Campers should wear cleats, shorts, and a T-shirt.

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Hundreds gather to say goodbye to LaBlance

MARINA

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gathered in front of the beloved music teacher's house to sing songs. LeBlance sat up from her bed, she belted out 'Hi everyone! I love you!' and enthusiastically waved to the crowd. Marina's children, George LeBlance and Maro LeBlance stood by her side crying and sharing in the community she brought together.

Like the memorable songs passed on, she reached people.

"She just had the ability to bring out the best in children," MaryAnn Chew, a former teacher and friend said. "...The world is a little less better today because of her passing but better because she did pass through our lives."

Marina served the community as a teacher for 33 years. She could demand respect with a stern look, but she was known for her vibrant smile: She was never afraid to dance with the kids, to laugh and to sing.

In an historical moment, Marina organized an assembly in honor of the Indonesian Ambassador, Soemadi Brotodiningrat who visited Charlevoix after the tsunamis. The ambassador smiled and clapped during the songs of unity.

"She was a great role model for all ... She showed us all how to do it," Pat Carland, an elementary teacher said. "... kids couldn't wait to get to music. She had them right at her fingertips. They could be themselves."

Diane Priess, a kindergarten teacher remembers her students' fondness for Marina, they would often make her cards and talk about Marina — whose name they had a difficult time pronouncing.

"She was a presence in the classroom," Priess said.

Kelsey Way, 13, sang in the final spring musical in 2004. Looking back, Kelsey's favorite musical moment was singing Grease's "We go together."

"She had fun teaching us the crazy words. It just made everyone laugh," Kelsey said.

Boogie Carlson, the Charlevoix city mayor was a student in the Michigan Bicentennial concert in 1976 — which Marina directed. Nearly 30 years later Carlson watched his daughter perform in Marina's final show.

"It was a testimony," Carlson said, of the recent tribute. "All the people who turned out to sing to her — it sent chills up your spine."

Marina's children, Maro LeBlance and George LaBlance, are overwhelmed by the community support.

"We've received hundreds of cards, many with touching letters sharing how she helped shape their lives and now their children's lives," Maro said. "... it takes you back to what a community is all about."

George said his mom never understood the community fanfare, she simply believed she did her job.

In her first year of teaching she received the 1973 Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America award. Marina received the Outstanding Person In Education Award and the Crooked Tree Arts Council "eddi Award." She was also named the Outstanding Citizen of the year by the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce.

"Marina was the sunshine in everybody's life," Jacqueline Merta, president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce said.

Marina was the grand marshal of the Venetian parade and was the speaker at the 2002 Charlevoix High School commencement. LeBlance was also a founder of the Charlevoix Council of the Arts. The council hosts the Waterfront Art Fair, a fundraiser for art and cultural education in the schools.

But George and Maro remember her most important role — mom.

"My mom, my sister and I were always a team," George said.

The trio enjoyed watching musicals, road trips out west and eating ethnic cuisine.

George shared a heartfelt laugh, speaking of an Alaskan cruise, where his mother was intrigued by the Native American dancers. When they needed a volunteer she was the first to dance.

"She was never afraid of anything," George said.

She made each birthday or holiday special. She celebrated her Greek heritage, teaching her kids how to cook and hosting Greek parties.

LaBlance was also known for her spontaneity. She was the first to karaoke and even marked the Millennium by driving to Florida and back.

Maro said she shares her mom's love for life.

"She taught me love — family and friends are more important than anything material in the world," Maro said. "She also taught me to be courageous and stand up for yourself."

Most of all Maro will miss their daily phone calls.

"We became genuinely good friends and had more than a mother-daughter relationship," Maro said. "I'm so blessed that she was my mom, she was a great role model and somebody I aspire to be like."

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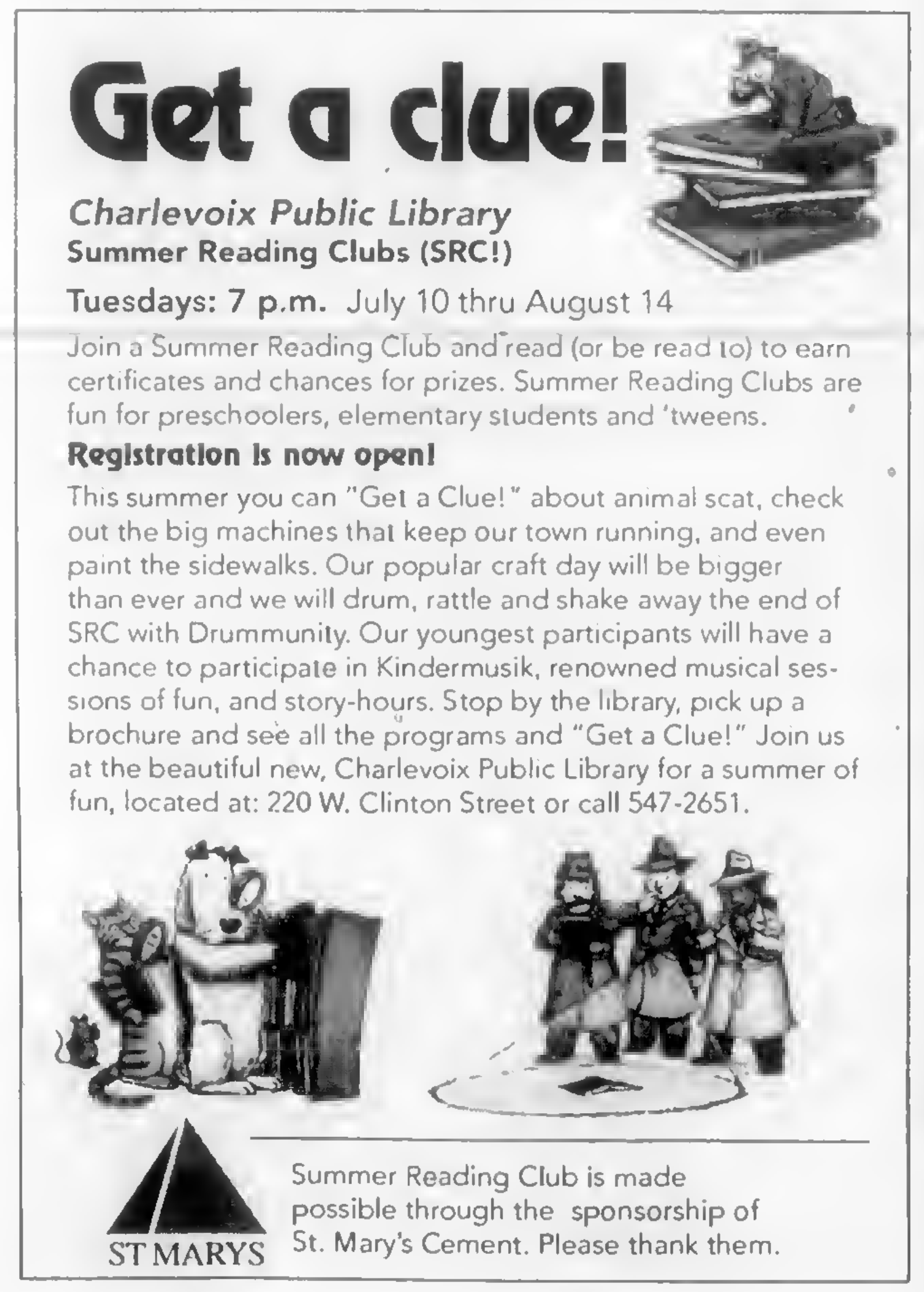

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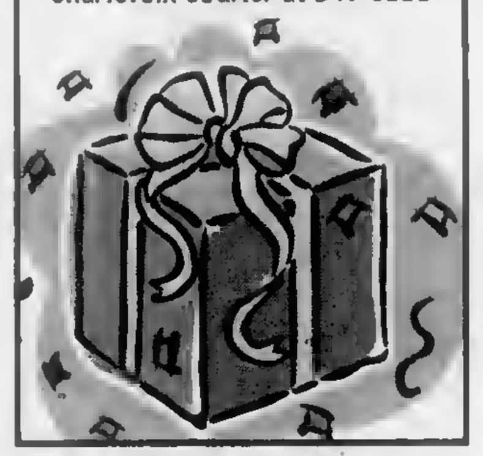

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NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

INVITATION TO BID

North Country Community Mental Health is requesting bid proposals for professional auditing services for fiscal years ending September 30, 2007 through September 30, 2009. The request for proposal would include Financial and Compliance audits for North Country Community Mental Health and it's Affiliates, AuSable Valley Community Mental Health and Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority. The bid packet will be published on the North Country Community Mental Health website at: www.norcocmh.org **after July 2, 2007** or can be requested by contacting Tiffany Hawley, Administrative Assistant, at (231)439-1274 **after July 2, 2007.** A pre-bid conference will be held on July 11, 2007 at 10:00 AM at our offices located in the J. Richard Yuill Alpine Center, 800 Livingston Blvd., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Gaylord, Michigan, to address any questions regarding the bid packets.

North Country Community Mental Health reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

(B-06/27, 07/04)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: John Spieth and Rebecca Spieth, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2005 and recorded August 22, 2005 in Liber 700 Page 328 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Resmae Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-One Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents ($191,118.47) including interest 7.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, MI at 11:00AM on Friday, July 13, 2007.

Said premises are situated in Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Pineridge Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 339 and 340, Charlevoix County Records Commonly known as 12938 Pine Ridge Drive, Charlevoix MI 49720 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JUNE 7, 2007

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Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Resmae Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 07-71862 ASAP# 862464
(L-06/13/2007, 06/20/2007, 06/27/2007, 07/04/2007

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

THE BANK OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN,
a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

Case No. 06-500-21-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

v.

JOHN S. HUNT and JUDITH C. HUNT, husband and wife,
Defendants.

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1. On May 25, 2007, the Honorable Richard M. Pajtas, Circuit Court Judge, entered a Default Judgment and Order for Sale in this matter in favor of Plaintiff The Bank of Northern Michigan. A copy of this judgment has been recorded beginning at Liber 804, Page 627, Charlevoix County Records.

2. As of the date of this notice, this judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Default Judgment and Order for Sale, on Friday, August 10, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to be held in the lobby of the County Clerk's Office in the Charlevoix County Building, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants John S. Hunt and Judith C. Hunt in and to the real property described as follows:

In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the West 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the West line ol said section, as monumented North 00º49'08" West 199.64 feet (recorded as North 200.00 feet) to a T-iron stake, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line North 00°49'08" West 98.90 feet (recorded as North 99.20 feet) to a T-iron stake; thence North 68°09'10" East (recorded at an angle of 69°04' to the right from said 1/4 line) 305.05 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Westerly line of Highway M-66; thence along said highway line south 21°35'56" East 222.94 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence south 89°11'37" West 363.83 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Govemment Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH a Non-Exclusive Easement for ingress and Egress to Lake Charlevoix with the privilege of using the same for boating and bathing purposes over and across a strip of land 25 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Easterly along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 530.8 feet; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 104°14'45" to the left from said 1/4 line 90.39 feet, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence Northeasterly at an angle of 84°27'35" to the right from the last described course to the shore of Lake Charlevoix, being the Point of Ending, and being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

3. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of this sale.

Dated: June 20, 2007

JANE E. BRANNON
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK

By: Sharon M. Selissen,
Deputy Clerk
(L-06/27, 07/03, 07/11, 07/18, 07/25, 08/01, 08/08)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 14th day of May, 2004, by Daniel McGillis, a single man, to Northwestem Mortgage Company, and recorded on May 18, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 614, page 791, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX AND 70/100 DOLLARS ($38,336.70) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, August 3, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at an axle shalt at the Southeast corner of Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section North 00°06'22" East 1320.90 feet to a boat spike on the South 1/8th line of said Section; thence along said 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 1318.19 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the East 1/8th line of said section; thence continuing along said South 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 459.30 feet; thence North 00°1 3'06" East 435.60 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 89°32'31" West 200.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section; thence along the aforementioned line North 00°13'06" East 227.13 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said section; thence along the aforementioned line North 89°37'26" East 233.00 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 00°13'O6" West 226.79 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 89°32'31" West 33.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; all being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West.

PARCEL 2: A non-exclusive easement 66 feet in width for ingress, egress and installation, and maintenance of utilities both above and below ground, described as:

Commencing at an axle shaft at the Southeast corner of Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section North 00°06'22" East 1320.90 feet to a boat spike on the South 1/8th line of said section; thence along said 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 1318.19 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the East 1/8th line; thence continuing along said South 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 459.30 feet; thence North 00°13'06" East 33.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the North line of Mountain Road being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing North 00°13'06" East 435.60 feet; thence North 89°32'31" East 66.00 feet; thence South 00°13'06" West 435.60 feet to the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89°32'31" West 66.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; all being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: June 18, 2007

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS &
BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Dorothy N. Sayer

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Settlor, Dorothy N. Sayer, who lived at 14676 W. Upright, Charlevoix, Michigan, died February 8, 2007. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Dorothy N. Sayer Trust dated July 15, 1993, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Agent for Trustee, within four months after the date of publication.

Date: June 25, 2007

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.
Mark R. Andrews, Vice President
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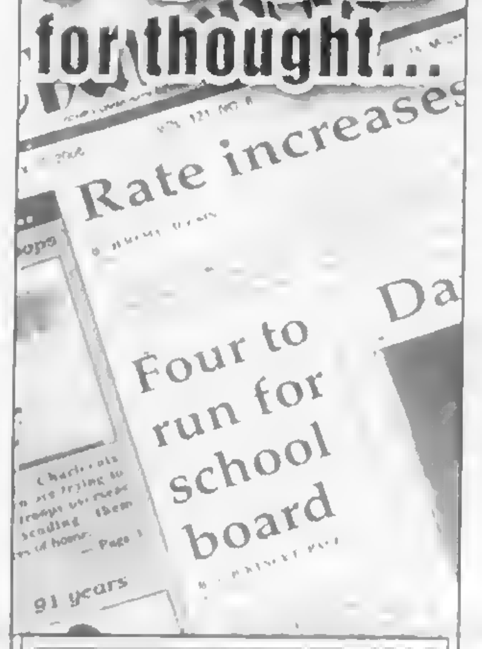
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JULY 4
BOOK SIGNING II

Illustrator Gijsbert (Nick) van Frankenhuyzen and his wife, author Robbyn Smith van Frankenhuyzen, The Sleeping Bear Press duo, are on a whirlwind mini-tour of northern Michigan. At 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 4 they will be signing copies of their books at Up North Kids located at 220 Bridge St. in Charlevoix.

JULY 5
FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Charlevoix Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 24.

JULY 5
CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority are co-sponsoring a summer concert series. At 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings the Charlevoix City Band will be featured. The Thursday night performance will feature the local high energy blues band, Charlie's Root Fusion at 8 p.m. on July 5. Both performances are in Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix.

JULY 5
ART DEMONSTRATION

Bier Art Gallery will host an art demonstration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 5. Demonstrations will include basket making, pottery and blacksmithing. Refreshments will be available.

The gallery is located six miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31 in a red and white schoolhouse.

For more information, call (231) 547-2288.

JULY 7
YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

Charlevoix Rayder Youth Football Camp will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on July 7 at Kipke Field.

The free camp open to students entering third through eighth grades will be run by the Charlevoix High School football coaching staff. Preregistration and registration the day of camp is permitted. Campers should wear cleats, shorts, and a T-shirt.

For more information, contact coach Don Jess at (231) 237-9490.

JULY 8
DEMOCRATS PICNIC

The Charlevoix County Democrats' Annual Picnic will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. July 8, at Veteran's Memorial Park in Boyne City.

The event will feature food, live music and live and silent auctions.

Grillers of Petoskey will serve their famous pulled pork and chicken bar-b-que. Dale Parsons and Friends will provide old-time blue grass music.

Among the auction items are a luxury sailing cruise with appetizers and wine, a New Orleans style dinner for six or eight, an exercise bicycle, a wall safe, a microwave oven, and more. The featured auction piece is a wildlife photo by Kris Busk.

Guests are asked to bring a dish to pass. Admission is $20 per family or $10 per person.

JULY 8
REPUBLICAN PICNIC

The annual Charlevoix Republican Picnic will take place at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 8 at Whiting Park.

Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema's famous chicken BBQ will be featured. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass. Table service and beverages will be provided.

Door prizes will be offered. Tickets at the door are adults $8, children 12 and under free. For more information, call (231) 547-4046 or (231) 547-6600.

JULY 9
HOSPITAL GUILD MEETING

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild will have its annual picnic at 11 a.m. on July 9 at the Michigan Beach pavilion. Those interested in joining the guild and/or volunteering at the hospital are invited to attend.

Attendees are asked to bring a friend, a dish to pass and table service.

For more information call (231) 547-8651.

JULY 9
STREET NAMES PROGRAM

The Charlevoix Historical Society is having its annual business meeting and election of officers at 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 9 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library located at 220 Clinton St.

At 7 p.m. a repeat of the Part One program on Charlevoix's street names, will be presented by Charlevoix Historical Society past president, Dr. Jack Mackenzie. Part Two of the city's street names program can also be heard at 7 p.m., Monday July 16 at the library.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

JULY 10
SUMMER READING CLUB

A program entitled "The Scoop on Poop" with award-winning naturalist "Mr. Pete" Stobie will be presented at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10 at Charlevoix Public Library.

JULY 10, 12 AND 19
BLOOD DRIVES

Bethany Lutheran Church, Charlevoix Community Reformed Church and Harbor Industries will host American Red Cross blood drives in July.

Harbor Industries will host a drive from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on July 10 at 100 Harbor Drive in Charlevoix.

Bethany Lutheran Church will host a drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on July 12 at 11906 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix Community Reformed Church will host a drive from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 19. The church is located at U.S. 31 North and Meech Street in Charlevoix.

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JULY 11
QUILT SHOW

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host an exhibit entitled "Antique Quilts - The Charlevoix Connection," beginning Wednesday, July 11 and running through Sunday, July 15 at the historic Charlevoix Depot.

This exhibit of the beauty and craftsmanship of antique quilters will be open to the public free of charge.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

JULY 11
PANHELLENIC WOMEN'S MEETING

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will hold a noon luncheon meeting Wednesday, July 11 at the Weathervane Restaurant in Charlevoix.

Following the luncheon and business meeting, a program entitled "Christmas in July" will be presented by Kathleen Kelly. Kelly's program is based on a collection of vintage Christmas postcards dating from the early 1900's.

Reservations are due by noon on Monday, July 9 by calling (231) 348-9558.

All panhellenic women in the area are invited to attend.

JULY 11
JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

Jazz at the library will feature the modern classical music of trio Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans, Chris Ames and soloists Dan Jacobs, Pete Asch and Mike Hunter at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11 at Charlevoix Public Library.

JULY 11
SENIOR PICNIC

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging presents the 28th Annual Senior Picnic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11 at the Harvest Barn Word of Faith Church, formerly the Jordan Valley Express in East Jordan.

Featured will be Barbecue Chicken with all the fixings. Tickets are $6 for those under 60. A suggested donation for seniors 60 and older is $3. Tickets will be sold in advance at all Charlevoix County senior centers, at the Commission on Aging Office at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix or by calling (231) 237-0103.

Door prizes will be offered. Transportation to and from the event will be paid by local senior centers or Commission on Aging. To make arrangements for a ride, call (231) 582-6900 by Monday, July 9.

JULY 11
GARDEN WALK

On Wednesday, July 11, the Charlevoix Area Garden Club will host their 9th Annual Garden Walk in Charlevoix featuring seven gardens. "A Tapestry of Northern Gardens" will offer those who garden and those who just enjoy the beauty of a garden a quiet place for a welcome respite from the summer days. Those attending will start with the gardens of their choice at 10 a.m. and walk leisurely through the gardens until 4 p.m.

Tickets for the walk may be ordered in advance by calling (231) 237-0239. Tickets are $10 per person in advance or $12 the day of the walk.

A Garden Club luncheon will coincide with the event from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the new Charlevoix Public Library. The cost is $25 per person. To make lunch reservations, call (231) 547-7034.

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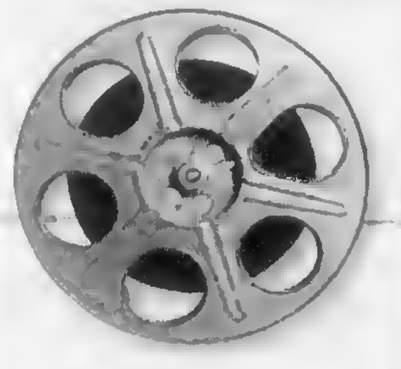

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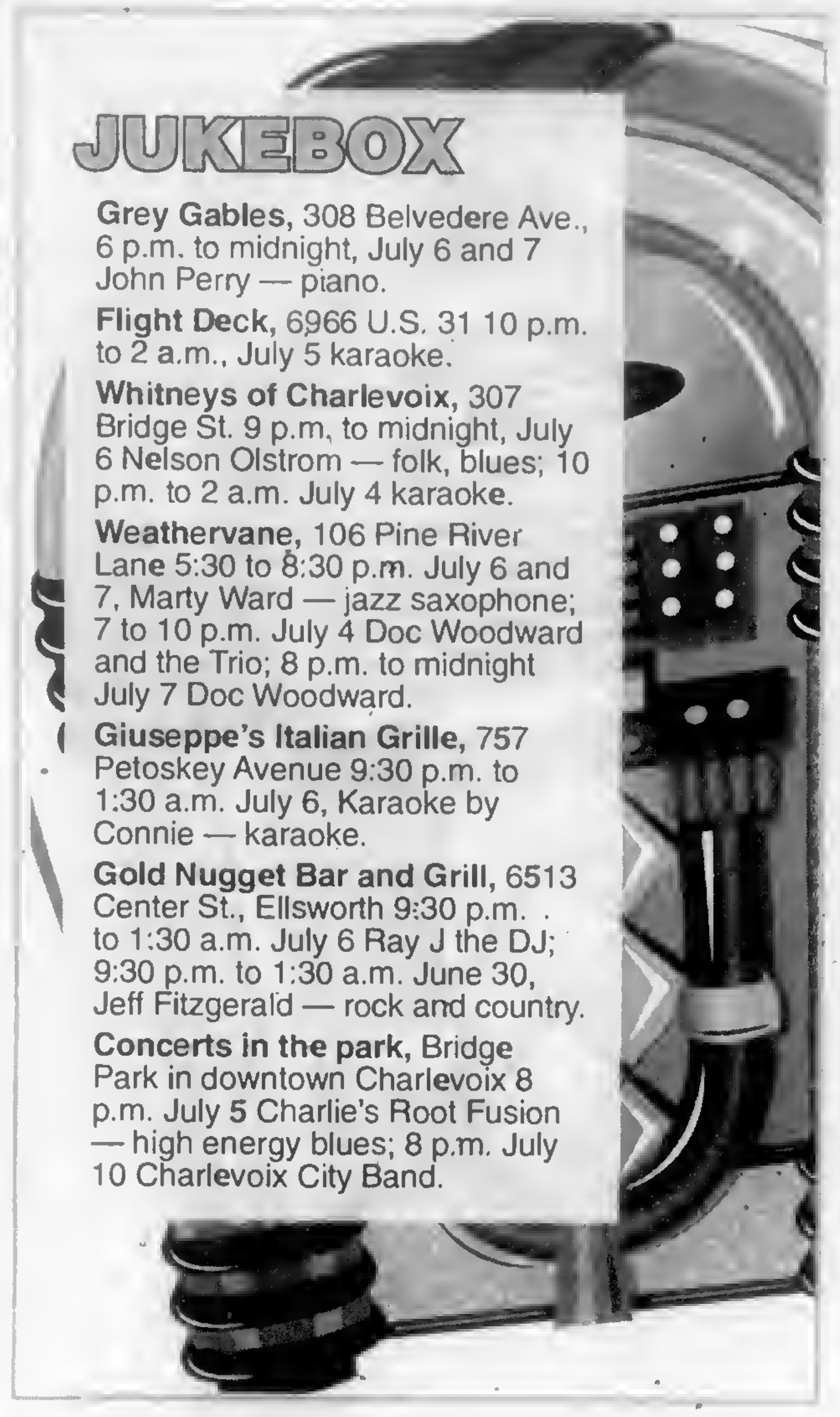

JUKEBOX

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Ave., 6 p.m. to midnight, July 6 and 7 John Perry — piano.

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., July 5 karaoke.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, July 6 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. July 4 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 6 and 7, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone; 7 to 10 p.m. July 4 Doc Woodward and the Trio; 8 p.m. to midnight July 7 Doc Woodward.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. July 6, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

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Washed away

Heavy rains early Sunday morning, July 8, loosened the earth under this MDC Contracting tractor stationed in East Park. Fuel that spilled from the machine was cleaned up but uprighting it took several tractors and resulted in the closing of Bridge Street from Antrim to Clinton for over an hour.

Pool expansion planned

STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Stefanie Carano

A swimmer uses the existing Charlevoix Area Community Pool facility off U.S. 31 near the Charlevoix Country Club. The pool board is currently reviewing plans for a major expansion.

Additions to the Charlevoix Area Community Pool building are currently in the works, despite problems of mold and humidity with the existing structure.

Preliminary plans include constructing an adjacent building to house a larger lap pool, while keeping the current building off U.S. 31 in Charlevoix Township and replacing its pool with a children's wade pool.

Pool director Al Gooch said he would like to see more families with young children at the pool and the plans for the pool additions would be an attempt to accommodate these customers.

Gooch said there are no plans to demolish the existing building.

"We don't want to be closed," Gooch said. "If you remodel, you can have more money in it than if you start it new."

Gooch said the existing building is experiencing mold in the attic, missing tile on the pool deck, a shifting ceiling and broken light fixtures.

"It wasn't a dangerous mold," Gooch said of the attic. "We're keeping a constant watch on it. The moisture problem is an ongoing issue."

Gooch said he plans to have the light fixtures repaired in August when the pool is drained and that nothing needs to be done about the shifting

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Businesses report high traffic on July 4

Photo by Stefanie Carano

Bridge Street was packed with shoppers on July 4 and the days that followed. Merchants believe the Wednesday holiday kept visitors in Charlevoix longer.

STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Downtown business earnings for this year's Fourth of July holiday were generally the same as last year, with a few exceptions.

Lodging businesses like the Bridge Street Inn Bed and Breakfast had many visitors, regardless of the mid-week date.

"It seemed like people came up even though it was during the week, so that was great," said Bridge Street Inn owner John McKown.

McKown said Internet exposure has helped attract visitors from farther away, who then stay for four or five nights rather than just the usual two or three during the holiday.

Zaccaro's Market, which opened in June, experienced their best day on July 4. Assistant manager Laura Noble said the store had a lot of visitors, especially in the morning.

> *"Gas pricing has not stopped folks from coming. I don't think it's a factor."*
>
> **Vera McKown**
> CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"We were busy," Noble said. "It was kind of a gloomy day, people didn't want to be at the beach, they were checking out downtown instead."

Pam Awrey at the new G and Papa's Pizza did not experience the same success.

"It was pretty slow, but we just opened on Monday," Awrey said. "We had a few big party orders."

Awrey said she observed that the town was

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Thomas Lee Bennett, 21, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve four months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Robert John Simon, 45, Charlevoix. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling $400.

Timothy Allen Girlinghouse, 31, Boyne Falls. Insufficient funds — less than $100. To pay $415.46 in fines and costs or serve 14 days in jail.

Barbara Cherie Hernandez, 28, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated — second offense. Credit for 16 days in jail, to serve 45 days in jail, 274 days held in abeyance, 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, serve 30 days of community service work; serve 18 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,580 in fines and costs.

Kayla Lacy Kleinschrodt, 17, Boyne City. Larceny under $200. Serve three days of community service work; $350 in fines and costs.

Timothy Paul McBee, 22, Boyne City. Attempted dangerous weapon — self-defense spray; attempted criminal sexual conduct-fourth degree with a victim between 13 and 16. Serve 31 days in jail; 334 days held in abeyance; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; no contact with the victim; $1,850 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Anne Marie Sierocki, 26, East Jordan. Controlled substance, maintaining a drug house (probation violation). To remain on probation for 24 months.

Douglas Carl Seib, 38, Charlevoix. Domestic violence-aggravated; and obstruction of justice. Sentenced to 330 days in jail with credit for 64 days, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $1,015 in fines and costs.

Michael Robert Cherette, 51, Richland. Driving while under the influence of liquor-third offense. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for four days; to serve 180 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $1,870 in fines and costs.

Philip Eugene Burns, 39, Mancelona. Child support-failure to pay. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 58 days in jail, to serve 180 days in jail; serve five years probation; $10,316.87 in fines and costs.

April Sue Cross, 40, Charlevoix. Attempted absconding or forfeiting bond. Sentenced to 30 days in jail; $470 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

C. J. Cleaning, 01245 Anderson Road, Boyne City, by Thomas E. Farrell

ReDress Your Nest by Robin, 041170 Camp Ten Road, Elmira, by Robin Y. Jepsen

Shaylaray Landscaping, 8758 Old U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix, by Patrick R. Walper

Drewa Farm, 02821 U.S. 31 South, Norwood, by David M. Drewa

Boyne Avenue Greenhouse, 921 Boyne Avenue by W. Randolph, Diane K. and Eric Frykberg

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Eugene H. Randall, 54 and Darlene Sue Hubbard, 48, both of East Jordan

Robert T. Clark, 33 and Eunice M. Genson, 23, both of East Jordan

Kevin Russell McArthur, 29 and Jessica Ann Frazier, 22, both of East Jordan

Patrick Michael McGinn, 47 and Kelly Anne Mumich, 41, both of East Jordan

Ronald Howard Katz, 46 and Beverly Jean Grinder, 47, both of Boyne City

Richard Alan Sneller, 29 and Jocelyn Lee Hosler, 30, both of Charlevoix

Matthew David Harju, 26, Bear Lake and Sarah Marie Skop, 24, Boyne Falls

Justin John Scott, 32, Petoskey and Adrianna Melody Lackaff, 22, Charlevoix

David Richard Weed, 53, Tombstone, Ariz. and Katherine M. Kunde, 46, East Jordan

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of divorce in Charlevoix's 33rd Circuit Court:

Jessica Marie Jewell-Jenkins vs. Steven Robert Jenkins

Theresa M. Dunlop vs. Andrew J. Dunlop

BIRTHS

Olivia Jay Maher weighing 9 pounds was born June 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to James and Jenny Maher of Ironton. Her grandparents are Bill and Joy Murray of East Jordan and James Sandie of Carterton, New Zealand. Her great-grandparents are Harold and Ometa Goebel and Alice Murray all from East Jordan.

Jaydee Louise Levy weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces was born June 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to David and Jessica Levy. Her brother is Elijah B. Levy. Her grandparents are Jon and Carol Hisey from Charlevoix; Audree Levy and the late Kenneth Levy of Carrolton, Texas. Her great grandparents are J.O. and Marian Clark of East Lansing.

CORRECTION

In the Wednesday, June 20 edition of the Charlevoix Courier it was mentioned that this is the second year the Strings on the Lake benefit was held at the home of Warner and Patti Blow. It is actually the first year the event has been held at the Blow residence, last year it was held at a private home.

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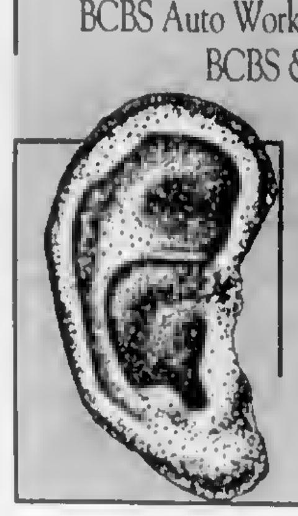

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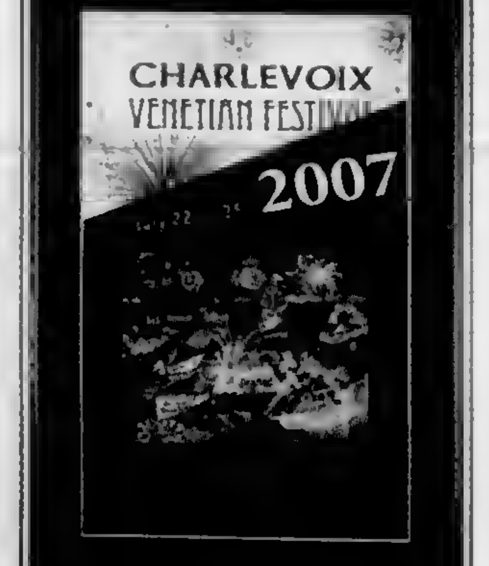

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Pool plan keeps existing facility

POOL

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ceiling.

"These are very minor shifts," he said.

Community pool board member Steven Hansen said that some of the building's problems may be attributed to its wood structure.

"We might have less of this if we had a utilitarian, cinder block building," Hansen said.

But when the pool was built in 1997, he said, there was emphasis on the aesthetics of the building.

"Most pools made of cinder block are windowless, this one is almost like swimming outdoors," Hansen said. "I know everyone was so pleased with its bright design and small piece of air over the pool that had to be heated."

Hansen said warm moisture over the pool rises quickly into the pool's attic, where it cools and condenses, which is creating the mold.

"It's folly to try to have a perfect environment above the pool; every pool has these issues," Hansen said. "Other pools in nearby towns have had excessive humidity problems as great or greater than ours."

In April, the Charlevoix Area Pool Board approved the hiring of Air-N-Energy Consulting, a Traverse City firm, to fix the problem.

Hansen said Air-N-Energy has suggested enlarging the soffit vents that are in place to address the mold problem and close off higher soffit vents to emphasize ventilation.

He said with the new addition, the attic space should have its own ventilation system and be treated as a third air space to help resolve the current air problems in the building.

The existing building's new ventilation system, installed last year for approximately $111,000, is currently posing a problem.

"It's ventilating but not dehumidifying the attic. A firm is going to come in to permanently fix the problem," Gooch said.

Gooch said the current architect for the pool renovations, Jack Begrow, is not concerned about the state of the existing building.

"Begrow is aware of the issues with wood and contracting of wood," Gooch said. "He doesn't see that as a concern."

The community pool was built in 1997 as one of the only community pools in the country completely funded by private money.

"For 15 years," Hansen said, "Friends of the Pool raised enough money to build and operate the facility."

He said since the passing of .33 mill for 10 years for operational and maintenance purposes in 2005, the pool has received 40 percent of its funding from the Recreation Authority, an inter-governmental authority spanning the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix Township and Hayes Township.

This millage costs an estimated $2 per month for an average home of $125,000.

Gooch declined to estimate what the cost of the expanded pool facility will be or when construction is proposed to take place.

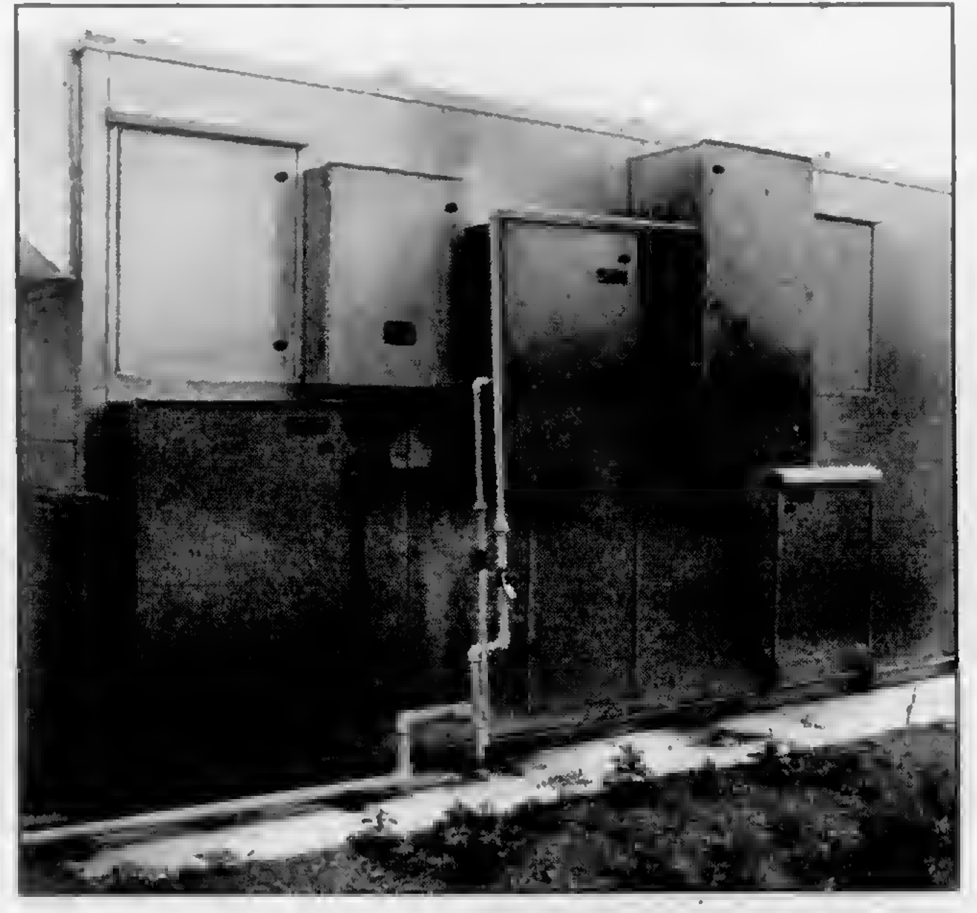

Photo by Stefanie Carano.

The new ventilation system at the Charlevoix Area Pool circulates air and keeps the pool deck temperature two degrees cooler than the pool water. This was installed this spring to address humidity issues.

Gas prices don't deter tourists

BUSINESS

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empty in the evening, with people going elsewhere for parties or to view a fireworks show.

Jackie Dipert, co-owner of The Clothing Company, Charlevoix Wear and Color Wear in downtown Charlevoix, reported good business on the Fourth.

"We had an excellent weekend and fourth of July was okay," Dipert said. "We don't have a lot going in Charlevoix, except the parade."

Dipert said business at all three stores was the same as last year but with Color Wear, where Dipert's husband was working, being up in sales.

"My husband sold a lot of 'Fresh Produce' — a beachy, colorful line," Dipert said.

She said their loyal customer base is what makes all three stores successful during the holiday.

"We have a lot of loyal customers," Dipert said. "At The Clothing Company, we sold a lot of jackets. Regular customers know we'll have our fall line out and want to get it before it's gone."

Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce president Jacqueline Merta said the fact that the holiday fell on a Wednesday encouraged people to take more time off.

"People were taking the fourth, fifth and sixth off," Merta said. "Today (July 5) is a great day for business. We should have a good, long excellent weekend."

Vera McKown, Executive Director of Convention and Visitor's Bureau said the lodging industry saw strong business but didn't max out.

"Some did better than others, they had vacancies. We were not full," she said.

But overall the feeling is that gas prices which had many fearing the worst for the 2007 tourist season weren't a factor.

"Gas pricing has not stopped folks from coming. I don't think it's a factor," McKown said.

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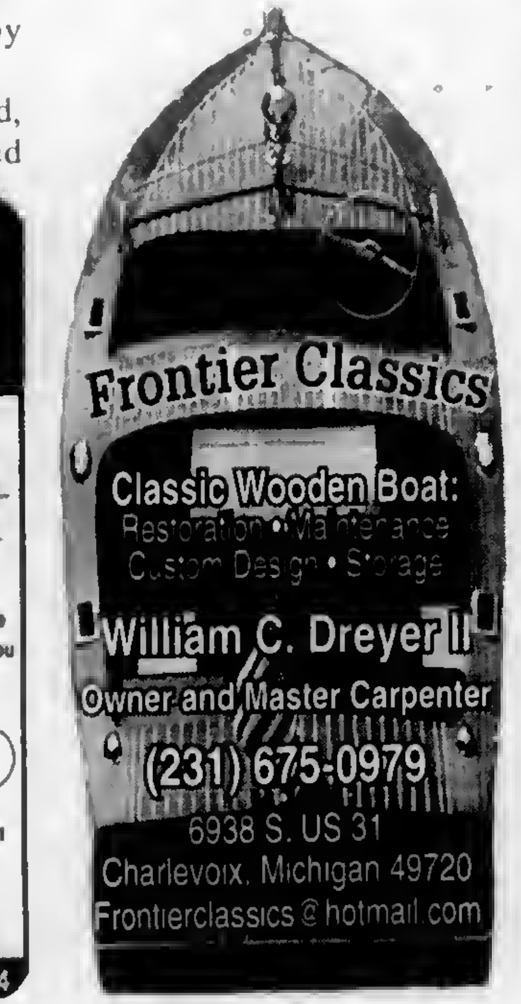

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Who's to say what's fair and unbiased?

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Opinions are like, well, let's just say everyone has them, and most of us think our opinions are good enough to make sound judgments — that's how we end up with things like the Fairness Doctrine, an old section of the 1934 federal communications act added in the late 1940s to ensure both sides of controversial issues were represented by radio and TV broadcasters.

Oddly enough, Satanists were not given time to rebut Christian broadcasts, socialists didn't follow pro-capitalist investment programs and pacifists were not given the opportunity to append commercials which urged my grandparents to buy war bonds.

Since fairness, as all things subjective, is decided by he who holds the status quo, the doctrine actually gave equal time to no one, but allowed for someone who had been attacked by a radio or TV broadcaster the time to rebut such an attack before the doctrine was struck down during Big Ron's days in office.

In 1969, when the Supreme Court upheld the devious doctrine, they said a licensee had a right to broadcast but not to exclude certain viewpoints from programming.

While I was disappointed to read such a cavalier attitude about freedom by the highest court in the land, what really perturbed me is the myth that the so-called public airwaves do not belong to private companies. Station upkeep, transmission equipment and personnel are all privately funded while the long socialist arm of our apparently pro-capitalist government is used to interfere in matters of taste, decency and morality via the FCC — a federal farce for another discussion.

Forcing faux fairness down broadcasting's throat is akin to telling someone they may open a grocery store, but that they must give equal shelf space to both name brand and generic products.

Some say one-sided political arguments will be the downfall of democracy, as if fraud and demagoguery weren't the institution's cornerstones.

To that end, some would like to revive the Media Ownership Reform Act (MORA) brought out, but not passed, in 2004 by Congressman Maurice Hinchey of New York which, among other things, would compel, "broadcast news outlets to investigate issues thoroughly and present their findings in an unbiased way."

Do we really want such a quagmire of waste and deceit as the federal government designated as the moral arbiter of what is fair and unbiased?

The truth is Democrats are terrified by the huge audiences who follow guys like Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh.

And while I'm sure some station owners are interested only in delivering their brand of truth to the public, by and large, this is a money game.

If Burger King could make millions selling carrot sticks, they'd be on the menu. If AM station managers thought they could market Democrat DJs, they'd do it.

Will we next force Ford to carry Chevies, steakhouses to serve vegetarian dishes or perhaps Trojan prophylactic commercials should be followed by messages from the Catholic diocese telling us condemnation is merely a condom away.

If you want fairness, go back to grade school, they give everybody a turn and a blue ribbon just for trying even if you suck.

If we're so worried about a venue for all ideas — that is pretending the Internet does not exist — then designate a couple stations in each state as public broadcasters and let any schmuck with poetry or opinion have at it for a few bucks; our tax dollars have certainly been wasted on more idiotic projects.

Don't get me wrong, it scares me to think a handful of media companies can and do control much of what we see and hear, but giving the government a hand in the action will do little if nothing to fix what is clearly an issue of supply and demand.

A world where government determines controversy, fairness and news is far more frightening than all the personal opinion AM blabbermouths present as fact.

In the end, freedom to express oneself does not include a guarantee that anyone will listen or pay to listen to what you have to say. If you want a relevant rival to republican radio, then demand one or better yet, become one, but don't sit around waiting for Big Brother to fight your ideological battles for you.

The only way to be fair to television and radio businesses is to purge political placebos like the so-called Fairness Doctrine.

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A plant invader, epipactis helleborine

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

In the plant world the words invasive, exotic and orchid do not seem to go together. Nonetheless there is an exotic orchid, somewhat invasive, sprouting up at many places in Charlevoix and all over Michigan.

Ed Voss' "Flora of Michigan" lists it in 10 counties scattered over the state in 1972, but by now I am willing to bet it is present in every county in the state. Helleborine is the only common name usually mentioned for the plant. Its full Latin name is epipactis helleborine, supposedly because the leaves somewhat resemble those of hellebore. Is it possible to have a weedy orchid?

In Charlevoix, helleborine crops up along roadsides, in woods, and most obviously in bark-mulched perennial beds. This time of year you can look for a foot-tall plant with a three inch long, pleated leaves and a not-yet mature, bowing flower stalk with as many as 50 small buds lined up along it. The flowers which open in late July or August are less than an inch across and pinkish-purple in color. This is not an orchid you would give to your prom date. One year there will be a dozen plants or clumps of three or four stems scattered all over the mulched bed, and the next year most of the stems will be in a different place.

The secret to its success seems to be a network of perennial underground roots that feed on decaying organic matter, like old bark mulch or the decaying leaves in a forest. The roots can grow for years without producing any above ground stems or leaves or flowers. If you are at all botanically inclined, you may well wonder how such a plant can get along for years without any green leaves to feed it. Formally it is what is called a saprophyte, a plant that feeds on dead material of some kind, and doesn't really need the green pigments we usually associate with healthy plant growth.

Occasionally the above ground stems look like albino plants, with white leaves and stems, but having the same pinkish-purple colored flowers.

Like most of the orchids, each flower produces an enormous number of tiny seeds, which probably explains helleborine's wide distribution in its new home.

Imagine that, an exotic, invasive and somewhat subversive orchid growing vigorously in many of our backyards.

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LETTERS to the editor

JOURNALISTS DO GUIDE SOCIAL CHANGE

Editor:

I am responding to the fundamental misunderstandings demonstrated by the letter from Margo Johnson (entitled "Journalists are not tools of social change," page 8 of the June 27 edition of the Courier) in which she was criticizing staff writer Stefanie Carano's opinion piece on politicians and journalists.

I must agree with Ms. Johnson that "liberal elite" are arrogant and patronizing in their belief that they "know better" than everyone else. However, isn't the same criticism true of every political stripe?

Conservatives, liberals, fascists, socialists and anarchists all think that their knowledge/beliefs are correct and superior. We all justify our beliefs in order to reduce the cognitive dissonance created by their negative outcomes (like violence or poverty).

Contrary to Ms. Johnson's wishes and beliefs, journalists have always affected change in our society. A history of this would be too long (Google "Creel Commission"), but one recent example is proof enough. New York Times reporter Judith Miller wrote several articles leading up to the war on Iraq that were designed to terrify the American public into aligning with the neo-conservative fantasy of an imminently dangerous Saddam Hussein; his finger on the trigger of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear bombs. Her "reporting," with the complicity of the editorial board of the most respected newspaper in the world, changed public opinion and generated the public support necessary to start a war of aggression, possibly setting off a cascade of global war and terrorism.

Ms. Johnson might be surprised to find out that the White House frequently uses VNR's, or video news releases. These are commercially produced video news bits, supporting the president's opinion on controversial issues (No Child Left Behind and Social Security reform, for example), masquerading as factual and objective news (Google "Karen Ryan"). These finished pieces are sent to television news stations across the country and aired on TV without revealing their source. This is the classic definition of propaganda.

The mass media's "job" in a democratic society is to provide the means for the free exchange of ideas and the free flow of information. Citizens without information are not citizens, they are subjects. Sometimes, the truth is controversial, provocative, critical, painful or ugly. Fact or fiction, for better or worse, the media do influence our thoughts and they do guide the direction of our social change.

"Liberal media bias" is a myth. Ownership of media determines its content, not a particular journalist's or reporter's political leanings. Owners are overwhelmingly rich, white, old and conservative men. Rupert Murdoch openly acknowledges that he started Fox News to create a conservatively-biased news source to influence the political ideas of our society. It is precisely this kind of corporate manipulation and omission of vital political information by media owners which precludes our country from being a democracy.

Craig A. Swanson, M.A.
Charlevoix

CHAMBER'S JOB ISN'T FILLING STORES

Editor:

The Chamber of Commerce was the topic of a letter to the editor and an article in the July 4 edition of the Charlevoix Courier. The letter writer suggested that the Chamber "offer up" empty storefronts to Chamber members for temporary use.

Stefanie Carano's article entitled "DDA warns Chamber time is running out" described a recent decision by the Downtown Development Authority to contribute funds to the Chamber for events that according to Downtown Development Authority chairman Hugh Mason benefit primarily Chamber members.

I am a member of both organizations. Both have their shortcomings (don't we all?) and both are striving to overcome them. Many of us are encouraged by the conciliatory approach that Keith Carey, the new executive director of the Downtown Development Authority is taking.

I feel, however, that I must say a couple of things in defense of the Chamber. First, the empty buildings in downtown Charlevoix are privately owned. The Chamber has no ability to fill them, temporarily or otherwise. The Chamber does its best to support businesses in all of Charlevoix and certainly in downtown Charlevoix, but it can no more fill empty storefronts than you or I can.

Second, the Chamber's activities support all businesses and the entire community. Maybe my dues should not be paying for events that bring people to downtown Charlevoix and benefit non-member businesses. I'm glad they do, however, because what is good for businesses in Charlevoix is good for me and for the community. And I am happy, as a Downtown Development Authority member, to have some of the money I pay to that organization through taxes benefit businesses in the entire downtown, not just Bridge Street, even if the way that must happen is through a donation to the Chamber.

Raechel Wright
Charlevoix

CHARLEVOIX THE MORE BEAUTIFUL

Editor:

I walked around Charlevoix today, and I am proud. I don't have my homestead residence here, but my heart, and a good share of my taxes, reside here full-time. The new marina is impressive and going to be beautiful as well as the new East Park. The new library, which elicits "wows" the first time you go in, is equally as impressive and beautiful. Cities 10 times the size of Charlevoix would be very proud to have facilities such as these two.

This feeling is in contrast to a visit just last month, when I was feeling down over the depressed look of Bridge Street and the torn up park. Our downtown stores' occupancy and mix, still have a ways to go, but what fun to have the addition of Zaccaro's Market, the new children's store, and Boseman's on M-66. Maybe we won't just be a beautiful, bedroom suburb of Petoskey, after all.

Standing on the new marina walkway, looking out over the new docks and boats, at our amazing Round Lake and Lake Charlevoix -- I think we need a new name, "Charlevoix the Even More Beautiful."

Larry Freedman
Charlevoix

NEVER FORGOTTEN

Editor:

As I was reflecting over the years I've known Marina LaBlance and her wonderful, unselfish gift of music appreciation that she so lovingly gave to thousands of children and adults, I was caught breathless.

Words are not adequate nor do they express completely her love and devotion to her God-given talent. To put it simply and with all sincerity: M is for music, magic, marvelous; A is for admired, adored; R is for a radiant rainbow of rhythm; I is for inspiration, intellect; N is for non-stop, never missed a beat; A is for awesome.

Marina will never be forgotten.

Coreen Henry
Charlevoix

'THANKS' TASTE SUPPORTERS

Editor:

The 4th Annual Taste of Charlevoix on June 16 was a big success again this year. There was a great turnout and ticket sales were steady the entire day, despite the change in the location. Several vendors sold out of food early or had to restock during the day. Everyone who attended had a great time, enjoying the wonderful food, entertainment and weather.

The Taste of Charlevoix committee would like to thank all of our participating vendors, the Chamber member businesses who donated their time or materials to the event, the City of Charlevoix and its staff, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and its staff and all of the volunteers who helped that day. Without all of you, this would not have been such a success. We look forward to next year's event and making it even more successful and enjoyable for our community in our newly remodeled East Park.

Maura A. Snabes
Taste of Charlevoix
Chairperson

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4 GENERATIONS

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Matt and Gunner Powell of Charlevoix visited Mike and Bobby in Clearwater Fla. this spring and snapped this four generation picture. Pictured above (front, from left) are Gunner Powell, 15 months old and Matt Powell, both of Charlevoix and (back, from left) Mike and Bobby Powell of Clearwater, Fla.

Experience the evolution of jazz

What? Jazz at the Library, live concerts chronicling the history of jazz in America.
When? Series opening is at 7 p.m. today, July 11.
Where? The Children's Garden at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St.

The Charlevoix Public Library has organized JATL: Jazz at the Library, a program of live concerts chronicling the history of jazz in America.

The program takes place at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning July 11. There will be no concert on July 25.

The shows will feature a special soloist who will join the trio of Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans and Chris Ames each week to bring the history of jazz alive. Each performance will be prefaced by a brief introductory talk describing the formation of jazz, stylistic changes over time and profiles of famous artists who worked to affect those changes. A different genre in the music will be explored at each session, culminating in a collaborative concert featuring all of the discussed styles. All concerts will be free and open to the public.

Weather permitting, performances will be held in the Children's Garden at Charlevoix Public Library. Attendees are asked to bring a lawn chair.

For more information about this or other library programs, contact the library at (231) 547-2651.

Churches host blood drives July 12 and 19

Bethany Lutheran Church and Charlevoix Community Reformed Church will host American Red Cross blood drives in July.

Bethany Lutheran Church will host a drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on July 12 at 11906 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix Community Reformed Church will host a drive from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 19. The church is located at U.S. 31 North and Meech Street in Charlevoix.

During the month of July, all presenting donors can enter a drawing to win one of four $500 gas cards. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

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ENGAGEMENT

Whitley — Blaszczyk

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Patrick and Julie Whitley of Charlevoix have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jessi Nicole Whitley, to Aaron Francis Blaszczyk, son of Francis and Linda Blaszczyk of Hale.

Jessi is a 1999 graduate of Charlevoix High School and a 2004 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is an administration secretary at the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office.

Aaron is a 1993 graduate of Hale High School and a 1997 graduate of Huron University in Huron, S.D. He is the shipping supervisor for Town and Country Cedar Log Homes in Petoskey.

The wedding will take place Oct. 6 at the Church of Christ in Petoskey.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY GRADUATE

Jennifer Lorraine Rowe of Charlevoix was among 514 graduating students who received degrees at DePauw University's 168th commencement on Sunday, May 20 in Greencastle, Ind. Rowe received a bachelor of arts degree with a major in kinesiology.

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY GRADUATE

Local student Candace Boss graduated from Anderson University in Anderson Ind., on Saturday, May 5.

Approximately 520 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees during the graduation ceremony. Commencement activities were conducted in the Kardatzke Wellness Center and were preceded by a baccalaureate service in Reardon Auditorium.

BAY WINDS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Mia Matchett, of Charlevoix is one of five Bay Winds Federal Credit Union 2007 scholarship competition winners. Each scholarship recipient is recognized for his/her academic achievement, need, as well as school/community involvement.

GRAND VALLEY SCHOLARSHIP

Logan Priess has been named a recipient of a Presidential Scholarship to Grand Valley State University. Priess, a recent graduate of Charlevoix High School is the son of Dennis and Diane Priess.

To be considered for a Presidential Scholarship the recipient must have a 3.8 high school grade point average (GPA), a minimum ACT score of 32, and attend a scholarship competition. The award is renewable for three additional years with a minimum of a 3.5 grade point average or better.

Hayes Township names new zoning administrator

Jonathan Scheel has been hired as the new Hayes Township zoning administrator.

Scheel began his new duties on June 1 on the heels of Ethel Knepp's retirement.

He will be available from 8 a.m. to noon on Mondays at the Hayes Township Hall located at 09195 Old U.S. 31 north. He will be on-call for appointments and may be reached by calling (231) 342-9025.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Wednesday, June 27, 2007 — 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, 210 State Street,
Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

Motion passed to offer the position of City Manager of the City of Charlevoix to Mr. Rob Straebel.

Council adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Stephanie C. Brown, Deputy City Clerk
Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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What Makes Me Feel Safe?

The Charlevoix County Prosecutor's office sponsored a poster contest entitled, "What Makes Me Feel Safe?" Four students were chosen for their creative themes. The winners are (left, top) Beatriz Ramalo and Emily Zabawa from St. Mary School and (left, below) Devon Bottomley and Grace Whitley from Charlevoix Elementary School. The winners each received a new bike courtesy of Kmart in Charlevoix and helmets were provided by the Michigan State Police.

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What's happening at the Library this week?

JATL: Jazz @ the library
Wednesday, July 11, 7:00 pm
Early 1900's aka Modern Classical
Trio: Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans, Chris Ames
Soloists: Dan Jacobs, Pete Asch and Mike Hunter

Heise lecture: Vive la France, Vive la revolution!
Saturday, July 14, 2:00 pm
Wendy Evans, art historian discussing French art in the 19th century: The program is free, but seating is limited. Reservations are available by calling the library at 237-7340.

Game Night (games for all ages)
Thursday, July 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Summer Reading Club Story Time (all ages)
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Summer Reading Club Programs
Tuesday, July 17
6:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Kindermusik (ages 0-4) pre-registration highly recommended
7:00 p.m. - Peak Performance (gr. k-4) Fun fitness for kids
7:00 p.m. - Tugboat Tour (gr. 5-8) Tour a working tug!
(Meet in the library community room)

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OBITUARY

Florence Hazzard: Oct. 1, 1917 - June 28, 2007

Florence T. Hazzard, 89, of Cass City, died Thursday, June 28, at Sunnybank Assisted Living in Charlevoix, where she was being cared for by her niece Janet Stutzman.

She was born Oct. 1, 1917 in Gagetown to Joseph and Emma (Sharkey) Karner. She married Earl Streeter on Sept. 10, 1949. He died on Feb. 6, 1965. She married Les Hazzard in 1967. He died in the 1970s in Bad Axe.

As a child, Florence attended the Catholic school in Gagetown. She worked for Walbro Manufacturing for about 12 years. She attended Cass City Missionary Church. Florence enjoyed shopping, roller skating and sledding in the winter. In the summer Florence enjoyed walking, gardening and bird watching.

Florence is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by sisters Josephine Meyer and Margaret Beckett; brothers Frank Karner and John Karner; and special friend, Ervin Thompson.

A funeral service took place on July 6 at Kranz Funeral Home in Cass City. Rev. Robert Sweeney of Cass City Missionary Church, officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cass City Missionary Church or Leader Dogs for the Blind. Interment will be in Almer Township Cemetery, Caro.

Family and friends may share memories, prayers and stories with the family at www.kranzfuneralhome.com.

Hospice grief support program offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital

Losing a spouse, parent or child due to death is sometimes more than we can bear. Also emotionally taxing is getting divorced, losing your job, moving, dealing with chronic illness or even losing a pet. Loss of any kind is the focus of a series designed to help people cope.

A series of six weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays from July 10 through Aug. 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. The grief support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Charlevoix Area Hospital and North Country Community Mental Health. The program is designed to help those grow through grief and learn the five tasks of grief work.

The facilitator for this program is Dr. Andrew Sahara. Anyone is invited who has suffered a loss or who is helping a loved one deal with a loss and who would benefit from the support of others.

To pre-register, call the hospice office at (231) 582-8800. There is no charge for this program.

LETTERS to the editor

LETTERS

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BE AWARE OF NORTH AMERICAN UNION

Editor:

In our free society we usually rely on the mainstream media to keep us informed as to important issues affecting our way of life. But there are issues we never hear about until it's too late to correct them and another bite is taken out of our freedoms.

One of those issues concerns the efforts now underway to combine the United States, Mexico and Canada in a North American Union similar to the European Union and combine the dollar and peso into one currency. Robert Bartley, the former editor of Wall Street Journal, wrote, "I think the nation-state is finished," and "NAFTA should evolve into something like the European Union, with open borders not only for goods and investment, but people."

Although not well known to the general public, the liberal and globalist Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is the most powerful private group directing U.S. foreign policy today and the Council on Foreign Relations published a report that calls for the formation of a North American Union overseen by an Inter-Parliamentary Group with power over our elected members of Congress. Council on Foreign Relations' "Building a North American Community Report" advocates an integrated continental court system and developing a North American Border Pass with biometric identifiers so that Mexicans can have "full labor mobility." It also supports a Social Security Totalization Agreement that gives billions of dollars of our Social Security to illegal aliens and supports a de facto amnesty for millions of illegal aliens. More Mexicans would legally flee their low wage country for ours that would lead to a massive strain on America's health care, environment, transportation, prisons and schools.

I feel the public would overwhelmingly oppose this proposal, so the sponsors seek to make this happen incrementally. First is to repeal or ignore American immigration laws and border security and next is to blur the line between citizens and illegal aliens or as they are now called "undocumented workers." The North American Union goes far beyond the trade and security agreements we currently have with our neighbors and seeks cultural, political and eventually monetary integration of our three countries that would be a disaster for the United States. We must all contact our representatives in Congress and tell them to stop this unconstitutional attack on our freedoms before its too late.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

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Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest. The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

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Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Kloster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Worship Service	10:0 a.m
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

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Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321

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Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
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New manager doesn't fear past politics

Straebel to assume city manager's role Sept. 1

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

This September Robert Straebel of Taos Ski Valley, N.M. will become Charlevoix's new city manager.

"I am ready to commit to Charlevoix for three years," Straebel said.

Though he currently resides in the Southwest, Michigan is not an unfamiliar state to him. Straebel was born and raised in Saginaw and is a graduate of Ferris State University in Big Rapids. His mother currently lives on the south tip of Torch Lake.

"She's very happy to hear I'm coming back to Michigan," Straebel said.

As for the departure of the previous city manager, he said he is not nervous about replacing Michael Wiesner.

"I am confident that I can come in there and work in a pleasurable and professional manner," Straebel said. "I've never been fired, I've had a great track record for the past 10 years."

Robert Straebel

His track record includes five years of municipal management in Hayden, Colo. and five years in Taos Ski Valley.

Hayden is a community in northwest Colorado about 30 miles from Steamboat Springs

"It's largely a bedroom community for residents," Straebel said. "We had a lot of big proposals for residential homes, commercial developments. I was very proactive in managing growth and establishing urban growth boundaries."

Taos Ski Valley, where he is currently village manager, is a resort skiing village in the Rocky Mountains.

"Being at 9,200 feet, we have a short construction season. Our winter begins in October," Straebel said. "During the summertime we are making large investments into infrastructure and improving aging infrastructure."

In addition to these accomplishments, Straebel is proud of his work with the Peace Corp. in Honduras, where he implemented a junior achievement program into a local public high school in one of the poorest areas in the country.

"It was a teaching tool to empower them to start their own business," Straebel said.

The students developed three companies that involved both the making and selling of products an oven mitt company, a wooden lamp company and a cookies and cake company.

"I'm confident that many of the students learned quite a bit about business practices and took the new education forward," Straebel said.

He said that the language and cultural differences were difficult for him in the first year or so, but soon he became acclimated to the community.

"Folks had such a positive and enriching life given the circumstances," Straebel said.

Straebel has accepted a three year contract with the city. In addition to his $79,000 salary and benefits package, the city has offered an additional $2,500 to help Straebel move his family from New Mexico, a 1,635 mile move.

He will assume his post on Sept. 1.

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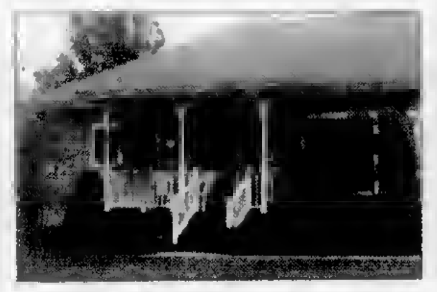

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Beware of traveling criminals offering paving

Consumer Alert for Traveling Criminals

Each year, traveling criminals come to northern Michigan to do hit-and-run paving work.

Homeowners and business owners are urged by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department to be especially cautious when approached by people selling asphalt paving and sealing products. Traveling criminals were especially active in northern Michigan last year. They are expected to return in force during the spring, summer and fall.

Traveling criminals usually leave their customers with a driveway or parking area that will eventually reveal poor workmanship. Poor work is not always evident immediately. Problems may not appear for several weeks or months. The traveling criminal paver will be long-gone when the pavement begins to break up, making legal action difficult or impossible.

Traveling criminals traditionally have no real local business address. They are even known to use the name of a reputable local asphalt supplier in order to win customer confidence. They may use business cards and truck signs that appear legitimate. Addresses and telephone numbers are frequently those of only an answering service in another city.

Traveling criminals sell asphalt paving material door-to-door after having scouted neighborhoods for their best targets. Their sales pitch is designed to appeal to those who are especially susceptible to the offer of a so-called bargain. Their victims are often northern Michigan senior citizens.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department is presently investigating several complaints of this nature. In one instance, a senior citizen in Charlevoix County paid $560 for an $88 job that turned out to be of inferior material and workmanship.

If suspicious of fraudulent activity, please contact the Charlevoix County Sheriff's office at (231) 547-4461.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

Ordinance No. 723 of 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 5.82(23)(d) TO ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 51 OF THE CHARLEVOIX CITY CODE.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Addition of Section 5.82(23)(d) to Article IV of Chapter 51.

Section 5.82(23)(d) is hereby added to Article IV of Chapter 51 and shall read as follows:

(d) Clustered Housing Developments

Buildings or groups of buildings, containing dwelling units or a mix of dwellings and commercial uses, designed in a manner which complements the surround area and is also complementary with the vernacular architecture found in the City. Notwithstanding other dimensional requirements of this ordinance, with the exception of Section 5.84, projects shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Maximum building ground coverage shall be fifty (50%) percent.

(2) Impervious surface shall not exceed seventy (70%) percent. Porous paving, having a demonstrable porosity of fifty (50%) percent or greater, shall not be considered impervious surface.

(3) Maximum overall building height shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet.

(4) Project architecture shall reflect one of the following styles:

Victorian Period Styles Appropriate to Charlevoix
- Stick, Queen Anne, Shingle, Folk Victorian

Early 20th Century
- Craftsman

Local Character
- Earl Young

(5) Maximum habitable building stories shall be three (3).

(6) Minimum landscaped ground coverage – landscape elements – shall be thirty (30%) percent.

(7) Maximum storm water allowed to drain from the site shall not exceed the maximum which would have drained from the site in its natural state.

(8) Parking shall be provided as required by Section 5.214.

Special use approval shall be the responsibility of the Charlevoix City Council, after review and recommendations by the Planning Commission, rather than the Planning Commission as authorized by Article XI.

SECTION 2. Severance Clause.

All sections of this ordinance shall be deemed to be severable and should any Section, paragraph, or provision hereof be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holdings shall not affect the validity of this chapter, as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after enactment.

ADOPTED, this 2nd day of July, 2007.

Motion by: Sherm Chamberlain

Seconded by: Greg Stevens

Ordinance No. 723 was adopted on the 2nd day of July, 2007, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Yeas: Gennett, Gibson, Stevens, Timms, Beer, Chamberlain

Nays: None

Absent: None

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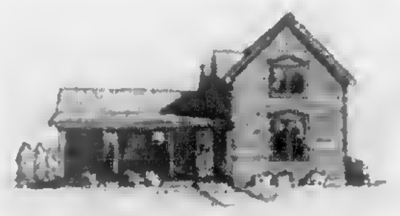
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor



Folk Victorian

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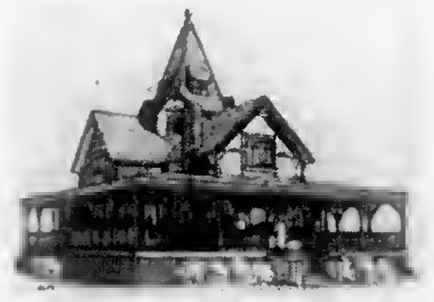

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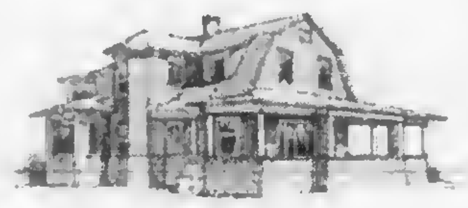

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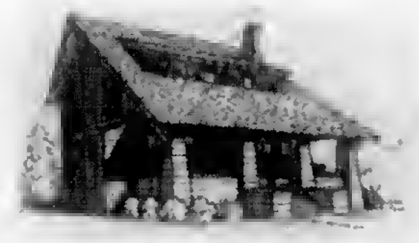

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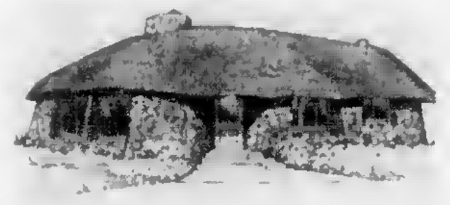

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Charlevoix City Council

The following issues were discussed during the Monday, July 2 meeting of the Charlevoix City Council:

Item: Northwest Academy request for support for grant

In brief: Northwest Academy school administrator Gary Stutzman requested a letter of support from city council so that the school may request a grant from the 2 percent funds that are available from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa Indians. They are asking the Grand Traverse Band for $7,000 to help complete a stage area for the rock climbing wall they built. The total cost of the project is $12,000, of which the school will raise funds for a matching amount of $5,000. Northwest Academy is a charter school.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Venetian Festival staging update

In brief: Dan Barron, president of Venetian Festival Inc., the nonprofit that funds the annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival, presented the council with an update of Venetian event planning. The company plans to close off residential streets adjacent to Lake Michigan beach. Starting Wednesday, July 25, Park Avenue from State Street to Clinton Street will be closed to through traffic in the evenings, as well as Grant Street from Clinton to Lake Michigan beach. Access to these streets will be for local residents only. Parking on these streets will be available to local residents and festival participants such as musicians, food vendors and volunteers.

Council action: No action required

Item: Intergovernmental Agreement — enforcement of prohibited swimming/wading

In brief: The City of Charlevoix has enacted a Prohibited Swimming/Wading Areas Ordinance. The Charlevoix County Sheriff would like to enforce the ordinance. The intergovernmental agreement states that the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department and Prosecuting Attorney may enforce the ordinance at the expense of the county and with the use of the county's employees and property.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Request to hire real estate appraiser for Michigan Tax Tribunal Case

In brief: Mark Faucher of Northern Michigan Real Estate Consultants has submitted a proposal for the appraisal of five commercial properties that are part of the Beacon Center Commons at 405 Bridge St. (the former site of Harbor Health and Fitness Club). The total fee for the appraisal reports is $13,000. The fee to do a two-year tax appeal is $3,500.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Designation of delegate to Municipal Employees Retirement System annual meeting

In brief: The City of Charlevoix needs to name a delegate and alternate to represent the city at the Municipal Employees Retirement System meeting in September. Staff is recommending the appointment of city treasurer and acting city manager Rick Brandi as delegate and fire chief Paul Ivan as alternate. In addition to the officer appointment by council, an employee delegate and alternate must be elected to represent Charlevoix. Judy Przybylski was elected employee delegate and Scott Blanchard was elected as alternate. In order to be a member of Municipal Employees Retirement System, an employee must work full-time and have been employed with the city for 10 years or longer.

Council action: Approved, unanimous to appoint Brandi as delegate and Ivan as alternate

Item: City manager employment contract

In brief: City council has offered the position of city manager to Robert Straebel of Taos Ski Valley, N.M. City treasurer and acting city manager Rick Brandi presented the council salary and benefits negotiations with the addition of $2,500 for moving expenses.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Ordinance to Add Section 5.82(23)(d) to Article IV of Chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code

In brief: This ordinance concerns clustered housing developments- building or groups of buildings containing dwelling units or a mix of dwelling and commercial units that compliments the surrounding area in architecture and design. These projects must meet requirements such as a maximum building ground coverage of 50 percent, an impervious (constructed) surface that does not exceed 70 percent, a maximum overall building height of 35 feet, a minimum landscaped ground coverage of 30 percent, a maximum habitable building story of three feet and a maximum storm water drainage that does not exceed what would have drained from the site in its natural state.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.5 - 5.12 and Section 5.200 of Chapter 51 of the City Code- Height Amendment

In brief: The amendment to section 5.5 specifies that turrets (small towers that project from the wall of a building, often seen in medieval or Victorian architecture) and similar architectural features do not exceed 5 percent of the total roof area and their height above a building roof does not exceed 15 percent of the building height. The amendment for the remaining sections define permitted building heights and allow for an alternative roof design to a gambrel roof (a traditional barn-type roof), which council believes would make for a more attractive building.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

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Council members:
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Lyle Gennett — 547-5598
Second Ward: Gene Beer — 547-4187
Greg Stevens — 547-2517
Third Ward: Shirley Gibson — 547-5463
Sherman Chamberlain — 547-7046

City council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month at city hall.

CLIP AND SAVE

Police step up channel swimming enforcement

Charlevoix City Police Chief Gerard Doan reminds residents and visitors of the new City Ordinance Section 9.230, Swimming and Wading Prohibited in Pine River, which includes the waters within the square.

"It shall be unlawful for any person to swim or wade in Pine River. As used in this section, Pine River shall mean the water that constitutes the river and all of its extensions and further which is bounded on the north by the cement walkway located on the shore; on the east by the inlet of the river at the westerly end of Round Lake; on the south by the cement walkway on the shore; and on the west by the pier heads at the outlet of the river on Lake Michigan."

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Health officials: 'No need to collect dead birds'

Now that West Nile Virus is well established in northwest Michigan, public health officials say there is no need to collect dead birds for testing.

Dead birds, especially crows and jays, can be reported as a way to monitor West Nile Virus activity. The easiest way to report a dead bird sighting is through the State of Michigan West Nile Virus Web site www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus. Anyone who finds a dead bird should wear rubber gloves to double wrap it in plastic bags and put it out for collection with other household trash, said Joshua Meyerson, medical director for the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

"Now that we know West Nile Virus is here, and here to stay, our focus has turned from surveillance to prevention," Meyerson said. "A few easy precautions will help prevent people from becoming infected with West Nile Virus."

If outside from dusk to dawn when mosquitoes are most active, or during the day in an area where there are weeds, tall grass or bushes, people should wear protective clothing, such as long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and socks. Individuals should also consider using an insect repellent containing DEET according to the manufacturer's directions on the label.

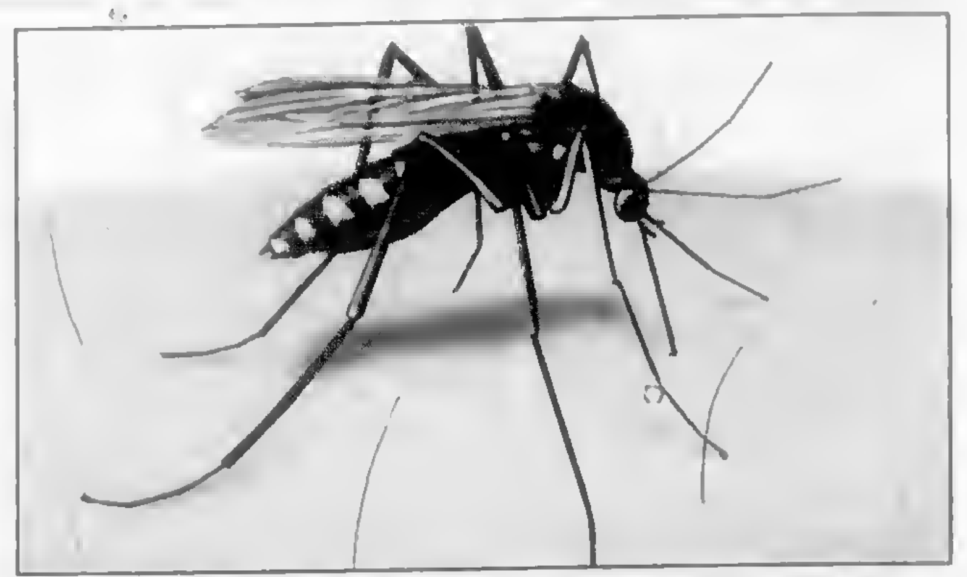
Mosquitoes can enter homes through unscreened windows or doors or through broken screens so it is important that they have tight fitting screens without tears or holes.

"It's also important to drain all standing water in your yard," Meyerson said. "Be sure to empty water in mosquito breeding sites such as flower pots, bird baths, and pet bowls at least once or twice a week, and keep gutters unclogged."

West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne virus that can cause encephalitis or meningitis. Humans can become infected with the West Nile Virus when they are bitten by a mosquito with the virus. Mosquitoes get the virus from infected birds. Humans cannot contract West Nile Virus directly from another person, animal or bird that has the disease.

Most people who are infected with West Nile Virus either have no symptoms at all or they experience mild illness such as fever, headache and body aches. Some people develop a mild rash or swollen lymph glands. In some individuals, particularly the elderly, West Nile Virus can cause serious disease that affects brain tissue. At its most serious, it can cause permanent neurological damage and can be fatal.

For more information about West Nile Virus, call the Michigan West Nile Virus Hotline at 800-668-0869 or visit www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus.



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Charlevoix's first exchange students return

STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

In 1962, three teenagers from Europe arrived in Charlevoix to become the city's first foreign exchange students.

Nynke Bierma of Holland, Unne Kallmeyer of Germany and Pertti Salmela of Finland attended the newly-built Charlevoix High School (now the middle school) as part of the senior Class of '62.

Last Thursday, they were reunited with their Charlevoix acquaintances after 45 years, at the house of fellow classmate Tony Duerr, to reflect on a time in their life as Charlevoix students.

Each said that they felt welcomed by the school and their host families, and were readily introduced to American teenage life.

"There was a friendliness in the students, the way they accepted you," said Kallmeyer. "They took you along with all their activities."

Kallmeyer, 62, stayed with then mayor Pat Hawley and his wife, Elsa, at 300 Dixon Avenue, while he attended school.

"There was an openness, that helped me a lot afterwards," he said. "I was at Unilever where a certain internationalism was accepted, that was something I gained here."

Salmela, 62, lived with Charles and Margaret Duerr at 209 Dixon Avenue and reunion organizer, Tony, was his host brother.

"Margaret was extremely helpful," Salmela said. "Tony, who I call my American brother, he was part of the studious atmosphere of the house and it helped me to stay in school. I became part of the honor's society."

Salmela said the emphasis on volunteering in Charlevoix inspired him to become a volunteer, working for both the YMCA and the International Red Cross.

"Volunteering was very visible, the Rotary, the Kiwanis," Salmela said. "The experience in Charlevoix gave me hunger to open myself to work in an international environment."

Salmela, who currently works for the International Red Cross, had just returned from the country of Georgia and will be moving on to Afghanistan when he leaves the United States.

Bierma, 64, didn't like school until she came to the United States, where students of all levels of ability attended the same high school and where academics were not the only emphasis.

"My greatest memory was being in music and band, I played the timpani drums and the cymbals," Bierma said. "If you were not so good at other things but you were good at sports or music, (you) were in a high status."

Bierma, a former flight attendant with Dutch airline KLM, lived at 300 Nettleton with Ralph and Dorothy McRae as the first of two exchange students to live with the McRaes.

For all three former foreign exchange students, one benefit of their Charlevoix experience that stays with them today, is the international perspective gained by studying abroad.

"We're all a bit more international," said Kallmeyer. "Pertti toured 15 countries, Nynke worked for KLM, I went to Unilever and moved on from there."

Kallmeyer, Salmela and Bierma all said there were classes available in the U.S. that were not available in the schools in their native countries that proved to be valuable to them.

For Kallmeyer, successful public speaking was learned when he enrolled in speech (also known as debate) class in Charlevoix.

"It gives you posture to argue before audiences," Kallmeyer said. He said typing was another valuable class.

Kallmeyer, Salmela and Bierma all said the driving class that was offered through the school proved to be useful.

They also remember teachers who influenced them.

"Mr. Coleman gave English literature, he had so much love for literature," Bierma said.

"Mr. Coleman was also my favorite," Salmela said.

Bierma was fond of Mr.

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Charlevoix's first foreign exchange students, Unne Kallmeyer, Nynke Bierma and Pertti Salmela reunited last Thursday.

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Students share fond memories of Charlevoix exchange

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Ratigan, the Spanish teacher and Kallmeyer liked Mrs. Martin, the speech teacher.

As students, Bierma said the three of them were often invited to speak at community forums hosted by organizations like the Lions' Club.

"They always asked Pertti (about) the connections of Russia and Finland," Bierma said. "Finland struggled so much to come out of Russia."

"Unne always talked about the 'Wirtschaftwunder,' the economic boom in Germany in such a short time, 17 years after the war," she said.

"I talked a lot about farmers, about farming in Holland," Bierma said.

The three of them were very grateful to be reunited.

"Tony brought us back together, it's to his credit we are here," Kallmeyer said.

Salmela said Charlevoix has grown since 1962 but it still has the same feel.

"The high standard construction has changed," said Salmela, motioning to the waterfront, "but the feeling is the same. It's one of the most beautiful places."

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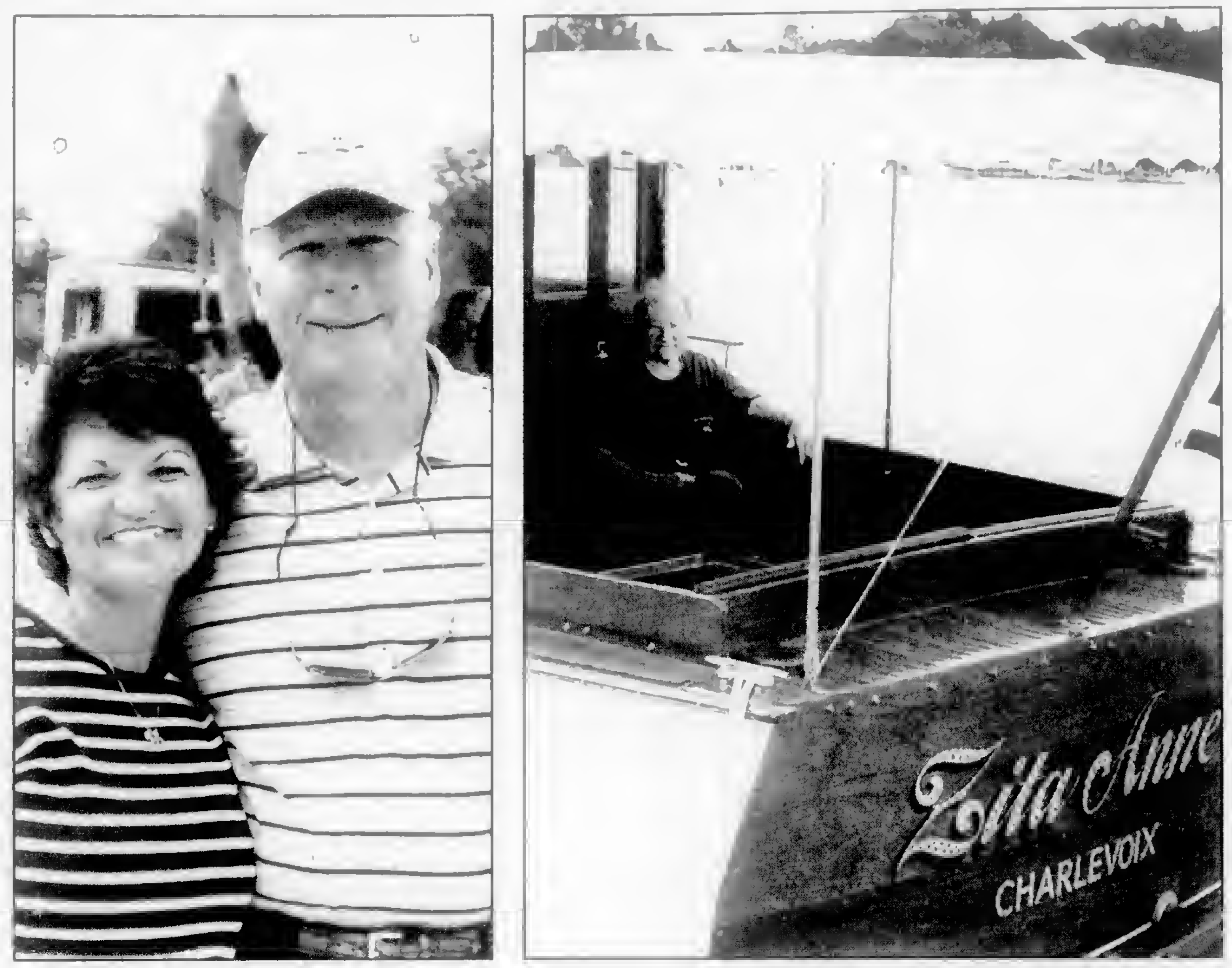

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The city met its goal to have the new municipal docking system open by July. In recognition of the opening, the Downtown Development Authority hosted a July 3 ceremony at the foot of Pier A, the northernmost pier. John and Zita Winn (above, left) were the first "dockers" at the new marina. Their boat, (above, right) the "Zita Anne" was the first to dock in the new marina.

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Lakeshore Enterprises improves boats, homes

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

When Gary Abbott moved to Charlevoix from Grand Blanc two years ago, he decided to turn his building hobby into Lakeshore Enterprises, a construction business in Norwood Township.

"I've built several homes. I always enjoyed doing that," Abbott said. "This is a departure from a previous career in sales."

Through his business, Abbott offers a unique set of skills, being able to perform electrical, carpentry, mechanical, plumbing and sheet metal work.

Jobs for his customers often include woodwork, such as converting a tiled set of steps into oak hardwood to match the adjacent floor.

"She had a nice wooden floor, so I thought we could match the look of that and have a uniform look," Abbott said.

When it comes to the restoration of boats, Abbott takes an engineer's approach.

"I take everything apart and put it back together," he said.

One example is his 1962 Chris Craft Sea Skiff that he named "Class of '62."

"I had a picture of what I wanted to have," Abbott said.

Knowing the model had an interior of mahogany, he took all the planks, stripped them down and refurbished them. He removed the windshield and lined the hull in mahogany to match the interior.

From the time Abbott started the restoration until the boat was in the water was 10 months.

Other projects he has worked on include building screened-in porches, fireplaces and mantel pieces and renovating kitchens.

In the 1970s and 1980s Abbott owned a construction company called Abbott Peterson Contracting, but he is no longer interested in having employees and enjoys working for himself.

"I pride myself in being dependable, on time and reliable," Abbott said.

Lakeshore Enterprises is located at 4791 Lakeshore Drive in Norwood and is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.

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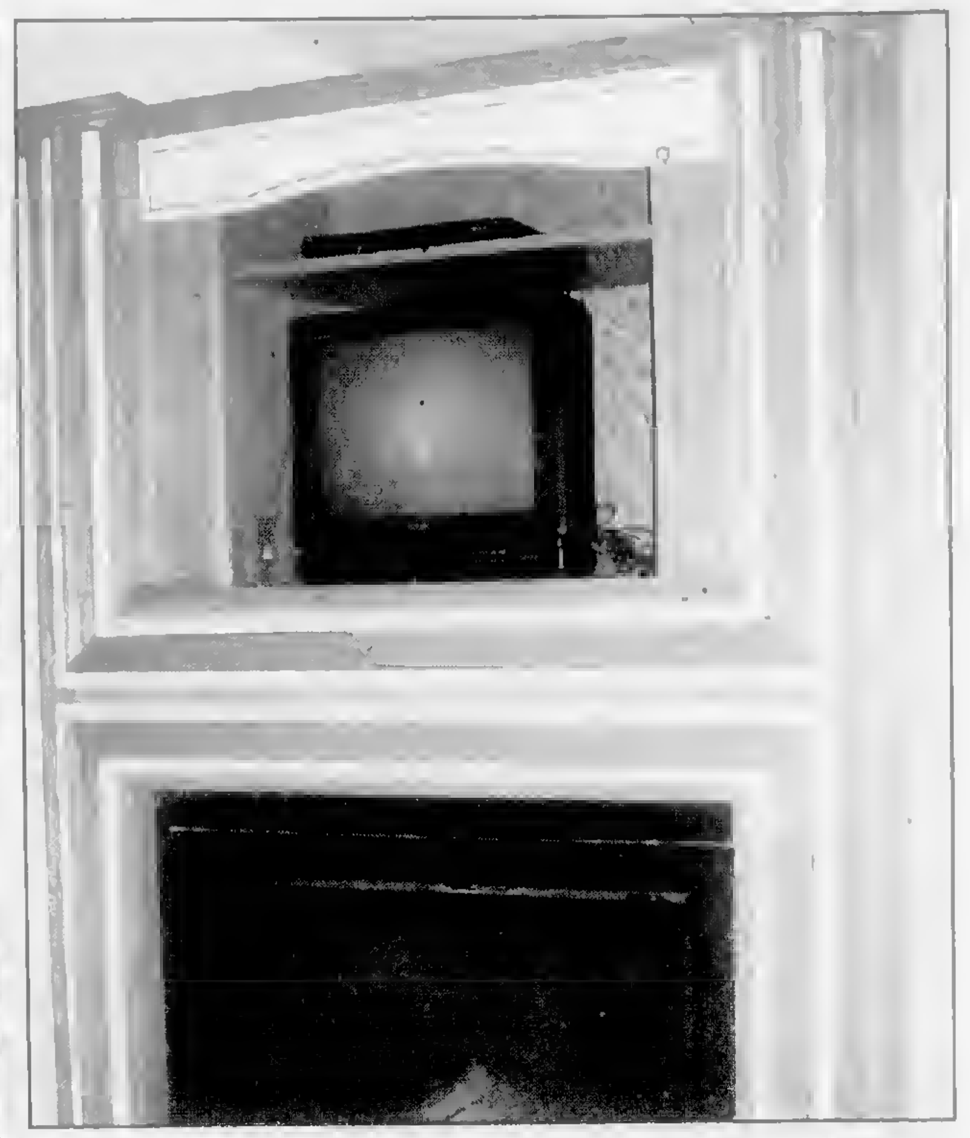
Gary Abbott of Lakeshore Enterprises, a new Norwood Township business, renovated this 1962 Chris Craft Sea Skiff.



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Celebrating the Fourth up north

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(Above) A small group gathered in Bridge Park to celebrate America's Independence Day July 4. Here, Noah Walraven, 1, of East Lansing enjoys his patriotic pinwheel. (Below) Lee Ann Teagan of Charlevoix and her grandson, Merrick Rumel, 9, of Troy sing the Star Spangled Banner.

Photos by Stefanie Carano

(Above, left) Dick Peak (left) provided the beat as the bass drummer in the Charlevoix Alumni band, "Lady Liberty" played by Deb Schakel of Holland at this year's Horton Bay July 4 parade. (Above, right) Dan Stout, Horton Bay Parade Official, served as municipal parking attendant. Violations were given out for laughter, too much fun and overexposure. (Below) This accidental tourist was part of the Horton River Ski Club's float in the Horton Bay parade, depicting various tourists that visit Horton Bay.

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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

Charlevoix Art & Craft Show – July 14 & 15

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to the 39th Annual Art & Craft Show on Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15 in downtown Charlevoix. Show hours are Saturday, 10am to 6pm, and Sunday, 10:00am to 4:00pm. This year's show has something for everyone, offering an exciting mix of fine arts such as acrylic and oil paintings, sculpture and hand blown glass beadwork as well as a variety of rustic to contemporary lawn and garden accessories. Pottery, baskets, furniture, clothing, floral arrangements, hand-woven rugs and quilted works are just a few of the things you will find. Children will love exploring the displays of old fashion wooden toys, personalized children CDs, water pistols and more. It is a spectacular representation of craftsmanship and artwork with many unique and unusual products to pick from. The show will be held on Mason Street and behind the Bridge Street Storefronts lying between Clinton and Mason Streets. If you are looking for a unique shopping opportunity in a one of a kind community Charlevoix the Beautiful is the place to be this summer on July 14 & 15.

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Pine River Jazz - Thursday, July 12

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Petoskey Steel Drum Band - Thursday, July 19

Formed in 1997, the Petoskey Steel Drum Band has become an important part of the instrumental music program in Petoskey. The group performs throughout the state and has also performed at Mardi Gras (3 times) in New Orleans, Disney World, Hawaii, and in the Caribbean. They have recorded four cd's; Jamaican Me Crazy-1998, Steels Christmas-2000, Steel in Paradise-2003, and Lord of the Pans-2006.

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Black Cat Concert Series

Thursday, July 12, 7pm

Breathe Owl Breath opening for Millish

Sunday, July 22, 7pm

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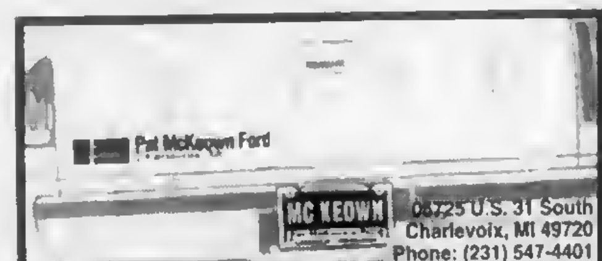

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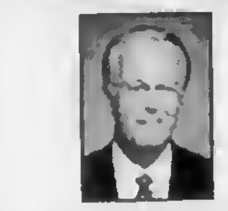

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Tips for avoiding, treating swimmers' itch

While water quality is generally very good at northern Michigan lakes, the local health department wants to remind beach goers to protect themselves against contracting swimmers' itch.

WHAT IS SWIMMERS' ITCH?

Swimmers' itch is caused by a naturally occurring parasite that is carried from lake to lake by droppings from ducks, geese or other waterfowl. The organisms then move into snails where they mature, eventually coming out to re-infect more waterfowl.

Joshua Meyerson, MD, medical director of the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency, the health department that serves Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties, explained that when human swimmers leave the water, any parasites on their skin may burrow into the skin in an effort to survive. He said the parasites die quickly, but they can trigger an irritating rash.

"Your body reacts to the parasite by forming itchy, red bumps. Swimmers' itch isn't contagious, but it can be very uncomfortable," he added.

TIPS TO REDUCE SWIMMERS' ITCH

Briskly dry off with a towel as soon as you come out of the water, including the area under swimsuits, and shower immediately after swimming if facilities are available.

Not everyone who is exposed to the parasite will necessarily develop swimmers' itch.

"Repeated exposure increases sensitivity to the parasite and increases the likelihood of swimmers' itch," Meyerson said.

He said children are often infected with swimmers' itch since they typically wade in and out of shallow water where the organism is predominately found and play on the beach as water evaporates on their skin.

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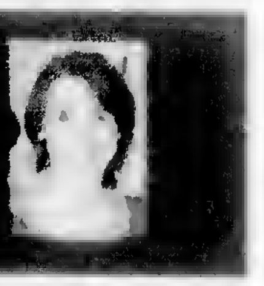

July 18 cutoff for eddi Award nominations

Courtesy photo

Marilyn Davies and Steve Spencer are co-chairing the 2007 eddi Awards committee.

Crooked Tree Arts Center is accepting nominations for the 2007 eddi Awards, which honor local individuals and organizations that work to keep the arts alive in northern Michigan.

Nominations will be accepted until 5 p.m. on July 18.

Marilyn Davies of Petoskey and Steve Spencer of Harbor Springs, are chairing the eddi Awards committee and planning the gala celebration and awards presentation, set for 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14 at Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey. Davies and Spencer have both been honored with eddi Awards in previous years.

The eddi Awards are named in the memory of accomplished artist and generous benefactor and advocate of the arts, eddi Offield. Crooked Tree Arts Center is grateful to the Offield family for this continuing opportunity to recognize excellence in the arts by hosting these annual awards.

Northern Michigan artist Paul Varga created the bronze award, "Homage to eddi," which is presented to each recipient. To date, 41 eddi Awards have been bestowed on organizations and individuals who have been nominated.

There are eight nomination categories, including visual artist, performing artist, arts and cultural organization, arts in education, arts and leadership, individual patron, benefactor and lifetime achievement. A complete list of previous eddi Award winners may be viewed at www.crookedtree.org.

Nominations may be submitted until 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 18 to Crooked Tree Arts Center. Completed nominations may be dropped off at or mailed to Crooked Tree Arts Center, 461 East Mitchell St., Petoskey MI 49770, or e-mailed to mary@crookedtree.org.

Visit www.crookedtree.org and click The eddi Awards 2007 to print the form, or e-mail nominations to mary@crookedtree.org. Nominators are encouraged to tell the story of the person or organization they nominate, so that the jury may select deserving recipients.

For more information, call Mary Wiklanski at (231) 347-5731.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

June 18, 2007

The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission meeting scheduled or Wednesday, June 18th at 7:30p.m. has been rescheduled for June 18th at 4:30p.m.

Carol Martin
Charlevoix
Township Clerk

Home remedies for treating swimmers' itch

ITCH

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ming or wading in infested water, people may experience tingling, burning or itchy skin. Or, symptoms may take up to a week to appear. A small, reddened bump will develop at the entrance site of each parasite, causing periods of itching that can last for several days.

TREATMENT

Using calamine lotion, an antihistamine such as Benadryl or corticosteroid cream, cool compresses, baths with baking soda or colloidal oatmeal, such as Aveeno, may control itching.

"The most important thing to do if you do contract swimmers' itch is to try not to scratch. Scratching may cause the rash to become infected. If itching is severe your health care provider may prescribe lotion or cream to lessen your symptoms," Meyerson said.

Most cases of swimmers itch do not require medical attention. Contact your health care provider when the diagnosis is unclear, complications such as infection are present, or the reaction is intolerable.

Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality health care, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties.

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Four embark on the quest for the crown

**BY GINA ATTEE
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER**

Four women are competing to win the prestigious Miss Charlevoix crown for 2007.

Diana Phillips, who has been the competition coordinator for the past 12 years, said the Charlevoix Venetian Festival pageant is a chance for the women to be ambassadors of our town.

"This is my gift to the young women of this town. They can make a difference." she said.

Candidates for Miss Charlevoix must be 16 to 22 years old, have a primary residence in Charlevoix or have graduated from the Charlevoix School District, be single, never have been married and have no children.

The candidates for this year's crown are Sasha Spencley, Kim Way, Sarah Klooster and Ariel Ramsey.

Spencley, 18, is the daughter of Patti and Dean Spencley and a member of the Charlevoix High School class of 2007. She plans to attend Michigan State University in the fall to study pediatric medicine.

Spencley is working at Charlevoix Wear and Grey Gables this summer, but she said she will spend her free time enjoying "anything outdoors." Though she finds conversation easy, Spencley said the most challenging part of the competition will be staying comfortable in front of the judges.

Southside Gym in Charlevoix is sponsoring

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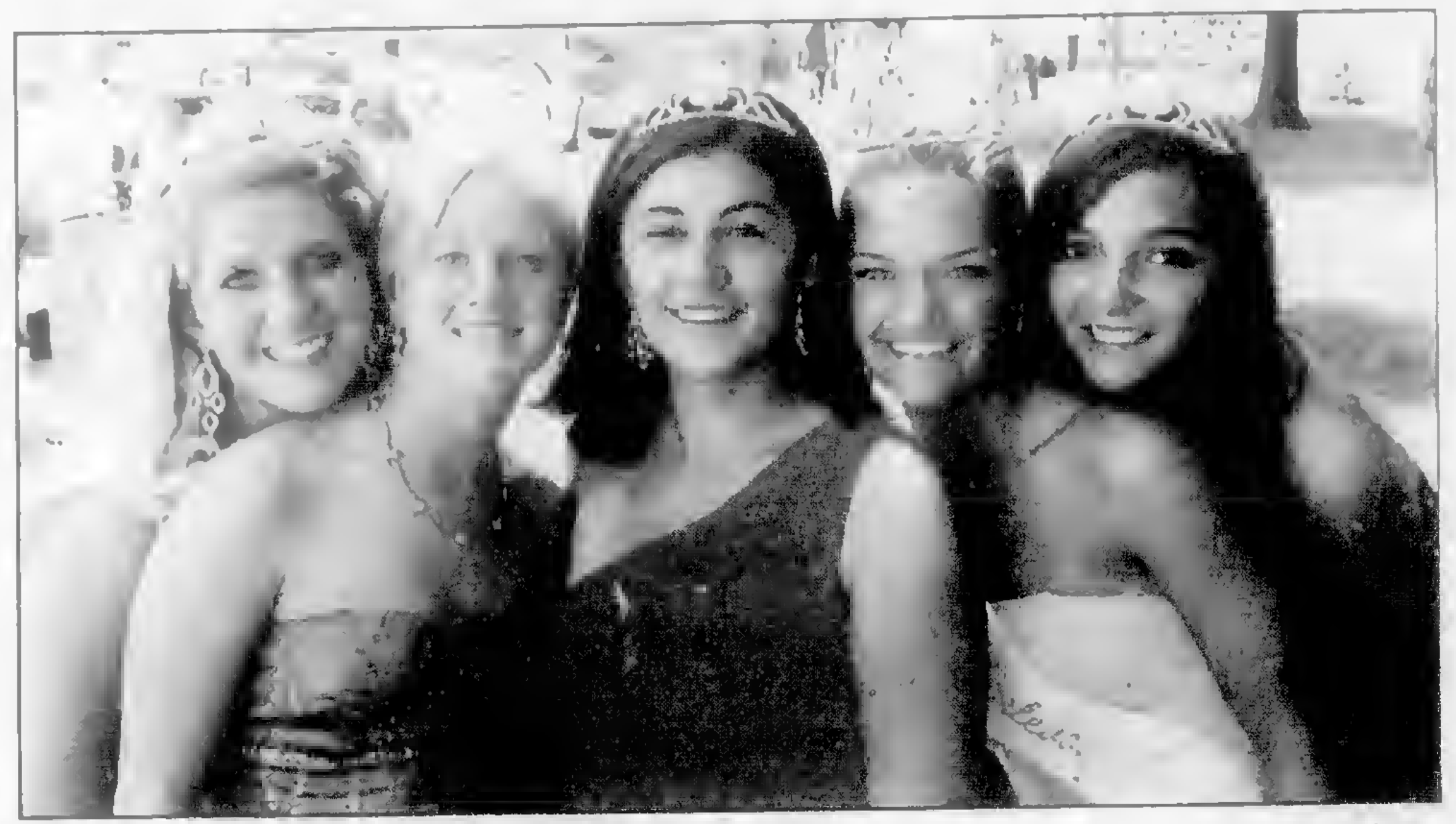

Courtesy photo

Candidates for this year's Miss Charlevoix crown are pictured above with 2006 Miss Charlevoix Zita Anderson. They are (from left) Kim Way, Ariel Ramsey, Sarah Klooster, Anderson and Sasha Spencley.

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Miss Charlevoix 2007 to be crowned July 27

QUEEN

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Zita Anderson

Who? Candidates for Miss Charlevoix 2007: Sasha Spencley, Kim Way, Sarah Klooster and Ariel Ramsey.
What? Queen's coronation
When? 7 p.m. Friday, July 27
Where? Lake Michigan Beach

Spencley's involvement in the competition.

Kim Way, the first runner-up for Miss Charlevoix 2006, is the 18-year-old daughter of Kris and Barney Way and the sister of Miss Charlevoix 2005, Kari Way. She said she enjoys the whole experience and that she has always aspired to be Miss Charlevoix.

"I didn't want to stop halfway there," she said.

Like Spencley, Way graduated from Charlevoix High School this spring. She will attend Grand Valley State University in the fall, where she will study business. Way's summer plans include working at Dry Harbour Marine, who will sponsor her, and spending time with friends and family.

Sarah Klooster, the 17-year-old daughter of Bud and Vinnie Klooster, will be a senior at Charlevoix High School in the fall. She enjoys playing piccolo for Charlevoix High School bands and is an active member of the Community Reformed Church youth group and praise team.

Klooster said the speeches will be the hardest part of the competition for her because she has not given a speech since third-grade. Her personable attitude, she said, will make the interviews a breeze.

Klooster is working at Celeste Murdick's Fudge and is sponsored by the Work N' Play Shop of Atwood. After her graduation in 2008, Klooster plans to become involved with the Young Americans in Southern California.

Ariel Ramsey, 16, is the daughter of Mary and Keith Ramsey. She will be a senior at Charlevoix High School in the fall, where she will remain active in the basketball program. Ramsey also participates in travel soccer.

Ramsey said she hopes to attend a university and head into the nursing field after she graduates in 2008. Her summer plans include working as a waitress at the Belvedere Golf Club and Casino as well as working at Andy's party store.

Ramsey said the most challenging part of the competition will be standing out from the other girls.

"They're extremely sweet," she said. The parades, she added, will be a lot of fun.

Carlson's Home Improvements is sponsoring Ramsey.

Charlevoix's Venetian Queen will be crowned at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 27 at Lake Michigan Beach. Awards for Miss Congeniality and Scholastic Achievement will also be presented.

Zita Anderson, the 2006 Venetian Queen said the best part about being queen is that she has had the chance to meet a lot of people.

"People just come up to me when I have my crown on," she said.

Among other queen duties, Anderson has helped to organize the court and run this year's competition.

The four competitors for Miss Charlevoix will spend a period of 13 weeks together, attending parades and preparing an informative speech and a college-level essay.

The competition commences during Venetian week with two days of interviews and speeches, which are moderated by three judges from outside of Charlevoix.

The queen will receive an honorary scholarship and will represent Charlevoix at various parades and events throughout the state. On July 28, Miss Charlevoix 2007 and her court will ride in the Venetian Festival Street Parade and the Grand Electric Boat Parade.

If you would like to donate to the Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen Scholarship Fund, call Diana Phillips at (231) 330-1402 or the Venetian Festival office at (231) 547-9950.

United Way seeks volunteers

The Board of Directors of Char-Em United Way met recently to begin a long-range planning process. With many ambitious plans on the table, the group realized that it needs more expertise and assistance to increase United Way's capacity to fulfill its mission of improving the lives of people in Charlevoix and Emmet counties by working together to share community resources.

"We are reaching out to the many people who have retired to our area, as well as those who have retired within our community," said Martha Lancaster, executive director of Char-Em United Way. "We hope to involve them in increasing United Way's impact on human service needs."

Many of those who have retired to our area from larger cities were United Way donors, volunteers or loaned executives in their home communities. They have experience that will be valuable to us as we expand our focus and impact," continued Lancaster. "We also hope to re-engage those who supported United Way while they were working for local schools or corporations but who haven't been involved since they retired."

Possible roles for volunteers with United Way include helping with the annual campaign, serving on the Board of Directors or various committees, or providing technical expertise or hands-on help in a variety of ways.

Char-Em United Way conducts work site and other fundraising campaigns to raise funds to support many local health and human service agencies. It also serves on the two-county Human Services Coordinating Body and its Homeless Continuum of Care work group. United Way coordinates the Emergency Food and Shelter program which funds local shelters and food pantries and is a sponsor of the annual Day of Caring.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Char-Em United Way at (231) 487-1006.

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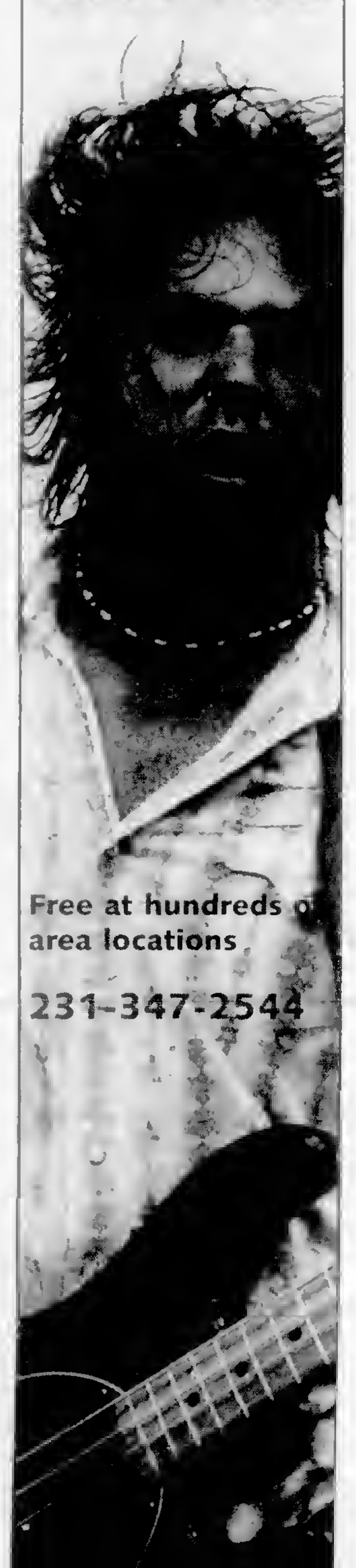

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDINANCE NO. 722 OF 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 5.5, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11, 5.12 AND SECTION 5.200 OF CHAPTER 51 OF THE CHARLEVOIX CITY CODE.

THE CITY OF CHARLEVDIX DRDAINS:

SECTION 1. Amendment of Section 5.5 of Chapter 51. Section 5.5, DEFINITIONS (A-C), is hereby amended to eliminate all subsection numbering and to list the current terms within the section in alphabetical order.

SECTION 2. Amendment of Section 5.6 of Chapter 51. Section 5.6, DEFINITIONS (D-F), is hereby amended to eliminate all subsection numbering and to list the current terms within the section in alphabetical order.

SECTION 3. Amendment of Section 5.7 of Chapter 51. Section 5.7, DEFINITIDNS (G-H), is hereby amended to eliminate all subsection numbering and to list the current terms within the section in alphabetical order.

SECTION 4. Amendment of Section 5.8 ot Chapter 51. Section 5.8, DEFINITIONS (I-L), is hereby amended to eliminate all subsection numbering and to list the current terms within the section in alphabetical order.

SECTION 5. Amendment of Section 5.9 of Chapter 51. Section 5.9, DEFINITIONS (M-N), is hereby amended to eliminate all subsection numbering and to list the current terms within lhe section in alphabetical order.

SECTION 6. Amendment of Section 5.10 of Chapter 51. Section 5.10, DEFINITIONS (O-R), is hereby amended to eliminate all subsection numbering and to list the current terms within the section in alphabetical order.

SECTION 7. Amendment of Section 5.11 of Chapter 51. Section 5.11, DEFINITIONS (S-T), is hereby amended to eliminate all subsection numbering and to list the current terms within the section in alphabetical order.

SECTION 8. Amendment of Section 5.12 of Chapter 51. Section 5.12, DEFINITIDNS (U-Z), is hereby amended to eliminate all subsection numbering and to list the current terms within the section in alphabetical order.

SECTION 9. Amendment of Section 5.5 of Chapter 51. Section 5.5 is hereby amended to add the term "ADJACENT" in its appropriate alphabeticat location and which shall be defined as follows:

> ADJACENT: A land parcel next bordering or across an altey, however, not across a street.

SECTION 10. Amendment of Section 5.5 of Chapter 51.
The term "BUILDING RDDF" in Section 5.5 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:
BUILDING ROOF: The term shall include all materials and appurtenances covering or above the roof deck of a building, including, but not limited to, air conditioners, antennas, satellite receiving dishes, heating units, elevator housings, skylights, chimneys, plumbing vents, turrets and other similar items. Chimneys and plumbing vents shall not be considered building roof when their extension above the roof deck is required to meet State or local building, plumbing, and/or safety codes and there is no reasonable design alternative, including a rearrangement of floor plans for the building, which would allow for a height reduction of such appurtenances. Turrets and similar architectural features, not including mechanical equipment, chimneys, plumbing vents and similar appurtenances, shall not be considered building roof, for height calculation purposes, when their area calculated from a plan view, does not exceed five (5) percent of the total roof area, calculated from a plan view, and their height above the building roof does not exceed fifteen (15) percent of the building height. Any exterior surfaces, exclusive of architectural features, of the building, having an interior angle of seventy-five (75) degrees or greater with the ground floor plain, of a building, shall be considered a wall and not part of a roof.

SECTION 11. Amendment of Section 5.7 to Chapter 51.
Section 5.7 is hereby amended to add the term "HEIGHT OF BUILDING, OVERALL" in its appropriate alphabetical location and which shall be defined as follows:

> HEIGHT OF BUILDING, OVERALL: The building height measured from the lowest finished grade about the building to the highest point of the roof.

SECTION 12. Amendment of Section 5.200 of Chapter 51.
Section 5.200 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

5.200. BUILDING HEIGHTS.

Building heights, as defined in Section 5.7, shall be as indicated below, unless provided for elsewhere in the Zoning Drdinance:

(1)	ZONE DISTRICT	PROPOSED HEIGHT
	R-1	26'
	R-2	26'
	R-2A	26'
	R-3	None
	R-4	30'
	PUD	26'
	C-1	26'
	CBD	35'
	PO	26'
	I	30'
	PR	None
	MCS	26'
	CS	26'
MC	See Section 5.144(1)(h)	
	MH	30'
	SR	24.5' above elevation 586.0 N.G.V.D. in height, provided in any event the building height shall not exceed 24.5'

(2) Building height shall be the maximum allowed for the District, PROVIDED, if existing buildings on adjacent lots are constructed to a greater height than allowed, buildings hereafler erecled may have a height which is the average height of buildings on the adjacent lots. In the event only one (1) adjacent building is greater than the allowed district height, the allowed height shall be the average of the height allowed and lhe height of the nonconforming existing structure.

(3) Recognizing the overall height and volume of a building, as allowed by this ordinance, may vary depending upon the design of the roof, i.e. a flat roof vs. a gambrel roof, a maximum allowable overall height and volume of a building may be established by demonstrating thal such a building would meet all the requirements of this ordinance with an allowed roof design. Upon establishment of a permissible overall height and building volume a building may be administratively permitted with an alternative roof design, provided, the resultant building is of no greater volume, has no additional stories and does not have any greater overall height.

(4) Permitted exceptions - Residential and Commercial Districts. There shall be no exceptions permitted for residential structures; the Board of Appeals may permit institutional structures to exceed height limitations, PROVIDED, it is found the resultant structure will be consistent with the scale and character of the area in which it is to be located and, PRDVIDED further, as applied to those parts ol a structure which exceed the maximum district height, each front, side, and rear yard minimum depth is increased one (1) foot for each (1) foot of height above the district maximum. In districts nol requiring yard setbacks, such parts of structures shall be set back from all street or lot lines one (1) foot for each (1) foot of height above the district maximum.

(5) Permitted exceptions - Industrial districts: Principal and accessory buildings may be erected to a height in excess of that specified for the district, PROVIDED, as applied to those parts of a structure which exceed the maximum district height, each front, side, and rear yard minimum is increased one (1) foot for each one (1) foot of additional height above the district maximum. Such exceptions shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of the allowed height of the structure as set out in Section 5.200(1).

SECTION 13. Severance Clause.
All sections of this ordinance shall be deemed to be severable and should any Section, paragraph, or provision hereof be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holdings shall not affect the validity of this chapter, as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 14. Effective Date.
This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after enactment.

ADOPTED, this 2nd day of July, 2007.

Motion by: Sherm Chamberlain
Seconded by: Shirley Gibson

Ordinance No. 722 was adopted on the 2nd day of July, 2007, by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Yeas: Gennett, Gibson, Stevens, Timms, Beer, Chamberlain

Nays: None

Absent: None

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Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

BUSINESS What's new?

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Something for everyone at art and craft show

What? 39th Annual Charlevoix Art & Craft Show
When? 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 14 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 15
Where? On Mason Street and behind the Bridge Street storefronts between Clinton and Mason streets

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 39th Annual Art & Craft Show on Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15 in downtown Charlevoix.

This year's show will offer a mix of fine arts such as acrylic and oil paintings, sculpture and hand blown glass beadwork as well as a variety of rustic to contemporary lawn and garden accessories. Pottery, baskets, furniture, clothing, floral arrangements, handwoven rugs and quilted works are just a few of the things attendees will find. Works for children that will be on hand include displays of old-fashioned wooden toys, personalized CDs, water pistols and more.

The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 14 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 15 on Mason Street and behind the Bridge Street storefronts between Clinton and Mason streets.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.

Boulder Park Terrace receives Michigan Award of Excellence

Boulder Park Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center has received the Michigan Peer Review Organization's prestigious 2006 Michigan Award of Excellence.

This marks the first year that Michigan Peer Review Organization — a leader in health care quality improvement — has honored nursing homes statewide for actively improving care in the nursing home setting.

"MPRO is privileged to recognize nursing homes such as Boulder Park Terrace that are embracing quality improvement initiatives," said Debra Moss, president and CEO of Michigan Peer Review Organization. "The Michigan Award of Excellence is a seal of quality that denotes a commitment to excellence and the delivery of high quality care."

Boulder Park received the accolade for working to improve the quality and safety of care in areas such as high-risk pressure ulcer care and a physical restraint-free environment.

In addition, the center's improvement in pain management has lead to successful outcomes for recovery of rehabilitation patients.

Executive director Deb Saur-MacKenzie said the center improved care by creating a team using proven, evidence based practices.

"Our staff worked as a team to set targets and develop strategies to accelerate care to achieve notable improvement in resident care and satisfaction," Saur-MacKenzie said.

She added, "Together, we are demonstrating that Boulder Park Terrace is continuously working to improve the care we deliver to our residents. Our efforts have been enhanced through our collaborations with MPRO and we are proud to be a recipient of this distinguished honor."

Zazen Gallery features sculptor and watercolor artist this month

Zazen Gallery is featuring the work of sculptor Stephen LaGattuta through Friday, July 13 and the work of watercolor artist, Nancy Maas through July 20.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. except for Tuesday and Wednesday when the gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

Zazen Gallery is located at 405 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.

For more information, call Anne Korthase at (231) 237-0648.

Celebrate cherries at Friske's Farm Market

Friske Orchards and Farm Market will host Cherry Jubilee on Saturday, July 14.

- From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. U-pick cherries at the farm on Doctor Road.
- From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. meet Miss Cherry and Albo the Clown
- From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be wagon rides through the orchard
- From noon to 3 p.m. there will be live music.
- From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be cherry sampling, cherry lunch specials, cherry recipe handouts, sparkling cherry lemonade, homemade cherry pie and lots more.

Friske's Farm Market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31 at Atwood.

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CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW
July 17, 2007

The Charlevoix Township Board of Review will meet at the Charlevoix Township Hall at 12491 Waller Road on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. until noon for the purpose of correcting errors or mutual mistakes of fact only.

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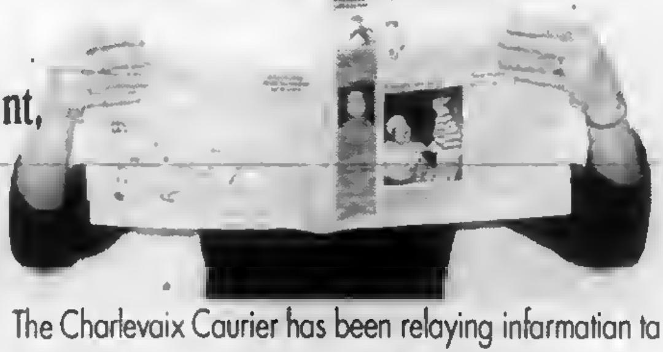

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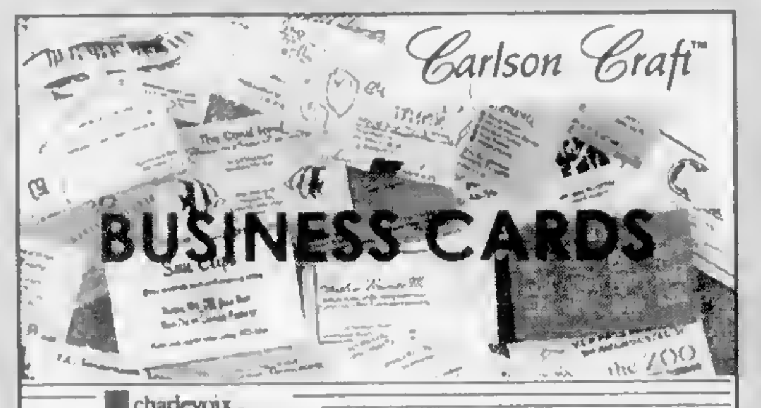

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Venetian Games packed events lineup

While East Park renovations have forced some changes in this year's Venetian plans, there won't be much difference in the schedule of the popular Venetian Games.

"We have had to cancel the East Park croquet tournaments, but are pleased to announce an additional event has been added. Elite volleyball games featuring top players will be held at Lake Michigan Beach. Meanwhile, all the event managers have continued their normal planning and no real problems are anticipated in the dozen sporting events that make up the games schedule," said Dean Davenport, Venetian Games commissioner.

The nearly dozen events kick off with the 3 on 3 basketball all day on Sunday, July 22 at Michigan Beach. Boys, girls and adult teams are included. The second basketball event is the Detroit Pistons/Shock clinic starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 27 at Charlevoix Middle School. Those attending can see, touch and have their picture taken with the championship trophies won recently by both the Pistons and Shock professional teams.

The adult golf tournament, the Carey Cup, named for longtime Charlevoix Golf Club course manager Keith Carey, has seen qualifying rounds being played, and now have brackets set for women, men and senior flights. The finals are tentatively set for Tuesday, July 24. The youth version of the Carey Cup is limited to those junior golfers enrolled in the Charlevoix County program and the tournaments will take place on July 25 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

The largest event for participants is the Jeff Drenth Memorial Road Race scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday, July 28. Starting point is at Mt. Me-Sauba and includes 10k, 5k and 1 mile runs for all ages.

The Charlevoix Yacht Club holds their Venetian Sailing Regatta the evening of Wednesday, July 25. The regatta may be viewed starting at 6:30 p.m. from various vantage points along Lake Charlevoix.

The soccer tournament has drawn teams of all ages and gets under way Tuesday, July 24 at Shanahan Field. This popular event is now drawing teams from communities around northern Michigan.

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool hosts the Venetian Swim Championships on Wednesday July 25. Participants must register at the pool 24 hours prior to the event.

The Venetian tennis tournament allows over 50 male adults and 25 women to enjoy their passion with singles, doubles and mixed doubles brackets. There is also a youth and high school age tournament planned with all events scheduled for the courts adjacent to Stroud Hall off Old Orchard Road. Finals are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 26.

The Wednesday, July 25 evening volleyball tournament is a coed event with teams playing with a maximum of six players, equally divided between men and women. Teams need only to show up by 6 p.m. at Ferry Beach.

A new event, the Venetian Beach Volleyball Invitational is scheduled for Saturday, July 28 at courts alongside the pier at Lake Michigan Beach. This event, for the above novice players, is scheduled to allow spectators and participants to enjoy high level volleyball and is hoped to grow to become an annual summer event.

The Venetian games allow local and returning former residents the opportunity to compete and/or watch the various events which have become a fixture of the Venetian celebration.

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Among the myriad Venetian Games is the Charlevoix Yacht Club's Venetian Sailing Regatta the evening of Wednesday, July 25. The regatta may be viewed starting at 6:30 p.m. from various vantage points along Lake Charlevoix.

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Lions tee off at 13th annual golf tourney

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All proceeds go to the Lions Club's 33 beneficiaries which include youth scholarships, sports teams and activity programs, civic programs and projects and of sight and hearing local and state programs.

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Who? The Charlevoix Lions
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Players are asked to register beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 12 when a brat picnic lunch will be served. Shotgun start is at 2 p.m. The awards banquet, featuring Lions Chicken, will take place under a tent at the golf course.

The $98 per player fee includes the 18 holes, cart, all events and the awards dinner. A fee of $12.90 is for awards dinner only guests. Individual golfers, pairs, threesomes and teams can receive a registration form by calling Jeff Rizzo at (231) 547-5117 or Jerry Lauwers at (231) 547-6081.

June 27, 28 and July 2 slo-pitch results

Men's rec league softball teams continued their season on June 27, 28 and July 2.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch June 27 games, Boss Engineering beat Wojan Windows 23–1.

In game two, Flight Deck/American Waste beat JC Service 16–4.

In game three, Flight Deck/American Waste beat Boss Engineering 16–4.

In game four, RGM Services beat Swanson's K&D / J. Arnold Painting 14-12.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch June 28 games, Carlson's Home Improvements beat Art Form Fabricating/Frontier Classic 27-20. For Carlson's, John Kiernan and Kris Bartling both had one triple and Mike Thompson went four for four and had a home run.

In game two, Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Subway 23-8. For Swanson's, Brian Dixon had a triple.

In game three, Boss Engineering beat JC Service 23-11. For Boss, Scott Boss had a double and a triple. For JC, Kris Vrondran had a triple.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch July 2 games, Flight Deck/American Waste shut out Subway/Charlevoix Collision 12-0. For Flight Deck, Roger Pittman and Eric Hess each had a double and Nick Cole had two doubles and a triple.

In game two, JC Service beat Wojan Windows 10–1. For JC, Mike Rautio and JD Pop each had a triple.

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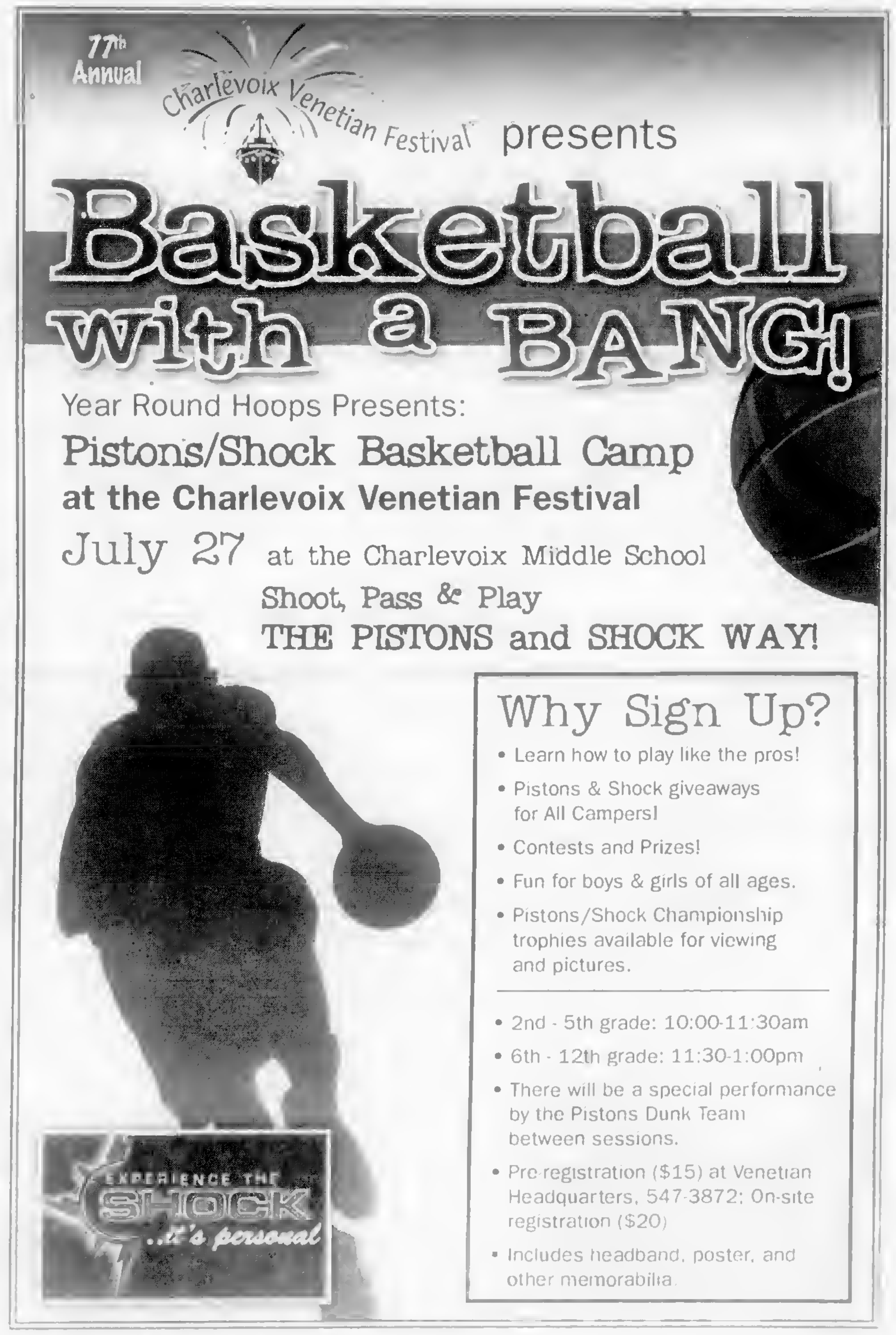
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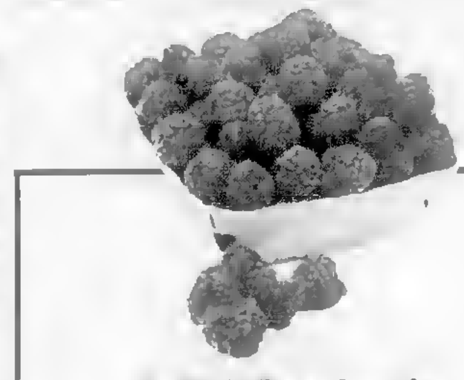

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Acme, MI 49610 or email:
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Trades

AUTO/TRUCK PAINTER
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New Today!
Trades

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New Today!
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1340 MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

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1610 LAKE HOMES & FRONTAGE

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1680 BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT

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CHARLEVOIX

COMMERCIAL space, north side. 1,300 sq. ft. $800 per month plus utilities. 12705 US-31 North. Call Bob Kern, REO (231)547-5100.

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
90TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT/ CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION, POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION
CASE NO: 07-409-GC

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK,
a Michigan banking corporation

JOEL D. WURSTER (P48708)
Plaintiff's attorney
P.O. BOX 2450
PETOSKEY, MI 49770
(231)347-4988

V.

LOG AND LUMBER CONSTRUCTION, INC.;
JOHN H. OLSON CONSTRUCTION, LLC;
JOHN H. OLSON; AND LAURIE A. OLSON

TO: Lob and Lumber Construction, Inc.; John H. Olson Construction, Inc., John H. Olson; and Laurie A. Olson

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to recover money owing on a loan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before August 31, 2007. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Charlevoix Courier for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Dated: June 28, 2007

Hon. Richard W. May (P23180)
(L-07/11)

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

THE BANK OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN,
a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

Case No. 06-500-21-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

v.

JOHN S. HUNT and JUDITH C. HUNT, husband and wife,
Defendants.

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1. On May 25, 2007, the Honorable Richard M. Pajtas, Circuit Court Judge, entered a Default Judgment and Order for Sale in this matter in favor of Plaintiff The Bank of Northern Michigan. A copy of this judgment has been recorded beginning at Liber 804, Page 627, Charlevoix County Records.

2. As of the date ot this notice, this judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Default Judgment and Order for Sale, on Friday, August 10, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to be held in the lobby of the County Clerk's Office in the Charlevoix County Building, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all ot the right, title, and interest of Defendants John S. Hunt and Judith C. Hunt in and to the real property described as follows:

In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the West 1/4 comer of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the West line of said section, as monumented North 00°49'08" West 199.64 feet (recorded as North 200.00 feet) to a T-iron stake, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line North 00°49'08" West 98.90 feet (recorded as North 99.20 teet) to a T-iron stake; thence North 68°09'10" East (recorded at an angle of 69°04' to the right trom said 1/4 line) 305.05 teet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Westerly line of Highway M-66; thence along said highway line south 21°35'56" East 222.94 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence south 89°11'37" West 363.83 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Govemment Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH a Non-Exclusive Easement for ingress and Egress to Lake Charlevoix with the privilege of using the same for boating and bathing purposes over and across a strip of land 25 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner ot Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Easterly along the East and West 1/4 line ot said Section 530.8 feet; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 104°14'45" to the left from said 1/4 line 90.39 feet, being the POINT OF BEGINNING ot this description; thence Northeasterly at an angle ot 84°27'35" to the right from the last described course to the shore of Lake Charlevoix, being the Point of Ending, and being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

3. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date ot this sale.

Dated: June 20, 2007

JANE E. BRANNON
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK

By: Sharon M. Selissen,
Deputy Clerk
(L-06/27, 07/03, 07/11, 07/18, 07/25, 08/01, 08/08)

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the condition ot certain mortgage made the 14th day of May, 2004, by. Daniel McGillis, a single man, to Northwestem Mortgage Company, and recorded on May 18, 2004, in the office ot the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 614, page 791, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX AND 70/100. DOLLARS ($38,336.70) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power ot sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, August 3, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney tee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as tollows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township ot Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at an axle shaft at the Southeast comer of Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line ot said section North 00°06'22" East 1320.90 teet to a boat spike on the South 1/8th line of said Section; thence along said 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 1318.19 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the East 1/8th line ol said section; thence continuing along said South 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 459.30 feet; thence North 00°13'06" East 435.60 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 89°32'31" West 200.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section; thence along the aforementioned line North 00°13'06" East 227.13 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said section; thence along the aforementioned line North 89°37'26" East 233.00 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 00°13'06" West 226.79 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 89°32'31" West 33.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; all being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West.

PARCEL 2: A non-exclusive easement 66 feet in width for ingress, egress and installation, and maintenance ot utilities both above and below ground, described as:

Commencing at an axle shaft at the Southeast comer ot Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section North 00°06'22" East 1320.90 feet to a boat spike on the South 1/8th line of said section; thence along said 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 1318.19 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the East 1/8th line; thence continuing along said South 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 459.30 feet; thence North 00°13'06" East 33.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the North line of Mountain Road being the Point of Beginning ot this description; thence continuing North 00°13'06" East 435.60 feet; thence North 89°32'31" East 66.00 feet; thence South 00°13'06" West 435.60 feet to the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89°32'31" West 66.00 feet to the Point ot Beginning; all being a part of the Southeast 1/4 ot the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period tor redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: June 18, 2007

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(L-06/27, 07/04, 07/11, 07/18)

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(Above) For the third time in three years, Chelsea Biddick, 16, of Charlevoix donated her locks to Locks of Love. Her first cut was 13 inches, the second was 10 inches and the most recent was 13 inches for a total of three-feet of hair. (Below) All Biddick's cuts were done at J. Marie's Salon and Beyond in Charlevoix. Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. Biddick's contributions were made in honor of her mother Michelle Rick-Biddick conquering breast cancer.

Courtesy photo

Cora Taylor, 10, of Charlevoix donated over 10 inches of hair to Locks of Love. This is the second time Cora has donated hair, giving 14 inches when she was 7. She is pictured above with Carrie, a stylist at the Harbor Barber in Charlevoix, who made the cut.

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Donations sought for 18th Annual Pool Auction

"Items for the Charlevoix Area Community Pool arrive daily but more are needed for the Aug. 12 event," said pool board president Patty Sitzema.

To date, football tickets for two games at the University of Michigan and two games at Michigan State University including three tickets on the 50-yard line for Michigan State University vs. University of Michigan game and two tickets for University of Michigan vs. Ohio State University, one winter week at a Key West hotel, cruise on the Challenger 'cement' ship, cocktail parties, sunset cruises, golf packages, gift certificates to local restaurants, fun packages for grandchildren and a garden party for 20.

New this year, in support of Charlevoix's designation as a Cool City, will be a "Walk in Charlevoix." Gift certificates packaged as Grandparents Treat Day, Girls Day Out, Antique Adventure, Pamper Day for Her and Pamper Day for Him will be offered.

In celebration of the 10-year anniversary, auctioneer Scott MacKenzie will be assisted by Morris Everett, the auctioneer in the early 1990s and Pat McKeown, the auctioneer in the early 1980s.

Mark your calendar

Saturday, Aug. 11 The public is invited to an auction preview at the Charlevoix Country Club. Reservations for dinner may be made by calling (231) 547-9796.

Sunday, Aug. 12 The pool auction begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Country Club.

Ticket details

Tickets for the pool auction Sunday, Aug. 12, are $75 per person. To purchase tickets, call the pool at (231) 547-0982 or the country club at (231) 547-9796.

Donation details

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To volunteer, sponsor or donate, call auction coordinator Pam Vargo at (231) 758-4801 or Tim Clagett at (231) 547-7444 or Bruce MacArthur at (231) 547-6960.

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, July 2, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall
210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

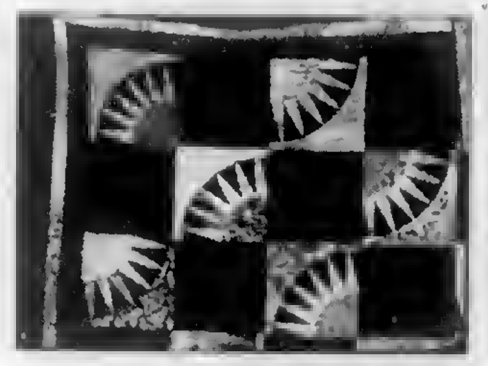
- Motion passed accepting the resignation of Dr. Jeffery Porter from the DDA.
- The Mayor Proclaimed July, 2007 as Autism Awareness Month.
- Motion passed approving a letter of support for Northwest Academy's 2% funds grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
- Motion passed authorizing execution of an intergovernmental agreement with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department and Charlevoix County Prosecutor's Office for enforcement of prohibited swimming/wading areas ordinance.
- Motion passed hiring Northern Michigan Real Estate Consultants Real Estate Appraisers and Consultants to appraise property for a Michigan Tax Tribunal Case.
- Motion passed designating officer delegate Rick Brandi and alternate Paul Ivan to the MERS Annual Meeting.
- Ordinance 722-2007 adopted, an Ordinance to Amend Sections 5.5 – 5.12 and Section 5.200 of Chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code – Height Amendment.
- Ordinance 723-2007 adopted, an Ordinance to Add Section 5.82(23)(d) to Article IV of Chapter 51 of the Charlevoix City Code – Clustered Housing Development.
- Dan Barron, president of Venetian Festival, Inc. provided an update on the staging of various events.

Council adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Circle of Strength quilt raffle winner



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The Piece Makers, a quilting group based in Boyne City, meets monthly to make quilts for area charities as fund-raisers for their programs.

The Circle of Strength Cancer Resources Program of Charlevoix Area Hospital, was once again a quilt recipient. Circle of Strength representatives have been selling raffle tickets for this queen size "New York Beauty Quilt" (right) featuring vibrant colors on a black background.

The drawing for this quilt took place at the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild picnic on July 9. Proceeds from the raffle will be used for cancer education, screening programs and providing resources for local families and individuals dealing with a cancer diagnosis.

Circle of Strength offers a monthly support group meeting, usually held on the first Wednesday of the month, July's meeting will take place from 10:30 a.m. to noon on July 11 in Classroom A at the hospital. For more information, call (231) 547-8950.

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JULY 11
QUILT SHOW

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host an exhibit entitled "Antique Quilts - The Charlevoix Connection," beginning Wednesday, July 11 and running through Sunday, July 15 at the historic Charlevoix Depot.

This exhibit of the beauty and craftsmanship of antique quilters will be open to the public free of charge.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

JULY 11
JAZZ @ THE LIBRARY

Jazz at the library will feature the modern classical music of trio Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans, Chris Ames and soloists Dan Jacobs, Pete Asch and Mike Hunter at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11 at Charlevoix Public Library.

JULY 11
SENIOR PICNIC

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging presents the 28th Annual Senior Picnic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11 at the Harvest Barn Word of Faith Church, formerly the Jordan Valley Express in East Jordan.

Featured will be Barbecue Chicken with all the fixings. Tickets are $6 for those under 60. A suggested donation for seniors 60 and older is $3. Tickets will be sold in advance at all Charlevoix County senior centers, at the Commission on Aging Office at 207 Antrim St. in Charlevoix or by calling (231) 237-0103.

Door prizes will be offered. Transportation to and from the event will be paid by local senior centers or Commission on Aging. To make arrangements for a ride, call (231) 582-6900 by Monday, July 9.

JULY 11
GARDEN WALK

On Wednesday, July 11, the Charlevoix Area Garden Club will host their 9th Annual Garden Walk in Charlevoix featuring seven gardens. "A Tapestry of Northern Gardens" will offer those who garden and those who just enjoy the beauty of a garden a quiet place for a welcome respite from the summer days. Those attending will start with the gardens of their choice at 10 a.m. and walk leisurely through the gardens until 4 p.m.

Tickets for the walk may be ordered in advance by calling (231) 237-0239. Tickets are $10 per person in advance or $12 the day of the walk.

A Garden Club luncheon will coincide with the event from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the new Charlevoix Public Library. The cost is $25 per person. To make lunch reservations, call (231) 547-7034.

JULY 12
LIONS GOLF TOURNEY

The Charlevoix Lions will hold their 13th annual charity golf fund-raiser on Thursday July, 12 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

Players are asked to register beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 12 when a brat picnic lunch will be served. Shotgun start is at 2 p.m. The awards banquet, featuring Lions Chicken, will take place under a tent at the golf course.

The $98 per player fee includes the 18 holes, cart, all events and the awards dinner. A fee of $12.90 is for awards dinner only guests. Individual golfers, pairs, threesomes and teams can receive a registration form by calling Jeff Rizzo at (231) 547-5117 or Jerry Lauwers at (231) 547-6081.

JULY 12 AND 19
BLOOD DRIVES

Bethany Lutheran Church and Charlevoix Community Reformed Church will host American Red Cross blood drives in July.

Bethany Lutheran Church will host a drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. on July 12 at 11906 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix Community Reformed Church will host a drive from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 19. The church is located at U.S. 31 North and Meech Street in Charlevoix.

During the month of July, all presenting donors can enter a drawing to win one of four $500 gas cards. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

For information call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.givelife.org.

JULY 12
FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Charlevoix Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 24.

JULY 12
CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority are co-sponsoring a summer concert series. At 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings the Charlevoix City Band will be featured. The Thursday night performance will feature the Pine River Jazz Band at 8 p.m. on July 12. Both performances are in Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix.

JULY 14
39TH ANNUAL ART & CRAFT SHOW

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 39th Annual Art & Craft Show on Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15 in downtown Charlevoix.

This year's show will offer a mix of fine arts such as acrylic and oil paintings, sculpture and hand blown glass beadwork as well as a variety of rustic to contemporary lawn and garden accessories. Pottery, baskets, furniture, clothing, floral arrangements, hand-woven rugs and quilted works are just a few of the things attendees will find. Works for children that will he on hand include displays of old-fashioned wooden toys, personalized CDs, water pistols and more.

The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 14 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 15 on Mason Street and behind the Bridge Street storefronts between Clinton and Mason streets.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.

JULY 14
FREE GARDENING CLASS

Pine Hill Nursery is offering a free perennial planting class at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 14. To register, call (231) 941-1808.

Pine Hill is located on Garfield in Traverse City.

For a complete class schedule, visit www.pinehill-nursery.com.

JULY 14
VIVE LA FRANCE

Wendy Evans, an art historian will discuss 19th century French art at a lecture entitled "Vive la France, Vive la revolution" at 2 p.m. on July 14 at Charlevoix Public Library. The program is free, but seating is limited. Reservations are available by calling the library at (231) 237-7340.

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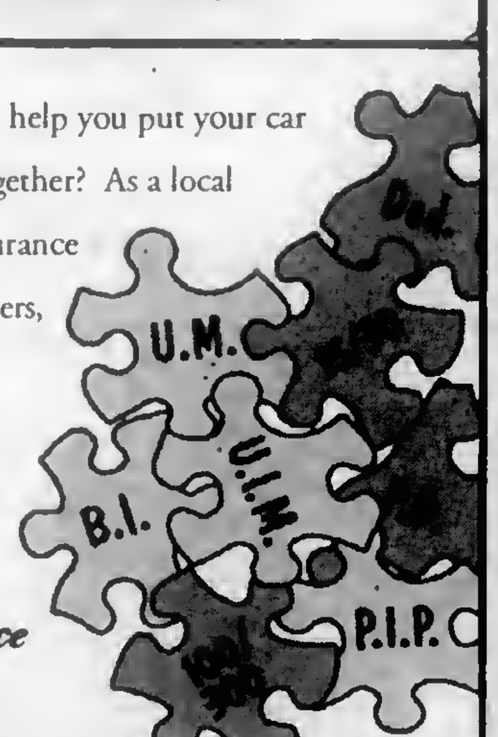

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

EVENTS

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JULY 16
STREET NAMES PROGRAM

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host Part Two of the city's street names program at 7 p.m., Monday July 16 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library located at 220 Clinton St.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

JULY 17
RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES LUNCH

The National Active & Retired Federal Employees will meet at noon on Tuesday, July 17 at the Emmet County Friendship Center. All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend. For information, call (231) 238-4840.

JULY 18
PANHELLENIC WOMEN'S MEETING

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will hold a noon luncheon meeting Wednesday, July 18 at the Terrace Inn in Bay View.

Following the luncheon and business meeting, a program will be presented by Wendy Kuebler of Flowers by Kegomic. Reservations are due by noon on Monday, July 16 by calling (231) 348-9558.

All panhellenic women in the area are invited to attend.

JULY 18
JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 18 jazz trio Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans and Chris Ames will perform at Charlevoix Public Library located at 220 Clinton St.

JULY 19
CHARLEVOIX POOL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

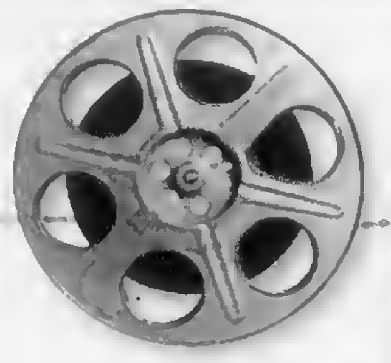
"Ten Years and Growing Stronger" is the theme for the 10th anniversary celebration of the opening of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Thursday, July 19. The public is invited to use the pool that day at no charge and tours will be available for those who don't want to swim but wish to see and learn more about the pool facilities and its programs. The staff will serve hot dogs and a light meal from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. free to visitors. For more information about the Charlevoix Area Community Pool programs, call (231) 547-0982 or visit www.charpool.org.

JULY 20
HARRY POTTER PARTY

Charlevoix Public Library will host a "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" release party from 10 p.m. to midnight on Friday, July 20. This is a celebration of the release of Harry Potter book seven.

JULY 21
SINGLES FOR CHRIST

Singles for Christ of Zion Lutheran Church in Petoskey invites all singles 40 and over from all area churches to the group's monthly dinner, a potluck, at 7 p.m. on July 21 under the pavilion at Depot Beach in Charlevoix. Attendees are asked to bring table service, a beverage of choice and a dish to pass. To reserve a space, call (231) 347-5747.



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Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, July 13 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. July 11 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 13 and 14, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone; 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. July 14 Maggie and Jeff.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. July 13, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. July 13 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. July 14, Breakaway — rock.

Concerts in the park, Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix 8 p.m. July 12 Pine River Jazz Band; 8 p.m. July 17 Charlevoix City Band.

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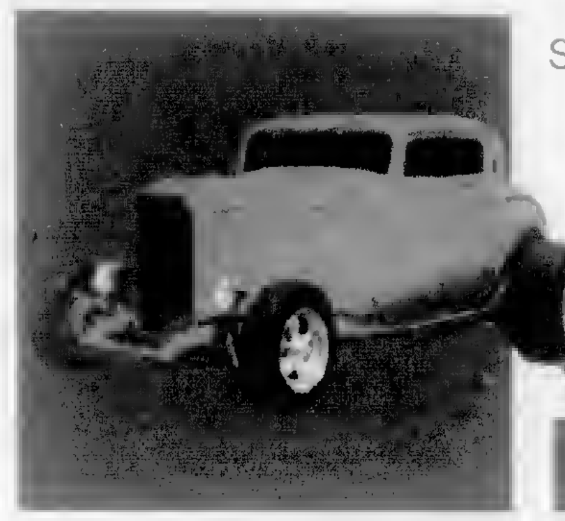

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Comic relief

Amanda Ward, 18, of Portland takes a breather while perusing booths at the 39th Annual Charlevoix Art and Craft Show on July 14 to have her caricature drawn by Debra Adamcik owner of Adancikova's About Faces in Midland and Ypsilanti.

Boss calls off recall

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Ike Boss

One day before the Charlevoix County Election Commission was to meet to verify petition language, the recall drive against four Charlevoix Public School board members was called off.

Originally wrought on June 14 by recall architect Ike Boss due to displeasure over personnel decisions and the prohibition of public comment during a June 13 board meeting, the recall was rescinded on July 10. Though a complaint about the lack of comment has been forwarded to the state police for investigation.

"I'm pulling the recall on the board members because I'm happy with how they're handling things," Boss said.

Originally angered by the board's decision to hire an assistant principal/athletic director in the face of several school staff members being let go due to budget issues, Boss changed his mind when the board decided to post the jobs as separate assistant principal and athletic director jobs, a move which could save the district nearly $22,000.

While the positions could eventually be filled by two different people, Charlevoix Public Schools business manager Shawn Biddle cautioned that is only one possible result.

"They could be combined or

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Courtesy photo

Former astronaut Story Musgrave (left) poses with Charlevoix resident Carlton Bishop who attended Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. this summer.

Bishop's space adventure

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix resident Carlton Bishop, 56, recently returned from astronaut space training at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., also known as Space Camp.

After attending camp at the center last year, Bishop was one of only 35 teachers from around the country who applied and were selected to attend a more advanced space training that included robotics, scuba diving, math and science workshops and three simulated space missions.

"On one mission, I was mission specialist and simulated repairing a satellite," Bishop said. "It was very exciting, having the opportunity to do many things regular civilians won't be able to do."

Thanks to his scuba training at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Bishop was the only person in his group that was also a certified diver, and was able to spend a significant amount of time on zero-gravity simulation projects.

Zero-gravity simulation training consists of putting on scuba gear and immersing in a 25-foot tank of water with simulated space parts.

"They had different parts you had to assemble and build, you had to move simulated satellites," Bishop said. "It's not total non-gravity but it's as close as you can get on earth."

Bishop's program is part of the Honeywell Educators at Space Academy program designed to provide teachers with new and innovative educational techniques in science and math.

Bishop, a fifth-grade teacher at Sheridan Elementary School in Petoskey, spent six nights at a dormitory on the campus of the University of Alabama, Huntsville and traveled to the facility every day.

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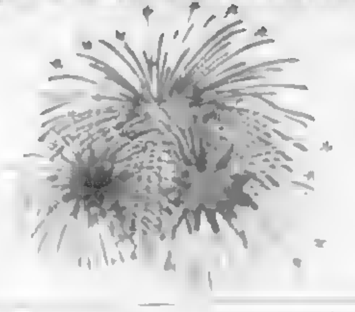

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Christopher Thomas King, 29, Mancelona. Littering on private property. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve six days in jail.

Walter Frederick Thomas III, 36, San Diego, Calif. Driving while impaired; no operator license on person. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Dustin Jay Peterman, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol-second offense. To attend BASES Intervention by Sept. 11; $200 in fines and costs.

Aimee Jo Wiltjer, 19, Petoskey. Failure to stop and identify a property damage accident. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Robert Leroy Allen Jr., 21, Mancelona. Reckless driving. Pay $400 in fines and costs or serve 20 days in jail.

Ronald David Spindler, 23, Midland. Violation of restricted license. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Douglas Lee Sturgis, 47, Grand Blanc. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 12 days in jail; serve 45 days on an electronic monitoring device; 65 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend Impact weekend within 120 days; $1,180 in fines and costs.

Dorene Kay Crandell, 40, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

Jerrud Alan Grubb, 25, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Credit for three days in jail; 89 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; $300 in fines and costs.

Michael Paul Pickarski, 29, Petoskey. Larceny, less than $200. Credit for one day in jail; 85 days held in abeyance; serve seven days of community service work in lieu of seven days in jail; serve six months probation; to write a letter of apology; $350 in fines and costs with restitution yet to be determined.

Phillip Edward Sizemore, 29, Charlevoix. Attempted resisting and obstructing. Credit for 11 days in jail; 154 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Cass Norman Dolbow, 22, Boyne City. Consumption of liquor near a highway or property open to the public. Pay $125 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Frederick Alexander Wiser, 20, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Steven Ryan Dixon, 27, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended -- first offense. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

American Heirloom Furniture Restoration Inc., 00885 Tomkins Road, Boyne City, by Garry J. and Cheryl L. Mapes

Isaac's Masonry; Jake's Masonry, 02350 Erickson Road, Boyne City, by Isaac Hoaglund

LEAP: Lakeside Equine Assisted Psychotherapy, 07852 Mulberry Lane, Charlevoix, by Margaret Jervey-Page

Preferred Bookkeeping Service, P.O. Box 620, Charlevoix, by Phil Kluczynski

Curt's Construction, 8525 Valley Road, Apartment 9, Boyne Falls, by Curtis Shelly

Health Wise, 03115 Marshall Road, Boyne City, by Janet R. Swartz

Charlevoix Sports Foundation — 3 on 3 Basketball, P.O. Box 191, Charlevoix, by Norman L. Carlson Jr.

MARRIAGES

Shawn Matthew Scott, 28, Arlington Heights, Ill. and Sarah Jean Hoover, 25, Palatine, Ill.

Joshua Ryan O'Neal, 28, Soso, Mo. and Aimilee Marie Paulette Warner, 22, Boyne Falls

William Avery Wicker Jr., 37 and Shawntle Snoeck, 36, both of Boyne Falls

BIRTHS

Brennan Matthew Raymond Munson weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces was born July 3 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Virgil A. Munson and Laura L. Pop. His siblings are Anishka and Danal. His grandparents are Virgil Williams of Escanaba, Larry E. Pop of Charlevoix and Ruth L. Pop of Central Lake.

Brady Benjamin Lamp weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces was born July 4 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Shaun and Laura Lamp of Petoskey. His grandparents are Malcolm and Brenda Lamp, Roger and Denise Wenzel, all of Rogers City and Jerry Hentkowski of Posen.

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School board action prompts recall reversal

RECALL

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split, we don't really know," she said. "Our thought was we posted it to be a split position where there would be a part-time athletic director and a part-time assistant principal who would not be the same person, but the board had approved it as one position (on June 13)."

The four board members that voted in favor of hiring a combination assistant high school principal and athletic director during the June 13 meeting are John McLean, Dean Spencley, Christine Michaud and Diane Kilkenny. They were the target of the recall.

According to chief-deputy Charlevoix County Clerk, Cherie Browe, the only legal steps Boss needed to take to end the recall drive was to put his thoughts in writing.

"To county election commission. I would like to cancel my recall request on the four Charlevoix Public School Board members," Boss stated in a letter sent to Browe's office.

McLean, the newly named president of the school board, said he is relieved at Boss' decision.

"I think it's awesome. I think it's nice he's giving us a chance to get things on track," McLean said. "I was concerned about the recall, but the day-to-day activities continued."

Spencley said he too is glad the ordeal is over, but isn't sure why Boss ended the recall drive.

"Maybe Ike (Boss) is willing to see what the new board can do," he said. "I don't know if he changed his mind thinking we made a good decision or not, but I know we have a lot of hard decisions to make in the future and I hope we will all work together."

He added, "This isn't just a school board, this is a community that has to work together. Any decision we make isn't made lightly, it's made with a lot of care and compromise."

Spencley said threats of recall will have no affect on how he makes decisions in the future.

"I make decisions based on the information given to me and based on information I find," he said.

Kilkenny echoed the sentiments of relief by her fellow board members and added, "I hope everybody is happy. He (Boss) had the right to do that (recall the board members) and it's the same with his deciding to withdraw. It was his choice to do so."

Michaud did not return calls by press time.

So far, there have been no new applications for the assistant principal's position and none for the athletic director's position, the positions over which the contention originated.

"We're trying to figure out what makes the most sense and what the best option is," Biddle said. "We're trying to move forward as quickly as possible, but not so quickly that we don't have the best person in those two positions."

Bishop to bring space camp experience to his classroom

SPACE

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"The days were quite long," Bishop said. "Breakfast was at seven and I came back at nine at night."

This year he was able to meet former NASA astronaut, Story Musgrave. Musgrave led Bishop's group through the rocket-landing that took place in California as the teachers watched it on television from the space center in Huntsville. The group had traveled to the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. to see the ship enter earth, but the landing was postponed.

Since attending space camp last year, Bishop has led an after-school Rocket Club for fifth graders based on the Estes rocket-building class he had taken.

Carlton Bishop

"We used a basic gnome rocket kit that you must assemble," Bishop said.

He said the gnome rocket is like a firework with an actual gunpowder motor that is set off with an electrical charge.

"The parachute flies back to earth," Bishop said.

Through writing assignments, Bishop's students had also created a fictitious planet and travel brochures inviting people to their planet.

> *"It was very exciting, having the opportunity to do many things regular civilians won't be able to do."*
>
> **Carlton Bishop**
> SPACE CAMP ATTENDEE

"I learned so much and enjoyed it so much," Bishop said. "Any teachers can contact me if they want to apply and I can share with them the application process."

Teachers interested in applying for space camp can contact Carlton Bishop at (231) 547-4479.

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BIRTHS

Jorja Cait Pattenaude weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces was born July 5 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Joseph and Julie Pattenaude of Boyne City. Her sister is Jessica Haley. Her grandparents are Brenda and Tim Kassuha of East Jordan, Craig and Sandy Basbora of Freeport, Ill., James and Edie Alligood of Newton, N.C. and Keith and Debbie Pattenaude of East Jordan. Her great-grandparents are Al and Darlene Shafer of East Jordan, Ken and Rose Kassuha of Ellsworth and Daisy Witt of North Carolina.

Jessica Jean Huls weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces was born July 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jason and Jennifer Huls of Harbor Springs. Her siblings are Joshua, Jayden and Jordan. Her grandparents are Darrell and Ada Kirk of Lampasas, Texas, and Joanne and Mike Van Dyke of Grand Haven. Her great-grandparent is Alice Huls of Grand Haven.

Owen Thomas Hewitt weighing 10 pounds, 1 ounce was born July 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Scott and Jennifer Hewitt of Boyne City. His siblings are Ethan and Gavin. His grandparents are Jackie and Tom D. Mambso of Boyne Falls, Carol and Gary Bejir of Waterford and John and Linda Alexander of Peck.

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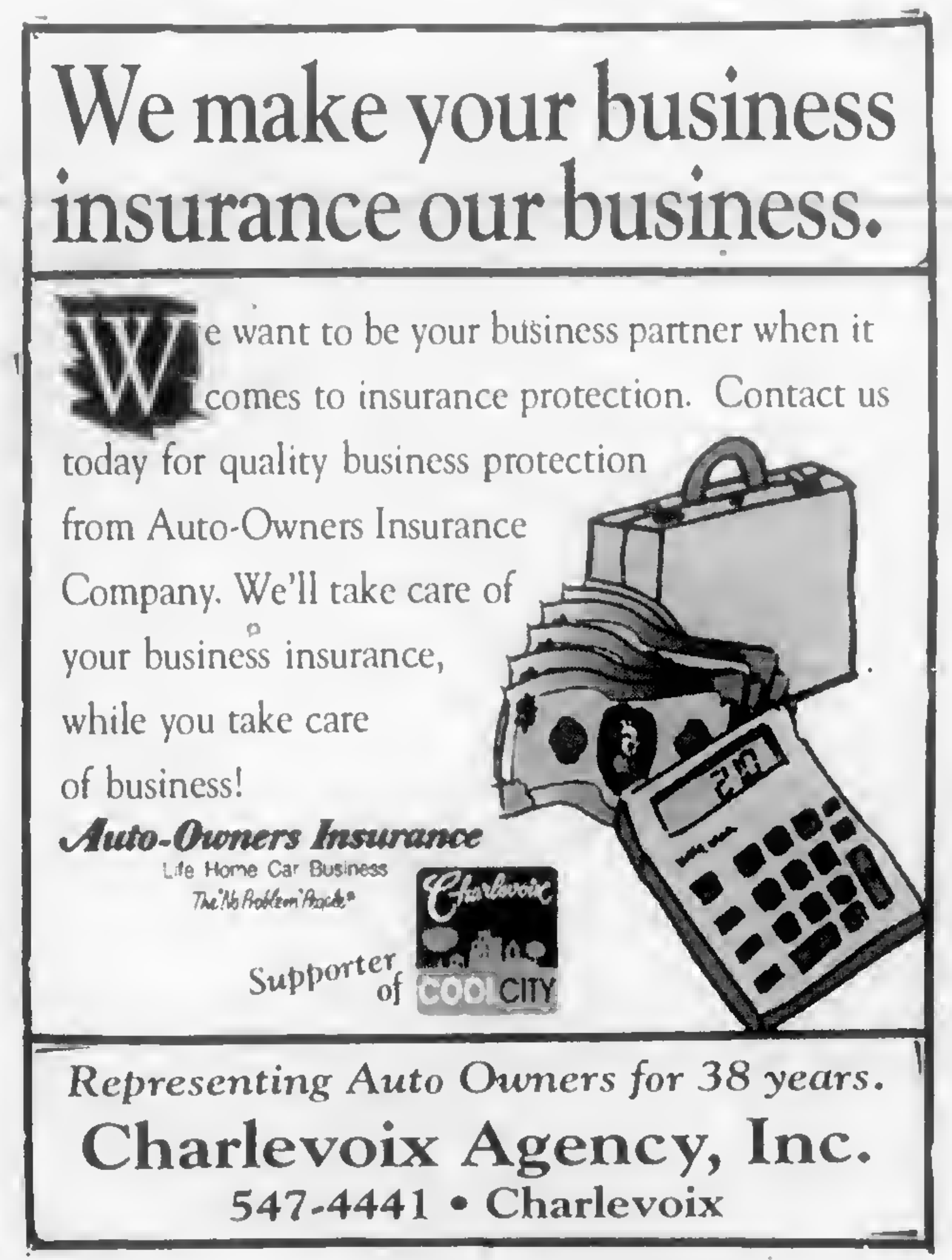

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DDA must stop the cycle, demand accountability

EDITORIAL

We feel stuck in a bad sequel to Groundhog's Day.

Since 2005, during the month of June Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority has been presented with a proposal from the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce for funding, authority members have voiced their apprehension over handing over the cash and in the end acquiesce.

The only difference this year is before signing the $25,000 check, $13,000 of which has in the past been earmarked for a downtown coordinator's pay, they hired a director, Keith Carey for $42,800. The downtown coordinator no longer exists.

The first $7,000 approved in May was earmarked for concerts in the park series and farmers market and Taste of Charlevoix advertising. Before approval the Downtown Development Authority asked for a report detailing expenditures.

But when they came back for another $18,000 just a month later, the funds weren't designated and the motion to approve the funds didn't specify submission of a detailed expense report.

Where's the accountability?

The city has handed over the chamber's new Mason Street home leasing the building to this private group for $1 a year. And now forks over $25,000 (tax dollars) with no real idea of where the bulk of that cash is being spent.

Everyone is squawking about open storefronts. Well store owners pay big bucks to be in the Downtown Development Authority district and that premium is passed along to renters who have to make it work not just during our summer tourist frenzy — they have to pay the bills all year.

We feel Downtown Development Authority district property owners would be better served and funds would be better spent on recruitment of new tenants or paying off the bond for East Park renovations.

The last time we editorialized on this subject we urged the Downtown Development Authority not to let another $25,000 a year and free real estate slip away without concrete answers. They don't seem to be hearing us; maybe it's time for those filling the Downtown Development Authority's coffers to stand up and speak. We said it before and we'll say it again, the time to follow the paper trail and quantify results is now.

Your letters are welcome!

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Choices are challenging

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

Sometimes life throws us a curve ball and we're not sure whether to hit it out of the park or hunt.

It's amazing how many times during a given day that we have to think on our feet as we are given free will to make numerous decisions throughout the day. What we decide to do in any situation may render us with anger, happiness, contentment or frustration. We face situations daily that require sub-conscious and conscious thought and sometimes we'd like someone else to take over for awhile so we can take a back seat and not the feel the heat for what happens next.

I watch in fascination the methods individuals use to think out what their plans will be and how they arrive at their choice. Often we are moved to action by something occurring that affects us personally or we are inspired by someone else's actions. Our choices may be as simple as deciding what to eat or as arduous as deciding whether or not to seek out a new job. Thoughtful reflection, writing out the pros and cons of a situation or talking with a close friend or family member usually brings about a decision you can live with.

For me it usually takes a good hit to the head (figuratively speaking) when making decisions. I decided to retire early after a hospitalization gave me time to pause and think about what was really important in my life. Now as I reflect on that decision I find it a good one as my life takes new turns each day and I can hit the curve ball out of the park.

The nice thing about decisions and choices is we can weigh them like produce in a local grocery store. For some occasions we can even change our mind midstream without too many repercussions. Our decision can affect individuals other than ourselves so our choice we make can be influential as well. The process that leads to our decision yields a good work out for the cerebrum and goodness knows that part of my body definitely needs a work out.

Whether you're guiding your child to assist them with their future class choices or career moves, making the decision to keep or change jobs or deciding whether you should get that health check up you've been putting off — all are up for discussion and given time and insight the right choice is usually made. What's even more interesting about free will and choice is we often take it for granted. Living in another part of the world this topic might be nonexistent.

I'm at that juncture in my life where I need to consult more with others as my brain gets a little more fuddled and never ever do I make a decision before my morning caffeine intake and hormone replacement therapy. I can relate with J.K. Rowling when she included in the text of "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," "It is our choices…that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." I raise my cup of java to you. Here's to good choices in making your decisions today.

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LETTERS to the editor

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Editor:

On behalf of the family of Marina Anegon LaBlance, we would like to thank the community of Charlevoix for all their support during Marina's courageous battle with cancer. Everything — the meals, lawn care, nursing care and so much more, meant a lot to us.

Thank you from her siblings.

Electra Tarachas, Julia Cini and James Anegon and their spouses

DRYING THE TEARS

Editor:

I would like to express my thanks to the owners of Charlevoix's Dairy Queen.

On Friday July 13, I attended DQ with my wife and kids. Upon getting her ice cream, my daughter was walking back to our vehicle when she, due to not watching where she was going, managed to trip on one of the parking blocks in the DQ parking lot. The owner's wife witnessed this and came running to my side while I was attending to my daughter's injuries which consisted of road rash on her hands, elbow and knee. The owner's wife then proceeded to bring me cold wet cloths to assist in cleaning up my daughter's wounds, and at no extra cost, replaced her ice cream which was did a great deal in helping to alleviate the tears my daughter was having.

It is a very pleasing feeling to know the DQ owners and employees were so caring and helpful with the situation. My daughter wishes to add in, "Thank you so much Dairy Queen owners for giving me new ice cream and a cloth to

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Once again, thanks to Dairy Queen and all their fine employees.

Brian MacDonald
Charlevoix

A PERSPECTIVE ON THE OIL SUPPLY

Editor:

Petroleum is necessary for food, fuel and fiber, regardless of high cost subsidized alternate fuels.

Americans (who consume 25 percent of world's daily oil supply) purchased less efficient vehicles after oil prices fell from $30 to $10 per barrel in the 1980s. This led to our dependence on imported oil nearing 67 percent of demand.

History suggests that Americans should reduce foreign oil imports by 20 percent (adding two million barrels per day to world supply). This is achievable through conservation, alternate fuels, adding to domestic reserve supplies and building refineries away from the current concentration in the gulf area.

We have untapped local supply adequate for reasonable energy independence. Mother Earth is continuously cooking more oil and natural gas.

Independent exploration companies (without refineries), who drill 80 percent of our wells, are working to add to our nation's supplies. Skilled and environmentally sensitive exploration managers benefit from new technologies. They accept the price of oil determined daily by the New York Commodity Exchange.

Benefits of a local supply are national security, reducing balance of trade deficit, large numbers of skilled Americans employed, tens of millions in royalties paid to mineral owners and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund annually, and relatively low energy prices.

Thomas Mall
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THE WINNS ARE WINNERS

Editor:

I had a fun opportunity the other day to go to the opening ceremonies for our new docks here in Charlevoix on Round Lake. I particularly enjoyed seeing John Winn drive his beautiful Van Dam boat to our new marina and to be the first boat to be tied up there. Nothing could be more appropriate than to have John be the first one to use the facility that he and his wife made possible for our community. Whether you are a boater, or you are part of this city that you call home, this new dock facility is a shining star for all of us. If you can call a dock facility pretty, ours is the prettiest.

I have to tell you I was a nay sayer on the project some four years ago. I thought it would be too obtrusive to the lake and its surroundings, but I can tell you I was 100 percent wrong. When I brought my boat around to have dinner downtown last week, almost every slip was filled.

I don't understand how this little community, its leadership, and its citizens always seem to get it right. They always hit the ball out of the park. Our new outstanding library that just takes your breath away; the new high school with its one of a kind basketball court, its performing arts center, and best of all its huge campus. The school is more than an outstanding educational facility for the future generations who live here in Charlevoix; our wonderful community pool; and now our new magnificent yacht basin. As far as I am concerned, no one could have gotten all of these projects so right for us, that is, except for the leadership of this town and its citizens.

So, thank you Winns for making this new dock project such a success for all of us. Without your effort it would have never happened.

I humbly suggest that we name the facility after the Winns with a large Lake Michigan rock, and a brass plaque on it, giving the history and specifications of the project as well as thanking the Winns and the community for making it possible.

Karen and I look forward to donating the funds needed for the monument.

Bill and Karen Schuiling
Charlevoix

BEWARE OF JURY DUTY SCAM

Editor:

Whenever we hear or read about our fellow citizens being victims of a scam, it usually concerns the weak, the sick or the old in our society. But now the crooks are targeting all of us, and especially the patriotic, the civic minded and the law- abiding citizens among us.

Most of us take a summons for jury duty seriously, but often people skip out on their civic duty, and now a new kind of scam has surfaced and this is how it works. The caller claims to be a jury coordinator and tells you that you failed to appear for jury duty and an arrest warrant was going to be served on you. When you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth so that he or she can verify the information and cancel the arrest warrant. If you give out any of this information, your identity was just stolen. This scam has been reported in 11 states so far and is particularly insidious because they use intimidation over the phone to try to bully people into giving their personal information by pretending they're with the court system.

A good rule of thumb is to never give out personal information of any kind over the phone or Internet and to ask that the caller mail you the a written request for the information so that you can check it out before responding. As always, believe nothing you read or are told until you check it out for yourself and find it to be true. The FBI and federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their Web sites, warning citizens about this fraud. Go to http://www.snopes.com/crime/fraud/juryduty.asp or http://www.fbi.gov/pressrel/pressrel05/092805.htm.

We are only vulnerable when we fail to be vigilant, are uninformed or refuse to be aware of the current events that affect our personal lives.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

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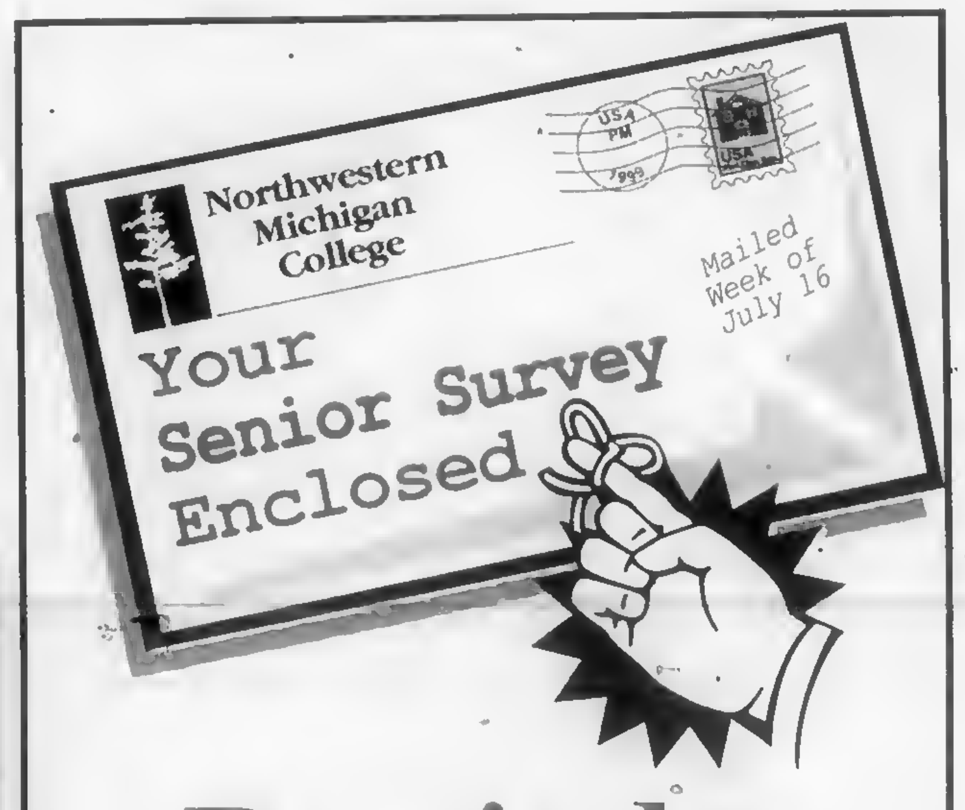

Reminder for Seniors

Please complete & return
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Five generations

This five generations photo was taken during spring break 2007. Pictured are Gretchen and Kylee Rice of Charlevoix, Sandy Sontag and Hazel Dunscombe of Sarasota, Fla., and Corey Siegmund of Orlando, Fla.

Hogwarts comes to Charlevoix

At 10 p.m. on Friday, July 20 the Charlevoix Public Library is turning itself into Hogwarts in anticipation of the seventh and last book in the Harry Potter series.

The Harry Potter books are JK Rowling's series about a young wizard, Harry Potter, who attempts to overpower the most evil of all wizards, Lord Voldemort. After much success, the series is coming to a final and much anticipated conclusion.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows is promised to be in fans' hands on Saturday, July 21, so the library is turning itself into Hogwarts on Friday, July 20 and inviting one and all to join the fun. The party starts at 10 p.m. and goes until midnight when the book will be available to check out or purchase from local bookstores.

The Bridge Street Book Shop and Up North Kids will both be on hand at the library pre-selling books throughout the party. The books are not to be seen until 12:01 a.m. Saturday morning when all pre-sold books will be available to pick up and library books available to check out.

"Harry Potter has encouraged a love of reading in more children than any other character," said Val Meyerson, director of the library. "It just seemed appropriate to celebrate this amazing phenomenon in the most fun and celebratory way we could. So, the library is going all out and bringing Hogwarts to town."

The Friends of the Library are generously supporting this fun-filled evening by donating the funds to purchase costumes and crafts. All the Hogwarts teachers will be present, including Dumbledore, McGonogall, Hagrid, Snape, Mad Eye Mooney and Trelawny. All party attendees are invited to come dressed as their favorite character.

At 10 p.m., Potter fans of all ages will be invited to the main doors at the library to crash through platform 9 to enter Hogwarts. Each child that makes it through the platform will earn a piece of Gringots Gold and can then visit the sorting hat to be sorted, or begin attending classes. There are seven different classes, with an OWL certificate awarded upon completion of each one. OWL certificates can be turned in at Gringots for a piece of Gringots gold which can then be spent at Diagon Alley. While visiting Hogwarts don't forget to look for Moaning Myrtle and enjoy tastes of wizard food and drinks.

There will also be a drawing to win a copy of Deathly Hallows, a fireball broomstick or a golden snitch.

For more information about this or other library programs, contact the library at (231) 547-2651.

What's happening at the Library this week?

JATL: Jazz @ the library
Wednesday, July 18, 7:00 pm
Trio: Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans, Chris Ames

Story Time for all ages
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Release Party
Friday, July 20, 10:00 p.m. – midnight for Potter fans of all ages!
Celebrate the release of Book #7 with wizard classes and crafts, games, food, Diagon Alley and Gringots gold. Drawings will be held and pre-paid books will be released at midnight. (Pre-order through Up North Kids and Bridge Street Books. Books may also be purchased at the party.) Costumes are welcome, attendance is free. Program made possible through the sponsorship of the Friends of Charlevoix Library.

Summer Reading Club programs
Tuesday, July 24
- Kindermusik: *6:30 p.m. or 7:15 p.m.* (ages 0-4) pre-registration recommended
- Climb Aboard! *6:30 p.m.* (gr. k-4, 5-8) Climb on the cool trucks and big machines that make our town go 'round

Regular Weekly Meetings
- French Conversation Circle: *Tuesdays @ noon*
- Writer's group: *Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm*

Venetian Library Events
- *Thursday, July 26, 10:00 – 3:00:* Visit the library booth at Venetian Children's Day
- *Saturday, July 28, 11:00* – Watch for "Paws for a Story" library reading dogs in the Venetian parade

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Campbell — Jeswald

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John and Mary Lee Campbell of Charlevoix are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Harper Campbell, to Jonas Jeswald. He is the son of Peter and Phyllis Jeswald of Conway, Mass.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Holderness School in Plymouth, N.H. In 2004, she graduated from Colby College in Waterville, Maine, as a math/art major. Carolyn graduated in June from Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, R.I., with a master's degree in landscape architecture.

Jonas graduated from Skidmore College in 2001, where he was the all-time leading scorer for the lacrosse team. He teaches at Dedham Country Day School in Dedham, Mass.

Carolyn and Jonas met while they were teaching at Fountain Valley School in Colorado Springs, Colo.

They are planning an Aug. 18 wedding in the Campbell garden with a reception at the Charlevoix Country Club.

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Lions scholars

Along with retiring high school principal, Gary Grundman, four college bound Charlevoix High School seniors, winners of the Charlevoix Lions Club annual scholarship awards, were honored guests at a recent noon luncheon meeting. (Above, from left) Charlevoix High School outgoing principal Gary Grundman, Zita Anderson and Trevor Mays, winners of the two Stewart "Irish" E. Coleman Awards, Megan Sell and Lauren Dupuis, winners of the two Don Meggison Community Service Awards and Lions Club president Tim Bruce.

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Winner will be notified by August 9th

- **Authors Benefit,** *August 25 from 4-7pm,* community room at the Library. All proceeds to fund our literacy camps.
- **Harry Potter, pre-order** at Up North Kids or with us at the Charlevoix Library, and register to win a Melissa & Doug Stuffed Unicorn.
- **Book Signing,** *July 28th 1:30-2:30pm,* Ann Margaret Louis, author of Gitchi Gumee, Tears of Mother Bear & Sleeping Bear The Legend.

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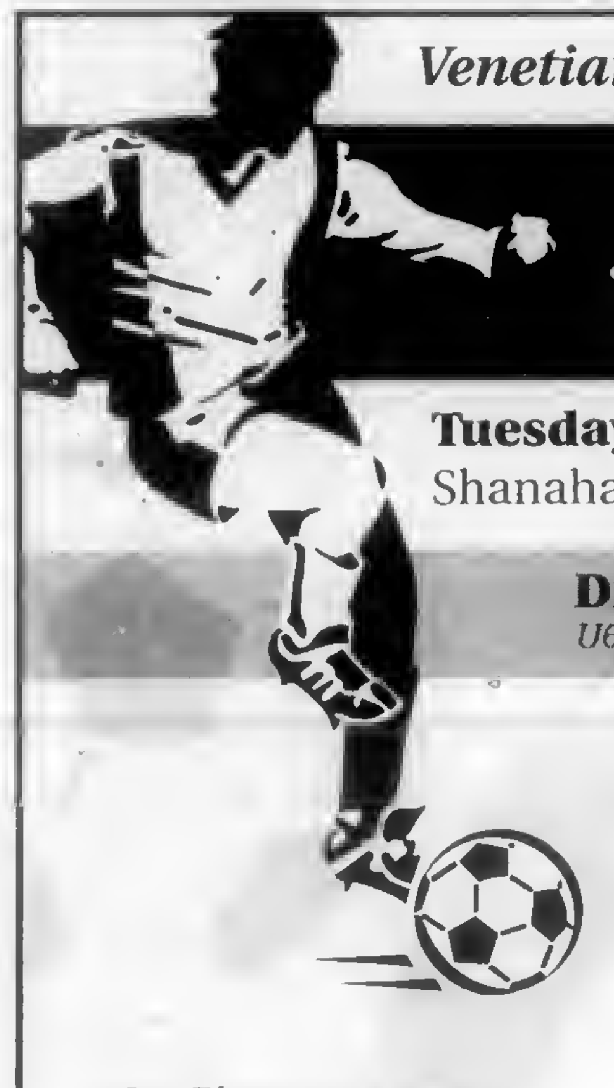

Venetian Games 2007

3 vs. 3 Soccer Tournament

Tuesday & Wednesday • July 24th & 25th
Shanahan Field • *Games Begin: 5:30p.m.*

Divisions – *Male & Female*
U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, High School, Adult, Over 35

Registration - $45.00 per team
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- Registration must be received by July 23rd.
- Pick up form and pay at recreation department.

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Questions: *Contact Carol Madison*
cmadison@rayder.net or (231)348-3317

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OBITUARY

Catherine Katz: Died July 10, 2007

Catherine Katz, a longtime Charlevoix resident and beloved wife of the late Dr. Arnold Katz, passed away Tuesday, July 10. She leaves behind a loving sister, Mary Ann Tresh and niece, Elizabeth Tresh, as well as close friends, Joanne Lucas, Camile Greene, Karole Couture, Allison Filizetti and Joseph McGuire. She has touched many lives in her short time on this earth.

Private services were held July 12 at Hebrew Memorial Park.

Volunteers needed to build nature preserve boardwalk

Who? The Little Traverse Conservancy and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

What? A boardwalk construction project that will connect two adjacent nature preserves, Susan Creek Nature Preserve and Taimi Hoag Nature Preserve

When? July 24

Where? Volunteers are asked to meet at the entrance to the Susan Creek Nature Preserve off U.S. 31 near Big Rock Point.

Interested in putting in a little hard work to benefit local hiking trails?

The Little Traverse Conservancy is working in partnership with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians to complete a trail system that will connect two adjacent nature preserves.

The Little Traverse Conservancy's 223-acre Susan Creek Nature Preserve is situated directly next to the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indian's 55-acre Taimi Hoag Nature Preserve. Together, the properties protect more than 1.5 miles of scenic U.S. 31 frontage as well as more than a mile of Susan Creek, a major tributary to Little Traverse Bay. Currently, approximately 1 mile of trails exist on the Susan Creek Preserve. The new segment of trail will add approximately half a mile.

The construction project will take place all day on Tuesday, July 24. Volunteers are asked to meet at the entrance to the Susan Creek Nature Preserve off U.S. 31 near Big Rock Point.

The bulk of the work will be hauling in lumber to be used for trail construction. For more information or to volunteer, contact the Little Traverse Conservancy at (231) 347-0991.

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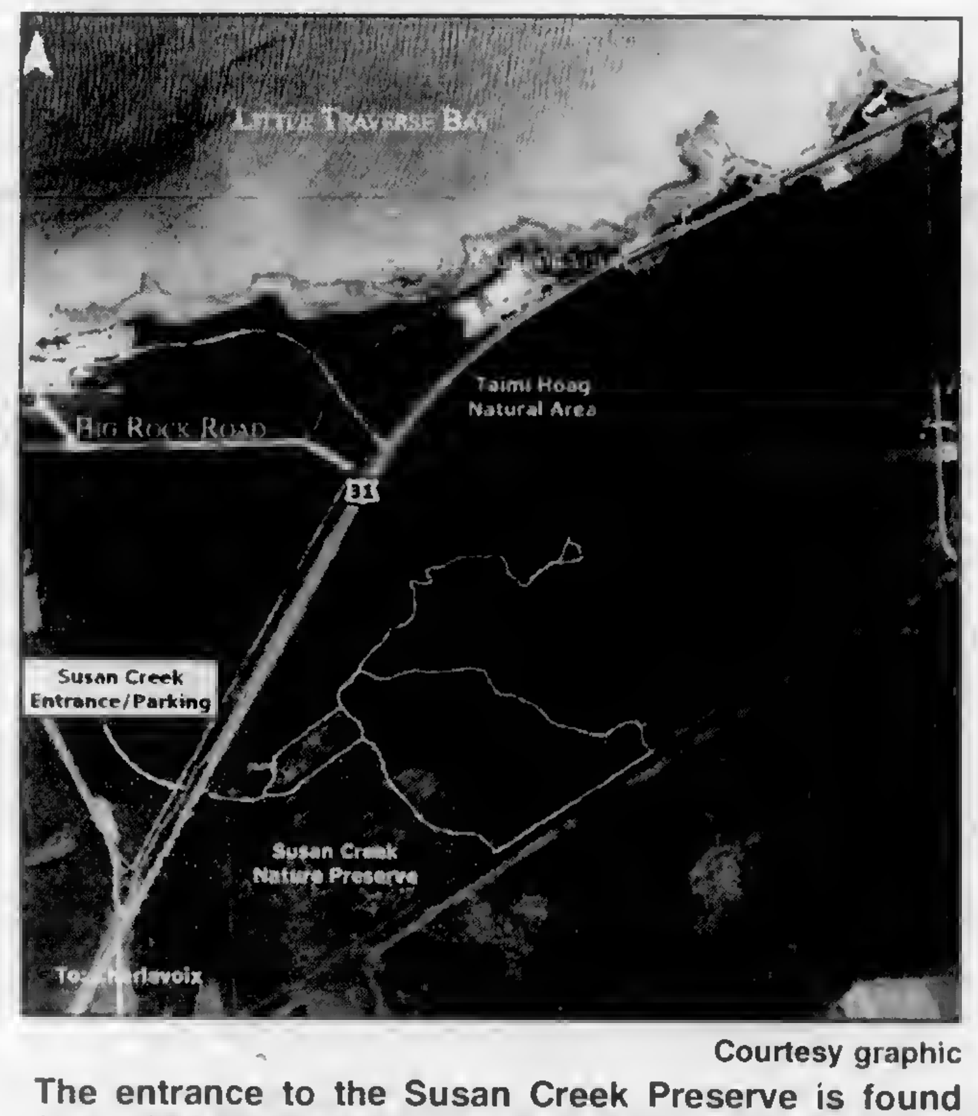
Volunteers are needed July 24 to complete a trail system that will connect two adjacent nature preserves, Susan Creek Nature Preserve and Taimi Hoag Nature Preserve. (Above) Volunteers assisted with new boardwalk building at the Susan Creek Preserve in 2005.



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The entrance to the Susan Creek Preserve is found four miles northeast of Charlevoix and 11 miles southwest of Petoskey off of U.S. 31.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship Service	10:0 a.m.

Pastor:
Todd Thompson .... 547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	

Church Office 547-6322
Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.

President Michael Robbins 588-2112
or Missionaries 547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

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Sunday Services 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Church Office 547-9482

ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
9323 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth

Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.

Rev. Carl Afman 588-7805

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: James R. Mort 547-4121

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.

Church Office 547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.

Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Timothy Wright 582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Michael C. Smith 547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm

Pastor Duane O'Ffill 231-347-6651

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.

Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson 547-6283

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Father Jerry Hunko 547-6652

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL
Corner Michigan & Waukazoo
Petoskey

Friday - Torrah studies	7:00 p.m.
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Venetian Festival offers week of events

Festival kicks off this Sunday

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

With the Beatles and Elvis, bull riders and fireworks and boat and bicycle parades it must be the 77th Annual Venetian Festival.

This year's quarter of a million dollar celebration from Sunday, July 22 to Saturday, July 28 is replete with contests, sporting events, spectator attractions and interactive events like the Chamber of Commerce's car giveaway, Detroit Pistons and Shock basketball clinic and Kids' Day.

Here is a rundown of next week's Venetian events:

Sunday, July 22 at Lake Michigan Beach

- "Rhythms of Venetian" begins at 2:30 p.m. with the "Beach Battle of the Bands," followed by the retro band "Starfarm" at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 24 at Castle Farms and Bridge Park

Castle Farms

- "Castle Kickoff" starts at 5 p.m. with "Benzie Playboyz," followed by the Super Kicker Rodeo bull riding competition.

Bridge Park

- The "Charlevoix City Band" plays at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 25 at Lake Michigan Beach

- "Rhythms of Venetian" continues at 6 p.m. with "Northwest Academy Jazz All-stars," followed by Irish/American folk band "Pub Runners" and the retro band "1964."

Thursday, July 26 at Lake Michigan Beach and Downtown

Lake Michigan Beach

- "Kid's Day" is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with performances by "Sean and Patrick Ryan," "Ragamuffin Children's Theatre" and the "Petoskey High School Steel Drum Traveling Band."
- "Rhythms of Venetian" continues at 6 p.m. with the "Rayder Jazz Band," followed by the high energy blues band "Charlie's Root Fusion" and the 1970s band "Classic Rock All Stars."

Downtown

- From 2 to 10 p.m., the Venetian Festival carnival will feature rides such as bumper cars, Tilt-A-Whirl and the Gravitron.

Friday, July 27 at Lake Michigan Beach and Downtown

Downtown

- From 1 to 10 p.m., the Venetian Festival carnival will feature rides such as bumper cars, Tilt-A-Whirl and the Gravitron.

Lake Michigan Beach

- At 6 p.m., "Rhythms of Venetian" continues with the swing band Up North Big Band.
- At 7:30 p.m., the "Venetian Queen Coronation" will follow the "Up North Big Band" performance.
- "Rhythms" continues after the coronation with Horton Creek live.
- At 10 p.m., the Night Sky Fireworks performance begins.

Saturday, July 28 at Bridge Street, downtown, Lake Michigan Beach and Bridge Park

Bridge Street

- At 11 a.m., the Venetian street parade begins .

Downtown

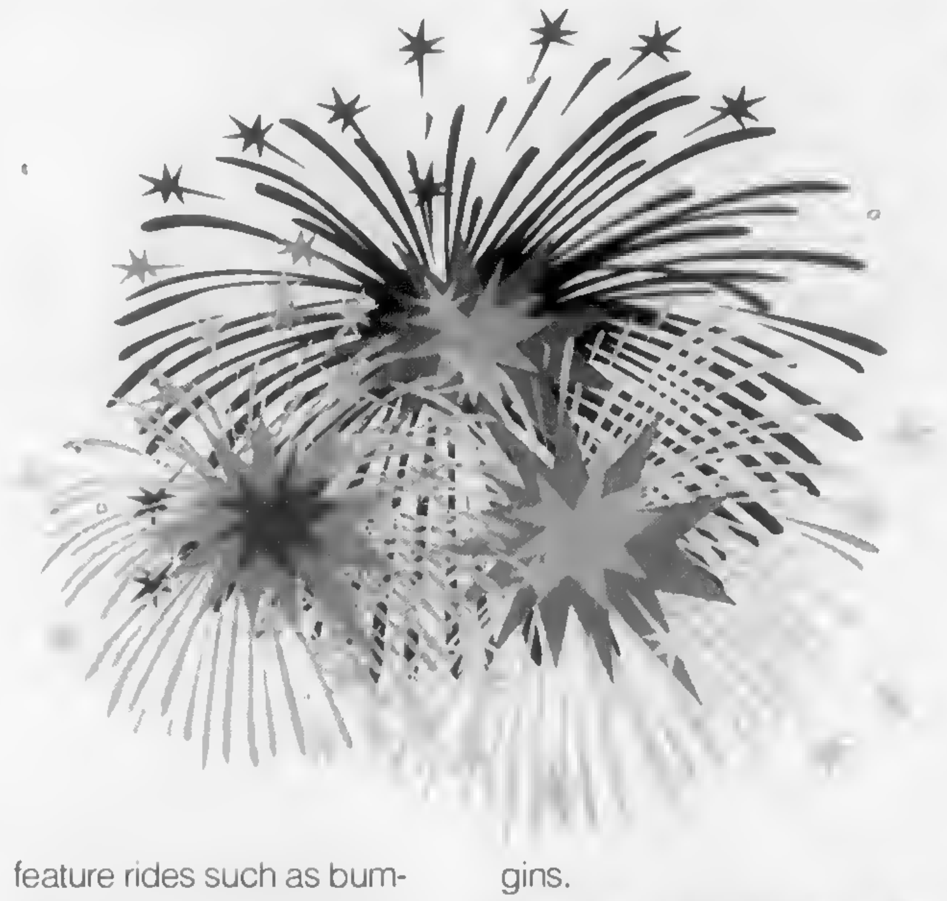
- From 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., the Venetian Festival carnival will feature rides such as bumper cars, Tilt-A-Whirl and the Gravitron.

Lake Michigan Beach

- "Rhythms of Venetian" continues at 1 p.m. with the Grammy Award-winning "Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band."

Bridge Park

- "Rhythms" continues at 6 p.m. with country singer Chris Dominic, followed by David Cisco's One-Man Act and the Elvis Tribute Show with Graceland's Official Band.



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Wednesday	6-8am, 12-1pm, 5-6pm
Thursday	6-8am, 9-10am, 5-6pm
Friday	6-8am, 12-1pm, 5-6pm
Saturday	11:30am-1pm

OPEN SWIM

Monday	6-8pm
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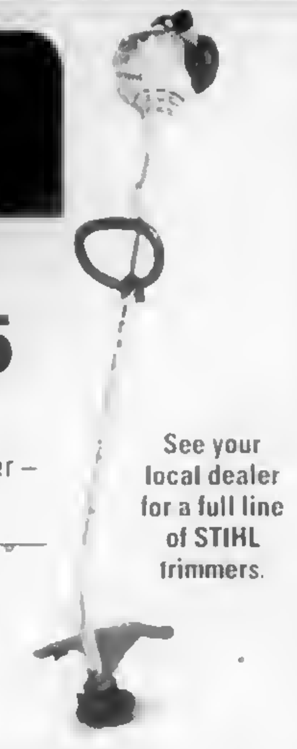
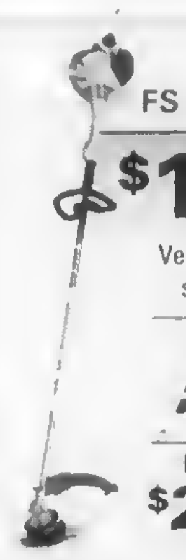
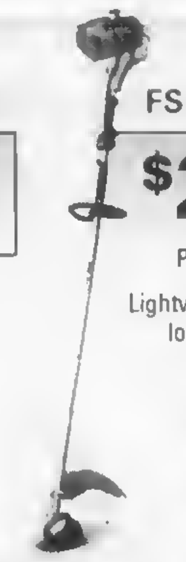
Wednesday	6-8pm
Thursday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Friday	3-5pm, 6-8pm
Saturday	1-4pm







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Fast cars, good times with Street Legends

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

This weekend Street Legends Classic Car Club is bringing back a time of flashy cars and crazy nights with their 15th annual Car Show and Friday Night Cruise-In.

On the evening of Friday, July 20, Mason Street and the adjacent downtown parking lot will be closed to traffic for car lovers and their classic automobiles.

Beginning at 6 p.m. near Ferry Beach, the new Scovie's Waterfront Grille on Ferry Avenue will be having a party for cruisers and giving awards to the classic cars their chefs like best. Oldies radio station 107.5 with Michael O'Shea will be broadcasting hits from the 1950s and 1960s from the restaurant.

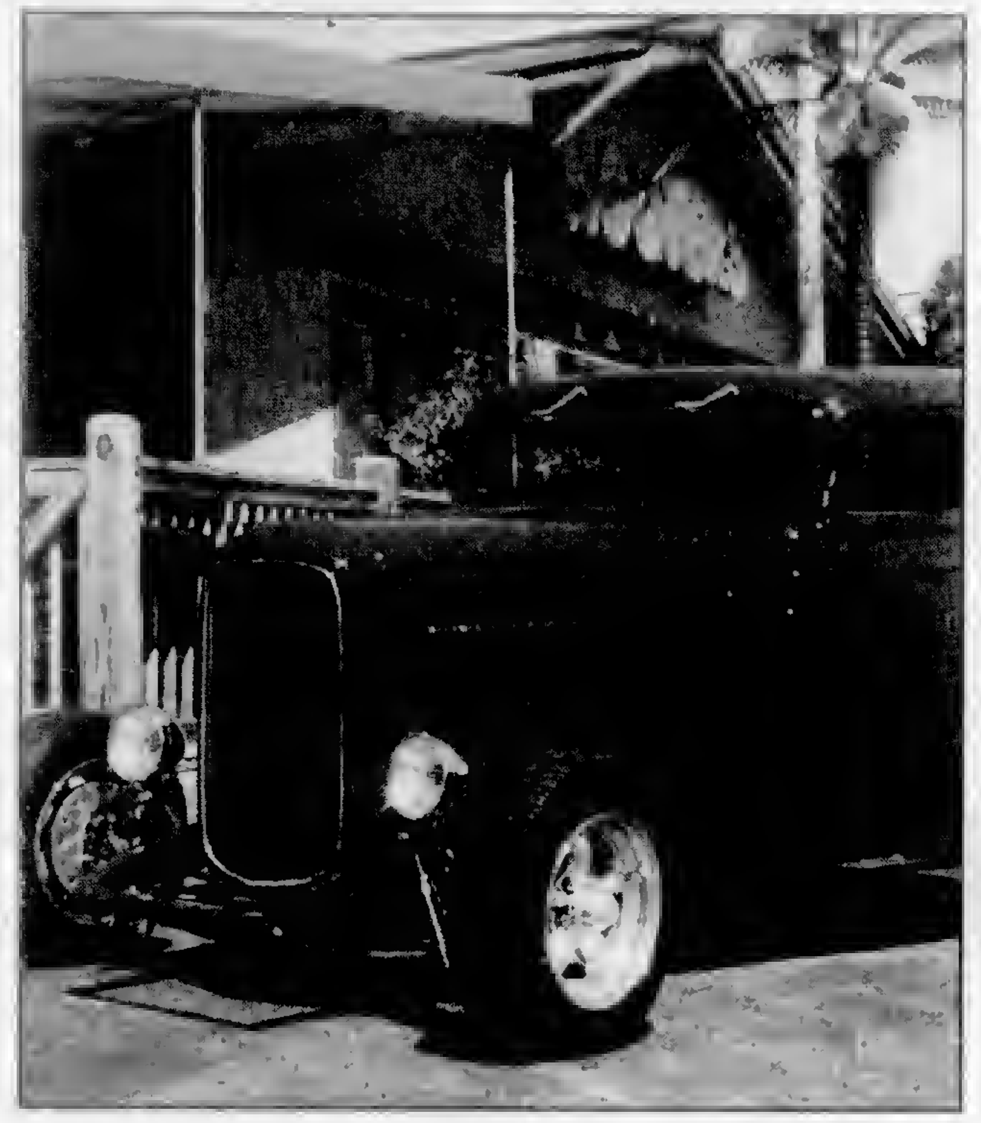
Saturday's car show in downtown Charlevoix will be honoring the 75th anniversary of the 1932 Ford Coupes and Roadsters. Registration begins at 9 a.m., followed by raffles, contests and family entertainment from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Also at 3 p.m., the club will be hosting an auction to benefit Camp Quality, a camp for terminally ill children that takes place every year at Camp Daggett.

Awards for those who choose to show off their own retro vehicle will take place at 4 p.m. with first, second and third place prizes being given as well as a $500 grand prize drawing.

Street Legends Classic Car Club meets at 6:30 p.m. every fourth Thursday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center. Meetings begin with a potluck supper and during the summer months, club members cruise to the Dairy Queen from 7 to 9 p.m. after the meeting. Cruises to different northern Michigan locations take place once a month.

For more information, call Joan Balch, club treasurer, at (231) 547-9013.



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Saturday's car show in downtown Charlevoix will be honoring the 75th anniversary of the 1932 Ford Coupes and Roadsters (above).

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Who:	Street Legends Classic Car Club.
What:	The 15th Annual Car Show and Friday Night Cruise-In to benefit local charities and nonprofit organizations.
When:	The Cruise-In is from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, July 20. The car show is from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 21.
Where:	The cruise-in takes place at Scovie's Waterfront Grille & Inn on Ferry Avenue, the car show takes place in downtown Charlevoix on Mason Street.

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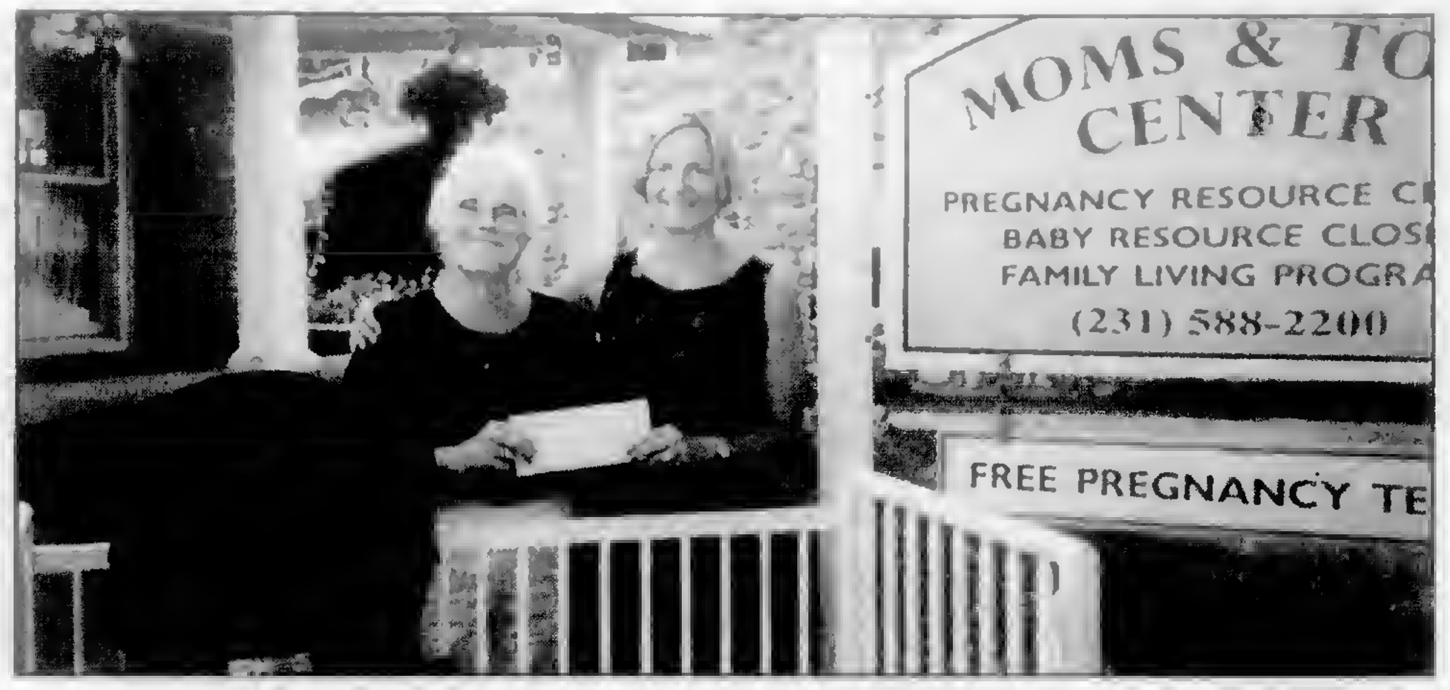

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The Charlevoix County Community Foundation awarded a $3,000 grant to the Moms and Tots Center in Ellsworth for the purchase of car seats and cribs for Charlevoix County clients who are unable to afford them. The grant was awarded to help address the foundation's concern for the safety of children. The check was presented recently by Maureen Radke, program officer for the foundation (right) to Carole Broadwick, director of the center (left). Moms and Tots Center is a Christian non-denominational social service agency assisting with the needs of pregnant young women and young mothers from southern Charlevoix and northern Antrim counties. The center is a ministry of Good Samaritan Family Services in Ellsworth. For more information, call the center at (231) 588-2200.

Bay View Music Festival comes to Charlevoix

What? Bay View Music Festival performance
When? 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 21
Where? First Congregational Church at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street
How much? Free

At 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, the talented students of the Bay View Music Festival will roll into Charlevoix for a free concert, open to the general public.

As part of the oldest chamber music festival in the country, these students spend eight intensive weeks of training at Bay View, near Petoskey, in voice lessons, acting recitals, three different theatrical productions, classes in acting, auditions and body alignment. There are 38 students this year at the festival from as close as Central Michigan University and as far as Korea.

While the festival hosts both instrumental and vocal students, the concert this week in Charlevoix will feature primarily the singers in repertoire including art songs, opera arias and musical theater.

For more information, call (231) 348-9551.

Share the news!

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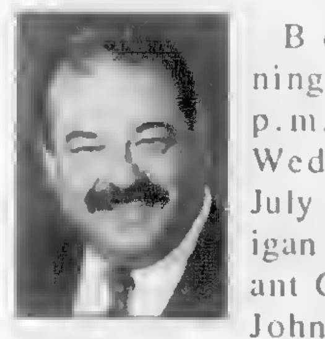
Lieutenant Gov. John Cherry in town today



John Cherry

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. today Wednesday, July 18, Michigan Lieutenant Governor John Cherry will meet with Charlevoix County Democrats and interested citizens on the lower level of the Weathervane Restaurant.

Appetizers and a cash bar will be available and both Cherry and his wife, Pam Faris, will arrive at 6 p.m.

Cherry is well-known for his focus on families and education. Faris is a leader of the Michigan Blue Tiger Democrats.

The Michigan Blue Tiger Democrats is an activist wing of the Democratic Party focused on community involvement and assisting citizens.

Before becoming Michigan's Lieutenant Governor, Cherry served for 20 years in the Michigan Legislature as a State Representative, State Senator and Minority Leader.

Both Cherry and Faris will speak at the gathering at the Weathervane.

No reservations are necessary.

What? Lieutenant Gov. John Cherry will meet with Charlevoix County Democrats

When? Beginning at 5:30 p.m. today Wednesday, July 18

Where? Weathervane Restaurant

Charlevoix students to reunite

What? The Charlevoix High School Alumni Association will host an all school reunion.

When? From 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 28

Where? Charlevoix Public Library

The Charlevoix High School Alumni Association will host an all school reunion from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 at Charlevoix Public Library. All alumni are invited to stop and see former classmates.

Graduates of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s will gather from 2 to 3 p.m. Tables will be arranged by decades and light refreshments will be served.

The purpose of the alumni association is to provide communication among alumni of Charlevoix High School and support the scholarship and special projects fund at the Charlevoix schools.

The goals of the Charlevoix High School Alumni Association are to have at least 500 alumni join the association by 2008, to fund one scholarship or special project for Charlevoix schools each year starting in 2008, to establish an alumni newsletter or Web site, to plan and hold an all school reunion in the summer of 2007 during the Venetian Festival, to honor alumni by establishing an alumni hall of fame.

Window decals that have the Rayder logo which state "Charlevoix High School Alumni Association" will be available at the reunion. The cost to join the alumni association is $5. For more information, contact Sherrel Bergmann at (231) 547-4457 or e-mail the association at raydcrberg@aol.com.

The Alumni Association was started in the summer of 2006 by the class of 2005. Michael Wojan and Nathan Dube are the class presidents.

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Senior services surveys arrive this week

What? A senior services assessment survey is being distributed.

When? Surveys will be mailed this week and 'Your Senior Survey Enclosed' will be marked on the envelope. Surveys should be returned by July 27 and will take about 10 minutes to complete.

Why? To determine the awareness, usefulness and quality of existing programs and services as perceived by seniors and identify gaps in services that need to be addressed with expanded or new services and programs

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

(Above, from left:) Charlevoix County Commission on Aging members Joan Blanchard and Margo Johnson, along with COA director Sue Bergmann, report to the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners on the commission on aging's services. A new survey is being circulated among the elderly so the COA may determine how many people are being served and what adjustments to programs might need to be made.

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging (COA) is urging anyone who receives a senior services assessment survey to complete and return it as soon as possible.

Surveys will be mailed the week of July 16 and 'Your Senior Survey Enclosed' will be marked on the envelope. Surveys should be returned by July 27 and will take about 10 minutes to complete.

Early this year the Commission on Aging announced that an assessment would be conducted to determine current and future needs of Charlevoix County seniors. The assessment is being conducted by outside, independent consultants who are collecting information from Commission on Aging service providers and community focus groups. The anonymous survey of randomly selected residents, including caregivers, over 50 years of age is the last stage of data collection.

The Commission on Aging has launched this effort to update the information gathered in 2000 in support of the senior millage.

Specifically, the Commission on Aging aims to determine the awareness, usefulness and quality of existing programs and services as perceived by seniors and identify gaps in services that need to be addressed with expanded or new services and programs.

The outside consultants will conduct the analysis of all information collected and will recommend to the Commission on Aging specific services and programs to meet any shortfalls. All survey information will be kept confidential and reported to the Commission on Aging in a way that protects the anonymity of anyone who contributes information for the assessment. Results are expected to be complete by Sept. 30 and will be available to the public after a presentation to the Charlevoix County Commissioners.

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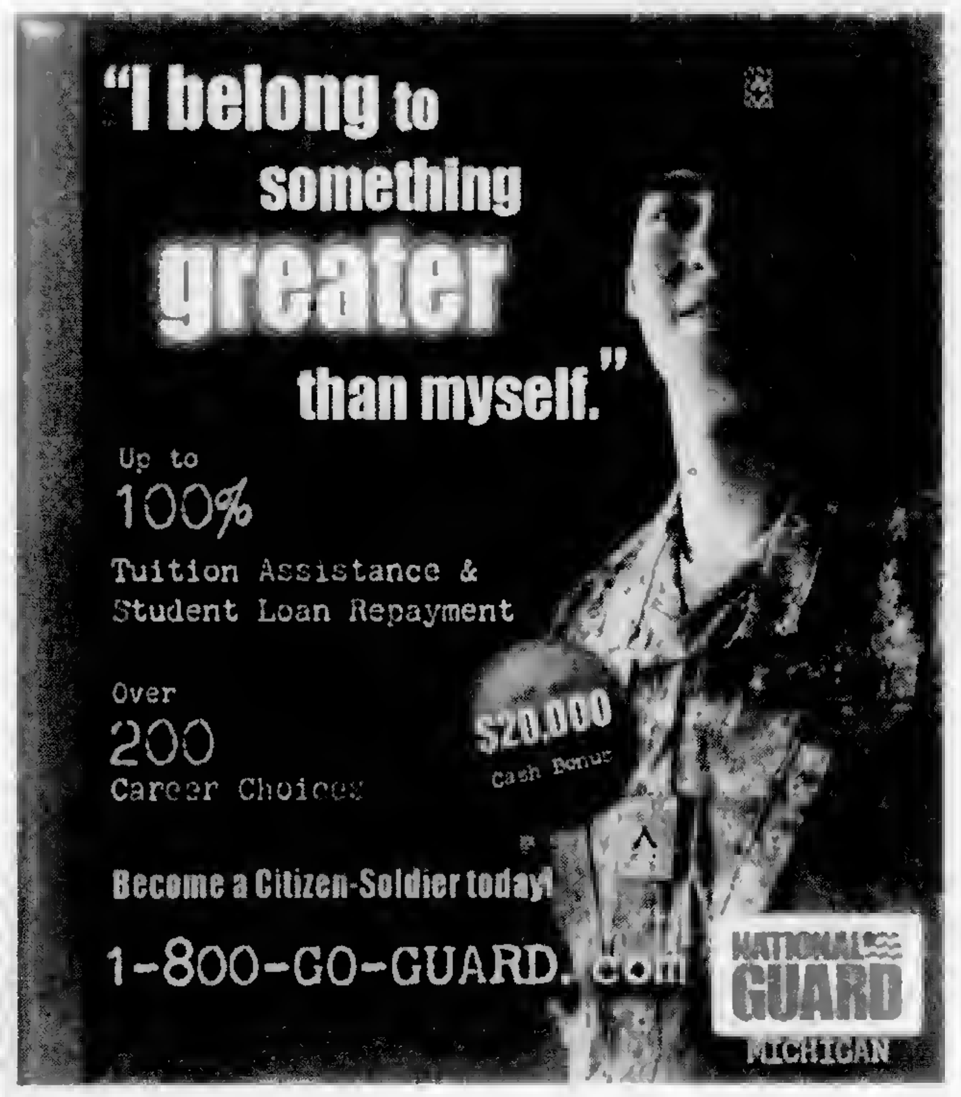

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Boats behaving in the narrows

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Things are moving much slower in the slimmest seven-eighths of a mile along the south arm of Lake Charlevoix, and that is how residents like it.

Following months of attempts to cajole government officials to take responsibility for the four no wake buoys in the Ironton Narrows, a private entity stepped up on June 15.

"The Landings Restaurant bought them from us for $4," said Lake Charlevoix Association president Samuel Williamson.

Tom Sheridan, owner of the Landings Restaurant on the narrows said he could await action no longer.

"I couldn't put up with the bureaucracy of everyone who was worried about the liability and everyone who was denying who was in charge," Sheridan said. "You have government agencies in charge and yet everyone is ducking. No one wants to take charge — that's why you have insurance."

With a fueling station, dock, restaurant and more in the narrows, Sheridan said, it is obviously a no-wake situation.

"To make a point and to get people to put pressure on local government agencies, the (Lake Charlevoix Association) didn't put the buoys in. I can't have that," Sheridan said. "The beginning of this year was terrible. The sheriff deputies had a hard time enforcing it (no-wake zone) because the buoys didn't go in until just recently. It was just horrible."

He added, "I'd rather pay the bill and know as long as I'm in control they (the buoys) are going to come in and out."

The buoys, which are generally placed in the water on May 1 were not installed until mid-June.

Private donors, some of whom are residents of the narrows, paid for the $2,599.82 steel buoys which will likely require annual liability insurance and maintenance of nearly $1,850.

According to the contract between the Lake Charlevoix Association and the Landings Restaurant, the Landings is now responsible for any and all upkeep and liability pertaining to the buoys which will only be used as determined by the Department of Natural Resources — for a no-wake zone.

While narrows resident Paul Witting said finding the money for the buoys was an issue, the bigger problem was finding someone to take legal responsibility for them.

"We tried to get Eveline Township, we tried to get Charlevoix County, we tried to get the Sheriff's Department to take ownership and no one would," he said. "Finally, the Landings Restaurant was one of the primary entities that needed the area because where the restaurant is in a no-wake zone for safety reasons."

He added, "They said, 'Well, if no one else is going to do it, I guess we'll do it.'"

Witting feels relieved the buoys are in the water and taken care of.

"Now all the boats are behaving themselves in the narrows," he said. "I speak for everyone that lives around the narrows that, one way or another, we were going to make that happen (replace the old foam and plastic buoys) we just didn't know how we were going to do it."

The 450 to 550-foot wide narrows is home to more than 30 homes and land lots where some

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History of the issue:

1973 — Safety concerns of boats speeding through the narrows were brought to the Department of Natural Resources.

1974 — A no-wake zone was approved by the Department of Natural Resources, Eveline Township and Charlevoix County.

1991 — The Lake Charlevoix Association bought and installed four foam/plastic buoys resulting in a drastic increase of boater compliance.

2006 — The Lake Charlevoix Association launched an unsuccessful fund-raising campaign to replace the deteriorated buoys.

2007 — Nearly 40 people donated enough money to pay for the buoys and have them installed in the narrows under the control of the Landings Restaurant.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The Ironton Narrows, which recently received four new steel no-wake buoys, is home to a restaurant, docks, a fueling station and the Ironton Ferry seen here. The buoys, purchased at a cost of nearly $26,000 by private donors, help ensure boaters move at slower speeds when traveling through the narrows.

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Private donors buy Narrows buoys

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In spite of resolution to the issue, Williamson said he is disappointed with how his government entities handled the situation.

"They have governmental immunity from most things, not complete immunity, but substantially more immunity from things than a small and not very well funded volunteer organization (such as the Lake Charlevoix Association)," he said. "I kept explaining to them that we were going to give them (buoys) to them, that they would not even cost them any money to put them in the water."

He added, "We don't feel the Lake Charlevoix Association should be doing this; we're much more interested in the things that we're doing. We're trying to start an online newspaper, put Webcams up; we're worried about all sorts of other things. This is not part of our main agenda."

Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education

The following business was conducted by the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education during their Monday, July 9 organizational meeting:

Item: Entered contract negotiations to appoint Charlevoix High School assistant principal, Suzanne Klinger, as the high school principal.

In brief: Klinger has been offered the job but remains in negotiations with the board over salary, benefits and other contract terms.

Board action: The board voted in favor 5-2 with members Larry Levengood and Bo Boss the two dissenting votes.

Item: Appoint a new board president.

In brief: Board member John McLean was nominated and appointed as the new president of the school board.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: Appoint a music teacher to St. Mary School

In brief: Gwen Sarya was nominated and appointed as St. Mary School's music teacher.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Items not requiring board action include a resignation letter from seventh-grade girls' basketball coach Amy Putman; a report on a potential alternative education program which was postponed until January or fall 2008; the posting of an assistant principal and athletic director as separate positions; and an announcement that there will be no change in meeting times or locations for the board of education.

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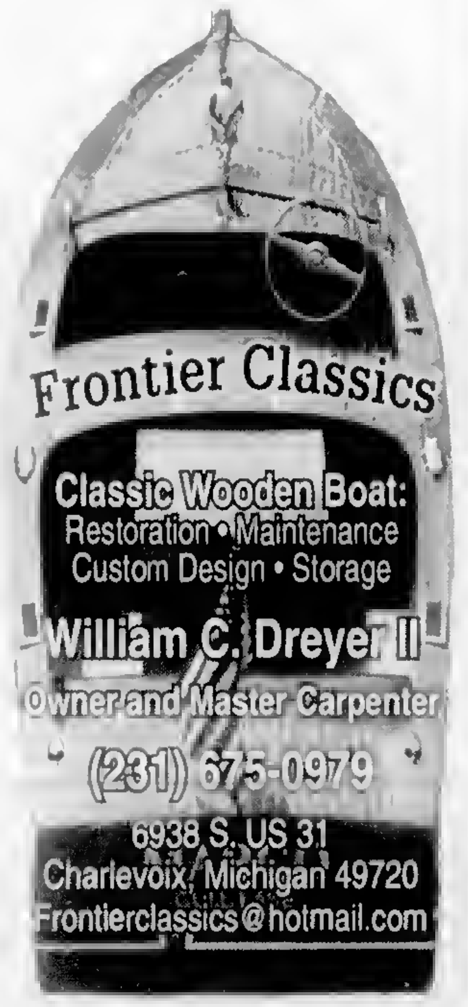
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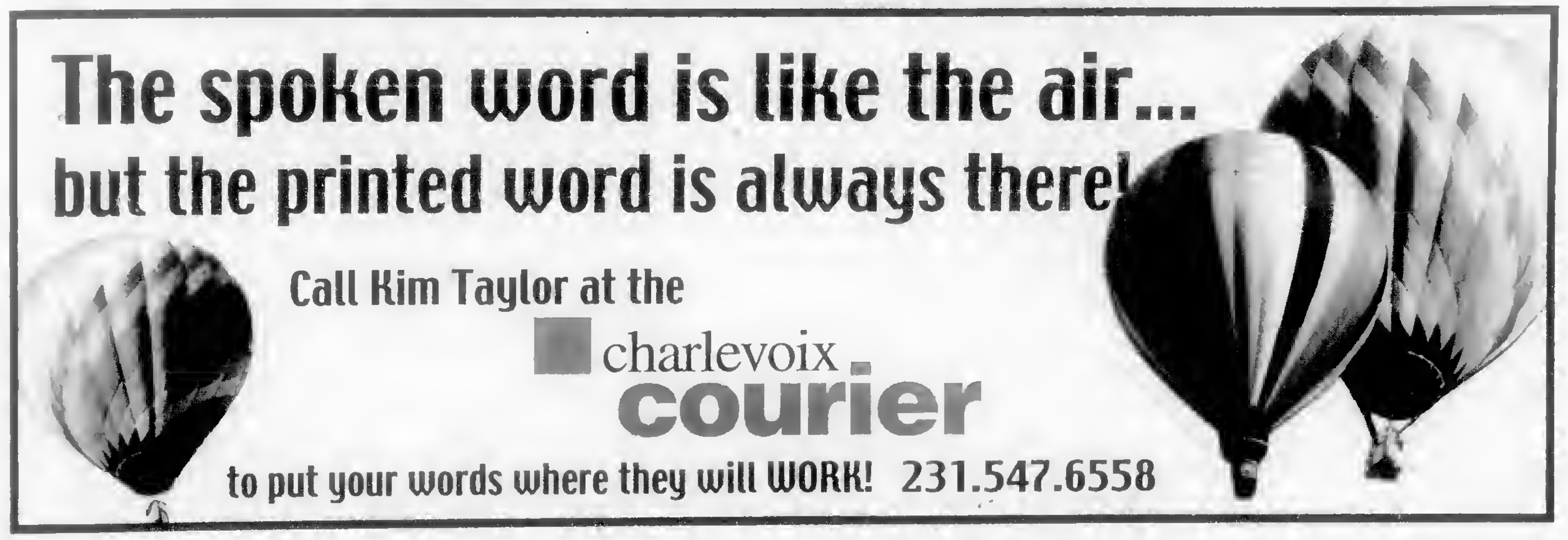
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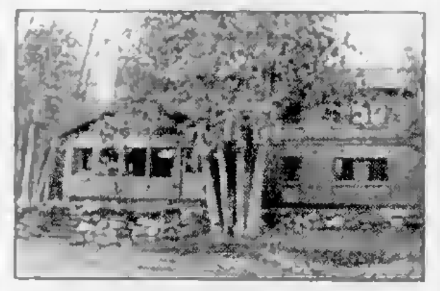

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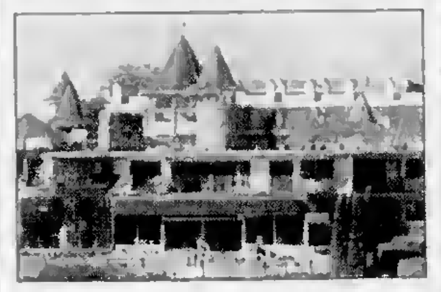

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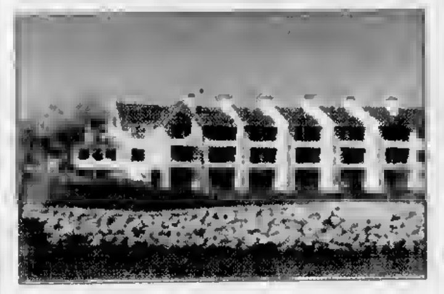

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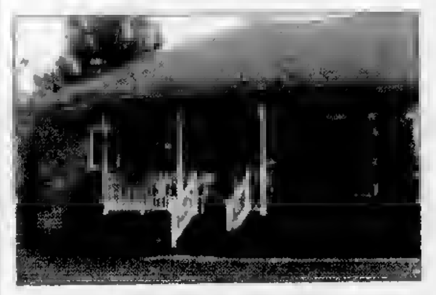

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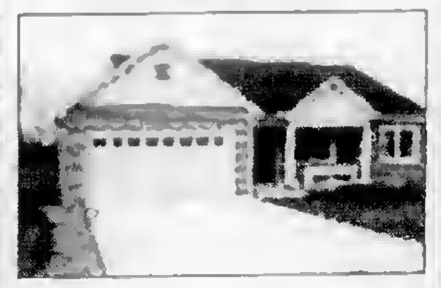

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Avoid, treat heat exhaustion

Sue Bergmann

The elderly are at greater risk for dehydration and heat stress during activity and summer heat. Older adults are at a higher risk for heat-related illnesses. Existing conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity can increase their risk. Certain prescription medication may alter the normal body's response to heat.

When body temperatures rise even slightly, and dehydration ensues, individuals may experience warning signs such as muscle cramps, lightheadedness, confusion, agitation, thirst, dry skin, dry mouth and mucous membranes, heavy sweating, paleness, shortness of breath, fainting, nausea or vomiting, increased pulse, fatigue or lethargy and increased body temperature. Dehydration soon follows with increasing symptoms of heat cramps, heat exhaustion and most severe heat stroke, which can be life threatening and require immediate emergency medical attention.

According to State of Michigan's Offices of Services to the Aging, seniors who live alone and in older homes without air-conditioning are at greatest risk. It is very important to check on your neighbors and family members to ensure their safety and help them stay cool and hydrated. Take them ice, cold drinks, fans. If they can get out easily, take them to an air-conditioned building, shopping center, library or senior center.

High temperatures can place abnormal stress on a person's body as summer progresses and temperatures rise. There are ways to prevent serious heat related illnesses. Symptoms can occur over a few days or sudden onset with strenuous activity. Prevention of heat stress is important to protect yourself from serious heat exhaustion or heat stroke, they include:

AVOID HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Drink plenty of non-alcoholic, decaffeinated beverages (they can cause dehydration). Avoid extremely cold drinks that can cause cramps. Drink even when you are not thirsty.
- Wear lightweight clothing that allows good air circulation.
- Limit strenuous physical activity, especially in the heat of the day, between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., exercise or work outside in the early morning or early evening.
- If you are outside, seek a shaded area.
- Seek an air conditioned environment, If you get overheated, take a cool shower, or cool rags around your neck.

TREATING HEAT EXHAUSTION

If you do develop symptoms of early heat exhaustion or stroke, Here is what to do:

- Call 911, seek immediate attention
- Get to a shaded area, lie down feet elevated, remove excess clothing and cool down.
- Cool the person as quickly as possible, immerse in a tub of cool water, or shower, spray person with cool water from a hose, sponge with cool water and fan vigorously to cool.
- "If conscious offer drinks in small amounts at frequent intervals.
- Monitor body temperature and continue cooling until temp drops.

Don't forget to check on your elderly neighbors, friends and family members and protect and prevent yourselves from developing symptoms of heat stress, exhaustion and stroke.

Sue Bergmann RN, BSN is the director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. She can be contacted by calling (231) 237-0103.

Hey Jane!

Hey Jane!

My grandson is a sophomore in college and ran up $10,000 worth of debt on credit cards that were sent to him unsolicited in the mail. As a full-time student he can't make payment on these debts. Parents are furious and are saying to him it is your debt so you pay, even if it means dropping out of college to get a job. Here comes nana! Nana says, "I have the money to pay this debt and will do so as my grandson has learned his lesson and dropping out of college is too drastic a measure."

Nana

Dear Nana: A very important part of your decision should be keeping the faith with your son. You have already had your turn at parenting and, hard as it is, your best bet is to support your son and his wife in their parenting. You risk long lasting hard and hurt feelings plus you absolutely do not have a guarantee that your grandson has learned his lesson. As I understand it, he used five different cards over a period of six months and not many people would call that impulsive. Trust that your son can handle his family. As extravagant as it may seem you could save that money and present it as a present when he has a college diploma. Make the best choice for the longterm.

Jane

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2:00-10:00 p.m. (dollar rides)

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- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Craft Tent Keepsake
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Giant Inflatables Fun*
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mongo The Mechanical Bull*
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pony Rides* (two rings)
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Rayder Jump House

For additional information, go to Venetian merchandise booth.
* Please note that due to our limited time frame, we cannot guarantee that each child will be able to participate in all events or rides.
Carnival opens at 2:00, each ride only $1

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Just GOLDEN

senior activity calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 25 AUG. 1, 8

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 26, 31 AUG. 2, 9

Blood drive Charlevoix Community Reformed Church will host a drive from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 19. The church is located at U.S. 31 North and Meech Street in Charlevoix.

Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.

Computers 10 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Movies on Thursdays all day, Cinema III

Pinochle 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 27 AUG. 3, 10

Senior services surveys due The senior services assessment survey mailed to Charlevoix County residents should be returned by July 27. Call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging for more information. Call (231) 237-0103.

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 28

Bay View Music Festival concert At 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 at Charlevoix's First Congregational Church, the talented students of the Bay View Music Festival will perform a free concert, open to the general public.

Alumni reunion The Charlevoix High School Alumni Association will host an all school reunion from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 at Charlevoix Public Library. All alumni are invited to stop and see former classmates.

MONDAY, JULY 23, 30 AUG. 6, 13

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Senior Project Fresh 12:45 p.m.

Woodcarving 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 31 AUG. 7, 14

Acrylic painting 9:30 a.m.

Crafts 9:30 a.m.

Computers 10 a.m.

Potato Peelers 9:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Ladies' Cards 7 p.m.

All events listed above take place at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (231) 547-5361.

Courtesy photo

Picnic party

About 500 Charlevoix County senior citizens, their families and friends attended the county-wide senior picnic, July 11 at Harvest Barn Word of Life Church in East Jordan. The picnic featured chicken barbecue with all the fixings cooked by volunteers from Rotary International of Charlevoix County, music was provided by Bill Stevens and his group. Numerous volunteers and staff served the seniors with smiles during the picnic including Charlevoix County Sherriff George Lasater. (Above) Ella Ingalls, a 90-year-old Pine River Place resident, was one of the attendees.

77th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival in association with Castle Farms proudly presents the Venetian Kickoff
Tuesday, July 24
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5:30pm
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7:30pm
Super Kicker Rodeo
9:00pm
Shannon Lee returns
10:00pm
Gates Close

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BUSINESS What's new?

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Andy's Deli expands into downtown

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Andy's Deli, known among locals for its enormous, custom-made deli sandwiches and classic American fare, has debuted in downtown Charlevoix under the name Andy's Downtown Deli and Grill, at 216 Bridge,St.

It is now one of two locations where customers can choose from two menus — one offering favorites such as hamburgers and grilled cheese — the other, deli sandwiches.

"A lot of people came into our location on Garfield and said they never knew we were there," said co-owner Mary Ramsey. "We needed more exposure."

So, she said, they decided to open a downtown location.

Both delis are owned by two brothers and their wives. They are Keith Ramsey and his wife, Mary, and Gary Ramsey and his wife, Marge. They are four former grocers who, Ramsey said, aim to serve the common person with quality, common food.

"Not gourmet, not fancy," she said.

They adopted the name 'Andy' from the previous owner of the Garfield location.

"Andy Essenburg is the gentleman we bought the store from," Ramsey said.

She said since opening the downtown location, tourists are gravitating toward the menu of burgers and fried food rather than the deli menu, which is more popular at the Garfield location.

"People always fall back on the burger or the fried food," Ramsey said. "It's about getting them to try the sandwich."

None of their deli sandwiches are pre-made. Instead the deli menu, printed on a pad of paper, also serves as an ordering ticket. Customers circle the type of bread, meat, cheese, condiments and vegetables they want and a sandwich is created based on their tastes.

Andy's deli sandwiches start with the bread- square-shaped bun-style bread that is wider than the palm of your hand and very thick.

Business name? Andy's Downtown Deli and Grill

Location? 216 Bridge St.

Hours of operation? Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Phone number? (231) 547-9530

Meat, cheese and vegetable portions are proportioned to the size of the bread. Ramsey said that they haven't figured out how to make a smaller sandwich that's just as tasty.

"When we came up with our ratio of meat to bread, we could not come up with a different ratio to make it taste as good," Ramsey said.

She said they ensure a moist, fresh sandwich every time with bread that is baked daily at the Garfield location and deli meats that are sliced when ordered. And, this attention to detail does not mean a long wait.

"We have a hustle mentality," Ramsey said. "we know that people have a half hour for lunch, and if they have to wait 20 minutes for a sandwich, they won't come back."

"When we train our employees, we tell them we take pride in being faster than fast food," Ramsey said.

She said they thought about delivery but decided against it.

"When you look at gas prices nowadays, it just isn't feasible to have delivery." she said.

Andy's Downtown Deli and Grill is open Monday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Photo by Stefanie Carano

Mary Ramsey (right) and her daughter, Ariel, work the morning shift at the new Andy's Downtown Deli and Grill on 218 Bridge St.

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2007 Venetian Games

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Basketball (Pistons/ Shock Clinic)	Friday, July 27	Charlevoix Middle School Gym	Boys & Girls all ages; 2nd-5th grade: 10 a.m. Others: 11:30 a.m.	Pre-register ($15) at Venetian HQs, 547-3872; On-site registration ($20)	Amy Kurtz, 547-3872
Golf Adult Finals	Tuesday, July 24	Municipal Course	Senior, Men, Women, flights	Registration at Municipal course	Tom Bennett, 547-3268
Golf Youth Finals	Venetian Week	Country Club	Restricted to Junior Golf Program members		Dean Davenport, 547-6433
Road Race	Saturday, July 28	Mt. McSauba	10k, 5k, 1 mile, all ages	Rec Dept form	Ken & Mary Plude, 547-4873
Sailing Regatta	Wednesday, July 25	Lake Charlevoix	Many fleets	Rec Dept form	Rod Tinney, 536-3447
Soccer	Tuesday, July 24 (Finals - Wed., July 25)	Shanahan Field	Youth - men, women	Rec Dept form	Carol Madison, 348-3317
Swimming	Wednesday, July 25	Community Pool	All ages	Pre-register at pool, 547-0982	Al Gooch, 547-0982
Tennis Finals	Thursday, July 26	Straud Park Courts	Youth, women, men, co-ed, seniors	Rec Dept form	Karen Peters, 547-4368
Volleyball	Wednesday, July 25	Ferry Avenue	Six-player co-ed	On-site registration	Chris Seymour, 547-6513
Elite Volleyball	Saturday, July 28	Michigan Beach	Two or Four-person co-ed	Rec Dept form/on-site	Chris Seymour, 547-6513

*Changes may occur on-site due to weather and/or participation.

Kid's Day, Thursday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Michigan Beach - Games, music, activities, crafts, etc. For more information, call 547-3872.

BUSINESS What's new?

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Grandparents serve slices of their dream

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

A love of Charlevoix and a desire to be together inspired Tom and Pam Awrey to open their new G and Papa's Pizza at the Oleson's Plaza, 108 Antrim St.

Tom Awrey has been coming to Charlevoix since he was a child and said that he and Pam always wanted to come and work in northern Michigan.

"We've always wanted to come to the north country and live and work together," Tom said. "We like the food business."

After Tom worked for years at his family's business, the Livonia-based Awrey's Bakery, and Pam at Curves in South Lyon, the two decided to start a pizza parlor with the help of their son-in-law, who owns the southwestern Michigan pizza chain, Saylon's.

"They agreed to help us get started with training, supplies and equipment rather than starting from scratch," Tom said.

Tom describes their pizza as "an American version of Greek pizza," a one-crust pizza with toppings placed under the cheese. Its dough is made from scratch.

"I think we have a superior product at a valued price," Tom said.

In addition to their Greek-style pie, G and Papa's offers roasted submarine sandwiches, salads and dinners featuring fish, shrimp, spaghetti and lasagna.

The Awrey's business name came from their seven-year old grandson, Alec, who calls Pam "G" and Tom "Papa."

The couple decided on their location in the Oleson's plaza because of its large storefront windows that offer a generous view of the kitchen and now, Pam said she thinks it makes it fun to watch.

"With an open kitchen, everyone can see what we're doing, so we're going to have a clean operation," Tom said.

As business owners, the Awreys intend to get involved in the community as much as possible.

"We want to get involved in education, band boosters," Tom said.

"And doing petunias," Pam added.

Tom said they also intend to become members of the Chamber of Commerce and already enjoy being part of Charlevoix's business community.

"Being new, we've been amazed at the friendliness," Tom said. "Everyone's cheered us on, everyone's been very positive."

G and Papa's Pizza is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

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Owners Tom and Pam Awrey and Assistant Manager Matt Smith (right) at the new G and Papa's Pizza at 108 Antrim St.

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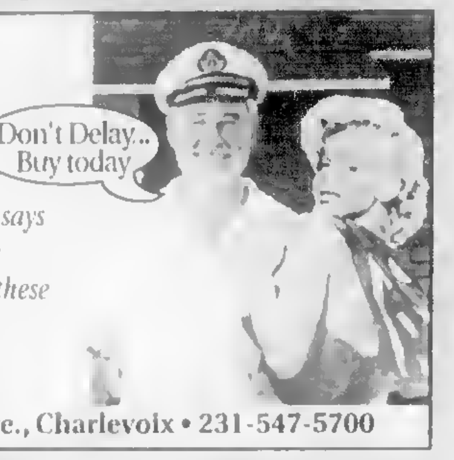

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Moxie wins Yacht Club race with fast finish

On July 11 Charlevoix Yacht Club competitors raced a full course of seven windward-leeward legs in moderate winds.

The race was the second for the summer series, as there was no race on July 4. The Spinnaker B fleet was small in size due to preparation for the Chicago to Mackinaw, which started this past weekend. Only 16 seconds separated the first two boats of the Spinnaker A fleet and Moxie, of the Spinnaker B fleet, was the fastest boat overall. Race results provided by Mike Miller and Keith Attee, committee chairs.

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for July 11 are:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 – Sonnett (Lepman); 2 – Exitus (Pung); 3 – Opus (Hansen).

P-26 fleet: 1 – Tireless (Carland); 2 – Cygnus (Stewart); 3 – Original Sin (Miller); 4 – Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 5 – Apothecary (Ochs).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 – Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2 – Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 3 – Paleface Lite (Grove); 4 – Suzie Q (Kelly); 5 – Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 6 – Fairret (Seymour); 7 – M3; DNF – Incognito (Fisher).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 – Moxie (Jensen); 2 – Affinity (Strawbridge); 3 – Itch (Thomas).

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Racing Profile

Boat name: Affinity

Design: Melges 24

Year with CYC: Third

History: Dave has been involved in CYC racing for 32 years.

Crew: Dave Strawbridge (skipper), Deb Foerster, Andy Allen, John Wagner, Theresa Gagnon

Word from the skipper: "The Melges 24 is a great boat, light, very fast, fun to sail. We've not yet begun to fight. We have won a lot over the years and lost some also. The real fun part is just being there come rain or shine."

Life, athletic skills taught at sports camp

"Beyond the Gold Mega Sports Camp" will be held nightly at Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, Aug. 6–9.

Charlevoix Assembly of God Church Christian education director Angie Way said at the camp kids entering Kindergarten through sixth-grade will find an opportunity to learn more about sports while discovering character-building concepts and having fun.

At "Beyond the Gold Mega Sports Camp," kids can choose between basketball, soccer and cheerleading.

"It doesn't matter if they've played all their lives, or just started yesterday, Mega Sports Camp helps kids improve their skills," Way said.

Drills and practice games will get kids focused on the fundamentals that make athletes great. Plus, Mega Sports Camp creates a positive and encouraging environment that pumps up their confidence and self-esteem.

In between sports sessions, coaches tell stories and do object lessons that carry character-building themes.

There is no cost for Mega Sports Camp. All adult workers/coaches at Mega Sports Camp have met the church's child protection screening policy. Staff includes certified First Aid/CPR worker(s).

Charlevoix Assembly of God is located at 05291 M-66 North, just north of Castle Farms. Camp will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 6–9. To register, call (231) 547-6430. Walk-in registration will take place at 5:30 p.m. each evening of Mega Sports Camp. A parent/guardian must accompany children for registration, as parental waivers are required.

Boss, Flight Deck win big in slo-pitch play

Men's rec league softball teams continued their season on July 5 and 9.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch July 5 games, Boss Engineering beat Art Form Fabricating/Frontier Classic 16–8. For Boss, Scott Boss had a double and a triple. Neil Friske had two doubles and Jake Teuscher had a triple.

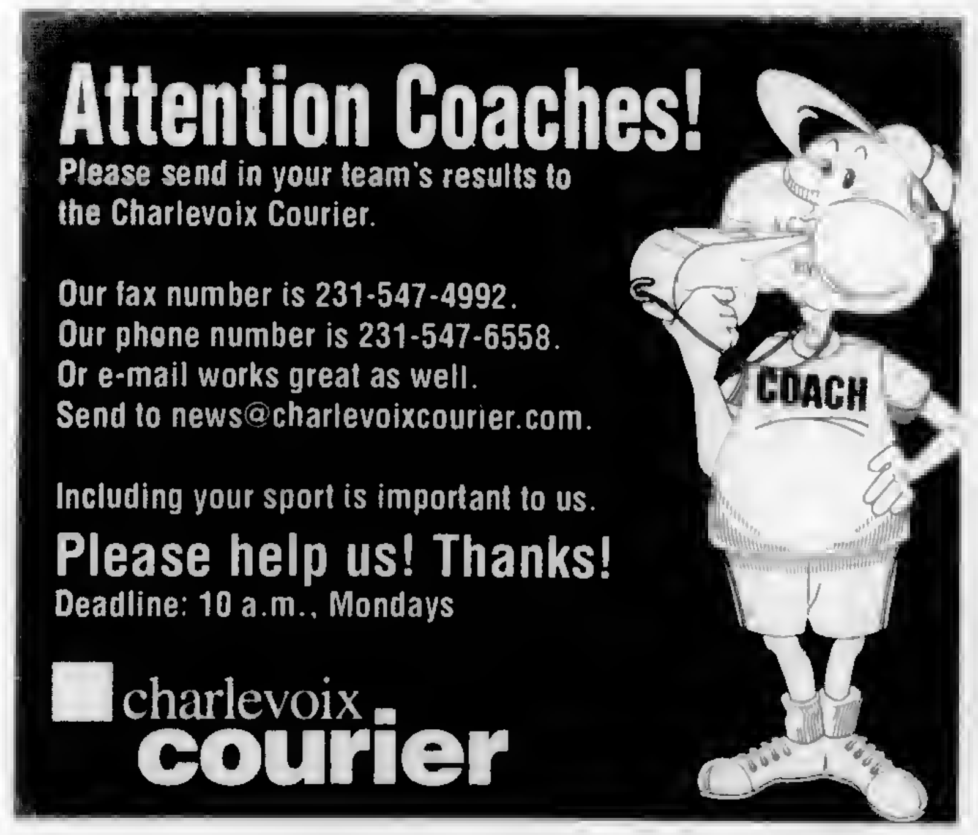
In game two, Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Carlson's Home Improvements 15-14. For Swanson's, Brent VanStedem had a triple. For Carlson's, Dave MacKenzie and Jody Puttman each had a home run.

In game three, RGM Services beat Flight Deck/American Waste 9-8. For RGM, RJ Moore had a triple and Eddie Waldron had an in the park home run, an over the fence home run and a triple. For Flight Deck, Roger Pittman had a triple and Bob Williams and Nick Cole each had a home run.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch July 9 games, Flight Deck/American Waste beat Carlson's Home Improvements 19-7. For Flight Deck, Bob Williams went five for five with a home run. For Carlson's, Dave MacKenzie had a home run.

In game two, Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat Wojan Windows 23-3. For Swanson's, Brent VanStedem had a home run.

In game three, RGM Services beat Subway/Charlevoix Collision 11–5. For RGM, Eddie Waldron had a double and a triple and Bo Moore had a triple. For Subway, James Thomas had a double and a triple.



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SPORTS reviewing the action

Charlevoix public pool 10 year anniversary celebration

"Ten Years and Growing Stronger" is the theme for the 10th anniversary celebration of the opening of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Thursday, July 19.

THE CELEBRATION

The staff and board of directors have planned special events that day to showcase how the pool has served the public over the last decade.

The public is invited to use the pool that day at no charge and tours will be available for those who don't want to swim but wish to see and learn more about the pool facilities and its programs. The staff will serve hot dogs and a light meal from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. free to visitors.

EVENT SCHEDULE

The schedule for Thursday, July 19 in which the public can join in activities for free is as follows:

- Lap swimming 6 to 8 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. (two lanes).
- Open Swimming for all ages 3 to 5 p.m. (with the inflatable tanker) and 6 to 8 p.m., OYO (on your own) for adults only from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. (two lanes) and Aqua Exercise class from 8 to 9 a.m. The public can observe Red Cross Swim Lessons from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

THE HISTORY

Nearly 50 years ago the late Ralph Hamilton, a member of the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club envisioned and promoted an indoor pool for Charlevoix. The Friends of the Pool's many volunteers, spearheaded by Bruce and Barbara MacArthur made the pool a reality in 1997.

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool was one of only a few pools in the country built and operated without public funding. In 2005, the pool went to the public and passed a Recreational Authority Millage for the City of Charlevoix, Hayes Township and Charlevoix Township. These funds help keep the fees reasonable to the users, including offering dollar nites (four nights a week); non district users pay $1.50. The millage has also allowed the pool to put aside $35,000 a year in a contingency fund. This fund was used this past winter to replace the aging ventilation system at $110,000.

To date over 325,000 swimmers from Charlevoix and the surrounding area have used the pool.

THE BUDGET

The pool's budget for 2007 is $427,000. Of that $177,000 comes from the Recreational Authority, $80,000 from the annual pool auction, $50,000 from donations/other fundraising and $120,000 from fees and charges.

Anyone purchasing a pass or signing up for a class the week of July 16 will receive a 10 percent discount.

For more information about the Charlevoix Area Community Pool programs, call (231) 547-0982 or visit www.charpool.org.

What? "Ten Years and Growing Stronger" is the theme for the 10th anniversary celebration of the opening of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool.

When? Thursday, July 19

Where? 11905 U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix.

Masonic Lodge hosts benefit golf tourney

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge will host a College Fund Benefit Golf Outing at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 21 at the Antrim Dells Golf Course on U.S. 31 in Atwood, just 12 miles south of Charlevoix.

The cost is $90 per golfer or $320 per team. The fee includes a golf cart, dinner, awards and prizes.

The first place prize is round-trip airfare to Beaver Island for four. The second place prize is half day fishing with Ward Brothers. The third place prize is $200 cash. Prizes will also be awarded to 50/50 raffle winners and for the golfer who lands a shot closest to the hole. Other door prizes and a silent sports memorabilia auction will be offered.

Registration forms are available at the Charlevoix Masonic Lodge located next to Subway on Mason Street.

For more information, call (231) 547-6755.

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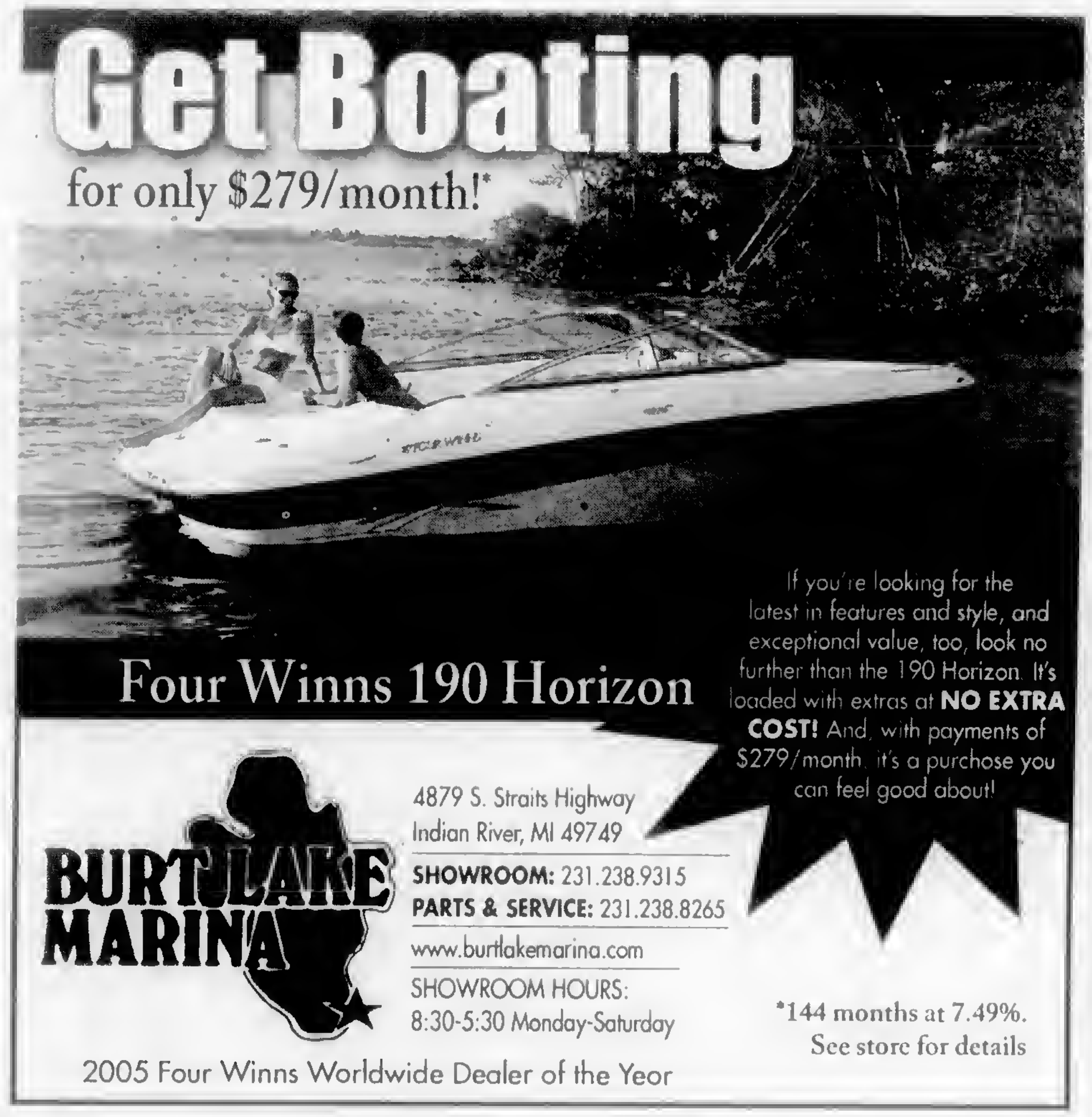

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please bring your own quart boxes
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Raspberry Farm
From East Jordan
take M-66 south to Rogers Rd.
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547-4350
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Friday

0690 SERVICES

AFFORDABLE STONEWORKS of Charlevoix. Fireplaces, chimneys, retainer walls and decorative landscaping. Call (231)437-0159.

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0760 SPECIAL NOTICES

INSURANCE

CHARLEVOIX AGENCY INC.
Locally owned and operated,
A+ Companies, A+ Service
(231)547-4441

PRIVATE PARTY can help you sell your mortgage or trust deed. Call 231-350-3509 or 231-350-1233.

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

AUTO/TRUCK BODY technician needed. Minimum of 2 years experience. Must have tools, dependable transportation and ready to work. Good pay with benefits. Fax resume to (989)732-4555 or apply at Truck Collision Services, 1796 O'Rourke Boulevard, Gaylord.

New Today!
CHEE PENG of Charlevoix is looking for waitress/waiters. Will train the right person. (231)547-6060.

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0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

New Today!
CHEF, PREP cooks, line cooks, waitstaff. Now hiring for all positions. Pick up applications at Alcove Cafe', 103 Park Ave., Charlevoix.

Education

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR
Full-time, please send resume along with credentials to: 270 Creekside Dr. Petoskey, or Fax (231)347-6349.

General

SIGN SHOP
Vinyl graphics. New local shop. Experience with Gerber Omega software. Good customer service. Part-time, possibility of full-time. (989)786-7382.

Healthcare

ABOVE & BEYOND HOME CARE INC.
Hiring live-in Companions, Companion Aides, CNA's and Homemakers. Call (231)533-8958.

Healthcare

DIRECT CARE STAFF
Needed to work in Adult Foster Care homes in Boyne City. Training provided and afternoon and midnight shifts are available for full or part-time. GREAT BENEFITS! Apply in person at; 2525 Center Street Boyne Falls.

Restaurant

LUMBERJACK GRILL
Waitstaff and cook, full or part-time. Must be able to work weekends. Apply in person at 101 Main St., East Jordan.

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

New Today!
General

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Apprentice Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. The City of Charlevoix has a full-time position opening for a Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant Apprentice. The applicant must be a high school graduate or have a G.E.D. equivalent and a Michigan Driver's License. If the applicant does not have one or both licenses, an "F-4" Water license and/or "D" wastewater license, the employee shall obtain the State of Michigan "F-4" water license and the "D" wastewater license by taking and passing the first available state license exams after State requirements are met. The employee must complete correspondence courses, CSU "Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants" Volume I and II and "Water Treatment Plant Operation" Volume I and Volume II, each with a minimum passing grade of "C," within twelve (12) months from the date of hire after State requirements are met. The position requires prompt and regular attendance and the ability to work without direct supervision. The Operator may be scheduled "on-call" for consecutive 24-hour periods. Contact the City Manager's Office at (231)547-3270 for more information and a complete list of job duties. Submit application to the City Manager's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 by July 26, 2007. An application and background waiver are available at www.cityofcharlevoix.org EOE.

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

New Today!
Healthcare

CERTIFIED NA'S
Grandvue, Charlevoix County's Medical Care Facility, is looking for Certified Nurse Aides who are committed to resident centered care. Full and part-time positions available. Our extensive benefit package includes shift differentials for afternoon and midnight positions; and health, dental, vision and life insurance are available for full-time staff. If you are looking for a position that will challenge your abilities, encourage personal growth, and allow you to build relationships with residents, families, and team members, please apply at 1728 South Peninsula Road, East Jordan; or call Jane Korthase (231)536-2286 with questions.

Healthcare

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Part-time experience preferred but will train. Send resume to Dr. Glenn Paramo, 205 Ferry Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720. Fax: (231)237-0170.

Sales

SALES ASSOCIATE
Seeking individual for weekend condominium sales hours. Sales and or Real Estate Sales preferable. Please fax resume to; (231)582-0610.

NORTHPOINTE MOTORS *Home of INSTANT CAR CREDIT*

SALES PROFESSIONAL WANTED

Northpointe Motors, Home of Instant Car Credit. We are growing and in search of Automotive Sales Professionals to join our Charlevoix sales force. Salary plus commission. If you are motivated and have the drive to make your own paycheck, this is the opportunity for you! No experience necessary, will train the right individual.

Please send resume to
CX Sales, PO Box 146
Acme, MI 49610 or email:
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Trades

A LOCAL technology company is accepting applications for an installer/tech position. Applicants must have excellent computer skills and experience in cabling and networking. A valid drivers license is required. Send Resume to: File No. 426, c/o Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

0870 PART-TIME HELP WANTED

NEEDED HARD WORKER to do odd jobs, in Charlevoix. $10 per hour call toll free 877-326-3772.

0890 SITUATION WANTED

LIVE-IN PROPERTY MANAGER
Beautiful 5 unit apartment building downtown Charlevoix. All units are completely furnished. Please call (415)595-6251.

1000 GARAGE SALES

CHARLEVOIX: 12705 US 31-North, Saturday Only, July 21st, 9 till it's gone! Must empty storage unit and much of household. Tools and industrial sewing machine to name a few.

CHARLEVOIX: 202 May St. Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21 from 8 am to 4 pm. Household items, deer rifle, many treasures, something for everyone!!!

1340 MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

4X8 ELECTRIC hydraulic dump trailer with brakes. $1,400. (231)548-5191.

AMAZING ASH One of the most durable flooring choices, 3-1/4", 4-1/4" unfinished Natural Ash for $1.99 sq. ft. Call Northern Michigan Hardwoods (888)629-5120.

DESERT SAND OAK 3" pre-finished Natural White Oak flooring for $3.99 sq. ft. 3" Golden Oak also $3.99 sq. ft. More choices also on sale. Call Northern Michigan Hardwoods (888)629-5120.

HONDA EU 3000 generator, $1,500. Reese 15K slider fifth wheel hitch, $450. Hoyt Hovach bow, $400. (231)599-3303.

HOT TUB large, 7-person, L.A. Spa. $1,600. (989)731-6106.

MARLEE BROWN acrylic paining, 24X28" framed, View of Bay. Value $3,500. Sell for $3,049. See on ebay under Marlee Brown. (231)348-0740 or (760)774-5085.

MORTAR MIXER double batch, 7 complete sets Bil-Jax. 4' scaffolding plus planks. Mud tub. All in good shape. $2,000. (989)732-7422.

1340 MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

SNAP-ON TOOLBOX large, nice, RCR racing edition, retails, $5,500, will take $3,500. Snap-On tools, retail for $3,500, will take $2,500. Both for $5,500. (231)439-5558 or 675-6719.

1350 SUPER SAVERS ITEMS UNDER $1000

TELEVISION, SONY 19" color. $65. (231)547-4222.

TRACTOR TIRES radial, 16.9R30. 50% life. $500 or best offfer. (231)546-3856.

1390 LAWN & GARDEN

JOHN DEERE tractor, 4310 mid-size, 35 hp, with 6' loader, box scraper, York rake, roller, 5' brush hog and 6' finish mower. $14,000. Call Gar, (231)582-2342 or (231)330-3966.

LANDSCAPE MULCH Bring your truck and get landscape mulch at $13 per yard. Available on Saturdays, 10 to 2. Northern Michigan Hardwoods (888)629-5120.

1570 LOTS & ACREAGE

PINE POINT ~ CHARLEVOIX
3 Lots on Western Avenue.
50' x 125', wooded.
Walk to Lake Charlevoix beach.
All utilities available.
$29,500 each. π
(231)547-4344.

BURGESS ROAD ACREAGE
9.2 acres near water and golf. Reduced to $47,000. Call Nancy at Greenway (231)632-1730.

CHARLEVOIX 2 lots sold together, special location. Wooded lots, over 3/4 of an acre! Close to Lake Michigan and downtown. Water and sewer. Split with right offer. Land contract available. $40,000. Get more details at: fsbomichigan.com. Garfield lots, #85 and 76. (231)675-0605.

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PREMIUM HOMESITE Lake Michigan views. Aproximatley 1 acre. For sale by owner. (231) 218-0914.

New Today!
PREMIUM VIEW homesite. 1.4 acres with pond. For sale by owner. (231)218-0914.

RARE FINDI 20+ acres, City of Boyne, great development potential. Call (231)582-2358, leave message.

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1600 HOMES FOR SALE

CHARLEVOIX

Spacious, well maintained, Mobile Home on quiet, lower level of park with private beach on Lake Charlevoix. Quality built 1984, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, large kitchen and living room with deck. $18,500. Cash only, No land contract. Call (313)582-1898.

CHARLEVOIX 4 bedroom, 2-1/2 bath house, large fenced-in back yard. Attached garage. $150,000. (231)675-2218 leave message.

PRICE REDUCED to sell. 3 Bedrooms. 2 baths. 2106 Hickorywood Drive, Krystal Meadows. Basement roughed in. $129,900 (616) 566-2923.

1610 LAKE HOMES & FRONTAGE

100' BUILDABLE water-frontage in Sault Ste Marie's Lakeshore subdivision. One of the last buildable lots left on Lakeshore Drive! Existing breakwall, patio, stone walkway, existing electricity, city water available, storage building. $150,000. (906)440-6100.

CLOSE TO Charlevoix, beautiful waterfront lot at Adams Lake Preserve. Area of fine homes, reduced $69,900 by owner. 231-933-1546.

1630 RESORT & VACATION PROPERTY

COSTA RICA San Jose, 3 bedroom, completely furnished year-round home. 2 car garage, $89,000. (586)731-5255.

INLAND HOUSE Lakefront on Crooked Lake. Furnished, air, 2 baths, fireplace, dock. Priced below market at $125,000. (303)618-5706.

1650 CONDOMINIUMS FOR SALE

RESORT CONDO AUCTION

Petoskey, MI

Saturday Aug. 4 11 AM

2 partially completed new condos will be sold at public auction in Petoskey, MI. Beautiful views of the Bay!! Call Miedema Auctioneering at 1-800lastbid for a pictured brochure.

MIEDEMA AUCTIONEERING & APPRAISALS, INC.

1660 CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT

PETOSKEY 2 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath condo for sale. $110,000. Or lease $800 a month. Close to shopping. (906)361-8812 or (906)360-0971.

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1680 BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT

BOYNE CITY downtown office/retail, high traffic, plenty of parking, 560 sq. ft., separate entrance. $750. (231)582-5093.

CHARLEVOIX, LUXURY Office Suite facing Round Lake for rent. $2,000 NNN per month. Call Aila at (231)547-7916.

CHARLEVOIX

COMMERCIAL space, north side. 1,300 sq. ft. $800 per month plus utilities. 12705 US-31 North. Call Bob Kern, REO (231)547-5100.

COMMERCIAL SPACES

1,797.90 Sq. Ft. and 1,575.86 Sq. Ft. downtown Charlevoix. Call Arch Wright at (231)582-6724 or Aila (231)547-7916.

1690 APARTMENTS/ DUPLEXES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX

Downtown close to everything!
1 bedroom beautifully remodeled with off street parking.
$550 per month plus utilities.
(231)547-6715.

CHARLEVOIX 1 bedroom efficiency. $400 a month, plus electric, large back yard. References. No pets. (231)330-2374.

New Today!

EAST JORDAN 2 bedroom duplex. Washer, dryer hook-up. $550 plus utilities and security, very nice. (989)733-4308 or (989)306-0308.

EAST JORDAN 2 and 3 bedrooms, all appliances. 635 Nicholls. No pets. Starting at $500/plus. (231)675-1672.

1740 HOUSES FOR RENT

4 BEDROOM 2-1/2 bath, 2,700 sq. ft. home on Graham Road (across from Crooked Lake). Possible lease/option. $1,500 plus utilities. (231)529-6131.

BOYNE CITY 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage. $725 per month. $800 security. Available August 1. Call Teresa at (231)582-0086.

CHARLEVOIX 1 bedroom house, close to downtown. No smoking, no pets. $475 monthly, security deposit, 1 year lease required. Call (231)547-0650, 8 to 4 or (231)675-7544, after 4 p.m.

ELLSWORTH COUNTRY HOME 1 bedroom, no pets. $300 plus utilities. (231)881-3528.

RENT A LOG HOME

On Lake Susan in Charlevoix. Weekend rate $1,000. Weekly rates available. Call (989)463-3937 and ask for Linda.

1740 STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

STORAGE UNITS

12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call (231)547-6445.

SELF STORAGE UNITS

50 to 1,000 sq. ft., drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, (231)547-5100.

STORAGE UNITS AVAILABLE. Call Charlevoix Mini Storage, 547-5838, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Thursdays.

1800 FARM EQUIPMENT

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Gruler's Farm Supply, 05475 US 31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

1810 LIVESTOCK & FEEDS

LARGE SELECTION of horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed. Gruler's Farm Supply, 05475 US 31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

MAINE-ANJOU BULLS (5) purebreds, for sale or rent, black, 1 and 2 year olds. (231)547-1246.

1830 PETS/PET SUPPLIES & FREE PETS

10 WEEK female Chihuahua, Tan. Veterinarian checked, shots. $450. (989)448-0161.

New Today!

CAIRN TERRIER puppies. Very cute! AKC. First vaccines. Starting at $400. (231)585-7187.

CAIRN TERRIER puppy. Bred for temperament. Shots. Paper trained. Ready to go. $550. (231)676-3324.

GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPPIES

English Bred. Ultra light. $800. Check web at www.magnumkennel.com or (231)824-6777.

TINY AKC Yorkie puppies. Mature weight 3 pounds. Veterinarian checked. Call St. Ignace, (906)643-7726.

1910 AUTOS FOR SALE

1996 CADILLAC Fleetwood, 122,000 miles, leather, carriage top, super clean. $3,800. (231)548-5191.

1996 CADILLAC "Special Edition", black, cloth top, just over 44,000 miles, excellent condition. $6,800. (231)347-5421.

1997 FORD Mustang GT, 4.6 liter, V8, 5 speed, super charged, red. Many other performance parts. $5,700. (989)390-5927.

2004 MALIBU Classic, 98,000 miles (all highway), 28 mpg., 2.2 motor. $5,800 or best offer. (231)357-9120.

2004 SATURN ION, excellent condition, manual transmission, fully loaded, 65,000 miles. $7,950 or best. (231)675-9647.

2006 STRATUS SXT, 4 door, air, automatic, power window/locks, CD, 21,000 miles, 30 mpg. $8,900. Smoke-free (231)420-9958, cell.

1920 CLASSIC/SPECIALTY AUTOS

LOOKING TO BUY

Volkswagen Beetle or Carmengia. "Good Condition", body only! (231)547-4367, leave message.

PETOSKEY COLLECTOR CAR AND TRUCK SHOW

Saturday, August 11th, 2007 at Emmet/Charlevoix Fairgrounds. Professionally judged, 68 classes. 223 trophies and incredible prizes. For more information: (231)675-0965 or visit: www.joelshooks.com.

1930 PICKUPS/VANS & SUVS

1991 JEEP Woody Grand Wagoneer, Final Edition, green and tan. $5,000. (231)237-9636.

1998 GMC Jimmy, sunroof, loaded, nice shape, 115,000 miles. $4,500. (989)619-2644.

1930 PICKUPS/VANS & SUVS

1998 JEEP Cherokee Sport, 4x4, 117,000 miles, very clean, well maintained. $3,600. (989)732-4436.

2004 CHEVROLET Silverado, 4x4, 1/2 ton, crew cab, loaded, leather, DVD, etc. Sandstone with matching topper, bedliner, excellent condition. $22,500. (231)347-6706.

2000 MOTOR HOMES/FIFTH WHEELS & CAMPERS

1987 SUNVISTA Class A motor home with basement, generator, full winter cover, car dolly. Clean, furnished, ready to go! 454 GMC, 57,000 miles. $10,500. (231)582-6031, leave message.

1996 34' Damon motor home with slide out. Clean, very good condition, 4 chasis with 460 engine. 40,000 miles. Asking $15,000. (989)785-3273.

1997 27' Dutchmen Classic fifth wheel, $4,500. Fiberglass topper for short bed Chevrolet pickup, $300. (989)370-5125.

2000 COLEMAN

Mesa, 2 king beds, super clean, never used screen room. $4,400. (231)347-5615. 1005 Hazelton, Petoskey.

2001 JAYCO Quest 270C travel trailer, self-contained, many extras, slide-out, sleeps 6, excellent condition. $9,000 or best. (231)347-5180 after 6 or (231)838-7172.

2005 SPRINTER (Mercedes diesel, 22 mpg.), GW van conversion. Warranty. 29,000 miles, mint condition. $62,000 or best offer. (231)348-9789.

2010 MOTORCYCLES & ACCESSORIES

2002 HARLEY-DAVIDSON Ultra Classic. 25,000 miles. 2003 Bunkhouse trailer with electric brakes. Helmets, leathers, floor jack. $21,000/firm. (989)732-4803.

2020 SNOWMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

2004 ARCTIC Cat ZR900, extra clean, extra parts, toolbox, clothing. $3,700. Call Gar, (231)582-2342 or (231)330-3966.

2030 BOATS & MARINE EQUIPMENT

15' FIBERGLASS pleasure boat. Johnson 50 horsepower. Trailer. Low mileage. Excellent condition. (989)732-1821.

2000 LARSON open bow, 20', 52 hours, dual axle trailer, electric hoist with canopy. $19,500. 1(888)675-4699.

2005 MERCURY 8 hp., 4 stroke. Less than 4 hours use. 2 year warranty. Paid $2,000. Sell $1,650/best. (989)785-5994 or (989)619-1494.

24' CENTURY Arabian Cubby speed boat, 1995. MerCruiser 7.4 300 hp., I/O, low hours, mint condition. Always moored in boathouse. Sleeps 2, toilet and sink (never used). Stereo, red carpet and trim. Swim platform, power trim tabs. A BMW of boatsd. $24,900. (231)348-0747.

New Today!
BOAT AUCTION AUGUST 11

No luck selling, why not donate? Lake Charlevoix Mariners, a 501(c)(3) non-profit group needs your donation. Call Jeff Glenny (231)547-9967 for details.

2030 BOATS & MARINE EQUIPMENT

New Today!

BOAT RENTAL WANTED: I would like to rent your 16' to 25' power boat on Lake Charlevoix from June 29 to August 4. I have 30+ years boating experience, excellent references and will guarantee the boat is returned in as good, if not better, condition than received. Please respond via email pfdecker@comcast.net or phone (847)687-5410.

BOAT SLIP

30' at Northwest Marine, slip #25. Electric, swimming pool, showers and Laundry. $36,500. (231)547-9750.

INFLATABLE BOAT West Marine, Zodiac, 9', with Johnson 5 hp outboard motor, excellent condition. $2,000. (231)547-4470.

New Today!

PWC PACKAGE 1993 Yamaha, $500. 1997 Sea-Doo, $2,000. Or buy both for $2,250. Both run great. Walloon Lake (231)347-0924.

2050 RECREATION VEHICLES FOR SALE/RENT

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2090 BIDS WANTED

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton Street is accepting proposals for lawn and ground care, lawn treatment and snow removal to begin September 15, 2007. Proposals are available at the library circulation desk or www.charlevoixlibrary.org. Proposals will be accepted until August 15, 2007 at 12:30 p.m. at the library. Emailed or faxed copies will not be accepted. Inquiries call John McLean at (231)237-7364.

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
90TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT/ CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION, POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION CASE NO: 07-409-GC

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK,
a Michigan banking corporation

JOEL D. WURSTER (P48708)
Plaintiff's attorney
P.O. BOX 2450
PETOSKEY, MI 49770
(231)347-4988

V.

LOG AND LUMBER CONSTRUCTION, INC.;
JOHN H. OLSON CONSTRUCTION, LLC;
JOHN H. OLSON; AND LAURIE A. OLSON

TO: Lob and Lumber Construction, Inc.; John H. Olson Construction, Inc., John H. Olson; and Laurie A. Olson

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to recover money owing on a loan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before August 31, 2007. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Charlevoix Courier for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Dated: June 28, 2007

Hon. Richard W. May (P23180)
(L-07/11, 07/18, 07/25)

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

THE BANK OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN,
a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

Case No. 06-500-21-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

v.

JOHN S. HUNT and JUDITH C. HUNT, husband and wife,
Defendants.

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1. On May 25, 2007, the Honorable Richard M. Pajtas, Circuit Court Judge, entered a Default Judgment and Order for Sale in this matter in favor of Plaintiff The Bank of Northern Michigan. A copy of this judgment has been recorded beginning at Liber 804, Page 627, Charlevoix County Records.

2. As of the date of this notice, this judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Default Judgment and Order for Sale, on Friday, August 10, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to be held in the lobby of the County Clerk's Office in the Charlevoix County Building, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants John S. Hunt and Judith C. Hunt in and to the real property described as follows:

In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the West 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the West line of said section, as monumented North 00º49'08" West 199.64 feet (recorded as North 200.00 feet) to a T-iron stake, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line North 00°49'08" West 98.90 feet (recorded as North 99.20 feet) to a T-iron stake; thence North 68°09'10" East (recorded at an angle of 69°04' to the right from said 1/4 line) 305.05 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Westerly line of Highway M-66; thence along said highway line south 21°35'56" East 222.94 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence south 89°11'37" West 363.83 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH a Non-Exclusive Easement for Ingress and Egress to Lake Charlevoix with the privilege of using the same for boating and bathing purposes over and across a strip of land 25 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Easterly along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 530.8 feet; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 104°14'45" to the left from said 1/4 line 90.39 feet, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence Northeasterly at an angle of 84°27'35" to the right from the last described course to the shore of Lake Charlevoix, being the Point of Ending, and being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

3. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of this sale.

Dated: June 20, 2007

JANE E. BRANNON
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK

By: Sharon M. Selissen,
Deputy Clerk
(L-06/27, 07/03, 07/11, 07/18, 07/25, 08/01, 08/08)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 14th day of May, 2004, by Daniel McGillis, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on May 18, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 614, page 791, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY SIX AND 70/100 DOLLARS ($38,336.70) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, August 3, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Land situated in the Township of Eveline, Charlevoix County, Michigan, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: Commencing at an axle shaft at the Southeast corner of Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section North 00°06'22" East 1320.90 feet to a boat spike on the South 1/8th line of said Section; thence along said 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 1318.19 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the East 1/8th line of said section; thence continuing along said South 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 459.30 feet; thence North 00°13'06" East 435.60 feet to a 1/2" rod being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence South 89°32'31" West 200.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the West line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section; thence along the aforementioned line North 00°13'06" East 227.13 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said section; thence along the aforementioned line North 89°37'26" East 233.00 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 00°13'O6" West 226.79 feet to a 1/2" rod; thence South 89°32'31" West 33.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; all being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West.

PARCEL 2: A non-exclusive easement 66 feet in width for ingress, egress and installation, and maintenance of utilities both above and below ground, described as:

Commencing at an axle shaft at the Southeast corner of Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East line of said section North 00°06'22" East 1320.90 feet to a boat spike on the South 1/8th line of said section; thence along said 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 1318.19 feet to a 3/4" pipe on the East 1/8th line; thence continuing along said South 1/8th line South 89°32'31" West 459.30 feet; thence North 00°13'06" East 33.00 feet to a 1/2" rod on the North line of Mountain Road being the Point of Beginning of this description; thence continuing North 00°13'06" East 435.60 feet; thence North 89°32'31" East 66.00 feet; thence South 00°13'06" West 435.60 feet to the North line of said road; thence along said road line South 89°32'31" West 66.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; all being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 27, Township 33 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: June 18, 2007

Northwestern Mortgage Company
Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(L-06/27, 07/04, 07/11, 07/18)

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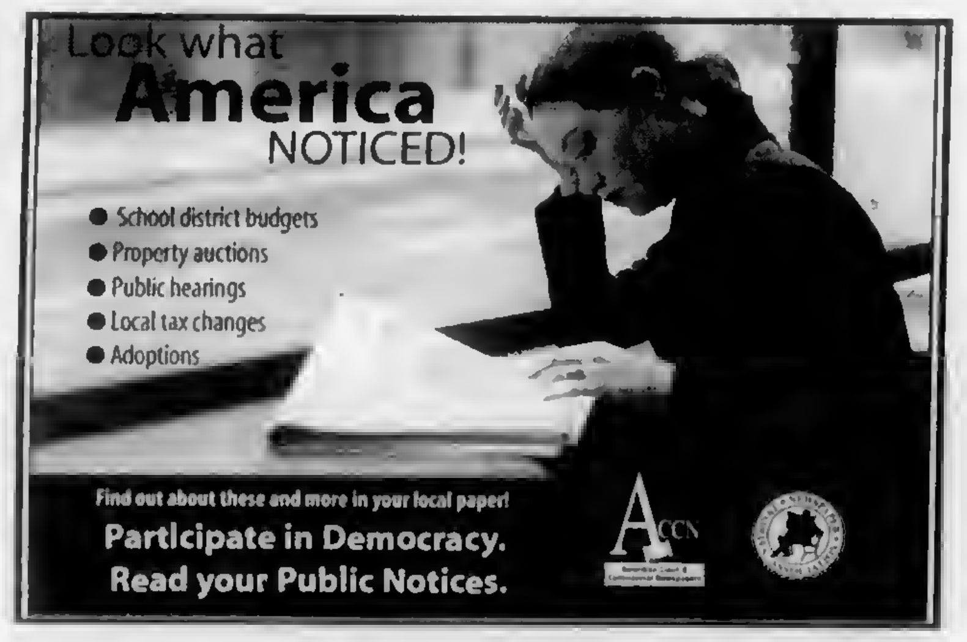
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of October, 2004, by Brian M. Lynch, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 26, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 645, page 470, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY ONE AND 83/100 DOLLARS ($255,641.83) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 24, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

PARCEL 1: The SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W. EXCEPT: The SW Corner square, being 296.63' by 296.63', of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W.

PARCEL 2: The N 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4, Sec 23, T32N, R4W. EXCEPT: Commencing at the center of Sec 23, T32N, R4W; thence S 100'; thence W 100'; thence N 100'; thence E 100' to the POB; being part of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W.

All located in Hudson Township, Charlevoix County, MI

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: July 13, 2007

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY

Mortgagee
CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(L-07/18, 07/25, 08/01, 08/08)

JUL 2007

Island hosts classical music festival

The sixth annual "Baroque on Beaver," a festival of classical music, will take place July 26-29 on Beaver Island.

Over 70 instrumental and vocal musicians from Michigan and other states will participate in this popular event, under the direction of Jason Economides, an instructor at Weslyan College in Macon, Ga., and Will Nichols, a music professor and director of choirs at Alma College, in Alma.

Four concerts are planned at various locations on the island. A chamber music concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, in the Central Michigan University Biological Station auditorium. It will be followed by a chamber concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 27 at the Beaver Island Christian Church. The full orchestra and chorus will perform works by Beethoven, J. S. Bach and Prokofiev at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 in the Holy Cross Church Hall. This performance will be repeated at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 29. All performances are free and open to the public.

Baroque on Beaver is sponsored by the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association and funded by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Wendling Foundation, the Hunting Foundation and the community of Beaver Island.

For more information, visit www.baroqueonbeaver.com. For information on travel and accommodations, call (231) 448-2505 or visit www.beaverisland.org.

Courtesy photo

The sixth annual "Baroque on Beaver," a festival of classical music, will take place July 26-29 on Beaver Island. Pictured above is a performance that took place last summer.

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Calling all band members: Join the Venetian jam

Any person who has played a band instrument in their high school or college bands is invited to march with the Charlevoix Rayder Marching Band in the Venetian Parade on July 28.

The band will meet at 9 a.m. July 28 in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School.

This alumni band is not just for Charlevoix alumni but anyone who would like to march. This is the fourth year the alumni band has assembled for the parade.

Those interested in playing are asked to call (231) 547-3234. Leave information about what instrument you play, whether or not you need an instrument provided, your name and phone number. If you need to practice the music, it will be available during Venetian week at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St.

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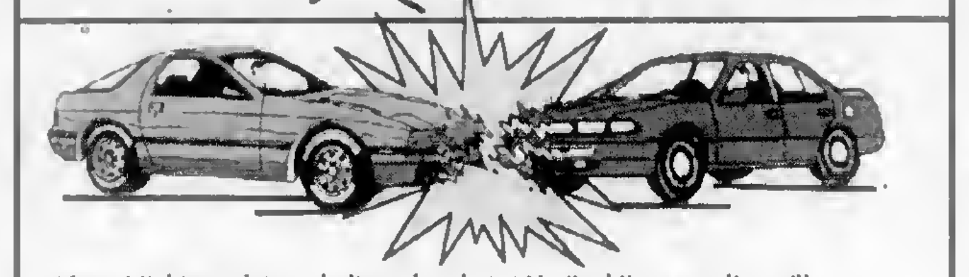

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JULY 20
6 pm Dinner w/Boaters, charity auction and live entertainment
7 pm Texas Hold'em at Dilworth Hotel
After Hours Pub Crawl in Downtown Boyne City

JULY 21
7-11 am Breakfast w/Boaters, open to public (Boyne Area Chamber of Commerce)
9:30 am Start Poker Run
10am-2 pm Antique Boat Show
10:30 am Water Ski Exhibition (A Must-See!)
Noon Chicken Lunch (Boyne City Fire Department Fund-raiser)
Noon-3 pm Thunder Rib Cook-off
Noon-4 pm Champagne Cruise on Lake Charlevoix
1-3 pm Children's Games
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Stop to smell the flowers

(Above) Maddie Shelton sniffs the daisies at this year's Garden Walk, hosted by the Charlevoix Area Garden Club on Wednesday, July 11. Over 500 people participated in this year's Garden Walk. (Below) Margaret Arnold (top) and David Austin pose in front of the fountain that was designed by Austin's company, Muddypaw, for the Charlevoix Area Garden Club's children's garden at the Charlevoix Public Libarary. The children's garden was open to the public during this year's Garden Walk.

Help SEE-North pay for potties

SEE-North's annual auction will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25 at the Center for Outdoor Studies

The occasion is the Fourth Annual Benefit Auction party for SEE-North, a non-profit organization that focuses on math, science and environmental education in local schools and communities.

The event offers food and beverages and live music by Peacemeal. After a silent auction there will be a free flight demonstration with Belfry, the resident barn owl. Then, Mike McElroy, board member and auctioneer extraordinaire, will get things going with the lively live auction. Auction items include a guided fungi field trip, a kayak cruise, an interpretative stargazing evening, a Greek dinner, a week's stay in a maison in France, a sheepdog herding demonstration and a wine taste-off. In celebration of the completion of the two handicap accessible bathrooms at SEE-North, this year's live auction also features, "The Parade of Seats" toilet seats decorated by local artists.

With the installation of the restrooms, the SEE-North Center for Outdoor Studies, located seven miles northwest of Harbor Springs is officially open this summer.

"The event is a fundraiser for us and it gives people a chance to see our facility," said Nan Hogan, SEE-North's Board President and auction coordinator. "We have a series of nature explorer and young birders day camp sessions for children scheduled. We're very excited to be able to offer a variety of education programs for all ages at the center."

Center for Outdoor Studies is also the permanent home for the birds of Northwings, SEE-North's live birds of prey program that focuses on public education and a place to observe and learn about hawks, eagles, falcons and owls that live in northern Michigan. Throughout the summer, bird programs are offered to the public on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Tickets for the event are $45 in advance, or $50 at the door and can be purchased by calling the SEE-North office at (231) 348-9700 or visiting the SEE-North Exploration Center at 220 Park St. in Petoskey's Pennsylvania Park.

Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Second Floor, One MacDonald Drive, Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

NCCMH is an equal opportunity employer/program. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon notification or request. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities.

This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

The Venetian Festival

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10:15 line up at the Middle School
11:00 Parade

Come early if you need more decorations!

The Rules

- All ages welcome.
- Children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult on the parade route.
- Helmets should be worn by all riders.
- Non-motorized vehicles only.

This year's bicycle parade sponsored by your
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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

JULY 18
JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 18 jazz trio Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans and Chris Ames will perform at Charlevoix Public Library located at 220 Clinton St.

JULY 19
BLOOD DRIVE

Charlevoix Community Reformed Church will host a drive from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, July 19. The church is located at U.S. 31 North and Meech Street in Charlevoix. During the month of July, all presenting donors can enter a drawing to win one of four $500 gas cards. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

For information call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.givelife.org.

JULY 19
FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Charlevoix Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 24.

JULY 19
CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority are co-sponsoring a summer concert series. At 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings the Charlevoix City Band will be featured. The Thursday night performance will feature the Petoskey Steel Drum Band at 8 p.m. on July 19. Both performances are in Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix.

JULY 19
CHARLEVOIX POOL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

"Ten Years and Growing Stronger" is the theme for the 10th anniversary celebration of the opening of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool, Thursday, July 19. The public is invited to use the pool that day at no charge and tours will be available for those who don't want to swim but wish to see and learn more about the pool facilities and its programs. The staff will serve hot dogs and a light meal from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. free to visitors. For more information about the Charlevoix Area Community Pool programs, call (231) 547-0982 or visit www.charpool.org.

JULY 20
HARRY POTTER PARTY

Charlevoix Public Library will host a "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" release party from 10 p.m. to midnight on Friday, July 20. This is a celebration of the release of Harry Potter book seven.

JULY 21
SINGLES FOR CHRIST

Singles for Christ of Zion Lutheran Church in Petoskey invites all singles 40 and over from all area churches to the group's monthly dinner, a potluck, at 7 p.m. on July 21 under the pavilion at Depot Beach in Charlevoix. Attendees are asked to bring table service, a beverage of choice and a dish to pass. To reserve a space, call (231) 347-5747.

JULY 21
MASONIC LODGE GOLF OUTING

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge will host a College Fund Benefit Golf Outing at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 21 at the Antrim Dells Golf Course on U.S. 31 in Atwood, just 12 miles south of Charlevoix.

The cost is $90 per golfer or $320 per team. The fee includes a golf cart, dinner, awards and prizes.

Registration forms are available at the Charlevoix Masonic Lodge located next to Subway on Mason Street.

For more information, call (231) 547-6755.

JULY 21
BAY VIEW MUSIC FESTIVAL

At 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 at Charlevoix's First Congregational Church, the talented students of the Bay View Music Festival will perform a free concert, open to the general public.

JULY 24
BOULDER PARK TERRACE VOLUNTEER MEETING

A Boulder Park Terrace volunteer meeting will take place at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24 at 14676 West Upright St. This is a planning session for the 15-Year Celebration to take place on Aug. 9. New volunteers are welcome. For more information, call (231) 547-5048.

JULY 24
SUMMER READING CLUB

Climb on the cool trucks and big machines that make our town go 'round at "Climb Aboard!" The Summer Reading Club program will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 24 and is open to Kindergarten through eighth-grade students.

JULY 28
REUNION

The Charlevoix High School Alumni Association will host an all school reunion from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 at Charlevoix Public Library. All alumni are invited to stop and see former classmates.

JULY 31
BABY-SITTING CLASS

Charlevoix County 4-H will be offering a certified Red Cross baby-sitting class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31 at the Jordan Valley District Library in East Jordan.

The baby-sitter's training course is open to those ages 11-14. The cost is $25. Class size is limited to 20. Registration materials are available through the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office in Boyne City.

For more information or to receive registration materials, contact the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 582-6232.

AUG. 19
HELEN OPEN

Donations and hole sponsorships are being accepted for the 2007 Helen Open. The event's steering committee and Hospice of Northwest Michigan are planning the seventh annual golfing event which is held in honor of Helen Weislik. Hole sponsorships are available in $50 and $100 increments.

This year's Helen Open will be on Sunday, Aug. 19 at the Charlevoix Municipal Course. Signs with donor names will again be printed and placed on the course, and every donor will be acknowledged in the printed program. Food will be available on tournament day for a donation of $10 per person. Tickets will be available in advance at the Townhouse. An auction will also be held.

For more information, contact Ron Weislik at (231) 547-6690 or Cheri Hoffman at (231) 547-4578.

SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark is open from 4-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 4-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Summer hours will begin June 9 and are from noon to 9 p.m. daily. Helmets are required. The park is supervised. The daily user fee is $3. A seven-day punch card is $15 and a season pass is $90. For more information, call the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department at 547-3253.

JUKEBOX

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Ave., 6 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday through Sunday John Perry — piano.

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., July 19 karaoke.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, July 20 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. July 18 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 20 and 21, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone; Doc Woodward 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., July 20 — jazz; Jeff Townsend 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. July 21 — accoustic jazz.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. July 20, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. July 20 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. July 21, TNT — rock.

Concerts in the park, Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix 8 p.m. July 19 Petoskey Steel Drum Band; 8 p.m. July 24 Charlevoix City Band.

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Potter mania

On July 20, this gang of Potter fans arrived at Charlevoix Public Library in costume and were among the over 500 people there who celebrated the release of the seventh and last in JK Rowling's magical Harry Potter series "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows." They are (front, from left), Grace Atchison as a blonde, first-year Hermoine, Megan Wilson as Ginny, Nicholas Grant as Hedwig, Estelle Grant as Severus Snape, Bri Wilson as Hermoine in headgear, Lynne DeMoor as Mrs. Weasely, Alex Atchison as Luna Lovegood and Michelle Atchison as Rita Skeeter. The library was decorated to look like Hogwarts and retailers were on hand to sell copies of the book at midnight.

Klinger named CHS principal

School board to address conflict of interest

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Suzanne Klinger

Charlevoix High School tentatively has a new principal, Suzanne Klinger and assistant principal, Roger Gowell.

Despite claims by some Charlevoix school board members of a conflict of interest because Klinger's husband, Todd, would be working under her as a teacher — a violation of the district's nepotism policy — there was a 5-2 vote in favor of entering contract negotiations with her. In the days following the meeting, Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Chet Janik also recommended Gowell, whose contract is still pending board approval at the Aug. 13 meeting, to fill the vice principal's position.

"Actually, there is a conflict of interest because she (Klinger) would be the boss of her husband, Todd, who is a (high school) biology teacher," said Bo Boss, a school board member who initially voted against Klinger's appointment. "I don't have anything against Suzanne as principal, but

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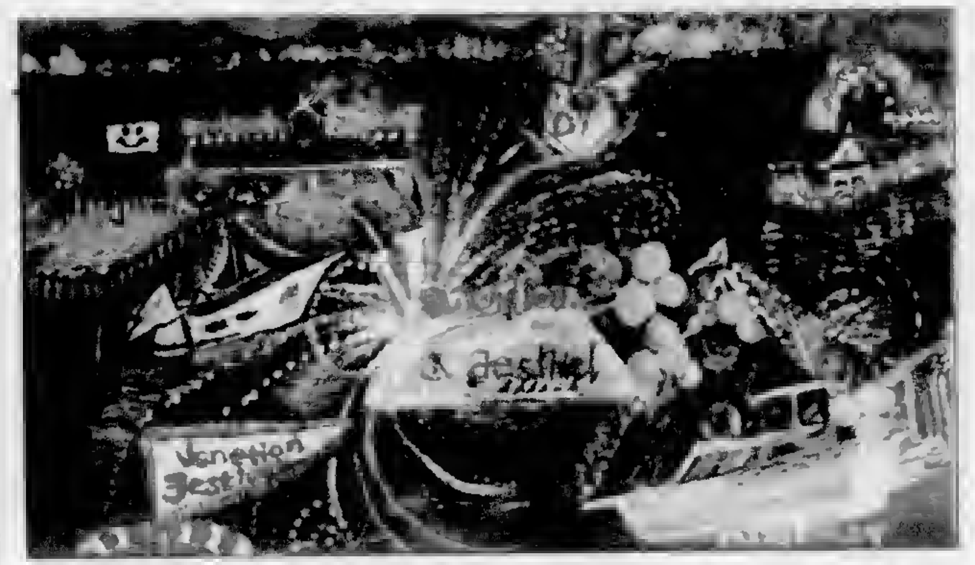
Festival art commemorates Patsy Ramsey



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BY GINA ATTEE
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

This year's Venetian Festival art will commemorate Patsy Ramsey, mother of slain 6-year-old JonBenet and a past Venetian board member who was an influential person in Charlevoix.

Patsy's art was donated to the Venetian Festival by her surviving husband, John Ramsey. John said Patsy, who died June 24, 2006 of ovarian cancer, always loved to paint, but that before her illness she was not able to do more than a single painting every couple of years due to her obligations to work and children.

Patsy's battle with ovarian cancer last year brought her closer to her art, however. During the last six months of her life, as she was confined to her home by illness, Patsy was able to do around 20 paintings.

"It was the perfect setting for her to do that," John said. "She didn't have other things pulling at her."

The Venetian painting, as many of other Patsy's paintings, is filled with colors and overlapping scenes. John said Patsy enjoyed painting flowers and landscapes.

Patsy Ramsey

"She was naturally very good at it — she enjoyed it," he added.

Patsy's other artwork has been donated to fund the Patsy P. Ramsey Ovarian Cancer Foundation. Her gallery can be viewed at www.patsyramseyfoundation.org. Prints of her original artwork can also be purchased through the Web site.

Patsy's Venetian Festival artwork will be printed and sold on T-shirts and posters available at Lake Michigan Beach. The original artwork has been matted and framed by Charlevoix Camera and will be sold at auction after the queen's coronation ceremony July 27 at Lake Michigan Beach. To enter a silent auction bid, contact Anne Golski at (231) 675-2164.

"It's a real honor for her family to have her painting selected," John said about the Venetian image. "She loved Charlevoix and all the celebrations surrounding it."

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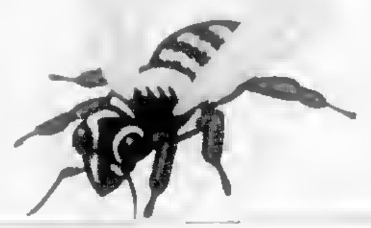

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on the RECORD

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Pedro Mendez, 29, Charlevoix. Drunk and disorderly person. To serve 20 days in jail.

Sarah Katherine Patterson, 19, Rogers City. Alcohol, minor in possession in motor vehicle. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Page Morris Sartell, 44, East Jordan. Motor vehicle without security. Pay $315 in fines and costs or serve 20 days in jail.

Ashley Nicole Munn, 17, Rogers City. Alcohol, minor in possession in motor vehicle. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Jon Joseph Bondeo, 54, Beaver Island. Burning without a permit. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Brian Keith Guzniczak, 26, Boyne City. Alcohol, consume on the highway. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Chris Todd Stringer, 17, Boyne City. Allow an unlicensed minor to drive. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Aaron Mitchell Gahn, 23, Boyne City. License suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Travis James Bruce, 18, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Errol Frank Lee, 64, Boyne Falls. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Aaron William Goodwin, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol-second offense. Serve 10 days of community service work; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $200 in fines and costs.

Brady Richard Way, 19, Charlevoix. Open intoxicant, motor vehicle passenger. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Saul James DeYoung, 19, Charlevoix. Operator under 21 with any blood alcohol content, .02 to .07 percent. Serve 10 days of community service work; serve seven months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend Impact weekend within 120 days; $500 in fines and costs.

Neil Alan Flower, 40, Charlevoix. Attempted interfering with electronic communications. Serve six months probation; 180 days held in abeyance; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $500 in fines and costs.

Sean Michael Marson, 20, Port Huron. Minor in possession of alcohol-first offense. Serve three months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend Impact weekend within 60 days; $200 in fines and costs.

Douglas Edward King, 43, East Jordan. Larceny, less than $200. Pay $200 in fines and costs or serve eight days in jail.

Casey Allan Weyn, 19, Boyne City. Checking account, insufficient funds — less than $100. Totaling $1,115.97 in fines and costs.

Jason Brian George, 21, Boyne Falls. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $980 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Alan Zavesky, 25, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Teena Marie Haskin, 50, Petoskey. Operating while intoxicated, first offense; use of marijuana. Credit for three days in jail, to serve 12 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 63 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; $2,080 in fines and costs.

Gary David Doan, 29, Royal Oak. Driving while impaired; controlled substance — possession of marijuana. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, 154 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,380 in fines and costs.

Lawrence James Jarema, 44, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,280 in fines and costs.

Melissa Mary Rostar, 35, Petoskey. License revoked/suspended/denied/allowed. Pay $500 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

LaCross Woodworks, 5552 Mt. Bliss, East Jordan, by Anne K. LaCross

C.A.D.D. Cleaning, 208 Third St., East Jordan, by Kim Mellios

Synergy, 3626 Marsh Rd., East Jordan, by Michael L. Seiler and Gail L. Gerrie

Smith Painting & Window Cleaning, 962 Roosevelt St., Boyne City, by Matthew Smith

Pathways Coaching, 12345 Ferry Rd., Charlevoix, by Mary Jo McFalls

American Heirloom Furniture Restoration Inc., 00885 Tomkins Rd., Boyne City, by Garry J. and Cheryl L. Mapes

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Joseph Allen Arquette, 34 and Cassidy M. Morrison, 29, both of East Jordan

Joshua Lee George, 17 and Elizabeth Louise Peck, 18, both of East Jordan

Patrick Hill McWatters, 29 and Tracy Lynn Albro, 29, both of East Jordan

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Roger Gowell to assume both vice principal, teaching roles

PRINCIPAL

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I just wanted to get things ironed out so the conflict of interest is taken care of first."

During the July 9 organizational meeting of the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education, board member Larry Levengood cited the district's policy on nepotism before both he and Boss voted "no" on a resolution to enter contract negotiations with Klinger.

"The board shall not hire any teacher or other employee over 18 years of age, if such person would be supervised by a member of their immediate family," the Aug. 12, 2002 policy states. "Members of the immediate family shall be defined as father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, husband and wife."

While the policy fails to specifically state no supervisor may be hired if that person would work over a relative, Boss felt otherwise.

Boss added, "He (Todd Klinger) has also put in for the position as part-time athletic director and I also feel that is a conflict of interest because, ultimately, the principal is the boss of all the employees in the building and at evaluation time it's tough to give a proper evaluation when you're doing it for your spouse."

Janik intends to recommend to the board on Aug. 13 a solution to the potential conflict of interest.

"We will handle that so there will be no administrative oversight by Suzanne of her husband," he said. "We're looking at different options for that so we will be in compliance with our board policy and so his direct supervisor would not be his wife."

Boss said he believes Klinger has and will continue to do an excellent job.

"Other than the conflict of interest, I totally support her as principal," he said.

Janik said while the contract between Klinger and the board has yet to be finalized, all is done but the formality of finalizing the language.

"I'm very excited about the appointment. I've gotten very many positive responses from parents, faculty and community members about her," he said. "I think with Suzanne's personality and vision for the district, along with Roger's experience — he has been with the district for 30-plus years and he comes very highly respected from staff, the school district can move forward with its academic progress."

Though she was the only person to apply for the principal's position after middle school principal Keith Haske bowed out of the running, Janik said Klinger's years of service with the district and experience in leadership roles made her the prime candidate for the position.

"She (Klinger) started here in the 1993-94 school year but she went to work for the (Charlevoix-Emmet) ISD for a couple of years so her total years of service to Charlevoix Public Schools is 13," stated Kelly Yaroch, human resources coordinator for Charlevoix Public Schools in an e-mailed response to questions.

Janik added, "She has been successful at every position she has been in and I'm confident she will continue to be very successful."

While Klinger will work in her capacity as principal full-time, tentative plans for Gowell are to teach two classes and fulfill his assistant principal duties the rest of the time.

According to Janik, because neither contract has been finalized, he could not release the duo's salaries.

But, he said, "By doing this we will be able to recall a laid off teacher and save $20,000 — pending board approval."

Klinger, who already assumed her duties on an unofficial basis, did not return calls by press time.

Who? Suzanne Klinger and Roger Gowell

What? Charlevoix High School principal and assistant principal positions

When? Klinger's contract is final pending trivial language adjustments while Gowell's contract must be approved by the school board as early as the Aug. 13 meeting. If Gowell is approved for the position, one of several teachers laid off due to budget concerns will be brought back to fill the void created by his promotion — a move which could save the district at least $20,000.

Death in Norwood declared drowning

A New York resident drowned on Monday, July 16 in Lake Michigan.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater identified the victim as Douglas W. Miller, 46.

Police said Miller, who was visiting his parents in Charlevoix County, was retrieving golf balls from Lake Michigan near the village of Norwood when a neighbor noticed him yelling for help.

Two residents in the area canoed out to Miller and brought him to shore where Charlevoix and East Jordan ambulance crews tried unsuccessfully to revived him.

Miller was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by Charlevoix EMS where he was pronounced dead.

The Charlevoix County medical examiner reported Miller had no signs of physical injury or conditions and drowned. Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater said there are undertows in that area. However, Lasater spoke with the Weather Bureau which monitors undertows and it was reported that no such water conditions existed there at that time.

"We may never know," Lasater said.

The incident remains under investigation.

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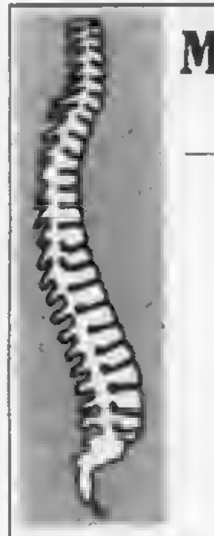

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THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

The FCC oversees all types of broadcasting, from TV to microwaves and began their TV meddling with Charles Jenkins who got the first U.S. TV license in 1928 and aired the first TV commercial in 1930, "for which he was promptly fined by the Federal Radio Commission, the predecessor of the FCC," the FCC boasts.

Knowing they didn't wait five minutes to tyrannize Jenkins, it didn't shock me to hear Kevin Martin, an FCC commissioner, wrote that without censorship, "Hollywood will be able to say anything they want, whenever they want." It seems the FCC is fighting freedom in California so we don't have to fight it at home.

Casualties in the war on expression include radio outlets like Infinity Broadcasting, fined $27,500 after Howard Stern and pals used slang for sex; WONE, nailed for $7,000 for a joke about a baby and a butcher knife; and a station that aired obscene humor — in Spanish. FCC toadies translated the jokes into a $22,400 fine.

The term "De Facto" escaped FCC vocabulary when they wrote, "The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Section 326 of the Communications Act prohibit the FCC from censoring broadcasters. The FCC ... enforces the prohibition on obscenity, indecency and profanity in response to complaints."

The FCC has determined, a la supreme court ramblings that, "Obscene material is entitled to no First Amendment protection." Furthermore, "It is a violation of federal law to air obscene programming at any time. It is also a violation of federal law to broadcast indecent or profane programming (from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. also known as the safe harbor)."

I had to grab my magnifying glass and spy harder at the decaying parchment to see the U.S. Constitution's hours of operation printed clearly under each amendment. Aside from partially free speech only applying between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., I discovered slavery is only outlawed from 1 to 5 a.m. Sunday through Saturday — so get your butts to work — and women do have the right to vote, but only on Sundays.

Just to show they have a sense of humor, the FCC adds, "The commission is careful of First Amendment protections and the prohibitions on censorship and interference with broadcasters' freedom of speech."

Some will ever posit that freedom coaxes the worst of mankind, as if any but God may deny our entitlement to such, but listen close and hear the wails of those uneasy with freedom, "But Gohs, what's to stop malicious rumors or someone yelling 'Al Gore' at a Republican picnic?"

Both slander and incantation of Al may goad physical or fiscal harm, but both are examples where the victims invite no injury. Conversely, when we voluntarily engage entertainment outlets, we lose all claim to indemnity. Just like hard drugs, rich food or wild women, we use TV and radio at our own risk.

The oft spoken, seldom used solution for transmission of perceived transgressions is simple: Turn the channel or turn it off — behold the perfection of parsimony.

Regardless of realistic solutions, the FCC is here to stay, so you should understand their flow chart on how they will handle your complaint if'n the mood strikes.

1. You hear a joke on FM radio about an amorous judge with a shoehorn, a skunk, three Presbyterian midgets and six pounds of 90:10 garden fertilizer.

2. Being a law student and shorter half-brother of a Minister of the Word and Sacrament with large feet who is allergic to polecats and could not grow stink on a corpse let alone tend a fern, you decide to rush an e-mail detailing your deep psychological scarring to the FCC.

3. While he cares not about the rodent's age, his honor's fascination with little people or the length of the shoehorn, the FCC chairman must punish someone for mentioning intercourse and excrement on the air — his own mild arousal notwithstanding — and per protocol forwards a transcript of the joke to his grandmother.

4. If granny gasps, faints or clutches her chest, the joke is sent to a three-man committee made up of Pat Robertson, Sean Hannity, L. Brent Bozell and the ghost of Joe McCarthy who then host ritual sacrifices of at least eight calico kittens to the dark underlord who, in turn, compiles a 689-page dissertation of the violation.

5. The FCC, which according to a 2004 report by professor Jeff Jarvis, has been caught artificially inflating the numbers of complaints received, will then assess fines ranging from $7,000 to $3 million — I may have artificially exaggerated flow chart steps three and four.

In part two we'll discuss the benefactors of rabid FCC regulation, and by "we" I mean those pint-sized triplets. Now if I can just locate my shoehorn.

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In this week's edition of "The Crying Towel," Courier staff writer Benjamin Gohs explores the madness and methods of those brokers of broadcasting, the Federal Communications Commission.

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Make a statement with paint

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Barbara Kopitz

Our new vacation home has a cedar wood exterior painted white and I love it. The inside was painted all beige when we purchased it and I hated it. Beige certainly didn't fit with my design vision. I had something much more exciting in mind. Since the house had never been lived in and the paint was still fresh, it may have seemed an extravagance to repaint, but it had to be done.

However, I was able to bring about my color scheme without painting everything. Here's what I opted to do. I didn't paint any of the trims, molding or ceilings since they were already white and I like that look. I didn't paint the laundry room, I simply added a wallpaper border at the top. I didn't paint the stairwell or the upstairs hallway. The beige worked as a counterpoint to the colorful bedrooms and bathroom.

In general, the kitchen is orange, the living room is blue, the master bedroom and bath are light blue, and the powder room is yellow. One guest bedroom is lime green, the other is yellow and the guest bath is tangerine.

Many of my readers from my Detroit News column wanted to know my exact colors. Specifically the following are the Benjamin Moore Paint colors that I selected:

Kitchen: 139

Great Room and Front Entry: 816

Master Bedroom and Bathroom: 814

Back Porch: Shimmering Lime 2030-50

First Guest Room: Potpouri: 2029-50

Guest bathroom: Funky Fruit 2015-50

Second Guest room: Yellow Lotus 2021-50

I have used the words "I painted" but you didn't really think I did it myself, did you? I hired J. Arnold Painting in Charlevoix.

I loved working with the owner Jeff Arnold. We were already living in the house and he gave us a crew of six talented painters. Because we moved right in after our purchase, we had already lived through a lot of work disruptions. Having a crew come in to paint was wonderful. They applied two coats on everything and were in and out in three days.

Oh, did I mention I painted the front door a luscious, bright orange (Orange Nectar 2013-20)? Our home is part of a free-standing condo grouping and all the houses are painted alike.

Jeff loved that I chose an unusual color for the front door. He said, "It makes the entrance fun and exciting instead of the usual bland look."

However, he said, "Most people have trouble visualizing colors. They pick from a small swatch and don't realize what it will look like on the wall. When they paint the whole wall they are quite surprised. So often if they pick really bright, florescent colors I back them down a shade."

I agree that people have trouble visualizing. In my case, when I help clients select paint colors, I warn them that when they first see the whole room painted they will be shocked. It's always a change from what was there before. I caution them: "Don't panic. Give it a couple of days, then decide." That usually makes the difference.

They all thank me for warning them. They stayed calm, waited a day or two and then they loved it. Sometimes the more they were unsure of the color when they first saw it on the wall, the more they loved it later. My theory is that if they've made a statement with their color choices, it takes longer to get used to, but in the end they're glad they took the risk.

Nowadays most paint manufacturers offer small sample bottles of paint. This allows you to try a few different colors on the wall without having to purchase a gallon. Jeff says to paint at least a two-foot square sample to get the idea. "A little dab doesn't help."

Take a chance. Paint your dream colors; I did.

Barbara Kopitz is a guest columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

LETTERS to the editor

LIGHTS OUT

Editor:

On June 1 we had a power outage at our home on Beaver Island. This occurred at approximately 9:30 p.m. At first we lit several candles and decided we would await the restoration of power. Then while looking out our front window, we realized that our neighbors across the street had lights on. We made a couple of phone calls and discovered that anyone on the west side of King's Highway was without power. So at 10:30 p.m., I called Great Lakes Energy to report our problem. I was told that the problem originated on the mainland and that it would take several hours to repair. I asked why the island generator was not being used and the person taking the call said "The generator is only used when the entire island is affected and could not be activated when only half of the people were affected."

I now wonder why I am paying the Beaver Island surcharge for service that is not available when I need it. Our power was not restored until around 1 a.m.

I will expect an answer from you (Steve Boeckman) at your earliest convenience. This letter has been sent to three local publications

John V. Runberg
Beaver Island

Editor's note: This letter was directed to the Courier's attention as well as that of Steve Boeckman, president and CEO of Great Lakes Energy. The company responded to Runberg and directed this response to the Courier as well. The letter is printed below.

LIGHTS OUT RESPONSE

Editor:

We understand that the reason you experienced a power outage on June 18 was due to a broken pole located just west of Beaver Lodge Road along Donegal Bay Road. We experienced some high winds that night. We apologize if you were mistakenly told that the cause was a power supply problem on the mainland.

A crew was dispatched to the island the next morning to replace the broken pole and damaged equipment.

The key purpose of the generation plant is to supply emergency power to island residents when your prima-

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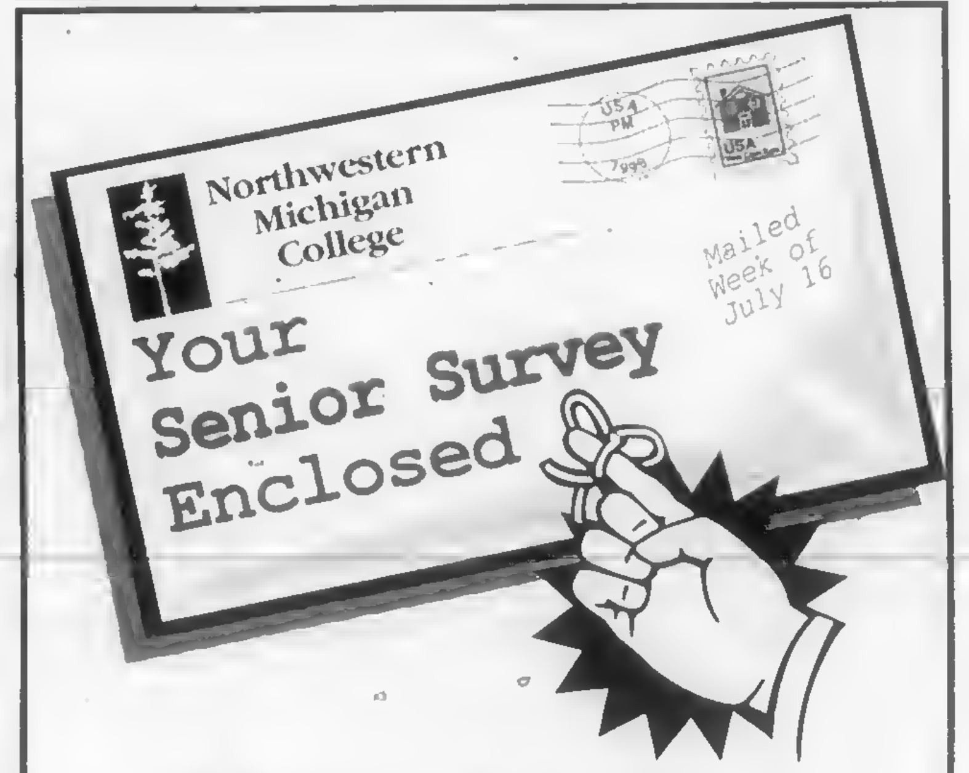

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WEDDING

Scharenbroch — Rowe

Photo by Linda Drayton

Jennifer Lynn Scharenbroch, daughter of John and Elaine Scharenbroch of Charlevoix, and Andrew Everett Rowe the son of Randy Rowe of Hermosa, S.D. and Donna Rowe of New Smyrna Beach, Fla. were married in a double ring ceremony on Sept. 16 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. The maid of honor was the bride's sister, Mary, with bridesmaids Julie Webb, Jenny Nelson, Abby Burmingham and Shawna Flowers. The flower girl was Maegan Gibbons. The ring bearer was Nicholas Beer. The best man was Matthew Vergari with groomsmen Frank Vergari, Danny McIntosh, Adam Poel and Travis Fisher. The ushers were Norbert Scharenbroch, Courtenay Brown and Michael Compton.

The reception was given at the Knights of Columbus Hall hosted by the bride's parents. The rehearsal dinner was held Sept. 15 with a BBQ at the bride's parents' home and hosted by Randy Rowe and Donna Rowe.

The couple spent their honeymoon with a week in Negril, Jamaica. They are making their home in Charlevoix.

Jennifer graduated with an associates degree in applied science in 2005 from Ferris State University and is a part time dental hygienist for Dr. Paramo and Dr. Merrill. Andy attended Northwestern Community College and is a landscape foreman at Marvin's Gardens.

ohBOIX!

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Jordan R. Nystrom, son of Jim and Diane Nystrom of Charlevoix, has been named to the dean's list for spring term at Northwood University. To achieve dean's list recognition, a student must earn a 3.25 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY HONORS STUDENTS

Central Michigan University's spring semester honors list includes the following Charlevoix residents: Sarah C. Cross, junior; Alexandra D. Evans, sophomore; Brittany M. Niswander, junior; Lindsey Pace, senior; and Caroline D. Slocum, sophomore. These students earned a 3.5 grade point average or higher during the spring semester that ended in May.

ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

Army Pfc. Nicholas T. Tripplehorn has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal.

The medal is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces, who while serving in any capacity with the Army have distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement while serving in a combat or non-combat area.

Tripplehorn, an armor crew member with one year of military service, is assigned to the 7th Infantry, Fort Stewart, Hinesville, Ga. He is the son of David J. Tripplehorn and Julie E. Tripplehorn, both of Charlevoix.

His wife, Rebbeca, is the daughter of Howard and Patty Barraw of Ellsworth.

The private is a 2004 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

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Travelin' Aunt Toot

Ruth Cook, 95 of Charlevoix recently flew by herself from Traverse City to Chicago O'Hare to attend a baby shower for her great niece. Ruth or "Aunt Toot" as her family calls her, spent five days at her nephew Larry and Kitty Foster's home in Racine, Wis. Other nieces and nephews came from Virginia, Tennessee, California and Flint. Family members in the picture starting from left are Connie and Jeff Foster, Gary Foster, Kevin Foster (Larry's son), Larry Foster, Carol Cieslak and Liz Foster (Gary's wife). Ruth Cook is seated on the bike. Gary, Larry, Jeff and Carol are the children of Dick and Arletta Foster (both deceased) of Charlevoix.

What's happening at the Library this week?

Venetian Library Events
- **Thursday, *July 26, 10:00 – 3:00:***
  Visit the library booth at Venetian Children's Day on Lake Michigan Beach
- ***Saturday, July 28, 11:00:***
  Watch for "Paws for a Story" library reading dogs in the Venetian parade

Summer Reading Club programs
Tuesday, July 31
- Kindermusik: *6:30 p.m. or 7:15 p.m.*
  (ages 0-4) pre-registration recommended
- Sidewalk Art! *7:00 p.m.* (gr. k-4)
  Join local artists in painting our sidewalks!
- Peak Performance *7:00* (gr. 5-8)
  Fun fitness on the beach for tweens!

Regular Weekly Meetings
- French Conversation Circle: ***Tuesdays @ noon***
- Writer's group: ***Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm***

Story Time for all ages
Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Teen Advisory Group
Tuesday, July 31, @ 6pm
All teens are welcome to join in this discussion on creating a Library Teen Zine.

JATL: Jazz @ the library
Wednesday, August 1, 7:00 pm
Trio: Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans, Chris Ames
Soloists: Pete Asch and Mike Hunter, sax and trombone.
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Authors Live: Matthew Williams
Saturday, August 4, 2:00 pm
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10 things you never knew about Debra Blanchard

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

A lifelong resident of Charlevoix, Debra Blanchard is a wife, mother of four daughters, grandmother of six and bartender at the Flight Deck and Paul Bunyan Lanes on U.S. 31. "10 things you never knew about" runs the fourth Wednesday of the month in the Charlevoix Courier.

1. Why choose this line of work?

I worked at Hoskins Manufacturing for 25 years before they shut down, so I'm kind of semi-retired. I just came here as a part-time thing.

2. Do people really tell you their problems?

Sometimes. Sometimes I don't have time to listen to it if I have a really gabby customer and I'm busy with other customers.

3. What really makes you mad?

I would say when people are hired to do a job and then they don't do it and I have to come in and pick up slack for them.

4. What's your least favorite drink to make?

When the younger college kids come in they order special shots and there are so many of them it's hard to remember. Every time you turn around there is a new one.

5. What do you do for fun?

I have a Harley (Davidson motorcycle) — camping, jet skiing, walking, I play tennis and golf, but I'm not very good.

6. What is your biggest vice?

It was smoking, but I gave it up four days ago. I quit last year for eight months.

7. What's the best part of your job?

The people I get to meet, most of the time, 95 percent of the time, but occasionally you run into bad ones, especially if you have to cut them off.

8. What is your favorite food?

Alaska King Crab or lobster with a filet mignon.

9. If you could meet anyone for an hour lunch, who would it be?

Enrique Iglesias, because he's cute and hot.

10. What's something few people know about you?

I think a lot of people think that because I'm relatively quiet or don't smile a lot that I'm not happy, but I was not one of those people who were born with a smile on their face.

To nominate a Charlevoix resident for the Courier's "10 things you never knew" feature, contact Benjamin Gohs at bgohs@charlevoixcourier.com.

CPR class this week at hospital

CPR for Family and Friends will be offered from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 26 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The Family and Friends CPR program teaches how to perform CPR in adults, children or infants and how to help an adult, child or an infant who is choking.

Pre-registration is required. Classes are taught by certified instructors through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community Training Center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request.

For more information, call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

Island to host Aug. 2 blood drive

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 2 at the Beaver Island School on Beaver Island.

During the month of August, all donors can enter a drawing to win prizes. Blood donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health.

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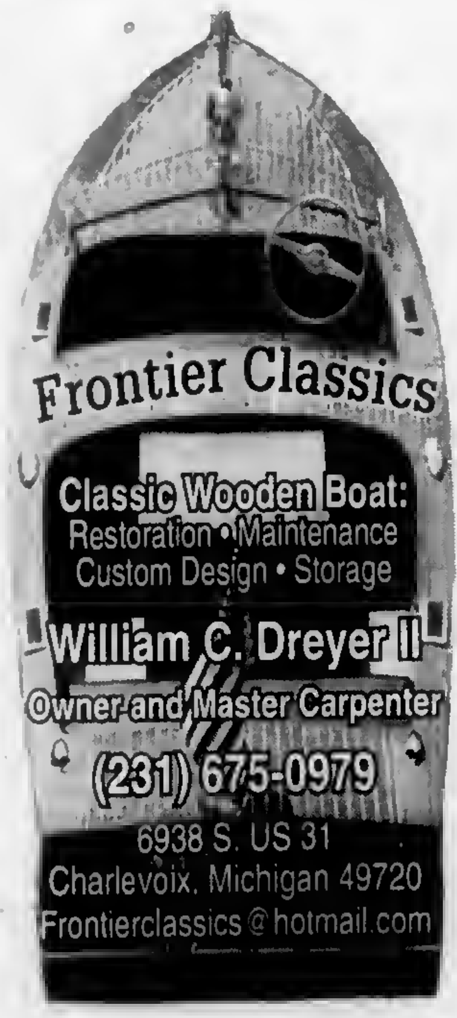
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Mary leaves the flock

Members of the Charlevoix First Congregational Church said goodbye to outgoing pastor Mary Willis and her husband Michael at a reception following her final service on July 1. Michael Ochs has been serving in Willis' stead until interim pastor Steve Davidson takes over on Sunday, July 29 while the pastoral search committee interviews full-time candidates.

LETTERS to the editor

LETTERS

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ry source of power from the mainland is not available.

In addition to the cost of the plant, the surcharge on your bill pays for the underwater cables installed some 27 miles across Lake Michigan in August 1999 to deliver power to the island. These major reliability improvements were part of a more than $5 million project that will provide Beaver Island residents with a reliable supply of power for many years.

Dave Guzniczak
Communications director
Great Lakes Energy
Boyne City

PRES. WASHINGTON WOULD BE ASHAMED

Editor:

The father of our country and first president, George Washington said, "It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible."

If it was possible, President Washington would be turning in his grave, or at the very least be broken hearted, that the republic he risked his life, fortune and sacred honor to establish has turned away from its founding principles. There exists in this country an anti-American cabal of leftists intent on erasing religion from public life. They haven't reached their goal and they'll only get there if you and I move out of their way. If you agree that God-hating liberals are hurting America, that God has blessed our nation like no other in the history of mankind and that the source of our rights and liberties is God, and not government, then you believe American's must respect God's role in our public life.

We must call public attention to the fact that God has a special place in America, shame the purveyors of anti-God hatred, and force politicians, media elite and companies to take a stand for God in the public square, or feel the wrath of our outrage. How many Americans have had enough of dim-witted Hollywood celebrities attacking and mocking our values? But too many Americans are afraid to stand up to the left-wing elite, mainstream media, and anti-God crusaders who are shoving secular liberalism down our throats.

Over 90 percent of Americans believe in God, so if you're one of the 90 percent, you are in the majority and can make a difference that will give our children and grandchildren the opportunity to enjoy a way of life envisioned by the founders of our great nation: Become involved, because if we are not a part of the solution, then we are a part of the problem. The choice is ours to make and God help us if we're wrong.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

ANGLERS NEED ACCESS

Editor:

Are you a big fan of fishing? If you are you will know what I mean when I say it is hard to find spots to access the lake for onshore fishing in Charlevoix.

I think there should be more onshore fishing spots because it would give children something to do besides watch mindless TV programs such as MTV. Also with more fishing spots our children will get more fresh air and exercise. In my opinion I think fishing is fun to do in my free time but it's hard to find spots to fish from shore.

With more onshore fishing spots there could be more family time. Also with more onshore fishing spots this will give families the chance to spend quality time together. Onshore fishing spots can also create fond family memories. For instance with more onshore fishing spots you can learn the Department of Natural Resources regulations.

With more onshore fishing spots there could also be less pollution from boats. When you go to the beach you can always see a glossy fluid on the water from the oil in the boats. And there could be less noise pollution from the boats.

Sierra Louiselle
Sixth-grade student
Charlevoix Middle School

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Lieutenant Gov. Cherry talks economic growth

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

John Cherry

Lieutenant Governor John Cherry was in Charlevoix on July 18 as part of his tour of northern Michigan communities.

As Lieutenant Governor, Cherry performs gubernatorial duties in the governor's absence, presides over the state senate and represents the governor in local, state and national meetings.

Cherry said he came to Charlevoix to inform the public of what's happening in Lansing.

"We wanted to let people know what's happening with their state government," Cherry said.

He said he wanted to get the message across that this year the state is investing more money on tourism to help counter some of the issues surrounding energy and gas prices.

"We're promoting Michigan Now state advertising and last year it had a return of three dollars for every dollar spent," Cherry said.

He said the campaign stresses that Michigan is not just a great place to visit but also a great place to live and that northern Michigan has the potential to attract out-of-state business owners.

"Particularly in northern Michigan, there's some real potential," Cherry said, "that people can live here and do business in the sense that they have the Net and they can actually do their business in New York but live here."

He said once you get them living here, some of the next decisions about adding a business, plant or an office are going to be in the state.

Keeping talent in Michigan, he said, is part of the battle of strengthening Michigan's economy.

"We have found that when the governor took office five years ago, on what states were winning economically, it was the educational attainment of the adult population," Cherry said. "If you look at Michigan, we lag as compared to the rest of the nation in educational attainment."

He said part of the reason Michigan lags behind is due to its culture that says you don't have to have a post-secondary experience to succeed in life.

As such, he said, the state is attempting to increase the skill set of adult workers.

"We're launching a program this month called 'No Worker Left Behind' where if you're unemployed or you're about to get unemployed you can qualify for this program," Cherry said. "The state will provide you with free tuition at a community college for a specific training program that's tied to job placement at the end."

Cherry said there are currently 90,000 jobs in the state for skilled workers.

"If you take the auto sector out of Michigan's economy, the economy is actually growing," Cherry said. "What that does tell us, as it relates to the future economy is that our economy is growing."

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Charlevoix City Council

The following issues were discussed during the Monday, July 16 meeting of the Charlevoix City Council:

Item: A request by Charlevoix Yacht Club for a Free Launch-Nu-Core Triangle and Red Fox Regatta

In brief: The Charlevoix Yacht Club sent a letter of request for free use of the boat launch at the end of Stover Road on Aug. 31, Sept. 1 and Sept. 2. The launch will be used for the annual Red Fox Regatta sailboat race between Charlevoix and Boyne City.

Council action: Approved

Item: Award of Mt. McSauba pump station construction.

In brief: Recreation director Ike Boss briefed the city on plans to construct a water pump facility to supply Mt. McSauba's snow guns during the winter. The structure will be placed underground. Boss said the structure will be built by recreation department employees at no cost to the city. The project will be limited to $10,000. In addition to building the structure, Boss mentioned bids for pump equipment and well development. He recommended that Torrent Engineering receive the bid for the pumps at $79,000 and that Raymer receive the bid for the well development at $6,606.50.

Council action: Approved

Item: Firefight mutual aid contract with Michigan Department of Natural Resources

In brief: The Charlevoix City Fire Department presented a proposed cooperative mutual aid fire control agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The agreement states that the fire department will provide mutual assistance to the Department of Natural Resources during fire fighting and fire prevention programs. The agreement also allows the fire department to purchase fire fighting equipment (specifically wild land fire fighting equipment) through the federal government's General Services Administration, at the federal government rate. Though Charlevoix fire chief Paul Ivan said that the city does not need the wild land fire fighting equipment, the city is still willing to assist the Department of Natural Resources in fire fighting and fire prevention programs.

Council action: Approved

Item: Michigan Department of Transportation permit of state-owned land for parkland

In brief: According to Charlevoix street department superintendent Pat Elliott, the "Berlage" building next to the Pine River Channel on Bridge Street has a wooden walkway that encroaches on state of Michigan property. The walkway connects Bridge Street to Hoffman Park and has degraded to the point that it is no longer safe for public use. The Michigan Department of Transportation is willing to issue a permit that would allow the city to use the entire property for park purposes. The Michigan Department of Transportation permit would also allow Berlage to reconstruct the walkway along the north side of the building to provide access to users of his building (which will soon be turned into residences) as well as public access from Bridge Street to Hoffman Park. Two additional items listed that were not decided on include the authorization of hiring a professional engineer to design and inspect the walkway and discussing who would be responsible for payment of engineering services.

Council action: Approved to pursue obtaining a Michigan Department of Transportation permit to use state property

Item: Miscellaneous business — handicapped parking at East Park

In brief: Charlevoix resident George Schultz voiced concerns to city council about planned handicapped parking areas in East Park. The most recent plans include four handicapped spaces on the north side of the park at the foot of Clinton Street and no handicapped spaces on the south side parking lot near the bandshell. Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said the city has already discussed the parking situation at East Park and that the grade of the hill at the south side parking lot is too steep for handicapped parking. Schultz said that there are ways to develop a handicapped space on the south side parking lot, despite the steep hill.

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City council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Monday of the month at city hall.

CLIP AND SAVE

Item: Lease terms at Charlevoix Municipal Airport

In brief: Chuck Scherping of the Charlevoix Flying Club said there were discrepancies in the lease rates of hangers at the Charlevoix airport. Scherping said he thought the rates would stay the same until 2009 but the budget said rates would change when the lease expires. Scherping's lease expires this year and wanted to know if his rates would go up. City treasurer and acting city manager Rick Brandi said the rates would remain intact until 2009 but if somebody's lease expires, the rates go up. Brandi said the city needs to make the leases more consistent.

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Fines don't deter pier jumpers

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

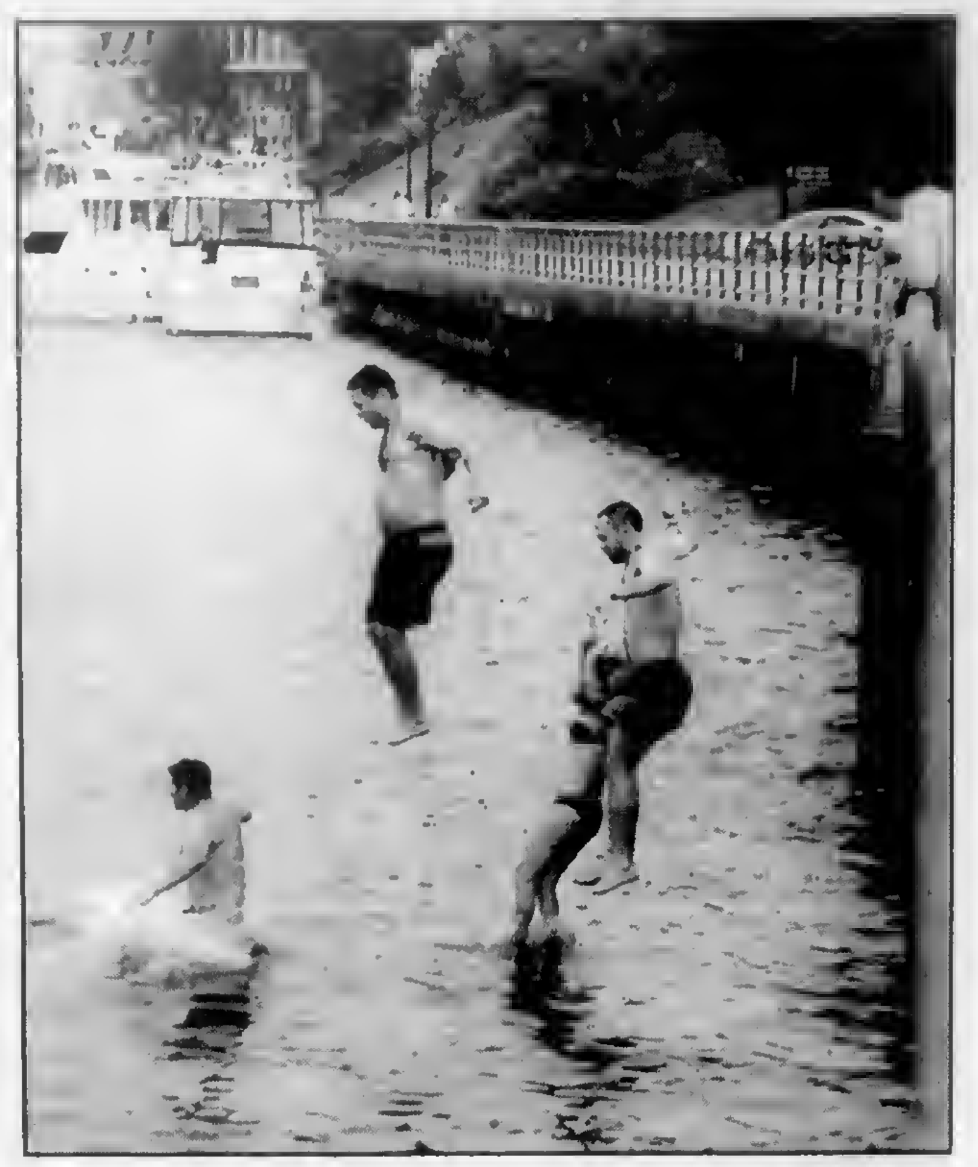
What happened? Charlevoix City Council voted unanimously to pass an ordinance banning swimming in the Pine River Channel.

When? March 20, 2007

What does it mean? City and county police officers are able to ticket and fine swimmers in the Pine River Channel.

What fines will be handed down to violators? Under the ordinance, Charlevoix officers are authorized to patrol the area and fine swimmers $50 for a first time offense, $75 the second time and $100 for third and subsequent offenses.

How many citations have been handed down this summer? A half dozen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In spite of heavy boat traffic and an ordinance prohibiting swimming in the Pine River Channel, people continue to jump from the pier into the water.

A $50 fine isn't keeping some swimmers from the waters of the busy Pine River Channel connecting Round Lake to Lake Michigan.

For several years, not only have people swam the channel's waters, according to City of Charlevoix police chief Gerard Doan, they are also particularly fond of jumping into the channel from the pier.

"Why do people do this? Why do people still speed? They decide to ignore the fines," Doan said.

He said the city has already distributed a half dozen citations to swimmers and has sent a letter informing the public that the city police, along with the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, is enforcing laws prohibiting swimming in the Pine River Channel.

Charlevoix's lifeguard supervisor Ike Boss said the ordinance passed by the city council in March banning swimming in the Pine River Channel has also helped reduce pier jumpers.

The ordinance came about due to the number of complaints coming through city hall regarding pier jumpers swimming in the channel and the strain it put on lifeguards at nearby Lake Michigan Beach, whose attention was regularly turned from the swimming area to the channel.

Boss said that two years ago, Charlevoix lifeguards had to rescue two swimmers that had jumped into the channel as waves were coming in.

"The two lifeguards almost couldn't make it back," Boss said.

He also said last year, ambulances were called in response to swimmers who had cut their knees on the large rocks that line the pier.

Pine River Channel swimmers who now decide to take the risk, will face significant fines when caught. The fine is $50 for a first-time offense, $75 for a second-time offense and $100 for a third-time offense.

East Park access concern voiced

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

File photo

At the July 16 Charlevoix City Council meeting, Charlevoix resident George Schultz voiced concern over the location of the handicapped parking spaces in East Park.

Current plans total four spaces on the north edge of the park off Clinton Street. Schultz points out that, if implemented, the parking spaces would be approximately 700 feet from the performance pavilion and that the parking lot adjacent to the structure on the south side of the park off Antrim Street will contain no handicapped spaces.

Federal law dictates that handicapped parking spaces be located on the shortest accessible route of travel from adjacent parking to an accessible entrance.

"You have handicapped parking at the foot of Clinton Street and none near the bandshell," Schultz said.

However, federal law also dictates that parking spaces and access aisles be level with surfaces slopes not exceeding 2 percent.

"The grade on Antrim Street doesn't allow it," said mayor Norman Carlson Jr. "We did look at it, we wanted to have access down there, but the grade of the hill doesn't allow it."

East Park architect Mark Buday of Mark Buday Architect PLLC, said he was not involved in the designation of handicapped spaces and that it would be very difficult to have a space on Antrim Street because of the grade of the street.

"I did not consider any factors regarding the handicap spaces," Buday said. "These site issues were the responsibility of Pollack Design Associates. I was not responsible for the location and design of any landscape or site elements, including the handicap spaces."

Schultz said despite concerns about the grade of the hill, it can be done.

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Charlevoix County Commission

The following issues were discussed during the Wednesday, July 11 meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners

Item: Resolution to support the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance in their application for a $20,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

In brief: The county authorized the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance to apply for the grant which, if granted, will be used to help fund the alliance's Small Business Incubator Network Feasibility Study.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

Item: Resolution to implement the county treasurer's investment policy.

In brief: The treasurer presented her investment policy as required by Public Act 20 of 1943.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

Item: Resolution to purchase diving equipment for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department.

In brief: The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department requested $5,005 worth of diving equipment per diver for three divers for a total of $15,015

Board action: Motion defeated 4-2 with commissioners Shirlene Tripp (District 1) and Bob Drebenstedt (District 5) the only two in support.

Item: Resolution for window cleaning contract.

In brief: Brighter Windows submitted a bid for biannual window cleaning at the county building for a cost of $1,700.

Board action: The motion was rescinded after the commissioners discussed different solutions for getting the windows cleaned.

Item: Resolution to allocate more funding to the 2006/2007 child care budget.

In brief: With more children placed in foster care and more of them experiencing longer stays, an additional amount of $213,040 was requested.

Board action: Approved, 5-1 with commissioner Chris Christensen (District 2) voting nay.

The board's next regular meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on July 25 at the Melrose Township Hall, 04289 M-75 North in Walloon Lake.

The board has scheduled a committee of the whole meeting for 9 a.m on Thursday, July 26 in the commissioner's room at the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State St. in Charlevoix.

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The board meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday and 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

CLIP AND SAVE

Baby-sitting class offered on July 31

Charlevoix County 4-H will be offering a certified Red Cross baby-sitting class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31 at the Jordan Valley District Library in East Jordan.

The baby-sitter's training course is open to those ages 11-14. The cost is $25. Class size is limited to 20. Registration materials are available through the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office in Boyne City.

For more information or to receive registration materials, contact the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 582-6232.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING
JULY 9, 2007

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk, Carol Martin. Chuck Center was appointed chairperson.
- Minutes of the July 10, 2006 Annual Meeting were approved.
- Clerk Martin stated that as allowed by the Headlee Act Charlevoix Township is authorized to collect the full three mills requested and that would generate $34,896.30 in revenue.
- Treasurer Willams reviewed the 2006-2007 fiscal year budget report and reviewed the proposed July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 fiscal year budget. A proposed 3% cost of living salary increase for employees, township board and zoning administrator was presented. The budget was moved for approval by Bob Rajewski and supported by Randy Holecheck. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Carol Martin
Charlevoix Township Clerk

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Photo courtesy of the Charlevoix Historical Society

Harsha House Museum co-director David L. Miles will narrate "The Life and Works of Earl Young, Charlevoix's Builder in Stone, Part 1" at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St.

Miles presents 'The life and works of Earl Young' Aug. 2

"The Life and Works of Earl Young, Charlevoix's Builder in Stone, Parts 1 and 2"

The Charlevoix Historical Society and the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are co-sponsoring a two-part illustrated program on the life and works of Charlevoix's master builder Earl Young.

Young arrived in town as a boy in the late 1890s. Beginning in 1921, he erected around 30 unique buildings, almost all in stone, that have served as a signature image of Charlevoix around the world.

The programs will be narrated by Harsha House Museum co-director David L. Miles. Part 1 will focus on his early life and the 22 residential structures found in Boulder Park and on Park Avenue and Grant Streets, with particular attention to Boulder Manor and the Mushroom House. The program will be presented at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St.

Part 2 will focus on the Weathervane Inn restaurant, The Lodge and Weathervane Terrace motels, his final three houses on Round Lake, his design philosophy, unorthodox design methods and legacy. Particular attention will be paid to the near loss of the Weathervane Inn in the early 1970s when it came close to sliding into the channel. This program will be presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9 also at the library.

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Splashing good time

(Left, above) Patty Sitzema (left), president of the Charlevoix Area Community Pool Board accepts a hot dog from Al Gooch, director of the pool. Goodies were served during the 10th anniversary celebration of the pool July 19. (Below) Montana Thompson plays goalie during water polo at the celebration.

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Venetian Festival events schedule

This year's quarter of a million dollar celebration from Sunday, July 22 to Saturday, July 28 is replete with contests, sporting events, spectator attractions and interactive events like the Chamber of Commerce's car giveaway, Detroit Pistons and Shock basketball clinic and Kids' Day.

Here is a rundown of this week's Venetian events:

Courtesy photo

(Above, left) Reigning Miss Charlevoix Zita Anderson will hand over her crown to one of four Charlevoix girls at the queen's coronation ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 27 at Lake Michigan Beach. Candidates for this year's Miss Charlevoix crown are pictured above with Anderson. They are (from left) Ariel Ramsey, Anderson, Sarah Klooster, Sasha Spencley and Kim Way.

File photo

(Above) Family fun with songs, theater, island music, ponies, bubbles, balloons, crafts and more will be included at the Venetian Festival Kid's Day to take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 26 at Lake Michigan Beach.

Wednesday, July 25 at Lake Michigan Beach

- "Rhythms of Venetian" continues at 6 p.m. with "Northwest Academy Jazz All-stars," followed by Irish/American folk band "Pub Runners" and the retro band "1964."

Thursday, July 26 at Lake Michigan Beach and Downtown

Lake Michigan Beach

- "Kid's Day" is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with performances by "Sean and Patrick Ryan," "Ragamuffin Children's Theatre" and the "Petoskey High School Steel Drum Traveling Band."
- "Rhythms of Venetian" continues at 6 p.m. with the "Rayder Jazz Band," followed by the high energy blues band "Charlie's Root Fusion" and the 1970s band "Classic Rock All Stars."

Downtown

- From 2 to 10 p.m., the Venetian Festival carnival will feature rides such as bumper cars, Tilt-A-Whirl and the Gravitron.

Friday, July 27 at Lake Michigan Beach and Downtown

Downtown

- From 1 to 10 p.m., the Venetian Festival carnival will feature rides such as bumper cars, Tilt-A-Whirl and the Gravitron.

Lake Michigan Beach

- At 6 p.m., "Rhythms of Venetian" continues with the swing band Up North Big Band.
- At 7:30 p.m., the "Venetian Queen Coronation" will follow the "Up North Big Band" performance.
- "Rhythms" continues after the coronation with Horton Creek live.
- At 10 p.m., the Night Sky Fireworks performance begins.

Saturday, July 28 at Bridge Street, downtown, Lake Michigan Beach and Bridge Park

Bridge Street

- At 11 a.m., the Venetian street parade begins .

Downtown

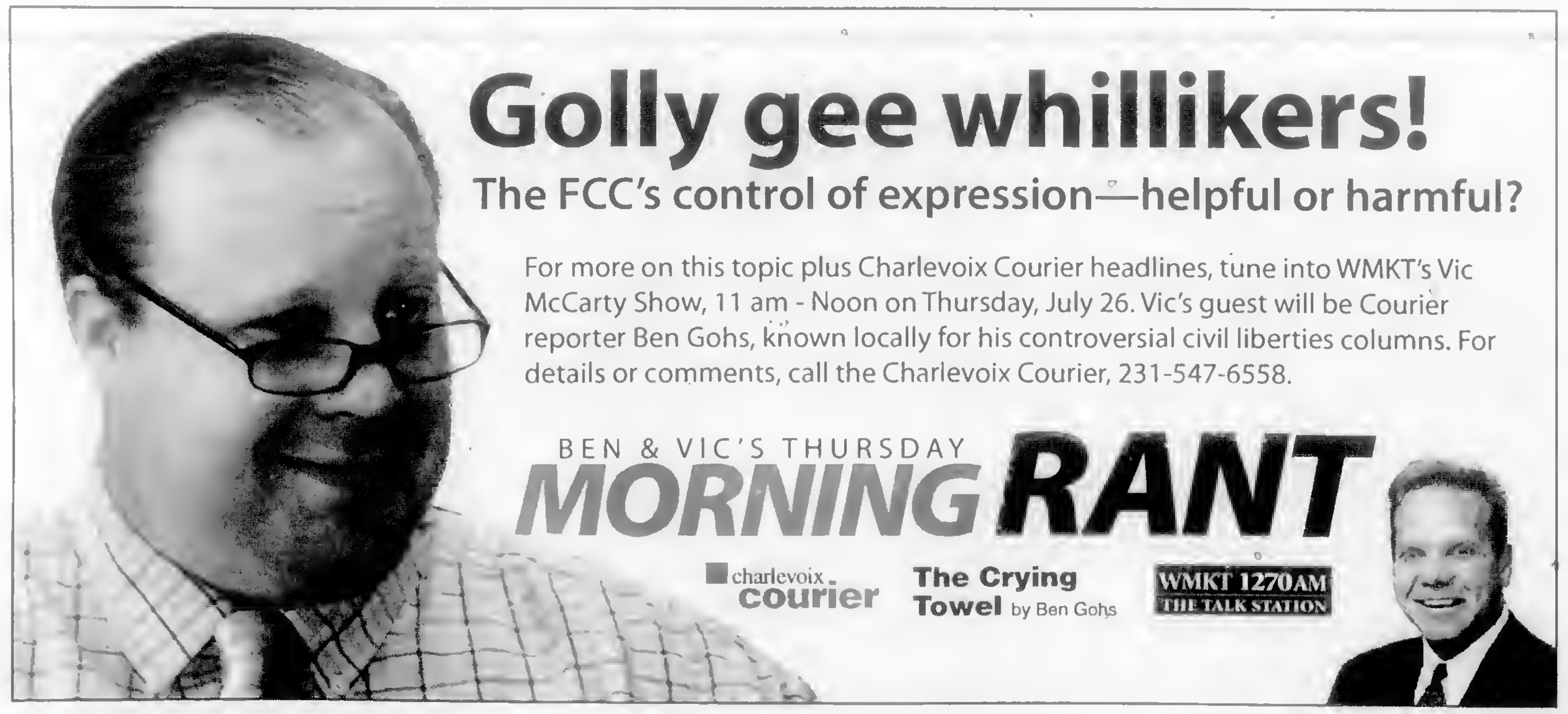
- From 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., the Venetian Festival carnival will feature rides such as bumper cars, Tilt-A-Whirl and the Gravitron.

Lake Michigan Beach

- "Rhythms of Venetian" continues at 1 p.m. with the Grammy Award-winning "Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band."

Bridge Park

- "Rhythms" continues at 6 p.m. with country singer Chris Dominic, followed by David Cisco's One-Man Act and the Elvis Tribute Show with Graceland's Official Band.
- Dusk 77th Grand Electric Boat Parade followed by stadium fireworks.



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Rhythms OF VENETIAN

The following is a list of acts that will perform in conjunction with the Charlevoix Venetian Festival:

Tuesday, July 24

- 5 to 10 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, Castle Farms, K. Jones & the Benzie Playboyz — Creole/Cajun
- 8 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, Bridge Park, Charlevoix City Band

Wednesday, July 25

6 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, July 25, Lake Michigan Beach

- Northwest Academy Jazz All Stars — student musicians
- Pub Runners — Irish/American folk
- 1964. The Tribute — Beatles tribute

Thursday, July 26

6 to 10 p.m., Lake Michigan Beach:

- Rayder Jazz Band — student musicians
- Charlie's Root Fusion — high energy blues
- Classic Rock All-stars — classic rock

Friday, July 27

6 to 10:30 p.m., Lake Michigan Beach

- Up North Big Band — swing jazz
- Horton Creek — bluegrass

Saturday, July 28

1 to 5 p.m., Lake Michigan Beach

- Trinidad Tripoli — Steel Drums, rock/classic/reggae/calypso

6 to 11 p.m., Bridge Park

- Chris Dominic — country
- David Cisco — one-man act
- Elvis Tribute Show with Graceland's Official Band — Elvis Tribute

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

The winners of this year's Venetian Sunday kickoff Battle of the Bands were "No Life" from Lansing. Band members are pictured above (from left) Matthew Martens, Alfonso Civile and Waylon Fox. Missing from picture is guitarist Jared Pruenaue. The Rhythms of Venetian live music lineup continues throughout the week at Castle Farms, Lake Michigan Beach and Bridge Park.

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Experience the spirit of Venetian at July 28 parades

BY GINA ATTEE
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Two special Venetian parades will display the festival attitude throughout the streets and waters of Charlevoix on July 28.

The festivities start at 11 a.m. with a street parade showcasing everything from antique cars and marching bands to businesses and radio station vans. Charlevoix's own Venetian court, including the newly crowned Miss Charlevoix, will ride in the parade.

Other local festival royalty will also be featured.

The parade's grand marshal, John Kurtz, who was named the 2006 Outstanding Citizen by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, will lead the entrants, usually numbering around 75, down Bridge Street from Carpenter to the Clinton Street traffic light.

After the parade, the festivities will continue at Lake Michigan Beach, where Grammy award-winning Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band will take the stage for a concert featuring everything from rock and roll to traditional reggae and Calypso music.

At 6 p.m., Saturday evening, three acts will perform on the Bridge Street Park stage. These include the increasingly popular country artist Chris Dominic, the family-friendly one man act, David Cisco and an Elvis Tribute Show with Graceland's Official Band, featuring Greg Jaqua's award-winning Elvis act.

As the shows end, spectators can turn their eyes to the water as 20 to 25 boats, lighted and decorated like Christmas trees, make their way around Round Lake harbor for the 77th Grand Electric Boat Parade.

Spectators can view the boat parade from the Bridge Park parking lot from Antrim to Bridge, which will be closed to vehicle traffic.

The sidewalk area above East Park will also be available for viewing.

Various boats are welcome to participate.

In the past, small sport boats have paraded alongside 60-foot yachts from all over the Midwest.

No boats over 60 feet in length will be allowed.

There are safety and presentation requirements to meet in order to participate.

To register, or for requirement information, e-mail boat parade chairman, John Taylor, at: jtaylor@mytitlecompany.com.

The evening will end brilliantly as fireworks fill the sky above Round Lake harbor.

Saturday's events are expected to wrap up around 11 p.m.

File photos

Two Venetian parades will take place on the streets and waters of Charlevoix on July 28. (Above) The festivities start at 11 a.m. with a street parade. Here Charlevoix residents Karen and Bill Schuiling are shown with their tank entry from the 2006 Venetian Festival Street Parade. (Below) That evening 20 to 25 boats, lighted and decorated like this one will make their way around Round Lake harbor for the 77th Grand Electric Boat Parade.

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No parking? Take the Venetian trolley

BY GINA ATTEE
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

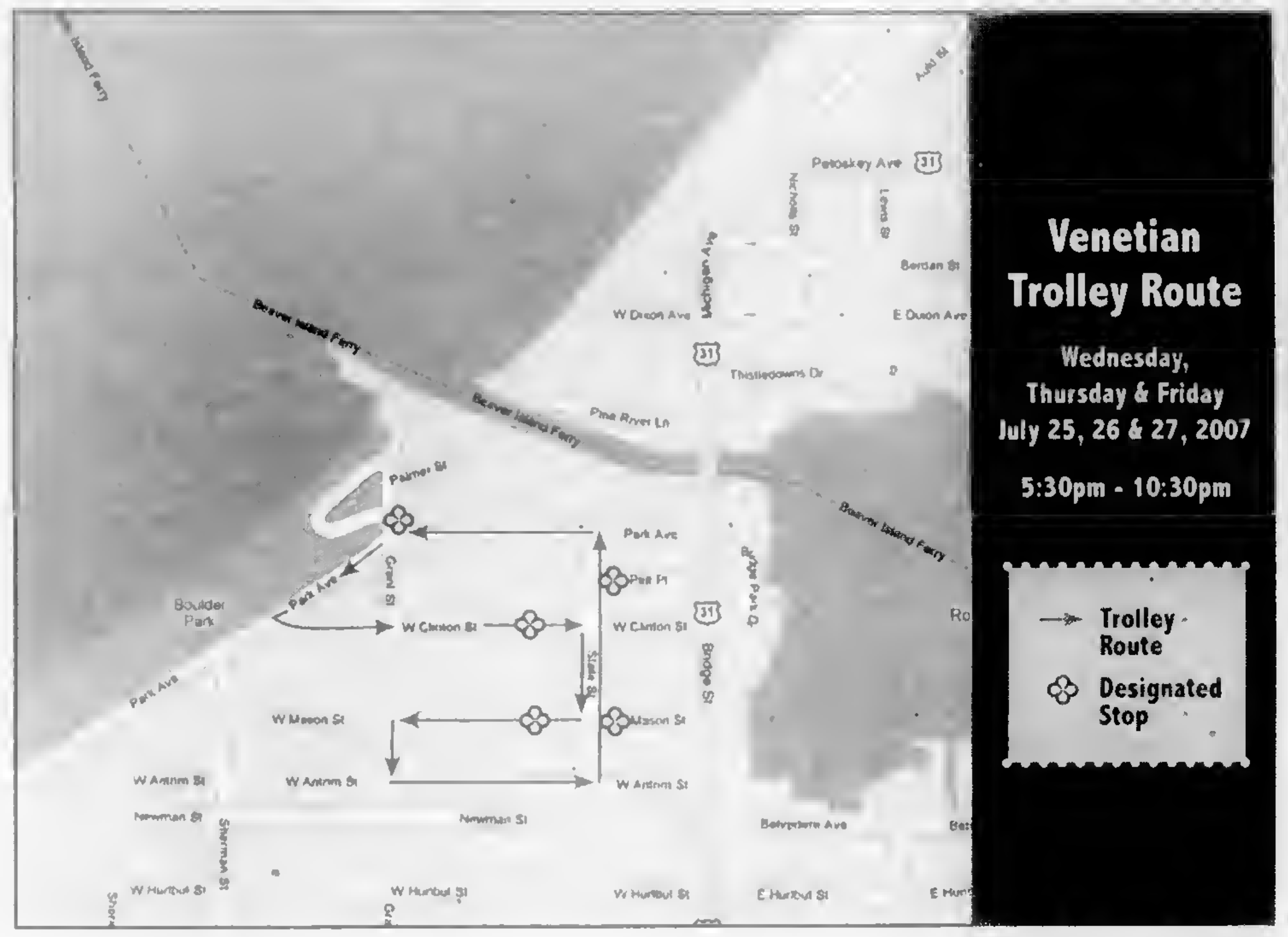
A complimentary trolley service will help connect Venetian Festival event locations.

Venetian Festival participants can climb on the air-conditioned trolley and take a free ride through town, enjoying the festivities, or use the trolley to get from one event to another.

A platform on the back of the trolley is available for passengers to ride outside and enjoy the summer air and sounds of Charlevoix.

The trolley, which seats 28 people, is owned by the Mackinaw Trolley Company and will wind its way through Charlevoix from 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Although the Mackinaw Trolley Company often uses its trolleys for tour groups, this trolley is kept in Charlevoix primarily for weddings and other special events.

The trolley route is depicted in the graphic below.



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Festival reunites Charlevoix alumni

The Charlevoix High School Alumni Association will host an all school reunion from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 at Charlevoix Public Library.

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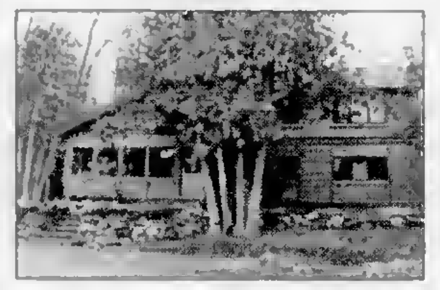

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Venetian Games packed events lineup

While East Park renovations have forced some changes in this year's Venetian plans, there won't be much difference in the schedule of the popular Venetian Games.

"We have had to cancel the East Park croquet tournaments, but are pleased to announce an additional event has been added. Elite volleyball games featuring top players will be held at Lake Michigan Beach. Meanwhile, all the event managers have continued their normal planning and no real problems are anticipated in the dozen sporting events that make up the games schedule," said Dean Davenport, Venetian Games commissioner.

The nearly dozen events kick off with the 3 on 3 basketball all day on Sunday, July 22 at Michigan Beach. Boys, girls and adult teams are included. The second basketball event is the Detroit Pistons/Shock clinic starting at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 27 at Charlevoix Middle School. Those attending can see, touch and have their picture taken with the championship trophies won recently by both the Pistons and Shock professional teams.

The adult golf tournament, the Carey Cup, named for longtime Charlevoix Golf Club course manager Keith Carey, has seen qualifying rounds being played, and now have brackets set for women, men and senior flights. The finals are tentatively set for Tuesday, July 24. The youth version of the Carey Cup is limited to those junior golfers enrolled in the Charlevoix County program and the tournaments will take place on July 25 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

The largest event for participants is the Jeff Drenth Memorial Road Race scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday, July 28. Starting point is at Mt. McSauba and includes 10k, 5k and 1 mile runs for all ages.

The Charlevoix Yacht Club holds their Venetian Sailing Regatta the evening of Wednesday, July 25. The regatta may be viewed starting at 6:30 p.m. from various vantage points along Lake Charlevoix.

The soccer tournament has drawn teams of all ages and gets under way Tuesday, July 24 at Shanahan Field. This popular event is now drawing teams from communities around northern Michigan.

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool hosts the Venetian Swim Championships on Wednesday July 25. Participants must register at the pool 24 hours prior to the event.

The Venetian tennis tournament allows over 50 male adults and 25 women to enjoy their passion with singles, doubles and mixed doubles brackets. There is also a youth and high school age tournament planned with all events scheduled for the courts adjacent to Stroud Hall off Old Orchard Road. Finals are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 26.

The Wednesday, July 25 evening volleyball tournament is a co-ed event with teams playing with a maximum of six players, equally divided between men and women. Teams need only to show up by 6 p.m. at Ferry Beach.

A new event, the Venetian Beach Volleyball Invitational is scheduled for Saturday, July 28 at courts alongside the pier at Lake Michigan Beach. This event, for the above novice players, is scheduled to allow spectators and participants to enjoy high level volleyball and is hoped to grow to become an annual summer event.

The Venetian games allow local and returning former residents the opportunity to compete and/or watch the various events which have become a fixture of the Venetian celebration.

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(Left) Among the myrlad Venetian Games is the Charlevoix Yacht Club's Venetian Sailing Regatta the evening of Wednesday, July 25. The regatta may be viewed starting at 6:30 p.m. from various vantage points along Lake Charlevoix.

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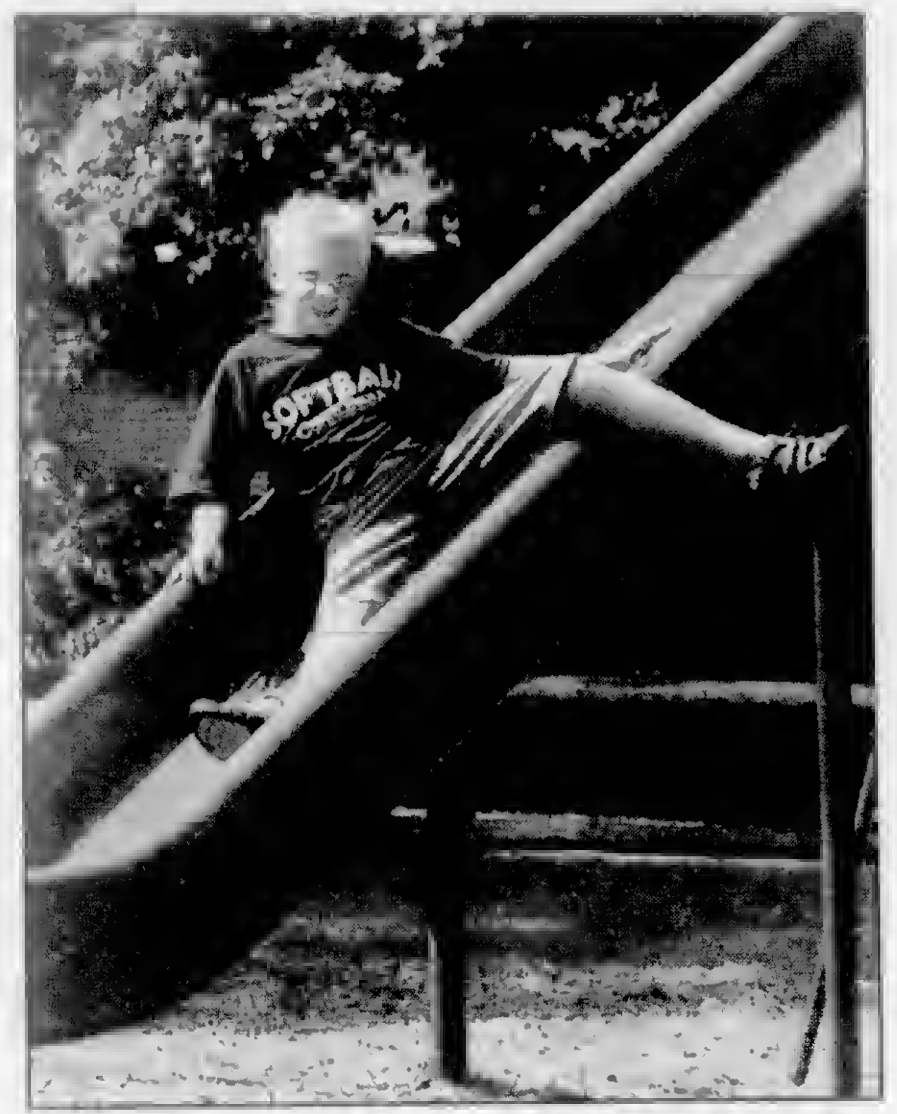

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New play equipment

(Above) The new slide and swings at Mt. McSauba is already in use by children like 8-year-old Tyler Fuchs, who attends Mt. McSauba Day Camp. (Below) The Charlevoix-Emmet Human Resources Board donated $4,239 to cover the cost of the playground equipment like this slide and swings. The equipment is available to Camp McSauba attendees as well as the general public.

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The Emerald Isle will depart promptly at 8:30 p.m. from the Beaver Island Boat Company dock in Charlevoix. Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be available, plus music by the Bud Bechtold Quartet for dancing and entertainment. Because of the increased cost of single-event insurance for the sale of alcohol, there will not be a cash bar.

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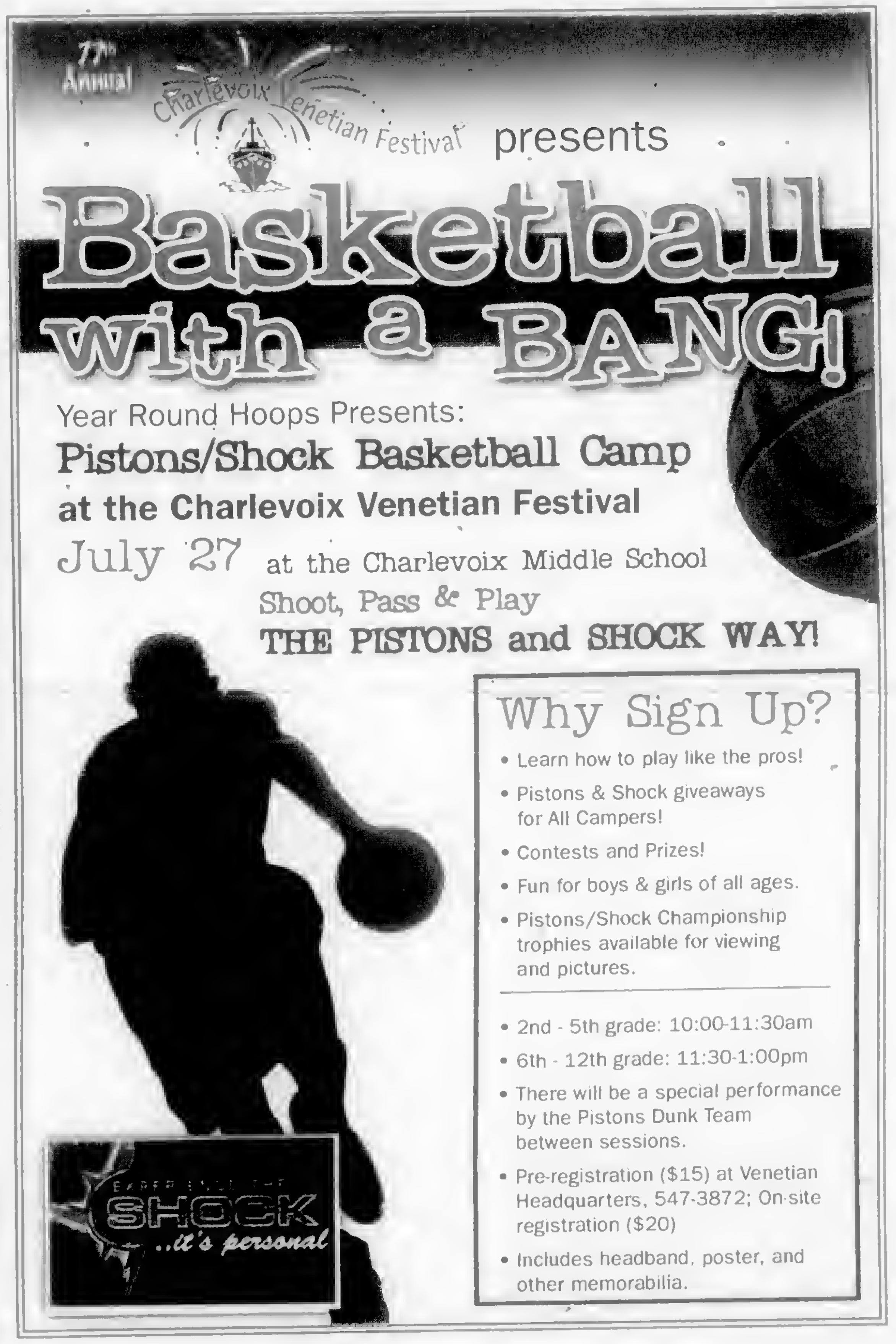
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Summer sand scene

(Above) On July 20 Billy Hurley from Chicago, Ill. searched the sands of Lake Michigan Beach for Petoskey stones, (below) while Erica and Bryan Garlock of Grover Hill, Ohio enjoyed Lake Michigan's waves.

Traveling quilts make a stop at local library

New at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W. Clinton St., for a ten-week exhibit are 50 quilts from the Michigan Quilt Artist Invitational, a traveling exhibit of art quilts.

Every year the Michigan Quilt Artist Invitational founded by curators Mary Andrews of Grand Blanc, and Marty Lawrence of Flint Township bring contemporary quilt artists together to promote freedom of expression, experimentation and individual style. Artists are invited to create an original quilt which complies with an annual theme. The exhibit travels for the next two years around the state of Michigan to galleries, museums, hospitals and libraries.

Having just arrived from the University of Michigan Hospital, the quilts in this stunning exhibit reflect the theme, "Exploring Australia." Most of the quilts in the exhibit are hung in the Charlevoix Public Library community room lobby. The remainder will be showcased in the Michigan Room display case.

A gallery book which includes artist statements, descriptions of the techniques used, and a brief biography of the artist, is available at the information services desk. Many of the pieces are for sale and the prices are included in this gallery notebook.

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- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pony Rides* (two rings)
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Rayder Jump House

For additional information, go to Venetian merchandise booth.
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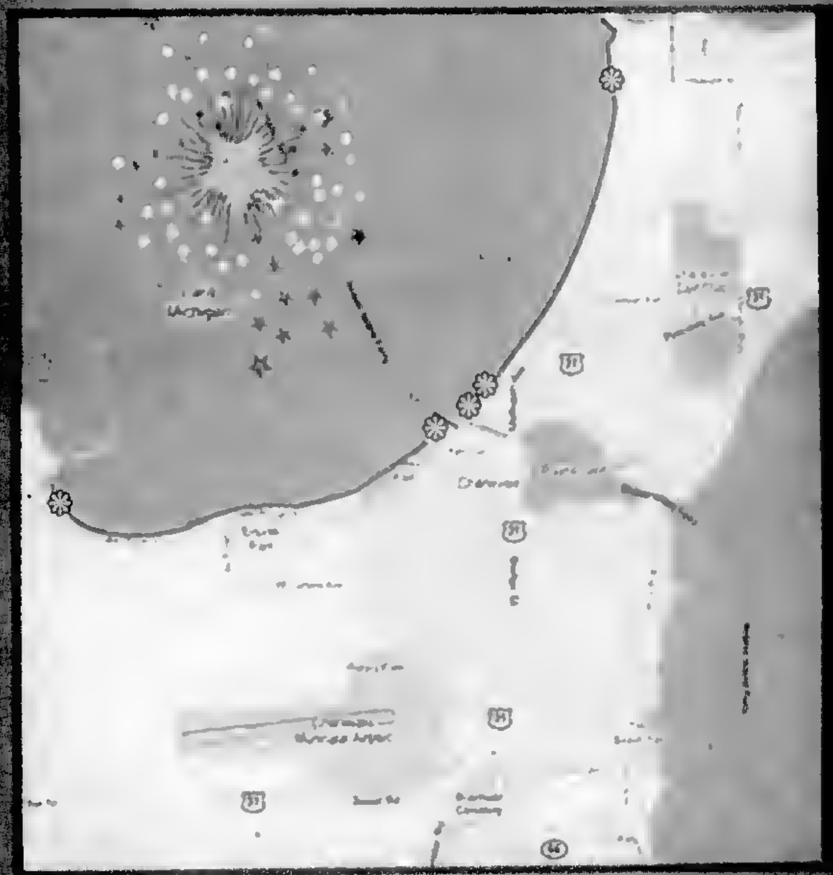

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Norma Teague of Charlevoix gets ready to enjoy a hot fudge sundae after giving her one-hundredth pint of blood on July 12 during the Red Cross' blood drive at Bethany Lutheran Church. Teague began donating blood during World War II and encourages everyone to get in on the generous act.

Mark your calendar for the Beaver Island Senior Picnic on Aug. 20

Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is sponsoring the third annual appreciation day and picnic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 20, at the Peaine Township Hall, located at 36825 Kings Highway on Beaver Island.

The picnic will be served and door prizes given away from noon to 1 p.m. A chicken barbecue, side dishes, roll, fruit and beverage will be served. Tickets are a $3 suggested donation for those 60 and over and $6 for those under 60.

From 9 to 11 a.m. health screenings and "Let's get moving Beaver Island seniors" will take place. Screenings free for seniors 60 and older include cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure. The screenings are $12 for those under 60.

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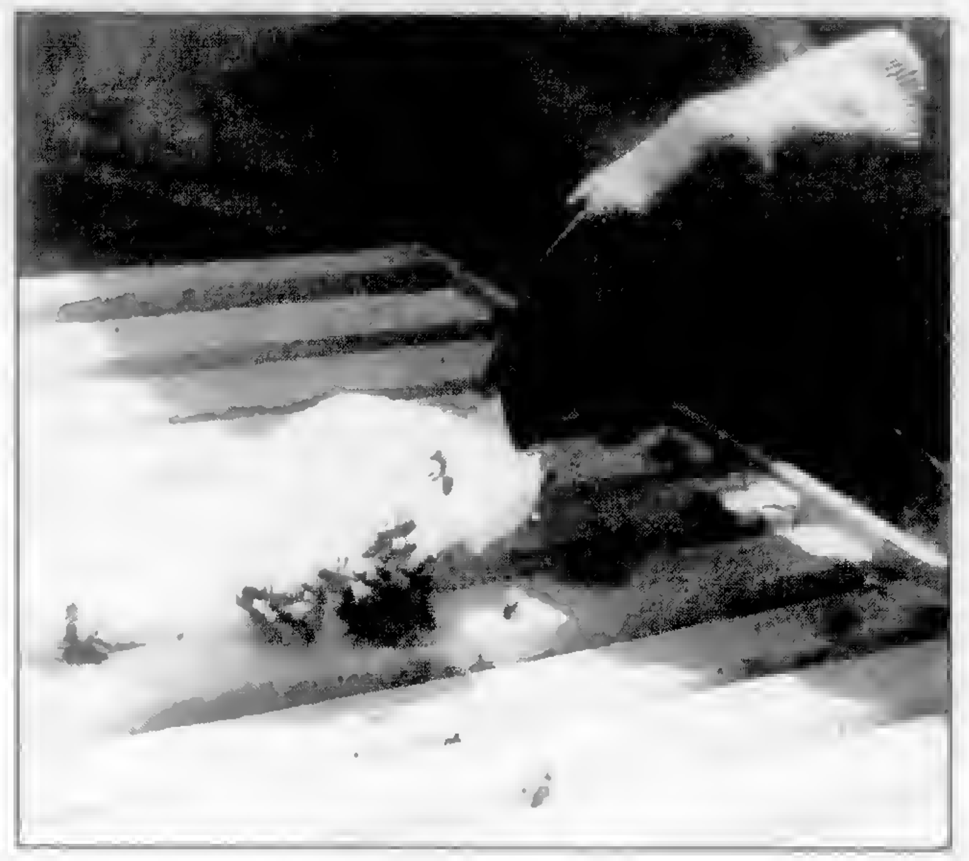

Courtesy photo

Beeswax is retrieved from an apiary hive at Central Michigan University's Biological Station on Beaver Island. July 16-27, teachers from all over Michigan participated in "Beekeeping for the Classroom Teachers" led by Oakland University Professor Dyanne Tracy.

Teachers from around the state have come to Beaver Island to attend a class on preserving the existence of the European honeybee, led by Oakland University Professor Dyanne Tracy.

"Honeybees are responsible for pollinating one to two-thirds of every food we eat," said Tracy. "They are extremely important to the agricultural market and economy."

July 16 through 27, Tracy led 'Beekeeping for the Classroom Teachers," at the newly expanded Central Michigan University Biological Station on the island. The class was made possible through the Environmental Protection Agency's MitSHAPE grant and consists of teachers from the kindergarten through community college level.

"I've been working with James Gillingham, Director of the Central Michigan University Biological Station and he was excited about bringing the opportunity to the station," Tracy said.

She said it's important that students become interested in being beekeepers and with her class, teachers can help them do that.

"I'm looking to help teachers to teach the art and craft of beekeeping," Tracy said. "The average beekeeper is 61 years old, people don't want to do it anymore."

She said bees need beekeepers to help them with pests and said that there are very few wild colonies of honeybees because of invasive mites that arrived in the United States over 20 years ago.

"Since 1986, we've had mites that infest and weaken hives," Tracy said. "The mites were brought here by the Asian honeybee accidentally."

Tracy said that the honeybee is be enjoyed, not feared. Unlike bees such as yellow jackets, hornets and wasps, honeybees are not as defensive of their hives and are less likely to sting.

Nevertheless, she said, on the first day of her class at the biological station Emergency Medical Services teaches how to administer the EpiPen, a pen that delivers an instant shot of epinephrine, for those who are allergic to bee stings.

Tracy, a beekeeper for seven years, said she's never had an incident of someone being stung in her class.

"I've had over four dozen teachers and kids at beehives and they have not been stung," she said. "It is very rare to be stung by a honeybee, they are focused on the queen and making honey."

She said the extreme focus of the worker honeybee also has the effect of creating more beautiful produce.

"A honeybee will not go to more than one species of flower per day," Tracy said. "A flower gets pollinated with the exact species of pollen, creating a bigger, more symmetrical piece of fruit."

Tracy said the work ethic of the honeybee community reminds her of the annual petunia planting in Charlevoix.

"It's the perfect example of a community where everybody does a little bit, like the petunias," she said.

Tracy said this winter, teachers who pass her class will be eligible to receive ware for hives. They will get a package that resembles a shoe box-sized container with 3,000 bees, a caged queen and a can of sugar water. In the spring, if all goes well, they will get four student-sized bee suits and tools. All equipment will be covered by the MitSHAPE grant that funded their Beaver Island class, free of charge.

"These teachers are going to go home to integrate their new knowledge," Tracy said. "If we have a better environment for honeybees, we'll have a better environment for humans."

For more information, contact Dyanne Tracy at (248) 370-3064 ext. 2613.

What? A class entitled 'Beekeeping for the Classroom Teachers" to encourage students to pursue beekeeping.

Why are beekeepers important? Bees need beekeepers to help them with pests and said that there are very few wild colonies of honeybees because of invasive mites that arrived in the United States over 20 years ago.

Who is eligible to participate? Teachers from the kindergarten through community college level.

Cost? Free in 2007. Made possible through the Environmental Protection Agency's MitSHAPE grant

How to get involved? Contact beekeeper of seven years, Dyanne Tracy at (248) 370-3064 ext. 2613.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider a sign variances for Holiday Station stores of 1408 Bridge Street. The variance request is to permit the construction of an internally lit pylon sign, within 4 feet of the right-of-way and to erect 2 additional signs which relate to automobile gasoline service stations. The tax parcel number is 15-52-335-042-00.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., in the second floor Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The public is invited to attend and present its comments on the request. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing, may be mailed to the City Planning Department at the above address or may be faxed to (213) 547-3617 before the public hearing.

Gerry Harsch
City Planner

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Another successful season of College for Kids

More than 245 area students in second through seventh grades recently participated in College for Kids sponsored by Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District.

College for Kids is a summer enrichment program designed to help students study a particular field of interest in depth. Some 20 classes were offered to students that focused on many areas including art, music, communications, drama, leisure activities, science, math and social studies. All of the classes mixed educational experiences with activities to facilitate learning.

"College for Kids uses career pathways to allow students to mix experience with opportunities outside of the normal school atmosphere," Naomi Singer, Director of Career and Technical Education and Early Childhood Education for Char-Em ISD, said. "Students are able to integrate academics with fun and obtain skills that many of them do not realize they are developing."

College for Kids was created more than 20 years ago as a partnership with Odyssey of the Mind and has evolved into a program benefiting many northern Michigan students. The seven-day event takes place at North Central Michigan College.

For more information, contact program coordinator Mary Gaudard at (231) 582-8070.

Courtesy photo

In the Wild and Wacky Watercolor class, one of 20 offered as part of Char-Em Intermediate School District's College for Kids, Jenna Lillie (from left), Kira Jarvi, and Taylor Behan use mirrors to create self portraits.

Courtesy photo

Future journalists (from left) Jacob Willson and Stuart Green interview Mary Gaudard, Char-Em Intermediate School District College for Kids coordinator. Students in the "Just the News" class learn the newspaper business through interviewing, investigating, and photographing all of the events occurring throughout College for Kids.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 9, 2007

- Supervisor Glass called the meeting to order with all board members present.
- The minutes presented were approved.
- Motion carried to deny a request for platform tennis courts.
- Motion carried to approve July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008 fiscal year budget and to levy the full three mills allowed by the Headlee Act to support that budget.
- Motion carried to support Charlevoix County's resolution opposing House Bill 4780.
- Motion carried to allow a lot split requested by Donovan Swanson.
- Motion carried to allow a lot split requested by John Gordon and Blossom Sales and Leasing, Inc.
- Motion carried to accept bid to replace the roof on pump house #3 and to purchase new doors for the north side fire barn.
- Motion carried to purchase new rain gutters for the township hall.
- Next regular meeting to be held August 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Carol Martin
Charlevoix Township Clerk

The Venetian Festival

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BUSINESS What's new?

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Books, CDs and more at Pine River Books

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

From pulp fiction to vintage Ernest Hemmingway, Charlevoix's newest bookstore has it all.

Recently opened at 104 Park Ave., Pine River Books is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.

"This is a retirement project for me," said owner Charles A. Duerr Jr. "I retired from a law practice down state and started it (bookstore) this year."

He added, "I've always had an interest in books; reading, literature. I have audio books, movies and a small collection of music CDs."

Duerr, who fell in love with reading at an early age, said his favorite work of fiction is Huckleberry Finn.

"I wouldn't say I was a kid who was any kind of child prodigy when it came to reading, but by the third-grade I was certainly interested in reading," he said. "My mother told me I had the goal of reading all the books in the Charlevoix Library and I don't remember that, but I think I got bogged down in Louisa May Alcott and didn't finish. But I've read a lot over the years."

Duerr's inventory includes everything from current fiction in paperback to rare hardcovers with various prices.

"Much of it is relatively inexpensive up to some rare books that are priced up in the hundreds (of dollars)," he said. "I have some first editions of Hemmingway and other older fiction."

He added, "There is a lot of stuff (customers) could buy with $2 and recent hardbacks would be priced maybe a third of what you'd buy in a bookstore like Barnes and Noble, but if you were looking for something on the current New York Times bestseller list, in all likelihood I wouldn't have it."

While his store officially closes at six, Duerr said he routinely extends the hours in the evening.

"There are comfortable places for people to sit and read and browse and a room with children's books and young adult books with places for them to sit," he said. "I've tried to make the store comfortable for visitors, not too crowded, well lighted. Many used bookstores tend to get kind of overcrowded and not enough room for people to move around and see what's on the shelves. I think I've avoided that."

Duerr's inventory of nearly 6,000 books on history, biography, fiction, humor, travel art, music and more are categorized alphabetically by author to make searches less cumbersome.

"It was a lot of time (categorizing the books) but it's well worth it," he said. "If people come in with a request, I'm able to find it and if they have an unusual request, I'll search for it on the Internet and try to find it."

For more information, call (231) 237-9298.

Business name? Pine River Books
What do they sell? Nearly 6,000 books on history, biography, fiction, humor, travel art, music and more.
Location? 104 Park Ave.
Hours of operation? 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.
More information? (231) 237-9298

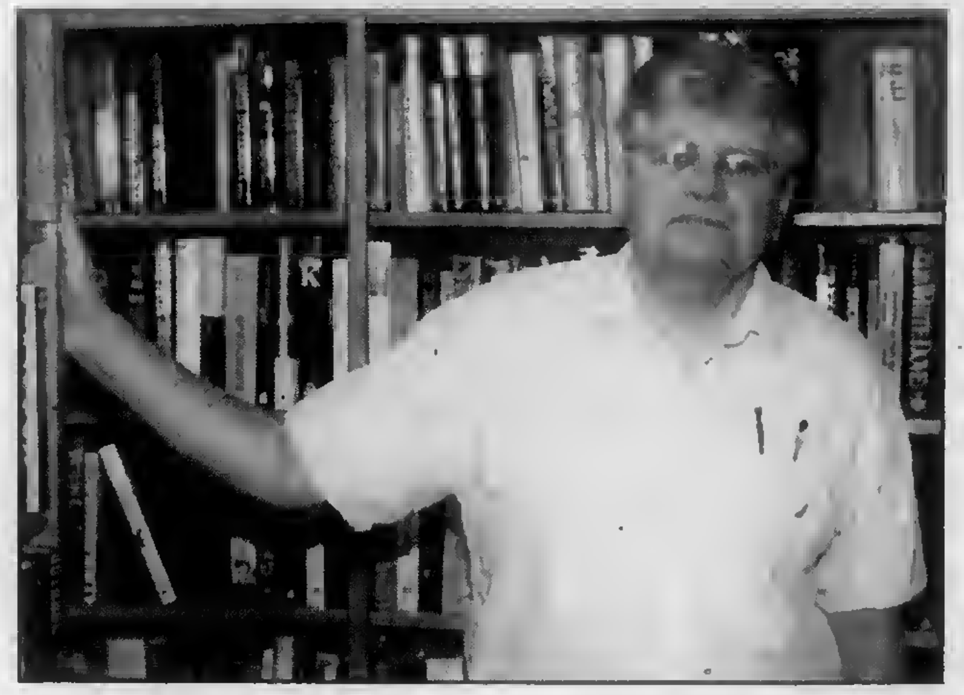

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charles A. Duerr Jr. recently opened Pine River Books where he sells everything from audio, paperback and hardcover books to music and DVDs.

Early Deadline

The Charlevoix Courier offices
will be closed on Labor Day,
Monday, September 3, 2007.
We will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

The DEADLINE for the
September 5 paper
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Wednesday, August 29 at Noon.

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Demonstrations, kids fun and more at Fiber Arts Festival

What? Fiber Arts Festival
When? 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 28-29
Where? King's Castle at Castle Farms off M-66 in Charlevoix
Visit www.castlefarms.com

File photo

This weekend's Fiber Arts Festival at Castle Farms will include interactive demonstrations in weaving, spinning, natural dyeing and felting.

Guests to the Castle this weekend will enjoy an introduction to the fiber arts at the 2007 Fiber Arts Festival.

They can visit live animals, enjoy interactive demonstrations in weaving, spinning, natural dyeing and felting, watch sheep dogs at work, enjoy a llamas obstacle course, see how sheep are shorn and talk to vendors who are fiber artists and shepherds in their own right. The younger set can enjoy story corner, doing a woolly craft, playing old time games or even jumping on an inflatable gym. A huge success in 2006 and continued in 2007 is the fiber art fashion show that will take place each afternoon. Models will walk the runway in garments and accessories created from commercial yarns and the fiber of the types of animals on display. Many of the items showcased in the fashion show are original designs by Michigan fiber artists.

It's a shopping extravaganza as Castle Farms hosts more than 50 vendors with handmade goods including painted yarn, alpaca toys, original lace shawls, sweaters, hats, mittens, soaps, rugs, knitting accessories and more.

Admission at the door is $5 per person with children under five free.

Up North Kids hosts 'Hidden Michigan' author

Courtesy graphic

Author and publisher Anne Margaret Lewis will be on hand at Up North Kids on July 28 signing her book "Hidden Michigan" and her other works.

On July 28, author and publisher Anne Margaret Lewis will be coming to Up North Kids for a book signing.

Lewis not only has a new book out called "Sleeping Bear: The Legend" featuring artwork by Sarah Grant, but also in May, her book "Hidden Michigan" was declared an official State of Michigan Children's Book by the state senate. It is a book that depicts the many treasures and uniqueness that Michigan has to offer, and has been heralded by teachers, parents and kids throughout the state. Charlevoix's Venetian Festival is mentioned on the "Up North" pages of the book.

Lewis will be at Up North Kids on Bridge Street in Charlevoix from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on July 28.

Murdick's sells lighthouse gear to benefit restoration project

File photo

Proceeds from the sale of South Pier Light merchandise will offset the restoration project costs. Merchandise is available from noon to 8 p.m. at Murdick's, located at 311 Bridge St. this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Charlevoix Historical Society has selected Smay-Trombley Architecture to begin drawings for the first phase of the South Pier Light restoration project.

Smay-Trombley has worked on plans and specifications for a number of Michigan lighthouse restoration projects and provides great expertise.

A $34,000, Michigan Lighthouse Project Grant awarded to the Charlevoix Historical Society through Michigan State Historic Preservation Office will help pay for the architectural services provided. Matching funds of $17,000 are necessary to complete the first phase of the restoration project. Smay-Trombley will begin their task immediately, with construction scheduled for spring 2008.

Proceeds from the sale of lighthouse merchandise will offset the restoration project costs. Merchandise is available from noon to 8 p.m. at Murdick's, located at 311 Bridge St. this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Additional donations may be made to the "Keeper of the Light" fund, Charlevoix Historical Society P.O. Box 525, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. A permanent record of all donations will be kept at the Historical Society. Those donating $1,000 or more to the restoration effort will be honored on a plaque which will be placed near the lighthouse at the end of the five-year project.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, July 16, 2007 — 7:00 p.m.
210 State Street, City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers,
Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion adopted to authorize the spending of (not to exceed) $10,000 for a pumping station (building) to be built in house.
- Motion adopted to purchase the pumps from Torrent Engineering and Equipment for $35,000 with an allowance of $4,400 for installation.
- Motion adopted to accept the bid from Raymer Well Drilling in the amount of $6,606.50.
- Motion adopted to authorize the City to enter into a mutual aid contract with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
- Motion adopted to authorize staff to get a permit from MDOT (to use property as parkland).
- Resolution 2007-07-01 adopted to grant free launch for the Nu-Core Triangle Race and the Red Fox Regatta

Council adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Stephanie C. Brown, Deputy City Clerk Norman Carlson, Mayor

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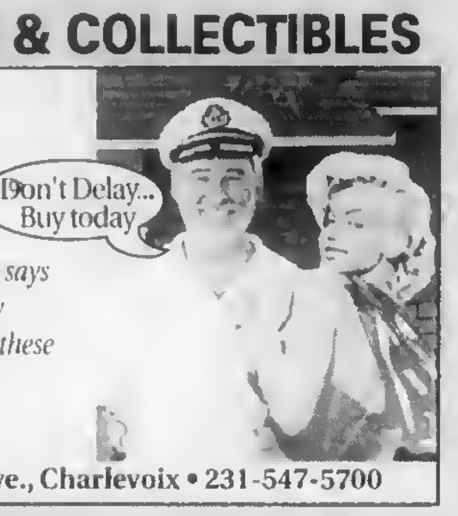

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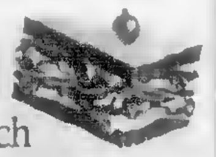

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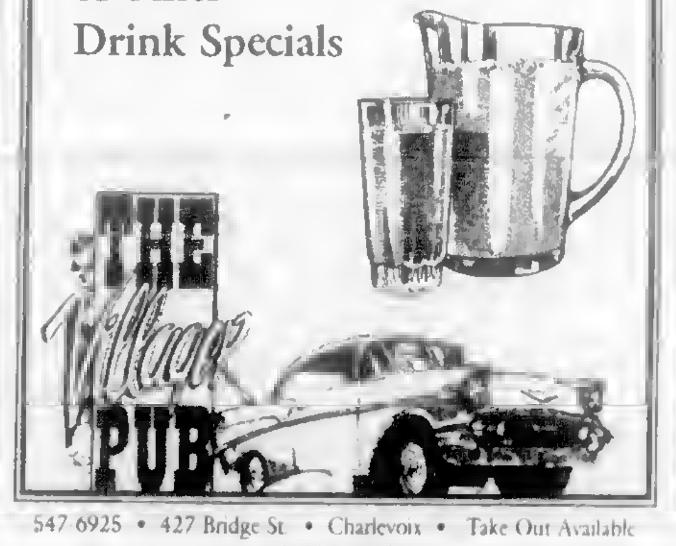

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Build it and they will come

Build it and they will come.

That is exactly what the fundraising group, Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc. did. After completion the park, located at 401 West Carpenter St. was turned over to the City of Charlevoix to operate.

The city owned and operated park opened in June 2006 to a partial season. This year it opened on April 29 for a five-month season and in the first two months of operation has had over 1,300 users.

According to Laura Stebe, a founder of Charlevoix Community Skatepark Inc., the park is meeting established goals. It is self sustaining with user fees earmarked for payroll and maintenance. Skaters and bikers from around the state are traveling to the park as a destination park. And it's becoming a place for family fun.

Stebe said one of the positive aspects of the park has been the way the older skaters and bikers mentor the younger ones.

"Another wonderful thing that has transpired has been that the local skaters from surrounding towns are using the park and there is no rivalry. The main feedback has been that people are glad it is a supervised park with a safe environment (it is a zero tolerance park)," she added.

The park has adopted the mantra "Respect earns respect."

The staff consists of Stebe, Susan Klooster, Mitchell Klooster and Jonathon Merrill.

Competitions at the park are included in future plans.

Scholarships are available through the Patsy Ramsey Scholarship Fund. Her goal was that no child be turned away for lack of funds or privilege.

For more information or to make a donation to the fund, contact Laura Stebe at (231) 675-4505.

The park is open from noon to 9 p.m. daily during the summer. The park is only closed during inclement weather or during storm watches.

File photo

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark, located at 401 West Carpenter St. which opened for its first full season on April 29 has attracted users from all over northern Michigan. The park is open from noon to 9 p.m. daily.

Shotgun explodes on shooter at Rod and Gun Club

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office is investigating a target shooting accident that occurred at around noon on July 15 at the Rod and Gun Club on U.S. 31 in Charlevoix.

Robert Hofstetter, 57, of Petoskey, was target shooting when his .12 gauge shotgun exploded sending shrapnel into his left forearm severely injuring him.

He was transported by Charlevoix City EMS to Charlevoix Area Hospital and then transferred to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey for treatment.

Rayder Football Golf Outing is on Aug. 17

A Rayder Football Golf Outing will take place on Friday, Aug. 17 at Antrim Dells Golf Club, located at 12352 Antrim Drive in Atwood.

Registration begins at 1 p.m. The shotgun start is at 2 p.m. The cost is $75 per player and includes boxed lunch, golf, dinner and auction admission.

Special events include chances to win a set of Callaway Big Bertha irons, a Sharp LCD flat-screen TV, two round-trip domestic airline tickets and $10,000 cash. Proceeds from this annual event fund the Charlevoix High School varsity and junior varsity football team's training camp on Beaver Island and miscellaneous equipment needs.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Dying winds slow racers' sails

Light winds made for a slow race on Wednesday night, July 18 for Charlevoix Yacht Club racers. The course was shortened to a triangle as a result of the dying breeze. Jib and Main boats Exitus and Sonnett were less than 15 seconds apart by corrected time and Northern Light of the Spinnaker B fleet was the fastest overall.

Race results provided by Mike Miller and Keith Attee, committee chairs.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Exitus (Pung); 2 — Sonnett (Lepman)

P-26 fleet: 1 — Original Sin (Miller); 2 — Tireless (Carland); 3 — Cygnus (Stewart); 4 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 5 — Apothecary (Ochs).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 2 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 3 — Suzie Q (Kelly); 4 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 5 — Fairret (Seymour); 6 — Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 7 — M3 (Carey); 8 — Sail La Vie (Williamson).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Northern Light (Orlow); 2 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 3 — Moxie (Jensen); 4 — Itch (Thomas).

Summer series results after three races with no drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Sonnett (4); 2 — Exitus (5); 3 — Opus (11).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Tireless (4); 2 — Original Sin (6); 3 — Cygnus (10); 4 — Lost Vermonter (11); 5 — Apothecary (14).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Tie: Hoi Polloi and Suzie Q (8); 3 — Tie: Booma and Gotcha! (10); 5 — Paleface Lite (15); 6 — Fairret (16.5); 7 — M3 (21); 8 — Sail La Vie (23.5); 9 — Incognito (27).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Moxie (5); 2 — Affinity (8); 3 — Northern Light (9); 4 — Itch (12); 5 — Windrunner (15).

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What? Beyond the Gold Mega Sports Camp
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"Beyond the Gold Mega Sports Camp" will be held nightly at Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, Aug. 6–9.

Charlevoix Assembly of God Church Christian education director Angie Way said at the camp kids entering Kindergarten through sixth-grade will find an opportunity to learn more about sports while discovering character-building concepts and having fun.

At "Beyond the Gold Mega Sports Camp," kids can choose between basketball, soccer and cheerleading.

"It doesn't matter if they've played all their lives, or just started yesterday. Mega Sports Camp helps kids improve their skills," Way said.

Drills and practice games will get kids focused on the fundamentals that make athletes great. Plus, Mega Sports Camp creates a positive and encouraging environment that pumps up their confidence and self-esteem.

In between sports sessions, coaches tell stories and do object lessons that carry character-building themes.

There is no cost for Mega Sports Camp. All adult workers/coaches at Mega Sports Camp have met the church's child protection screening policy. Staff includes certified First Aid/CPR worker(s).

Charlevoix Assembly of God is located at 05291 M-66 North, just north of Castle Farms. Camp will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. Aug. 6–9. To register, call (231) 547-6430. Walk-in registration will take place at 5:30 p.m. each evening of Mega Sports Camp. A parent/guardian must accompany children for registration, as parental waivers are required.

Rec slo-pitch teams swing into late season schedule

Men's rec league softball teams continued their season on July 11, 12, 16 and 19.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch July 11 games, Art Form Fabricating/Frontier Classic beat JC Service 10-9. For Art Form, Andy Rowe had a double and a triple. For JC, Joe Knox had an in-the-park home run.

In game two, Carlson's Home Improvements beat Boss Engineering 5–4. For Carlson's, Dave MacKenzie and Kris Bartling each had a double and Tom Savinson had a triple. For Boss, Scott Boss had a home run.

In game three, Flight Deck/American Waste beat Wojan Windows 18–6. For Flight Deck, Roger Pittman had a triple and Nick Cole had a triple and a home run.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch July 12 games, Boss Engineering beat Subway/Charlevoix Collision 14–2. For Boss, Scott Boss had a triple.

In game two, RGM Services defeated Art Form Fabricating/Frontier Classic 17–5. For RGM, Bo Moore had two triples.

In game three, Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting beat JC Service 15–13. For Swanson's, Brandon Webb and Brent VanStedem each had a triple. For JC, Paul Bennett had a double and a home run and Mike Rautio had a home run.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch July 16 games, Flight Deck/American Waste beat Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting 6–3. For Swanson's, Don Jess and Brent VanStedem each had a double.

In game two, Boss Engineering shut out Wojan Windows 12–0. Scott Boss had a triple and Wayne Boss and Adam Wood each had a double.

In game three, JC Service trounced Subway/Charlevoix Collision 23–9. For JC, Shannon Gillespie and Darren Munson each had a triple, JD Pop and Joe Knox each had two doubles and Paul Bennett had a double and a home run. For Subway, James Thomas and Gary Clark each had a double.

In game one of the men's slo-pitch July 19 games, Carlson's Home Improvements defeated Wojan Windows 27–10. For Carlson's, Mike Thompson had three doubles, Dave MacKenzie had a home run and a double, Doug Waha had a grand slam and a double, Kris Bartling had a grand slam and two doubles, and Boogie Carlson had a double.

In game two, RGM Services manhandled JC Service, winning 22–3. For RGM, Danny Waldron had a home run, Eddie Waldron had an in-the-park home run, and Chase Moore had a double. For JC, Josh Chamberlain had a double and Joe Knox had a triple.

In game three, Flight Deck/American Waste defeated Art For Fabricating/Frontier Classic 18–2. For Flight Deck, Roger Pittman and Casey Crain each had two doubles and Nick Cole had two home runs and a triple. For Art Form, Taylor Fisher had a double.

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New this year, in support of Charlevoix's designation as a Cool City, will be a "Walk in Charlevoix." Gift certificates packaged as Grandparents Treat Day, Girls Day Out, Antique Adventure, Pamper Day for Her and Pamper Day for Him will be offered.

In celebration of the 10-year anniversary, auctioneer Scott MacKenzie will be assisted by Morris Everett, the auctioneer in the early 1990s and Pat McKeown, the auctioneer in the early 1980s.

The public is invited to an auction preview Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Charlevoix Country Club. Reservations for dinner may be made by calling (231) 547-9796.

The pool auction begins at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12 at the Charlevoix Country Club.

Tickets for the pool auction Sunday, Aug. 12, are $75 per person.

To purchase tickets, call the pool at (231) 547-0982 or the country club at (231) 547-9796.

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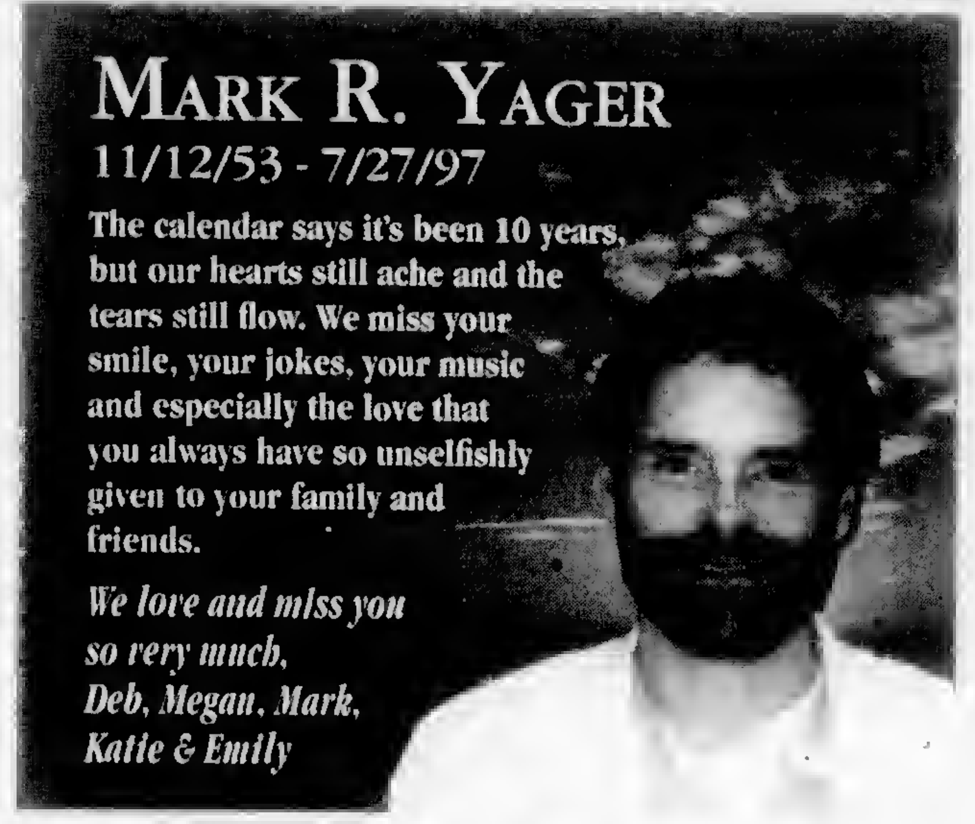
Deadline
is Noon
Friday

0710 IN MEMORIAM



MARK R. YAGER
11/12/53 - 7/27/97

The calendar says it's been 10 years, but our hearts still ache and the tears still flow. We miss your smile, your jokes, your music and especially the love that you always have so unselfishly given to your family and friends.

We love and miss you
so very much,
Deb, Megan, Mark,
Katie & Emily

0690 SERVICES

AFFORDABLE STONEWORKS of Charlevoix. Fireplaces, chimneys, retainer walls and decorative landscaping. Call (231)437-0159.

ALEXANDER'S FARRIER Service. Call for appointment, (231)549-2540 (070708601)

0730 LOST ITEMS

LOST LARGE orange and white male pointer. 60 pounds. Michaywe area. Reward offered. (313)417-3765, (313)590-5951 or (313)304-4666.

0750 PERSONALS

THE FAMILY of James Stonham Jr. with to thank all the kind people for the gifts and love.

0760 SPECIAL NOTICES

INSURANCE

CHARLEVOIX AGENCY INC.
Locally owned and operated,
A+ Companies, A+ Service
(231)547-4441

PRIVATE PARTY can help you sell your mortgage or trust deed. Call 231-350-3509 or 231-350-1233.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform Robin Harris, last known address: P.O. Box 538, Charlevoix, MI 49720, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #080. A brief description would be: car collection boxes. You have until August 25, 2007, to re-claim the goods at:

Charlevoix Mini Storage
06795 US 31 Highway South
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
(231)547-5838

CLASSIFIED ADS PAY OFF!

0760 SPECIAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform Terisita Chingwa, last known address: 7973 Bayshore Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #055. A brief description would be: furniture, washer and dryer. You have until August 25, 2007, to re-claim the goods at:

Charlevoix Mini Storage
06795 US 31 Highway South
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
(231)547-5838

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform Diana Beaten, last known address: 214 W. Carpenter, Charlevoix, MI 49720, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #055. A brief description would be: toys, furniture, books and cash register. You have until August 25, 2007, to re-claim the goods at:

Charlevoix Mini Storage
06795 US 31 Highway South
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
(231)547-5838

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform Megan Potter, last known address: 316 Mattie Brook Avenue, Henderson, NV 89015, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #093. A brief description would be: furniture, mattress, & bike. You have until August 25, 2007, to re-claim the goods at:

Charlevoix Mini Storage
06795 US 31 Highway South
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
(231)547-5838

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

CHEE PENG of Charlevoix is looking for waitress/waiters. Will train the right person. (231)547-6060.

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

Drivers

NORTHERN DRIVING INSTITUTE

Is currently seeking qualified instructors for truck driving school. Current Class A CDL. 5 years verifiable experience. Good driving record/certification of violations required. Excellent communication skills. Able to pass DOT drug screen. Send resume to: N.D.I., 15890 Bells Bay Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720 or email to: wayne@northerndrivinginstitute.com. (231)237-9502 or fax (231)237-9507.

General

ESTATE MANAGER

Wanted for 250 acre estate on Lake Charlevoix. Responsibilities will include, but are not limited to, hands-on management of four houses, large boathouse, horse barn, antique and classic boats and cars, extensive landscape, and resource management. An understanding of electrical and mechanical systems is required. Position will require management of seasonal employees. Attention to detail is vital. Nautical background desirable. Residence provided. Send resumes to File 642, c/o Petoskey News-Review.

Office

NORTHERN DRIVING INSTITUTE

Is currently seeking applicants for telephone recruiters. Excellent communication skills. Excellent phone skills, Windows XP Exp. Able to pass drug screen. Send resume to: N.D.I., 15890 Bells Bay Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720 or email to: wayne@northemdriving Institute.com. (231)237-9502 or fax (231)237-9507.

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

Healthcare

CERTIFIED NA'S

Grandvue, Charlevoix County's Medical Care Facility, is looking for Certified Nurse Aides who are committed to resident centered care. Full and part-time positions available. Our extensive benefit package includes shift differentials for afternoon and midnight positions; and health, dental, vision and life insurance are available for full-time staff. If you are looking for a position that will challenge your abilities, encourage personal growth, and allow you to build relationships with residents, families, and team members, please apply at 1728 South Peninsula Road, East Jordan; or call Jane Korthase (231)536-2286 with questions.

Healthcare

MEDICAL ASSISTANT/ REGISTERED NURSE

Immediate opporutnity for experienced MA or RN in Petoskey. No weekends or holidays. days. Please send resume to:

BAY STREET ORTHOPAEDICS
P.O. Box 430,
Petoskey, Mi. 49770

Sales

SALES PERSON

Growing local home improvement Co. Seeking highly motivated individual, for performance based sales position for Petoskey/Cheboygan area. Please send resume to; 4107 Manor Wood Dr., Traverse City, MI 49684, or Fax to; (231)933-8772, or e-mail; hr@rainbowseamlesssystems.com.

You Could Be Reading Your Ad Right Here!! Phone, Fax or e-mail Lisa Today To Place Your Classified Ad!!!

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

General

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

Apprentice Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. The City of Charlevoix has a full-time position opening for a Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant Apprentice. The applicant must be a high school graduate or havo a G.E.D. equivalent and a Michigan Driver's License. If the applicant does not have one or both licenses, an "F-4" Water license and/or "D" wastewater license, the employee shall obtain the State of Michigan "F-4" water license and the "D" wastewater license by taking and passing the first available state license exams after State requirements are met. The employee must complete correspondence courses, CSU "Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants" Volume I and II and "Water Treatment Plant Operation" Volume I and Volume II, each with a minimum passing grade of "C," within twelve (12) months from the date of hire after State requirements are met. The position requires prompt and regular attendance and the ability to work without direct supervision. The Operator may be scheduled "on-call" for consecutive 24-hour periods. Contact the City Manager's Office at (231)547-3270 for more information and a complete list of job duties. Submit application to the City Manager's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 by July 26, 2007. An application and background waiver are available at www.cityofcharlevoix.org EOE.

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

New Today!
Healthcare

MEDICAL PRACTICE ADMINISTRATOR

Medical Office Manager/Administrator needed. Full-time. Minimum 3 years experience in all aspects of medical practice administration. Billing/coding background desired. Bachelor Degree in health management or related field desired. Salary commensurate with experience. Please send resume to DHA-Petoskey. ATTN. Dr. tietjen, 560 W. Mitchell St., Suite G-40, Petoskey, MI 49770 or fax to (231) 487-6513. No telephone calls please.

New Today!
Office

MEDICAL BILLER

Part-time, medical office experience preffered. 25 to 30 hours weekly. Competitive salary. Mail resume to 600 Charlevoix, Ave. Petoskey, 49770.

Office

NORTHERN DRIVING INSTITUTE

Is currently seeking applicants for secretarial position. Excellent phone skills. Excellent communication skills. Knowledgeable with MS office, Word, Word Perfect and able to generate new books, files and spreads. Housekeeping duties. File, fax, multitask and duties for multiple office staff. Able to pass drug screen. Send resume to: N.D.I., 15890 Bells Bay Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720 or email to: wayne@northerndriving institute.com. (231)237-9502 or fax (231)237-9507.

NORTHPOINTE MOTORS *Home of INSTANT CAR CREDIT*

SALES PROFESSIONAL WANTED

Northpointe Motors, Home of Instant Car Credit. We are growing and in search of Automotive Sales Professionals to join our Charlevoix sales force. Salary plus commission. If you are motivated and have the drive to make your own paycheck, this is the opportunity for you! No experience necessary, will train the right individual.

Please send resume to
CX Sales, PO Box 146
Acme, MI 49610 or email
icccorp@charterinternet.com

SELL IT FAST IN THE COURIER CLASSIFIEDS!

JUL 2007

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

New Today!
Healthcare

GRANDVUE MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

Grandvue, Charlevoix County's Medical Care Facility, is looking for RNs and LPNs who are interested in working in a state-of-the-art facility that is moving away from the medical model toward a more holistic approach to care through reduced nurse to resident caseloads. Full and part time positions available. Our extensive benefit package includes generous shift differentials for afternoon and midnight positions, liberal time off policy, and facility paid retirement plan. Health, dental, vision and life insurance available for full time staff. If you are looking for a nursing position that will challenge your abilities, encourage personal growth, and allow you to build relationships with residents and their families, please apply at 1728 South Peninsula Road, East Jordan; or call Jane Korthase at (231)536-2286 with questions.

Sales

ADVERTISING SALES

A **Woman's** Perspective Magazine is looking for an advertising sales representative for Petoskey, Charlevoix, Harbor Springs Boyne City and Gaylord area. Experience helpful, flexible hours, commissioned based. Call (906)643-8551.

Trades

A LOCAL technology company is accepting applications for an installer/tech position. Applicants must have excellent computer skills and experience in cabling and networking. A valid drivers license is required. Send Resume to: File No. 426, c/o Charlevoix Courier, P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

New Today!
Trades

FABRICATOR/ WELDER

For clean, non-smoking manufacturing company. Full-time, Monday through Friday, days only. Paid vacations and holidays, company paid BC/BS, prescription, dental and life insurance. Retirement plan, uniforms and reimbursement of continuing education expenses. Apply at Nu-Core Inc., 08833 Gibbons Drive, Charlevoix, Michigan. (231)547-2600.

0870 PART-TIME HELP WANTED

New Today!
Office

LIBRARY CLERK

The Charlevoix Public Library is looking for weekend, part-time assistants to work all public service desks beginning this fall. Check www.charlevoixlibrary.org for job description and standards. Send letter and resume to the library at 220 Clinton Street by August 16th.

NEEDED HARD WORKER to do odd jobs, in Charlevoix. $10 per hour call toll free 877-326-3772.

0890 SITUATION WANTED

LIVE-IN PROPERTY MANAGER

Beautiful 5 unit apartment building downtown Charlevoix. All units are completely furnished. Please call (415)595-6251.

0970 BUSINESS/OFFICE EQUIPMENT

TALLY GENICOM Model 6306 line printer. Network card. Enclosed base. Never used. Purchased December 2006. Paid $4,656. Make an offer. Please call Gaylord Herald Times, (989)732-111, Marilyn.

1000 GARAGE SALES

New Today!
CHARLEVOIX - Fantastic Garage Sale, July 27 & 28. Furniture, antiques, great items. 11180 Evergreen Lane, Charlevoix. Near Castle Farms.

CHARLEVOIX: 13142 Beechwood Dr., (3 blocks west of US-31, off Mt. McSauba Rd.), Friday and Saturday, 9 to 3. Moving sale. Too much to list.

1340 MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

AMAZING ASH One of the most durable flooring choices, 3-1/4", 4-1/4" unfinished Natural Ash for $1.99 sq. ft. Call Northern Michigan Hardwoods (888)629-5120.

BOWFLEX TREADCLIMBER TC1000 treadmill. $850/best. (989)785-5432.

CERAMIC KILN. Over $8,000 retail worth of ceramic molds. Paint brushes, starter equipment. Asking $3,000/best. (231)546-3973.

DESERT SAND OAK 3" pre-finished Natural White Oak flooring for $3.99 sq. ft. 3" Golden Oak also $3.99 sq. ft. More choices also on sale. Call Northern Michigan Hardwoods (888)629-5120.

MATTRESS BLOWOUT!

National Brand "Englander" mattress sets at close-out prices. All sizes to choose from. Queen size deluxe pillow top mattress set $397 for both pieces. There is no way for stores to sell mattresses at these prices. These sets are all brand new in fectory wrapped plastic. Bed frames, chests, head boards and bedroom sets in stock also for pick-up or delivery. Located on US 31 on the North side of Charlevoix next to Monte's Car Wash or call (248)640-0586 with any questions.

SPECTACULAR DESIGNER FURNITURE SALE: July 27th and 28th. Beautiful Henrieon walnut oval dining table with 6 chairs, 72" beige sofa and pillows, 80" upholstered wheat colored sofa, game room table with 4 upholstered chairs, French antique library table and mirror, whitewashed dining table (77"x37") with 6 cane chairs, 2 Habersham cream crackled buffet tables, limestone cocktail table and wood cocktail table, lamps and miscellaneous. All items are like new. Call Chris for preview and prices, (231)237-9043.

1390 LAWN & GARDEN

LANDSCAPE MULCH Bring your truck and get landscape mulch at $13 per yard. Available on Saturdays, 10 to 2. Northern Michigan Hardwoods (888)629-5120.

1570 LOTS & ACREAGE

(3) **WOODED** lots, with Lake Michigan access, located in Cheboygan. $15,000 for all. (231)627-6842.

PINE POINT ~ CHARLEVOIX
3 Lots on Western Avenue.
50' x 125', wooded.
Walk to Lake Charlevoix beach.
All utilities available.
$29,500 each.
(231)547-4344.

BURGESS ROAD ACREAGE

9.2 acres near water and golf. Reduced to $47,000. Call Nancy at Greenway (231)632-1730.

CHARLEVOIX 2 lots sold together, special location. Wooded lots, over 3/4 of an acre! Close to Lake Michigan and downtown. Water and sewer. Split with right offer. Land contract available. $40,000. Get more details at; fsbomichigan.com. Garfield lots, #85 and 76. (231)675-0605.

VACANT 5 acres with views. Splits available. Near Boyne's proposed new Pete Dye Golf Course. $110,000. 582-4282. jroundshp@gmail.com.

1600 HOMES FOR SALE

$0 DOWN. Gaylord, 4 bedroom, 1 bath bi-level. Attached heated garage. Basement. Clean. Fenced backyard. Mature landscaping, rockwall. Immediate occupancy. Quiet neighborhood. $126,000. Seller paying $3,500 cash at close. (231)881-2035 or (231)439-9215.

CHARLEVOIX

Spacious, well maintained, Mobile Home on quiet, lower level of park with private beach on Lake Charlevoix. Quality built 1984, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, large kitchen and living room with deck. $18,500. Cash only, No land contract. Call (313)582-1898.

CHARLEVOIX: CHARMING 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with single car garage and full basement on nice corner lot on south side. New kitchen and appliances, freshly painted, turn key condition. $147,000. (231)547-9893.

FSBO GREAT views of Boyne Mountain Club. 4 bedroom, 2 bath with garage plus newly remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath guest house. Pole barn with horse stalls, pond, apple trees on 12 acres. $320,000. 10% below appraisal. Extra $15,000 cash back at close. 582-4282. jroundshp@gmail.com.

HOUSE FOR sale by owner. 3 bedroom, 2 bath modular home. Must see to appreciate. Moving out of state. (989)731-1930.

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PETOSKEY 3 bedroom farm house, 2+ acres. New well, septic and drain field. 1/2 mile south city limits. 838-5985 or 838-7357.

1610 LAKE HOMES & FRONTAGE

CLOSE TO Charlevoix, beautiful waterfront lot at Adams Lake Preserve. Area of fine homes, reduced $64,900 by owner. 231-933-1546.

CROOKED RIVER waterfront. Paved road, sewer. 3 parcels. 122' to 261' Priced from $109,000. Roxie or Pete. RE/MAX Petoskey, 347-4100.

MUNRO LAKE waterfront 1.38 acres, 275' hard, sandy bottom. All sports lake. Will split. 175' for $90,000. 100' for $80,000. Roxie or Pete. RE/MAX Petoskey, (231)347-4100.

1630 RESORT & VACATION PROPERTY

COSTA RICA San Jose, 3 bedroom, completely furnished year-round home. 2 car garage, $89,000. (586)731-5255.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA. 55 plus park. Great club facilities. 2 plus bedrooms, 2 baths. Own your land. $70,000. (231)943-4991.

1650 CONDOMINIUMS FOR SALE

RESORT CONDO AUCTION

Petoskey, MI

Saturday Aug. 4
11 AM

2 partially completed new condos will be sold at public auction in Petoskey, MI. Beautiful views of the Bay!! Call Miedema Auctioneering at 1-800lastbid for a pictured brochure.

MIEDEMA AUCTIONEERING & APPRAISALS, INC.

1680 BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX, LUXURY Office Suite facing Round Lake for rent. $2,000 NNN per month. Call Aila at (231)547-7916.

CHARLEVOIX

COMMERCIAL space, north side. 1,300 sq. ft. $800 per month plus utilities. 12705 US-31 North. Call Bob Kern, REO (231)547-5100.

COMMERCIAL SPACES

1,797.90 Sq. Ft. and 1,575.86 Sq. Ft. downtown Charlevoix. Call Arch Wright at (231)582-6724 or Aila (231)547-7916.

LOW RENT office space in Franklin Park, Harbor Springs. Please call for information. (231)526-1144.

1690 APARTMENTS/ DUPLEXES FOR RENT

2 BEDROOM duplex, convenient Charlevoix in-town location. $600 (washer/dryer). 6 month or 1 year lease, utilities included except phone/TV. (231)547-2512.

CHARLEVOIX

Downtown close to everything!
1 bedroom beautifully remodeled with off street parking.
$550 per month plus utilities.
(231)547-6715.

1690 APARTMENTS/ DUPLEXES FOR RENT

DOWNTOWN CHARLEVOIX

1 Bedroom upper unit with deck. Non-smoking preferred. 12-month lease. $485 per month plus $80 utilities. Call (248)496-8850.

1700 HOUSES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX 1 bedroom house, close to downtown. No smoking, no pets. $475 monthly, security deposit, 1 year lease required. Call (231)547-0650, 8 to 4 or (231)675-7544, after 4 p.m.

New Today!

CHARLEVOIX

10 miles south on US 31. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. $700 plus utilities or $900 per month with horse barn and pasture. First and Last month deposit required. Call (208)358-3015.

CHARLEVOIX 2 bedroom, 2 bath, washer/dryer, microwave. No pets, smoking. $600 per month. (231)547-3978.

EAST JORDAN spacious 5 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, basement, 1 car garage, newly remodeled. Large City lot. Deposit and references. $800 per month, option to buy. (231)536-3445.

ELLSWORTH COUNTRY HOME 1 bedroom, no pets. $300 plus utilities. (231)881-3528.

FOR RENT with option to buy. 2 bedrooms. Lake Louise access. Very clean and efficient. $575/month. (989)731-2000.

NICE 3 bedroom home fully furnished, in Chandler Hill area. Petoskey schools. Sits on 12 private acres. Available September 1. (918)272-1464.

PETOSKEY 3 or 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2,700 sq., ft., whirlpool tub, fireplace, walk-out lower with patio, spacious decking and front porch. Enjoy short beautiful walks to Walloon Lake! $1,150 plus utilities, no smoking/pets. (231)347-1295 or 838-6165.

RENT A LOG HOME

On Lake Susan in Charlevoix. Weekend rate $1,000. Weekly rates available. Call (989)463-3937 and ask for Linda.

1710 RESORT PROPERTY FOR RENT

NAPLES FL large RV lot with storage and refrigerator. Active resort near Naples and Marco. By season only. (231)237-4351.

1740 STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

STORAGE UNITS

12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call (231)547-6445.

SELF STORAGE UNITS

50 to 1,000 sq. ft., drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, (231)547-5100.

STORAGE UNITS AVAILABLE. Call Charlevoix Mini Storage, 547-5838, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Thursdays.

1800 FARM EQUIPMENT

KUBOTA B2400 680 hours, hydrostatic 4-wheel drive, includes front end loader, snow blower and back blade, well maintained. $10,750. Dave (231)838-4707.

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Gruler's Farm Supply, 05475 US 31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

Whether you live in Charlevoix County year round, you spend each summer here, or you are a former resident, the Charlevoix Courier will keep you up to date with all the local news. Subscribe Today!!

1810 LIVESTOCK & FEEDS

LARGE SELECTION of horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed. Gruler's Farm Supply, 05475 US 31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

1830 PETS/PET SUPPLIES & FREE PETS

3-1/2 MONTH old Chihuahuas. 2 males. 1 white, 1 tan. $400/each. (989)732-3043.

AKC BRITTANY puppies. Orange and white. Champion bloodlines. $350 to $375. (989)356-0987.

CHIHUAHUA PUPPIES. $250. (989)858-1035.

FEMALE WALKER hound. Started on bear and coyote. Call evenings (231)536-2741.

FOX TERRIER puppies. 10 weeks old. Shots, wormed. $150. (989)826-3625.

GOLDEN RETRIEVER pups, AKC-OFA, outstanding quality, temperament. (231)734-9110. www.shilohfarmkennels.com.

GREEN WINGED Macaw, $650. African Grey, $450. Both talkers. Need good home. 838-1204.

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER pups AKC, non shedding, tails docked. First shots. $400.(231)549-3754.

1910 AUTOS FOR SALE

New Today!
1977 **CHEVROLET** El Camino. 350 prefessionally blueprinted and balanced engine. Less than 200 miles on rebuilt engine. $6,000. OBO. (231)548-5698.

LOTS OF summer left! 2000 Mustang convertible. V-6, 5 speed. Air, power top, windows and seats, cruise, tilt and lots of fun. Call locally, (517)774-4357 or see at 537 Michaywe Drive, Gaylord.

LOTS OF summer left. 2000 Mustang convertible, V6, 5 speed, air, power top, windows and seats, cruise, title and lots of fun. Call locally (517)774-4357 or see at 537 Michaywe Drive, Gaylord.

1920 CLASSIC/SPECIALTY AUTOS

New Today!
1968 **CHEVELLE** solid body, no motor, no Interior, set up for big block. 12 bolt rear end. $3,500. or trade. (231)582-5515.

CONVERTIBLES 1962 Love Bug and 1984 Mustang. 330-7269 or 838-5985.

LOOKING TO BUY

Volkswagen Beetle or Carmengia, "Good Condition", body only! (231)547-4367, leave message.

PETOSKEY COLLECTOR CAR AND TRUCK SHOW

Saturday, August 11th, 2007
at Emmet/Charlevoix Fairgrounds. Professionally judged, 68 classes. 223 trophies and incredible prizes.
For more information:
(231)675-0965 or visit:
www.joelshooks.com.

1930 PICKUPS/VANS & SUVS

1986 **CHEVROLET** 1/2 ton, 350/700 R 4 lift, 35" tires. $2,000 or best offer. (231)330-2370.

1930 PICKUPS/VANS & SUVS

1995 **F-150** 4x4, Supercab, original owner, meticulously maintained, super clean. $4,995. (231)238-6736.

1999 **TOYOTA** Sienna LE, very good condition, loaded, one owner, seats 7, 115,000 miles, includes snow tires. $6,200. (231)582-6892.

2020 SNOWMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

POLARIS 1993 600 and 1991 340, both 2-up, both run, includes 2 position aluminum trailer. $750 or best. (231)838-4707, Dave.

2030 BOATS & MARINE EQUIPMENT

1989 LOWE

with 60 hp Yamaha, Fishing and pleasure boat. (989)387-5959.

1991 BAYLINER

Trophy, 21' walk around cuddy, 120 outboard, used not abused. Mechanically sound. $6,800. (231)238-9619.

1993 **SEA-RAY** 230 Sundancer, very clean, low hours, sleeps 4, kitchen, bath, GPS fish finder, VHS and stereo CD radios, V6, Alpha drive, aluminum trailer and more. $12,500. (231)832-5040 or (231)349-8253.

1995 5 horsepower Mariner outboard motor. Like new. $650. (231)584-2015.

1995 **SEA RAY** 330 Sundancer, low hours, T/454's, loaded, full electronics, camper canvas, pristine. Cheboygan. $73,900 or best offer. (231)282-0593.

1996 **FOUR WINNS** 245 Sundowner, 24' cuddy cabin, excellent condition, full camper top, cockpit cover, pump-out head, mooring cover, 351 V8 motor, low hours. $16,000 or best offer. (231)582-4877.

203 10' Rib Dinghy, 9.9 Merc, trailer. $2,500. (231)238-6736.

36' **MAINSHIP** double cabin, dual helm, motoryacht, mint condition with all the goodies! $59,500. Call Ed at (231)582-6339.

BAJA 38 Special boat, 1993, better than mint, twin 502's, every availeble option plus. Aluminum trailer, optional hydraulic lift and 41' canopy. $72,900. (231)582-6422.

BOAT AUCTION AUGUST 11

No luck selling, why not donate? Lake Charlevoix Mariners, a 501(c)(3) non-profit group needs your donation. Call Jeff Glenny (231)547-9967 for details.

BOAT SLIP

30' at Northwest Marine, slip #25. Electric, swimming pool, showers and Laundry. $36,500. (231)547-9750.

CLASSIC BOAT 27' Mahogany Lapstroke double ender with stay cabin forward, inboard diesel made in Norway. Asking $8,500. (231)838-3082.

2050 RECREATION VEHICLES FOR SALE/RENT

1999 **YAMAHA** Warrior. 350 electric, clean machine. $2,000. Or best offer. (231)582-5515.

New Today!

2002 POLARIS HO

4 WD, camouflage, with blade, $4,500. (231)536-9643.

2005 **KTM** 450 EXC. Street Legal. 1,300 miles. Never raced. Lots of extras. $4,100. (989)390-1655.

2050 RECREATION VEHICLES FOR SALE/RENT

MINI BIKE 3 horsepower. Very strong, very nice. $300. (989)390-1655.

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN 90TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT/ CIRCUIT

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION, POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION CASE NO: 07-409-GC

FIRST COMMUNITY BANK,
a Michigan banking corporation

JOEL D. WURSTER (P48708)
Plaintiff's attorney
P.O. BOX 2450
PETOSKEY, MI 49770
(231)347-4988

V.

LOG AND LUMBER CONSTRUCTION, INC.;
JOHN H. OLSON CONSTRUCTION, LLC;
JOHN H. OLSON; AND LAURIE A. OLSON

TO: Lob and Lumber Construction, Inc.; John H. Olson Construction, Inc., John H. Olson; and Laurie A. Olson

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued by plaintiff in this court to recover money owing on a loan. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before August 31, 2007. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in the Charlevoix Courier for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

Dated: June 28, 2007

Hon. Richard W. May (P23180)
(L-07/11, 07/18, 07/25)

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

THE BANK OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN,
a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

Case No. 06-500-21-CH
Hon. Richerd M. Pajtas

v.

JOHN S. HUNT and JUDITH C. HUNT, husbend and wife,
Defendants.

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1. On May 25, 2007, the Honorable Richard M. Pajtas, Circuit Court Judge, entered a Default Judgment and Order for Sale in this matter in favor of Plaintiff The Bank of Northern Michigan. A copy of this judgment has been recorded beginning at Liber 804, Page 627, Charlevoix County Records.

2. As of the date of this notice, this judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Default Judgment and Order for Sale, on Friday, August 10, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to be held in the lobby of the County Clerk's Office in the Charlevoix County Building, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants John S. Hunt and Judith C. Hunt in and to the real property described as follows:

In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the West 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the West line of said section, as monumented North 00°49'08" West 199.64 feet (recorded as North 200.00 feet) to a T-iron stake, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line North 00°49'08" West 98.90 feet (recorded as North 99.20 feet) to a T-iron stake; thence North 68°09'10" East (recorded at an angle of 69°04' to the right from said 1/4 line) 305.05 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Westerly line of Highway M-66; thence along said highway line south 21°35'56" East 222.94 feet to a 1/2-inch rod; thence south 89°11'37" West 363.83 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH a Non-Exclusive Easement for ingress and Egress to Lake Charlevoix with the privilege of using the same for boating and bathing purposes over and across a strip of land 25 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Easterly along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 530.8 feet; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 104°14'45" to the left from said 1/4 line 90.39 feet, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence Northeasterly at an angle of 84°27'35" to the right from the last described course to the shore of Lake Charlevoix, being the Point of Ending, and being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

3. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of this sale.

Dated: June 20, 2007

JANE E. BRANNON
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK

By: Sharon M. Selissen,
Deputy Clerk
(L-06/27, 07/03, 07/11, 07/18, 07/25, 08/01, 08/08)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of October, 2004, by Brian M. Lynch, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 26, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 645, page 470, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY ONE AND 83/100 DOLLARS ($255,641.83) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 24, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

PARCEL 1: The SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W. EXCEPT: The SW Corner square, being 296.63' by 296.63', of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W.

PARCEL 2: The N 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4, Sec 23, T32N, R4W. EXCEPT: Commencing at the center of Sec 23, T32N, R4W; thence S 100'; thence W 100'; thence N 100'; thence E 100' to the POB; being part of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W.

All located in Hudson Township, Charlevoix County, MI

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: July 13, 2007

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Larry and Jackie Boog of Charlevoix check out a line of hot rods at the Street Legends Car Show on July 21. These Ford Roadsters and Coupes were featured in recognition of the vehicles' 75th anniversary.

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Health department: 'All food vendors must be licensed'

Public health officials would like to remind all individuals, civic organizations, and community groups who plan to prepare and provide foods at public events that a temporary food service license is required.

License applications are available at health department offices and are posted at www.nwhealth.org. To avoid late fees and to aid the department in scheduling inspections, applications for a temporary food service license must be submitted a minimum of five business days prior to the event day.

"The Michigan Food Law of 2000 requires any person operating a food establishment, either permanent or temporary, to obtain a license to do so. The health department environmental health division conducts inspections and issues temporary food licenses to vendors who provide food at festivals, shows, or other seasonal events. This is so the public can have confidence they are consuming food and drinks that are safe and will not cause serious illness," said Michael Jones, environmental health district supervisor for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

Food service establishments that are currently licensed are reminded that their license does not allow for food preparation away from the licensed facility location and a temporary license may be required. Inspections include a review of employee hygiene, including hand washing procedures, food preparation and cooking temperatures, food sources, food and utensil storage and handling, cleaning and sanitizing, and water supply and wastewater disposal, as well as requirements for the physical serving area.

"We take our role to assure food safety very seriously," Jones said. "During the summer months, with so many events and festivals, it can be a challenge, especially since many staff at temporary food events are not professional food workers. By enforcing a few common sense rules, our goal is to prevent foodborne illness outbreaks."

Inquiries regarding whether a temporary food service license is required for specific activities may be made at any of the local branch offices of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

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Blowing their socks off at band camp

Heather Posten (left) and Elizabeth Kur (right) attended Michigan State University Performing Arts Camp for drum majors. They are the 2007 Charlevoix High School Marching Band drum majors. Kur received the Big 10 Drum Major Award. She is a senior and Posten is a junior.

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JULY 26
CPR CLASS

CPR for Family and Friends will be offered from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 26 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The Family and Friends CPR program teaches how to perform CPR in adults, children or infants and how to help an adult, child or an infant who is choking.

This class is ideal for family members, friends and members of the general community who want to learn CPR but do not need a course completion card.

Pre-registration is required. Classes are taught by certified instructors through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community Training Center. Classes are offered to private organizations upon special request.

For more information, call (231) 547-8570 or (231) 547-4024.

JULY 26
FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Charlevoix Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 24.

JULY 27
SENIOR SURVEYS DUE

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging (COA) is urging anyone who receives a senior services assessment survey to complete and return it as soon as possible.

Surveys were mailed the week of July 16 and 'Your Senior Survey Enclosed' was marked on the envelope. Surveys should be returned by July 27 and will take about 10 minutes to complete. The Commission on Aging aims to determine the awareness, usefulness and quality of existing programs and services as perceived by seniors and identify gaps in services that need to be addressed with expanded or new services and programs.

For more information, call (231) 237-0103.

JULY 28
REUNION

The Charlevoix High School Alumni Association will host an all school reunion from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 at Charlevoix Public Library. All alumni are invited to stop and see former classmates.

JULY 31
TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

All teens are invited to join in a discussion on creating a Library Teen Zine at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31, at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St.

JULY 31
SIDEWALK ART

Join local artists in painting the library sidewalks at 7 p.m. on July 31 at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St. This is open to Kindergarten through fourth-grade students.

JULY 31
FRENCH CONVERSATION

The French Conversation Circle will meet at noon on July 31 at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St.

JULY 31
BABY-SITTING CLASS

Charlevoix County 4-H will be offering a certified Red Cross baby-sitting class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31 at the Jordan Valley District Library in East Jordan.

The baby-sitter's training course is open to those ages 11-14. The cost is $25. Class size is limited to 20. Registration materials are available through the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office in Boyne City.

For more information or to receive registration materials, contact the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 582-6232.

AUG. 1
WRITER'S GROUP

The Writer's Group will meet at noon on Aug. 1 at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St.

AUG. 1
PANHELLENIC WOMEN

Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women are having a noon luncheon Aug. 1, at the Birchwood Golf and Country Club in Harbor Springs.

This is the group's annual guest day and all members are urged to bring a friend.

Following the luncheon and a brief business meeting, Chris Ludwa, the artistic director for Bay View will talk about new plans for Bay View Music.

Hostesses for the day are Mary Sue Hansen, Nancy Palmer and Sue Deuchler. Reservations for the luncheon are due by Monday, July 30 and can be made by signing up at the Bay View Post Office or call (231) 347-3360.

All Panhellenic members in the area are invited to attend.

AUG. 2
EARL YOUNG PROGRAM

"The Life and Works of Earl Young, Charlevoix's Builder in Stone, Parts 1 and 2"

The Charlevoix Historical Society and the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are co-sponsoring a two-part illustrated program on the life and works of Charlevoix's master builder Earl Young.

Young arrived in town as a boy in the late 1890s. Beginning in 1921, he erected around 30 unique buildings, almost all in stone, that have served as a signature image of Charlevoix around the world.

The programs will be narrated by Harsha House Museum co-director David L. Miles. Part 1 will focus on his early life and the 22 residential structures found in Boulder Park and on Park Avenue and Grant Streets, with particular attention to Boulder Manor and the Mushroom House. The program will be presented at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St.

Part 2 will focus on the Weathervane Inn restaurant, The Lodge and Weathervane Terrace motels, his final three houses on Round Lake, his design philosophy, unorthodox design methods and legacy. Particular attention will be paid to the near loss of the Weathervane Inn in the early 1970s when it came close to sliding into the channel. This program will be presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9 also at the library.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373. There is no admission charge. Light refreshments will be served.

See EVENTS, page 43

Official Notice

**CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The City of Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider a variances for Harry & Ann Golski of 300 Nettleton Street. The applicant is requesting rear yard setback and rear yard lot coverage variances to permit the construction of a handicap ramp in the rear yard of the residence. The tax parcel number is 15-52-123-022-00.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at 6 p.m., in the second floor Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The public is invited to attend and present its comments on the request. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing, may be mailed to the City Planning Department at the above address or may be faxed to (231) 547-3617 before the public hearing.

Gerry Harsch
City Planner

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AUG. 2
BLOOD DRIVE

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 2 at the Beaver Island School on Beaver Island.

During the month of August, all donors can enter a drawing to win one of four laptop computers plus one of four $250 gift cards. Blood donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

For more information, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.givelife.org.

AUG. 2
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 2, in the lower level community room of the Boyne District Library, 201 East Main St., Boyne City.

The presentation will be on using the Internet for family history research.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call Joy at (231) 582-3440.

AUG. 19
HELEN OPEN

Donations and hole sponsorships are being accepted for the 2007 Helen Open. The event's steering committee and Hospice of Northwest Michigan are planning the seventh annual golfing event which is held in honor of Helen Weislik. Hole sponsorships are available in $50 and $100 increments.

This year's Helen Open will be on Sunday, Aug. 19 at the Charlevoix Municipal Course. Signs with donor names will again be printed and placed on the course, and every donor will be acknowledged in the printed program. Food will be available on tournament day for a donation of $10 per person. Tickets will be available in advance at the Townhouse. An auction will also be held.

For more information, contact Ron Weislik at (231) 547-6690 or Cheri Hoffman at (231) 547-4578.

AUG. 20
BEAVER ISLAND SENIOR PICNIC

Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is sponsoring the third annual appreciation day and picnic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 20, at the Peaine Township Hall, located at 36825 Kings Highway on Beaver Island.

The picnic will be served and door prizes given away from noon to 1 p.m. A chicken barbecue, side dishes, roll, fruit and beverage will be served. Tickets are a $3 suggested donation for those 60 and over and $6 for those under 60.

From 9 to 11 a.m. health screenings and "Let's get moving Beaver Island seniors" will take place. Screenings free for seniors 60 and older include cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure. The screenings are $12 for those under 60. No fasting is required for cholesterol screening.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling the Beaver Island Health Center at (231) 448-2275.

AUG. 28
CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce recently announced the revived 9th Annual Chamber Golf Outing will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

It will be a four-person scramble event with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Members and non-members are welcome at a cost of $360 per team or $100 per person. This will include a buffet dinner and award ceremony immediately following the event at the Belvedere Club Casino located on Belvedere Avenue.

The entry fee also includes one chance to become the "2007 Chamber Putting Champion." This putting contest includes a chance to win a $5,000 first prize.

Registration will begin at noon. "Mulligans" and 50/50 raffle tickets may be purchased on the day of the outing.

Guests of the golfers are invited to join the group for dinner at a cost of $20.

Proceeds for this event will benefit the continuation of chamber events and services. To register, or for information about sponsoring a team, a hole or a cart, call Tom Conlan at (231) 547-2512, Ron Agnello at (231) 547-9767 or the chamber at (231) 547-2101.

SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark is open from 4-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 4-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Summer hours will begin June 9 and are from noon to 9 p.m. daily. Helmets are required. The park is supervised.

The daily user fee is $3. A seven-day punch card is $15 and a season pass is $90. For more information, call the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department at 547-3253.

See the complete *Rhythms* OF VENETIAN **schedule on page 15**

JUKEBOX

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Ave., 6 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday through Sunday John Perry — piano.

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., July 26 karaoke.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, July 27 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. July 25 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 27 and 28, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone; 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. July 27 and 28 — Doc Woodward.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. July 27, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. July 27 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. July 28, The Solution — country, rock.

Black Cat Concert Series, 15795 Paddock Rd., Charlevoix 7 p.m. Aug. 3 Whit Hill and Bob Hausler.

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Transformers PG-13, 12, 2:30, 6:45, 9:15
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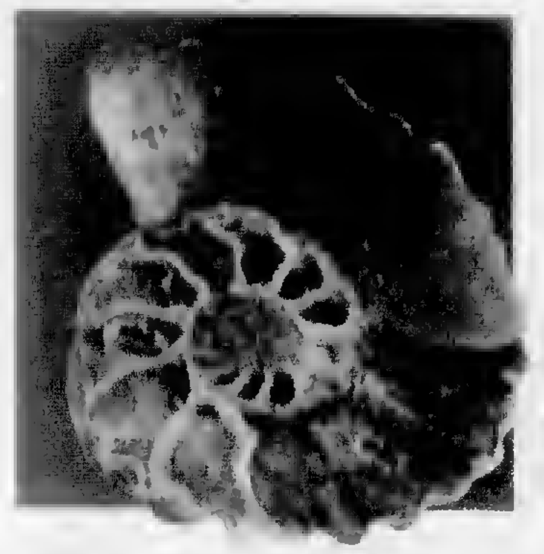

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Festival successfully relocated

Photo by Scott Richards

The 77th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival fireworks display on July 28 over Lake Michigan followed the crowning of Miss Charlevoix 2007 Sarah Klooster and the award of official festival art to John Haggard, who purchased a painting by the late Patsy Ramsey for $4,700. For photo coverage of the fun, see page 19.

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Despite challenges, Charlevoix treasures its Venetian Festival and this year was no different, even with the change of venue.

"Overall, it may have been the most phenomenal Venetian to date," said Charlevoix Venetian Festival Inc. president, Dan Barron. "We are most pleased at how smoothly things went at Lake Michigan Beach and how gorgeous a setting it provided."

Barron said other than Saturday evening, all venues and all options are on the table for future consideration, including the Lake Michigan Beach venue location.

"Lake Michigan is on the table," Barron said.

Though official Venetian figures will not be in for a few weeks, he said spending on staging and security was increased due to the location change.

"This year, security expense was more than double," Barron said. "We had a small garrison of event security — people overseeing Lake Michigan Beach, as well as Lake Michigan itself."

Security makes up a portion of the third-biggest expenses for the festival — 10-15 percent of festival expenditures consist of a combination of security, advertising, insurance, and this year, staging.

The two largest festival expenses go toward fireworks (40 percent) and musical entertainment (40 per-

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DQ franchise in jeopardy

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

"It may come down to losing the fresh meat or getting rid of the Dairy Queen sign. We're waiting to hear back from their attorney."

Patrick Hayden
CHARLEVOIX DAIRY QUEEN OPERATOR

After more than 35 years of serving fresh, not frozen, hamburgers at his brother's local eatery, Dairy Queen operator Patrick Hayden has been ordered to stop.

While the beef Hayden uses goes through a more rigorous safety process than most other meat suppliers — namely the meat is held in a factory until test results come back clean on every shipment — Dairy Queen corporate officials have decided Hayden may no longer use locally purchased, fresh meat.

"We've been fighting this issue since 2004," Hayden said. "We've been getting fresh meat daily from Oleson's since my brother took over the franchise in 1971 and the (previous owners) had fresh meat before him."

Hayden has operated his brother's franchise, located at 1111 Bridge St., for 19 of the 35 years his brother has owned it.

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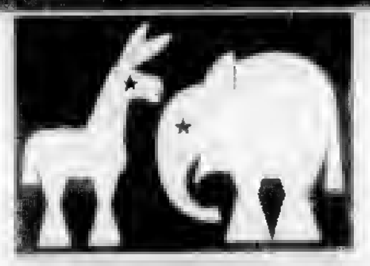

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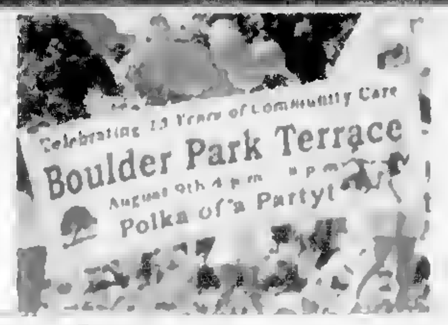

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	Hi	Lo	Rain
July 23	73	56	—
July 24	80	63	—
July 25	83	64	—
July 26	85	66	—
July 27	80	66	—
July 28	73	67	.03
July 29	78	61	—

on the RECORD

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

William Benjamin Grice, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Fines and costs totaling $400.

Timothy Leonard Simon, 45, Petoskey. Open intoxicant, motor vehicle passenger. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Matthew William Helvie, 29, Charlevoix. No operator license on person; domestic violence-first offense; and disorderly person. Count one: Serve 25 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs. Counts two and three: Credit for one day in jail; to serve 20 days in jail; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,350 in fines and costs.

Janine Annette Grose, 46, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Ryan Bruce Cole, 25, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Peponis, 40, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allowed. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Kenneth Eugene Ordiway, 32, Kalkaska. Operating while intoxicated-first offense. Credit for three days in jail; to serve 20 days in jail; 55 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,180 in fines and costs.

Daniel Struthers Berg, 55, Charlevoix. Sex offender failed to comply with reporting requirements. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Benjamin John Arseneau, 18, Allen Park. Open intoxicant, motor vehicle passenger. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $200 in fines and costs.

Everett James Foster, 21, Boyne City. Domestic violence. Credit for one day in jail, to serve six days in jail, 76 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; $800 in fines and costs.

Tarin Jeane Hargett, 19, Traverse City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve four months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $300 in fines and costs.

Kyle Kenneth Shearer, 18, Charlevoix. Breaking and entering — illegal entry without permission. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; attend substance abuse classes; to write a letter of apology; $633 in fines and costs.

John Paul Fiedorek, 20, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended-first offense. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

OKKonen Construction, P.O. Box 1356 105 Third St., East Jordan, by Renne OKKonen

Aaron's Landscaping Lawn Care, 326 East Lincoln, Boyne City, by Aaron Hankins

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Kenneth Leo LeClair, 27 and Lillian Marland Pair, 29, both of Princeton, N.J.

John Patrick Pravato, 45 and Angela Levon Walsh, 43, both of East Jordan

Jamie Kyle Neer, 27 and Christina Marie Quinn, 27 both of Boyne City

Robert Michael Meir, 22 and Elaine Marie Meir, 25, both of Boyne City

Shaun Michael MacMillan, 25 and Rachel Ann Pop, 26, both of Charlevoix

Joshua Patrick Greenman, 25 and Kandra Lynne Carson, 22, both of East Jordan

Geoffrey Martin Day, 47 and Vanessa Elaine Damoth, 23, both of Boyne City

Matthew Philip Coston, 25, Charlevoix and Andrea Sue Deckinga, 24, Petoskey

Nicholas Sean O'Kelley, 32 and Letitia Lynn Harrington, 24, both of Boyne City

Norman L. Saunders, 50 and Claudine Marie Morford, 35, both of Walloon Lake

Zachary Daniel Hopkins, 23 and Brittney Elizabeth Dipert, 28, both of Charlevoix

Kenneth Blaine Doty, 49, Boyne Falls and Lori Ann Hines, 48, East Jordan

Brian Joseph Laciak, 29 and Marcy Christine Wojan, 29, both of Chicago, Ill.

Matthew Franklin Vermillion, 22, East Jordan and Felisha Amber Castle, 20, Charlevoix

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Melody Smith vs. Benjamin Smith

Shonda Scott vs. Stewart Scott

BIRTH

Douglas Patrick Sloan weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces, was born on June 21 in Grand Rapids. His parents are Van and Renee Sloan of Dorr. His siblings are Austin, Logan and Connor. His grandparents are Wendy and Emory Sloan of Charlevoix, Yvonne Wentzel and the late Tony Wentzel of Hamilton. His great grandparents are the late Thelma and Douglas Knudsen of East Jordan and the late Kate and James Sloan of War, W.Va.

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WORD on the street

What is your favorite Venetian Festival event?

Sarah Titus
"I love the Beatles Tribute band because everyone loves the Beatles and it was just so good."

Nathan Linefors
"I like the carnival the best because I like the rides."

Krista Brocker
"The best part of the Venetian Festival so far would be the children's day and the pony rides."

Gerald Laskowski
"Anything big band is my thing, anything other than big band is wasted on me."

Where does the festival cash come from?

VENETIAN

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cent).

There were also more for-profit vendors at this year's festival, affecting revenue-generating numbers.

"We brought in more for-profits that paid a greater percentage of gross revenues," Barron said. "We realized more than five times the revenue than we would from nonprofit."

He said that nonprofit vendors will continue to have a place at the festival.

"We're keeping nonprofit, there'll be a mix," he said.

He wanted to give a special thanks to the City of Charlevoix for help provided during the festival.

"I can't come up with a strong enough term to compliment the City of Charlevoix department and staff, which they provided on the fly," Barron said. "We typically encountered more than 20 issues on a daily basis that had to be immediately addressed and they were always on the spot to help solve the problems."

The City of Charlevoix is currently the festival's greatest contributor along with Odawa Casino and Resort and the townships of Hayes, Charlevoix and Marion. Each contribute $15,000 to the festival.

The carnival, retail sales and the 50/50 fireworks raffle is typically the festival's greatest revenue-generator but this year, Barron anticipates higher revenue from other events.

"This year we look to have a significant source from the three-on-three basketball tournament and the tiki tent," he said.

Charlevoix Venetian Festival figures

One of Charlevoix's most popular events, the Venetian Festival, has an overall expense budget of approximately $250,000. Here is the rundown of the festival's typical biggest contributers, expenses and event revenues.

Top Venetian expenses
1. Fireworks, 40 percent
2. Musical entertainment, 40 percent
3. Advertising, security and insurance- 10-15%

Top Venetian contributors
1. City of Charlevoix -$15,000
2. Odawa Casino and Resort - $15,000
3. Hayes, Marion and Charlevoix Townships- $15,000

Top Venetian revenue generators
1. The Carnival- $25,000
2. Festival-themed retail sales- $20,000
3. 50/50 fireworks raffle- $10,000

Venetian Festival President Dan Barron said he anticipates that a significant source of festival revenue this year will be the three-on-three basketball tournament and the Tiki tent serving beer, wine and Southern Comfort hurricanes.

Officer hit following fireworks

At approximately 11:20 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 City of Charlevoix deputy police chief Scott Hankins was struck by a motor vehicle while directing traffic after the Charlevoix Venetian fireworks.

The accident occurred on Bridge Street near Park Avenue. Hankins was struck from behind by the motor vehicle and received minor injuries. He was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital by Charlevoix EMS where he was treated and released.

The accident is under investigation by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office.

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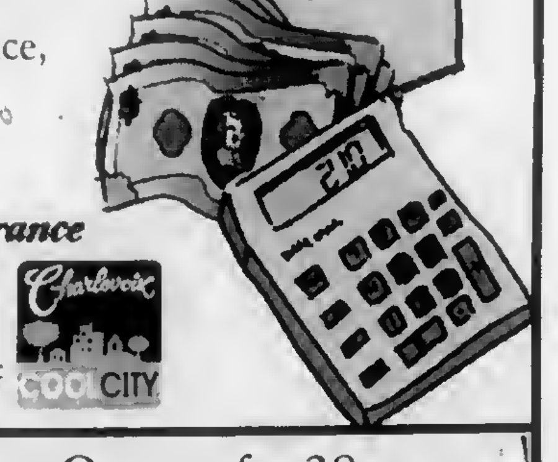

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Reporters shouldn't get too cozy

STAFF WRITER

Stefanie Carano

In my previous column, I said that both a corrupt politician and a corrupt journalist can cause considerable damage to the people they are supposed to serve. It is a betrayal of trust and a breach of public interest.

Case in point. Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa recently separated from his wife because of an ongoing affair with another woman. Now, these kinds of stories break out all the time — with former Mayor Rudy Guiliani, President Clinton and others. However, this time the reporter that broke the story was none other than the mayor's own mistress, NBC's Telemundo news anchor Mirthala Salinas.

Since the scandal emerged, Salinas has been suspended with pay and Villaraigosa has been keeping quiet.

It is one of those rare instances where a journalist and a politician are involved together in a scandal, breaching both journalistic and political code of ethics.

Salinas and Villaraigosa not only failed the citizens of Los Angeles, they turned their backs on them, deciding that their own wants were more important.

And now, especially for Villaraigosa, many will question his actions and his choices for the city and assume they were made in self-interest. Many more will lose what little hope they had left in a system that has consistently fallen short of providing a high quality of life for those living in large cities.

Those in towns such as Charlevoix may see this as yet another example of the deteriorating quality of life in urban areas.

As for Salinas, she has only darkened the stain that has bled upon journalism for many years. After being given the opportunity to help heal the community she reports for, she chose instead to involve herself with Villaraigosa.

The world needs good journalism more than ever, and those who trade in their ethics and their dignity for status and power are disregarding their obligation to present unbiased information to their audience.

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Weekly Poll

Do you prefer East Park or Lake Michigan Beach for Venetian Festival events?

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Trees need more than money and love

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Charlevoix is about to celebrate its designation as a Tree City USA, an honor that has been bestowed on the community annually by the National Arbor Day Foundation for more than 15 years.

What the designation means is that Charlevoix and its citizens care for the trees that beautify our streets and that we put some of our collective money where our caring is. It's time to mention what trees need besides our caring and tax dollars.

It is difficult to imagine, here on the shores of one of the greatest bodies of fresh water in the world, that water might be in short supply in our yards and along our streets. Lawns by and large get the water they need, but they don't need much compared to other sorts of plants. Trees are prodigious users of water. Gallons of water flow from the roots in the ground up the trunk and evaporate from the leaves. Stephen Hales, an English clergyman, was in 1727 the first person to examine just how much water was taken up and evaporated by plants. In a book entitled "Vegetable Staticks" he determined that an ordinary sunflower plant evaporated 13 times as much water into the air as did an adult human. The need of trees for water is about equivalent to our need for air.

At your request, the City of Charlevoix will plant a tree for you in the city easement between sidewalk and street, but they do not care for it. That duty falls to the people requesting the tree. June and part of July this year were almost without rainfall, and we are still lacking by comparison with an average year. Young trees are particularly sensitive to a lack of water. Their first response is likely to be shedding some of their leaves in an effort to preserve what water they can acquire. Shedding leaves is not a good idea for a young tree. Growth stops almost completely and a young tree deprived of water for only a week may grow slowly or not at all for a month. A young tree, just transplanted is best treated like a potted plant, with an every other day soaking. Most of our soils are sandy enough that over-watering is nearly impossible.

One more Tree City USA admonition. If you plant or care for a tree, do it with a child or young person. Just like taking a child fishing can change their life, so can caring for a tree. A tree is likely to last longer than initials or a hand-print in the new sidewalk. A tree is a lifetime achievement. It can outlive any of us and remind us of our personal and civic history.

Celebrate Tree city USA. Plant a tree, care for a tree and remind a child that time marches on.

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TREE CITY USA.

Courtesy graphic

In this column Roger Knutson reminds readers of the importance of watering trees. Charlevoix is about to celebrate its designation as a Tree City USA, an honor that has been bestowed on the community annually by the National Arbor Day Foundation for more than 15 years. City residents can call (231) 547-3270 for information on planting of a free shade tree.

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LETTERS to the editor

BELVIES ASSIST WITH BLOOD DRIVE

Editor:

The Belvedere Club of Charlevoix was the sponsor for the American Red Cross Blood Drive on July 19. The blood drive was hosted by the Community Reformed Church. Don Denison of the Belvedere Club coordinated the recruitment of volunteers for all positions and the baking of lots of delightful treats for the canteen. Many of the volunteers also donated blood. Each Belvedere Club volunteer was marvelous to work with and greatly appreciated by the Red Cross staff, the Charlevoix Red Cross team and myself. Charlevoix's Lions Club showed their dedication to the efforts of the Red Cross once again by working on the set up and take down of equipment. Thank you!

The blood donating community of Charlevoix certainly responded beautifully to the emergency appeal for blood. The donors deserve a lot of credit for their patience, perseverance and determination to save lives. I was simply amazed and am truly grateful to all of them. Edith Dale coordinated the fine blood drive on July 12 at Bethany Lutheran Church. Combining the two drives, the Red Cross collected 124 pints of blood. Those pints affected approximately 370 sick and injured patients.

Thank you so much to the churches for permitting the use of their space, to the Belvedere Club members, Edith's volunteers and my volunteers who worked at the drives. Thanks to the City of Charlevoix Electric Department, businesses and newspapers who helped to publicize this event.

The next community drive at the Reformed Church is from noon until 5:45 p.m. on Sept. 13. The church's nursery will be staffed by a volunteer mom for two hours that afternoon for the convenience of those donors with young children.

Thanks, Charlevoix donors and all who helped with the blood drives. I am very proud of you.

Ellen Breining
Charlevoix coordinator
American Red Cross

OPEN SCHOOL LUNCHES

Editor:

When you were in school did you eat pizza or cookies more than three days a week? Polls taken say that eight out of 10 kids have pizza at lunch more than three days a week. Kids need more meats and more varieties and that is why I believe we should have open school lunches.

In the Charlevoix Middle School we have poor food variety in the lunch line. It is destroying these kid's health because they are eating pizza and grease and calories way too much, it is just unhealthy and frankly gross.

Another reason is on the news they complain about these obese kids and it is probably because of the poor variety at school. It is also true that pizza sauce does not count for a veggie it is a fruit for those of you who don't know, and we kids need that veggie and meat group not the pizza and grease group.

Another reason is we need fresh air and exercise. We would get fresh air and exercise if we were walking to restaurants and we would be walking in the fresh air and even if we were riding our bikes we would get fresh air and still get exercise.

One more reason is if we had open school lunches is we would bring business to town because we would be buying food from them. They then would make more money The last reason I believe is that we are getting fat. It is partly because of poor variety and this being so we should say "no" to pizza more than three days a week and say "yes" to open school lunches.

Elizabeth Hogdson
Charlevoix Middle School
Sixth-grade student

GARBAGE CANS SCARCE

Editor:

Have you ever tried to throw away your litter but you couldn't find a garbage can? That's why Charlevoix needs more garbage cans.

I feel, if there aren't any garbage cans around, people will be more apt to litter. As a result of that, places will smell bad and the litter will pollute the air.

Also, it's disgusting to walk in areas where there's waste. Other people, don't like to pick up the trash either. The trash and litter around public places will cause less people to go there.

Also, people don't like walking far to throw their trash away. If we had garbage cans all over then no one would have to walk. Doesn't everyone get tired of hunting for trash cans? I know I do.

In conclusion I'm suggesting that if we all come together and get more garbage cans we will truly be "Charlevoix the Beautiful." Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Carly Thompson
Charlevoix Middle School
Sixth-grade student

MCSAUBA NEEDS CHAIR LIFTS

Editor:

Are you a frequent skier at Mt. McSauba? Most people living in Charlevoix are. Tow ropes are constantly destroying our gloves and ripping up our clothes. Why should we even bother with tow ropes? Chair lifts would be so much less of a hassle.

Why should we use chair lifts? They are much safer. People rarely fall off chair lifts, but I wonder how many people get hurt daily using tow ropes. Chair lifts are a lot easier and are less stressful for skiers and snowboarders to use.

Also, they would attract more skiers and are a privilege to be able to use. They make things enjoyable instead of a struggle. Overall, it would make our great little ski hill a whole lot grander.

Couldn't it also be used as a tourist attraction in the summertime? This site could be used as an attraction to see scenic views. People from down state come up to see our fantastic views of the lake. Riding the chair lift could easily transport people from the bottom to the top of the hill. It would be even more magnificent to view them from a higher elevation. This way, the chair lift could be used in all seasons and help pay for the costs to install and operate it.

In conclusion, Mt. McSauba should get chair lifts to benefit its skiers, snowboarders, locals and tourists.

Maura Brandi
Charlevoix Middle School
Sixth-grade student

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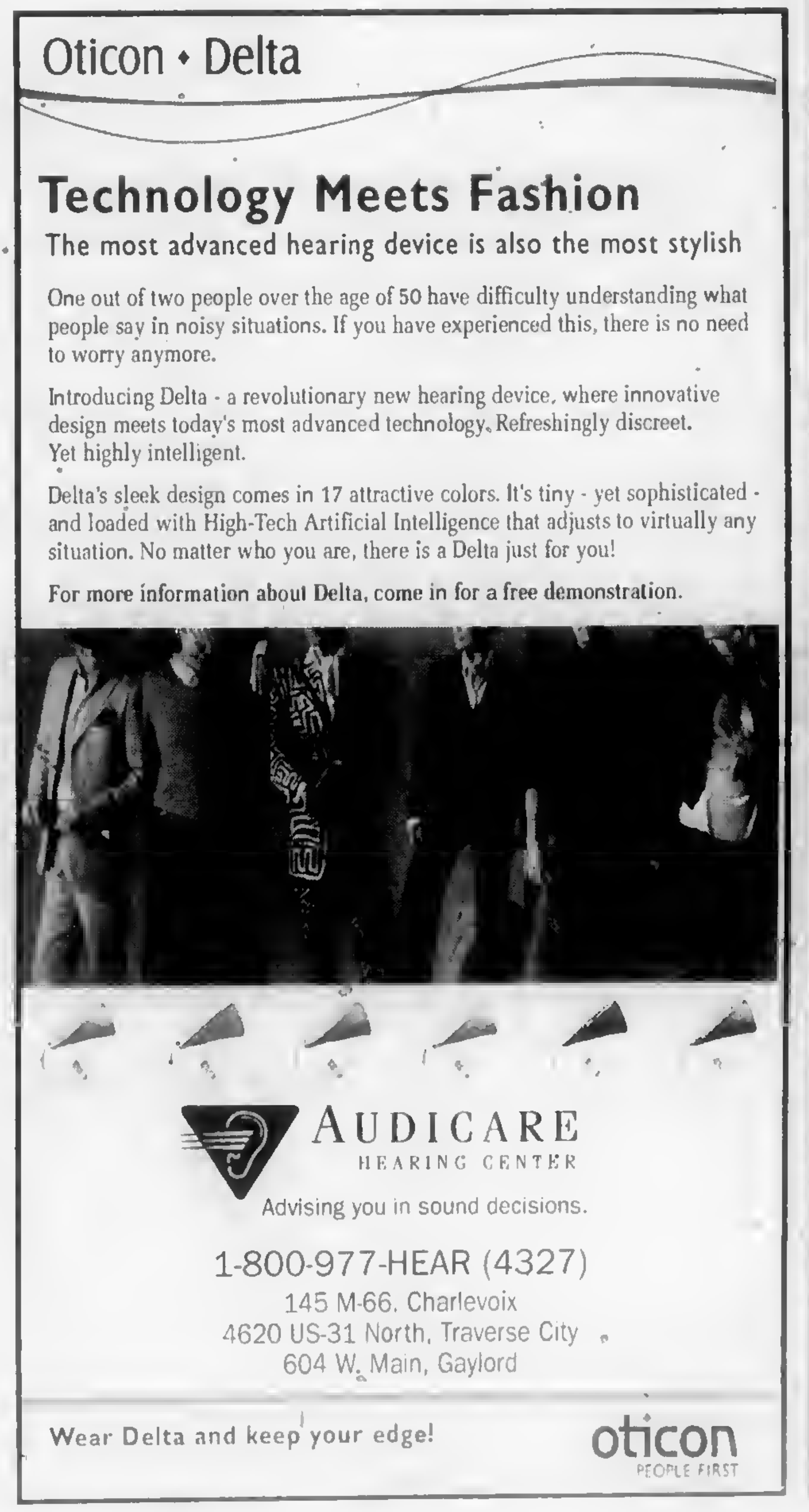

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ENGAGEMENTS

Hater — Barratt

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Jim and Beth Hater of Charlevoix are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Jen Hater to Chad Barratt, son of Ann and Dave Tacey of Linwood and Mike and Grace Barratt of Defiance, Ohio.

The couple is planning a Sept. 15 wedding at Depot Beach in Charlevoix.

The bride-elect graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1999 and Saginaw Valley State University in 2004 receiving a bachelor's degree in communications. She now works at Carbone of America in Bay City. Her fiancée graduated from Pinconning High School in 1998 and now works at Kerkan Manufacturing in Bay City.

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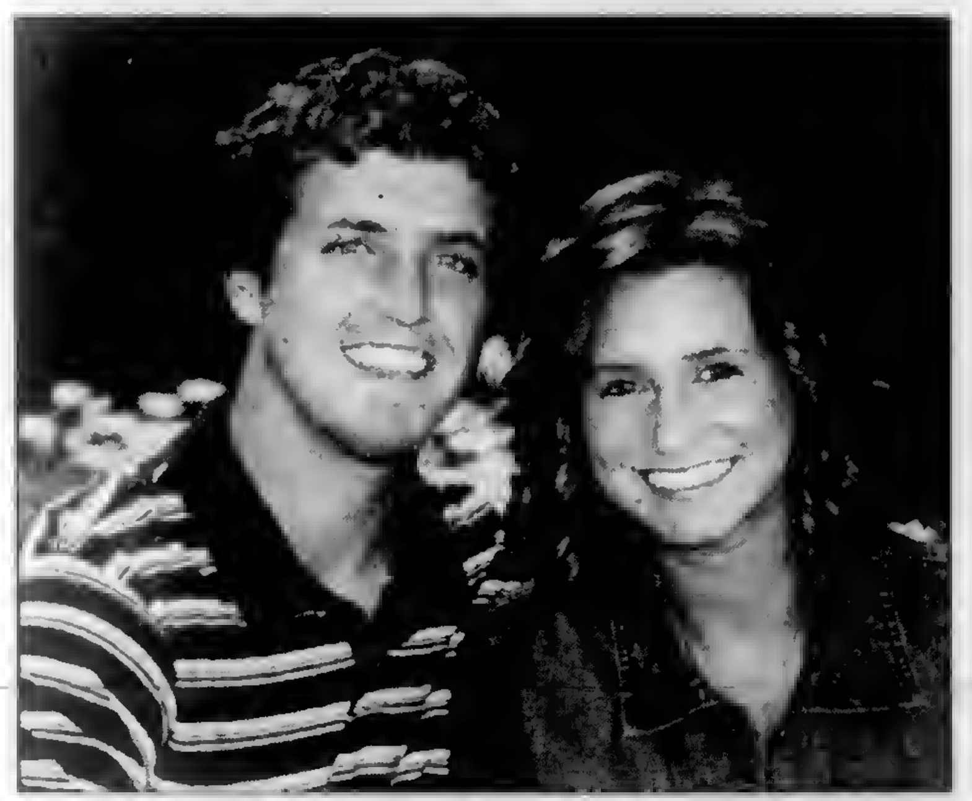

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Richard and Donna Wyniawskyj of Charlevoix are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Rachel to Donovan Swanson, also of Charlevoix.

Donovan's parents are Kevin and Barbara Swanson of Charlevoix.

No date has been set for the wedding.

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Local Scout attends 21st World Scout Jamboree in the U.K.

Paul Stolt

Paul Stolt, a freshman at Charlevoix High School who has been active in Scouts since the second-grade is one of 3,000 American Scouts and Scouters heading to the 21st World Scout Jamboree, which takes place in Chelmsford, United Kingdom from July 26 to Aug. 11.

Stolt, son of Glen and Lynda Stolt of Charlevoix, is a member of Troop 11 and is a Life Scout actively working on his Eagle Scout Project at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club.

Stolt attended the 2005 National Jamboree at Ft. A.P. Hill in Virginia and is looking forward to the World Jamboree experience. He just returned from a 120 mile hike at Philmont, a scout ranch in New Mexico. He attended with six other youth from Charlevoix Crew 11. After his return from the U.K. Stolt will return for the third year at Mackinac Island where he will lead a patrol at the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp, Governor's Honor Guard.

Stolt enjoys outdoor activities such as camping, canoeing, hiking, sailing and power boating.

"Scouting offers so many opportunities to do things that you wouldn't normally get to do," he said.

The World Jamboree will include sailing in the North Sea, as well as visits from dignitaries such as Prince Charles and his son Prince William.

"It's pretty much just an international celebration of Scouting, where we work on international peace," he said.

Scouts from virtually every country in the world will attend the event with the exception of China, Cuba and North Korea, which have separate organizations.

Stolt will be part of World Jamboree Troop 317, and will hold the rank of chaplain aide. The troop will be comprised mostly of Detroit area youth and two boys from Traverse City.

This will be Paul's first trip abroad.

A fun time was had by all!

On Wednesday, July 11, 2007, the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging hosted the 28th Annual Senior Picnic with 450 seniors and 50 volunteers and staff in attendance.

The seniors feasted on the barbecued chicken prepared by the Boyne City Rotarians assisted by members of the East Jordan Lions. The picnic was a countywide tribute to express the community's appreciation and commitment to senior citizens. The entertainment provided by The Tag-A-Longs and the Boyne Area Steppers were enjoyed by the crowd. Countless door prizes were given away, and they were made possible by the generous support of local individuals, merchants, companies and organizations from Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan.

The commitment from COA staff, Board Members and many Volunteers to give our seniors the best was well received! To all, thank you!

To those of you who missed it, it's not too late to be part of the fun. The Commission on Aging is sponsoring another Senior Picnic and Appreciation Day on Monday, August 20th, at Beaver Island. Tickets are now available to purchase by calling the Beaver Island Health Department at 448-2275 or Jean Palmer at 448-2915, only 100 tickets will be sold, so reserve your tickets early and we hope to see you there too!

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Logan Niswander of Charlevoix was named to the Saginaw Valley State University dean's list for the winter 2007 semester. To earn a place on the dean's list, an undergraduate student must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of classes and maintain a grade point average between 3.4 and 3.99.

OLIVET COLLEGE DEAN'S LIST

Madison McKenzie of Charlevoix was named to the spring semester dean's list at Olivet College. To make the list a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Laura Horon and Elizabeth Madison, both of Charlevoix, recently graduated from Ferris State University. Horon received a bachelor of fine arts with a major in graphic design and Elizabeth Madison received an associate in applied science degree with a major in architectural technology. These graduates were among some 1,663 students who completed the requirements for their degrees that ended in May 2007.

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Edward Waldron of Charlevoix was named to the Western Michigan University dean's list for the spring 2007 semester. To earn a place on the dean's list, an undergraduate student must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of classes and maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average.

HOPE COLLEGE GRADUATE WITH HONORS

Eric Bourassa of Charlevoix recently was awarded cum laude honors as a Hope College graduate who achieved a minimum 3.3 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Blood drive Thursday at Beaver Island School

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 2 at the Beaver Island School on Beaver Island.

During the month of August, all donors can enter a drawing to win one of four laptop computers plus one of four $250 gift cards. Blood donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Sharon and Roger Knutson

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There will be an open house reception to celebrate Sharon (Belding) and Roger Knutson's 50th wedding anniversary from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 12 at Grey Gables Inn, in Charlevoix.

Sharon and Roger retired to Charlevoix in 1995. Sharon grew up in Charlevoix and Roger met her while he worked summers at Neff's grocery store in the mid 1950s. Children Karin, Anne, Ben, Steve and Sam, who are scattered all over the Midwest after growing up in Iowa, will be in town for the event with their families. All are welcome.

What's happening at the Library this week?

JATL: Jazz @ the library
Wednesday, August 1, 7:00 pm
Roaring Twenties – The Jazz Age
Trio: Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans, Chris Ames
Soloists: Pete Asch and Mike Hunter, sax and trombone

Authors Live: Matthew Williams
Saturday, August 4, 2:00 pm
Matthew Williams, author of Superior Death, a mystery set in the Upper Peninsula, will be discussing the process of finding a publisher and the steps to bringing a book to market.

Classics Book Discussion
Monday, August 6, 6:00 pm
Fahrenheit 451, by Ray Bradbury – the classic novel of the eternal war between censorship and freedom of thought. All are welcome.

Summer Reading Club programs
Tuesday, August 7
Kindermusik: *6:30 p.m. or 7:15 p.m.* (ages 0-4) pre-registration recommended
Craft Day! *7:00 p.m.* (gr. k-4 and gr. 5-8) Fun crafts for all ages.

Regular Weekly Meetings
French Conversation Circle: *Tuesdays @ noon*
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Belvedere Club Scholarship winners

The Belvedere Club recently announced the 2007 winners of the Belvedere Scholarship Fund. This year, 10 new scholarships were awarded totaling $18,800. These scholarships are renewable for up to four years of undergraduate study. Currently, there are 22 students receiving scholarships totaling $46,700 for 2007. The fund has distributed over $344,000 since its inception in 1997. Winners pictured above are (front, from left) Stevie Murray, Emily Heffling, Robin Petzak, (back, from left) Ray Jones, Jeff Baier, Kyle Smith and Ben Castiglione. Madison Ramsey, Teresa Potter and Charisse Rogers are not pictured.

Help rebuild beaver damaged boardwalk

Interested in putting in a little hard work to benefit local hiking trails at the Little Sand Bay Preserve on Beaver Island?

The Little Traverse Conservancy is working in partnership with Beaver Island residents and volunteers to rebuild boardwalks at the preserve that were damaged by beaver activity.

The Little Traverse Conservancy's 60-acre Little Sand Bay Preserve is located near Welke's airport off East Side Drive on Beaver Island. A mix of conifer forest, thick cedar swamp and sand dune habitats are found at this property which also includes 1,300 feet of Lake Michigan frontage.

The trail building process will begin on Friday, Aug. 10 as conservancy staff and volunteers haul in lumber for the new boardwalk. During the week of Aug. 13, boardwalk construction will take place. Refreshments will be provided.

What? The Little Traverse Conservancy is working in partnership with Beaver Island residents and volunteers to rebuild boardwalks at the Little Sand Bay Preserve on Beaver Island that were damaged by beaver activity.

When? 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 10; 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11; and 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 12. Additional boardwalk construction times for the week of Aug. 13 have not been determined.

Where? Meet at the parking area at the Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve.

Directions to the Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve, from Welke's airport: Go south on East Shore Drive for approximately 200 yards. Turn left at the preserve sign, left at the fork, right at the next fork. Follow the driveway in to the parking area.

More information? Call (231) 347-0991.

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Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Kloosler Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.

Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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Sunday Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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05855 M-66

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Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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Worship Service	10:0 a.m.

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Church Office 547-6322
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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
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President Michael Robbins 588-2112
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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
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Rev. Carl Afman 588-7805

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Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

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203 E. Upright

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Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221

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US 31 North

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Church Office 547-9122

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12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.

Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Timothy Wright 582-9262

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Ironton

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

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Norwood

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Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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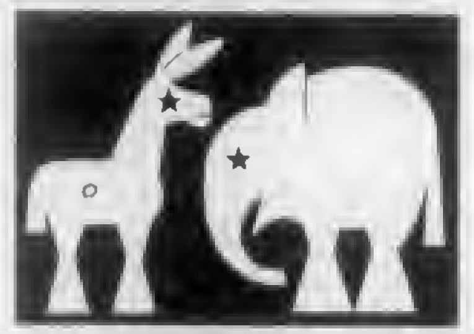
Islanders vote on 2.3 mills for school improvements



ELECTION 2007

• Opponents argue that pupil enrollment is on the decline while proponents argue that there will be no increase in taxes levied compared to the expired millages of December 2006.

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Aug. 7 primary ballot will offer Beaver Island residents the opportunity to support or oppose a 25-year, $3,950,000 school millage.

If approved, the 2.3 mills would be used for improvements to the Beaver Island Community School originally built in the 1950s.

Beaver Island Schools' 15-year 1.46 mill debt millage and five-year (originally 1-mill) .89 sinking fund millage expired in December 2006.

Board members have said the school has had enough money only to provide temporary fixes when it's in need of serious remodeling and construction to make it both safe and large enough to handle the island's 70 to 80 students per year.

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- School district officials say there is not enough money to make needed repairs and expansion.
- 71 students registered for the 2006-2007 Beaver Island school year, a decrease from 77 and 79 students for the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years respectively.
- The school board opted for a 25-year millage, it claims, to minimize the impact on taxpayers.
- If approved by voters, millage money would be used to make room for art, music and science classes and fix air circulation issues, wasted energy and safety issues.
- Beaver Island Community Schools superintendent Kitty McNamara has said, if the measure does not pass, she is unsure whether it would come up to the voters in the near future again.
- BETA Design is the Grand Rapids architectural and engineering firm which has been working on the preliminary design of school improvements.

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The Aug. 7 primary ballot will offer Beaver Island residents the opportunity to support or oppose a 25-year, $3,950,000 school millage. If approved, the 2.3 mills would be used for improvements to the Beaver Island Community School pictured at left which was originally built in the 1950s. Results from the election will appear in the Aug. 8 edition of the Charlevoix Courier.

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Three face off for First Ward council seat

ELECTION 2007

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

The primary election for the Charlevoix City Council's First Ward seat will take place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Aug. 7 at City Hall.

From candidates Mary Eveleigh, Dennis Kusina and John McNabb, voters will be asked to select two names to be placed on the ballot for the final city council election in November. Current First Ward councilman Bob Timms did not file to run.

Charlevoix's First Ward, of 832 residents, is the portion of the city that extends south from Division Street to Round Lake and the Pine River Channel.

Eveleigh, 54, has been a Charlevoix resident since 1986. She currently serves on the city's Zoning Board of Appeals and works as a bookkeeper for Eveleigh Tile and Stone.

"I would try my best to make sure everybody is informed, 24-seven," Eveleigh said. "I have taken the citizen planning program through Michigan State Extension. I've learned not just the state laws, but what is expected from the officials, the citizens and the community."

Eveleigh said she likes serving people. She is a volunteer for the Rainbow Shoppe, a resale shop in Charlevoix Township. She is very concerned about human rights and making sure citizen rights are respected.

"People would not be disappointed if they elected me," Eveleigh said.

Kusina, 58, serves on the city's Planning Commission and works as head of Kusina Farm Bureau Insurance Agency. He has lived in Charlevoix since 1964.

"The biggest thing that will effect the city, and the state, is the division of funds to run city government," Kusina said.

He said he would like to see more communication between the council and the commissions and sees a position on the city council as a natural progression from the planning commission.

"It's going to be a low key primary," Kusina said. "We'll see what voters of the First Ward decide."

McNabb, 49, has lived in Charlevoix since 2002, Traverse City before that. He is an Industrial and Medical Gas Representative for Purity Cylinder Gas. Previously, he served as director of the Commission on Youth for Benzie County.

If elected to city council, he said, his focus will be promoting local businesses and local jobs. He said, in general, he would like to see the city do more for the community and would like to see Ferry Beach be improved enough to have a diving platform.

"I want to encourage everyone to participate and vote on Aug. 7," he said.

The general election to decide who will hold the clerk's and ward seats will take place Nov. 6.

Competing for the Second Ward seat being vacated by Eugene Beer are Kim Vanmeter and Douglas (DJ) Way Jr. Vying for outgoing council member Shirley Gibson's Third Ward seat are Jill Picha and John Elzinga. City clerk Carol Ochs is currently running unopposed.

The names on the November ballot won't necessarily reflect who will be clerk, or first, second and third ward council members. Write-in candidates can file their intention to run with Ochs, until 4 p.m. Oct. 26.

The city clerk and city council members are elected to two-year terms and there are no council term limits.

For more information, contact Ochs at (231) 547-3250 or stop by Charlevoix City Hall where write-in candidates can file, 210 State St.

What? Primary election to decide which two of three candidates will run for the First Ward Charlevoix City Council seat on Nov. 6.

When? 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Aug. 7

Where to vote? Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St.

First Ward

Mary Eveleigh

Age: 54

Residence: Charlevoix resident since 1986

Occupation: Bookkeeper for Eveleigh Tile and Stone

Past political experience: Serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals

Mary Eveleigh

Dennis Kusina

Age: 58

Residence: Charlevoix resident since 1964

Occupation: Head of Kusina Farm Bureau Insurance Agency

Past political experience: Presently on the City of Charlevoix Planning Commission, has also served on the Downtown Development Authority

Dennis Kusina

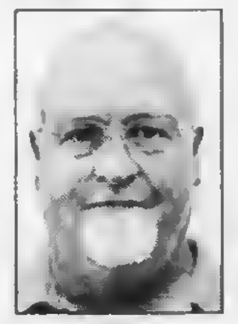
John McNabb

Age: 49

Residence: Charlevoix resident since 2002.

Occupation: Industrial and medical gas representative for Purity Cylinder Gas

Past political experience: Past campaign manager for candidates in Ann Arbor and Benzie County, director of the Commission on Youth for Benzie County for five years



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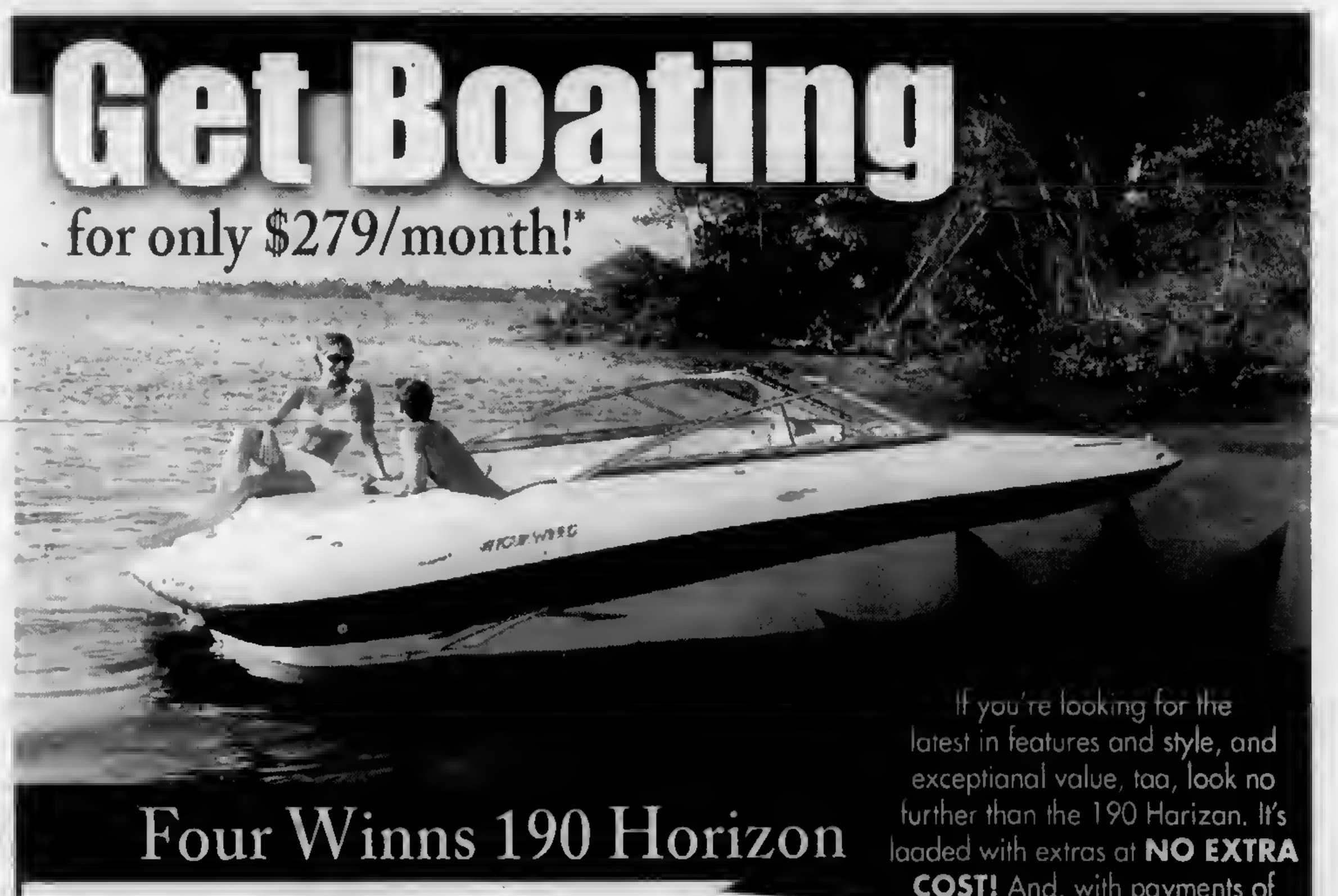

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Downtown Development Authority/Charlevoix City Council

The following issues were discussed during the July 23 special combined meeting of Charlevoix City Council and the Downtown Development Authority:

Item: East Park/marina renovation project trout pond design change.

In brief: The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority wishes to have a trout pond as part of the plans for the new East Park. The trout pond is intended to recreate the best features of the former fish pool that was at the former park's band shell but add a more dynamic water feature. Plans for the trout pond consists of a source pond that streams several feet into a lower pond. The water would be chilled to support the trout. The Downtown Development Authority needed permission from the city council to do a feasibility study to determine whether the project can be done at a reasonable cost. Estimated costs for the trout pond that include lighting, fencing and handrails and additional paving is between $155,000 and $205,000. In order for any future decisions to be made on having a trout pond in the new East Park, a feasibility study must be approved by the Downtown Development Authority. If council likes the feasibility study, they will approve the change order that will move plans for the pond forward.

Board action: The Downtown Development Authority approved the funding of the feasibility study for the trout pond.

Item: East Park/marina renovation project, amendment of development plan to include an interactive water fountain.

In brief: The Downtown Development Authority has proposed an interactive water fountain as part of the design plans for the new East Park. The fountain would be located at the Harbor-Master Plaza. If implemented, the fountain would consist of jets of water that will leap out of the plaza and disappear beneath the plaza surface. Costs range from a low of $75,000 to a high in the millions. Architect Mark Buday anticipates a cost range of $85,000 to $105,000. In order to move forward with plans for an interactive water fountain in East Park, city council must approve a set of procedures necessary to amend the Downtown Development Authority's downtown plans. This includes setting a public hearing for discussion of the fountain.

Board action: Approved by city council to have a public hearing on the possibility of an interactive fountain in East Park, to be scheduled at a later date.

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Boulder Park Polka Party anniversary

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

What? Boulder Park Terrace elder care and rehabilitation center will celebrate 15 years in Charlevoix with a Polka of a Party. Community members are encouraged to attend.

When? 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9.

Where? At Boulder Park Terrace located at 14676 West Upright St. in Charlevoix

How much? Tickets to the party are $10 for adults, $5 for children and free for toddlers 3 and under.

Event features? Kids crafts; live polka music by the Suchey Brothers; Polish eats like pirogues, kielbasa and stuffed cabbage; beer tent.

Boulder Park Terrace elder care and rehabilitation center will soon celebrate 15 years in Charlevoix with a Polka of a Party.

The party, to offer a beer tent, live entertainment, door prizes, children's' activities, authentic Polish food and more, is set for 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9.

"We've gone through a major renovation and updated the facility and we want to showcase it while celebrating 15 years in the community," said Deb Saur-MacKenzie, executive director of Boulder Park Terrace.

According to Saur-MacKenzie, Boulder Park has a lot to celebrate.

"We offer two different services, one is the subacute rehabilitation programs. Last year we had 300 patients go through the program and return back to their prior settings, and the other is the skilled nursing," she said. "I've always said we're a viable resource for the community — if you need extended care, you don't have to leave the community. You can remain with friends and neighbors because we all heal better when we have visitors around us and family around us."

Boulder Park offers 61 beds in skilled nursing with an average of 15 rehab patients each day.

Saur-MacKenzie said, while Boulder Park has grown over the past decade and a half, it will only continue to grow.

"In the foreseeable future, with the baby boomers getting to an age that we are, we will probably see more subacute patients coming here and then returning home," she said.

Tickets to the party, which is open to the public, are $10 for adults, $5 for children and free for toddlers 3 and under and can be picked up at Boulder Park Terrace located at 14676 West Upright St. or by calling (231) 547-1005.

"We've hired the Suchey Brothers, they are the band that plays at the Polka Festival in Boyne Falls and we have pirogues coming out of Hamtramck and we're having a beer tent and some Lions members are bringing their grills to do kielbasa and we're having stuffed cabbage," Saur-MacKenzie said. "So, we're doing the real deal. It's just going to be a heck of a party."

Boulder Park is a not for profit joint cooperative program of Northern Michigan Hospital and Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Celebrating 15 Years of Community Care
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Polka of a Party!

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Representatives of Boulder Park Terrace marched in the Venetian Festival Street Parade on July 28 with a banner announcing their 15th anniversary Polka Party celebration to take place on Aug. 9.

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Northwest makes changes

Shared leadership dissolved

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

From a team of co-administrators to a chief accounting officer and dean of students, Northwest Academy of Charlevoix officials have made some changes in the school's administration.

Chief accounting officer, Gary Stutzman, said the unanimous July 18 school board's move was made to streamline Northwest's administration.

"Anytime that you have a co-leadership in any business or any institution there is a certain amount of vagueness as to who to turn to for what," Stutzman said. "What this will do is help define our roles in our structure."

Stutzman, who once shared the administrative role with Cindy Romero, said Romero will do a fine job as dean of students.

"Cindy and I sat down together and decided how we could do the best job from a leadership standpoint," he said. "She's going to take on the responsibility as director of academics which means all curriculum related functions, and that's a daunting task in itself."

With more than 10 years of classroom experience and nearly four decades in education and related fields, Stutzman said he is confident he can handle the task of head administrator.

Gary Stutzman

"Having an opportunity to work with the students in the classroom and build an outstanding program has given me an insight in dealing with people and being an effective leader in the classroom as well as among adults, whether it be with the Charlevoix Community Band or many other things that I'm involved in," Stutzman said.

While Stutzman, who is also the school's music director, doesn't plan to make any immediate changes in the way things are run at the school, there will be some new offerings at Northwest Academy.

"My students have asked that we learn to march, so we're going to start a marching band in the fall," he said. "We're going to be offering girls' volleyball and golf and cross country also in the fall to give a broader range of students a chance to be involved in extracurricular activities."

Challenges of working as both an administrator and teacher, Stutzman said, include the workload and being able to wear different hats at different times.

Cindy Romero

"I'm wearing the hat of the person that deals with enrollment, recruiting, I am in charge of overseeing the buildings and grounds and finances as chief administrative officer — that's one of my main charges — to make sure the dollars and cents all come out and we were able to carry approximately $35,000 over, which is almost impossible to do with such a small budget," he said. "Everybody is working together doing many different things to make the school operate efficiently and I'm excited about the challenge of keeping the school education level very high. My goal is to help everybody reach their full potential in the classroom. I'll do anything I can to foster support for teachers and students."

He added, "I think it's good, as an administrator, being in the classroom because you have a sense of what the teachers are going through on a daily basis and it gets you connected with a lot of students."

As far as the curriculum is concerned, Stutzman said, "There is a high level of cooperation between Cindy and myself and I don't expect that to change. I think it's important for us to continue to hire high-quality people to meet our goals and the changes in the Michigan Merit Curriculum."

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Northwest Academy's former team of co-administrators, Gary Stutzman and Cindy Romero, have new roles for the 2007-2008 school year. Stutzman is chief accounting officer and Romero is dean of students.

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He added, "A high level of learning needs to take place so the students can be prepared for the global economy they will (eventually) be a part of."

The challenges he faces are tempered by some marked advantages, Stutzman said.

"We have the uniqueness of our building as physically small as we are. We are like one big family," he said. "When you walk in we're very visible because of our physical size and we don't have separate buildings where the administration resides. We're right in the building and in the halls when the classes pass."

He added, "You see a lot of interaction between adults and students."

Two boats catch fire July 22

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to two vessel fires on Sunday, July 22.

The first occurred at 2:10 p.m. on Lake Charlevoix when a 55-foot Sunseeker suffered an electrical fire in the engine compartment. It was contained at the scene and no one was injured.

At approximately 2:45 p.m. marine deputies responded to a call of a vessel on fire in Round Lake. The 75-foot vessel suffered a mechanical problem causing a fire in the cabin of the boat. The operator was able to get the vessel to the Charlevoix City Marina where the Charlevoix City Fire Department extinguished the fire. There were no injuries.

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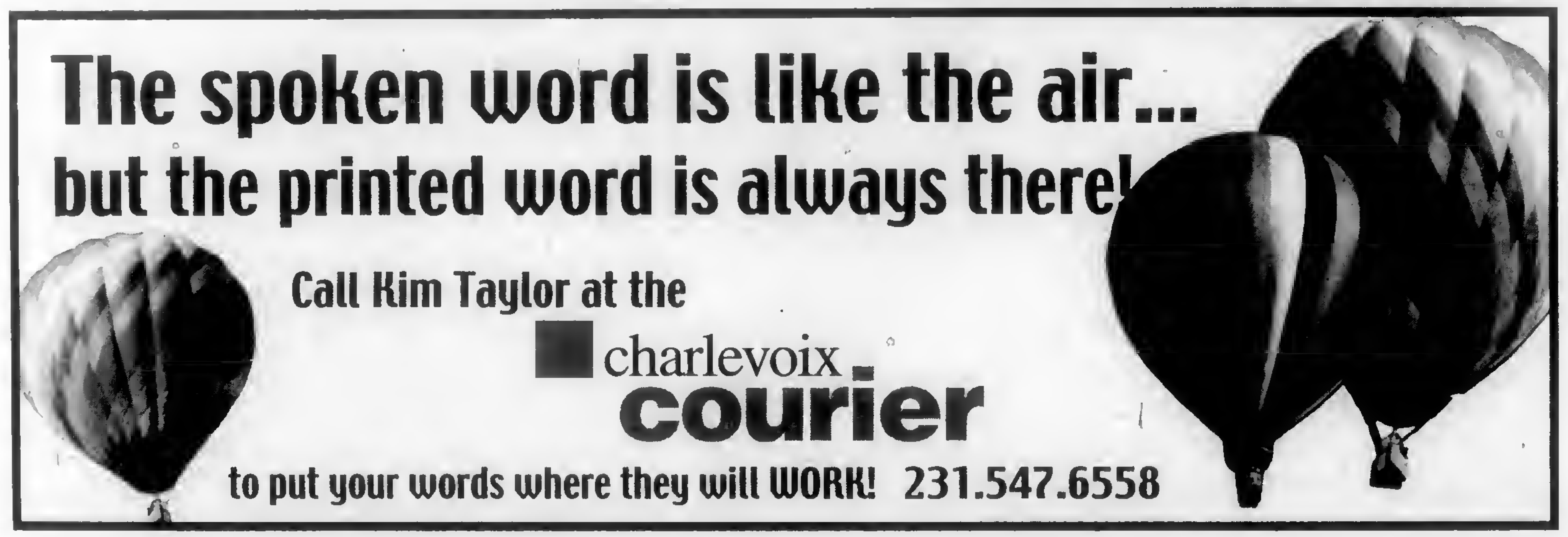
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Northwest Academy Board of Education

The following business was conducted by the Northwest Academy Board of Education during their July 18 meeting:

Item: NWA secretary
In brief: Mark Knapp was appointed as the new secretary to the Northwest Academy Board of Education
Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: Rules and regulations
In brief: Resolution to comply with all laws, rules and regulations
Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: Meeting dates
In brief: A resolution setting 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month as the regular school board meeting to be held at Northwest Academy
Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: Legal counsel
In brief: Resolution appointing Dennis Cross as legal counsel to the NWA board.
Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: Bonding
In brief: Resolution to bond the Northwest Academy treasurer and others as designated by the board.
Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: Auditor
In brief: A motion was made to table the resolution to appoint a new auditor.
Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: School calendar
In brief: A resolution was made to approve the school calendar for year 2007-2008.
Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: New administrator
In brief: A resolution to appoint Gary Stutzman, then the current co-administrator of Northwest Academy, as it's chief administrative officer and singular administrator.
Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: Dean of students
In brief: A resolution to appoint former co-administrator Cindy Romero as the dean of students.
Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: New sports offerings
In brief: A motion was made to pursue basketball, golf, cross country and volleyball offerings to pupils
Board action: Motion approved, 6-1 with Rick Beemon as the dissenting vote.

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The Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Charlevoix High School.

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This picture of Earl Young standing next to a nine ton boulder capstone in place in the Weathervane Restaurant dining room fireplace in 1954 will be part of a program on his work to be presented on Aug. 9.

Miles presents Earl Young program Aug. 9

The Charlevoix Historical Society and the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are co-sponsoring part two of an illustrated program on the life and works of Charlevoix's famed builder in stone, Earl Young.

Part two will be presented by the society's Harsha House Museum co-director David L. Miles at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9 in the library's community room, located at 220 Clinton St. The program will focus on the Weathervane Inn restaurant, its unique construction history and near loss in the early 1970s when it came close to sliding into the channel, plus The Lodge and Weathervane Terrace motels and Young's last three houses.

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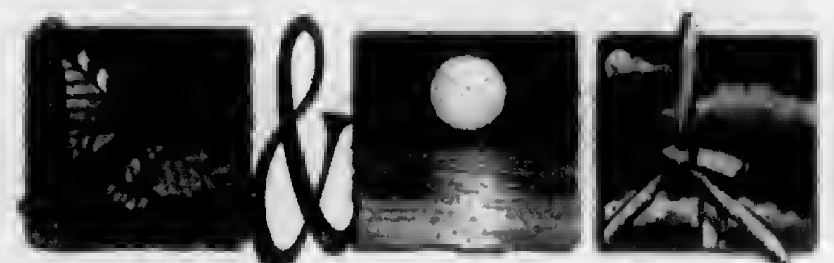
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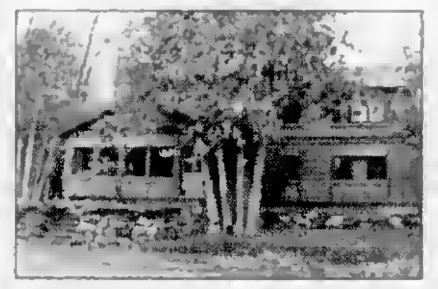

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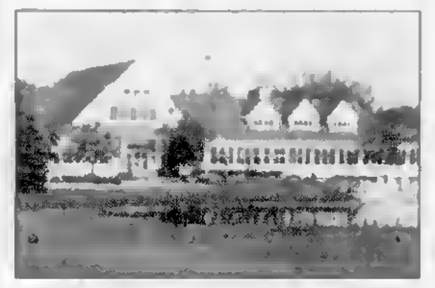

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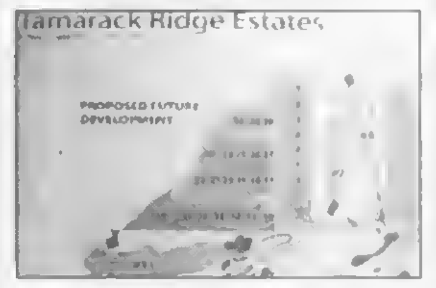

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Local groups benefit from tribe's gaming revenue

The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians recently awarded funds from its twice a year 2 percent gaming revenue allocation to local units of government.

Under the terms of the consent decree, settling Tribes v. Engler (Case No. 1:90-CV-611, U.S. District Court, Western District Michigan), the Grand Traverse Band agreed to pay 2 percent of its video gaming revenue to local units of government, as defined in the stipulation, no later than 60 days after Oct. 1 and March 31 of each year. This payment schedule was modified with the consent of the State of Michigan to July 31 and Jan. 31 of each year because the fiscal year of the Grand Traverse Band's gaming operation is calendar-based.

On July 26, the Tribal Council determined which organizations would receive a portion of the gaming revenues derived from slot machines. Of the 96 applications received, which totaled $2,778,908.42, the Grand Traverse Band Tribal Council awarded 40 applicants. The total amount available to allocate for this cycle was $774,763.68.

The following awards were given in Charlevoix County:

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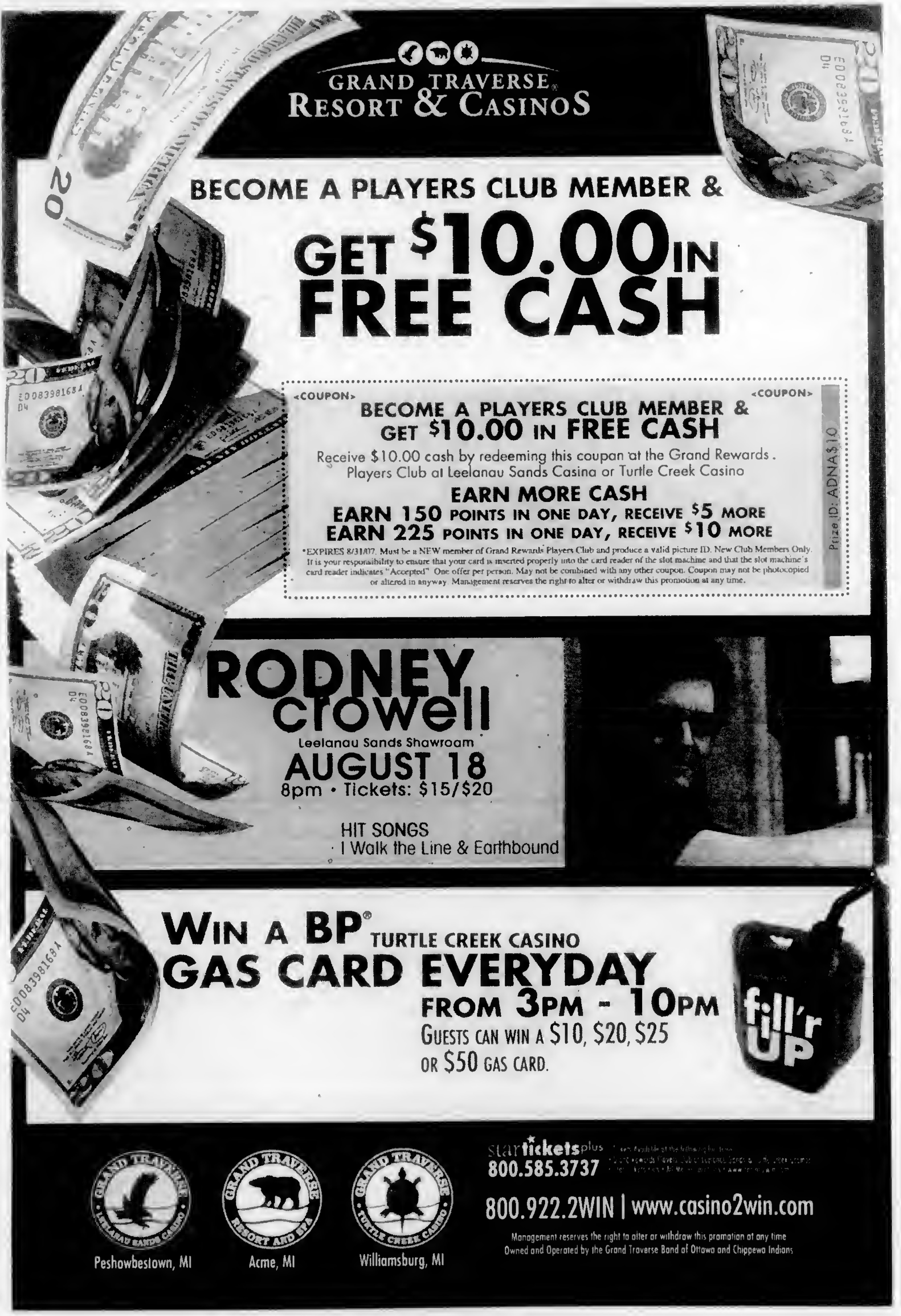
Citizen Planner Online provides a convenient way, via the Internet, for volunteer community leaders to obtain the latest information to perform their planning and zoning duties effectively.

Charlevoix County planning and zoning officials and interested citizens can enroll in the program at a greatly reduced cost. The program is divided into seven modules that include online readings, downloadable publications, online activities and quizzes. Two additional group meetings will be held, giving participants a chance to focus on Charlevoix County issues. The program will begin on Sept. 25.

Graduates from the program will also have the opportunity to help develop the new Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan.

With the foundation support, up to 20 scholarships are available, lowering the course fee to $130 per person. Without a scholarship, the cost will be $240.

For more information about the Citizen Planner Online program, contact the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 582-6232 or www.msue.msu.edu/charlevoix.



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Festival brings parades, fireworks and fun

Photo by Scott Richards

On July 28, over 20 decorated boats made their way around Round Lake harbor for the 77th Grand Electric Boat Parade. The theme was "The Great Divide" this boat was decorated to reflect the Michigan State University — University of Michigan rivalry.

Photos by Stefanie Carano

(Above) Sarah Klooster is crowned Miss Charlevoix by 2006 queen Zita Anderson at the queen's coronation July 27. (Below) Shane Griffin rides Crazy Train at the Super Kicker Rodeo July 24 during the Country Kickoff at Castle Farms.

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

(Above, left) Blake Ruehle, 2, of Charlevoix is delighted by the bubble tent at the Venetian Festival Kid's Day event on July 26. (Above, right) A dancer with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians delighted the crowd with her colorful native dress and dancing when festivities kicked off July 28 with the Venetian Festival Street Parade. The float that followed announced the tribe's upcoming powwow to take place Aug. 17-19.

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

(Above, left) Andy Trepeck, 3, of Huntington Woods rides the caterpillar coaster at the Venetian Festival carnival operated by Skerbeck Brothers of Escanaba. (Above, right) Crowds flocked to Lake Michigan Beach throughout Venetian week to experience star Rhythms of Venetian performances including 1964 The Tribute, a Beatles tribute band.

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Pool auction taps into Cool City status

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Auction will follow a new fund-raising concept dubbed "Walk in Charlevoix."

The "Walk in Charlevoix" approach plays on the community's Cool City status by steering auction attendees to downtown Charlevoix. Twenty-two combinations of gift certificates from 70 stores and eateries will be offered at the auction on Sunday, Aug. 12 as a way to attract people to local businesses and benefit the pool.

Successful bidders for the combined gift certificates may enjoy a "Grandparents' Treat Day" including a tour of Castle Farms plus ice cream and pizza or lunch with Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater, or flying model airplanes. An "Antique Adventure" includes gift certificates from Consign Design, North Seas Gallery and Antiques, and Kelly Refinishing plus lunch at Scovie's Waterfront Grille.

The promotion, suggested by pool auction committee members Tim and Barhara Clagett after attending last winter's Cool City project announcement, has been praised by both the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority.

"Creating packages for your auction is a cool way to promote Charlevoix-the-Beautiful, a Cool City," chamber president Jacqueline Merta said.

Downtown Development Authority director Keith Carey added, "The partnership is a perfect fit to highlight the wonderful shops and eateries here in Charlevoix."

Tickets for the Sunday, Aug. 12 event are $75 per person. They are available for the 5:30 p.m. dinner auction at the Charlevoix Country Club by calling the club at (231) 547-9796 or the pool at (231) 547-0982.

A preview of both silent and live auction items is open to the public from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11 at the country club.

What? The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Auction features packages that draw on the city's Cool City status.
When? Aug. 12
Where? Charlevoix Country Club

Charlevoix COOL CITY

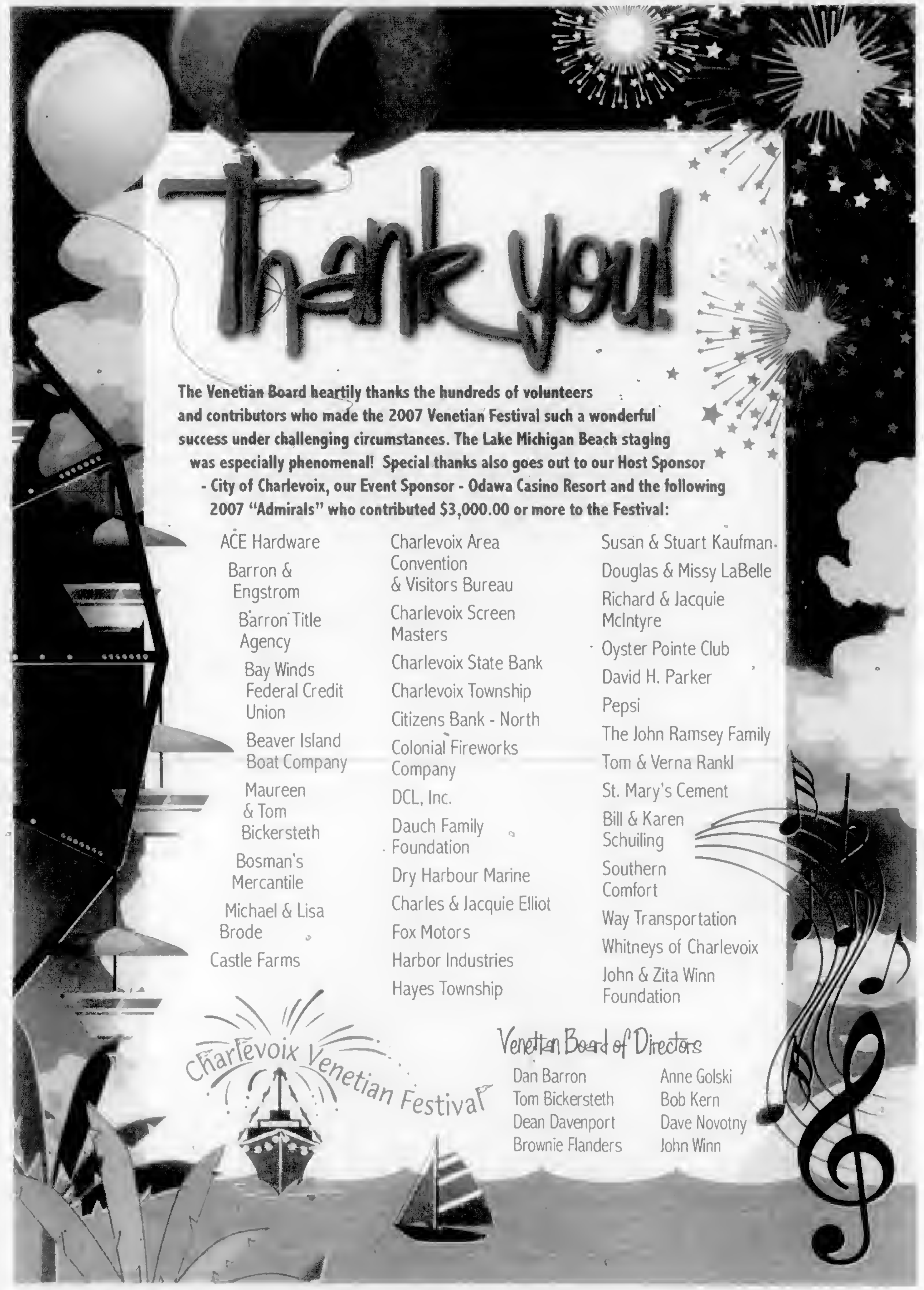
Hiroshima observance planned for Aug. 5

A Hiroshima remembrance and reflection observance will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 5 by the Bear River in Mineral Wells Park in Petoskey.

August marks the 62nd anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. The event is sponsored annually by the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom as a reminder that nuclear weapons should never again be used and also to reflect on ways to create a more peaceful world.

A brief program features presentation of the Hugh and Beatrice Henshaw Peace Award followed by music, drumming by the women's drumming group from Greensky Hill Indian Mission Church and prayer. Visitors then participate in symbolic strewing of flowers into the river in memory of the hundreds of thousands who died from the bombings and radiation.

For more information, call (231) 547-6960.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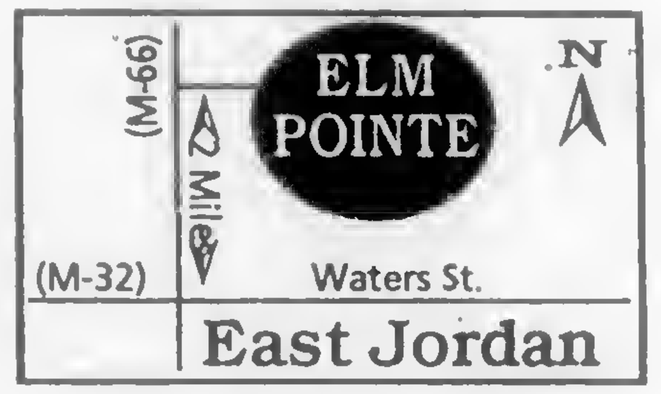

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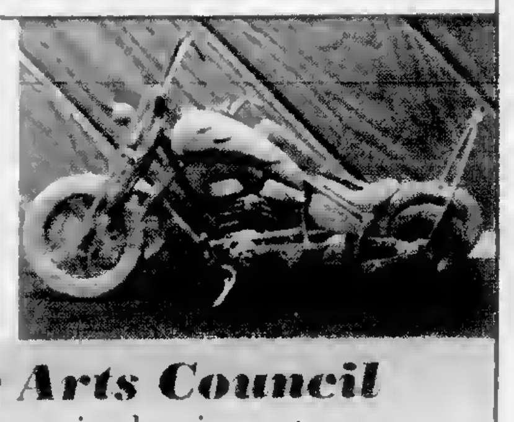

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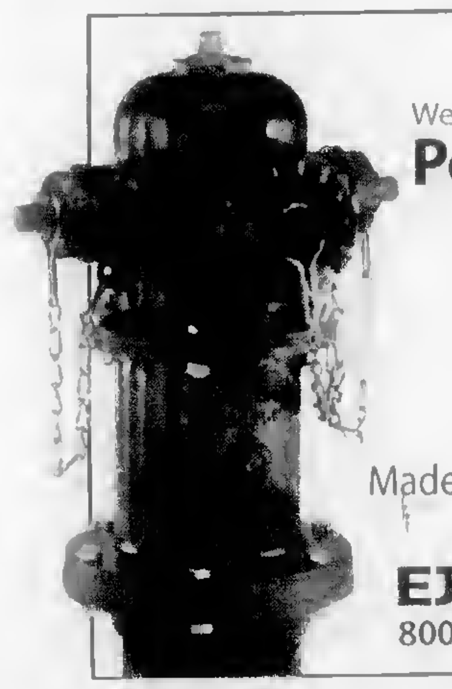

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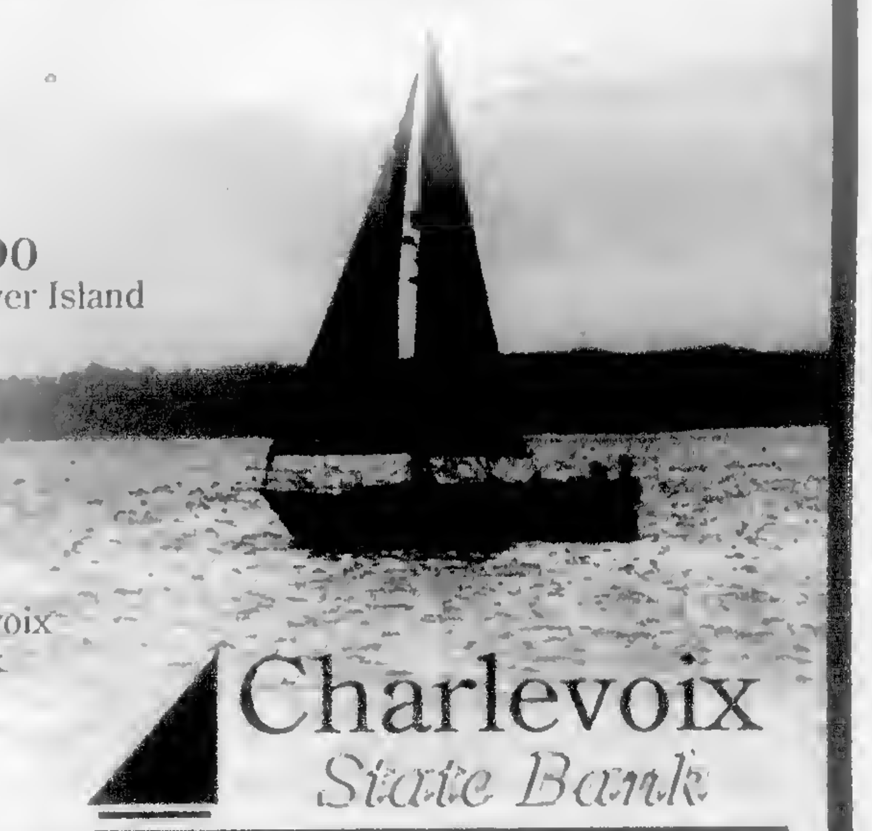

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Teen forgoes college for the ministry

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

With a desire to influence people of her generation, Charlevoix High School graduate Christina Bourassa has chosen to attend a ministry next school year rather than college.

"My desire is to live out my walk of faith and hope it will inspire other people and encourage them," Bourassa said.

On Aug. 15, she will be headed to Honor Academy, a program of the Teen Mania Ministries in Garden Valley, Texas.

"I used to live in Texas until I was 11," she said. "I've been here seven years and it'll be like getting back to my roots."

The ministry is intended to encourage the continuance of the Christian faith in young adults.

"In college, so many kids fall away from their background of faith," Bourassa said.

Honor Academy is an internship that offers high school graduates a variety of different ministry programs including Acquire the Fire, a weekend of Christian music concerts, and Global Expedition missions trips. According to the Honor Academy Web site, interns will commit to set aside secular television and secular music. They will also refrain from watching R-rated movies and commit to set aside romantic relationships both on and off campus.

"Interns have to have a disciplined lifestyle," said Neil Marcellus, a current intern whose mission placement is to promote Honor Academy. "They workout four times a week, there are room checks."

He said there are a very small number of interns that leave their faith after attending Honor Academy and that more are likely to continue in their faith afterwards.

Bourassa said this year 1,200 teens will attend the Honor Academy. The cost is $7,200 for the year and students often need to raise money in order to attend the academy.

While at Honor Academy, Bourassa hopes to visit Africa and Europe as part of the Global Expedition program.

At the moment, she's not sure if she will attend college or stay with the ministry.

"Many students that are there tend to go on to college," she said. "Some find their niche within the ministry."

Linda Bourassa, Christina's mother, said she and her husband are supportive of Christina's decision to attend Honor Academy.

Christina Bourassa

"We got educated by contacting Honor Academy and visiting their Web site," she said. "I think the advantage of going to Honor Academy is that it gives them a year to explore what they're searching for."

Linda said she trusts that her daughter has made the right decision.

"She's got a good head on her shoulders," she said. "This is what she wanted to do."

Growing up, Bourassa was raised in the Christian religion and in high school she helped lead a student prayer group.

"Through prayer group, our desire was to lift up our school and show kids that they're cared for," Bourassa said.

With her high school activities, she was able to visit Puerto Rico as part of a mission effort.

"Mission studies in Puerto Rico helped open my eyes," Bourassa said. "It opened my eyes to the different ways people live, but we all have the same needs. As humans, we all have the same need to love, and to laugh."

Bourassa currently attends New Hope North Church in Petoskey and is a member of the Ragamuffin Children's Theatre in Charlevoix — a Christian-based organization.

"Through Ragamuffin Theatre is where I found my core ministry," Bourassa said. "It's where I found out about the Honor Academy."

She said what really convinced her to be involved in the ministry was when she saw people actively living their faith.

"Rather than just talking about it," Bourassa said. "I wanted that."

Bourassa said college students stray from their faith because they're away from their parents and they feel like they don't have a purpose in life.

"If you don't feel like you don't have a purpose, you'll try anything to fill that void," Bourassa said.

She said this includes behavior like drinking and drugs.

She also said that her generation has a lot of strengths but have lost their perspective.

"So many teens don't realize the problems that exist in our world," Bourassa said. "There's a revolution that needs to be done, we're not living to our full potential."

For more information about Teen Mania Ministries and the Honor Academy, visit http://www.teenmania.com or http://www.honoracademy.com or contact the academy directly at (800) 863-6306 ext. 7412. To donate funds specifically for Christina's ministry, her ID# is 2397406.

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Day of Caring project request deadline nears

Harbor Industries and Char-Em United Way are leading the effort to plan the 4th Annual Day of Caring, scheduled for Sept. 18.

The Day of Caring matches teams of volunteers from businesses, schools, faith communities and community groups with non-profit agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet counties who are in need of hands-on help. Other members of the core Day of Caring/Get Involved team are Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Huntington National Bank, Way Transportation, Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Manufacturing and Charlevoix High School.

"We're very excited about Day of Caring 2007," said Jennifer Archambault of Harbor Industries. "In our first year we had 70 volunteers working on seven projects, and last year that grew to 550 helping out on 35 projects throughout the two-county area. Volunteers did tasks ranging from washing senior citizens' cars, to building shelves for the Red Cross, to washing windows at the Safe Home. This year, we hope to engage even more volunteers and help more agencies."

The Day of Caring is the official kickoff for the Char-Em United Way 2007-2008 campaign.

"This event is a logical tie-in with United Way," said Martha Lancaster, United Way executive director. "Not only do the non-profit agencies in our community need financial support, they need volunteers as well. We are happy to help connect agencies with all available resources to help them meet the community needs."

Volunteer teams are asked to indicate their interest in participating and non-profits should submit a project request by Aug. 15 to ensure that they can be matched.

For more information, including volunteer or project sign up forms, contact the Day of Caring Committee at (231) 237-6242 or e-mail the committee at getinvolved@harborind.com.

United Way

Who? Volunteers organized by Harbor Industries and Char-Em United Way.

What? The 4th Annual Day of Caring community project outreach event.

When? Sept. 18

Project request deadline? Volunteer teams are asked to indicate their interest in participating and non-profits should submit a project request by Aug. 15 to ensure that they can be matched.

More information? Call (231) 237-6242.

Enjoy a sunset cruise aboard the Emerald Isle

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The Charlevoix Historical Society is sponsoring the 10th Annual Sunset Cruise aboard the Emerald Isle on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The 10th Annual Sunset Cruise sponsored by the Charlevoix Historical Society will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The Emerald Isle will depart promptly at 8:30 p.m. from the Beaver Island Boat Company Dock in Charlevoix. Snacks, soft drinks and popcorn will be available and live entertainment will be provided by the Bud Bechtold Quartet.

Tickets purchased in advance at the Harsha House Museum, 103 State St., are $20 per person. Tickets purchased at the Beaver Island Boat Company Dock before sailing are $25.

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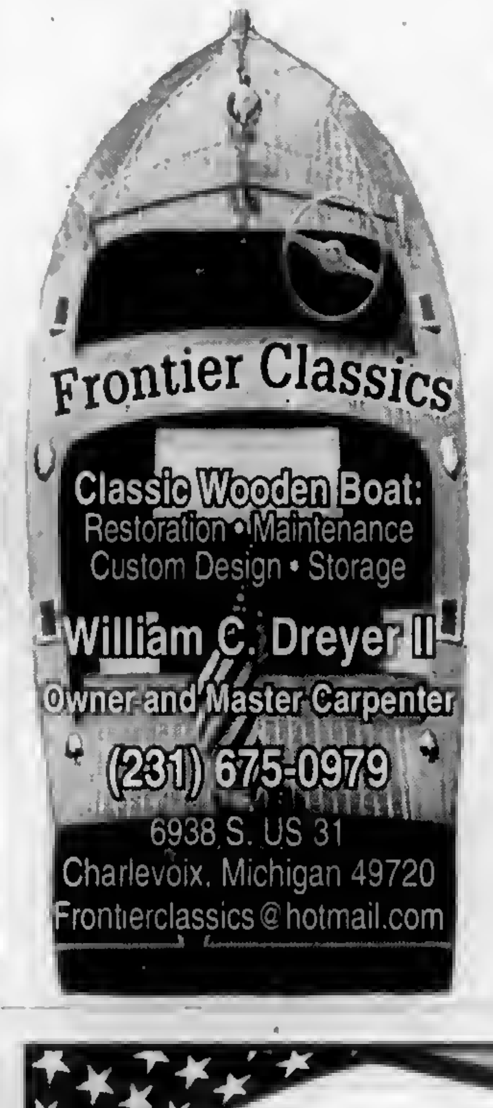

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Earthly treasurers available at Snail Hill

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

The dynamic surface of the earth is a catalogue of natural history. Its crust is a product of events that have occurred, and are still occurring, above and beneath its layers.

This phenomena is showcased in Dick and Lee Schnackenberg's store called Snail Hill at 6416 Barnard Rd. in Charlevoix Township.

Snail Hill, the English translation of Schnackenberg, features rocks, minerals and fossils from all over the world.

"Rocks are interesting," Dick said. "Rocks hold a moment in time."

We love the earth and nature," Lee said. "I discovered rocks are not all gray and beige."

Snail Hill features prehistoric animals frozen in time, sliced geodes with sparkling hollows and polished bits of well-known stones such as red jasper and rose quartz.

One of Lee's favorite fossils are ammonites snail-type prehistoric creatures that were fossilized millions of years ago. The ones at Snail Hill were found in Madagascar.

"I'd like to think kids would get interested in nature like that," Lee said. "Geology is a matter of discovering what's there."

Lee's fascination with geology started two summers ago when she worked for Norm Brumm's Studio on Old U.S. 31.

"I took what I thought was the lowly task of sorting through rocks," Lee said.

However, she said her fascination grew as she learned more about the rocks and their history.

"I got so interested, it was hard to concentrate on anything but rocks," she said.

So in June, the Schnackenbergs set up a store on their four-and-a-half acre property, less than 30 feet from their home and just off Barnard Road.

In addition to rocks, minerals and fossils, Snail Hill also features crafts of local artisans.

"All crafts are from people who live within a 30-mile radius," Lee said.

Crafts include goat's milk soap available unscented or naturally scented, needlepoint, wood work and mosaic articles — end tables, mirrors and picture frames made from small pieces of broken china arranged in a mosaic pattern.

Lee said what she likes most about her business is the people she meets who visit the store.

"We love all the people we meet," she said.

Snail Hill is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

Business name? Snail Hill
Location? 6416 Barnard Rd. in Charlevoix Township
Hours of operation? 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday

Photo by Stefanie Carano

Dick and Lee Schnackenberg, recently opened the rock and fossil store, Snail Hill on Barnard Road.

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Friske's hosts arts and crafts show on Aug. 3 and 4

Friske's Farm Market and Country Haus will be hosting their 4th Annual Arts and Crafts Show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3 and Saturday, Aug. 4 on the front lawn of the Country Haus.

The event will feature arts and crafts, Laurel and Hardy Kettlecorn and a kids' craft tent.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, Albo the Clown will be entertaining. From noon to 3 p.m., live music will be offered along with samples of Friske's products.

Friske's Farm Market & Country Haus is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix right on U.S. 31 at Atwood.

Art demonstration event at Bier Art Gallery

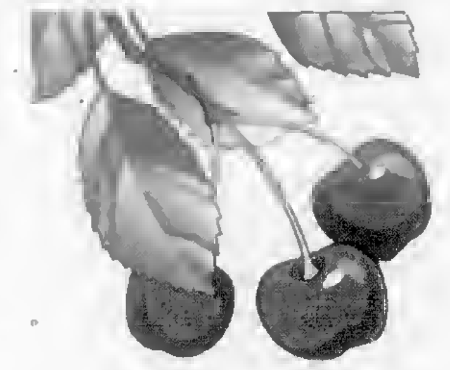
Bier Art Gallery will host an art demonstration event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11.

The event will include opportunities to meet and talk with working artists. Refreshments will be available.

Bier Art Gallery is located six miles south of Charlevoix at 3500 U.S. 31.

For more information, call (231) 547-2288.

Martha Stewart uses Friske's Orchard cherries



Martha Stewart used northern Michigan cherries from Friske Orchards when she made her cherry pie on the Today Show, Wednesday, July 25.

She also lists Friske's as the source for pie cherries in the upcoming August edition of her Martha Stewart Living magazine.

Friske Orchards and Farm Market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix, right on U.S. 31 at Atwood. Their online market can be found at www.friske.com.

Griffin elected chairman of Board of Michigan Aggregates Association

Don Griffin

Don Griffin of H & D Inc., a division of Rieth-Riley, in Bayshore, has been elected chairman of the board of the Michigan Aggregates Association.

Griffin was a vice-president and principal of H & D Inc. until 2004 when the company was purchased by Rieth-Riley. His responsibilities include operational management of portable, custom and specialty crushing operations. H & D, Inc. of Bayshore, has been involved in the heavy highway, aggregate and related industries since 1938. In 1984, Griffin became one of three principal stockholders. He is a graduate of Ferris State University and holds a bachelor of science degree.

The Michigan Aggregates Association, based in Okemos, is a trade association that represents more than 100 companies and 8,000 working men and women. In 2006, almost 110 million tons of aggregates were produced in Michigan.

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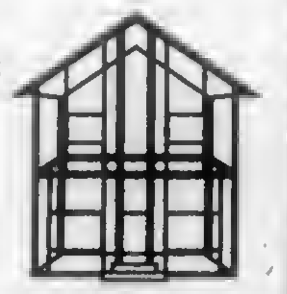

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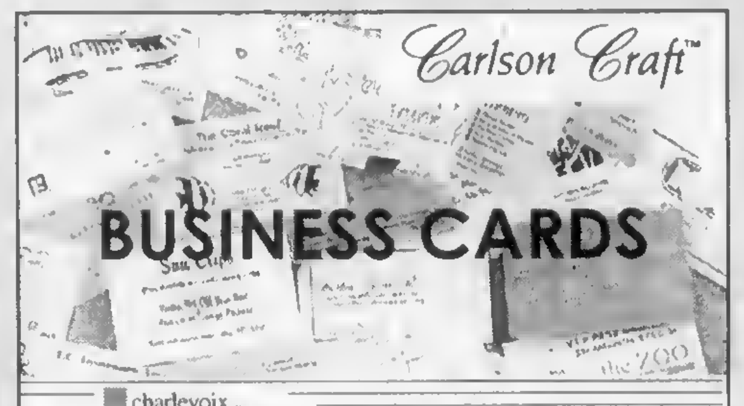

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Venetian Games soccer attracts record 47 teams

The Venetian Games 3 on 3 Soccer Tournament July 24 at Shanahan Field drew teams of all ages from communities around northern Michigan.

The event saw a record turnout this year with 47 teams participating. The finals took place on Wednesday, July 25. Out of the 11 divisions, seven Charlevoix teams were winners. An over 35 division was added this year and drew a few teams.

The following is a list of winners and the divisions in which they competed:

Under 8 girls' — Team "The Angels" Rachel Nesburg, Natalie Nesburg, Olivia Jeakle and Alexandria Snabes.

Under 8 boys' — Team "Katy Wolohan" Katy Wolohan, Ryan Wolohan Jackson and Will Wolohan Jackson.

Under 10 girls' — Team "The Firebolts" Tia Esposito, Charlotte Cullip, Sadie Cwilael and Zoey Bezilla.

Under 10 boys' — Team "Arsenal" Fletcher Ekern, Jack Rosser and Wilson Ekern.

Under 12 girls' — Team "The Dews" Katie Kiteley, Jaclyn Merrill, Kelsi Bales and Abby Kroon.

Under 12 boys' — Team "Petoskey United" Austin Redes, Hunter Viles, Ben Schwartzfisher and Evan Attman.

Under 14 girls' — Team "T.H.A.T." Taylor Smith, Hannah Doan, Abbey Barnes and Tara Beatty.

Under 14 boys' — Team "Mr. Soccer" Boog Nitchman, Ben Myers, John Shea and Ryan Wimmer.

High school girls' — Team "The Underclassmen Punks" Olivia Catt, Madison Way, K.C. McCary and Meridith Rich.

Under 35 men — Team "Petoskey FC" A.J. Bodurka, Katie Johnson, Pete Platte and David Macintosh.

Over 35 men — Team "The Codgers" Hank Mennig, Doug Buday, Ryan McConnell and Tom Barnes.

Cyclists gear up to Ride the Charx

It's time to bike around the lake.

Paul Servais is director of the seventh annual Ride the Charx which will take place Aug. 4.

Servais said there were about 400 attendees last year and he expects even more for this year's ride.

Distances of rides range from a leisurely 20-mile ride from Boyne City to the Ironton Ferry and up to the 105 mile ride "for the truly crazed," which consists of a 62-mile ride before lunch and ends the day with a 43-mile loop.

Regardless of distances, all rides will begin and end at the pavilion in Boyne City's Veteran's Park.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday there will be a catered lunch of barbecue and a vegetarian meals in Veteran's Park as well as free refreshments on the road for all routes. People who wish to join the riders for lunch may register for a $10 non-rider fee.

And, Servais said, no need to worry about breakdowns because, until 1:30 p.m. there will be a SAG service with air pumps, tools and repair kits for minor flat tires.

Cost for the ride is $20 and the luncheon and ride will take place rain or shine.

There are four rides on the routes that have been designated, each with differing difficulty to match all levels of riders, from beginner to expert.

Helmets are required and children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration for the 20-mile ride begins at 10 a.m. with departure no later than 11:30 a.m. Registration for the 43-mile, 62-mile and 105-mile rides begins at 7 a.m. with departure no later than 8:30 a.m.

For more information on Ride the Charx call (231) 582-3468 or visit www.lmb.org/nmb/

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Swim win

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool hosted the Venetian Swim Championships on Wednesday, July 25. Special trophies were awarded to the youngest competitor, 4-year-old Megan Harmeling, the oldest competitor, 75-year-old Jack Richardson, the Vita family of California who traveled the farthest and the Smith family of Midland who had the most entries by one family.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Northern Light wins Venetian Cup

The fourth race of the Charlevoix Yacht Club's summer series was also the Venetian Cup, open to any boat.

Only boats registered with the Charlevoix Yacht Club were scored for the series. Twenty-one boats finished the race, which consisted of a triangle and three windward-leeward legs in moderate winds. Only four seconds corrected time separated the second and third place boats in the Spinnaker A fleet. Northern Light took the Venetian Cup with the fastest overall time for the night.

Race results provided by Keith Attee and Mike Miller, committee chairs.

The Charlevoix Yacht Club race results for July 25 are:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Mojo (Guest); 2 — Sonnett (Lepmann); 3 — Exitus (Pung); 4 — Opus (Hansen).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 — Tireless (Tinney); 3 — Cygnus (Stewart); 4 — Original Sin (Miller); 5 —Apothecary (Ochs).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Paleface Lite (Grove); 2 — Suzie Q (Kelly); 3 — Hoi Polloi (Attee); 4 — Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 5 — Fairret (Seymour); 6 — M3 (Carey); 7 — Sail La Vie (Williamson); 8 — Incognito (Fisher).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Northern Light (Orlow); 2 — Moxie (Jensen); 3 — Affinity (Strawbridge); 4 — Padawan 3 (Lamb).

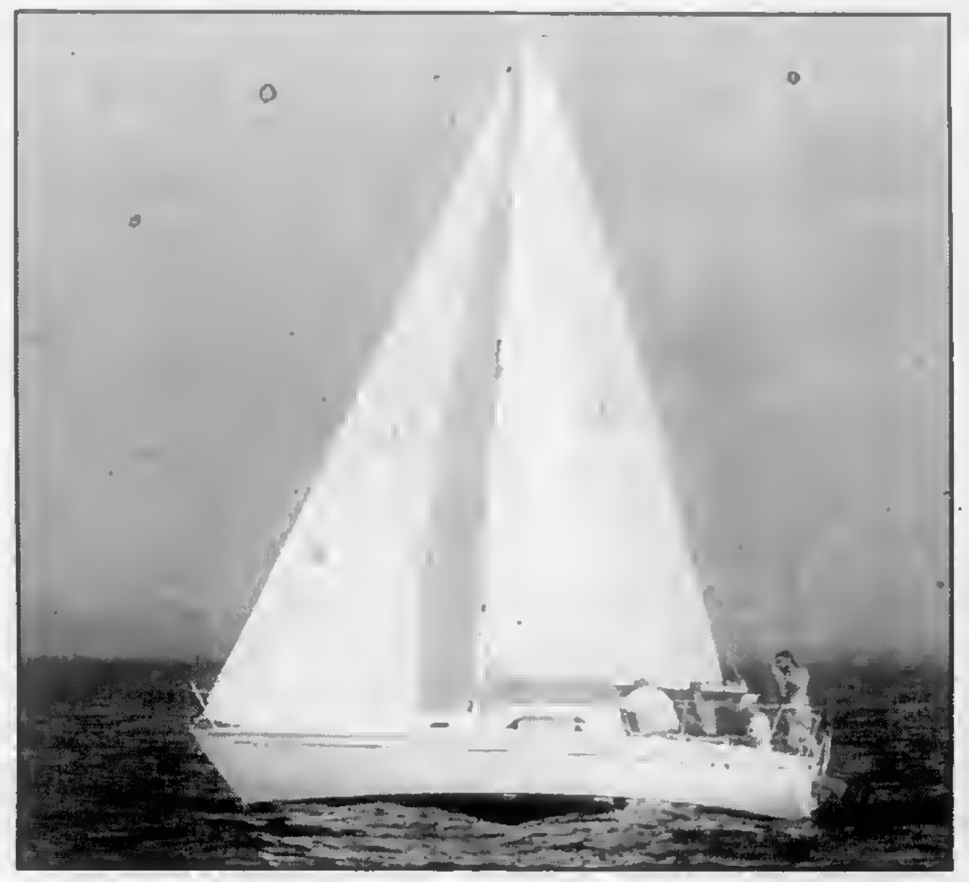
Summer series results after four races with no drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 — Sonnett (5); 2 — Exitus (7); 3 — Opus (14).

P-26 fleet: 1 — Tireless (6); 2 — Original Sin (10); 3 — Lost Vermonter (12); 4 — Cygnus (13); 5 - Apothecary (19).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 — Suzie Q (10); 2 — Hoi Polloi (11); 3 — Booma (14); 4 — Paleface Lite (16); 5 — Gotcha! (20); 6 — Fairret (21.5); 7 — M3 (27); 8 — Sail La Vie (30.5); 9 — Incognito (35).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 — Moxie (7); 2 — Tie: Affinity and Northern Light (11); 4 — Itch (19).



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Racing Profile

Boat name: Apothecary

Design: Pearson 26

History: Frank Ochs has been sailing for over 70 years, with more than 25 of them on Apothecary. His son, John, has been sailing since he was young, and his grandsons, Tom and Mike, have been sailing since 1982.

Crew: Frank Ochs (skipper), John Ochs, Michael Ochs, Todd and Leah Olson, Cindy McKanic

Quote on the boat: "Whatever."

Family affair: Four generations of Ochs' sailed on Apothecary for the Venetian Cup: Frank Ochs, John Ochs, Tom and Mike Ochs and Tom's daughters Hannah and Grace Ochs.

Charlevoix Venetian Games

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Bump, set, spike

Team InDesign of Charlevoix won the co-ed volleyball tournament Wednesday, July 25 at Ferry Beach. The team pictured above includes Brian Sommerfield, Blanca Sommerfield, Sara Blair and Chris Seymour.

Aug. 17 golf outing to benefit Rayder football

A Rayder Football Golf Outing will take place on Friday, Aug. 17 at Antrim Dells Golf Club, located at 12352 Antrim Drive in Atwood.

Registration begins at 1 p.m. The shotgun start is at 2 p.m. The cost is $75 per player and includes boxed lunch, golf, dinner and auction admission.

Special events include chances to win a set of Callaway Big Bertha irons, a Sharp LCD flat-screen TV, two round-trip domestic airline tickets and $10,000 cash. Proceeds from this event fund the Charlevoix High School varsity and junior varsity football team's training camp on Beaver Island and equipment needs.

For more information, call (231) 622-2667.

Trails council ride from Bay Shore to Charlevoix Aug. 4

The Top of Michigan Trails Council will sponsor a ride on the Charlevoix County segment of the Little Traverse Wheelway on Saturday, Aug. 4.

Riders will start at Resort Township's West Park at Bay Shore and travel along the Wheelway to Charlevoix Township's Shanahan Park. From there they can return to West Park on the same route or on recommended local roads. Back at the park they can enjoy a discount picnic lunch from Harborside Deli. The ride will be led by John Paulus, a northern Michigan native and regular Top of Michigan Trails Council leader.

The Charlevoix County portion of the Wheelway is very user friendly with no detours and only a few curb cuts. With its asphalt surface and mile of wooden boardwalk the route is suitable for all bicycles. Although it's close to U.S. 31 in its entirety, it offers many spectacular views of Lake Michigan and Little Traverse Bay.

Riders should meet in the parking lot at West Park, several hundred yards from U.S. 31, a little before 10 a.m. The ride is free to Top of Michigan Trails Council members and $5 for non-members.

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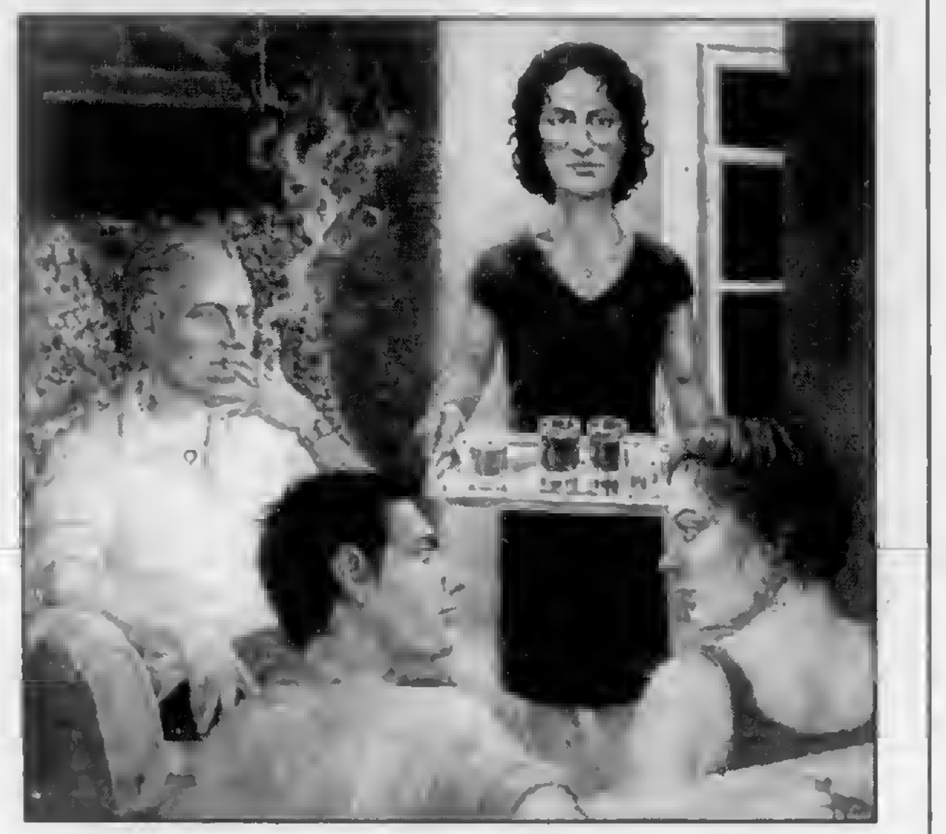

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Above is the work of Crooked Tree Arts Center's 27th Annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibition first place award winner Michelle Ranta. The painting is entitled "The Dinner Party."

Juried art exhibition winners announced

Crooked Tree Arts Center hosted the 27th Annual Juried Fine Arts Exhibition opening on Saturday, July 21 and judges awarded seven artists for excellence.

The juror for this year's competition is Leslie Donaldson, the executive director of the Arts Council of Greater Lansing.

Awards given in 2007 Juried Fine Arts exhibition are as follows: First place was awarded to Michelle Ranta from Sault Ste. Marie for her painting, "The Dinner Party." Second place was awarded to Gerald Moore from Interlochen, for his painting, "Leaves & Snow." And third place was awarded to Siobhan McBride from Harhor Springs, for her painting, "Mountain Pass."

Honorable mentions were awarded to Carole Hadley from Engadine, for her painting "Revisited," Bridget Hecker from Boyne Falls, for her paper-cutout work, "Picture Perfect." Jeanne Tennent from Charlevoix, for her drawing, "Rock Forms," and to Steve Toornman from Charlevoix for his drawing, "Forest of Non Trees."

The exhibition will be on display through Oct. 13 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center, located at 461 East Mitchell St. in Petoskey. For more information, call the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337.

Young adults needed for Rotary exchange to India

Applications are due by Aug. 4

Rotary is seeking young adults who have a desire to travel to India.

The Rotary Group Study Exchange for District 6290 — which encompasses local Rotary Clubs in Charlevoix and Emmet counties — will travel to District 3120 in northern India. Applicants are now needed for a Rotarian team leader and four non-Rotarian team members.

The outbound team will travel to India at the end of December for four weeks. The inbound team from India will be with District 6290 Rotarians from mid-May to mid-June 2008.

Through the program, teams of young professionals from two different countries exchange visits. For four weeks, team members experience the way of life, customs and vocational practices of another country, while sharing information from their homeland.

The purpose of the Rotary Group Study Exchange program is to promote international understanding and goodwill through personal connection. While abroad, team members stay in Rotarians' homes and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts. They also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country.

The Rotary Foundation pays for round-trip airfare, and Rotary club members in the host country provide meals, lodging and group travel in their district. Team members pay for personal and incidental expenses.

The team members must be between the ages of 25 and 40, living and working in District 6290 (Holland, Michigan, north to the Wawa, Ontario - mostly west of I-75), and employed full-time in a business or profession. They cannot be an immediate relative of a Rotarian. The four team members will be led hy a Rotarian from District 6290.

Applications are available on the Rotary Web site at http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse/prospective.html. For more information, contact Steve Brummeler, Rotary Club of Petoskey Group Study Exchange chairman, at sbrummeler@yahoo.com or at (231) 347-5571, or District Group Study Exchange chairman, Jeff Hickman, at jeffrey.hickman@citizensbanking.com or at (231) 933-5503 ext. 44.

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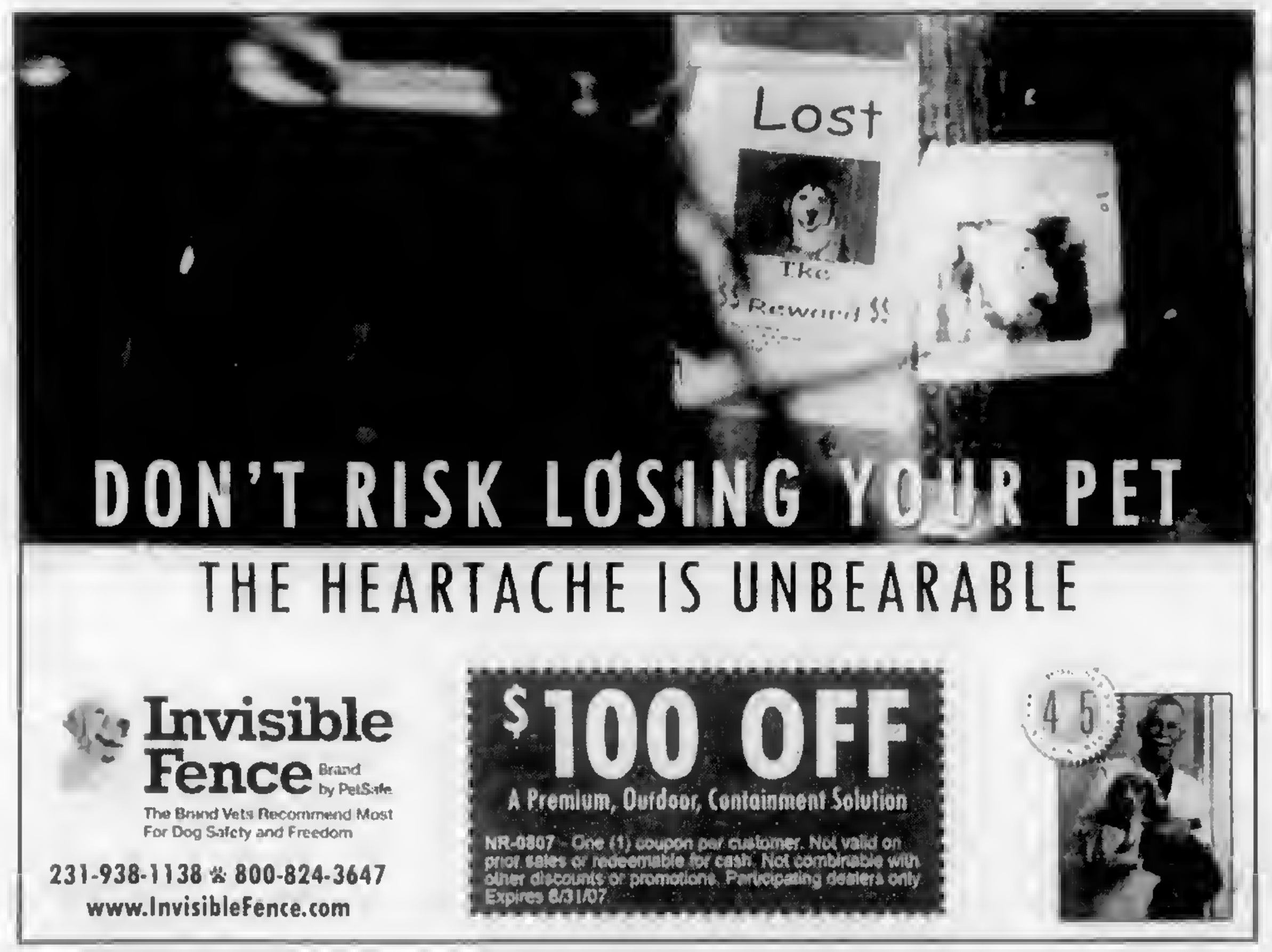

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112 Mason Street • P.O. Box 117
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
547-6558

0760 SPECIAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform Megan Potter, last known address: 316 Mattie Brook Avenue, Henderson, NV 89015, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #093. A brief description would be: furniture, mattress, & bike. You have until August 25, 2007, to re-claim the goods at:

Charlevoix Mini Storage
06795 US 31 Highway South
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
(231)547-5838

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

Construction

PAINTER

GRAND HOTEL, Mackinac Island, MI has immediate openings. Positions are full-time, year-round. Please contact Human Resources at (906)847-9201, apply online at http://www.grandhotel.com or fax resume to (906)847-9205.

New Today!
Educational

Baker College

INSTRUCTOR

Baker College of Cadillac is searching for part-time instructors to teach Dual Enrollment classes in Spanish in the Central Lake and Alanson-Littlefield High School for Fall quarter, which begins September 2007.
Master degree required; Related field Preferred, Bachelor's Degree in area Required.

Previous teaching experience a plus. Please send resume and cover letter by **August 10, 2007** to:

Human Resource Department
Baker College of Cadillac
9600 East 13th Street
Cadillac, MI 49601
Fax: (231)775-8505
Email: hr-ca@baker.edu.

AA/
EOE

EXTREMELY BUSY salon needs talented stylist. 70% commission. Call Lisa at Uppercuts, (989)786-4446.

Can't find what your looking for??
Use The Classifieds!

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

New Today!
General

MANPOWER

Openings in the Petoskey area for part-time and full-time, temporary-permanent positions in: Kitchen production, press operations, retail, industrial and clerical. Take Mitchell to 267 Creekside Drive, Petoskey. No appointment needed!
Phone: (231)347-3971 or (231)547-3280 Ext. 6312

General

MAINTENANCE

Boyne Mountain Resort Maintenance Department in Boyne Falls, MI seeking individuals for the following positions: **Experienced Carpenter; General Facilities Maintenance; Purchasing and Billing Clerk.** Boyne offers excellent discounts on food, retail merchandise, water park, lodging and golf for all Michigan owned locations. Apply et the front desk at any Boyne location or log on www.boyne.com for more information on positions or download an application from the employment page. For further inquiries email: jobs@boyne.com or call (231)549-6868.

Healthcare

CERTIFIED NA'S

Grandvue, Charlevoix County's Medical Care Facility, is looking for Certified Nurse Aides who are committed to resident centered care. Full and part-time positions available. Our extensive benefit package includes shift differentials for afternoon and midnight positions; and health, dental, vision and life Insurance are available for full-time staff. If you are looking for a position that will challenge your abilities, encourage personal growth, and allow you to build relationships with residents, families, and team members, please apply at 1728 South Peninsula Road, East Jordan; or call Jane Korthase (231)536-2286 with questions.

Healthcare

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Part-time experience preferred but will train. Send resume to Dr. Glenn Paramo, 205 Ferry Ave., Charlevoix, MI 49720. Fax: (231)237-0170.

Find $uper $avings in Classifieds!

New Today!
Sales

MERCHANDISER

Part-time, ice cream merchandiser needed in Charlevoix. $10 per hour. Send resume to; J&S Dairy, 2440 Dairy Square, Traverse City, MI 49686.

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

Healthcare

DENTAL TEAM PLAYER

Our dental practice is seeking to add a dental associate who is energetic and willing to be a team player. Clerical experience and chair side assisting a plus, but not a requirement as we are willing to train the right person. Please apply in person to Dr. Mark T. Makela, DDS, PC at 2454 Harbor Petoskey Road, Petoskey, MI 49770. Or you may send your resume to the address ebove.

New Today!
Hospitality

HOUSEKEEPER

Americinn hiring for year-round position. Apply at 11800 US-31 N., Charlevoix.

Hospitality

FRONT DESK

Part/full-time, year-round, afternoons. Fun work environment. Competitive pay. The Weathervane Terrace Hotel, Charlevoix.

New Today!
Management

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

The Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet Office of Emergency Management is seeking to fill the full-time position of Assistant Director. Qualified candidates will have good driving record, communication skills, project management experience, basic computer skills, and background or experience in emergency services. Associate degree in related field desired. Pay range D.O.Q. Benefits. Send resume and cover letter to: Office of Emergency Management, Attn: Assistant Director Search, 1694 S. US 131, Petoskey, MI 49770, on or before 5 p.m., August 10th.

New Today!
Office

BOOKKEEPER

Full-time bookkeeper, experience necessary. Knowledge of Peachtree preferred. Call or stop into Riverside Tire in Boyne City. (231)582-2431.

Office

NORTHERN DRIVING INSTITUTE

Is currently seeking applicants for telephone recruiters. Excellent communication skills. Excellent phone skills, Windows XP Exp. Able to pass drug screen. Send resume to: N.D.I., 15890 Bells Bay Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720 or email to: wayne@northerndrivinginstitute.com. (231)237-9502 or fax (231)237-9507.

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

Office

NORTHERN DRIVING INSTITUTE

Is currently seeking applicants for secretarial position. Excellent phone skills. Excellent communication skills. Knowledgeable with MS office, Word, Word Perfect and able to generate new books, files and spreads. Housekeeping duties. File, fax, multitask and duties for multiple office staff. Able to pass drug screen. Send resume to: N.D.I., 15890 Bells Bay Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720 or email to: wayne@northerndrivinginstitute.com. (231)237-9502 or fax (231)237-9507.

Healthcare

GRANDVUE MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

Grandvue, Charlevoix County's Medical Care Facility, is looking for RNs and LPNs who are interested in working in a state-of-the-art facility that is moving away from the medical model toward a more holistic approach to care through reduced nurse to resident caseloads. Full and part time positions available. Our extensive benefit package includes generous shift differentials for afternoon and midnight positions, liberal time off policy, and facility paid retirement plan. Health, dental, vision and life insurance available for full time staff. If you are looking for a nursing position that will challenge your abilities, encourage personal growth, and allow you to build relationships with residents and their families, please apply at 1728 South Peninsula Road, East Jordan; or call Jane Korthase at (231)536-2286 with questions.

Sales

SALES PERSON

Growing local home improvement Co. Seeking highly motivated individual, for performance based sales position for Petoskey/Cheboygan area. Please send resume to; 4107 Manor Wood Dr., Traverse City, MI 49684, or Fax to; (231)933-8772, or e-mail; hr@rainbowseamlesssystems.com.

Trades

PRODUCTION PAINTER

for 2nd shift. 2 years minimum experience required. Experience with CARC coatings, HVLP guns and high solids materials preferred. Apply in person at: Lanzen Fabricating North, Inc., 611 NE Limits, Mancelona, MI 49659. Priority Health, EOE, H/DV, Drug Test.

SELL, HIRE, BUY OR TRADE USING THE CLASSIFIEDS!

AUG 2007

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

NORTHPOINTE MOTORS Home of INSTANT CAR CREDIT

SALES PROFESSIONAL WANTED

Are you a flexible, career minded sales professional? Looking for a change? Come join the elite sales team at Northpointe Motors. We strive for excellence and integrity in our staff and we are looking for the best! Previous sales experience beneficial. We have five locations: **Traverse City, Kalkaska, Gaylord, Charlevoix and Cadillac.** There's one near you ... APPLY TODAY!

Sales, PO BOX 146
Acme, MI 49610
or email:
icccorp@charterinternet.com.

Don't miss this opportunity!

0970 PART-TIME HELP WANTED

Office

LIBRARY CLERK

The Charlevoix Public Library is looking for weekend, part-time assistants to work all public service desks beginning this fall. Check www.charlevoixlibrary.org for job description and standards. Send letter and resume to the library at 220 Clinton Street by August 16th.

NEEDED HARD WORKER to do odd jobs, in Charlevoix. $10 per hour call toll free 877-326-3772.

0970 BUSINESS/OFFICE EQUIPMENT

New Today!

CONVEYOR OVENS 2 Lincoln's. $5,000 each or $9,000 for both. Hobart 60 qt mixer, $3,200. (989)614-0757.

TALLY GENICOM Model 6306 line printer. Network card. Enclosed base. Never used. Purchased December 2006. Paid $4,656. Make an offer. Please call Gaylord Herald Times, (989)732-111, Marilyn.

1340 MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

AIR COMPRESSOR 5 hp., 175 max psi, 2 stage 220 V. Snap-on tool box. Mechanics tools. Good deals. (231)526-5187.

New Today! ***FURNITURE AND MATTRESS BLOWOUT!***

The end of the season is here! Our last day is Friday, August 3rd. Furniture floor models at Crazy Lower Prices. All remaining mattress inventory will also be reduced. "Englander" mattresses. Located on US 31 on the North side of Charlevoix next to Monte's Car Wash or call (248)640-0586 with any questions.

GRANDFATHER CLOCK. Full size. 1984. Oak. Made in Lewiston. $1,500. Will e-mail photos. (989)785-5432.

Classifieds Ads Work Call (231)547-6558

1350 SUPER SAVERS ITEMS UNDER $1000

POWERMATIC VARIABLE speed, 15 inch drill press. Tilting table. Keyed chuck. Floor model. Heavy duty industrial quality. $1,000. (231)548-5521.

1550 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

New Today!

OFFICE OR retail space for leaso. Comer of US 31 and Brutus Road. Completely remodeled building. Paved parking, highspeed intemet, full sizo billboard on site to advertise your business. Call (231)529-2222.

1570 LOTS & ACREAGE

CHARLEVOIX 2 lots sold together, special location. Wooded lots, over 3/4 of an acre! Close to Lake Michigan and downtown. Water and sewer. Split with right offer. Land contract available. $40,000. Get more details at; fsbomichigan.com. Garfield lots, #85 and 76. (231)675-0605.

PICKEREL LAKE 1 lot, 50 x 150, 1/10 mile from public landing, asking $22,500. 2 adjoining lots with lake view, 100 x 150. All 3 $62,500. (231)622-1896.

1600 HOMES FOR SALE

1000 PLUS sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 1 bath, full linished basement, open layout, nice neighborhood. $113,000. 2685 Liegl Dr., Alanson. (231)347-6473.

4 BEDROOM home in Gaylord. 1,400 square feet. Newly redecorated. Gas fireplace. New appliances. Zoned commercial. $69,900. (989)732-0996 or (989)732-1491.

1610 LAKE HOMES & FRONTAGE

CLOSE TO Charlevoix, beautiful waterfront lot at Adams Lake Preserve. Area of line homes, reduced $62,000 by owner. 231-933-1546.

1620 MOBILE HOMES/SITES FOR SALE/RENT

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, 16'x40' mobile with expando. 1935 Shallow Shores. Off of Oley Lake Road, Gaylord. $450/month plus security deposit. (734)644-4588.

EAST JORDAN country setting, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, large yard. $650 a month utilities included. (231)675-3632. Available now.

1650 CONDOMINIUMS FOR SALE

BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED Petoskey 1 bedroom, 1 bath, ground floor. Featuring high-end appliances, ceramic tile, marble, Swanstone, and Moen. $104,900. By appointment. (231)347-1656.

1680 BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT

BOYNE CITY downtown office/retail, high traffic, plenty of parking, 560 sq. ft., separate entrance. $750. (231)582-5093.

CHARLEVOIX

COMMERCIAL space, north side. 1,300 sq. ft. $800 per month plus utilities. 12705 US-31 North. Call Bob Kem, REO (231)547-5100.

COMMERCIAL SPACES

1,797.90 Sq. Ft. and 1,575.86 Sq. Ft. downtown Charlevoix. Call Arch Wright at (231)582-6724 or Aila (231)547-7916.

FOR LEASE Office space close to Otsego Memorial Hospital, 611 North Center, Gaylord. Workable lease. Available August 1. (989)614-1007.

1680 BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT

PETOSKEY IN-TOWN business, warehouse, 30x30, 1 year lease, ample parking. $450 monthly. (231)838-3362 or 347-3300.

1690 APARTMENTS/ DUPLEXES FOR RENT

2 BEDROOM fumished, overlooks Little Traverse Bay. $1,150 per month. Above Russell Hardware, 2605 Charlevoix Ave., Petoskey. Call 348-8100 for details.

CHARLEVOIX

Downtown close to everything! 1 bedroom beautifully remodeled with off street parking. $550 per month plus utilities. (231)547-6715.

CHARLEVOIX 1 bedroom efficiency. $400 a month, plus electric, large back yard. References. No pets. (231)330-3424.

CHARLEVOIX 1 bedroom in-town, clean and neat, laundry facility. No pets. $550/month plus some utilities, lease required. (231)675-9993.

CHARLEVOIX HILLCREST APARTMENTS 1 bedroom $575. 2 bedroom, $700. Includes heat, water, cable, indoor pool, 2-parking places per apartment. Washers/dryers on-site. 6 month or year lease. (231)675-6688.

1700 HOUSES FOR RENT

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath double wide. 6190 Crystal Street. Little Bear Lake Subdivision, Johannesburg. $650/month plus security deposit. (734)644-4588.

CHARLEVOIX 1 bedroom house, close to downtown. No smoking, no pets. $475 monthly, security deposit, 1 year lease required. Call (231)547-0650, 8 to 4 or (231)675-7544, after 4 p.m.

ELLSWORTH COUNTRY HOME 1 bedroom, no pets. $300 plus utilities. (231)881-3528.

RENT A LOG HOME

On Lake Susan in Charlevoix. Weekend rate $1,000. Weekly rates available. . Call (989)463-3937 and ask for Linda.

1740 STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

STORAGE UNITS

12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call (231)547-6445.

SELF STORAGE UNITS

50 to 1,000 sq. ft., drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kem, Real Estate One, (231)547-5100.

STORAGE UNITS AVAILABLE. Call Charlevoix Mini Storage, 547-5838, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Thursdays.

1800 FARM EQUIPMENT

New Today!

1977 JOHN Deere tractor, 2240, 50 hp, runs great, looks great. $8,000. (231)549-1122.

2 ALLIS-CHALMERS. WD narrow front end. 3 point hitch. Motor rebuilt 1980s. Runs great. $2,000. WD wide front end. 3 point hitch. Trans-shifter rebuilt. Electronic ignition. Runs good. $2,500. Wanted to buy: Manure spreader, PTO driven, 80-125 bushels in good condition. (231)549-3522.

GEHL 9' haybine, good shape, must see. Lawrence Nemecek, (231)536-2893.

1800 FARM EQUIPMENT

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Gruler's Farm Supply, 05475 US 31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

1810 LIVESTOCK & FEEDS

LARGE SELECTION ol horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed. Gruler's Farm Supply, 05475 US 31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

1820 HORSES & RIDING STABLES

12 YEAR old Palomino gelding and 18 year old Appaloosa gelding and tack. Great trail riding horses, very sound. Must go together. $1,000. (989)619-6296.

New Today!

BLACK AQHA Mare, 14 years old, seasoned trail horse. MTRA Registered, Not for novice rider, $2,000 or best. (231)549-3522.

1830 PETS/PET SUPPLIES & FREE PETS

HIMALAYAN KITTENS Flame pointe with papers and shots. 7 weeks old. $225. (989)350-3233.

WEST HIGHLAND white terrier, female, 12 weeks, smart and sweet tempered, all shots. Some training. Training cage and crate included. (231)838-2447.

1910 AUTOS FOR SALE

New Today!

1996 CHEVROLET Silverado Z71, 4 wheel drive pickup. Automatic, good condition. $4,500 or best offer. (810)348-5978.

2004 BMW 540i, 45,000 miles, perfect condition, black exterior with black leather interior. **Warranty.** Must sell! $38,500. (231)668-7944 or (231)645-0764.

1920 CLASSIC/SPECIALTY AUTOS

1974 MERCEDES Roadster, soft and hard tops. Mint. $5,200. (616)887-9086.

1974 MGB Roadster, white, black interior, garaged after restoration, runs and looks great. $5,250. (231)526-5614.

New Today!

1998 CAMARO T-Top. Leather, all power, V-6, 71,000 miles, $4,950. (231)347-1425.

PETOSKEY COLLECTOR CAR AND TRUCK SHOW

Saturday, August 11th, 2007 at Emmet/Charlevoix Fairgrounds. Professionally judged, 68 classes. 223 trophies and incredible prizes. For more information: (231)675-0965 or visit: www.joelshooks.com.

1930 PICKUPS/VANS & SUVS

1997 FORD F150. Lariat Super Cab. 5.4 liter, Triton V-8, automatic, 4 wheel drive. Tow package. A/C, Power windows and steering. AM/FM, leather seats. Very clean. 113,000 miles. $6,500. (231)526-1595.

2005 KIA Sorento, 4x4, 27,000 miles, factory warranty, excellent condition, $15,500. (231)437-0842.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE COURIER!! (231)547-6558

1950 HEAVY EQUIPMENT

1988 HITACHI EX 200 LC excavator, less than 500 hours on engine. $26,000. (231)675-4793.

2000 MOTOR HOMES/FIFTH WHEELS & CAMPERS

1987 SUNVISTA Class A motor home with basement, generator, full winter cover, car dolly. Clean, fumished, ready to go! 454 GMC, 57,000 miles. $10,500. (231)582-6031, leave message.

1999 COACHMEN fifth wheel. 2 slides. New air conditioner. Everything works. Must sell. $16,500. (989)732-9543.

2010 MOTORCYCLES & ACCESSORIES

2002 HARLEY-DAVIDSON Dyna Wide Glide, black, mint condition, 6,800 miles, lots of extras. $11,900. (231)330-0190.

2004 HARLEY-DAVIDSON low rider. Fuel injection, Screaming Eagle stage one. Factory installed security. windshield/backrest, (detachable). Laced wheels. Low mileage. Not titled till 2005. $13,500. (231)537-4527.

New Today! 2004 HONDA VTX

1300C, only 6,300 miles, with a number ol extras. $6,900. (231)536-2581.

2005 HARLEY-DAVIDSON Dyna Super Glide. 500 miles. Fuel injected. Black. $10,800. (989)785-4774.

ONLY $14,900!!

2005 Goldwing, 30th Anniversary Edition, charcoal gray. 3,700 miles. Price firm. (231)675-3090.

2030 BOATS & MARINE EQUIPMENT

1973 22.2 AquaSport, center console, open fishermen, twin 70 Evinrudes, newer motors (completely rebuilt). Less than 80 hours. 4 electric downriggers, outriggers, radio, trailer. $6,950. (231)347-9038 or (231)838-4141.

1985 FOUR WINNS 20' deck boat with ShoreLand'r trailer. $1,950 or best offer. (231)622-1896.

25' BAYLINER Trophy, 1999, I/O, hard top with canvas enclosure, V-birth, fully equipped for fishing with Honda 15 hp, 4-stroke Kicker motor, 4 Cannon magnum downriggers, plus much more. Meticulously maintained. All service records available. $28,000. (231)582-1517.

36' MAINSHIP double cabin, dual helm, motoryacht, mint condition with all the goodies! $59,500. Call Ed at (231)582-6339.

~~**ALUMINUM SHORESTATION** with canopy. $1,400/best.~~ 20 foot Excel Bough Rider with 115 hp Yamaha outboard and galvanized trailer. $4,800. Located on Walloon Lake. (231)838-5100.

BOAT AUCTION AUGUST 11

No luck selling, why not donate? Lake Charlevoix Mariners, a 501(c)(3) non-profit group needs your donation. Call Jeff Glenny (231)547-9967 for details.

BOAT SLIP

30' at Northwest Marine, slip #25. Electric, swimming pool, showers and Laundry. $36,500. (231)547-9750.

FOUR WINNS Vista 245, 1989, stove, refrigerator, head, full camper top (like new), with trailer. $7,600. (231)582-7940.

2030 BOATS & MARINE EQUIPMENT

HOBIE CAT 16' sailboat with trailer, $995. Shorestation with canopy, 2,600 pound capacity, $1,500. (231)529-6300.

2040 SAILBOATS & ACCESSORIES

New Today!

1980 16' Chrysler Lonestar, with trailer, boat sails, and rigging, all excellent condition. Owners manual, spec sheet included. $4,000. (231)238-4671.

HOBIE CAT 1992, "Turbo", 14' with roller jib, trailer, beach launch rig, accessories. $2,200. (231)348-3451.

2050 RECREATION VEHICLES FOR SALE/RENT

New Today!

2002 POLARIS Magnum 325 4x4 with snow plow. Like new. $3,200. (231)347-4028.

2004 HONDA Rancher 350, 4x4, $4,000 or best offer. (231)535-2451.

Classifieds Ads Work Call (231)547-6558

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Delault having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of October, 2004, by Brian M. Lynch, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 26, 2004, in the office ol the Register ol Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 645, page 470, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY ONE AND 83/100 DOLLARS ($255,641.83) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part ol the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 24, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attomey fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as lollows, to wit:

PARCEL 1: The SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W. EXCEPT: The SW Corner square, being 296.63' by 296.63', of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W.

PARCEL 2: The N 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4, Sec 23, T32N, R4W. EXCEPT: Commencing at the center ol Sec 23, T32N, R4W; thence S 100'; thence W 100'; thence N 100'; thence E 100' to the POB; being part of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W.

All located in Hudson Township, Charlevoix County, MI

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: July 13, 2007

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY

Mortgagee
CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(L-07/18, 07/25, 08/01, 08/08)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

Official Notice

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR QUALITY DIVISION
RENEWABLE OPERATING PERMIT
NOTICE OF AIR POLLUTION
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
RO Permit Number: MI-ROP-B1559-2007

The Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division (AQD) is holding a public comment period until September 5, 2007 on the draft initial Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) under consideration to be issued to St. Marys Cement Inc. (US) located at 16000 Bells Bay Road in Charlevoix, Michigan. The facility's Responsible Official is Mr. Dirk Cox, Operations Manager.

Major stationary sources of air pollutants are required to obtain and operate in compliance with an ROP pursuant to Title V of the federal Clean Air Act of 1990 and Section 5506(1) of Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The ROP is intended to simplify and clarify a facility's applicable requirements and compliance with them by consolidating all state and federal air quality requirements into one document. The proposed ROP will result in no emissions change at the facility.

Copies of the draft ROP and the Staff Report are available for inspection at the following locations or you may request a copy be mailed to you by calling or writing the Cadillac District, Gaylord Field Office at the address and telephone number listed below:

AQD Permits Intemet Home Page - http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps

Cadillac District, Gaylord Field Office, 2100 West M-32, Gaylord, Michigan 49735. (Phone: 989-705-3410)

LANSING: Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, Constitution Hall, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909 (Phone: 517-373-7023)

All persons are encouraged to present their views on the draft permit. Persons wishing to comment or request a public hearing should submit written statements by September 5, 2007 to the attention ol Ms. Gloria Torello at the Cadillac District, Gaylord Field Office referenced above. The decision maker for the permit is Ms. Janis Denman, Cadillac District Supervisor.

If requested in writing by September 5, 2007, a public hearing will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at the Charlevoix Township Hall, 12491 Waller Road, Charlevoix, Michigan.

Comments will also be accepted at the public hearing, if held. Persons needing accommodations lor effective participation at the public hearing, if held, should contact Ms. Gloria Torello at the Cadillac District, Gaylord Field Office referenced above a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

(L-08/01)

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

THE BANK OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN,
a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

Case No. 06-500-21-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

v.

JOHN S. HUNT and JUDITH C. HUNT, husband and wile,
Defendants.

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1. On May 25, 2007, the Honorable Richard M. Pajtas, Circuit Court Judge, entered a Default Judgment and Order for Sale in this matter in favor of Plaintiff The Bank of Northem Michigan. A copy of this judgment has been recorded beginning at Liber 804, Page 627, Charlevoix County Records.

2. As of the date of this notice, this judgment remains unsatislied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Default Judgment and Order lor Sale, on Friday, August 10, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to be held in the lobby of the County Clerk's Office in the Charlevoix County Building, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest ol Defendants John S. Hunt and Judith C. Hunt in and to the real property described as follows:

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the West 1/4 comer of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the West line of said section, as monumented North 00°49'08" West 199.64 feet (recorded as North 200.00 leet) to a T-iron stake, being the POINT OF BEGINNING ol this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line North 00°49'08" West 98.90 leet (recorded as North 99.20 feet) to a T-iron stake; thence North 68°09'10" East (recorded at an angle of 69°04' to the right lrom said 1/4 line) 305.05 leet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Westerly line ol Highway M-66; thence along said highway line south 21°35'56" East 222.94 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence south 89°11'37" West 363.83 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

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Dated: June 20, 2007

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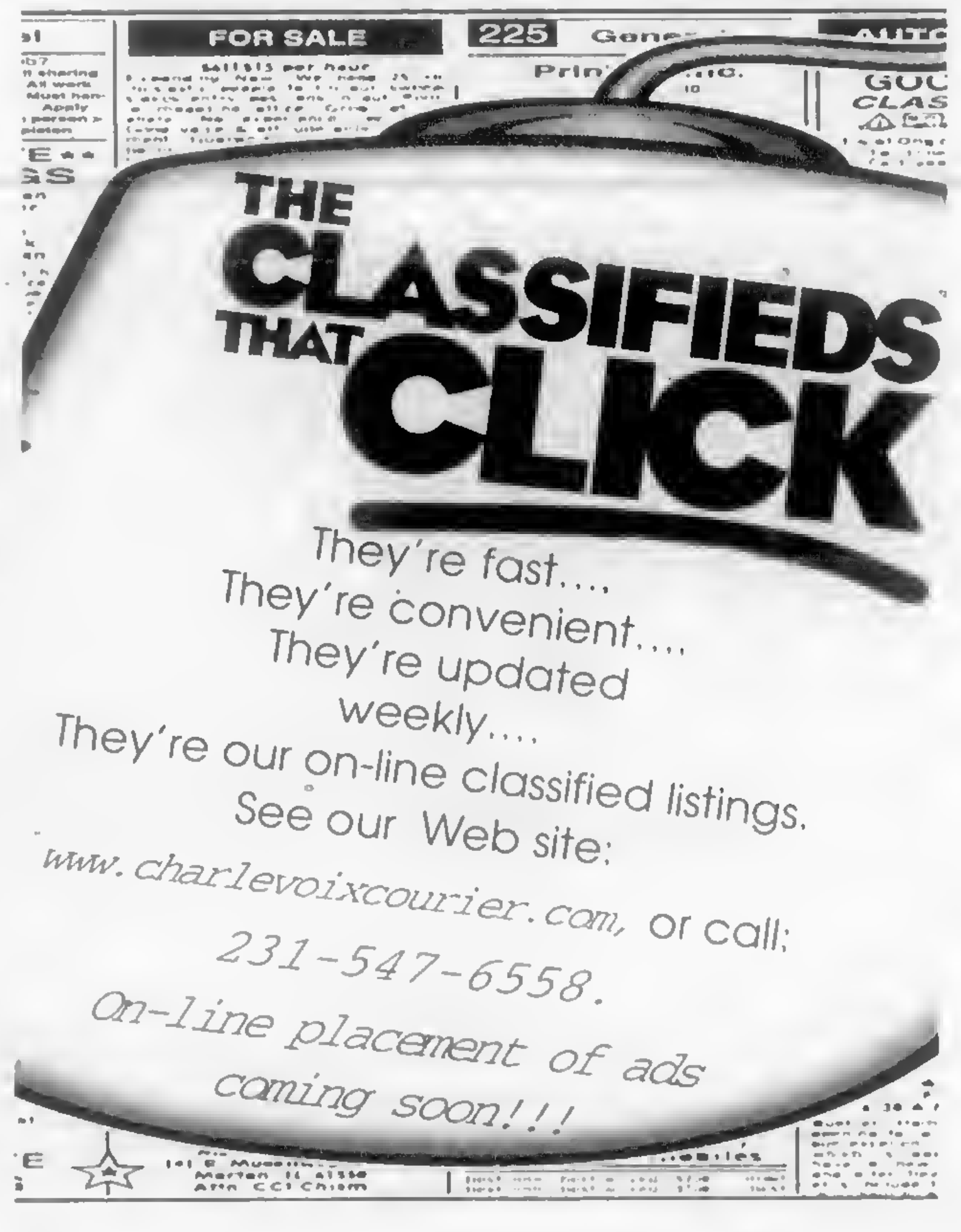

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The photos on this page taken by Charlevoix residents and visitors were submitted to the Charlevoix Courier for this monthly feature. Photos can be dropped off at the Courier office at 112 Mason Street or e-mailed to news@charlevoixcourier.com. Information about the photographer and photo, including when it was taken and a brief description of what is pictured must also be submitted.

Photo by Scott Richards

This was the ninety-first of 95 shots Charlevoix resident Scott Richards took during a lightening storm over Lake Michigan on Sunday night, July 8. LaCroft condominiums are in the background.

Photo by Bob Kelly

While Scott Richards (top) shot the lightning from that July 8 storm, Charlevoix resident Bob Kelly caught the aftermath from his home on Birdland Drive on Lake Charlevoix. The storm came across the lake and picked up Kelly's heavy 300-foot dock and made a pretzel out of it.

Photo by Paul Stolt

Charlevoix Scout Paul Stolt captured this picture of his fellow Scouts in Charlevoix Crew 11 using a tripod. The crew is for youth ages 14 to 21 who participate in high adventure activities. This is a photo of them on their 120-mile July hike in the mountain ranges of New Mexico at Philmont Scout Ranch. Pictured are (above, from left) Paul Stolt, Nick Cook, Gabby Dhaseleer, Jake Waterman, Brennan Stebe, Rob Shutler and Brian Shutler.

Photo by Julie Christiansen

Julie Christiansen snapped this shot of Charlevoix EMT's and dive team members practicing on July 17 on Lake Michigan.

Photo by Mark Winn

Mark Winn took this picture of 7-year-old Quinton Clark of Chelsea, enjoying the sand on a warm Venetian evening, just before the Classic All-Stars began playing on July 26.

That's my photograph!

Have a great shot you have taken? Send it to us! Each month we will choose an original 3x5 or digital (jpg format) photo submitted to use. The winner will have their photo displayed in the Courier along with photo credit. Please include name, address and phone number.

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Dairy Queen corporate has a beef with local franchise's burgers

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According to Hayden, Dairy Queen sent him a letter, which his attorney advised him not to show the Charlevoix Courier, stating he must buy only the frozen patties from Dairy Queen suppliers.

"It may come down to losing the fresh meat or getting rid of the Dairy Queen sign," he said. "We're waiting to hear back from their attorney."

Dairy Queen civil counsel, Bill Zucco, could not be reached by press time.

Hayden said he pays an average of 70 cents more per pound to buy it fresh, so money isn't the issue.

"I think it tastes a lot better and it's not a health issue either since we buy it fresh every day," he said. "We just can't figure out why all the sudden they come out and say, 'You can't do that anymore.'"

He added, "It's the big company picking on the little guy. They're (Dairy Queen corporate) trying to make everybody do the same thing and we're just trying to keep it the same way it's been for the last 50-some years."

One of the main reasons Hayden has stuck with the fresh meat is because the locals love it.

"It's nice to have the seasonal business, but 90 percent of my business is local people," he said.

Fresh hamburgers aren't the only thing on the menu which could be at risk.

"What's next? We've been using Milton's Coney sauce since my brother started in the '70s and that's not an approved food item," Hayden said. "The whole business is around what the local people like, what the tourists like and we sell a ton of Coney dogs."

Hayden hopes that, since Dairy Queen corporate never placed restrictions on certain foods when his brother took over the franchise, he will prevail.

"This is in the attorney's hands. We might have a case we can win, but there is no guarantee of that," he said. They'll (Dairy Queen) probably take it to federal court so we'll have to see how long we can hang on."

Hayden's Dairy Queen is one of more than 5,700 stores across the United States, but one of less than 400 two-window walkup eateries.

Sundaes
Dairy Queen

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Patrick Hayden stands in front of the Charlevoix Dairy Queen which he has operated for his brother for 19 years. Hayden may soon be forced to choose between serving fresh hamburger as has been done for several decades or lose his status as a Dairy Queen franchisee.

"Once this Dairy Queen closes up, you will not have another one like it in Charlevoix," he said. "I think it's terrible. This is Charlevoix's Dairy Queen. I have a girl who works for me whose grandfather built the building back in the 1950s and I worked here in the '60s."

He added, "We have our own way to do what the local people want, but they (Dairy Queen corporate) don't want the mom and pop stores anymore."

If he loses his fight, Hayden said, "I think the best thing I could do is try their (Dairy Queen authorized) meat and leave it up to the local people and see how they react to it."

One of Hayden's former employees, Charlevoix mayor Norman Carlson Jr., said he supports the local business no matter what.

"I think it's kind of silly for Dairy Queen as a corporation to come back and try to take their franchise away," Carlson said. "I worked for his (Hayden's) brother Jim back in the early '80s and he didn't think you were serving the customer correctly if you were serving them a frozen hockey puck and I think they hit the nail right on the head."

He added, "When I see that (Charlevoix) Dairy Queen I can't wait for it to open to get a fresh cheeseburger. When I see other Dairy Queens I don't pull in for a burger, but to me it doesn't matter if it says Dairy Queen out front or Ice-cream Hut, that's where our family will go."

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Rainbow of hope

Members of the Rainbow Shoppe Board of Directors donated $1,000 to Moms and Tots an organization that provides mentoring and infant items to those facing crisis pregnancies. Pictured above (from left) are Rainbow Shoppe store manager Robin Maurer, board treasurer Barb Jensen, Carol Broadwick of Moms and Tots and board president Karen Campbell.

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AUG. 1
WRITER'S GROUP

The Writer's Group will meet at noon on Aug. 1 at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St.

AUG. 2
EARL YOUNG PROGRAM

"The Life and Works of Earl Young, Charlevoix's Builder in Stone, Parts 1 and 2"

The Charlevoix Historical Society and the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are co-sponsoring a two-part illustrated program on the life and works of Charlevoix's master builder Earl Young.

Young arrived in town as a boy in the late 1890s. Beginning in 1921, he erected around 30 unique buildings, almost all in stone, that have served as a signature image of Charlevoix around the world.

The programs will be narrated by Harsha House Museum co-director David L. Miles. Part 1 will focus on his early life and the 22 residential structures found in Boulder Park and on Park Avenue and Grant Streets, with particular attention to Boulder Manor and the Mushroom House. The program will be presented at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St.

Part 2 will focus on the Weathervane Inn restaurant, The Lodge and Weathervane Terrace motels, his final three houses on Round Lake, his design philosophy, unorthodox design methods and legacy. Particular attention will be paid to the near loss of the Weathervane Inn in the early 1970s when it came close to sliding into the channel. This program will be presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9 also at the library.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373. There is no admission charge. Light refreshments will be served.

AUG. 2
BLOOD DRIVE

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 2 at the Beaver Island School on Beaver Island.

During the month of August, all donors can enter a drawing to win one of four laptop computers plus one of four $250 gift cards. Blood donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

For more information, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.givelife.org.

AUG. 2
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 2, in the lower level community room of the Boyne District Library, 201 East Main St., Boyne City.

The presentation will be on using the Internet for family history research.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call Joy at (231) 582-3440.

AUG. 2
FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Charlevoix Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 24.

AUG. 2
CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority are co-sponsoring a summer concert series. At 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings the Charlevoix City Band will be featured. The Thursday night performance will feature Charlevoix native Chris Dominic performing country covers and his own music at 8 p.m. on Aug. 2. Both performances are in Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix.

AUG. 3
FRISKE'S ART AND CRAFT SHOW

Friske's Farm Market and Country Haus will be hosting their 4th Annual Arts and Crafts Show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3 and Saturday, Aug. 4 on the front lawn of the Country Haus.

The event will feature arts and crafts, Laurel and Hardy Kettlecorn and a kids' craft tent.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, Albo the Clown will be entertaining. From noon to 3 p.m., live music will be offered along with samples of Friske's products.

Friske's Farm Market & Country Haus is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix right on U.S. 31 at Atwood.

AUG. 4
AUTHORS LIVE

Authors Live at Charlevoix Public Library will feature Matthew Williams at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4. Williams, author of "Superior Death," a mystery set in the Upper Peninsula, will be discussing the process of finding a publisher and the steps to bringing a book to market. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 Clinton St.

AUG. 6
CLASSICS BOOK DISCUSSION

Classics Book Discussion at Charlevoix Public Library will feature "Fahrenheit 451," by Ray Bradbury, the classic novel of the eternal war between censorship and freedom of thought.

The discussion will take place at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 6. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 Clinton St.

AUG. 7
LEGION OFFICER OFFICE HOURS

A Department of Michigan American Legion service officer will have office hours from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at the Charlevoix County Veterans' Affairs office, located at 301 State St. in the county building.

The officer will assist veterans, or a veteran's survivor, in filing a claim, replacing lost discharge papers, obtaining medals or signing up for health care.

Those unable to visit the office, may call the service officer at (231) 547-7220.

AUG. 7
SUNSET CRUISE

The 10th Annual Sunset Cruise sponsored by the Charlevoix Historical Society will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The Emerald Isle will depart promptly at 8:30 p.m. from the Beaver Island Boat Company Dock in Charlevoix. Snacks, soft drinks and popcorn will be available and live entertainment will be provided by the Bud Bechtold Quartet.

Tickets purchased in advance at the Harsha House Museum, 103 State St., are $20 per person. Tickets purchased at the Beaver Island Boat Company Dock before sailing are $25.

For more information, call the Harsha House Museum at (231) 547-0373.

AUG. 7
CRAFT DAY

Charlevoix Public Library will host Craft Day for children in Kindergarten through eighth grades at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 7. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 Clinton St.

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AUG. 9
POLKA PARTY

The community is invited to attend a Polka of a Party at the Boulder Park Terrace 15th Anniversary Celebration from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9. The cost is $10 per adult and $5 per child (kids under 3 free).

Boulder Park Terrace is at 14676 W. Upright St. The event will feature authentic Polish food. There will also be a beer tent with a cash bar. Entertainment will be provided by the Suchey Brothers. There will be door prizes and children's activities.

For more information, call Boulder Park Terrace at (231) 547-1005.

AUG. 9
PANHELLENIC WOMEN

The Northern Michigan Panhellenic Women will conclude the 2007 season with a 11:30 a.m. luncheon on Aug. 9, at Stafford's Bay View Inn.

Following the luncheon, Sue Ternan will discuss the life of Dudleigh Vernor, the former longtime organist for Bay View Music.

Hostesses for the day are Connie Burt and Sue Ternan. Reservations for the luncheon are due by Aug. 7 and can be made by signing up at the Bay View Post Office or call (231) 347-9310.

All panhellenic members in the area are invited to attend.

AUG. 11
ART DEMONSTRATIONS

Bier Art Gallery will host an art demonstration event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11.

The event will include opportunities to meet and talk with working artists. Refreshments will be available.

Bier Art Gallery is located six miles south of Charlevoix at 3500 U.S. 31.

For more information, call (231) 547-2288.

AUG. 11
49TH ANNUAL WATERFRONT ART FAIR

49th Annual Waterfront Art Fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11 along Mason Street and behind Bridge Street storefronts between Clinton and Mason Streets. Visit www.waterfrontartfair.com for more information.

AUG. 17
RAYDER BENEFIT GOLF OUTING

A Rayder Football Golf Outing will take place on Friday, Aug. 17 at Antrim Dells Golf Club, located at 12352 Antrim Drive in Atwood.

Registration begins at 1 p.m. The shotgun start is at 2 p.m. The cost is $75 per player and includes boxed lunch, golf, dinner and auction admission.

Special events include chances to win a set of Callaway Big Bertha irons, a Sharp LCD flat-screen TV, two round-trip domestic airline tickets and $10,000 cash. Proceeds from this annual event fund the Charlevoix High School varsity and junior varsity football team's training camp on Beaver Island and miscellaneous equipment needs.

To participate or request more information, call (231) 622-2667 or e-mail rayderfootball@gmail.com.

AUG. 19
HELEN OPEN

Donations and hole sponsorships are being accepted for the 2007 Helen Open. The event's steering committee and Hospice of Northwest Michigan are planning the seventh annual golfing event which is held in honor of Helen Weislik. Hole sponsorships are available in $50 and $100 increments.

This year's Helen Open will be on Sunday, Aug. 19 at the Charlevoix Municipal Course. Signs with donor names will again be printed and placed on the course, and every donor will be acknowledged in the printed program. Food will be available on tournament day for a donation of $10 per person. Tickets will be available in advance at the Townhouse. An auction will also be held.

For more information, contact Ron Weislik at (231) 547-6690 or Cheri Hoffman at (231) 547-4578.

AUG. 20
BEAVER ISLAND SENIOR PICNIC

Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is sponsoring the third annual appreciation day and picnic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 20, at the Peaine Township Hall, located at 36825 Kings Highway on Beaver Island.

The picnic will be served and door prizes given away from noon to 1 p.m. A chicken barbecue, side dishes, roll, fruit and beverage will be served. Tickets are a $3 suggested donation for those 60 and over and $6 for those under 60.

From 9 to 11 a.m. health screenings and "Let's get moving Beaver Island seniors" will take place. Screenings free for seniors 60 and older include cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure. The screenings are $12 for those under 60. No fasting is required for cholesterol screening.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling the Beaver Island Health Center at (231) 448-2275.

AUG. 28
CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce recently announced the revived 9th Annual Chamber Golf Outing will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

It will be a four-person scramble event with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Members and non-members are welcome at a cost of $360 per team or $100 per person. This will include a buffet dinner and award ceremony immediately following the event at the Belvedere Club Casino located on Belvedere Avenue.

The entry fee also includes one chance to become the "2007 Chamber Putting Champion." This putting contest includes a chance to win a $5,000 first prize.

Registration will begin at noon. "Mulligans" and 50/50 raffle tickets may be purchased on the day of the outing.

Guests of the golfers are invited to join the group for dinner at a cost of $20.

Proceeds for this event will benefit the continuation of chamber events and services. To register, or for information about sponsoring a team, a hole or a cart, call Tom Conlan at (231) 547-2512, Ron Agnello at (231) 547-9767 or the chamber at (231) 547-2101.

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Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Ave., 6 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday through Sunday John Perry — piano.

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Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 3 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Aug. 1 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 3 and 4, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Aug. 3, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Aug. 3 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Aug. 4, Pearl — rock.

Concerts in the park, Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix 8 p.m. Aug. 2 Chris Dominic — country; 8 p.m. Aug. 7 Charlevoix City Band.

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Local artists work magic en plein air

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Plein air painter Gary Eisenberg works on his landscape of boulders, water and the Charlevoix lighthouse in the medium of pastel. Eisenberg has been an amateur artist for more than 20 years.

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The birds chirped, the sun shone and Lake Michigan sent gentle waves shoreward near the Boulder Park subdivision as a small group of amateur artists began the first of what they hope will be many outdoor work sessions.

Plein air (pronounced plen air) means literally "open air" and is a style that Barbara Eisenberg, a local artist and founder of the new plein air group in Charlevoix, said can be experienced with any medium, from charcoal and pen drawings to water color or acrylics.

"It was a movement of many French painters, particularly at the end of the 19th century, who were breaking with many conventions," she said. "Impressionism is probably the first style of painting these painters did outdoors, use of light and color were their main themes in their interpretation of the landscape."

She added, "Up until this time, painters conventionally painted in their studios. Even if they made a sketch of their subject outdoors, they would then take it into the studio and paint there. This (plein air) was a whole new way of painting."

Well known plein air artists include Claude Monet, Vincent Van Gogh and Camille Pissarro who painted everything from simple landscapes to people laboring at everyday tasks like hanging laundry.,

Barbara's husband, Gary Eisenberg, said, while he loves to paint, he isn't trying to make any important social commentary like some of the greats before him.

"I'm just a lawyer who loves to paint as much as I love to practice law," said the 20-plus-years painter as he worked to brighten the sky

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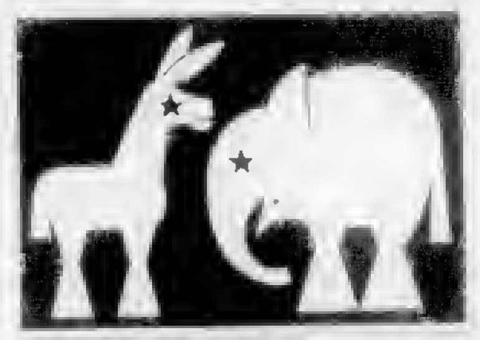
Kusina, Eveleigh move on to general election Nov. 6



ELECTION 2007

Mary Eveleigh

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix City Council First Ward candidates Dennis Kusina and Mary Eveleigh will be on the Nov. 6 general election ballot.

Dennis Kusina

"I want to thank the people that voted for me," Kusina said. "I want to wish Mary well and I want to tell John that he did a good job trying. On to the finals."

Eveleigh did not return phone calls by press time.

Of approximately 832 registered voters in the First Ward, 88 voted in the Aug. 7 primary election. The two candidates with the highest votes will continue, in this case they are Kusina and Eveleigh. Kusina received 42 votes, Eveleigh, 33 and McNabb, 13.

McNabb, who will not be continuing on to the general election, said he would absolutely run again if given the chance.

"I'm going to participate one way or another," he said.

Depending on who voters pick at the Nov. 6 election, on Nov. 19 either Kusina or Eveleigh will take the seat of outgoing First Ward councilman Bob Timms.

The Nov. 6 election will also decide Second and Third Ward seats as well as that of the city clerk.

Competing for the Second Ward seat being vacated by Eugene Beer are Kim Vanmeter and Douglas (DJ) Way Jr. Vying for outgoing council member Shirley Gibson's Third Ward seat are Jill Picha and John Elzinga. City clerk Carol Ochs is currently running unopposed.

The names on the November ballot won't necessarily reflect who will be clerk, or first, second and third ward council members. Write-in candidates can file their intention to run with Ochs, until 4 p.m. on Oct. 26.

The city clerk and city council members are elected to two-year terms and there are no council term limits.

For more information, contact Ochs at (231) 547-3250 or stop by Charlevoix City Hall where write-in candidates can file, 210 State St.

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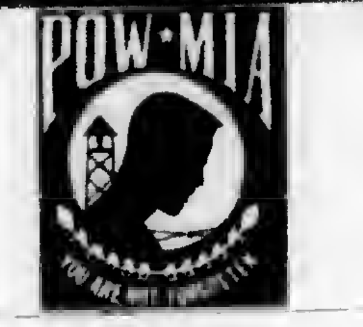

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on the RECORD

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

James Carlton Lamonse, 63, Charlevoix. Trespassing. Credit for three days in jail; $100 in fines and costs

Sarah Michele Helwig, 18, Ellsworth. Operator, no license/multiple licenses. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Michael Andrew Lewin, 23, East Jordan. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Justina Marie Fries, 18, Ellsworth. Allow an unlicensed minor to drive. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Steffiney Ann Carpenter, 34, Boyne City. Disorderly person. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Katheryn Madeline Kenwabikise, 23, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Nicholas Shane Hilts, 17, Traverse City. No operator license, multiple licenses. Credit for three days in jail, to serve 12 days in jail; $200 in fines and costs.

Delaney Williams, 36, Flushing. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, 82 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,380 in fines and costs.

Eric Michael Smith, 21, Petoskey. Possession of a controlled substance, marijuana. To serve 15 days in jail; $700 in fines and costs.

Frederick William Purdy, 46, Novi. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Jennifer Lynn Abbey, 25, Charlevoix. Driving while license suspended, first offense. Pay $200 in fines and costs or serve four days in jail.

William Kinsel Potter, 24, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired; use of marijuana. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 20 days in jail, 62 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,380 in fines and costs.

Sarah Jane McBee, 20, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $200 in fines and costs.

Jesse Allen Kewagshken, 18, Traverse City. Minor in possession of alcohol. To serve three months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $200 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

C and G Home Inspections, 424 High County Dr., Boyne City, by Christopher Notestine

Quality First Painting, 10836 U.S. 31, Ellsworth, by Jonathan Howard

Time Zone, 103 Kersly, East Jordan, by Gary Young

Dan The Handyman, P.O. Box 1014, East Jordan, by Daniel Tiston

B & N Stone Treasures, 18893 Clipperview Rd., Charlevoix, by William K. Schansema

Pete's Do All, 04975 Rogers Rd., by Pete Kraemer

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Christopher Michael Martenson, 24, Grand Rapids and Nina Kay Rogers, 21, Charlevoix

Douglas Alan Drenth, 43, Charlevoix and Patricia Jill Kelly, 27, Charlevoix

James Niel Harshman Jr., 40 and Tamara D. Benoit, 36, both of Charlevoix

Brent A. Johnecheck, 37 and Deanna Sue Crider, 30, both of Boyne City

Richard Peter Spooner, 29 and Emilie Anne Gramlich, 28, both of Nashville, Tenn.

Jonathan Marc Klein, 31 and Maggie Elizabeth Ellison, 29, both of Hermosa Beach, Calif.

Brandon S. Denby, 28 and Tina M. Bailer, 27, both of Henderson, Nev.

Darren Andrew Looze, 21 and Fawn Autumn Walter, 20 both of Fremont, Calif.

BIRTHS

Mary Elizabeth Lentz weighing 9 pounds, 13 ounces was born on June 7 at Munson Medical Center to Diana and Jim Lentz of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Benjamin and Grace. Her maternal grandparents are Marlene and the late Richard Hongisto of Wakefield and her paternal grandparents are Rita and Jim Lentz of Roseville.

Andrew Lane Johnson weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces was born on July 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mike and Michelle Johnson of Charlevoix. His sibling is Abby. His grandparents are Jon and Nancy Johnson of Petoskey and Keith and Gen Springer of Marion, Ind. His great-grandparents are Flora Springer of Glendale, Ariz., and Don Halverson of Algonac.

Trinity Lee Smeltzer weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce was born on July 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ryan Lee Scott of Boyne City and Zachary Smeltzer of East Jordan.

Brady James Warchol weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces was born July 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Tony and Jamie Warchol of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Joyce Warchol of Charlevoix and Deborah Rochlets of Troy. His great-grandparents are William and Mary Pickets of East Jordan.

Elaina Marie Farmer weighing 7 pounds was born on July 26 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to James and Deanna Farmer of Mancelona. Her siblings are Natalie Ann and Savanna May. Her grandparents are Walt and Denise Farmer of Bellaire and Cheryl Lasich of Rapid City.

CORRECTION

Due to reporter's error, the Aug. 1 edition of the Charlevoix Courier's "On the record" section stated that Kyle Kenneth Shearer must attend substance abuse classes along with his other fines and penalties, this is incorrect. Shearer need not attend substance abuse classes.

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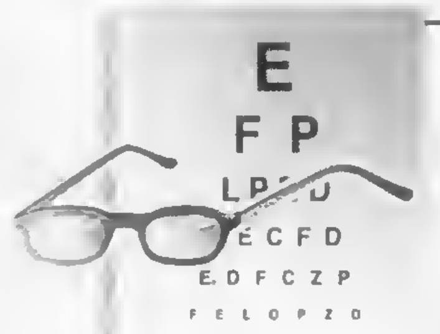
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Newly formed artist group relishes open air painting

ART

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over his pastel painting of the shore, lighthouse and boulders. "My favorite style is impressionist style with sort of a realistic edge. It's another way to view the world."

Mike Coltman of Charlevoix was one of five people to attend the first gathering with the Eisenbergs. He also worked in pastel, but chose a view through trees from the Eisenberg's deck.

"Plein air is tough and since the sun moves 15 degrees every hour, the shadows really change," he said. "It's creative but it can be very frustrating. So many things need to work to get a painting to come together, so there is a lot of problem solving involved."

While some work to be the next Monet, folks like Gary paint to relax and ruminate.

"I have a pretty intense law practice. In trial work you are working with people in distress, so it is a nice relief from work," he said. "It gives me an opportunity to really think a lot of things through."

He added, "And, it's something you take with you your entire life. Even when you're 80 you can still view the world and take out the best things in it."

Barbara, who has a degree in art from the University of Michigan and has been painting for more than 50 years, said though there are challenges to the plein air style, anyone can do it.

"There are no fees. Supplies you'll need are according to what your painting medium is," she said. "Someone who has never painted before should probably come and meet with us and explore some of the possibilities with the participants before investing in anything or bring a sketch pad and pencil and draw."

Barbara said the plein air gatherings will likely run from spring to fall depending on the weather.

Plein air works of art can be produced in pencil, pen, marker, watercolor, oil, charcoal, acrylic, collage or colored pencil in styles ranging from impressionism to realism. And, whether you plan to stay for one hour or five hours, Barbara said, people of all artistic backgrounds are welcome.

A good starter set of pastels will run you about $50, said Coltman, but Barbara added that a dollar store has colored pencils, pens and other supplies for much less money.

"I retired and always liked to draw as a kid, so I started on a lark and actually did some nice enough to frame," Coltman said. "Last year, with the encouragement of the Southwest Pastel Society, I entered some shows, placed in some shows and sold some paintings."

He added, "And who knows, a hundred years from now a relative of mine may still own a painting I did, so it's a form of immortality."

Coltman and Barbara emphasized not to get hung up on pricey materials or your level of talent.

"Keep it simple and we'll help make recommendations on what to get and where to go and you will develop your own style," she said.

The next meeting of the Charlevoix Plein Air Painters is from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Aug. 16 at Northpoint beach at the end of Mt. McSauba Road.

For more information on future meeting times, locations or supplies, interested parties are encouraged to call the Eisenbergs at (231) 547-9344.

The times and locations for the Aug. 23 and 30 gatherings will be announced at the Aug. 16 meeting.

Who? A group of amateur artists called Charlevoix Plein Air Painters.

What? Outdoor "plein air" work sessions.

When? The next meeting of the Charlevoix Plein Air Painters is from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Aug. 16 at Northpoint beach at the end of Mt. McSauba Road.

Islanders approve school millage

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER
AND
JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The request for a 25-year, 2.3 mill millage for the Beaver Island Community School District passed at the Aug. 7 election by a vote of 204 to 138.

The millage request brought out about 59 percent of the island's 580 registered voters.

St. James Township clerk, Jean Palmer, who worked the election said voter turnout was high.

"It did bring out the voters. There were a lot of voters voicing concerns both ways," she said.

Beaver Island Community School superintendent Kitty McNamara, said, "It says a lot. It's a big margin compared to other bond proposals. I think it reaffirms that the community is committed to education. We are going strong and moving forward."

The 25-year millage will raise approximately $3,950,000 for improvements to the school which was originally built in the 1950s.

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>
> **Kitty McNamara**
> SUPERINTENDENT
> BEAVER ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Planned improvements include adding space for art, music and science classes and fixing air circulation, wasted energy and safety issues. McNamara said construction is expected to begin in spring 2008.

Proponents of the measure have said taxpayers will see a decrease in what they pay if they compare the new millage to the Beaver Island Schools' 15-year 1.46 mills debt millage and five-year (originally 1 mill) .89 mill sinking fund millage which expired in December 2006. While those opposed argue enrollment is steadily declining.

These results have not been verified by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office.

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Where's the limit for groups against freedom?

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

In my last column I blamed the FCC for censorship woes, but after a little research and reflection, known by dimwits as "flip-flopping," I realized it is the people, not the government, who warrant ire.

The kings of citizen censorship, AKA the Parents Television Council, formed in 1995 by rabid right-winger L. Brent Bozell III, "To ensure that children are not constantly assaulted by sex, violence and profanity on television and in other media."

The group, which constitutes less than one-third of one percent of the U.S. population, is responsible for 98 or 99 percent of all complaints to the FCC.

The council's slogan is, "Because our children are watching," but my question is, "Why expose your kids to material of which you disapprove?"

Their response: "Opting out (of TV) is an entirely inadequate response."

A clever aggressor, the council feigns advocacy of freedom saying people may seek "edgier" programming but plays the victim by stating, "Merely changing the channel is essentially to accept what is on that channel, and admit powerlessness to change what is on one's own television. To be forced to change the channel is to accept the loss of additional stations to unhealthy content and to expect similar material to one day appear on the next channel."

In a rage and baffled by such incoherence, I called Bozell, but made it only as far as his media minion, Colleen O'Boyle, who told me their group is not the moral arbiter of decency, but said, "Obviously we do feel that a great deal of what's coming out of Hollywood is inappropriate."

Citing the 1934 Federal Communications Act, a law passed when there was no cable, Internet or satellite, marijuana was thought to cause insanity, mixed marriage was illegal in 30 states and racial equality meant separate drinking fountains, O'Boyle reminded me broadcasters do not own the airwaves — excuse me if I don't have much faith in legislation passed by humanoids paranoid of Negroes, pot and communism.

When asked, O'Boyle told me TV is not a necessity and parents are primarily responsible for their kids, but their Web site states, "(that) does not free the entertainment industry from taking responsibility for their product. The assertion that the sole responsibility lies with parents is a self-justifying claim usually made by people who wish to evade accountability. It is much like pumping sewage into a town's river, while maintaining that parents are responsible for protecting the health of their own children."

It shouldn't come as much surprise to hear the same people equating TV with clean water also think the First Amendment is way too expansive.

In his June 7 column, Bozell wrote, "Pardon me if I can't imagine Thomas Jefferson & Co. pledging their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor for the valiant 'cause of transmitting the potty mouths of washed-up pop singers and spoiled-rotten mall princesses into millions of American households."

Pardon me if I didn't see television in Maslow's hierarchy of needs—TV is an avoidable phenomenon. You can live without Seinfeld reruns.

It's not bad enough the prunes on the supreme court devised a three-prong test for what constitutes protected expression, we've got high-paid charlatans—Bozell made $1,685,575 from 1997 to 2004—misinterpreting the U.S. Constitution to further his goals of censorship and extortion.

Bozell's brainsick babbling did cost the PTC $3.5 million in an out-of-court settlement in 2002 when they tried to push their agenda of hysteria by proclaiming World Wrestling Entertainment, among other erroneous charges, was responsible for the deaths of children after a 12-year-old beat a 6-year-old to death and defense attorneys tried to blame his actions on wrestling.

However, even million-dollar snaps back to reality aren't enough to end the council's vile ventures, and therein lies the grotesque beauty of Bozell's war without end; this is a topic which easily elicits outrage, after all, even a devil-worshipping libertarian like me doesn't want my kids to see sex and gore.

In Bozell's July 20 column, he stated that HBO is the leading, "grenade-launcher in TV's culture wars," because they began a new series which includes graphic sex scenes and ended his rant by positing, "How many years will it be until masturbation with full-frontal nudity airs on CBS?"

Should we expect statements any less bizarre by a group who said, "The Columbine killers Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, for instance, were apparently motivated, at least in part, by the prospect of being the subjects of a television movie."

I'm not going to defend The Sopranos or MTV because we're talking about voluntarily purchasing TVs and tuning them in—there is nothing to defend.

Sure, the socialists will gasp at the thought of doing the right thing because bad things happen in this world and the lazy need easy targets for their misery.

The truth is, it takes a lot of time and energy, not an oppressive village, to raise your kids, but how do you reason with someone who wrote, "Where is the limit for groups against censorship?"

Indeed Mr. Bozell, where is the limit?

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Weekly Poll

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55% of voters preferred Lake Michigan Beach over East Park for Venetian Festival events!

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LETTERS to the editor

VENETIAN PARKING FIASCO

Editor:

I have been coming up to Venetian Festival for four years now and this has been the hardest to get around even though I personally thought that the population was down this year.

I parked at Olsen's around 5:30 p.m. when the small shops were closing and asked one shop owner if I could park there for the entertainment portion of the festival and the fireworks. The young man in the lot said I had a half hour then I would be towed away. There were two flatbed trucks in the lot just waiting for the work. I left the park twice to see if I was towed away. I couldn't enjoy shopping for fear I would be gone too long and my car would be gone.

You would think that committee could work something out with the store owners for parking before the festival began. I will probably go somewhere else next year and spend my time and money and not have to worry about whether or not I have a car when I was finished shopping.

Shari Franklin
Holly

IN MEMORY OF DOUGLAS MILLER

Editor:

In memory of Douglas W. Miller who drowned in Lake Michigan on July 16, my wife and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of our friends and neighbors who have provided support to us and our family following the tragic death of our son. The outpouring of sympathy and prayers that we have received has been most welcome and a great help in easing the pain of losing Douglas.

We owe a very special thank you to Gerry Lauwers and Matt Goldsmith for the gallant effort that they made to rescue our son. We will never forget what they did for us. We also appreciate the prompt and professional response of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, and the emergency teams from Charlevoix and East Jordan.

Jackie and Jim DePriest
Norwood

IT'S RELAY TIME

Editor:

Relay time is just around the corner. Relay For Life, the signature fundraising event of the American Cancer Society, is a non-competitive event in which teams of runners and walkers pace the track all night long to raise funds and increase awareness for the American Cancer Society and the fight against cancer.

This year's Relay For Life of Charlevoix County will take place on Aug. 11 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix. We would like to extend a special invitation to all cancer survivors including those who are currently battling the disease. Cancer survivors are our guests of honor, along with their caregivers, and they are treated to special activities just for them.

In addition to raising money and celebrating life, every Relay For Life also has a wealth of information available about cancer prevention, early detection and patient services available in your community for cancer patients and their families. Relay For Life is the way our community comes together to fight cancer on all fronts.

Come and show your support for the American Cancer Society, celebrate our many victories over cancer and get the encouragement from a community that is behind you as you continue down your path of survivorship.

For more information about the survivor activities at the Relay For Life nearest you, call your American Cancer Society

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Summer doesn't get any better than this

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

My summer schedule sounds like a seventh-grade class assignment or the sequel to a low budget film.

Here's what I did. I cleaned out the refrigerator, combining three jars of salsa into one. Yes, this qualifies as cleaning. It became a project as I delved farther into the crevices of this daunting appliance, surprised at what I would discover as I opened each drawer. It brought back childhood memories "And what's behind door number three Jack. Let's show our guests." Finding numerous opened containers with similar contents, I feverishly began to combine all of them making room for future unused items. I picked up the philosophy of combining things from my Polish grandfather. He used to mix his peas, mashed potatoes, and meat together at the dinner table, retorting to my mother in his heavy accent "iz all goin' to the zame place zooner or later."

Next on my summer "fun things to do list" was adding chemicals to the hot tub. I came to that decision after carefully peeking under the lid after a month or so had past. The water appeared pond-like rather than crystal blue green like the photo in the ad. Sensing this wasn't a good thing I checked the filter and much to my surprise I saw the tiny zebra mussels clinging to the intake valve. I'm not positive but I think this has something to do with baby-sitting a six-year-old grandson. I vaguely remember telling him to toss those cute little shells he picked up on the beach because grandma was not going to cook them.

Weeding the garden is next on my list. It returned to me the feeling that I could control something in my life. It's quite therapeutic tackling and tossing them, similar to throwing clear glass into the recycle bin.

I took in a few of the Venetian Festival festivities and loved every minute of the fantastic fireworks. When asked by others if I had planned to wheel my ninety plus dad down to the water to see this display, I replied, "No, it might bring on post traumatic stress from World War II." In reality, I felt maneuvering a wheel chair in the dark qualified for an activity in a reality show. Truth be told, it's difficult for him to look skyward with a neck fracture. Though he has great disdain for wearing a neck brace, I keep telling him he's up for the role of Darth Vader.

Yes, summer is here but fading fast. My reflections don't include a trip to the mountains or even the Upper Peninsula. I didn't "summer" on my boat or in my cottage because we don't posses either. I can tell you that the weather in Charlevoix has been wonderful and for someone who is not venturing too far due to her caretaker, role this town has offered wonderful things to do from the Harry Potter evening at Charlevoix Public Library, the Farmer's Market every Thursday morning, and just watching the changes both planned and unexpected take place in East Park.

As I look at my Franklin Planner which I keep telling dad is my "cruise director" book, I have accomplished some things this summer and I'm glad I made note of them. Time flies so fast that at the end of the day I sometimes get the uneasy feeling that I didn't do anything worth noting. Not true at all as I look in my book. I've taken care of dad with all his appointments, baby-sat grandkids, had family and friends stay or give respite and kept my date night with my husband all summer long. Summer doesn't get better than this.

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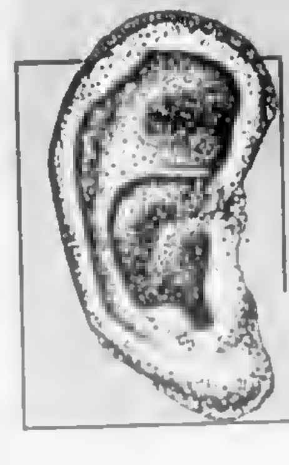

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Four generations

Four generations of the Dhaseleer family of Charlevoix gathered on June 17 for the baptism of David Dhaseleer (infant pictured above). They are (above, from left) Charles Dhaseleer, the child's great-grandfather, Joshua Dhaseleer, his father, and his grandfather, Allan Dhaseleer.

Lions Club leads White Cane Safety Days Aug. 10 and 11

On Friday and Saturday, Aug. 10 and 11, Charlevoix Lions will be around town collecting donations for their annual White Cane Safety Days Fund Drive.

All but one of the Lions collecting donations will be carrying a symbolic official red-tipped white cane. Lion Mark Rybicki, whose vision is severely limited, uses his cane full-time. He will also be actively on the street seeking contributions.

Donations to the Lions help support the Michigan Eye Bank and Transplant Center, The Michigan Leader Dog Training Center and its Puppy Search and Development Program, the Lions' own Welcome Homes for the Blind.

Locally, the club helps support the low-vision reading center at the Charlevoix Public Library and pays for glasses for the needy with special eye problems. Recently the club also helped those who need assistance with special hearing problems.

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

Leading the two-day fund-raiser are Lions, John Dixon, Ron and Mark Rybicki and Dick Vance.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Robert and Shirlene Tripp

1957

2007

Robert L. and Shirlene Allison Tripp of Charlevoix celebrated their 50th anniversary on Aug. 4 at the Hayes Township Hall. The event was hosted by Charlene and David Trautman, Duane Tripp, family and friends.

The Tripp's were married on Sept. 21, 1957 at the Petoskey Presbyterian Church by Rev. Lloyd Brasure and assisted by Dr. Alfred Wilson. The couple have lived all of their married lives in the area. Robert has been a carpenter, and floor covering installer and also did police work for the City of Charlevoix. Shirlene has been a foster parent, works at Wal-Mart and is a Charlevoix County Commissioner.

The Tripps are the parents of Charlene Kitson Trautman of Alanson and Duane of Charlevoix. They have four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To Consider Granting of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Big Fish Environmental LLC

Pursuant to Sections 5(1) and 8 of Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, Plant Rehabilitation and Industrial Development District Act, a public hearing is scheduled to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate application requested by Big Fish Environmental LLC, 12640 Taylor Road, Charlevoix, Michigan, in Charlevoix Township.

The proposed exemption certificate is for real and personal property investment.

The public hearing and township consideration of this application will be held on Monday, August 13, 2007, 7:30 p.m., at the Charlevoix Township Hall, 12491 Waller Road, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The township clerk has notified in writing the assessor of this assessing unit and the legislative body of each taxing unit that levies ad valorem property taxes in which the facility is located.

All affected parties are invited to attend this public hearing and will be afforded an opportunity to speak.

Carol Martin
Charlevoix Township Clerk

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Esperance pairs wine with art

Event to benefit school art programs

Esperance Wine, Cheese and Specialty Foods Market in partnership with the Charlevoix Council for the Arts is hosting the 3rd Annual Enduring Arts wine tasting, gourmet picnic and auction event from 6 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 17. All proceeds from the event benefit the Charlevoix Public Schools visual arts program. Tickets for the event are available in advance at Esperance, 12853 U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix.

This year's event will feature a broad spectrum of wines from famed Napa Valley wine maker and consultant, Robert Pepi as well as local vintners, Larry Mawby of L. Mawby and Lee Lutes of Black Start Farms Winery both in Suttons Bay. Enduring Arts will feature gourmet picnic fare and both live and silent auctions.

Charlevoix Public Schools have a long tradition of providing an excellent art experience for their students with many going on to study and excel in the visual arts beyond high school. As school budgets continue to tighten, money raised at this event goes directly into the art classrooms at Charlevoix Public Schools via the Arts Council to help pay for equipment, materials, resources and art experiences that would otherwise not be available through the school program.

Space is limited for the event. Tickets are available for a suggested donation of $30 per guest and should be reserved in advance by contacting Esperance at (231) 237-9300 or stopping by the shop on U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix. Attendees must be 21 or older.

Who? Esperance Wine, Cheese and Specialty Foods Market in partnership with the Charlevoix Council for the Arts

What? 3rd Annual Enduring Arts wine tasting, gourmet picnic and auction event. All proceeds from the event benefit the Charlevoix Public Schools visual arts program.

When? 6 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 17.

Where? Esperance, 12853 U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix.

61ST ANNIVERSARY

Faith and LeRoy Brooks

Courtesy photo

Faith and LeRoy Brooks of Charlevoix celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on July 27.

They were married on July 27, 1946 at Saint Peter's Episcopal Church in Detroit by Faith's father, Rev. Henry J. Simpson.

They have made their home at Brooks Hill Tree Farm since retiring in 1985. Faith is a former elementary school teacher, LeRoy, a physicist, retired from Clark Equipment Company in Gwinner, N.D. They sell Christmas trees each year at their tree farm.

Faith and LeRoy have four children, 11-grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Their children are Lin (Kent) Larsen of Charlevoix; Brenda (Buddy) Jones of Houston, Texas; Lee Brooks of Grosse Pointe Park; and Bruce (Jilane) Brooks of Appleton, Wis.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis – July 25, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:05 p.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved minutes of the July 11, 2007 meeting as corrected.
- Motion approved delegates to the MERS annual meeting.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-038, Area Agency on Aging.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-039, Grandvue Operating Transfer and that the Treasurer be authorized to make this transfer as outlined above.
- Motion defeated Resolution #07-040, Reduction of Convention Facility Development Fund Appropriation.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-041, Opposition of Injection Well.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

What's happening at the Library this week?

JATL: Jazz @ the library
Wednesday, August 8, 7:00 pm
Birth of the Standard: creating the definitive Jazz performance catalog
Trio: Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans, Chris Ames
Soloists: Dan Jacobs and Pete Asch, trumpet and sax

Game Night
Thursday, August 9, 4:30 pm
Board games for all ages

My Visit to Iran: Listening to Iran's People
Monday, August 13, 7:00 pm
Dr. Margo Smith, a professional videographer, will share pictures and stories of her recent interviews with the people of Iran.

Exhibit
Michigan Quilt Artists Invitational is on display through August. Enjoy these small, sample size quilts on the theme of Australia.

Summer Reading Club programs
Last week of the summer reading club!
Tuesday, August 14
Kindermusik: *6:30 pm or 7:15 pm*
(ages 0-4) pre-registration recommended
Drummunity! *7:00 p.m.*
Drumming fun for everyone!

Story Time for all ages
Last story hour of the summer!
Thursday, August 16, 10:30 am

Quilters and Friends (New Group)
Third Thursday of the month, August 16, 10-1pm
Join quilters and other fiber art enthusiasts for a monthly workgroup. Bring along your current fiber project and all the equipment you need (yes, even your sewing machine!) and enjoy the company of friends.

Regular Weekly Meetings
French Conversation Circle: *Tuesdays @ noon*
Spanish Conversation Circle: *beginning August 21 and continuing every Tuesday @ 6:00 pm*
Writer's Group: *Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm*
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OBITUARIES

Margaret Allen: Feb. 1, 1921 - July 19, 2007

Margaret Ware-Allen

Margaret Elizabeth "Peg" Ware-Allen, 86, long-time Mill Creek area and Paradise Valley resident, died peacefully at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital early Thursday morning, July 19. She was blessed to have had family and friends with her in her final hours. Cremation has taken place at Franzen-Davis Crematory in Livingston. A celebration of Peg's life will take place at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 9 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Emigrant with Rev. David Gunderson officiating.

Born Margaret Elizabeth Ware on Feb. 1, 1921 in Oak Park, Ill., the daughter of Walter and Ruth (Scott) Ware, she spent her early life and attended schools in Oak Park and New York City. During World War II, Peg worked in the offices and on the manufacturing floor of the family business, Chicago Roller Skate Company.

Peg was a grandchild of Elisha C. Ware, one of the early members of the Belvedere Club in Charlevoix and spent her early summers in Charlevoix sailing and later surf boarding behind the MTR boat of the late Jimmy Reece. She also became a proficient marksman, a skill she carried with her into later life. She developed superb insight in the trend of individual cattle performance testing and meticulously kept detailed records. She was a member of the Montana Beef Performance Association, Montana Stock Growers Association and the Park County and Montana Cattle Women's Association. Many will remember her political views and strong adherence to Republican party principles. Peg strongly supported the things she believed in and many will miss her colorful sense of humor, love of jokes and her famous fudge.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Gordon Ware; and husband, Arch Allen.

Eileen Wyszynski: Nov. 30, 1920 - July 30, 2007

Eileen Wyszynski

Eileen (Coy) Wyszynski, beloved mother of Janette (Bob) Stender, Tallmadge, Ohio, Sandra (Robert Jay) Laucher Button, of Charlevoix, Michael (Andrea) Wyszynski, of Sierra Madre, Calif., and John R. Wyszynski (Ramsey Ferro) of Denver, Colo., passed away on July 30 in Charlevoix, where she lived near her daughter, Sandi, for the past four years.

Eileen was born Nov. 30,1920, in Rotherham, England. She served in World War II for the British Army and met her husband, Tomasz Wyszynski, who also served in the British army. In 1949, Eileen, Tomasz and Janette moved to the United States. Sandi, Mike and John were born and raised in the Akron and Stow area of Ohio.

Eileen worked as an assistant bank manager for First National Bank of Akron, Cuyahoga Falls branch, and was very active and supportive in her children's lives. She loved gardening, baking, hiking and her neighbors. She readily shared her love of plants with friends and family. Many of these plants still grow in gardens in Colorado, Michigan, Ohio, North Carolina and many other places. All are reminders of a woman who lovingly shared of her greatest gift — herself.

Eileen, will long be remembered and sorely missed by her children. Her grandchildren are Andrew (Suzannah) Laucher and Adam (Christine) Laucher of North Carolina, Matthew Stavana of Ohio and Julia and Christopher Wyszynski of California.

A memorial service and tea was held on Thursday, Aug. 2 at the home of RJ and Sandi Button in Charlevoix. Memorial contributions can be made to Charlevoix County Community Foundation Jack Laucher Educational Fund, P.O. Box 718 East Jordan, MI 49727 or Boulder Park Terrace 14676 West Upright St. Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Helen Sneathen: July 2, 1920 - July 31, 2007

Helen M. Sneathen (Bare) wife of the late Lee "Bud" Sneathen passed away Tuesday July 31, in Atlanta, Ga.

Helen spent the winters at the Atlanta home of her son Carl and daughter-in law Nancy. Following a bout with pneumonia in February she was unable to return this spring to the Sneathen Farm on Maple Grove Road in Hayes Township.

She leaves behind her loving family: Sons Carl (Nancy) Sneathen, Atlanta, Ga., Jim (Maurine) Sneathen, Grand Rapids and Charlevoix, Bob (Sandy) Sneathen, Charlevoix; grandsons Todd (Michelle) Sneathen, East Lansing, Allen (Kim) Sneathen, Spartanburg, S.C., Mark (Amy Markley) Sneathen, Chicago, Ill. Donald Sneathen, Florida; great-grandsons, Daniel, Connor, Zachary and Clayton; a brother, Richard Bare; a sister, Marilyn (Herb) Bachelor; sisters-in-law Evelyn Bare and Marge Bare; many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, cousins, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Bud, brothers, Kenneth and Donald Bare, brothers-in-law George and Frank Sneathen and sisters-in-law Eileen Bare and Mary Sneathen.

Helen was born on July 2, 1920 and moved from Royal Oak to Petoskey in 1931 and graduated from Petoskey High School in 1936. She married Bud in 1939 and in 1945 they moved to the Sneathen farm on Maple Grove Road. She worked as a bookkeeper for The First State Bank of Petoskey, Charlevoix Area Hospital and as church secretary for the Charlevoix United Methodist Church.

A memorial service will take place at noon on Aug. 19 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church where memorial contributions may be directed.

Karen Bowman: Oct. 21, 1938 - Aug. 1, 2007

Karen M. Bowman, 68, of Charlevoix passed away on Aug. 1 in Charlevoix.

Karen McAleer was born Oct. 21, 1938 in Haverhill, Md., the only child of Ernest and Ersilia McAleer. She married Jimmy Bowman in Los Angeles, Calif. on Nov. 28, 1958. Jimmy was in the U.S. Coast Guard, and following many moves the Bowmans settled in Charlevoix in 1969 to raise their six children.

Karen loved outdoor activities and spent many hours tending her gardens, shoveling snow and taking walks. Karen was active in the community and was honored for her volunteer work at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Karen's life revolved around her family and she was happiest when surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She found special joy in the Christmas season and always did her best to make the holidays joyous for everyone she loved.

Karen is survived by her husband; one son, David (Ann) Bowman; daughters Michelle, Nancy, Deborah, Jenny Bowman and Donna (Marty) Ruhling; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Karen was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial contributions can be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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104 State Street
Worship Service 10:0 a.m.
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Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
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205 Clinton Street
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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Reading Room – Wednesday 2:30-6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School 11:25 a.m.
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President Michael Robbins 588-2112
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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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202 W. Hurlbut
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Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

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12705 US-31
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Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

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07444 Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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QUASHING RUMORS

Editor:

In any small town, rumors fly. They add to the fun or in some cases, the anxiety of living in a small town. Many of us have been the subject of rumors, and we have learned to be careful of what we say in public.

There is a nasty rumor going around, that the Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission has been considering a change to the property setbacks along U.S. 31 from the Elk Rapids Village limit south to Townline Road. This rumor has been closely guarded, as most people along this highway don't realize that their planning commission is thinking about expanding the setback to 150 feet from the center of the highway. If true, that would create a swath of land equal in size to a football field, and would make most homes and businesses along this route non-compliant in terms of our zoning ordinances.

What might happen if this rumored zoning change takes effect? Well, if your property or structures do not comply with zoning ordinances, your values will fall and you will need to get the township's permission to make changes to your structures. In our case, since the Twisted Fish Gallery building would fall entirely within a 150-foot setback, no change could be made to the building for any reason.

Other owners whose buildings which are now within 150 feet of the road would suffer the same fate.

Now, we hope this rumor about the proposed change is only a rumor and that it dies, is forgotten, and that things are left alone. But, just to be sure, we are going to the Elk Rapids Township Planning Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 9 in the Government Center, and we hope you will join us. Let's stop rumors and get the facts about what our planning commission is up to. And, let's tell them what we think about these rumored changes to our community.

Bob and Charlotte Streit
Owners
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SOCCER SUCCESS

Editor:

As you reported in the Courier last week, the Venetian 3-on-3 soccer tournament proved to have the most successful turnout ever. The success of the tournament has a great deal to do with all the people who worked and supported it. One of the great things about a small town is the way people step up to help the youth who live there. The girls soccer team would not have been able to do this alone and we want to thank everyone who helped us out.

First of all, we owe a lot to Randy Holecheck and the work crew at the Charlevoix Township for mowing and setting up the nets. The fields were in great shape.

Thanks to Mark Greyerbiehl for donating the medals. A lot of kids went home with big smiles, proud of the medal hanging around their neck.

Roger Nesburg, Angie Behling and their crew were a huge help with the T-shirts. They even ran a few extras Wednesday morning as we ran out Tuesday night.

And thanks to the sponsors who helped keep the cost for T-shirts down so every participant would get one.

This year we added a concession stand which proved to be a good idea. A big thanks goes to Lori Foster and her mom Oma as well as Shannon Smith for working it. We also want to recognize Charlevoix 4-H Soccer, Roger Nesburg, and the Charlevoix Sports Boosters for help with the products sold.

Last, but not least, we want to thank Dan Barron, Amy Kurtz, Dean Davenport and the Venetian Board for another amazing week of fun and entertainment.

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Imaginations sail to benefit Red Cross

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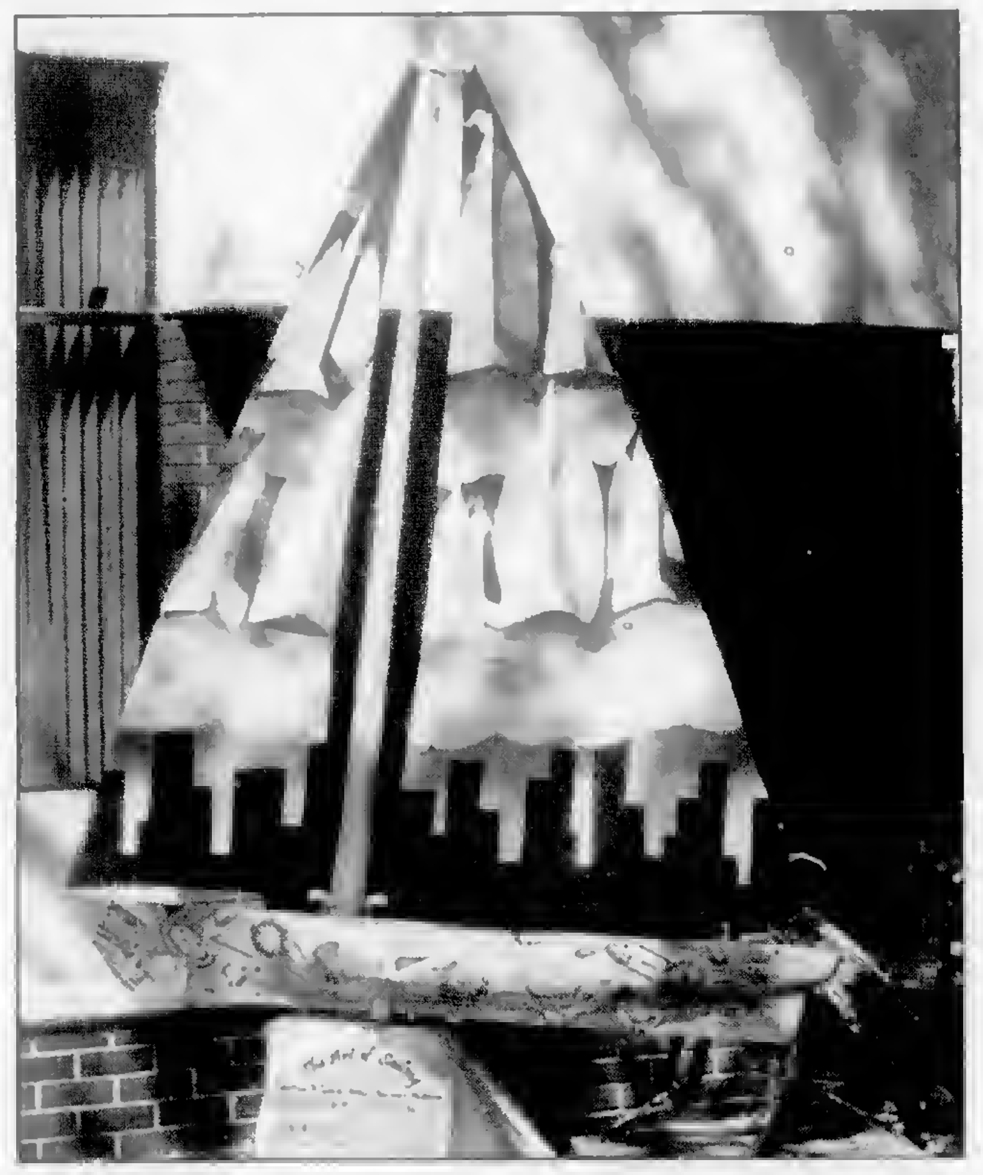

Photo by Stefanie Carano

Two sailboats being auctioned at the Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey on Aug. 10, to benefit the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross were painted by Charlevoix High School students, both in acrylics. (Above) Ellise Smolenyak, a Charlevoix High School junior this year, is responsible for the image painted on this sailboat displayed in front of Charlevoix State Bank in downtown Charlevoix.

Sailboat sculptures displaying Charlevoix images are being sent to auction at the Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey on Aug. 10, to benefit the Northern Lower Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross.

"We were thrilled by the participation of Charlevoix artists," said Bess Bleyaert, director of marketing and fund development for the local Red Cross chapter. "All of the funds raised do stay local and do support local efforts."

It is the third year the Red Cross has hosted an event of this kind, starting first with fish sculptures in 2003, then bear sculptures in 2005. Proceeds from the auction, this year called "The Art of Sailing," support local Red Cross chapters for two years.

Two Charlevoix-themed sailboats being auctioned were painted by Charlevoix High School students, both in acrylics.

Ellise Smolenyak, a high school junior this year, was responsible for the image painted on the sailboat displayed in front of Charlevoix State Bank in downtown Charlevoix, where it will remain until Friday's auction.

A photograph at the Charlevoix Yacht Club inspired Smolenyak to create "Downtown Downwind," a painting of clouds and big, colorful sailboats above a downtown skyline.

"I race sailboats," Smolenyak said. "There's a photograph that was taken one year, above the fireplace of the Charlevoix Yacht Club, of boats going downwind, that's where I got the idea."

Ashley Grosberg, who graduated from Charlevoix High School this year, was responsible for "Sail La Vie," featuring a daytime/nighttime view of Charlevoix's harbor, displayed in Bridge Park. In addition to painting her image, Grosberg attached Petoskey stones to the base of the sculpture.

"Whenever I think about Charlevoix, I think about all the Petoskey stones you see on the beach," she said.

Grosberg plans to attend North Central Michigan College this year, saving funds, she said, to transfer to an art college next year.

The Art of Sailing auction event begins with cocktails and hors d'oeurves at 5:30 p.m., followed by a live auction at 7 p.m. Cost of admission is $65 for a single person, $1,000 for a table of eight.

For more information on attending The Art of Sailing, please contact the American Red Cross at (231) 348-7666 or visit www.arcnlm.org.

Summer reading program closes with 'Drummunity' Aug. 14

Drummunity, a renowned drumming program, will be at the Charlevoix Public Library, celebrating the last event of the Summer Reading Clubs, at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Lori Fithian, drum circle facilitator, will bring her collection of hand drums and percussion toys to the library and transform the community into a Drummunity — a word Fithian invented for the community-building that happens when people come together around a circle of drums.

"Lori will get our hands drumming and our hearts thumping," said Christine Hauke, youth services librarian. "We're going to shake, rattle and roll to celebrate the end of summer."

Drummunity is the closing program for the Charlevoix Public Library's elementary and 'tween Summer Reading Clubs. Record numbers of young readers have attended the library's "Get a Clue!" programs, learning about animal scat, touring a tugboat, getting fit and even painting the sidewalks.

This final program is also the night to draw the winners of prizes donated by area businesses. Elementary and 'tweens have earned drawing entries for every two hours they read this summer. Club members must be present at the final party to win.

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Expect delays: Road work on U.S. 31 through Labor Day

Roadway repairs will start within the next week on U.S. 31, from south of Norwood Road to west of Barnard Road. Work will include intermittent transverse and longitudinal concrete joint repairs. Work will be completed by Labor Day.

One lane of traffic will be maintained, alternating in each direction, using flag control.

Due to the nature of these repairs, closures will be permitted 24 hours a day.

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For more information, contact the Michigan Department of Transportation's Traverse City Transportation Service Center at (231) 941-1986.

Project details

What? Repair work on U.S. 31

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Where? South of Charlevoix

Estimated completion date? End of August

Project? The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will repair nearly seven miles of U.S. 31 from Norwood to Barnard roads, south of Charlevoix.

Traffic restrictions? One lane of alternating traffic will be maintained with flag control for the duration of the project. Both lanes will be open to traffic on weekends and holidays. Some overnight closures may be necessary, in order to allow the concrete ample time to dry/harden.

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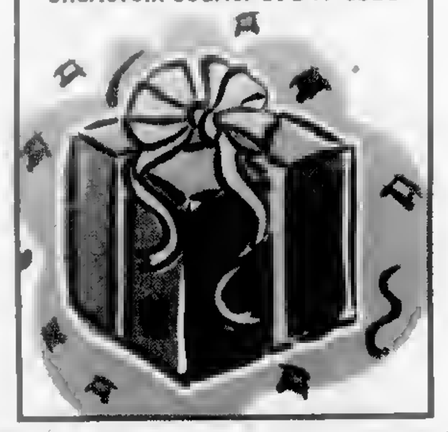

Water rescue leads to discovery of sink holes

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater will be awarding Johnathan Dixon, 10, a Sheriff's Life Saving Award for rescuing Chasyn Vondran, 5 from a sink hole at the Washington Street public access site and beach area in Eveline Township.

Following the heroic rescue which took place on Aug. 3, Sheriff Lasater issued the following update on the hazardous conditions there.

The Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol placed buoys at the sink hole locations to warn swimmers of the danger. There are two large sink holes and twelve smaller sink holes in the area possibly caused by springs.

Sheriff's Marine Patrol and rescue swimmers from the Charlevoix Fire Department advised the two holes were so deep that if a child walking in the shallow water was to step into one of these holes, they would be in water over their head and the clay at the bottom of the sink hole would make it difficult to escape.

Sheriff Lasater advises that John Vrondran, Eveline Township supervisor and Pat Harmon, manager of the Charlevoix County Road Commission, have been responsive to his request to post signs to alert the public of the hazard.

Sheriff's Marine Patrol and divers from the City of Charlevoix Fire Department Rescue Squad pulled two large metal stakes from the lake in the area of the sink holes that were protruding a few inches above the water line. These metal stakes were in the area where children use water skis and go tubing behind boats.

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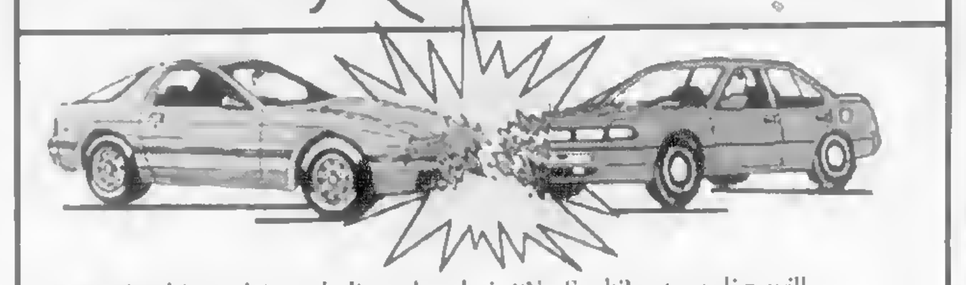

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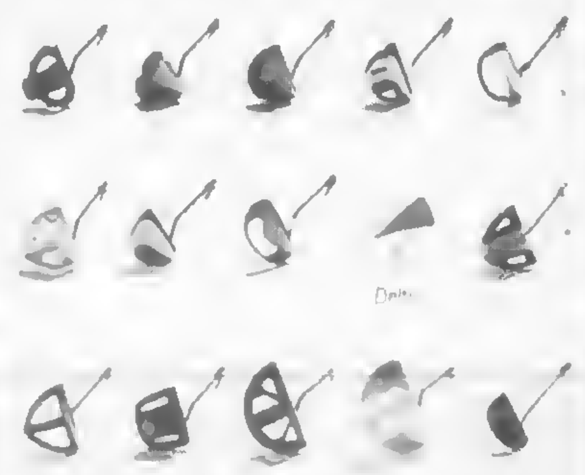

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Book details Charlevoix's early economic development

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

In 1967, 15 stories written by the late Don Campbell were serialized in the Charlevoix Courier, depicting downtown's economic growth and development on Bridge Street.

Recently, the series has been compiled into a book published by Campbell's daughter, Anne Bandfield.

"A History of Bridge Street," includes 92 historical photographs, many from the author's personal collection, and a detailed account of the people and businesses that have come and gone on Bridge Street — downtown Charlevoix's main thoroughfare.

"I'm very proud of the book, it's my father's work," Bandfield said. "This is dedicated to the Campbell family."

Among many things, Campbell was a business owner, opening Campbell Boot Shop on Bridge Street in 1919. After he died, the business was passed to his daughter, Jeanne Campbell Carey, and her husband, Charles Carey. The current owner Randolph (Randy) Campbell Carey bought it from his parents, now known as Carey's Shoes.

Current Carey's Shoes employee Shawn Trudeau is looking forward to reading the book.

"I love local history, I want to know what makes a town click," Trudeau said. She said it's great to be working at a business with such a long history in Charlevoix.

"A History of Bridge Street" also includes stories about Charlevoix's lighthouse and bridges, and improvements to the harbor.

The book is now on sale at Pine River Books on Park Avenue and at the Harsha House Museum, headquarters of the Charlevoix Historical Society.

"I've had wonderful help from Dave Miles in publishing it," said Bandfield.

As part of a fundraising effort, all proceeds from the book's sales will be donated to the Historical Society.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

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Charlevoix resident Anne Bandfield (center) is publishing "A History of Bridge Street," a series of 15 stories written by her father, the late Don Campbell describing the economic growth and development of Bridge Street. Here, Bandfield is pictured with president of the Charlevoix Historical Society Paul Nowak and Harsha House Museum co-director David L. Miles. Proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the Historical Society.

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Forgotten Eagles ride to remember

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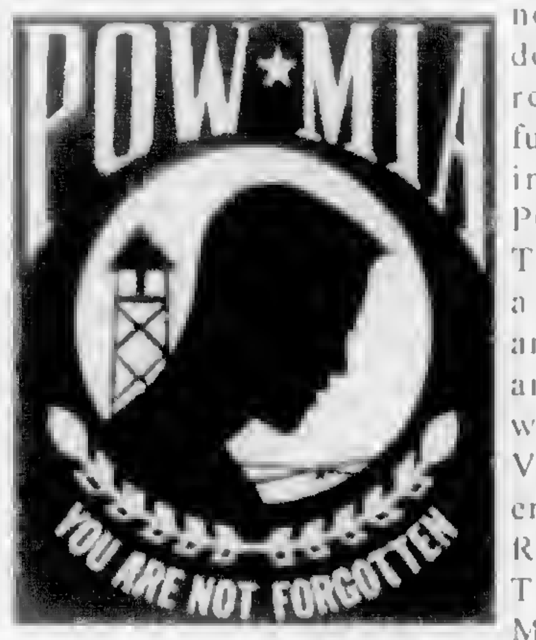

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Despite the release of nearly 600 American prisoners of war from Vietnamese captors in 1973, the Department of Defense's Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office states that 1,801 American soldiers are still unaccounted for in Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and China.

To keep the memory of those missing in action alive, the Forgotten Eagles rolled through Charlevoix, Friday, Aug. 3 on motorcycles.

"We raise money for the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and we raise awareness about POW/MIA veterans," said Forgotten Eagles member, Don Schoof. "Last year we gave them (trust fund) in excess of $15,000."

He added, "The Michigan Veterans Trust Fund helps veterans pay their utility bills so the gas doesn't get shut off and if an Iraqi veteran needs to get medical care (for lost or damaged limbs) he goes to Texas or Indianapolis, Ind. and we give money to mom and dad to get to the hospital to see their son or daughter. Would you believe the government will not pay for parents to go visit their kids in the hospital?"

Members of Forgotten Eagles Chapter One, which encompasses the eastern Upper Peninsula and the upper Lower Peninsula, also do volunteer work at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette.

"We gave them (Jacobetti Home) $5,000 not too long ago and we've donated quilts," Schoof said. "The Jacobetti Home is strictly for veterans who have no place to go."

The Forgotten Eagles, founded by former members of the similar national organization Rolling Thunder, has five chapters in the state.

"They (Rolling Thunder) were doing the same thing we are, but the money was going out to the East Coast and none of it was coming back," Schoof said.

According to the Forgotten Eagles Web site, www.forgotteneagles.org, "With all the other service organizations in Michigan, There was none solely dedicated to receiving a full accounting for our POW-MIAs. Tom Wall, a visionary, a biker and combat wounded Vietnam veteran brought Rolling Thunder to Michigan to fill this void. With Tom at the helm in Michigan we grew into a strong, statewide branch of a national organization consisting of veterans and like minded individuals who wanted to correct the mistakes made in Vietnam and make sure that no American soldier was ever left behind again."

The Forgotten Eagles would someday like their statewide organization to go nationwide.

"So far we're just a Michigan group, but we've had some interest from out-of-state and we're open to vets and non-vets alike, and you don't have to be a motorcycle rider to join," he said. "We have a lot of support from local Charlevoix businesses who came aboard and we give out POW/MIA flags to commercial businesses that will fly them."

He added, "There's room for cars, pickups, vans, whatever on our rides. What most chapters have is a chase vehicle in case someone breaks down. If you don't ride a bike, jump in your pickup."

During the motorcycle rides, the Forgotten Eagles visit every county seat in their chapter to place a flag and wreath at the county's memorial.

For those who never served in the military, Schoof said not to worry

"I'm no veteran. I'm at the age where I should have been over there (Vietnam) and wasn't accepted by Uncle Sam," he said. "I was tired of riding around for other charities only once a year and wanted to help more with Vietnam veterans."

Charlevoix County currently has three members, but Schoof said there is room for many more.

"We're running between 70 and 80 active members and statewide we're in the neighborhood of 250 to 300 members," he said. "The more people that join, the more awareness we can create."

He added, "MIA in our state is not missing in action, it's missing in America. There are guys that come back and are living in cardboard boxes that haven't gotten over the war. If you know someone who came home from Vietnam, tell them, 'Welcome home.'"

For more information or to join the Forgotten Eagles, visit www.forgotteneagles.org or call president Ashly Erlichman at (906) 248-2076 or e-mail him at aerlichman@aol.com.

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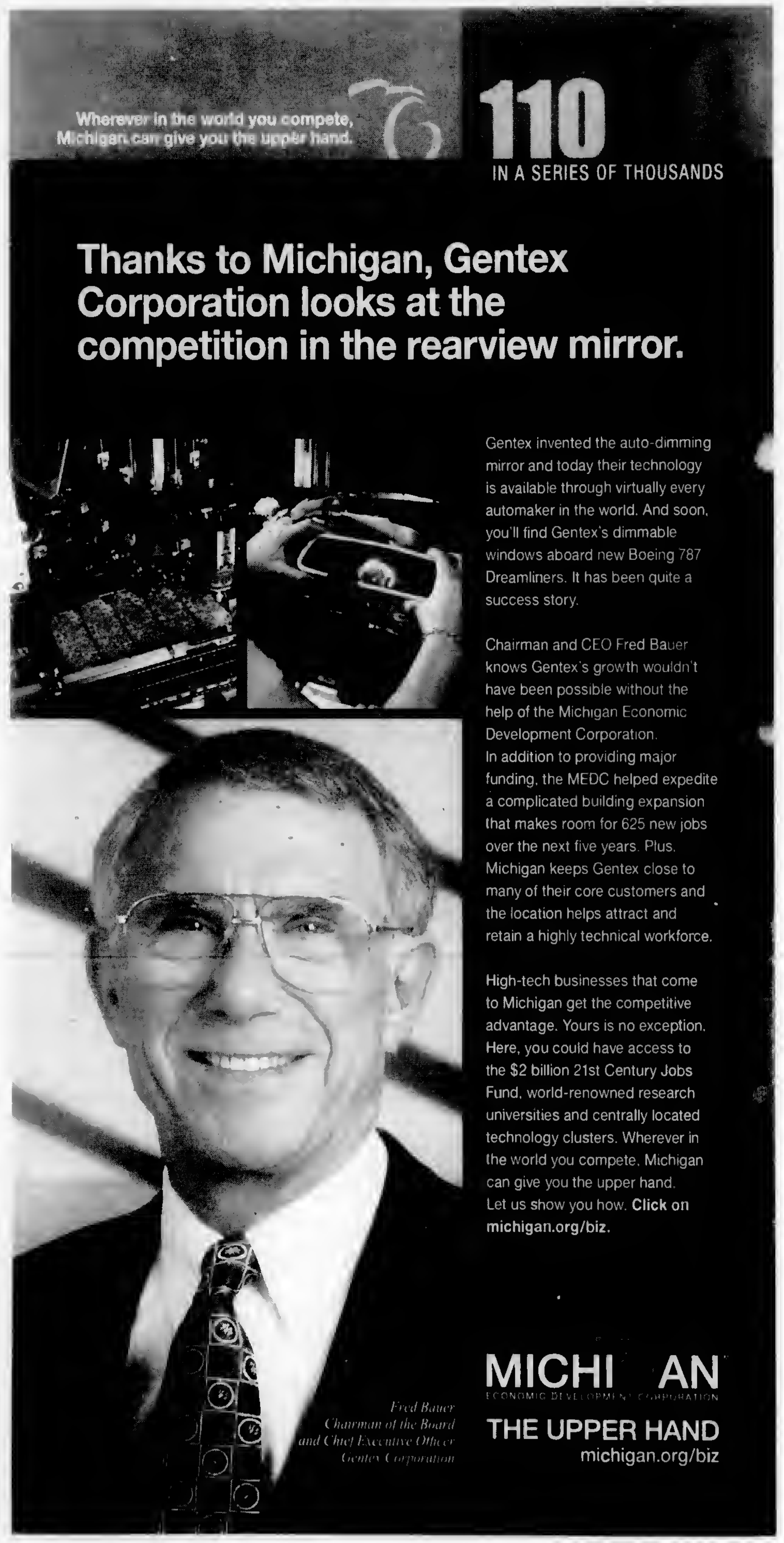

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Charlevoix alumni celebrate change

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

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Members of the CHS 2005 class, who organized the all class reunion and the Charlevoix alumni association, pose with members from the 1930's classes at the Charlevoix Library, Saturday during the Venetian Festival reunion. Front (left to right) Michael Wojan class of 2005, Fran (Meggison) Wilson, Ruth Yemmens Swanson Cook 1930, Evelyn (Sneathen) Bare 1936, Esther (West) Ballard 1936. Back row Chris Golski 2005, Nate Dube 2005 and Ken Wilson 1940.

Change is feared by some, accepted by others, as 95-year old Ruth Cook has observed.

"I don't condemn changes at all," Cook said. "A lot of people can't accept change. I'm not like that."

Attending the Charlevoix Alumni Association All Class Reunion on Venetian Saturday, July 28 has allowed her, and others, to reflect on the changes in their lives and in the Charlevoix community, since they graduated high school.

Cook, a graduate of the class of 1930, and alumni Virginia Lahde, Fran Wilson and Esther Ballard have each observed the changes made in education since they attended school.

Lahde of the class of 1945 and Wilson of the class of 1940, are both former Charlevoix teachers as well as Charlevoix students.

Lahde has noticed the effect of technology in the classroom.

"I think the computer has done marvelous things for elementary education," Lahde said. "I think it's the greatest learning tool to help their skills."

Individualized instruction is a trend that Wilson has seen, as well as an increase in learning pace.

"They've speeded up the curriculum," Wilson said. "They're teaching more to the individual."

Ballard, of the class of 1936, said there's no comparison with today's education.

"When I was in high school they only offered chemistry or physics every other year and you had to have a science to graduate," Ballard said.

As the world has changed, Cook said, so has education.

"I think there's a lot more that they teach, they have to do what the world is doing," Cook said. "The world has expanded so much."

Each alumnus was a different student and as such, had different feelings about school at the time they attended.

Lahde said she has very fond memories of going through Charlevoix schools. "I was a cheerleader and in all the school plays," she said.

"I loved to learn, I loved to read," Wilson said. "I always had to work hard."

She said she wasn't the best student but she was a student that held a good average.

Ballard, who graduated in the top 10 of her class and was senior vice-president, enjoyed school.

Cook said she was glad she went to school, even though she didn't care for it.

"I was just average," she said.

All four women are impressed with the changes made to the building where they had once attended school which is now Charlevoix Public Library.

Lahde and Ballard said the building is a wonderful thing and a real asset to Charlevoix.

"The reading room is where I went to kindergarten," Lahde said. "Special events being planned at the current building are so nice."

Wilson concurs. "I went to the building in first-grade," she said. "I'm very thankful that library's there, it's a wonderful building and a wonderful space."

Cook said the building, which has gone through significant change, is a great thing for Charlevoix.

"I think it's really beautiful," Cook said. "The gym now is a computer room."

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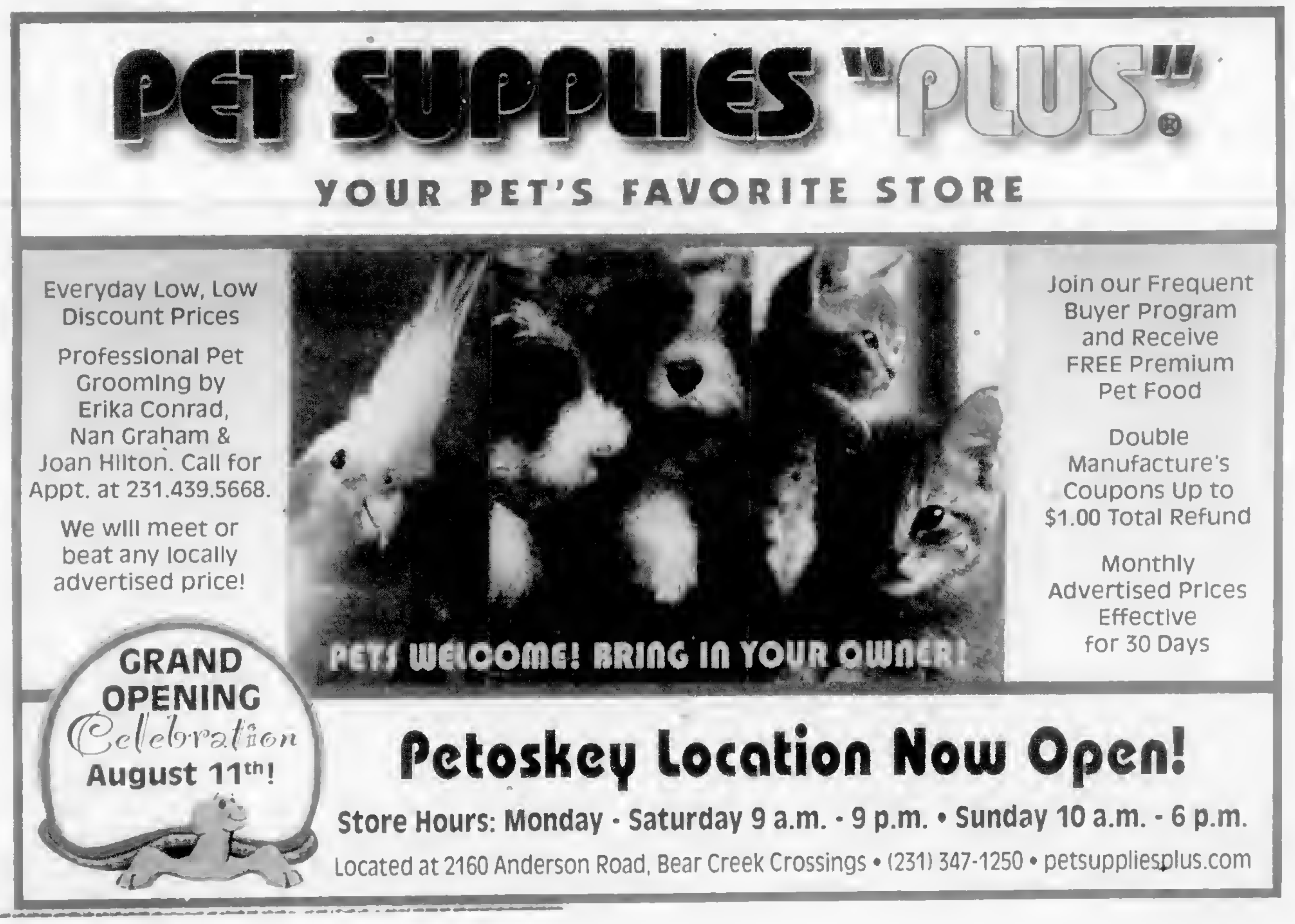

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Artist Daniel Roache brings metal to life

Waterfront Art Fair
Artist Profile

BY ANNE KELLY
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Photo by Anne Kelly

Residential and commercial settings are the market for metal sculpture artist Daniel Roache of Petoskey. His work will be featured at the Waterfront Art Fair this Saturday.

Residential and commercial settings are the market for metal sculpture artist Daniel Roache of Petoskey.

Roache has taught stained glass construction at Henry Ford Museum and painting classes at North Central Michigan College, but currently his focus is on creating commissioned work in his home studio.

He shows his metal relief wall sculptures in art fairs, where he enjoys meeting people, some of whom become his clients. In addition, he employs the services of corporate art representatives who promote his sculptures around the state and around the country. He has shown at the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair for over 20 years.

"It's a good show for both corporate and residential commissions," Roache said.

Roache's commissioned sculpture projects have been installed in interior and exterior sites in many private homes and at the Cleveland Clinic Hospitals, University of Michigan Hospitals and a litany of corporate and university libraries. Most recently, he has completed a sculpture for the Tampa Children's Medical Center.

"While there is a place for art that confronts and challenges the viewer, my philosophy of site-specific public art is that it needs to say something of its intended audience and show a relation to a building's working space as created by the architects and designers," he said

Beyond formal art schooling, Roache came to this craft, with the experience of working as a machinist and toolmaker, a sign painter and printmaker, a carpenter, a teacher and an art museum librarian at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Abstract design elements mixed with realistic subject matter are fashioned into large low maintenance artwork, especially appropriate in public spaces.

Roache's metal sculptures are spray finished with bright colored automobile paints which provide a durable, low maintenance finish. His work is a symphony of geometrical fusion, one which combines the abstract and the realistic elements of his subject matter into a complex piece of art.

To see Roache's work, visit www.danielroache.com or see it in person at Charlevoix's Waterfront Art Fair on Aug. 11.

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Who: Charlevoix Council for the Arts
What: 49th Annual Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair
When: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 11
Where: Along Mason Street and behind Bridge Street storefronts between Clinton and Mason streets.
Web: www.charlevoixwaterfrontartfair.org

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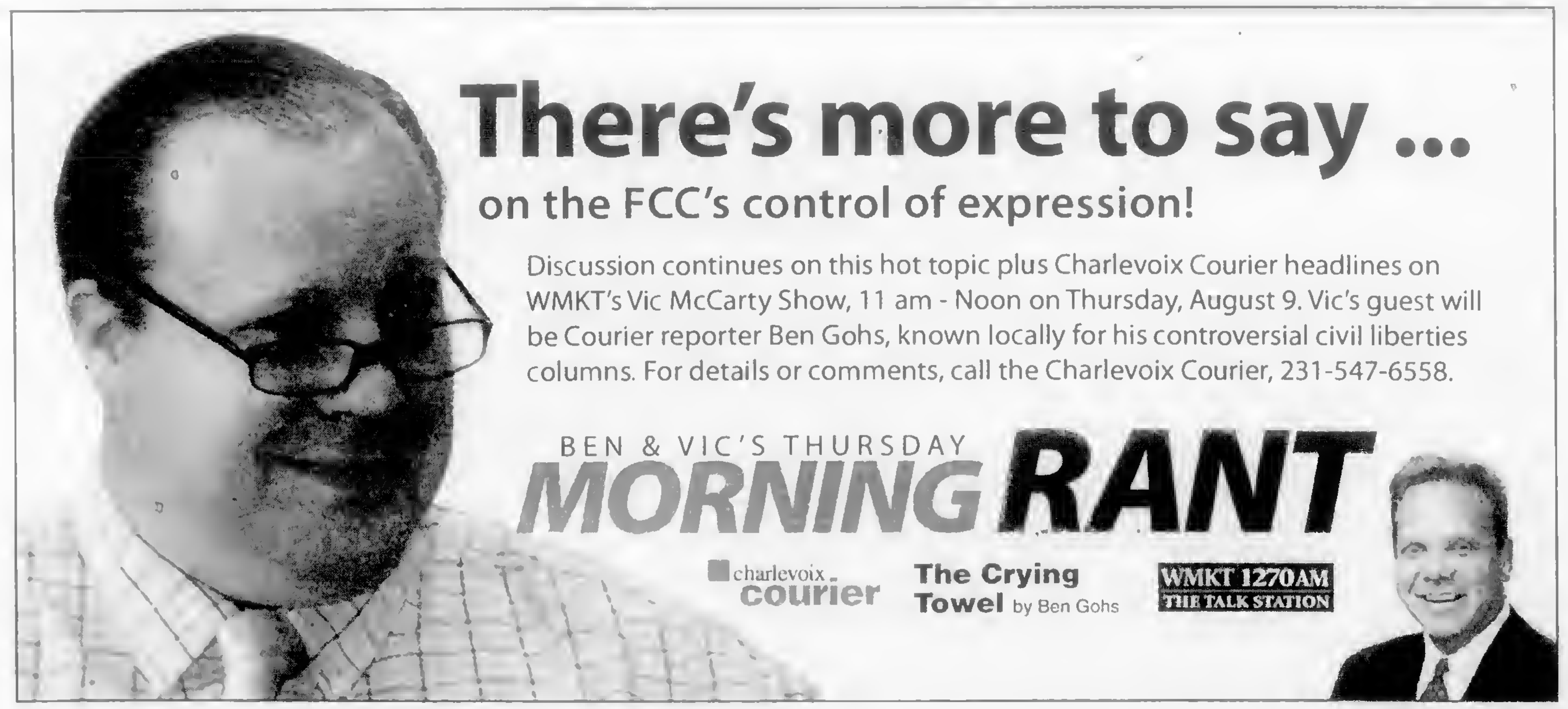
On display

Andy Fletcher of Waukesha, Wis. will share his work with art enthusiasts at the Waterfront Art Fair this Saturday in Charlevoix.



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Discussion continues on this hot topic plus Charlevoix Courier headlines on WMKT's Vic McCarty Show, 11 am - Noon on Thursday, August 9. Vic's guest will be Courier reporter Ben Gohs, known locally for his controversial civil liberties columns. For details or comments, call the Charlevoix Courier, 231-547-6558.

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Hurlin brings northern Michigan landscapes to life

Waterfront Art Fair
Artist Profile

BY ANNE KELLY
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

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Self-taught artist Kristin Hurlin of Glen Arbor creates detailed pen and ink drawings, colored in with watercolor depicting northwestern Lower Michigan's botanical landscapes.

Self-taught artist Kristin Hurlin thrives on her natural surroundings.

Her home and gallery, Paradisio, are located in downtown Glen Arbor, where she lives with husband and furniture maker, Paul May.

"I don't sell my original art at other galleries because they are so labor intensive. Each drawing averages between 150-300 hours. They are detailed pen and ink drawings, colored in with watercolor, of northwestern Lower Michigan's botanical landscapes. I just began doing art fairs two years ago because I have accumulated so many pieces. I wanted to get them out there."

Hurlin has been drawing since she was a child. She uses an old-fashioned crow quill pen and colored inks to depict typical habitats in the area. She has worked as a freelance illustrator for 35 years. One of her clients was American Spoon Foods, for whom she did catalogue covers and product illustration for 14 years. Her impressive list of freelance clients also includes Bantam Doubleday Dell, Harvard Common Press, Organic Gardening Magazine, Highlights For Children, Farmer's Almanac, Chef Pierre, Cherry Republic, Bel' Lago, and The Ann-Arbor Observer. Hurlin was contracted to do large murals at two museums: The Springfield, Missouri Nature Preserve and Turtle Bay Exploration Park in Redding, Calif. Most recently, she illustrated the cover of Priscilla Cogan's new book, "Double Time."

The plant kingdom provides the impetus for her work.

"I've studied wild, medicinal and edible plants and have a large organic garden where I grow numerous heirloom varieties of garlic, onions, leeks, potatoes, peas, beans, peppers, tomatoes, melon and carrots. Recently, I've been working more on depicting the crystal clear water we are blessed with up here."

Hurlin presents her work in handmade cherry or walnut frames. A signature of her artwork is the detailed painted frame within the frame of each piece.

Hurlin has won numerous gold awards for catalogue art, tee-shirt art and "best of shows."

You can preview her work at www.kristinhurlin.com.

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Elite artists

Philip C. Thompson of Bangor is one of the nation's finest artists to be featured Aug. 11 at the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair. He and his fellow exhibitors were chosen from over 1,000 applicants who submitted their work to the jury.

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CHARLEVOIX WATERFRONT ART FAIR

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Natural world inspires jewelry artisan

Waterfront Art Fair
Artist Profile

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BY ANNE KELLY
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The 49th Annual Waterfront Art Fair Aug. 11 in Charlevoix will once again attract thousands of connoisseurs of fine arts.

Northern Michigan artists, who venture south and west during the winter months, or use that time to replenish their supply of salable work, are delighted to be back again. Their inspiration is usually drawn from northern Michigan's rich, natural beauty and their livelihood depends on the support of their local communities. James Blanchard, who has shown his work at the Charlevoix Waterfront Art Fair for six years, is one of these artists.

"Being an art fair artist is a life like no other," he said.

A jewelry artisan, Blanchard makes his home in Traverse City, but Michigan gems from all around the state fire his passion. He discovers and collects unusual gemstones from the Upper Peninsula to the Lower and throws in a recycled material that resembles agate, from the spray booths of the Ford River Rouge Automotive Plant, just to make things interesting.

Blanchard earned a degree in anthropology with an emphasis in archaeology from Michigan State University. His interest in stones and bones soon led to another interest. Manipulating silver and gold to make settings for the rocks and gems he discovered. Blanchard's rings and pendants are sold in Gallery 50 in Traverse City, and Livingston Studio on Beaver Island. He primarily makes a living by traveling the Midwest and Florida, showing and selling at art fairs from Ann Arbor and Sault Ste. Marie, to Cherry Creek, Colo., and St. Petersburg, Fla.

He, along with his wife, Andrea, and young son, travel to shows together, making it work as a family.

Blanchard works with fine agates and jaspers, Petoskey stones, Mowhawkite and the rarer Greenstone, Michigan's gemstone. Another stone, Leland Blue, is a favorite this year. It is a material that is a by-product of the short-lived attempt to smelt iron ore in Leland. Today, a rock hunter might

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Discarded auto paint becomes beautiful jewelry

JEWELRY

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stumble upon a piece of this blue glass washed up on a Lake Michigan beach.

Perhaps the most intriguing raw material Blanchard uses for his jewelry is "Fordite" or "Detroit Agate." This is a recycled substance that looks like multi-colored agate. It was harvested in the 1950s, 60s and 70s from the paint buildup on the spray booths of the Ford River Rouge Automotive Plant.

"What could be more Michigan than automotive history?" Blanchard said of his uniquely derived gemstone.

He explained the cars were hand sprayed and the paint from the process built up in layers on the tooling and conveyers. The residual paint was baked in a kiln along with the cars. This created multi-layered chunks of paint that could be cut and polished like any gem.

He's looking forward to sharing his exciting creations with Waterfront Art Fair attendees.

"I enjoy being an artist because of the freedom and happiness it brings people," he said. "The Waterfront Art Fair has been the best art fair for me for about six years now. I enjoy the quaint, up north town feel and the beautiful surroundings. The patrons are educated, focused and ready to buy."

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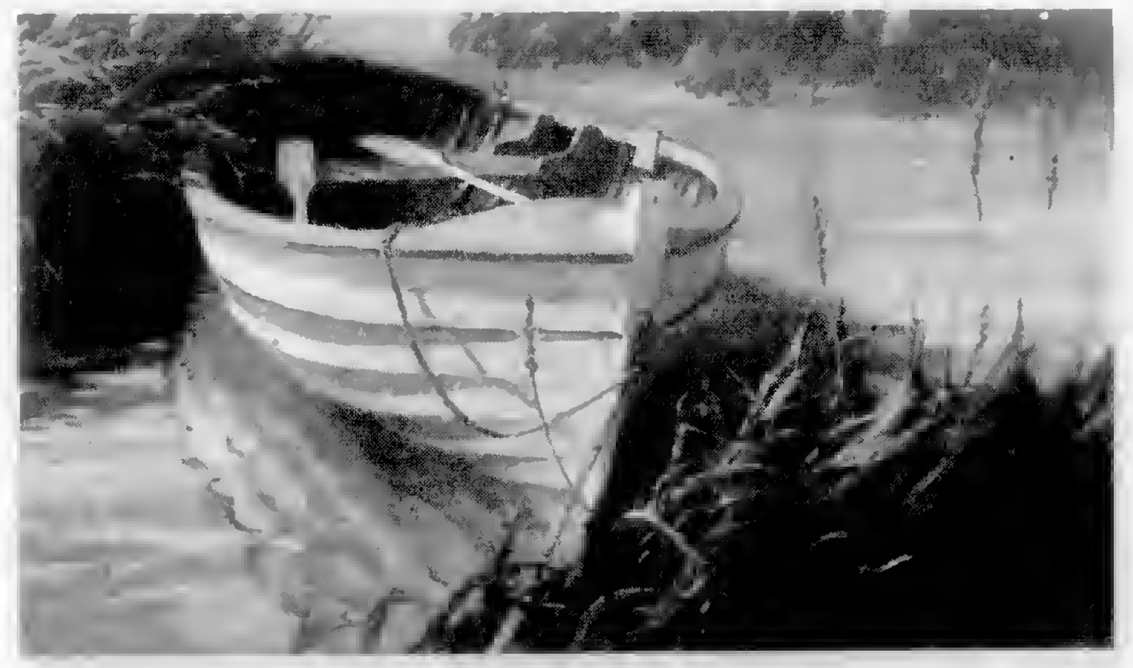

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Filmmaker to discuss experience in Iran

Dr. Margot Smith

Dr. Margot Smith, producer of the film "Listen to Iran's people: A call for peace" will present a program at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13 at Charlevoix Public Library.

Smith filmed the movie in March 2007 during a visit to Iran. It was a volatile political time. She said President Bush was rattling his saber, and Iran's President Ahmadinajad was posturing in response.

At the time of filming, 23 Peace Delegates from the United States representing the Fellowship of Reconciliation visited Tehran, Esfahan, Shiraz and Qom. The video tells about the trip, and of the warm welcome by Iran's vice-president, as well as the thoughts of people on the street, students, professors and imams. The group of delegates also visited the Society for the Support of Victims of Chemical Warfare. The United States supplied chemical weapons to Saddam Hussein in Iraq at the time of the Iraq-Iran war. The long lasting effects of chemical weapons are shown.

At 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13 Smith will share pictures and stories from her recent interviews with the people of Iran in the Community Meeting Room at Charlevoix Public Library. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (231) 237-7340.

Who? Dr. Margot Smith, producer of the film "Listen to Iran's people: A call for peace"

What? A program detailing her experiences in creating the film.

When? At 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13

Where? In the Community Meeting Room at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St.

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Historical society publishes 2008 photo calendar

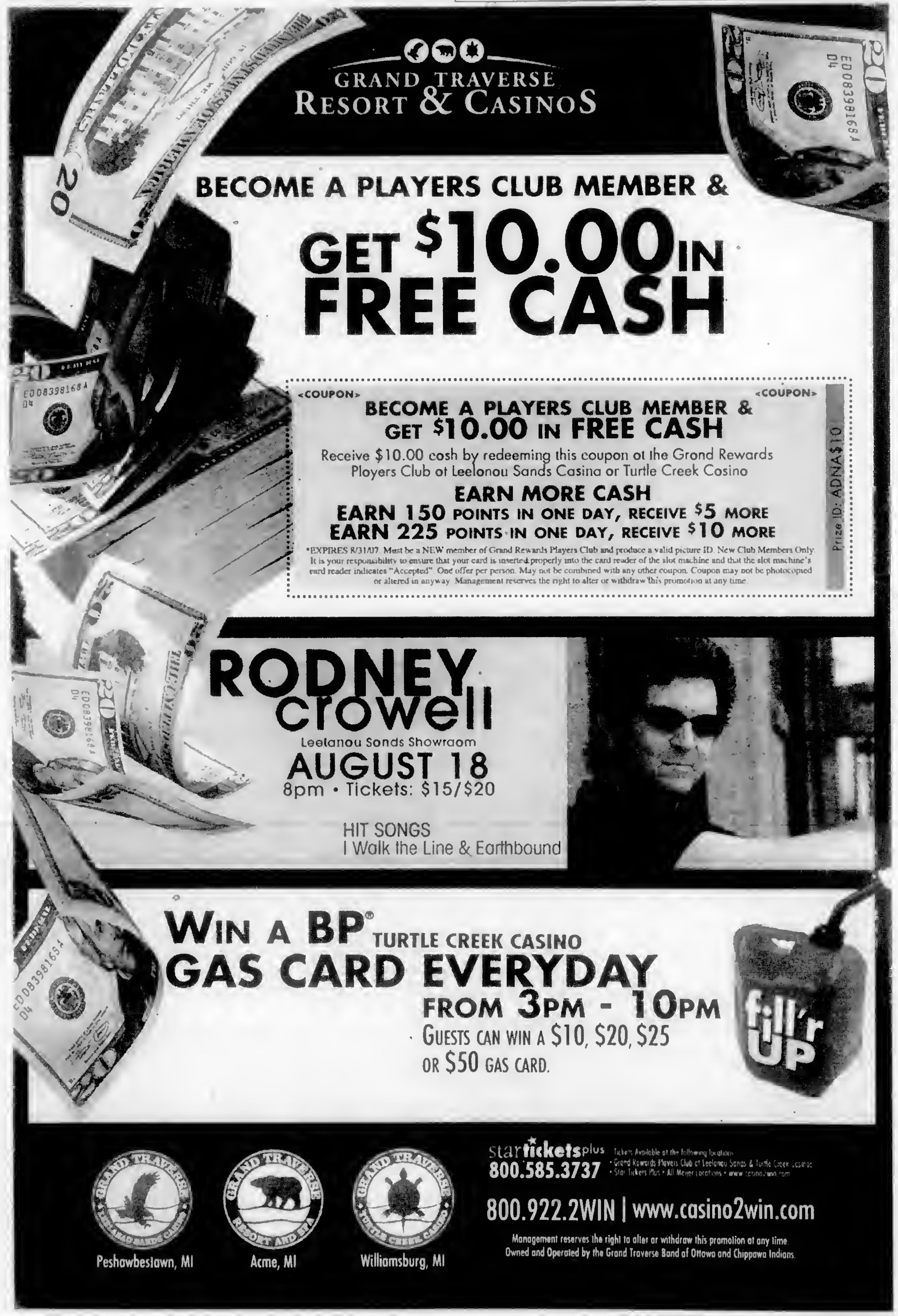
The Charlevoix Historical Society has recently published its 9th Annual Charlevoix in Historic Photos calendar for 2008.

Proceeds from the sale of the calendars goes toward support of the society and its two structures, the Harsha House Museum and the Depot at Depot Beach.

The photos used are selected from 15,000 images in the society's Bob Miles photo collection. The majority of these 13 classic images have never been published before, some having come to the society only three years ago. They include an aerial photo of the old railroad trestle and bridge, the viewing tower atop Mt. McSauba, horse-drawn taxi wagons at the Depot, old downtown stores, the channel and Argo Milling Company.

The calendars are on sale from 1 to 4 p.m. from Monday through Saturday at the Harsha House Museum, located at 103 State St. They retail for $12.95.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.



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Charlevoix celebrates 15th anniversary as Tree City USA

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On Monday night, Aug. 6, Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. issued a proclamation to commemorate Charlevoix's fifteenth year as a Tree City USA community. Members of Charlevoix's Shade Tree Commission were on hand. They are (above from left) Dave Robinson and Peggy Brennan.

Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. has issued a proclamation to commemorate Charlevoix's fifteenth year as a Tree City USA community. At the council meeting Aug. 6, Carlson recognized the Shade Tree Commission and the Street Department for their work to preserve and enhance the tree canopy in Charlevoix. He also recognized the adopt-a-tree and memorial tree programs that were started this year. Carlson's proclamation and details of these programs are included as inserts to this week's Courier.

Tree canopy is the progressive way of viewing the urban forest. Tree canopy is the coverage effect of all the trees in a given area. No longer is the concept of planting one sapling as replacement for a mature shade tree viable.

Imagine Michigan or Dixon Avenue with all the mature trees simultaneously replaced with new planting. The missing element on the old concept is the factor of time. In order to maintain a tree canopy, under-planting near declining older trees (trees expected to be removed within five years) must occur. In addition, several trees need to be planted for every mature tree removed.

This year, city council authorized an increase in the tree planting budget. One hundred trees are budgeted this year. This effort will need to be continued for many years to restore the canopy in Charlevoix to its former glory.

An independently funded study provided a comprehensive review of the tree canopy on the approaches to and within the City of Charlevoix. The study estimated 1,200 plantable spaces in the city's right-of-way. These spaces represent a decline in canopy.

Charlevoix is not alone in this decline of tree canopy. In a July 2 TIME Magazine article, "Loss of trees compounds pollution in cities" canopy loss is noted as occurring nationwide. Citing Washington, DC, Philadelphia, and Chicago, which have lost one half of their peak tree cover, Ed Masie of the U.S. Forest Service in Atlanta, Ga. said, "Urban deforestation compares with what's going on in the world's rain forests." The article notes, "Without trees, cities suffer. Trees provide many positive effects in mitigating pollution."

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Quilting for a cause

Katherine Boss of Charlevoix recently won this quilt, worth $15,000, made by Margaret Sitterson and Judy Ettema at the Alden High Tea for Breast Cancer event. The quilt raffle, tea and silent auction raised $37,000 to provide access to breast cancer screening to women of Antrim County.

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NOTICE
CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Charlevoix Township Planning Commission meeting scheduled for August 15th has been rescheduled for Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Carol Martin
Charlevoix Township Clerk

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Charlevoix Township will conduct a public hearing on the establishment of an Industrial Development District as authorized by Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended.

The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, August 13, 2007, at the Charlevoix Township Hall, 12491 Waller Road, Charlevoix.

The property is commonly known as the Big Fish Environmental property. The parcels are #15-004-024-024-10, #15-004-024-022-10 and #15-004-024-021-30.

Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., August 13, 2007, at the Township Hall. All written comments will become part of the records of the hearing.

Carol Martin
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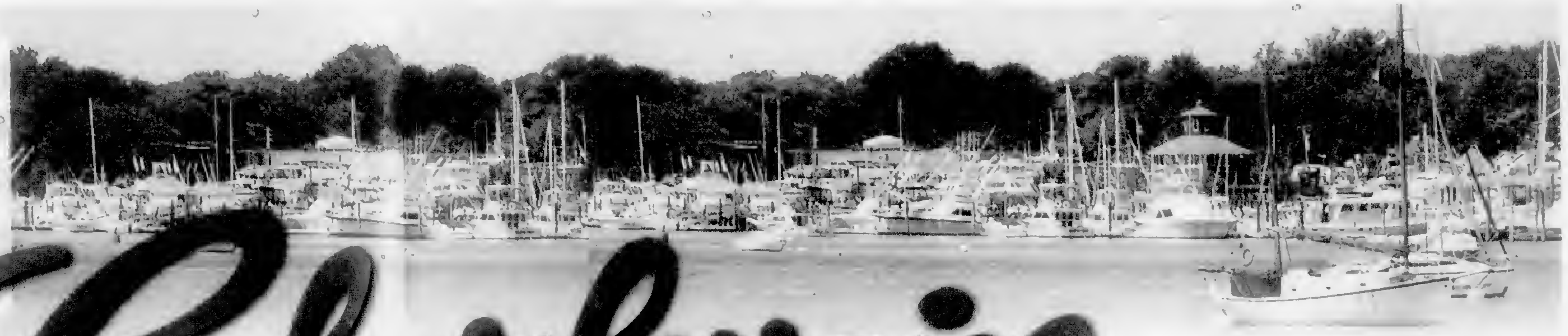

Charlevoix HEROES

We now need to add Tim Kochanny and his family to this list. God bless you, Tim, and thank you for the privilege of knowing you and all you have done for our community.

Tim Kochanny, who recently retired from 24 years with the DNR, has decided to make Charlevoix his permanent home. Those of you who know Tim, know that he is a very special person who loves Charlevoix, people and animals and loves to help others.

Bill & Karen Schuiling
Charlevoix Residents

This picture shows our DNR Officer Tim Kochanny and myself after a recent hike on AP Trail in the Appalachian Mountains at our Brookshill Farm in Culpepper, VA, with my dog, Indi.

Of course this is not a complete list of our Charlevoix Heroes, but it gives you the reason our little town of Charlevoix is such a wonderful place to call home.

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Photo by Stefanie Carano

The beat goes on

Violinist Alexis Dawdy, 18, considers downtown Charlevoix the perfect place to play her music. Dawdy was recently granted a transient merchant license by the city to continue to entertain the public on the corner of Clinton and Bridge Street.

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By marking the drains with decals to discourage any pollutants entering our area lakes, the local civic group continued with a project that was initiated by the Charlevoix Conservation District and Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council in fall 2005. Keep Charlevoix Beautiful marked approximately 80 drains in July, and will annually monitor the condition of the decals to ensure they retain their durability and effectiveness.

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful
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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL/
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING SYNOPIS
July 23, 2007
Council Chambers, City Hall
210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council and the Downtown Authority met on the above date.

City Council Members Present: Bob Timms, Lyle Gennett, Gene Beer, Greg Stevens, Shirley Gibson and Sherm Chamberlain

City Council Members Absent: None

DDA Board Members Present: Dan Barron, John Taylor, Hugh Mason, Fred DiMartino, Jeannine Wallace, Kirby Dipert and Mayor Carlson

DDA Board Members Absent: John Yaroch

The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. by Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr.

The City Council and DDA reviewed a proposed change order for the trout pond in the Downtown Park Renovation project and agreed in concept to the change order and that a feasibility study be completed.

The City Council and DDA also reviewed a proposed amendment to the DDA Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan. The proposed Amendment #6 would permit an interactive water fountain to be added to the DDA Plan. Council set a public hearing on August 20th at 7:00 p.m. to consider the proposed amendment.

The DDA authorized that a feasibility study be completed for the interactive fountain.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

A complete copy of the joint Council/DDA minutes are on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

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Local student wins big with Homer

BY RYAN BENTLEY
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
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When faced with international competition, Homer the underwater robot served its northern Michigan builders well.

Constructed by five area homeschoolers, Homer tied for first place in the engineering category this summer at the Marine Advanced Technology Education Center's 2007 remotely operated vehicle (ROV) competition in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Students were challenged to use their robots to complete a series of underwater missions. Homer's builders, the Great Lakes Homeschool Group, took sixth place overall out of 22 teams in the Ranger competition category, which was made up of high-school contestants as well as college-level teams competing for the first time.

Local homeschool students involved in the project included John and Benjamin Ford of Wolverine, Hannah and Nathan Zowada of Petoskey and Scott Rhudy of Charlevoix. They qualified for the international match-up in St. John's by winning a regional ROV competition last April in Alpena.

Homer was named for the mascot of The Home Depot, which supplied the team with many of the materials needed to build the ROV.

Cary Ford, John's and Benjamin's father and the team's adviser, noted that the homeschoolers' competitors included many teams from North America as well as entrants from places such as Hong Kong, Scotland, Pakistan and Iraq.

"For being their first year, their first time out, it was really spectacular," Cary said.

Benjamin agreed.

"We gave it our best shot and tried as hard as we could and the outcome proves that," he said.

As part of the engineering evaluation, judges looked over ROVs to see how much skill went into their designs. Students also were required to answer questions testing their knowledge of the project.

A ballast system with two air tanks allows the homeschoolers' robot to ascend and descend. The camera-equipped ROV is linked with support equipment on the surface, allowing students to view its actions via monitor and to control vertical movements by varying the air content in the tanks.

Homer features battery-powered thrusters which provide horizontal movements. The robot is equipped with a remote-controlled manipulating arm.

"We were one of the only teams that used pneumatics to operate our ballast system and arm," John Ford said. "That worked very well."

Cary Ford said he expects at least two members of the homeschool team will return to ROV competition next year.

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The missions

As part of a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) competition in Newfoundland, students were asked to use their ROVs to complete the following three missions:

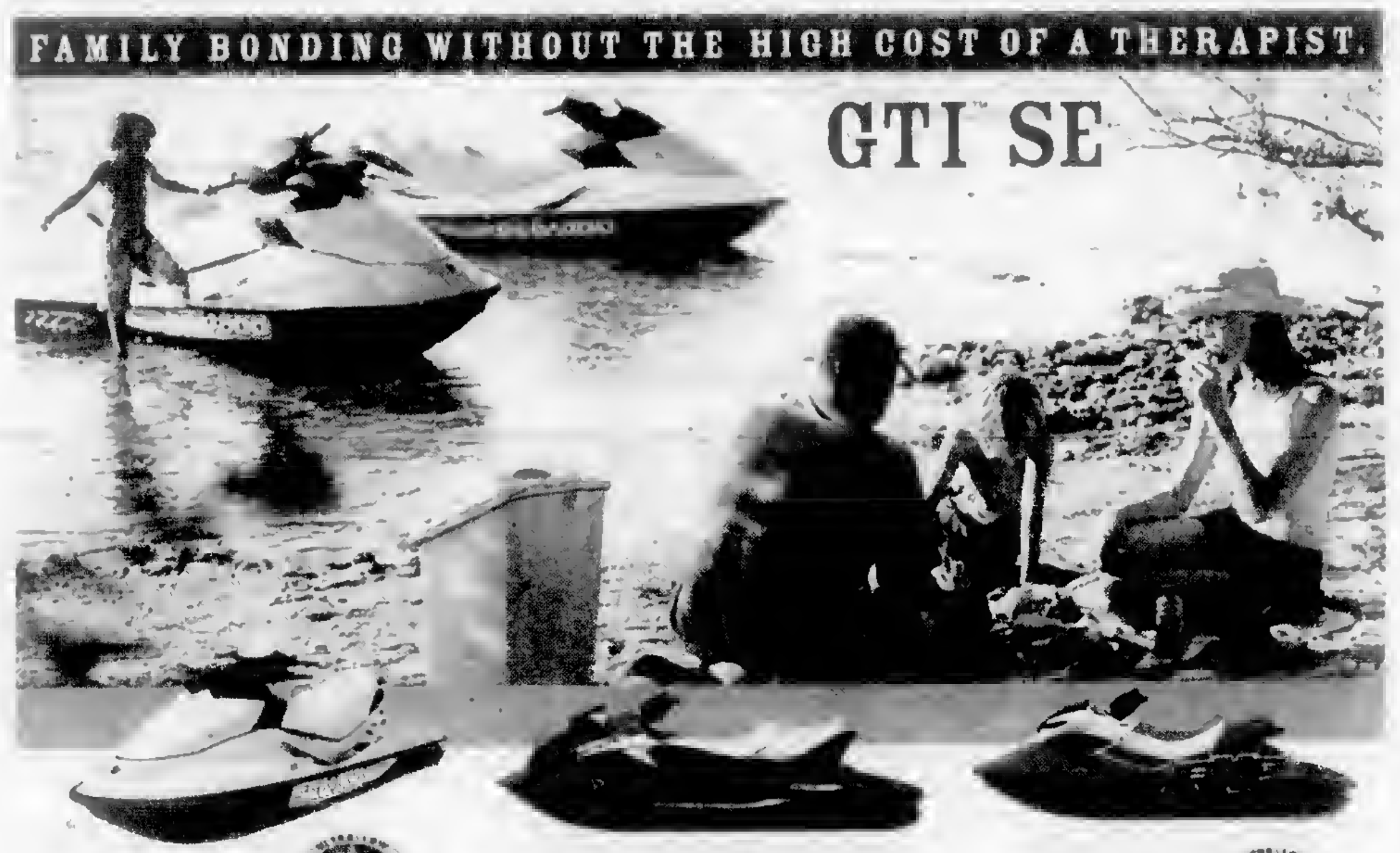
— carrying a line to a buoy anchor at the bottom of a pool with a slow-moving current, threading the line through a ring on the buoy and returning the line to the surface;

— collecting an algae sample and jellyfish at the bottom of an ice-covered pool and returning the items to the surface; and,

— transporting a gasket to an underwater wellhead, uncapping the wellhead, installing the gasket on it and putting the cap back in place. This mission also involved taking a testing tool underwater, inserting it into a port on the wellhead, removing the tool and returning it to the surface.

Photo by Ryan Bentley — Petoskey News-Review

Five area homeschoolers tied for first place in the engineering category this summer at the Marine Advanced Technology Education Center's 2007 remotely operated vehicle (ROV) competition in St..John's, Newfoundland. They are (Above, from left) John Ford, Nathan Zowada, Hannah Zowada, Scott Rhudy and Benjamin Ford.



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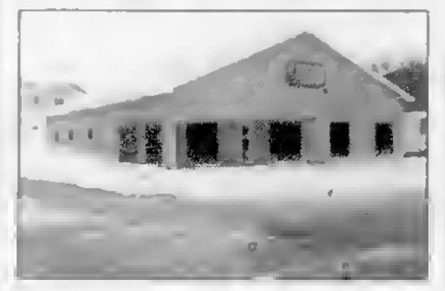

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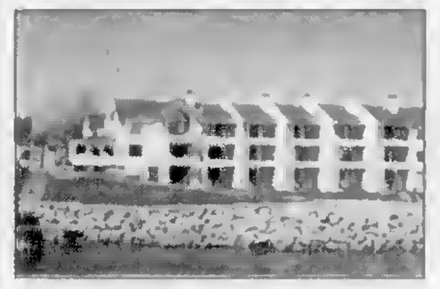

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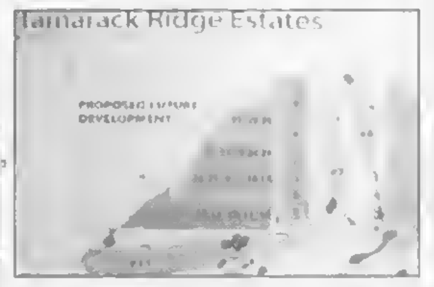

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Deb Saur-MacKenzie and Danielle Clark do last-minute planning for the Aug. 9 Boulder Park Polka Party.

The community is invited to attend the Boulder Park Terrace 15th Anniversary Celebration Polka of a Party from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9. The cost is $10 per adult and $5 per child (kids under 3 free).

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Charlevoix County Master Gardeners on Mackinac Island

Early this summer the Michigan State University Extension Office transported 48 Charlevoix County students and chaperones to Mackinac Island for the Lilac Festival as part of their Master Gardener Program.

The group toured the Mackinac Island Butterfly House, the new Insect World, as well as the Stuart Museum.

The Junior Master Gardener Program is geared towards third through fifth-grade students who wish to be instructed on topics involving soil, flowers, vegetables, fruits and food preservation. The classes run for eight to 12 weeks, and following the completion of 10 hours of community service there is a graduation ceremony where students receive official Junior Master Gardener diplomas.

For more information on the 4-H Junior Master Gardener program, call the Charlevoix County Extension Office at (231) 582-6232.

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Calvin Gillespie, a 4-H Junior Master Gardener, and his grandmother sit enjoying the flowers and beautiful butterflies early this summer at the Mackinac Island Butterfly House.

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With a letter to the editor
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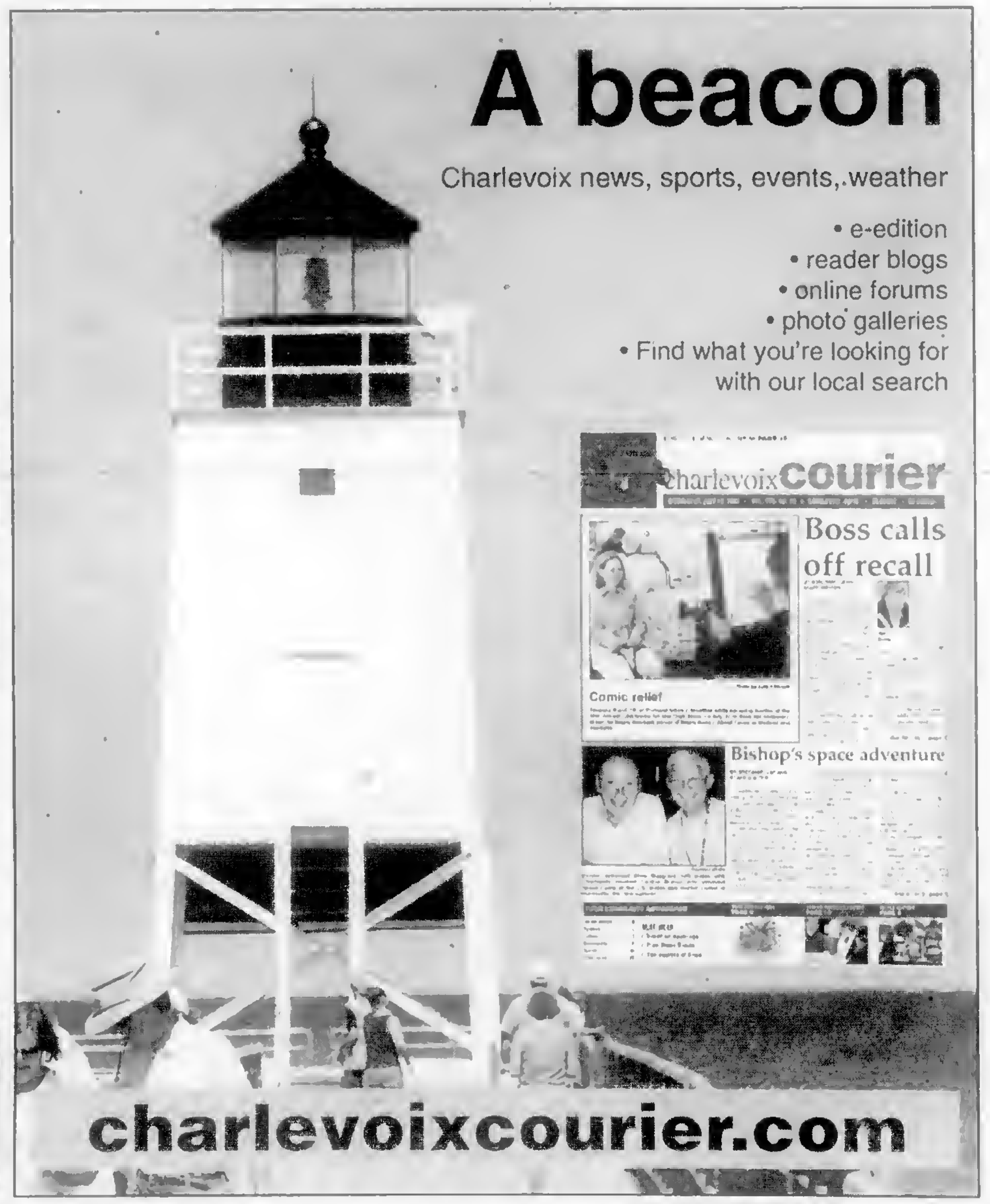
Pretty planters

Each year, the Charlevoix Area Garden Club hosts a juried competition among downtown businesses for the most beautiful outdoor planting in window boxes or planters. This year's winner was Maison & Jardin on Bridge Street. (Above) Brenda Teague, owner of Maison & Jardin, accepted the award from Garden Club members Susan Flanders, Carolyn MacKenzie and Mary Watson-Chavez. Teague used Mandevilla vines and sweet potato vines mixed with interesting art for a pleasing and unique design in her window boxes. Other winners included a tie for second place between the Alcove Restaurant and Village Inn Pizza. Third place was awarded to The Clothing Company. Honorable mention awards were given to Color Wear, GaGa for Kids, Shop of the Gulls and Charlevoix Wear.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Dinnerchime

Laura Roberts from Springfield, Ill. admires silverware windchimes on Aug. 3 at the Craft Show hosted by Friske Orchards in Atwood. Friske's will host the classic car club, Street Legends of Charlevoix on Saturday, Aug. 11. The cars will be riding in around 11 a.m. for lunch and keeping their cars on display until 3 p.m. All antique show cars are welcome to join.

Learn how to safeguard your family cottage with author Stuart Hollander

"Saving the family Cottage," by Stuart Hollander

Attorney-author Stuart J. Hollander will be on hand to sign copies of his book, "Saving the family cottage: A guide to succession planning for your cottage, cabin, camp or vacation home" at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Bridge Street Book Shop, located at 153 North M-66, in the Captain's Corner (Glen's) Plaza.

Hollander's book explains the problems that can arise when a cottage is passed on to the next generation and tells the reader how to keep their cottage in the family. Written for the vacation homeowner, the book engages the reader with stories of cottage "wars" and planning gone awry. Narrative examples and easy-to-follow graphics illustrate the more technical aspects of succession planning for a vacation home.

For more information, call (231) 547-7323.

Charlevoix merchants to host sidewalk sales

Charlevoix area merchants will host their annual end of summer sidewalk sales Aug. 16-18.

Participating merchants provide substantial reductions on their seasonal inventory.

Most merchants will be on the sidewalk 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and inside after 5 p.m.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.

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Charlevoix area merchants will host their annual end of summer sidewalk sales from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 16-18 on the sidewalks.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Castle to host county-wide Relay for Life event

Who? American Cancer Society
What? Charlevoix County Relay for Life
When? Aug. 11 and 12
Where? Castle Farms off M-66 in Charlevoix

Charlevoix is ready to Relay.

Teams are forming for this year's American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Charlevoix County.

This year's event will take place Aug. 11 and 12 at Castle Farms on M-66 in Charlevoix.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is the society's signature fund-raising event, where teams of people camp out overnight, walking laps on a track, socializing and participating in planned activities. Teams can be made up of family, friends, co-workers or community groups.

"Relay is such a unique event. There are moments when you will be inspired and moments when you will cry," said Diane Jorgensen, community representative, American Cancer Society. "Most of all it's a fun and empowering way to make a difference in the fight against cancer."

Event activities include an inspiring victory lap by cancer survivors and a moving luminaria ceremony at dusk which pays tribute to those who have faced cancer.

The public is invited to attend.

Donations can be made to this local Relay For Life event and participants can start or join a team by visiting www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/charlevoix.

History

As the American Cancer Society's signature event, Relay for Life has been bringing cancer survivors and anyone touched by the disease together since 1985. The first Relay For Life was held in Tacoma, Wash. when its founder, Dr. Gordy Klatt, decided to run for 24 hours at his local high school's track with the idea that cancer never sleeps. That year, Dr. Klatt raised about $27,000 for the American Cancer Society and invited teams of friends and families to join him in the future. Today, more than 4,200 communities across America host their own Relay for Life and the event has raised more than one billion dollars for the fight against cancer. As the most successful not-for-profit event in America, Relay for Life provides a platform for raising cancer awareness and connecting communities to the programs and services of the American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Founded in 1913 and with national headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. the society has 13 regional divisions and local offices in 3,400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States.

For more information, visit www.cancer.org.

Venetian Festival Grand Electric Boat Parade results

Photo by Scott Richards

In the over 35 foot category, the first place winner was No Name owned by Kistka with the theme of "The Great Divide MSU vs. Michigan."

Out of 12 boats entered in the July 28 Venetian boat parade, in the under 35 foot class, Megan B owned by Biddick with the theme of "State of Readiness. Always ready for fun" won first place. Second place was won by Summer Semester owned by Giddens with the theme of "New York City." Third place winner was Apothecary owned by Ochs with the theme of "Our 68th Year in the Parade."

In the over 35 foot category, the first place winner was No Name owned by Kistka with the theme of "The Great Divide MSU vs. Michigan." The second place winner was Dolphin owned by Tomkinson with the theme of "Michigan Motown and the Dreamgirls." Third place winner was Dry Harbour owned by Boss c/o Dry Harbour with the theme "Venetian Queens."

Other boats entered in the under 35 foot class was Sheherazade owned by Stutzman themed "Great Northwest Territory," and Oberon owned by McDonald themed "Michigan Rocks." In the over 35 foot class Decoy owned by Haversen and Skelton Crew owned by Wroblewski themed "Pirates of the Peninsula."

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Golf event to benefit Rayder football program

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Registration begins at 1 p.m. The shotgun start is at 2 p.m. The cost is $75 per player and includes boxed lunch, golf, dinner and auction admission.

Special events include chances to win a set of Callaway Big Bertha irons, a Sharp LCD flat-screen TV, two round-trip domestic airline tickets and $10,000 cash. Proceeds from this annual event fund the Charlevoix High School varsity and junior varsity football team's training camp on Beaver Island and miscellaneous equipment needs.

To participate or request more information, call (231) 622-2667 or e-mail rayderfootball@gmail.com.

Carey Cup results

The final matches of the 2007 Keith Carey Cup were completed during last week's Venetian Festival.

A total of 29 golfers participated in three categories this year. This year's winners and runners-up are listed below.

Chris Wyniawskyj defended his title from last year and defeated Scott Blechel to win the men's championship division. Don Hardy, who lost to Jack Niswander last year, defeated Niswander this year for the men's senior division title. And finally, Fran Marschner defeated Joyce Herbert to win the women's division title.

Yacht Club opens racing series to non-members

Charlevoix Yacht Club has opened its Wednesday racing series to non-members.

The club will allow anyone with an interest in racing to race on a Wednesday nights up to three times, without being official club members.

Those interested are asked to contact Mike Miller at (231) 547-6167 with the request before the race so the race committee is aware that they will be there. They will be timed and scored.

After three times racers will be asked to join the club and pay the usual fees.

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Fun run

(Above) Hundreds participated in the Drenth Memorial Foot Race Saturday morning, July 28 in conjunction with the famed Venetian Games. (Left) Doug Bergmann of Charlevoix was one of the many local participants.

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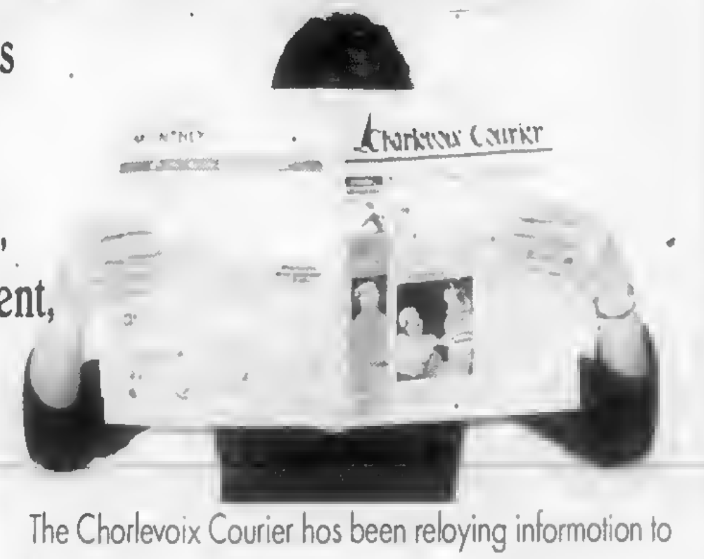

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Living Room grant to benefit county residents

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Diane Lagerstrom, manager of The Living Room Adult Day Services, Tom Mroczkowski, president of Northern Michigan Regional Health System, and Maureen Radke, program officer of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation gathered for this picture following the announcement of a grant that will offer Living Room program services to residents county-wide.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation presented a grant to The Living Room Adult Day Services, an affiliate of Northern Michigan Regional Health System.

The grant will be used for residents of Charlevoix County who qualify for adult day services at The Living Room and need financial assistance.

Maureen Radke, program officer of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, recently presented the award to Diane Lagerstrom, program manager of The Living Room Adult Day Services and Tom Mroczkowski, president of Northern Michigan Regional Health System at Northern Michigan Hospital.

"We're very grateful to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for this grant," said Lagerstrom. "The population of elderly continues to grow in Charlevoix and Emmet counties. This grant will help those who are in need of our services, but have no or little insurance for long-term care and can't financially afford it."

The Living Room Adult Day Services was established in 1988 to serve the elderly and/or disabled to prevent premature placement into nursing homes, decrease isolation and loneliness and assist caregivers in the care of their loved ones. Currently, it cares for over 45 people, an average of 10-12 people daily, providing transportation, meals, activities and personal care.

Northern Michigan Regional Health System is made up of Northern Michigan Hospital and six affiliates; Benjamin B. Blum Hospitality House, Boulder Park Terrace, Community Free Clinic, Hospice of Little Traverse Bay, The Living Room Adult Day Services and VitalCare.

Additional information can be found at northernhealth.org.

Tickets available for Aug. 12 pool auction

Increased capacity at the Charlevoix Country Club is allowing the Charlevoix Area Pool Auction committee to continue to accept dinner reservations for the Sunday, Aug. 12 event.

"It appears this annual fund-raiser is on its way to another sell-out," auction coordinator, Pam Vargo, said.

A week's stay at a six-bedroom home on 12 acres in Charlottsville, Va. has been added to the live auction. Other vacation packages include a stay at La Mer in Key West, Fla., a weekend at The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island and a stay at a summer cottage on Lake Michigan.

Those unable to attend may submit sealed bids by 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12 prior to the dinner-auction at 5:30 p.m. at the country club. The public may preview auction items from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11 at the club and take advantage of a fish fry special for $18.95, including tax and tip.

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Charlevoix Area Community Pool director Al Gooch was on hand when this Tiki Bar and chair set from Charlevoix Ace Hardware was delivered to the pool for the Sunday, Aug. 12 Charlevoix Area Community Pool Auction.

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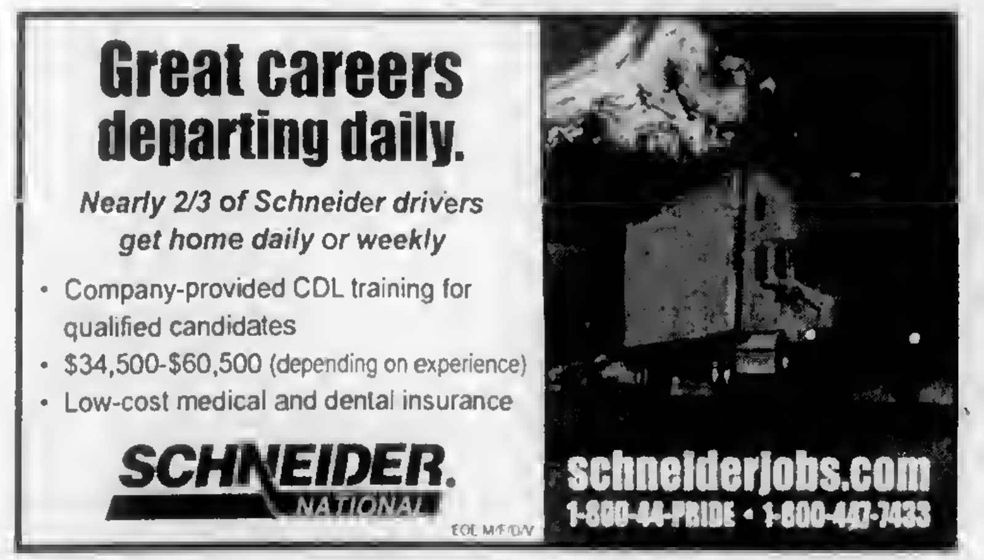

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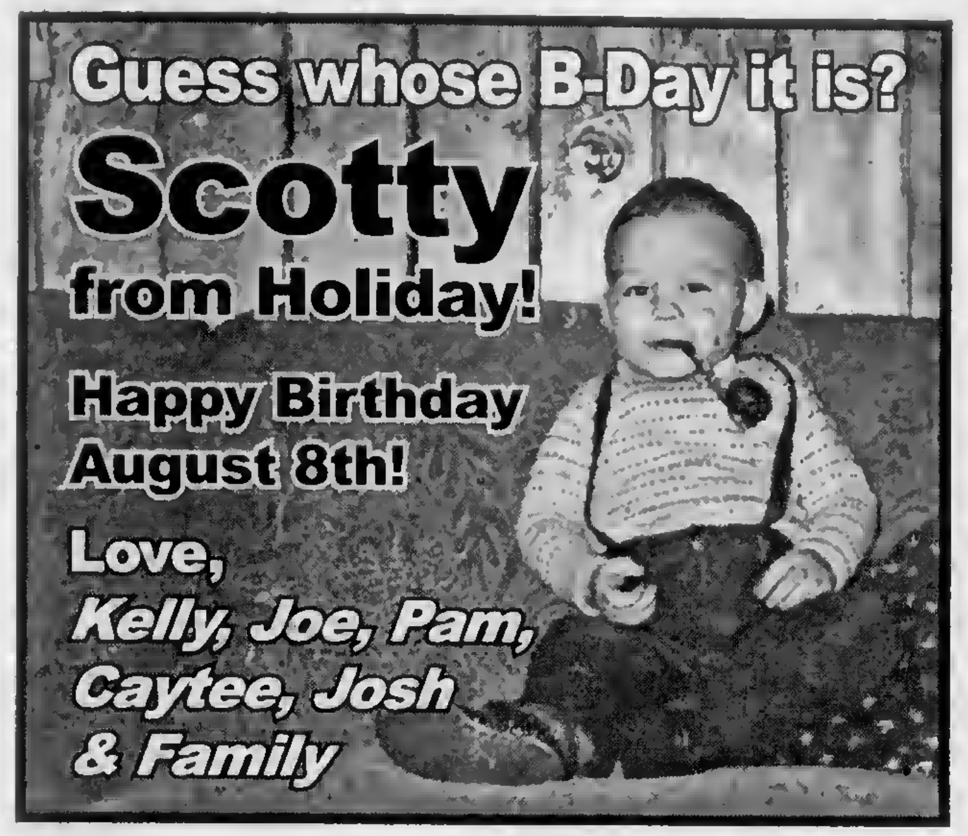

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The Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet Office of Emergency Management is seeking to fill the full-time position of Assistant Director. Qualified candidates will have good driving record, communication skills, project management experience, basic computer skills, and background or experience in emergency services. Associate degree in related field desired. Pay range D.O.Q. Benefits. Send resume and cover letter to: Office of Emergency Management, Attn: Assistant Director Search, 1694 S. US 131, Petoskey, MI 49770, on or before 5 p.m., August 10th.

Office

TITLE EXAMINER

For growing title company. Must have experience in real estate and legal descriptions. Must be a team player. Independent, self-motivated, organized and be detail oriented. Job includes researching chain of title at county register of deeds, preparing commitments, answering phones and general office duties. Please submit resumes to: File 648, c/o Petoskey News-Review.

Professional

PILOT, FULL-TIME

Air charter service seeking experienced individual with previous 135 experience. Minimum requirements are: 2000 TT with 500 multi-engine. Must have strong customer service skills. Advancement potential. Please send resume to: rachel@freshairaviation.net or call (231)237-9482.

NORTHPOINTE MOTORS *Home of INSTANT CAR CREDIT*

SALES PROFESSIONAL WANTED

Are you a flexible, career minded sales professional? Looking for a change? Come join the elite sales team at Northpointe Motors. We strive for excellence and integrity in our staff and we are looking for the best! Previous sales experience beneficial.
We have five locations:
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Acme, MI 49610
or email:
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Don't miss this opportunity!

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

Healthcare

GRANDVUE MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

Grandvue, Charlevoix County's Medical Care Facility, is looking for RNs and LPNs who are interested in working in a state-of-the-art facility that is moving away from the medical model toward a more holistic approach to care through reduced nurse to resident caseloads. Full and part time positions available. Our extensive benefit package includes generous shift differentials for afternoon and midnight positions, liberal time off policy, and facility paid retirement plan. Health, dental, vision and life insurance available for full time staff. If you are looking for a nursing position that will challenge your abilities, encourage personal growth, and allow you to build relationships with residents and their families, please apply at 1728 South Peninsula Road, East Jordan; or call Jane Korthase at (231)536-2286 with questions.

Sales

MERCHANDISER

Part-time, ice cream merchandiser needed in Charlevoix. $10 per hour. Send resume to; J&S Dairy, 2440 Dairy Square, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Sales

OPPORTUNITIES AWAIT YOU!

Fernelius Auto Group is looking for quality individuals who are waiting to soar like eagles. Our Cheboygan store currently has openings in sales and leasing. Excellent pay, benefits and opportunity for advancement await. Please apply in person at Fernelius, Toyota, Chrysler, Dodge, 11283 N. Straits Hwy., Cheboygan. Don't forget to bring your resume and great attitude with you. Ask for Jerry or Todd.

0970 BUSINESS/OFFICE EQUIPMENT

TALLY GENICOM Model 6306 line printer. Network card. Enclosed base. Never used. Purchased December 2006. Paid $4,656. Make an offer. Please call Gaylord Herald Times, (989)732-111, Marilyn.

1000 GARAGE SALES

New Today!
ATTWOOD: 9838 US 31 Attwood (12 miles south of Charlevoix). Friday and Saturday, August 10 & 11, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Antiques, collectibles and stuff. Across from Work n' Play.

CHECK OUT OUR CLASSIFIEDS AT WWW.CHARLEVOIXCOURIER.COM TODAY FOR ALL YOUR NEEDS!!!

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1600 GARAGE SALES

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ReStore
Buy a bargain, build a home ~ one donation at a time.
Recycling and selling overstocked, discontinued, new and used building and household items, supplies, furniture, appliances, fixtures and equipment.
Treasures for Everyone!
NOW OPEN
Tues-Fri 9:30-5:30, Sat-8:30-2:30
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HARBOR PLAZA
231.347.8440

1340 MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

BIG SALE House full of rustic pine and log furniture. Highest quality. Visit at 2932 South Highway 31, Charlevoix. Call Gale first (231)237-0932.

BRUNSWICK POOL table 8', all accessories included, like new. Value $2,900. Will sacrifice for $1,100. (231)348-3320.

PIZZA PREPARATION table, 68", like new. Only used 6 months. $1,500. (231)238-4007, (906)322-6297.

SCHWINN AIRDYNE exercise bike. Like new. $350. (231)536-7615 or (231)499-4915, East Jordan.

SUMMER SAVINGS 3" pre-finished stained White Oak flooring on sale for $3.59 sq. ft. Other pre-finished selections also on sale. Call for details. Northern Michigan Hardwoods. 347-4575.

YOU CHOOSE 5-1/4" Rustic or 5-1/4" Natural Hard Maple flooring on sale for $1.99 sq. ft. Northern Michigan Hardwoods. (231)347-4575.

1350 SUPER SAVERS ITEMS UNDER $1000

LIFE JACKETS, type I. Like new. Stearns. $40 each. (231)547-4222.

1390 LAWN & GARDEN

CRAFTSMAN RIDING lawn mower. 17.5 horsepower. 42" cut. $1,700. (989)732-1461.

1440 WANTED TO BUY MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED RIFLE 300 short mag, or mag. Stainless steel, wood, bolt action. Browning or may consider others. (231)582-4254.

1570 LOTS & ACREAGE

10 ACRE lot with seasonal lake views, 1 mile from Boyne City. Building site in 2 acre open meadow with excellent hunting and hardwoods for your backyard. (231)675-4567.

PINE POINT - CHARLEVOIX
3 Lots on Western Avenue.
50' x 125', wooded.
Walk to Lake Charlevoix beach.
All utilities available.
$29,500 each. π
(231)547-4344.

CHARLEVOIX 2 lots sold together, special location. Wooded lots, over 3/4 of an acre! Close to Lake Michigan and downtown. Water and sewer. Split with right offer. Land contract available. $40,000. Get more details at; fsbomichigan.com. Garfield lots, #85 and 76. (231)675-0605.

1600 HOMES FOR SALE

BEAUTIFUL MICHAYWE home for sale or rent with purchase option. Lots of room. (989)939-7329 or (989)370-0136.

BY OWNER. zero down, $367.70 month.* Onaway,two bedroom, 1.5 baths, 1 car garage. (989)838-4072.

CHARLEVOIX

Spacious, well maintained, Mobile Home on quiet, lower level of park with private beach on Lake Charlevoix. Quality built 1984, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, large kitchen and living room with deck. $18,500. Cash only. No land contract. Possible trade for land. Call (313)582-1898.

PETOSKEY 369 Sunset. 3 bedroom, new kitchen, basement, 2 car garage, large lot, view. September 1st. (248)982-0094.

1610 LAKE HOMES & FRONTAGE

2 ROOM suite at Inland House (resort property) Lakefront on Crooked Lake. Furnished, air, 2 baths, fireplace, dock. $125,000. (303)618-5706.

CLOSE TO Charlevoix, beautiful waterfront lot at Adams Lake Preserve. Area of fine homes, reduced $62,000 by owner. 231-933-1546.

PICKEREL LAKEFRONT beautifull wooded lot. Petoskey schools. $219,000. CBNL, Christy (231)838-1687 or Countryside Realty, (231)330-4645.

1650 CONDOMINIUMS FOR SALE

BOYNE HEATHER Highlands, Unit 513. Furnished, fireplace, sleeps 6, 1-1/2 bath. Ski, golf, swim, hot tub. Great rental income. $89,900. (231)537-4883.

1660 CONDOMINIUMS FOR RENT

LAKE CHARLEVOIX /Boyne city, Lake front Condo. 4 bedroom, 2.5 baths, loft, furnished, wireless. No pets/smoking. Available 9/23/07 through 5/23/08. $1,300 month. Plus phone and utilities. (517)303-3198.

1680 BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX, LUXURY Office Suite facing Round Lake for rent. $2,000 NNN per month. Call Aila at (231)547-7916.

CHARLEVOIX

COMMERCIAL space, north side. 1,300 sq. ft. $800 per month plus utilities. 12705 US-31 North. Call Bob Kern, REO (231)547-5100.

COMMERCIAL SPACES

1,797.90 Sq. Ft. and 1,575.86 Sq. Ft. downtown Charlevoix. Call Arch Wright at (231)582-6724 or Aila (231)547-7916.

New Today!
OFFICE BUILDING
Charlevoix 900 sq. ft. $550 per month. Perfect for accountant or lawyer. (231)547-3423 or (231)675-4414.

1690 APARTMENTS/ DUPLEXES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX
Downtown close to everything!
1 bedroom beautifully remodeled with off street parking.
$550 per month plus utilities.
(231)547-6715.

1690 APARTMENTS/ DUPLEXES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX 1 bedroom. $690 a month, includes garage and utilities. Security, year lease. No smoking. (231)547-4109.

CHARLEVOIX, FULLY furnished, studio, 1 or 2 bedrooms. Starting at $125 per week. No smoking/pets.(231)675-1672.

NEW 2 bedroom apartment in Gaylord. Washer and dryer included. (989)619-6055.

1700 HOUSES FOR RENT

BEAUTIFUL MICHAYWE home for sale or rent with purchase option. Lots of room. (989)939-7329 or (989)370-0136.

CHARLEVOIX 1 bedroom house, close to downtown. No smoking, no pets. $475 monthly, security deposit, 1 year lease required. Call (231)547-0650, 8 to 4 or (231)675-7544, after 4 p.m.

CHARLEVOIX VERY clean and cozy, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, with appliances. $700 per month plus utilities. Year lease, deposit. Available now. No pets. See at 101 Green St. Call 547-2560.

ELLSWORTH COUNTRY HOME 1 bedroom, no pets. $300 plus utilities. (231)881-3528.

HARBOR SPRINGS furnished. October through May. Email: rtrule@hotmail.com or call (772)643-8353 or (231)242-0916.

New Today!
IRONTON
2 bedroom, 1 bath, full basement with fenced back yard.
$700 per month.
(231)675-4414, evenings.

RENT A LOG HOME

On Lake Susan in Charlevoix. Weekend rate $1,000. Weekly rates available. Call (989)463-3937 and ask for Linda.

1740 STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

STORAGE UNITS

12X32, 16X40, 20X40, and 24X40 heated. Port Air Park. Call (231)547-6445.

SELF STORAGE UNITS
50 to 1,000 sq. ft., drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, (231)547-5100.

STORAGE UNITS AVAILABLE. Call Charlevoix Mini Storage, 547-5838, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Thursdays.

WAREHOUSE/ COMMERCIAL space for lease. 829 Charlevoix Avenue (US-31 South), Petoskey, 5,554 sq. ft., heated, 10' ceiling, 208 (3) phase power, indoor truck trailer loading docks, $1,967 a month. Contact Don Johnson. (231)487-9662.

1800 FARM EQUIPMENT

THREE POINT equipment. Large selection. Gruler's Farm Supply, 05475 US 31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

1810 LIVESTOCK & FEEDS

LARGE SELECTION of horse and livestock supplies. Feed, salt, seed. Gruler's Farm Supply, 05475 US 31 South, Charlevoix. (231)237-0893.

1820 HORSES & RIDING STABLES

PINTO MARE 10 years old, $1,500. Tack included. Professionally trained. (231)536-7859.

1830 PETS/PET SUPPLIES & FREE PETS

AKC TEACUP Brussel Griffon female pup. AKC Chinese Crested hairless, 1 black eye, female pup. Mexican totally hairless, male. Umbrella Cockatoo with round cage. Tame and talking. (231)587-5539.

MOLUCCAN COCKATOO

and large cage. $2,000. (231)222-9007 or (231)675-6776.

SHIH-TZU DOODLE puppies ready to go in 1 week, (3) males, first shots. $300 each. (231)582-6279.

1910 AUTOS FOR SALE

2000 PONTIAC

Grand Am (4) door, V6, 77,000 miles, loaded and very nice. $5,000 firm. (231)536-0682.

1920 CLASSIC/SPECIALTY AUTOS

New Today!

1964 T-BIRD Coupe all white including interior, stored winters, 49,000 actual miles, new radial tires and just tuned, strong #3 car, books for $9,850, sell for $7,900. or close offer, (what I have in it). No storage too many cars. Call (906)643-7711 days or (906)643-9105 evenings.

New Today!

GEM CAR (electric vehicle). Wanted to buy, prefer red or yellow, however any color is ok. (231)347-8655.

PETOSKEY COLLECTOR CAR AND TRUCK SHOW
Saturday, August 11th, 2007
at Emmet/Charlevoix Fairgrounds. Professionally judged, 68 classes. 223 trophies and incredible prizes.
For more information:
(231)675-0965 or visit:
www.joelshooks.com.

1930 PICKUPS/VANS & SUVS

1990 FORD F-150. $800 or best offer. (989)731-2073.

1993 FORD F-250, loaded with 2002 10-1/2' Sun Lite pickup camper. Loaded. (989)786-2357.

1994 GMC Conversion van, loaded, everything works, very clean, 138,000 miles. $2,300 or best offer. (231)487-0659.

1997 GMC Suburban, 2500 SLT, loaded, 4x4, 454 engine, excellent condition. $4,900. (231)590-8201.

2002 SILVERADO LT 1500 Vorteck 5300 V8, 4WD, EXT cab, 65,000 miles Protec composite box, with A.R.E. cover. Leather, black exterior, taupe interior. Excellent condition. $16,500. (231)582-2198.

2003 YUKON XL. Excellent Condition. DVD and boise sound system. $13,400. (989)732-1827, (989)306-2900 cell.

2004 CHRYSLER Pacifica, 49,500 miles. **Loaded!** NAV, DVD, moonroof, etc. $16,995. (231)237-9342.

2000 MOTOR HOMES/FIFTH WHEELS & CAMPERS

1986 BEAVER

motorhome, 40', with Cat 320 diesel, 128,000 miles, loaded. $30,000. (231)544-8260.

2000 MOTOR HOMES/FIFTH WHEELS & CAMPERS

1994 MALLARD travel trailer 19', excellent condition, includes hitch, self-contained. $6,000 or best offer. (231)347-8831 after 3.

1999 SALEM 26' fifth wheel with slide out, loaded with options. Like new condition. Hitch Included. $8,400. (989)370-9114 or (989)731-1531.

2000 COACH House, 19' Class B on 1999 Dodge Ram, 3500 V8, excellent condition, documented service records, new tires, auxilary generator, self-contained, custom interior appointments. Must see. 102,700 miles. $18,500. (231)526-4093.

2010 MOTORCYCLES & ACCESSORIES

2001 HARLEY-DAVIDSON Softail FXST, black and chrome, lots of extras. 7,500 miles. Excellent condition. $12,500. (231)675-2128.

2001 YAMAHA Roadstar. 2005 Suzuki DRZ 110. 1989 Kawasaki KLR-250. 2006 Yamha YZ-125. www.highlandtrails.net or call (231)347-3383.

2003 HARLEY-DAVIDSON Classic Heritage Softail. 100th Anniversary Edition. Gold package. Vivid black. Loaded with $2,500 in extras! 10,000 miles on EFI 88 Twine. $16,900/best. (989)731-2632.

2003 YAMAHA

90cc, motorcycle, electric start, less than 300 miles, very nice. $1,200 or best. (231)536-0682.

2030 BOATS & MARINE EQUIPMENT

1988 RINKER boat, 230 Cutty, with port-o-potty. Mercury 305 V-8, 230 hp. with Shoreline trailer. $3,500. (231)437-0960 or (231) 547-4372..

1989 SPORTCRAFT. 250 Caprice 305, V-8, inboard/outboard with 650 original hours. Great on gas. Cabin, galley and bathroom. Rigged for fishing or cruising. 2002 Loadmaster custom trailer. $14,900/best. (989)731-2632.

1993 CHRIS CRAFT 268 Concept Cruiser, 7.4 liter, 330 hp, tandem axle trailer, full camper canvas. $15,000 or best offer. (231)347-7510 or (231)675-2529.

20' FOUR Winns Horizon, V-8, $25,500. Avalon 20' pontoon, 40 hp Mercury, $17,300. 25' Crest Savannah, 70 four stroke, $16,000. 17' Browning, 80 Mercury, $1,200. 17' Imperial, 140 MerCruiser, $1,800. Otsego Lake Marina, (989)732-5455.

20' SWEETWATER Pontoon boat. Boat $1,650. Trailer $950. Both $2,500. (989)983-9186.

PONTOON 20' 140 hp., I/O, newer deck, all new upholstery, runs great, surrey top. Must see. $3,500/best. (231)675-1672.

Advertising:
He who has a thing to sell and goes and whispers in a well, is not so apt to get the dollars as he who climbs a tree and hollers. Call Classifieds (231) 547-6558 today to place an ad.

2090 BIDS WANTED

Official Notice

HAYES TOWNSHIP
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
SEEKING BIDS

Hayes Township is seeking bids for the remodeling of the Hayes Township Hall located at 09195 Old US 31 North. If you wish to see the existing office and discuss the scope of the project please call Ethel Knepp, Supervisor, to schedule an appointment 347-2899. Mail bids to Hayes Township, 10772 Burnett Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720. All bids must be received by August 31, 2007.

(B-8/8,8/15)

2090 BIDS WANTED

Official Notice

HAYES TOWNSHIP
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
SEEKING BIDS

Hayes Township is seeking bids for the purchase and installation of a new furnace and air conditioning unit at the Hayes Township Hall located at 09195 Old US 31 North. If you wish to see the existing system please call Ethel Knepp, Supervisor, to schedule an appointment 347-2899. Mail bids to Hayes Township, 10772 Burnett Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720. All bids must be received by August 31, 2007.

(B-8/8,8/15)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 25th day of October, 2004, by Brian M. Lynch, a single man, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on October 26, 2004, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 645, page 470, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY ONE AND 83/100 DOLLARS ($255,641.83) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 24, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

PARCEL 1: The SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W. EXCEPT: The SW Corner square, being 296.63' by 296.63', of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W.

PARCEL 2: The N 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4, Sec 23, T32N, R4W. EXCEPT: Commencing at the center of Sec 23, T32N, R4W; thence S 100'; thence W 100'; thence N 100'; thence E 100' to the POB; being part of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec 23, T32N, R4W.

All located in Hudson Township, Charlevoix County, MI

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: July 13, 2007

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY

Mortgagee
CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(L-07/18, 07/25, 08/01, 08/08)

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

THE BANK OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN,
a Michigan banking corporation,
Plaintiff,

Case No. 06-500-21-CH
Hon. Richard M. Pajtas

v.

JOHN S. HUNT and JUDITH C. HUNT, husband and wife,
Defendants.

Joel D. Wurster (P48708)
Joel D. Wurster, PLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 2450
Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 347-4988

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

1. On May 25, 2007, the Honorable Richard M. Pajtas, Circuit Court Judge, entered a Default Judgment and Order for Sale in this matter in favor of Plaintiff The Bank of Northern Michigan. A copy of this judgment has been recorded beginning at Liber 804, Page 627, Charlevoix County Records.

2. As of the date of this notice, this judgment remains unsatisfied. Therefore, pursuant to the terms of the Default Judgment and Order for Sale, on Friday, August 10, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at public auction to be held in the lobby of the County Clerk's Office in the Charlevoix County Building, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants John S. Hunt and Judith C. Hunt in and to the real property described as follows:

In the Township of South Arm, Charlevoix County, Michigan:

Commencing at a 1/2 inch rod at the West 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence along the West line of said section, as monumented North 00°49'08" West 199.64 feet (recorded as North 200.00 feet) to a T-iron stake, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence continuing along said 1/4 line North 00°49'08" West 98.90 feet (recorded as North 99.20 feet) to a T-iron stake; thence North 68°09'10" East (recorded at an angle of 69°04' to the right from said 1/4 line) 305.05 feet to a 1/2 inch rod on the Westerly line of Highway M-66; thence along said highway line south 21°35'56" East 222.94 feet to a 1/2 inch rod; thence south 89°11'37" West 363.83 feet to the Point of Beginning; being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH a Non-Exclusive Easement for ingress and Egress to Lake Charlevoix with the privilege of using the same for boating and bathing purposes over and across a strip of land 25 feet in width, the centerline of which is described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West; thence Easterly along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 530.8 feet; thence Northwesterly at an angle of 104°14'45" to the left from said 1/4 line 90.39 feet, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence Northeasterly at an angle of 84°27'35" to the right from the last described course to the shore of Lake Charlevoix, being the Point of Ending, and being a part of Government Lot 1, Section 15, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

3. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of this sale.

Dated: June 20, 2007

JANE E. BRANNON
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CLERK

By: Sharon M. Selissen,
Deputy Clerk
(L-06/27, 07/03, 07/11, 07/18, 07/25, 08/01, 08/08)

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Library offers new map and chart collection

The Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. is introducing a new map and chart collection.

The featured resource is a set of over 50 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Nautical Charts for the Great Lakes Region. Located in the Michigan Room, these charts help boaters navigate, show dangerous areas and help find safe passages. Other available information on nautical charts includes, but is not limited to, depth of water, bottom type, magnetic variations affecting the compass, chart scales, and water level information. The charts were donated by the U.S. Coast Guard Station Charlevoix.

Parts of the new collection include:

NOAA Nautical Charts for the Great Lakes Region

"Above the North," by Marge Beavers, aerial photography of northern Michigan

Trail Atlas of Michigan. Nature, mountain biking, hiking and cross-country skiing, by Dennis Hanson

Canoeing Michigan Rivers, a Comprehensive Guide to 45 Rivers, by Jerry Dennis

2007 Charlevoix County Plat book, available July 2007

Previous editions of the Charlevoix County Plat Book are available in the Michigan Room.

Charlevoix Cemetery Atlas, 1991

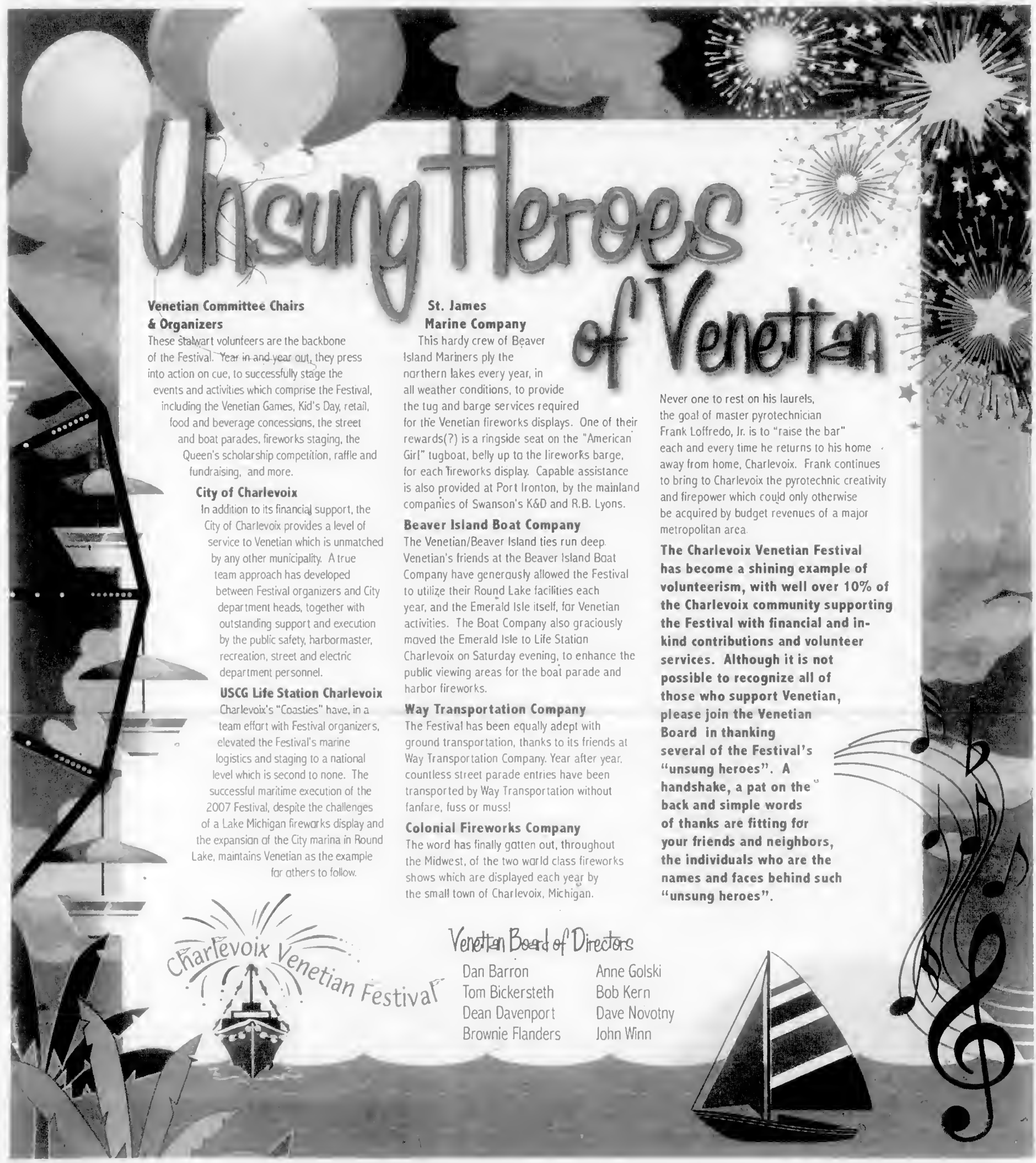
Archeological Atlas of Michigan, University of Michigan Press, 1931

Michigan County Atlas

Numerous atlas and maps available in the reference areas of the library including the National Geographic Atlas of the World

The EBSCO Student Research Center online database has access to many more reference works that include maps and geographical information. This can be accessed at the library or from your home.

Resources are available in adult non-fiction, reference and in the Michigan Room. For help in finding the above resources, please ask a librarian at the information services desk at the library or call (231) 237-7340.



Venetian Committee Chairs & Organizers

These stalwart volunteers are the backbone of the Festival. Year in and year out, they press into action on cue, to successfully stage the events and activities which comprise the Festival, including the Venetian Games, Kid's Day, retail, food and beverage concessions, the street and boat parades, fireworks staging, the Queen's scholarship competition, raffle and fundraising, and more.

City of Charlevoix

In addition to its financial support, the City of Charlevoix provides a level of service to Venetian which is unmatched by any other municipality. A true team approach has developed between Festival organizers and City department heads, together with outstanding support and execution by the public safety, harbormaster, recreation, street and electric department personnel.

USCG Life Station Charlevoix

Charlevoix's "Coasties" have, in a team effort with Festival organizers, elevated the Festival's marine logistics and staging to a national level which is second to none. The successful maritime execution of the 2007 Festival, despite the challenges of a Lake Michigan fireworks display and the expansion of the City marina in Round Lake, maintains Venetian as the example for others to follow.

St. James Marine Company

This hardy crew of Beaver Island Mariners ply the northern lakes every year, in all weather conditions, to provide the tug and barge services required for the Venetian fireworks displays. One of their rewards(?) is a ringside seat on the "American Girl" tugboat, belly up to the fireworks barge, for each fireworks display. Capable assistance is also provided at Port Ironton, by the mainland companies of Swanson's K&D and R.B. Lyons.

Beaver Island Boat Company

The Venetian/Beaver Island ties run deep. Venetian's friends at the Beaver Island Boat Company have generously allowed the Festival to utilize their Round Lake facilities each year, and the Emerald Isle itself, for Venetian activities. The Boat Company also graciously moved the Emerald Isle to Life Station Charlevoix on Saturday evening, to enhance the public viewing areas for the boat parade and harbor fireworks.

Way Transportation Company

The Festival has been equally adept with ground transportation, thanks to its friends at Way Transportation Company. Year after year, countless street parade entries have been transported by Way Transportation without fanfare, fuss or muss!

Colonial Fireworks Company

The word has finally gotten out, throughout the Midwest, of the two world class fireworks shows which are displayed each year by the small town of Charlevoix, Michigan.

Never one to rest on his laurels, the goal of master pyrotechnician Frank Loffredo, Jr. is to "raise the bar" each and every time he returns to his home away from home, Charlevoix. Frank continues to bring to Charlevoix the pyrotechnic creativity and firepower which could only otherwise be acquired by budget revenues of a major metropolitan area.

The Charlevoix Venetian Festival has become a shining example of volunteerism, with well over 10% of the Charlevoix community supporting the Festival with financial and in-kind contributions and volunteer services. Although it is not possible to recognize all of those who support Venetian, please join the Venetian Board in thanking several of the Festival's "unsung heroes". A handshake, a pat on the back and simple words of thanks are fitting for your friends and neighbors, the individuals who are the names and faces behind such "unsung heroes".

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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

Golf Outing - August 28

The 9th Annual Chamber Golf Outing is Tuesday, August 28th at the Belvedere Golf Club. This is a four-person scramble event with a shot-gun start at 1:00pm. Members and non-members are welcome. Registration includes a dinner buffet and award ceremony at the Belvedere Club Casino. Don't miss your chance to win $5,000 as the "2007 Chamber Putting Champion"! Call the Chamber at 547-2101 to register today!

Summer Concert Series, Thursdays, 8:00pm in Bridge Park

Charlevoix Boys - Aug. 9

A blend of bluegrass, old time, and Celtic influences, the Charlevoix Boys bring their individual instruments and voices together for a truly melodic sound.

Chris Martin – August 16

His guitar and song style have been compared with that of Willie Nelson, and his broad experience adds to his mix of oldies, rock and country.

University of Michigan Friars and Steelheads – August 23

The program will feature an energetic performance by "The Steelheads", a percussion ensemble and steel band, joined by the always popular vocal octet, "The University of Michigan Friars."

The Charlevoix City Band performs at 8:00pm in Bridge Park every Tue. through August 14

49th Annual Waterfront Art Fair – August 11

The Nation's finest artists and craftsmen are exhibiting and selling their finest works of art on Saturday, August 11 in downtown Charlevoix. The Waterfront Art Fair is the second oldest juried art show in Michigan, and many consider it the finest. This event draws over 25,000 spectators annually and is a perfect opportunity to enjoy spectacular works of art in downtown Charlevoix.

Sidewalk Sales – Aug. 16 - 18

The Charlevoix area merchants host their annual END OF SUMMER SIDEWALK SALES Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 16 - 18. This event is a shopper's bonanza! Participating merchants provide substantial reductions on their seasonal inventory. Most merchants will be on the sidewalk 9:00am to 5:00pm and inside after 5:00pm. Don't miss the best bargains of the year on a variety of quality merchandise at participating merchants located downtown Charlevoix, Captain's Corner Shopping Center, and individual stores throughout the area.

Hospital Guild's Annual Membership Tea – Sept. 19

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild's Annual Membership Tea is Wednesday, September 19, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Hospital cafeteria. Anyone interested in joining or volunteering for the Hospital is welcome to attend. This year the Guild is adding a new twist, a silent auction, in the classroom near the cafeteria on Tuesday night from 6:30 to 8:30 and Wednesday from noon to 3:00pm. The public is cordially invited to browse and bid. For more information, call 547-2851.

Charlevoix Group Itineraries

Visit www.charlevoix.org to view the completed itineraries that highlight the many activities that are available in our beautiful community while promoting Charlevoix as an active year round destination. Guides include: 1) A Taste of the Good Life...Around Lake Charlevoix, 2) Charlevoix: Small Town – Big Culture, 3) Girls Just Wanna Have Fun – in Charlevoix! 4) Winter in Charlevoix County – Not Just Fun in the Sun, 5) Family Fun for Everyone in Charlevoix County. These itineraries are brought to you by the Charlevoix Chamber working in partnership with the East Jordan, Boyne City and Beaver Island Chambers, Charlevoix CVB, Castle Farms, and Friske Orchards.

Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets for the chance to win the Ford Mustang Convertible which will be raffled-off at a special Business After Hours event at the Belvedere Club Casino on September 13. Tickets are going fast, so stop down to the Chamber and get your lucky ticket today!

Sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce

Charlevoix Downtown Farmers Market

Open 9am - 1 pm every Thursday, through September 27

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Aug 09	Charlevoix Concerts In the Park–Charlevoix Boys 547-2101
Aug 09	The Life and Works of Earl Young, Charlevoix Historical Society 547-0373
Aug 10	Art of Sailing Art Exhibit and Auction, American Red Cross 348-7666
Aug 11	49th Annual Waterfront Art Fair 547-2101
Aug 11	Saving the Family Cottage Book Signing, Bridge Street Books 547-7323
Aug 11	Marchella of Gossamer Glen Fantasy Artist Reception, C2 Gallery 547-2228
Aug 11	Meredith Krell & Steve Toorman Artist Reception, Zazen Gallery 237-0648
Aug 11-12	Relay for Life of Charlevoix County 947-0860
Aug 11	Charlevoix Community Pool Auction Preview 547-0982
Aug 12	Charlevoix Community Pool Auction 547-0982
Aug 12	Black Cat Concert Series-Robin Lee Berry/Neptune Quartet 547-6945
Aug 14	Charlevoix City Band Concert 547-2101
Aug 16-18	Charlevoix Summer Sidewalk Sales 547-2101
Aug 16	Black Cat Concert Series–Seth Bernard/Daisy May 547-6945
Aug 16	Charlevoix Concerts in the Park–Chris Martin 547-2101
Aug 17	The Greatest Gift: A Return to Hope Book Signing, Bridge Street Books 547-7323
Aug 17	Rayder Football Golf Outing at Antrim Dells 547-3411
Aug 21	Charlevoix City Band Concert 547-2101
Aug 21	Art In Public Places Lecture-Charlevoix Public Library 547-0333
Aug 23	Concerts in the Park–University of Michigan Steelheads/Friars 547-2101
Aug 24	Black Cat Concert Series-Annie & Rod Capps/The Millrays 547-6945
Aug 28	9th Annual Chamber Golf Outing 547-2101
Aug 30	Black Cat Concert Series-Rusty Blaides 547-6945

For information on programs and events offered by the Charlevoix Public Library visit www.charlevoixlibrary.org or call 231-547-2651

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JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

At 7 p.m. on Aug. 8 a jazz trio including Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans, Chris Aines will perform in conjunction with the Jazz at the library concert series. The show, entitled "Birth of the Standard: Creating the definitive Jazz performance catalog" will feature soloists Dan Jacobs and Pete Asch on trumpet and sax.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

AUG. 9
GAME NIGHT

Charlevoix Public Library will host game night at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9 featuring board games for all ages.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

AUG. 9
EARL YOUNG PROGRAM

The Charlevoix Historical Society and the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library are co-sponsoring "The Life and Works of Earl Young, Charlevoix's Builder in Stone, Part 2," an illustrated program on the life and works of Charlevoix's master builder Earl Young.

Young arrived in town as a boy in the late 1890s. Beginning in 1921, he erected around 30 unique buildings, almost all in stone, that have served as a signature image of Charlevoix around the world.

The program will be narrated by Harsha House Museum co-director David L. Miles. Part 2 will focus on the Weathervane Inn restaurant, The Lodge and Weathervane Terrace motels, his final three houses on Round Lake, his design philosophy, unorthodox design methods and legacy. Particular attention will be paid to the near loss of the Weathervane Inn in the early 1970s when it came close to sliding into the channel. This program will be presented at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9 also at the library.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373. There is no admission charge. Light refreshments will be served.

AUG. 9
FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Charlevoix Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 24.

AUG. 9
CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority are co-sponsoring a summer concert series. At 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings the Charlevoix City Band will be featured. The Thursday night performance will feature Charlevoix Boys at 8 p.m. on Aug. 9. The band blends bluegrass, old time and Celtic influences. Both performances are in Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix.

AUG. 9
POLKA PARTY

The community is invited to attend a Polka of a Party at the Boulder Park Terrace 15th Anniversary Celebration from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9. The cost is $10 per adult and $5 per child (kids under 3 free).

Boulder Park Terrace is at 14676 W. Upright St. The event will feature authentic Polish food. There will also be a beer tent with a cash bar. Entertainment will be provided by the Suchey Brothers. There will be door prizes and children's activities.

For more information, call Boulder Park Terrace at (231) 547-1005.

AUG. 11
COOL CARS AT FRISKE'S

Friske's Farm Market will host the classic car club, Street Legends of Charlevoix on Saturday, Aug. 11.

The cars will be riding in around 11 a.m. for lunch and keeping their cars on display until 3 p.m. All antique show cars are welcome to join.

All exhibitors will be entered in a drawing. One woman and one man will be awarded a gift basket of Friske's gourmet goodies.

Friske's Farm Market is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31 at Atwood.

AUG. 11
ART DEMONSTRATIONS

Bier Art Gallery will host an art demonstration event from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11.

The event will include opportunities to meet and talk with working artists. Refreshments will be available.

Bier Art Gallery is located six miles south of Charlevoix at 3500 U.S. 31.

For more information, call (231) 547-2288.

AUG. 11
49TH ANNUAL WATERFRONT ART FAIR

49th Annual Waterfront Art Fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11 along Mason Street and behind Bridge Street storefronts between Clinton and Mason streets. Visit www.charlevoixwaterfrontartfair.org for more information.

AUG. 13
VFW SERVICE OFFICER

A Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars service officer will be at the Charlevoix County Veterans' Affairs office, in the County Building in Charlevoix, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13 to assist any veteran, or veteran's survivor, in filing a claim, replacing lost discharge papers, obtaining medals or signing up for VA health care. If unable to visit the office, you may call the service officer at 547-7220 at the time listed above for more information.

AUG. 13
MY VISIT TO IRAN

At 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13, Charlevoix Public Library will host a program presented by Dr. Margo Smith, a professional videographer. The program, entitled "My Visit to Iran: Listening to Iran's People" will include pictures and stories from Smith's recent interviews with the people of Iran.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

AUG. 13
MENTAL HEALTH MEETING

North Country Community Mental Health Recipient Rights Advisory Committee will meet at 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 13 in the board conference room, second floor, One MacDonald Dr., Petoskey.

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AUG. 15
MARSP MEETING

The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will hold their noon luncheon and meeting on Aug. 15 at Greensky Hill, off Old U.S. 31, north of Charlevoix. The program includes a tour/history of the grounds. Bring a friend to the $8 luncheon prepared by the UMW of the Church.

AUG. 16
SIDEWALK SALES

Charlevoix area merchants will host their annual end of summer sidewalk sales Aug. 16-18.

Participating merchants provide substantial reductions on their seasonal inventory.

Most merchants will be on the sidewalk 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and inside after 5 p.m.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.

AUG. 16
BLOOD DRIVE

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host an American Red Cross blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Aug. 16. The hospital is located at 14700 Lakeshore Dr.

During the month of August, all presenting donors can enter a drawing to win one of four laptop computers plus one of four $250 gift cards.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

For more information, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.givelife.org.

AUG. 16
QUILTER AND FRIENDS

A new group, Quilters and Friends, will meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16 at Charlevoix Public Library.

Join quilters and other fiber art enthusiasts for a monthly work group.

Bring along your current fiber project and all the equipment you need and enjoy the company of friends.

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AUG. 19
HELEN OPEN

Donations and hole sponsorships are being accepted for the 2007 Helen Open. The event's steering committee and Hospice of Northwest Michigan are planning the seventh annual golfing event which is held in honor of Helen Weislik. Hole sponsorships are available in $50 and $100 increments.

This year's Helen Open will be on Sunday, Aug. 19 at the Charlevoix Municipal Course. Signs with donor names will again be printed and placed on the course, and every donor will be acknowledged in the printed program. Food will be available on tournament day for a donation of $10 per person. Tickets will be available in advance at the Townhouse. An auction will also be held.

For more information, contact Ron Weislik at (231) 547-6690 or Cheri Hoffman at (231) 547-4578.

AUG. 20
BEAVER ISLAND SENIOR PICNIC

Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is sponsoring the third annual appreciation day and picnic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 20, at the Peaine Township Hall, located at 36825 Kings Highway on Beaver Island.

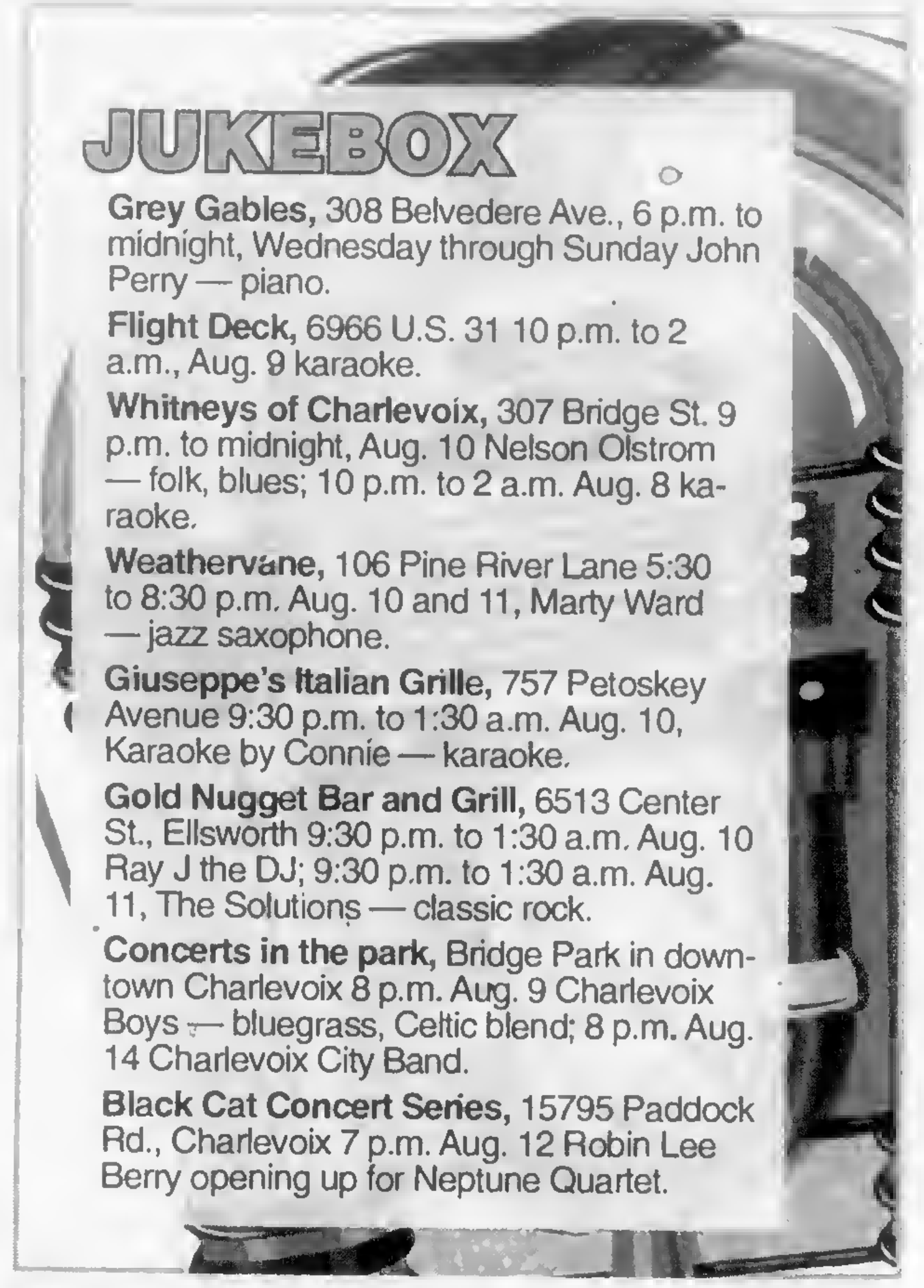
The picnic will be served and door prizes given away from noon to 1 p.m. A chicken barbecue, side dishes, roll, fruit and beverage will be served. Tickets are a $3 suggested donation for those 60 and over and $6 for those under 60.

From 9 to 11 a.m. health screenings and "Let's get moving Beaver Island seniors" will take place. Screenings free for seniors 60 and older include cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure. The screenings are $12 for those under 60. No fasting is required for cholesterol screening.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling the Beaver Island Health Center at (231) 448-2275.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Bergmann Center Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization is accepting donations for the organization's annual garage sale which will take place on Sept. 20, 21 and 22. Items in good to excellent condition will be accepted. Drop off times are from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment, call (231) 547-2979.



JUKEBOX

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Ave., 6 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday through Sunday John Perry — piano.

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Aug. 9 karaoke.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 10 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Aug. 8 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 10 and 11, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Aug. 10, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Aug. 10 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Aug. 11, The Solutions — classic rock.

Concerts in the park, Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix 8 p.m. Aug. 9 Charlevoix Boys — bluegrass, Celtic blend; 8 p.m. Aug. 14 Charlevoix City Band.

Black Cat Concert Series, 15795 Paddock Rd., Charlevoix 7 p.m. Aug. 12 Robin Lee Berry opening up for Neptune Quartet.

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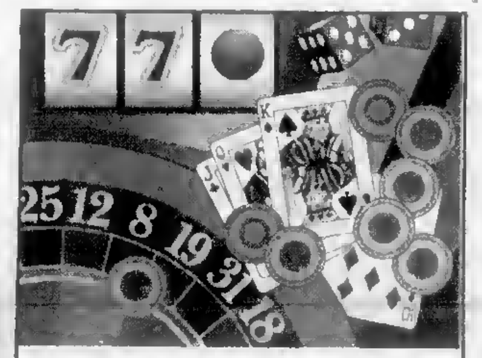

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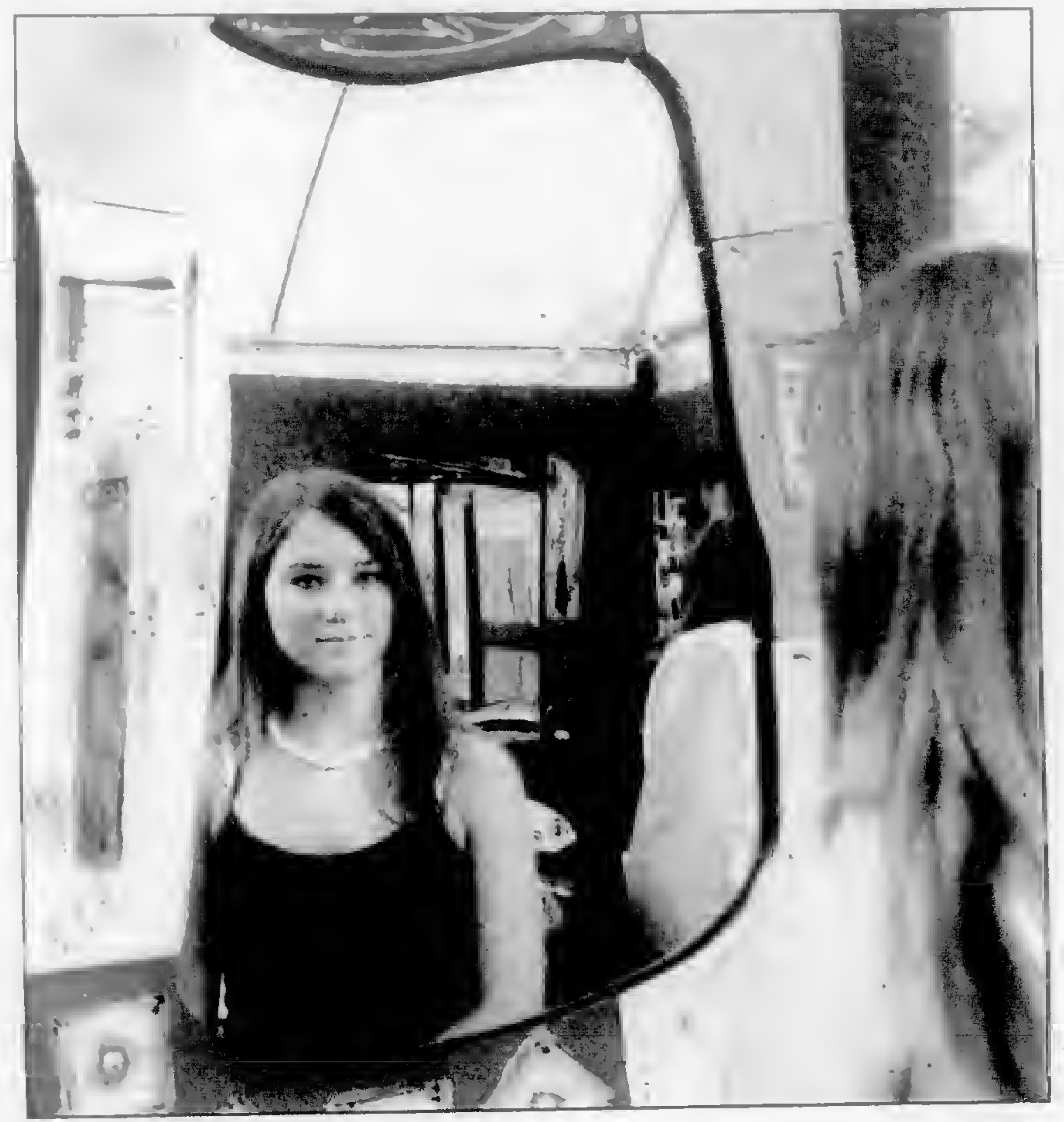

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Art of reflection

Jessica Baltusis of Waterford checks out the ceramic work of John Staropow of Florida at the Waterfront Art Fair on Saturday, Aug. 11.

City Council turns down the volume

Draft Noise Control Ordinance considered

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Loud stereos, construction or shouting could soon result in an immediate ticket in the City of Charlevoix.

City council is considering a revision to its noise ordinance that gives the council the option to prohibit specific decibel levels of sound at all times in the city, or specify decibel levels allowed in a 24-hour period.

"I think there are residential areas of the town that are too noisy," said Council member Gene Beer. "People shouldn't have to listen to noisy motorcycles, noisy vehicles, boom boxes coming from vehicles."

Gerard Doan

Police chief Gerard Doan has reviewed the 'Noise Control Ordinance' draft to make recommendations.

The current ordinance allows construction noises between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Loud shouts, yelling, hooting, whistling or singing are not allowed between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Noise from radios, televisions and musical instruments are not allowed between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Under this ordinance, a citation is given for disturbing or excessive noise when a call is made to the police. The police then interview witnesses before giving the noisy person a citation.

If enacted, the Noise Control Ordinance would prohibit

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Photo by Stefanie Carano

Michigan Department of Transportation officials told the Courier Charlevoix's Memorial Bridge (above) is in excellent condition.

Officials: 'Bridge is safe'

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

"What we learn in Minneapolis we'll be sure to apply to our bridges here."

Bill Shreck
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Michigan Department of Transportation director Kirk T. Steudle held a press conference about the safety of Michigan's highway bridges after the recent bridge collapse in Minneapolis.

"It is important to note that bridge collapses such as the one that happened in Minneapolis are extremely rare," Steudle said.

Michigan Department of Transportation communications director Bill Shreck said Charlevoix's Memorial Bridge is in good condition.

Shreck said bridges in Michigan, including Memorial Bridge, are inspected every two years per National Bridge Inspection Standards. Memo-

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Perry Jon Matthew, 25, Charlevoix. No operator license on person. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Cory Mylon Haight, 26, Boyne City. Trespassing. Pay $200 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Pedro Eugene Rosas, 26, East Jordan. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Steven Thomas Hopkins, 36, Charlevoix. Disorderly person. Fines and costs totaling $300.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

A Summer Of Sunsets, 219 Park Ave., Charlevoix, by Denis Erin Arvilla

L.C.S. Lawn Care Specialist, 407 Center St., Boyne Falls, by Eric Jon Lundwall

Studio South, 5951 Loeb Rd., Suite 110 Charlevoix, by Studio South LLC

DRS Financial Group, 1017 Mae Lane, Boyne City, by Darryl Smith

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Steven Anthony Clark, 44 and Brenda Lynn Harris, 38, both of Charlevoix

Andre William Grobaski, 30 and Nicole Renea Bunker, 30, both of Boyne Falls

Sam Minsky, 60 and Leslie Kathryn Wilshire, 57, both of Santa Monica, Calif.

Kris Edward Daman, 40 and Kateri Bautel, 32 both of Charlevoix

Thomas David Cannon, 32 and Susan Lynn McKinnon, 26, both of East Jordan

Todd Nelson McGuire, 31 and Erica Lea McCreary, 25, both of Boyne City

Mark Patrick McDermott, 43 and Peggy Sue Rolls, 33, both of Ellsworth

Ronald Alan Sieggreen, 25 and Hazel Joy Shelton, 29, both of East Jordan

William John Ray Jr., 38 and Kari Ann Hess, 35, both of Hudson, Ohio

Bradley Wayne Bicker, 26, Colorado Spring, Colo. and Jennifer Marie Roberts, 26, East Jordan

BIRTHS

Brady James Warchol weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces was born July 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Tony and Jamie Warchol of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Joyce Warchol of Charlevoix and Deborah Roelofs of Troy. His great-grandparents are William and Mary Roelofs of East Jordan.

Erin Marie Robarge weighing 7 pounds was born on July 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kristie Fichtner and Adam Robarge of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Sam Lee, Grace Lee and Brady. Her grandparents are John and Charlotte Fichtner of Central Lake and Jan and Glen Robarge of Ossineke.

Brooklyn Lee Cash weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, was born on Aug. 1 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ronnie Cash and Shauna Swan of Mancelona. Her grandparents are Larry and Kathleen Swan and Mike and Kim Stillwagon, all of Mancelona.

Caroline Constance Best weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces, was born on July 30 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to David and Lindsay Best of Charlevoix. Her sibling is David Kenneth Best Jr. Her grandparents are Pat and Joan Best of Novi and Fred and Connie Mergus of Suttons Bay.

Onika Nichole Haley weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces, was born on Aug. 1 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Scott and Nichole Haley of East Jordan. Her sibling is Scottie Haley. Grandparents are Scott and Susan Haley of Charlevoix and Jerry and Jeanne Moblo of East Jordan. Her great-grandparents are Don Jacobson of Petoskey, Ellen and Alfred Moblo of East Jordan and Jeanne Goodrich of East Jordan.

Alexander William Hodgkin weighing 9 pounds, 11 ounces was born Aug. 3 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Martha Noeske and Joseph Hodgkin of Vanderbilt. His siblings are Vanessa Gregware, Jonathan Noeske and Devin Hodgkin. His grandparents are Richard Noeske and Diana Noeske of Vanderbilt, Frank Hodgkin and Mary Smith of East Jordan. His great-grandparents are Irene Noeske and Donna Payne of Gaylord.

Kierrh Mikkel McDuffie weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces was born Aug. 3 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jeff and Dawn McDuffie of East Jordan. Her siblings are Keegan Austin and Keyleigh Elizabeth. Her grandparents are Al and Connie Noirot of East Jordan and Nellie McDuffie of Isle of Palms, S.C. Her great-grandparents are Margaret Murray of Boyne City and Archie Stanek of East Jordan.

CORRECTION

Due to an editing error a date in a letter to the editor entitled "Lights out" authored by John Runberg of Beaver Island that was published on page five of the July 25 edition of the Charlevoix Courier was incorrect. It should have read the power outage occurred on June 18.

In the July 11 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, it was reported by Stefanie Carano that Nynke Bierma, Unne Kallmeyer and Pertti Salmela were Charlevoix's first foreign exchange students. Charlevoix's first foreign exchange student was Ruby Saunders from Northern Ireland in 1959, who was sponsored by the Michigan Council of Churches.

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Going once, going twice, sold

Charlevoix Area Community Pool board president Patty Sitzma and vice-president Sandy Allard help with registration on Aug. 12 at this year's Pool Auction. The largest bidded item at the auction was $6,000 for a one-week stay at a six-bedroom home in Charlottesville, Va.

Excessive noise could mean fines

NOISE

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any general noise disturbance and specifically prohibit heavy equipment work, general construction noise and exhaust at all times with the exception of work on essential services. It could also allow police to immediately cite noise violators with the use of a decibel reader. Doan said he has borrowed a sound decibel reader should the city decide to adopt a maximum noise level. If council approves the use of a decibel reader, excessive sound could be detected immediately and violators could be cited on the spot. Doan also said he wanted a distance assigned to sound-producing devices, such as a 100 foot rule.

Regarding noise, he said the strongest complaint will be motorcycles.

"And snowmobiles in the winter," said mayor Norman Carlson Jr.

Council has scheduled to make a decision on the draft by Sept. 4. No fines have been discussed at this time.

Doan said the biggest noise problem in the city is at the intersection of State and Garfield streets.

What? A new city noise ordinance is proposed for the City of Charlevoix.

Who? The Charlevoix City Council, city attorney and City Police Department are examining the Noise Control Ordinance draft.

When? According to City Clerk Carol Ochs, the council will act on the noise ordinance issue by Sept. 4.

Why? Council member Gene Beer asked for a revision. He said the residential areas of the city are too noisy and people shouldn't have to listen to motorcycles, noisy vehicles and loud car stereos at night.

Local bridge inspected every two years for safety

BRIDGE

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rial Bridge's last inspection was in October of last year. Its superstructure received rating of 8 and substructure received a rating of 6. A rating of 0-4 would require that it be inspected more often.

"In Charlevoix, we inspect it at least every two years," Shreck said. "If it would start to show wear, we would inspect it more often."

He said there are four bridges in Michigan like the one in Minneapolis, the closest one being on M-55 in Manistee.

"We inspected that as of two days ago," Shreck said. "As we learn what we learn from Minneapolis, we'll do whatever we need to do."

Steudle said that the state has significantly increased funding to rehabilitate and replace bridge structures over the past 10 years and will invest $180 million in state bridges over the next five years.

"What we learn in Minneapolis we'll be sure to apply to our bridges here," Shreck said.

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Construction mess no match for events planners

EDITORIAL

It's time to stop, catch our breath and say, "Great work."

As the hectic summer events schedule winds down the Courier staff has reflected on the past three months.

Fears that Charlevoix would be a ghost town this summer in lieu of heavy duty construction in our crown jewels, East Park and the municipal marina, were met with crowds that attended our events and vacationed here just like in years past.

While Charlevoix's natural resources like beautiful beaches and awesome recreation opportunities can be thanked in part for attracting tourists, it's the residents we want to recognize.

The staff at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has pulled off what we experienced as being flawless events. The chamber team was displaced from its home in the spring and moved to Mason Street while simultaneously being faced with the loss of their events venue. With the traditional event home, East Park, looking like a wrecking ball ran through it, the chamber team relocated art and craft fairs, the Taste of Charlevoix and band concerts without a hitch.

Venetian Festival according to many was one of the best ever thanks to the hard work of a huge volunteer corps and careful planning by Dan Barron and the Venetian Festival Inc. board. In fact, an on-line Courier poll showed 55 percent of voters preferred this year's Venetian home, Lake Michigan Beach, to its traditional domicile, East Park.

The classic car loving folks at Street Legends roared through town with a shining show and the Charlevoix Council for the Arts crew pulled off another first-class Waterfront Art Fair.

All of this event success was supported by the flexible, competent city staff who according to many went beyond the call of duty when it came to being helpful and responsive.

These events planners and city staff members deserve a big pat on the back as do the merchants.

Wow, storefronts are dripping in beautiful, healthy flowers and colorful displays. And the myriad new businesses have given Bridge Street the thriving look it needs.

Now it's time to say, "Thank you" to those merchants by shopping their sales this weekend as we usher out the summer events season with the final hurrah, end of summer sidewalk sales Aug. 16-18.

If this is what Charlevoix can pull off without its crown jewels, we can't wait to see what next summer brings.

Society's real heroes are those who maintain

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

I have heard and read the word "infrastructure" more times in the past two weeks than in the five years previous. We are suddenly interested in and concerned about infrastructure because a bridge on an interstate highway in Minneapolis, Minn. collapsed with some loss of life.

A few revelations emerge from our societal response to the tragedy. The almost total failure of the television news programs to cover anything from the rest of the world, for example, provides a serious indictment of their informative efforts. That news and perspective from the rest of the world should take a back seat, while we are provided an interview with the second cousin of someone who heard the sound of the bridge collapsing, suggest only an effort to fill air time. It cannot be called news by any imaginable standard. The collapse of one bridge is not a reason that every news story for the following 48 hours must have some connection, however tenuous, to bridges. If the (particularly television media) goal is to inform listeners and watchers about world events, such single story reporting makes very little sense.

Another major revelation from the story of our failing infrastructure is the necessity of maintenance to our continued survival as a civilization. To quote Eric Hoffer, a literate longshoreman famous for his 15 minutes of fame a couple of decades ago, "If you want to know the status of a culture, do not look at the new buildings, look for the broom hanging on the wall behind the door."

What Hoffer had in mind was the long-term importance of maintaining what has been built. Money for new bridges, even bridges to an Alaskan island with a few dozen people on it, is readily available from tax dollars, but money for maintenance is the most easily refused. When money is short, maintenance is the simplest thing to delay or defer. No one will notice the problem for years, and by then a legislator can be out of office and on to a new career as a lobbyist. No one gets prizes or awards for maintaining what has been built. I have never seen a plaque that says, "This is to honor the people who maintained this structure for 50 years." The plaques are all for the builders

Maintenance is hard, unrewarding and generally not very glamorous. The only thing important about it is its absolute necessity. I imagine that most of the citizens of Charlevoix, and of Michigan generally, understand better than most the importance, the absolute necessity, of bridge maintenance. We should then be able to understand the general importance of infrastructure maintenance better than most other citizens.

Maybe we could lead a movement. Maybe we could make maintenance sexy enough to corral interest and funds. Maybe we could put up the first plaque for maintainers. At least a part of the reason we should be willing to pay taxes is to assure that our bridges, waterworks, highways, schools and public structures of all kinds are not only built, but maintained. If we were to reward politicians with our votes when they support maintenance projects, maybe they would get the message. Surely we don't need a series of disasters to remind us that maintenance is at least as important as building. We should be certain that sufficient funds are and will be available for the maintenance of our new portside park. Honor the maintainers and their work. Our civilization will collapse if we do not work and pay to maintain it.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Weekly Poll

Have you been subjected to gender discrimination in the workplace?

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50% of those polled last week are still undecided when it comes to whether the redesigned East Park should have an interactive water feature!

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LETTERS to the editor

RENAME EAST PARK EARL A. YOUNG PARK

Editor:

I want to thank city council, for their part in Charlevoix, now having such a wonderful library, marina and soon new East Park. Towns 10 times our size will be envious.

It is the new park that this letter will address. As Dave Miles, chairman of the Historical Society, so beautifully told us last Thursday, East Park was born on June 7, 1935. That was the day the Charlevoix Hotel burned down. When the debris from the fire was removed, Round Lake could then be seen from Bridge Street. A city park was envisioned from this opening between the buildings, and our "post card view" of Round Lake, into Lake Charlevoix, was begun. Seventy-two years later we enjoy a sight, daily, that is the pride of Charlevoix.

An accomplishment like this doesn't just happen. Especially beginning in the depth of the Great Depression, when spending money to buy land, for a city park, was not a priority. Someone had to lead the vision, and an opportunity, like this. The leader had businesses, citizens, and the city, purchase this, and future openings to Round Lake. He was the same man who was creating the homes and buildings, which help give Charlevoix a uniqueness and charm. These creations are found nowhere else.

This man's dream of a park, the breadth of our harbor, which was first seen between two buildings, will finally be accomplished next spring 2008. I think it is time we honor this man, who gave Charlevoix uniqueness, charm, houses that make us smile, and envisioned a view that now makes us sigh.

I ask that the Charlevoix City Council consider naming our completely new park "Earl A. Young Park."

Larry Freedman
Charlevoix

RESPECT CROSSWALKS

Editor:

We have been full-time residents of Charlevoix until recently. We are now summer residents. We have noticed the increase in traffic in Charlevoix. The crosswalks seem to be ignored by the majority of drivers.

When we visited California, if you even looked like you wanted to use the crosswalk, cars stopped. In Florida, our winter drivers stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks. In both states there are warning signs with hefty fines listed.

In Petoskey, there are warning signs at crosswalks, and people are not bothered by cars ignoring them.

In Charlevoix, we heard of a person being hit by a car in the crosswalk. A policeman saw it and arrested the driver. Fortunately, the car was moving slowly and the person was only shaken up.

I was almost hit by a driver leaving the Weathervane turning left. I had to run to avoid being hit. Charlevoix is not pedestrian friendly to summer visitors.

If something isn't done, sooner or later, someone will be hurt or killed. The city could face a lawsuit.

Our suggestion would be, post signs with fines for not stopping for pedestrians in a crosswalk. This is an important matter that could be taken up with city council.

Beverly Eby
Charlevoix

SEE-NORTH BENEFIT A SUCCESS

Editor:

SEE-North would like to thank everyone who made the fourth annual benefit a great success. The effort of the volunteers, the generosity of the donors and participation of our guests is greatly appreciated. They all made it a fun and successful event.

The evening also provided an opportunity for people to see the Center for Outdoor Studies, which officially opened in July. The center offers day camps, education programs and is the home of Northwings, SEE-North's live raptor program.

SEE-North is moving into its twenty-second year of providing the highest quality math, science and environmental education to children, schools and the community. SEE-North continues to lead the way and be an example and inspiration to other environmental organizations. Thank you for supporting this valuable work.

Visitors are welcome to visit the Exploration Center, located in Petoskey, to enjoy the interactive science exhibits and the Center for Outdoor Studies, just north of Harbor Springs, for live raptor programs. Contact SEE-North at (231) 348-9700 for information or to make a contribution.

Nan Hogan
SEE-North Board President
Petoskey

SUPPORT DIPLOMACY

Editor:

Recently Senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton publicly disagreed over whether the United States should use presidential level diplomatic resources to communicate with the leaders of such adversary nations as North Korea, Syria, Cuba, Venezuela and Iran.

Senator Obama argued for using the highest diplomatic means to communicate with the leaders of these states to forestall hostilities and attempt to resolve our differences. Senator Clinton disagreed.

Senator Obama's courage and determination to use the power of the presidency to engage other world leaders reflects the kind of positive change his election would bring to our country.

We are living with the consequences of an administration that brushed off diplomacy, brushed off people who know and understand such troubled areas as the Middle East.

The result of our go-it-alone policy that got us into Iraq, before all diplomatic avenues were exhausted, has been the exponential expansion of terrorist networks around the world. Now the sabers are rattling against Iran and North Korea.

Senator Obama's position was supported on July 24 in statements made by a distinguished bipartisan group of former presidential advisers, Congressional, foreign policy and military leaders, including former Secretaries of State Madeleine Albright and James Baker, former Secretaries of Defense Frank Carlucci and William Perry, former Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge and former Secretary of the Treasury Robert Rubin.

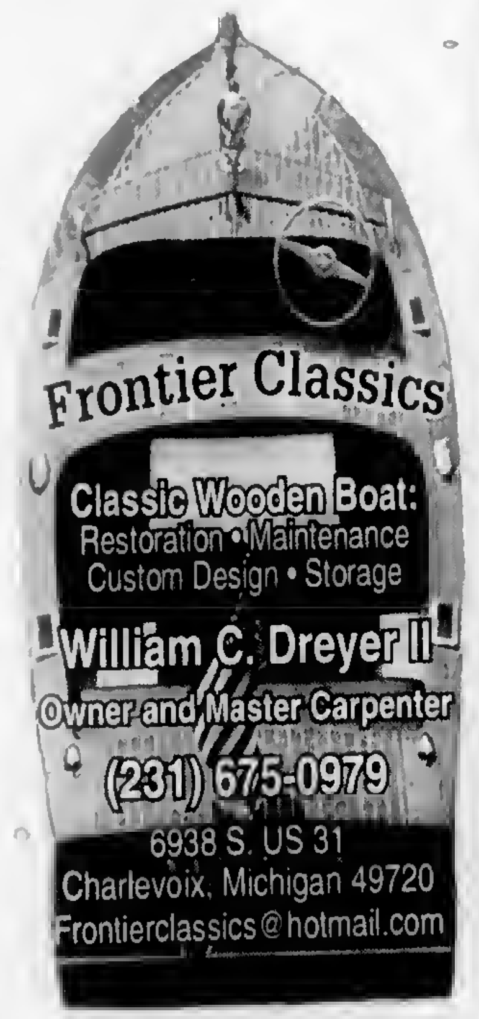
This group of prominent Republicans and Democrats released a statement urging the 2008 presidential candidates to define new visions for U.S. foreign policy and national security that will prioritize greater investments in international development and diplomacy.

"America must focus more of its resources for global engagement on political and diplomatic solutions, rather than military — as we have learned in Iraq," said former Representative Lee Hamilton, vice-chair of the 9/11 Commission. "We know that foreign assistance and diplomacy keep America safer by combating terrorism, engendering goodwill toward the United States, and alleviating conditions that leave fragile countries such as Afghanistan, Iraq and Sudan vulnerable to the influence of extremist groups."

To engage in diplomacy at the highest level does not to offer a seal of approval to an adversary. To engage in diplomacy would demonstrate the real courage of this country. To discuss differences and seek peaceful solutions is the most brave and sane path.

Senator Obama got it right.

Sara Gay Dammann
Charlevoix



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Unsung Heroes of Venetian... Part 2

As a result of the warm response to last week's "Unsung Heroes" acknowledgments, the Venetian Festival is pleased to recognize and commend more of its "Unsung Heroes". Like the Festival itself, the "Unsung Heroes" are a rich and colorful weave of the fabric of Charlevoix. Should any additional "Unsung Heroes" come to mind, please let us know by writing to the Charlevoix Venetian Festival, P.O. Box 120, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, or by corresponding to info@venetianfestival.com.

Charlevoix Screenmasters

Like clockwork, Roger Nesburg and his crew at Charlevoix Screenmasters keep the "Venetian" name out front and center. From Festival signs, banners and burgees, to the sharp array of Festival clothing, Charlevoix Screenmasters never fails to graciously stop on a dime, to deliver the Venetian goods to their hometown.

The Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, Rod and Gun Club and Lions Club

These community organizations have, year in and year out and with true local color, served up food and beverages to Festival goers. Although they knew their 2007 revenues would be down due to the relocation of the Festival to Lake Michigan Beach, they still willingly and faithfully chose to serve their community. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Amy Kurtz

Just as the Venetian Festival has realized a 21st century renaissance, so has Amy Kurtz realized remarkable growth and maturity as an event coordinator. Amy joined the Festival in 2003 as an energetic freshman at the University of Michigan. Amy has risen from her original position as administrative assistant to assistant director, serving as a "Rock of Gibraltar" for Venetian Festival staging. Among many other things, Amy has overseen numerous volunteer groups, including her inner volunteer circle comprised of her mom and dad, Elaine and John, and her close friend, Andrea Tuck. Amy will soon be leaving us for the beautiful beaches of Hawaii. Best wishes Amy, we'll miss you dearly!

Bill "Supie" Supernaw

"Supie" became the voice of the Venetian Street Parade in the 1969 era, as the very first announcer of the parade. Bill joined the Venetian volunteer ranks with such other notable and colorful figures as the late Tom Merta and "Topper" Carey. Supie has since continued to entertain with his wit and humor from the parade grandstand, sharing well and little known facts and trivia, with capable assistance from Dick Stangis and Jeanne Seymour.

Frank Ochs

Frank may be the only local with actual "hands on" knowledge of the first Venetian boat parades. In fact, Frank personally lit the candles of the Japanese lanterns aboard his small sailboat, in his very first Venetian boat parade back in 1939! Frank also spins great stories, such as the advent of electrical lighting for the boat parade entrants, which did not occur until well after World War II. Frank has continued to participate in Venetian boat parades, most recently in 2007 aboard the "Apothecary".

Al Shindorf

It was wonderfully ironic that Al Shindorf recently won the 2007 Venetian 50/50 fireworks raffle. As many know by word of mouth, Al has enlivened the street parade for the past 36 years as Venetian's large and nameless clown, sporting the multicolored hairdo. Al kicked off his clown "schtick" back in his original hometown of Belding, but as a result of Al's community spirit, this is one clown which has become a heart warming Charlevoix tradition.

Dale Boss

Charlevoix's "Mr. Petunia" is unquestionably a premier ambassador of our community. Despite his rigorous and daily petunia watering schedule, Dale still summons up the energy and enthusiasm of a school boy, in transporting the Venetian Queen's Court to countless parades throughout the State each and every year. Dale first ventured to other parades, via convertible, back in 1967. The Venetian Queen's Court, aboard their beautiful nautical-themed float, always in tow behind Dale and Charlevoix's unique petunia watering truck, are a crowd favorite and have won numerous awards.

Charlevoix Venetian Festival

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Library opens Early Literacy Stations

Courtesy photo

Sara LaRussa, 4, works at one of four new Early Literacy Stations at Charlevoix Public Library.

Charlevoix Public Library is introducing four new computer additions to the youth department.

The computers are Early Literacy Stations geared for younger children loaded with educational games.

"They did it right," said Christine Hauke, youth services librarian. "The AWE Early Literacy Stations put all the best preschool and elementary computer programs together in a fun, easy-to-access format for kids."

These new computers have familiar favorites like Reader Rabbit, Microsoft Paint, and Between the Lions and come complete with colored keyboards and headphones. Art, science and audio/video books are programs available for preschoolers and early elementary students. For older students, science, geography games and the Encarta encyclopedia will engage their attention.

These computers are self-contained and not connected to the Internet accessible, making them a safe alternative for younger users.

For more information about this or other youth activities at the library, contact the youth services desk at (231) 237-7350.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

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John and Phyllis (Williams) Elzinga, of Charlevoix, will be observing 50 years of marriage on Friday, Aug. 31. All friends are welcome to an open house in their honor from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1 at Elzinga Centennial Farm in Atwood, located two driveways north of Friske's Farm Market. No gifts please.

A family trip to Laroma, Dominican Republic is planned for November. Their children are David and Susan Whiteside, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Cheryl Elzinga. Their granddaughter is Emma Clair of Grand Rapids.

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Story Time for all ages
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Thursday, August 16, 10:30 a.m.

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Join quilters and other fiber art enthusiasts for a monthly workgroup. Bring along your current fiber project and all the equipment you need yes, even your sewing machine! and enjoy the company of friends.

Computer Basics
Monday and Wednesday, August 20 & 22, 3-4:30pm
Join librarian Linda Adams for this easy introduction to the very basics of computing. Call 237-7340 to reserve your spot.

Regular Weekly Meetings
French Conversation Circle: *Tuesdays @ noon*
Spanish Conversation Circle: *beginning August 21 and continuing every Tuesday @ 6:00 pm*
Writer's Group: *Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm*
Newcomers welcome!

Art in Public Places
Tuesday, August 21, 7:00 pm
The artists whose works are on display in different communities as part of the Art in Public Places project will be speaking on their works:
Tom Moran - Monarch Butterfly, Glen McCune - Stag, and Peggy Midener (wife of Walter) - Prophecy

JATL: Jazz @ the library
Wednesday, August 22, 7:00 pm
Jazz Goes into a Funk: With the dawn of the electric music age, Jazz follows suit by incorporating electric guitars, bass and keyboards to create a mix of improvisatory Jazz and R&B rhythms. **Trio:** Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans, Chris Ames
Soloists: Phil Larczon, guitar

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Helen Sneathen: July 2, 1920 - July 31, 2007

Helen M. Sneathen (Bare) wife of the late Lee "Bud" Sneathen passed away Tuesday July 31, in Atlanta, Ga.

Helen spent the winters at the Atlanta home of her son Carl and daughter-in law Nancy. Following a bout with pneumonia in February she was unable to return this spring to the Sneathen Farm on Maple Grove Road in Hayes Township.

She leaves behind her loving family: Sons Carl (Nancy) Sneathen, Atlanta, Ga., Jim (Maurine) Sneathen, Grand Rapids and Charlevoix, Bob (Sandy) Sneathen, Charlevoix; grandsons Todd (Michelle) Sneathen, East Lansing, Allen (Kim) Sneathen, Spartanburg, S.C., Mark (Amy Markley) Sneathen, Chicago, Ill. Donald Sneathen, Florida; great-grandsons, Daniel, Connor, Zachary and Clayton; a brother, Richard Bare; a sister, Marilyn (Herb) Bachelor; sisters-in-law Evelyn Bare, Marge Bare and Katherine Sneathen; many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bud, brothers, Kenneth and Donald Bare, brothers-in-law George and Frank Sneathen and sisters-in-law Eileen Bare and Mary Sneathen.

Helen was born on July 2, 1920 and moved from Royal Oak to Petoskey in 1931 and graduated from Petoskey High School in 1936. She married Bud in 1939 and in 1945 they moved to the Sneathen farm on Maple Grove Road. She worked as a bookkeeper for The First State Bank of Petoskey, Charlevoix Area Hospital and as church secretary for the Charlevoix United Methodist Church.

A memorial service will take place at noon on Aug. 19 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church where memorial contributions may be directed.

Bonnie Lewis: March 24, 1940 - Aug. 1, 2007

Bonnie L. Lewis, 67, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, Aug. 1 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

She was born on March 24, 1940 in Alha to Keith and Nina (Hulbert) Strickland. Bonnie was known as a great cook.

She is survived by her daughters, Lori J. Bumstead of Grand Rapids, Connie K. Hammock of Crescent City, Fla.; sons, Lawrence "Bub" Lewis Hartle and Thomas Keith Dixon of Charlevoix; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sisters, Sandra and Crystal; and brother, Keith.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is serving the family.

Charlene Atkins: Aug. 11, 1933 - Aug. 4, 2007

Charlene Ann Atkins, 73, of Charlevoix, and Sarasota, Fla., died Saturday, Aug. 4 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

She was born Aug. 11, 1933 in Spring Lake, to Charles and Ann Dusterwinkle. Ann graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor of arts degree in 1954. On Dec. 21, 1953 she married Robert H. Atkins in Kalamazoo, and they made their home in Toledo, Ohio. After their children were raised, she worked at the Sylvania Savings Bank and for the Toledo Hospital. Charlene and Robert were active in many antique automobile clubs.

She is survived by her husband, Robert H. of Charlevoix; daughters, Connie (Pete) Smith of Cadillac, Susie (Cliff) Stockman of Lambertville; sons, David (Sara) Atkins, and Douglas (Linda) Atkins all of Texas; seven grandchildren; brother, Dr. Sherwood (Kathy) Dusterwinkle.

A private service will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to the Straits Area Hospice, 261 Lafayette, Cheboygan, MI, 49721. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Leonard Siudara: June 26, 1913 - Aug. 4, 2007

Dr. Leonard Siudara

Dr. Leonard J. "Doc" Siudara, born June 26, 1913 in Detroit, age 94, of Berkley and Beaver Island, died peacefully Saturday, Aug. 4 at William Beaumont Hospital having lived a remarkably full and healthy life.

Until a few months ago, he was independent, driving, shopping, going to Mass, gardening and caring for himself at his longtime home in Berkley. He was thought to be the most senior of Berkley's senior citizens.

Husband of Alexandrine Siudara for 67 years, who died in 2005, brother of Helene Zaremha of Sterling Heights, and brother of the late Joseph and Arthur Siudara. Father of Dr. Jerome "Jerry" (Elizabeth) of Cheboygan, Leonard, "Bud" (Susan) of Troy, Timothy (Elizabeth) of Metamora, Thomas (Patricia) of Sterling Heights, James (Cynthia) of Metamora, and Maribeth Suidara Giliam of Holly, grandfather of Missy, Patrick, Michael, Andy, Chris, Peter, Jaime Beth Priest, Mark, Andrea, Tyler and Tiffany. Great-grandfather of two.

Dr. Suidara personified in every way the storied determination and success of the "greatest generation." He was the eldest son of immigrant parents and was raised on the family farm in Rochester. He was an achiever early on, skipping eighth-grade, entering Rochester High School and earning 14 athletic letters. He was a self-made man whose will to succeed was tempered by the pain of the Great Depression. He was dedicated to his wife, Alex and his six children to whom he passed his personal work ethic.

Dr. Siudara was honored as the Michigan 4-H Health Champion in 1932, which was a coveted award in the agricultural economy of the time. He earned a degree in pharmacy while working on the production line of an auto plant. He met Alex on an ice skating blind date on Belle Isle. They married in 1937. He then went on to the Andrew Still College of Osteopathic Medicine in Des Moines, Iowa, the father of two, going to class in the day and reading medical books while tending bar in the evenings. His work ethic then and throughout his life was nothing less than incredible, yet he was quiet, humble and unassuming. His bright blue eyes and his ever present boy tie were personal trademarks.

Dr. Siudara did his internship at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital and then came to Berkley in 1948, building a home and opening a family medical practice. There were few doctors in the suburbs of Detroit in the post World War II era. His practice included obstetrics and he delivered hundreds of "baby boomers." His record was 12 deliveries in a single week. He made "house calls" for patients who

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Area Church Services

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05291 M-66 North
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

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Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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11906 US-31 North
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

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104 State Street
Worship Service 10:0 a.m.
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Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
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Church Office 547-6322
Rev. John S. David

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205 Clinton Street
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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
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Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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202 W. Hurlbut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Church Office 547-9482

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Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221

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Worship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort 547-4121

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Church Office 547-9122

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Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m.
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Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson 547-6283

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were too ill to come to his office. He often would accept a homemade apple pie for his service. He was loved by his patients. He was active in the Shrine of the Little Flower parish caring for the nuns and priests, and for many years was the side-line "doc" for the Shrine High football team. He served as president of the Oakland County Osteopathic Physicians Society and was among the group that founded Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in the 1950s. His credits to the community were many.

Dr. Siudara was a man for all seasons. He was at home in a duck blind, chugging for walleyes in the St. Clair River, or hunting pheasants in a farmer's field. He taught his kids to be adventuresome and he led by example. He was a quietly pious man. Rather than listening to the radio while driving to the hospital to make early morning rounds, he would pray the rosary. His instructive euphemisms were many, favorite being, "Can't never did anything."

Doc and Alex were among the early yachting explorers to the northern waters of Lake Huron in the 1950s and 1960s. Wherever the "Alexandra" went on the lakes each summer, there was always a boatload of kids with them. They were early members of the Clinton River Boat Club and did much to develop "Club Island" where the "Alexandra" was regularly moored for many a summer.

Dr. Siudara retired from his 30 years of medical practice in 1977. But sitting still proved not to be his cup of tea. He and Alex moved to Beaver Island in northern Lake Michigan two years later and "Doc" became the resident island physician for the next seven years. Doc and Alex were troopers to live on Beaver Island year-round, braving the winter gales and heating their north shore home with a wood burner. It was not uncommon to see Doc making winter "house calls" on his snowmobile. Doc hung up his stethoscope for good in 1986. He and Alex returned to Berkley but continued to summer on Beaver Island from May through October for the next 18 years. He took up golf at 80 and regularly played the Beaver Island Golf course until four years ago.

A funeral Mass took place on Aug. 8 at the National Shrine of the Little Flower. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Shrine of the Little Flower Church, Royal Oak, MI.

Leola King: Nov. 22, 1918 - Aug. 5, 2007

Leola Marie King, 88, of Plymouth and formerly of Charlevoix born on Nov. 22, 1918 died Aug. 5 at her family home.

She was the youngest child of Charles and Anna Freeman and, like her siblings, attended Frains Lake School and graduated from Ypsilanti High School. Leola attended Ypsilanti Normal College (Eastern Michigan University), leaving after three years as a home economics major, to marry Clarence H. King, the love of her life, in 1939. They farmed in Superior and Salem Townships for several years before Clarence began a career with Michigan Farm Bureau. He died in 1979.

Leola was predeceased by her parents and siblings, Emily Reed, Glen Freeman, Gladys Billock, Joscelyn Freeman, Ida Freeman, Laverne Downs and Eleanor Wescott; her husband, Clarence; a nephew; grand-nephew; and two great-grandchildren.

Leola is survived by their nine children, Rev. Frances Dew of Ann Arbor, Bonnie (Rev. Don) Roberts of Sebring, Fla., Robert (Helen) King of New Bern, N.C., Ronald (Diana) King of Marietta, Ga., Clarence (Connie) King Jr. of Sarasota, Fla., Lewis King of Tampa, Fla., Dorothy (Greg) Weatherbee of Pontiac, Rev. Charles (Karen) King of Winfield, Ill. and William (Marilee) King of Villa Park, Ill.; sisters-in-law, Ardith King of Ann Arbor and Dorothy King of Portland, Oregon; 24 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; two step great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Leola was a dedicated homemaker, devoted to raising and enjoying her children. She attended the high school graduations of all her grandchildren and was an honored guest at most of their weddings. She traveled extensively including camping trips with the family when her children were at home. As a widow, she visited her widespread family in the U.S. She spent her last 10 winters in Florida with her daughter, Bonnie and made a trip to Europe with her daughter, Frances. She was also an avid reader, Scrabble player and pie-baker extraordinaire.

Clarence and Leola moved to Charlevoix in 1975, where she was an active member of the Charlevoix Community Church of God and the Charlevoix Gideons Auxiliary. For many years, she was a faithful volunteer at the Rainbow Shop and gift shop of Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A memorial service for Leola will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18 at the Dixboro United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her memory be given to the Gideons International Charlevoix Camp, P.O. Box 252, Boyne City, MI 49712.

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Improvements needed at Charlevoix Depot

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix Depot Museum, located off Coast Guard Drive, needs multiple repairs in order to continue to be a community resource.

Needed work at the former train station include replacing the hardwood over the foundation, improving drainage and leveling the ground beneath the brick that surrounds the structure. Costs are estimated at $80,000.

"We use the building for special exhibits," said Steve Goslee, co-director of the Charlevoix Historical Society. "We also have our monthly programs there."

The society has already received a grant from an anonymous individual to help improve the Depot. The "challenge grant" consists of $40,000 and is a matching grant. So far the society has been able to match $8,870, with $4,000 from a community foundation grant and $4,870 from the general public.

Goslee said he is confident that the Historical Society will be able to match the remaining funds. He said due to the expense, the Historical Society will be focusing on one job at a time.

"We're working on it in sections," Goslee said. "It's urgent to get the building straightened before anything happens to it."

The cost to straighten the Depot building is about $22,000. Goslee said the back corner is out of line by a couple of inches due to rotting floorboards.

"The hardwood floor needs to be repaired," he said. "We had flooring we salvaged from the old middle school gymnasium that matches, we just need to raise the money to have the work done."

Another urgent project, Goslee said, are the bricks surrounding the structure.

"The bricks are a safety concern because they're a trip hazard," he said. "We'd like to do that as soon as possible."

Work would include having the ground leveled, gravel put in and replacing the brick.

The Charlevoix Depot Museum, also referred to as "The Depot," was built in 1892 and connected Charlevoix to other communities by railroad. In 1992, the property was donated to the Charlevoix Historical Society by Mary and Robert Pew.

The Depot structure is a Michigan Historic Site and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

For more information or to donate, call (231) 547-0373.

Photo by Stefanie Carano

The Charlevoix Depot Museum (above) needs $80,000 worth of repairs. The Charlevoix Historical Society is trying to match a $40,000 challenge grant to repair the structure.

What? The Charlevoix Depot Museum needs multiple repairs in order to continue to be a community resource

Where? Coast Guard Drive

Needed improvements? Replacing the hardwood over the foundation, improving drainage and leveling the ground beneath the brick that surrounds the structure.

Cost? $80,000

Donation information? Call (231) 547-0373

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Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

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Charlevoix women honored with peace awards

On August 5, two Charlevoix women were recognized for their peace activities by the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom at its annual Hiroshima Remembrance and Reflection event.

Mary C. "Molly" Tate and Barbara MacArthur were named recipients of the Beatrice and Hugh Henshaw Peace Builders Award and presented with framed Peace Angel prints by local artist Susan Bolt.

Five members of the Greensky Indian Church, Tate, Debby Slocum, Carol Tunison, Alice Harvey and Judy Johnson, drummed and sang Native American music while local musicians Ellis Boal and Steve Little performed songs accompanied by guitars. JoAnne Beemon used BB pellets to demonstrate the explosive power of nuclear weapons while Phillip Crooks read Henri Nouwen's "Prayer for a Nuclear Age." David Wassenaar served as master of ceremonies.

Tate was honored for her efforts to build healthy communities in Kent County through her involvement in health care programs for low-income families, prison ministries/restorative justice, and parenting programs for high-risk mothers. Through these programs she aimed to reduce violence and substance abuse. Currently, she is active in a national campaign to establish a Department of Peace. Recently, she obtained support for the department from Charlevoix City Council.

League chairman Bruce Sanderson cited MacArthur, a 26-year League member, for editing the quarterly Peace Digest since 2000, a publication with a circulation of over 400. She has organized the annual Hiroshima remembrance since 2002 and served as the organization's co-chair for the past year.

Introduction of past Henshaw Award recipients included Bruce and Charlotte Sanderson, Dr. Gerald and Martha Drake, and JoAnne Beemon. Ellen Addington, also a recipient, could not attend.

On Aug. 5, Barbara MacArthur (second from left) and Mary "Molly" Tate (third from left) of Charlevoix were named recipients of the Beatrice and Hugh Henshaw Peace Builders Award by the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom at its annual Hiroshima Remembrance and Reflection event.

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Dear Friends,

I am excited to share some good news with you! We will be moving our dental office to a new location in Charlevoix during the last week of September, 2007.

I have enjoyed caring for your dental needs from the Charlevoix Hospital Medical Center these past 10 years, and am pleased to see the many areas of growth and development there. However, this growth brings challenges with it. The hospital staff and patient base is expanding faster than existing office space. Parking at the hospital complex is a challenge, as many of you have experienced. And to complicate matters further, our present building is no longer as structurally sound as it once was and is scheduled for demolition. Consequently, despite our wonderful working relationship with the hospital over the years, we have decided to move our office to a more central location in town.

My family and I enjoy Charlevoix and the small town atmosphere, but we also realize that in a small town, news can travel fast. So I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know first-hand about our new location.

Our new office location will be at ***109 West Hurlbut***, which is on the corner of Bridge Street (US 31) and West Hurlbut, on the hill, across from the 7/11 convenience store.

Look for our announcement about a grand re-opening once we know exactly when the move will take place.

Eagerly awaiting our move,

Harry M. Suckert DDS

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Rescues, accidents and beefed up patrols

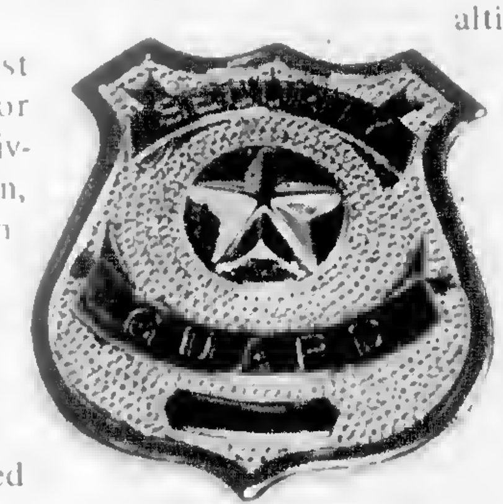
Crackdown on drunk driving starts Friday

Law enforcement officers in northern Michigan are putting motorists on notice that if they drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or above, they'll be arrested.

More than 500 Michigan law enforcement agencies will participate in the Over the Limit, Under Arrest crackdown from Aug. 17 through Sept. 3 to keep holiday motorists safe. The effort runs through Labor Day, the traditional end of the busy summer travel season.

The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) is coordinating the enforcement effort by administering federal traffic safety funds to more than 230 agencies in 55 counties and by funding paid advertising to ensure widespread awareness of the crackdown. Charlevoix County is one of those funded by the grant.

"Officers will arrest anyone they find driving drunk, with no exceptions," Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning director Michael L. Prince said. "Additional patrols over the next few weeks will ensure that drunk drivers won't go undetected."



During last year's Labor Day drunk driving crackdown, more than 3,400 motorists were arrested for drunk driving and other alcohol-related offenses.

Statistics from 2006 show that drunk driving laws still need to be strictly enforced. About 40 percent of all traffic fatalities in Michigan involved alcohol and/or drugs, and 440 people died in alcohol and/or drug-related crashes. Over the 2006 Labor Day holiday weekend, eight people died in Michigan crashes. Two of those fatalities involved alcohol, according to the Michigan Department of State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center.

Motorists face severe penalties for driving drunk. Those convicted of a first drunk driving offense face up to 93 days in jail, up to $500 fine, up to 360 hours of community service, 6 points on a driver's license and up to 180 days' license suspension.

In addition, convicted drunk drivers will be subject to a $1,000 fee for two consecutive years, for a total of $2,000 in additional costs. Anyone who refuses a breath test the first time is given an automatic one-year driver's license suspension.

Woman impaled in Aug. 7 bike accident

At around 1:20 p.m. on Aug. 7, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office responded to assist Allied EMS with a bicycle personal injury accident on the bike path in Bay Shore.

The victim, Laurie Kaufman, 60 of West Bloomfield, was impaled by the handlebars of the bike. Ambulance and fire emergency crews from the City of Charlevoix used the Jaws of Life to cut the bicycle free of the victim prior to transporting her to Northern Michigan Hospital.

The victim was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident. The cause of the accident is unknown at this time and remains under investigation.

Beware of illegal drugs sold online

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater advises that a company using the name of mypharmausa.net is attempting to solicit citizens to purchase prescriptions online without a prescription from a doctor.

Lasater warns citizens that it's illegal to obtain prescription drugs without a prescription from a doctor. Mypharmausa.net is an overseas company that is operating illegally.

Lasater would like to remind citizens that any offer online that seems too good to be true probably is.

For more information, call (231) 547-4461.

Heart attack victim airlifted from Garden Island to Charlevoix

At approximately 3:15 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 6, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Beaver Island Substation was contacted to respond to Garden Island for a 70-year-old female who was experiencing low blood pressure and was in and out of consciousness.

The Beaver Island Water Rescue Team comprised of Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies, Beaver Island Fire Rescue and Beaver Island EMS responded to Garden Island Summer Enchantment. The sheriff's Water Rescue Boat was in route to Garden Island with deputy Nate Kaminski, paramedic Lisa Rose, master fire rescuer Gerald LaFerniere, master fire rescuer Jim Stambaugh and fire rescue Garrette Cole.

The rescue boat was notified by central dispatch that there was a doctor on scene and believed the female had a heart attack and was in bad shape. At that time the rescue boat had the United States Coast Guard helicopter launched to assist at 3:39 p.m. The rescue boat arrived on Garden Island at 3:45 p.m.

The Coast Guard helicopter landed moments later to assist. The woman was stabilized, loaded onto the helicopter and air lifted to Charlevoix with Rose on board.

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Battle of the sexes waged in local businesses

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

No matter what anyone tells you, women are not equal to men, at least when it comes to their salaries.

THE STUDY

According to two new nationwide studies of gender equity in the workplace, women are less likely to receive equal treatment or equal pay as a man performing identical work.

"Just one year after college graduation, women earn only 80 percent of what their male counterparts earn. Ten years after graduation, women fall further behind, earning only 69 percent of what men earn," stated Rebecca Leaf in a press release from the American Association of University Women. "Even after controlling for hours, occupation, parenthood and other factors known to affect earnings, the research indicates that one-quarter of the pay gap remains unexplained and is likely due to sex discrimination. Over time, the unexplained portion of the pay gap grows."

And, according to an Aug. 3 Reuters story, angry men are more apt for promotion while angry women are seen as "out of control."

Founded in 1963 to fight discrimination based on national origin, age, arrest record, weight, color, religion, race, sex, marital status, height, physical or mental disabilities, the Michigan Department of Civil Rights received 1,522 complaints alleging discrimination based on gender in 2005 (the 2006 figure has yet to be published).

"Any concerns people have concerning gender discrimination in employment and in pay should contact the Michigan Department of Civil Rights to file a complaint," said the department's public information officer, Harold Core.

Gender discrimination complaints were the second most filed with the state, just behind 2,753 for racial discrimination and ahead of disability discrimination at 1,282.

THE WOMEN ON THE FRONT LINES

In light of these recent studies, the Charlevoix Courier sat down with some local working women to get their perspective on the issue.

"I've heard other women talk about it (sex discrimination). It's always a subject among women," said Elaine West, publisher of the Northern Islander newspaper on Beaver Island. "I've never really experienced it myself."

She added, "I grew up with three brothers, and my father was kind of a hustling, domineering, loud guy so I learned to hold my own early on in my life."

While West said she learned to stand up to her male counterparts, she has heard of women who were not taken seriously in the workplace.

"I've read the (statistics) on it so obviously some things are going on in perhaps some of the larger corporations," she said. "But, I'm seeing more and more women in positions of authority and now there is a woman running for president — years ago they didn't think she could stand a chance, but now she is a real contender."

She added, "Not too many years ago we didn't have the right to vote, but things have changed. I think that stands for something."

Patricia Dillon, owner of My Sister's Closet in Charlevoix, said she has witnessed unequal treatment.

"I've been there where the guys were promoted with raises and I wasn't, and I was doing better than they were," Dillon said. "Most of the male bosses I worked for were nice, I got along with them fine, but a couple were pretty bigoted and not very easy to get along with."

She added, "I come from an old-fashioned family where women didn't say much and let the husband do most of the talking."

Dillon's advice for up and coming working women is, "Just hold your own and hang in there. That's all I did and don't let them get in the way."

Mary H. Faculak, owner of Mary's of Boyne, The EJ Shop and part owner of Halfway To The Top of Charlevoix said her experience in business for the past 20 years has been nothing but positive.

"I've never seen any discrimination. I've always been treated as an equal and if it did happen, I would be the first one to speak up," she said. "Maybe a part of it is this area. We're so fortunate to live in an area known for friendliness and openness and we really treat others as we would want to be treated."

Faculak said her upbringing also has much to do with her confidence.

"My parents instilled in me that I could be and do anything in life I put my mind to," she said. "I've never, ever stopped and thought because I am female I can't do

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Margie VanAlstine, assistant manager of the Charlevoix Auto Value store, has worked in the male dominated field of auto parts since 1984 because she loves cars and helping people.

Some of the most common industries for women in Charlevoix County and average starting salary:

- Health care (17 percent) Competency Evaluated Nurse Aides $10 to $12
- Educational services (11 percent) Teacher assistant, $12 72
- Accommodation and food services (10 percent) hotel housekeeper, $7 50; front desk $9; cook, $10 waitress $3 plus tips
- Preschool kindergarten, elementary and middle school teachers (4 percent) $35,428 annual salary

Some of the most common industries for men in Charlevoix County and average starting salary:

- Construction (19 percent) unlicensed builders $10 to $12
- Accommodation and food services (6 percent) hotel housekeeper, $7.50; front desk $9; cook $10; waiter $3 plus tips
- Educational services (5 percent) teacher assistant $12.72 hourly
- Other production occupations including supervisors (5 percent) line work $10.

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Mixed reviews on workplace gender bias

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this."

Faculak's advice, "If you have the passion and you have the drive and you really want to do what you want to do, there is nothing that can stop you."

Faculak said she is concerned the negative aspects between the sexes are too often promoted while the positives are ignored.

"I hope that people, as they are reading, seek other sources of information or guidance because there are so many more success stories than failures," she said.

Jan Mancinelli, the executive director of the Women's Resource Center, said she has received a few complaints from women who felt they have been discriminated against, but has never personally experienced gender bias in the workplace.

"Statistically women do earn less than men, and historically that has not changed," she said. "I have been in my job for 29 years and when I came in, the statistics were 67 cents on the dollar, so that statistics remain relatively unchanged, why? Because we don't value women's work."

Mancinelli said young girls must be exposed to more career ideas and have the idea reinforced that there are not male or female professions.

Margie VanAlstine, assistant manager of the Charlevoix Auto Value store, has worked in the male dominated field of auto parts since 1984.

"I remember one woman who needed spark plugs and she would not let me wait on her," she said. "And, I have men who will not allow me to wait on them and it used to bother me, but it's more of a personality thing on them. If they don't want me to wait on them, I don't take it personally."

Though people are sometimes shocked to see a woman directing people to the correct radiator, starter or alternator, VanAlstine said she never missed a promotion or raise due to her sex.

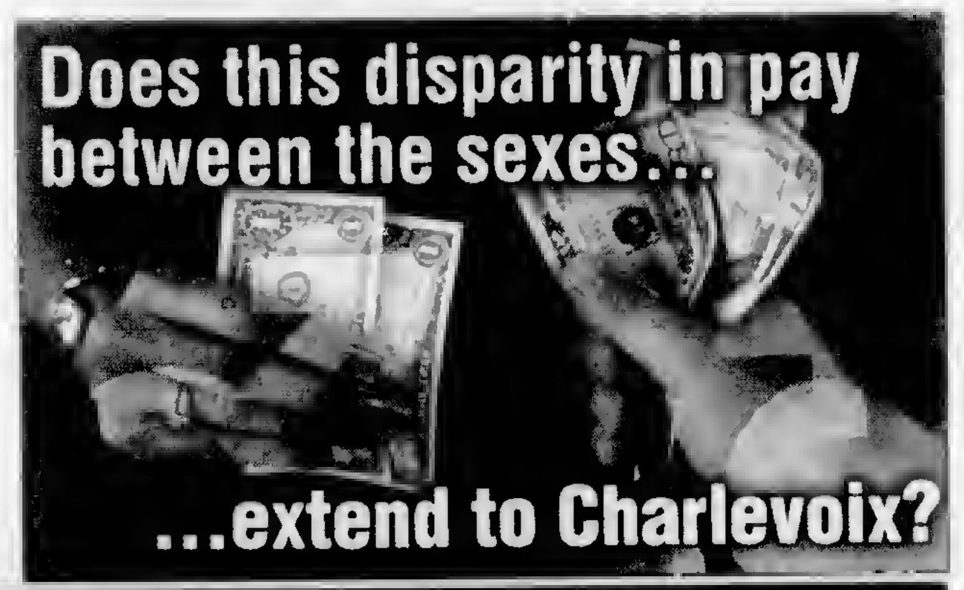
"I don't feel I've been slighted because I'm a woman, this job is about time and experience," she said.

VanAlstine's advice to young women considering a career dealing with autos, "You've got to enjoy cars and know how to deal with people, but don't be afraid."

TAKE ACTION

According to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, (800) 482-3604, here is a list of information you will need to file a complaint:

- Employer's name and address, company name, total number of employees and type of work performed.
- Timeline of incidents which occurred in the last 180 days.
- Names of those who you feel discriminated against you.
- Contact information for anyone who witnessed the discrimination.
- Copies of memos, disciplinary action or employer policies pertinent to your case.
- Description of actions you took in response to discrimination.
- Names and descriptions of any fellow employees involved in similar incidents who did not receive similar treatment.
- Contact information for your union representative.
- Status of your grievance if one has been filed.



Does this disparity in pay between the sexes...
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The Charlevoix Courier offices will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 3, 2007.
We will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

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Meet the creators behind the rotating sculptures

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

A Goliath butterfly, a lifelike stag and the men who created them will be the subject of an upcoming discussion at Charlevoix Public Library.

Two artists and the wife of a third deceased artist will be on-hand to discuss the seven sculptures which rotate from place to place across northern Michigan.

"The project was started by a group of people in 1998 that created something called the Charlevoix and Emmet County Community Cultural Plan and Crooked Tree Art Center took on this project of rotating these pieces of art," said Sandy Marquardt, volunteer coordinator with the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library. "The talk should take about an hour and then the artists will be available to talk with people and answer some questions."

From June to November, the sculptures will be at the following locations: "Monarch Butterfly," by Tom Moran is at the Pellston Regional Airport; "Prophecy," by Walter Midener is at the Charlevoix Public Library; "Into the Wind" (stag) by Glen McCune is at the Harbor Springs City Hall; "The Prophet" at the Jordan River Arts Council; "American Pop," by David Petrakovitz is at the Crooked Tree Arts Center; "Homage to eddi," by Paul Varga is at the Boyne River mouth; "Two Figures," by Jim Melberg is at Northern Michigan Hospital.

One of the artists scheduled to speak does not even consider himself an artist.

"I've never taken an art class and know nothing about art," said renowned metal sculptor and owner of Moran Iron Works, Tom Moran. "I always say my pieces are good from afar, but far from good."

In spite of Moran's modesty, he has been creating metal sculptures from the head of an eagle and George Washington to a 54-foot, 550 caliber muzzleloader which fires confetti, for nearly 18 years.

"I built the world's largest pickax, which is in the Guinness Book (of World Records) and the world's largest working chainsaw," he said. "It's just a lot of fun. I try to do patriotic pieces as much as I could, but it's hard to come up with something patriotic every year."

The second artist scheduled to speak is a bit of a hero of Moran's.

"Glen McCune's art really flows and to have somebody like me and somebody like him speaking to the same crowd shouldn't even be legal," Moran said. "It's an honor to be there, especially with guys like Glen McCune."

Although Moran doesn't think of himself as one of the great northern Michigan artists, he hopes people get a moment of enjoyment from seeing his work.

"I hope it brings a smile to peoples faces," he said.

And, according to Marquardt, Moran's work does the trick.

"It's just the feeling you get from seeing them," she said. "Plus, it's fascinating, the creative process, how they do it."

She added, "They're beautiful and once you see it you're glad you did because it enriches you somehow."

Moran intends to show a brief slide show and then engage the audience in a discussion.

"I want to talk about what they want to talk about," he said. "I will let the audience decide how it will go."

Marquardt encourages anyone interested or curious about art to attend the program.

"I was probably about 20 or 21 years old when I first began to enjoy art," she said. "I remember the Detroit Institute of Art and the National Gallery in Washington, D.C. It was just an amazing experience to stand in front of a painting by Rembrandt or Renoir."

She added, "It was just a thrill for me."

The work of Midener (deceased) will be discussed by his widow, Peggy.

The discussion will begin at 7 p.m. on Aug. 21 in the large group rooms A and B at the Charlevoix Public Library, while the rotating exhibit will continue through November 2008.

What? Two artists and the wife of a third deceased artist will be on-hand to discuss the seven sculptures which rotate from place to place across northern Michigan.

When? 7 p.m. on Aug. 21

Where? Large group rooms A and B at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 Clinton St.

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Regional recognition

Turner Havens, a Charlevoix Elementary School third-grade art student, was awarded first place for the central region in the Charlevoix Area Garden Club's Smokey Bear poster contest. Five states make up the central region including Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis –August 8, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:35 a.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved minutes of the July 25, 2007 meeting as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-042, P.A. 511 Grant Application. Larry Sullivan, Planning Director, presented the 2006 Annual Report.
- Motion awarded bid for air conditioning at the jail to Superior Mechanical.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-043, Hardship Tax Deferment.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-044, Purchase of Service Credited Service and authorized The Chairman to sign the necessary form to allow the outlined service credit purchase.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-045, Snowmobile Grant and authorized the Sheriff to sign said application.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-046, 2006/07 Commission on Aging Budget Amendment, and that the Clerk be authorized to make the necessary budget amendments as outlined.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-047, Vanderlaan Property.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-048, Work Flow Module.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-049, Computer Forensic Training.

Motion adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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Search for the Griffon in legal limbo

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

What? Steve Libert, president of Great Lakes Exploration Group, LLC, who thinks he found the Griffon in Lake Michigan in 2001, has battled with the state over a salvage claim since 2004 The 328-year-old ship was built by Rene-Robert, Sieur de La Salle, the man instrumental in claiming what later became the Louisiana Purchase.

Court issue? Now awaiting a decision from the U.S Appellate Court in Cincinnati, Ohio, Libert, hopes the matter will be sent back to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan which, back in November 2006, denied his motions for a temporary restraining order and to enlarge the time for filing and service of the precise location of the (alleged Griffon site) artifacts.

What's next? Briefs on the matter are due by October with the court expected to reach a ruling by early December.

The fate of the Griffon identification project is once again in the hands of a court.

Now awaiting a decision from the U.S. Appellate Court in Cincinnati, Ohio, Steve Libert, the 28-year veteran of searching for the "Holy Grail" of the Great Lakes, hopes the matter will be sent back to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan which, back in November 2006, denied Libert's motions for a temporary restraining order and to enlarge the time for filing and service of the precise location of the (alleged Griffon site) artifacts.

"The judge dismissed the case on the grounds we would not give the state the precise location (of the Griffon) and that's not true. We actually gave them the location of the debris field, but they wanted us to spoon feed the exact location to them," Libert said. "The state does not even have the expertise to know what they're looking at. They don't believe it's the Griffon, but they're putting up a good fight."

He added, "They're spending a hell of a lot of taxpayer money on something they think is a barn beam."

The aforementioned "barn beam" is what Libert believes is the bowsprit off the 328-year-old ship built by Rene-Robert, Sieur de La Salle, the man instrumental in claiming what later became the Louisiana Purchase — a chunk of earth which consisted of nearly two-thirds of the United States.

The state has two main arguments. The first claim is that Libert's team, Great Lakes Exploration LLC, has not found the wreckage of the Griffon. And the second is even if Libert's team has found the Griffon, they do not have the right to dive on the site because all objects on Great Lakes bottomlands belong to the State of Michigan.

"Federal law supersedes state law when it comes to salvage. Michigan may claim the Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987 supersedes (federal law) but that's only certain ships," Libert said. "Michigan is the only state in the union that is claiming a right to everything on the bottomlands. Lots of people have gone to other states like Florida and such because they work with you, Virginia they work with you, but up here it comes down to two or three bureaucrats who say they own everything."

He added, "We're trying to promote this area, but (Michigan) is being such a restrictive state they're actually running some organizations out. Do you really have to explain what Michigan has to offer? If you can't sell that, you can't sell anything."

Libert is afraid the state would take physical possession of the ship if he disclosed the exact whereabouts.

"We don't want to give the location away to interlopers who will do anything to loot the vessel," Libert said. "We're still trying to identify this as the Griffon. However, with all the documentation, especially with fact of support of three top archeologists, all indicators evidence and scientific analysis point to the fact that it is possibly the Griffon."

Yet-to-be-released evidence could disprove some fallacies that haunted the legend of La Salle and may help prove the whereabouts of the ship.

"Just about two weeks ago, some people from Chicago, Ill. approached me with old documents written by La Salle himself and they translated it and there were certain things LaSalle was talking about that I did (understand) because I know northern Lake Michigan pretty well — it's sort of like a road map to where the ship is," Libert said. "Some people thought he (LaSalle) was schizophrenic, but the report shows the Jesuits were after LaSalle to destroy his credibility. They tried to get the Indians to (rise up) against LaSalle, and, this paperwork definitely supports the fact that LaSalle was on a mission for the King (of France)."

Libert added that the documents will likely come out in court at some later date, if Libert must go through an evidentiary hearing, though he would much rather cooperate with the state.

Courtesy photo

Steve Libert, the 28-year veteran of searching for the sunken ship, the Griffon is pictured above just before one of his many dives around the country.

Despite ongoing legal sparring over the Griffon issue, Libert remains focused.

"I'm not going to let two or three bureaucrats deter me," he said. "The only thing that would deter me is if the City of Charlevoix asked me not to be here."

Charlevoix Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said the Griffon project is exciting and educational for all and in no danger of getting run out of the area.

"I stand behind him (Lib-

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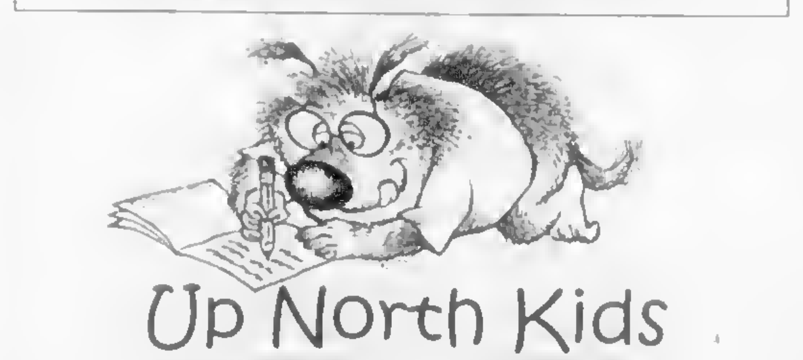

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Does Pachelot know the story of the Griffon's demise at sea?

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

For kids interested in the legend and lore of the Griffon, Michigan-born author Wendy Caszatt-Allen has written a high adventure.

What is the story?

"Adventures of Pachelot: Last Voyage of the Griffon," is the story of the Griffon's last voyage as seen through the eyes of an adventurous dog named Pachelot (pronounced Pash-uh-low).

Who is your audience?

"It's probably for about 11 to 14 year olds. The kids that have been buying are kids that like dogs, kids that like wilderness adventure, native American stories and then I've got a huge readership of adults too," Caszatt-Allen said.

Why should kids read about Pachelot?

"It's a fast-paced high adventure so kids are pretty engaged by that sort of thing like cliff hanger endings and humor. Kids that like Gary Paulson books would like this book," Caszatt-Allen said.

What was your inspiration?

"Just the ship itself," she said. "I grew up in the northern Michigan area — I'm from Bellaire and my parents live near Alden — so growing up around the Great Lakes and knowing those stories, and the story of the Griffon is quintessential to the Great Lakes."

How much history do you include in your story?

"It's a fictionalized account of the Griffon story. I would say the setting is historical and I utilize historical figures like LaSalle and his Lt. Tonti — they called him iron hand Tonti because he had his hand blown off and replaced with an iron hand. And then what I did was weave together various theories about what might have happened to the Griffon and I kind of put them all together in a chain of events that's obviously fictionalized."

Adventures of Pachelot: Last Voyage of the Griffon, by Wendy Caszatt-Allen

From the rear jacket of Caszatt-Allen's book: "In 1679 La Salle's famous ship the Griffon mysteriously disappeared on Lake Michigan. There is only one who knows the true story of events surrounding this tragedy: Pachelot, the ship's dog."

Search for the Griffon hinges on ownership of the lake bottom

GRIFFON

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ert) 100 percent," Carlson said.

Thought to be the first European ship on the Great Lakes and last seen on Sept. 18, 1679, the potential discovery of the Griffon could be huge for Charlevoix since production companies interested in making everything from documentaries to feature-length movies have approached Libert.

And, he said, if the debris turns out to be the Griffon, Libert would like to see a maritime museum built in Charlevoix to house some of the artifacts.

Briefs on the matter are due by October with the court expected to reach a ruling by early December.

"I'm willing to wait. The ship has been there more than 300 years, I can wait a few more years," Libert said. "Meanwhile, Michigan's economy is in dire straits economically. I'm sure this money (tax funds used to fight Libert) could go somewhere else."

He added, "All they need to do is sign a nondisclosure agreement and we could stop the court proceedings and have the attorneys figure out the contracts and proceed from there to have a positive initiative of us working together to find out, not just for ourselves, but for everyone if this is the Griffon."

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Cement plant contemplates wind power

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Discussions have been taking place at St. Marys Cement Plant in Charlevoix Township of producing wind-generated electricity at the facility.

"We have a desire, it's a good thing to do," said Courtney Schmidt, St. Marys environmental director.

Wind-generated electricity requires the use of windmills or "wind turbines." Wind turbines use wind forces to spin the rotor of the turbine and drive the shaft of an electric generator.

Schmidt said moving forward with the project would require using an anemometer to study the velocity of wind on the property. Preliminary plans are in the works for a wind study.

"We're pursuing the next logical step in the process," Schmidt said. "We'd like to do one, we have not solicited quotes to do one."

Schmidt said he is acknowledging community concerns of noise and light flicker that can be generated from wind turbines that are improperly designed.

"We're cognizant of the fact that there are some issues associated with it," Schmidt said. "We have to talk to the community to make sure what we're doing is consistent with what they want to do."

Bill Henne, President of Water and Air Team Charlevoix (WATCH) said distance needs to be considered when placing the turbines. But he said if the plant can work it out, it would be a pretty great thing.

"They may have place on the property that would be suitable for that purpose," Henne said.

Last year, Schmidt was approached by a Charlevoix resident who mentioned that the plant, which shoulders Lake Michigan could be the perfect location to generate wind power. Since then, Schmidt and others at the plant have discussed the feasibility of generating wind power on plant property.

(Right) Discussions have been taking place at St. Marys Cement in Charlevoix Township of producing wind-generated electricity at the facility. It would require wind turbines like the one pictured here.

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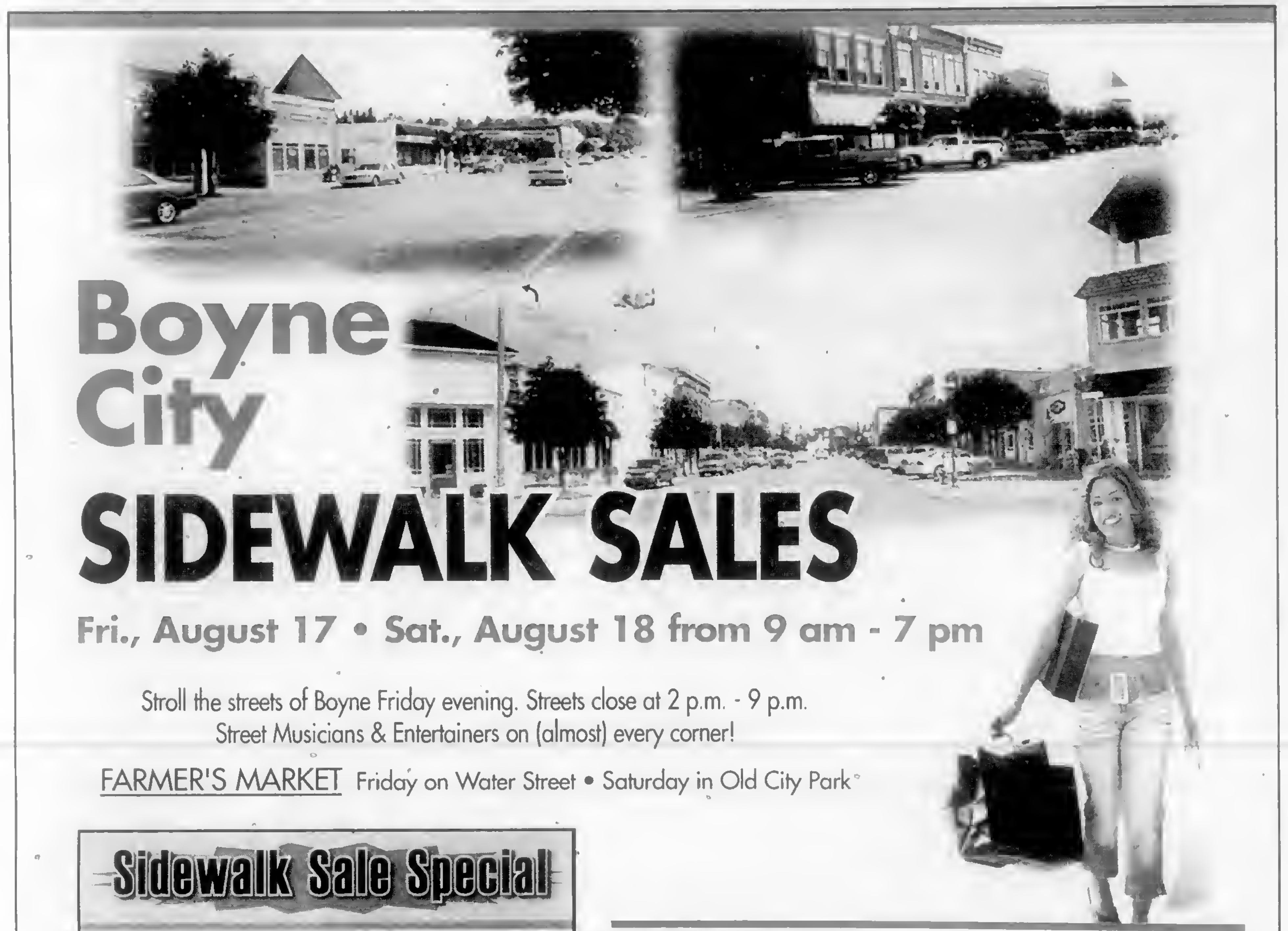
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Charlevoix City Council

The following issues were discussed during the Monday, Aug. 6 meeting of the Charlevoix City Council:

Item: Presentation of Tree City USA Certification by the Charlevoix Shade Tree Commission

In brief: The city's Shade Tree Commissioners, Ken Polakoswki, Dave Robinson and Peggy Brennan, requested that council approve the week of Aug. 6 through Aug. 11 as "Plant-a-Tree Week." That week was also Charlevoix's annual observance of National Arbor Day. They also requested that Mayor Norman Carlson Jr., declare a proclamation calling for civic and private celebrations during that week.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Request to rescind action taken at July 23 special meeting concerning interactive water fountain for East Park.

In brief: City council was presented with a list of companies that could construct an interactive water fountain in East Park on July 23 at a special meeting of the city council and the Downtown Development Authority. The list includes new cost estimates, setting costs between $155,000 to $600,000. Original cost estimates were $85,000 to $105,000. With this new cost estimate, the city needed to reconsider the Aug. 20 public hearing.

Council action: Approved to reconsider the public hearing, unanimous

Item: Set Sept. 17 public hearing to consider amendment of the Downtown Development Authority's development and tax increment financing plan.

In brief: The Downtown Development Authority would like an interactive water fountain to be part of the new features at East Park. This was not in their original development plans and costs for the project have not been financed. Moving forward with the plans requires an amendment to the DDA development plan and tax increment financing plan. Costs of the fountain and plans to develop the fountain would be part of the amendment. As required, city council must set a public hearing to discuss the possibility of this added cost. (See related poll results on page four of this week's Courier.)

Council action: As required, a public hearing has been set for 7 p.m., Sept. 17 at City Hall, 210 State St.

Item: Discussion on proposed noise ordinance

In brief: Police chief Gerard Doan has reviewed a noise ordinance that was drafted by city attorney Jim Young, as requested by city council. Current noise ordinances allow construction noises between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Loud shouts, yelling, hooting, whistling or singing are not allowed during the hours between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Noise from radios, televisions and musical instruments are not allowed between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. The Noise Control Ordinance draft, if placed into action, would prohibit any heavy equipment work, general construction noise and exhaust in the city at all times with the exception of work on essential services. Exemptions from this ordinance would include emergencies, municipal or governmental services (the siren at city hall, for instance), waivers, parade and celebrations and religious purposes. The draft also gives council the option to set a bracket of time for when certain decibels of noise can be permitted in the city, with the option to specify levels during day and evening hours or to prohibit any noise that produces sound over a certain decibel level.

Council action: No action taken, pending further discussion and information

Item: Chicago Club agreement.

In brief: An agreement was negotiated between the Chicago Club, city attorney Jim Young and city manager Mike Wiesner, which enables the relocation of the lift station by easement, provides and clarifies the Chicago Club use of Round Lake riparian areas under their boathouse in the area of Prospect Street, provides for an easement for a 12 inch water main loop through the club for the city and water main improvements in the area of the Chicago Club. The design work for the project is 95 percent complete and the project should be ready to bid this fall or early spring 2008, in order to complete the water main improvements in a timely manner.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Request for clarification of amendment of July 2 city council minutes.

In brief: Council member Shirley Gibson requested that city clerk Carol Ochs add Gibson's comments to the council minutes of the July 2 city council meeting where Gibson asked if the ordinance (regarding heights of building structures) is being changed for a specific development and was told by mayor Norman Carlson Jr. that it was not. Further requested added statements were those by mayor Carlson that the ordinance change was because of complaints on a pervious project. However, this change will not affect that project which has already been approved. Gibson also wanted to add her question to the council if the ordinance is being changed for a specific development, and was told by city planner Gary Harsch that it was not. Harsch said that there are two projects under consideration in the C-1 district now that could be affected by this ordinance. Mayor Carlson said that the change was brought before the council because of a project currently under consideration, and that there is currently no provision for clustered housing in the code.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Election of Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund Board.

In brief: The Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Board has sent a ballot to city council with the names of three incumbent trustees to the Worker's Compensation Board that have agreed to seek re-election. Gretchen Driskell, Ralph L. Maccarone III and Larry Nielsen are seeking re-election to the board. Council Michigan Municipal League members may re-elect all three candidates or write-in one or more candidates if they wish.

Council action: Approved to re-elect the three candidates to the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Board, unanimous

Item: Miscellaneous business: Naming of the new East Park.

In brief: Charlevoix resident Lawrence Freedman presented the council a brief history of how East Park came into being (including the burning down of the Charlevoix Hotel) and said the resulting park was the dream of local famous architect, Earl Young. Freedman requested that the city council re-name East Park, Earl A. Young Park. (See page five of this week's Courier)

Council action: Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said that the council would consider the re-naming of East Park in the coming months.

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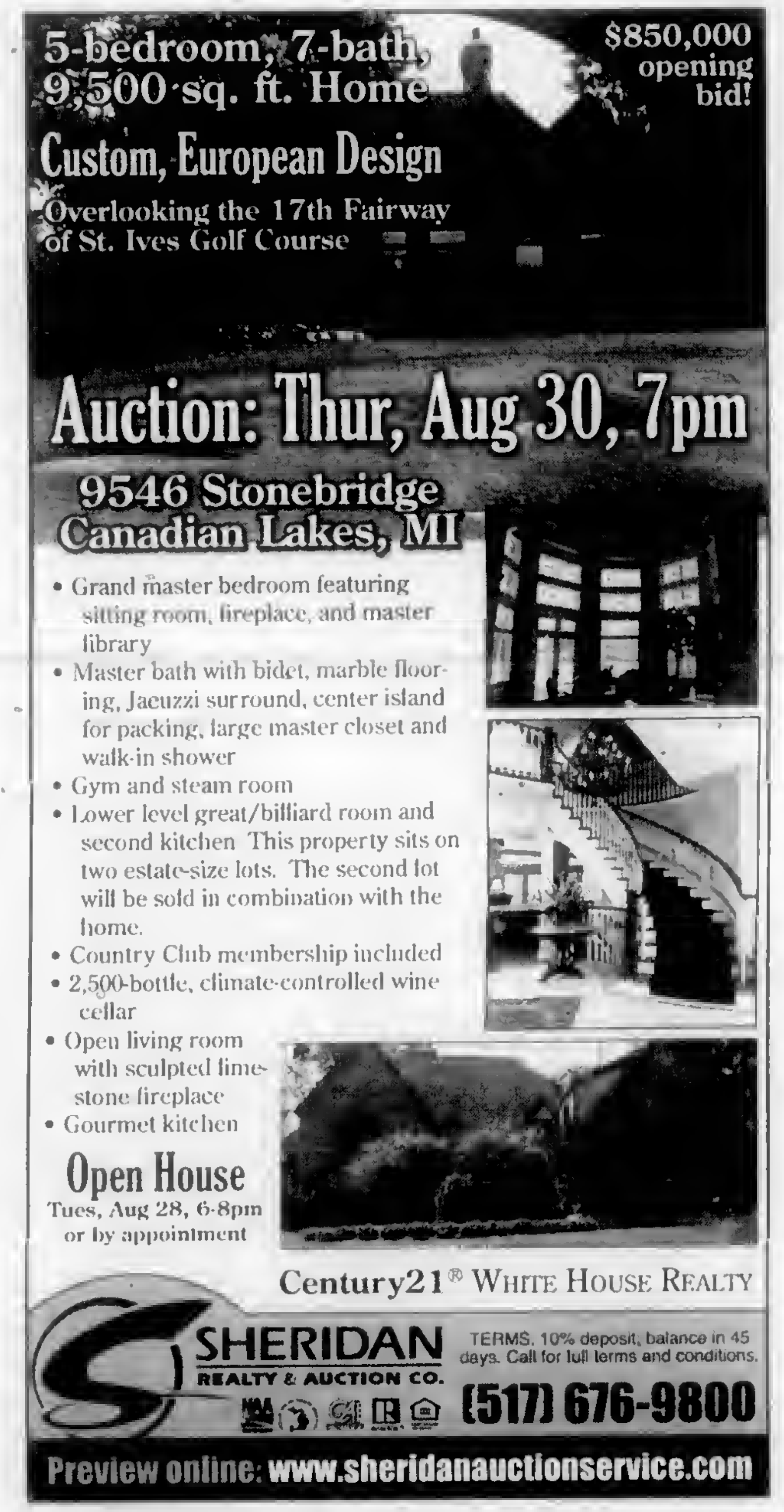
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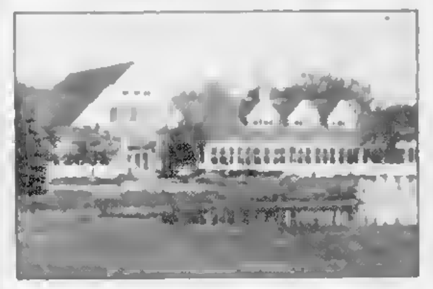

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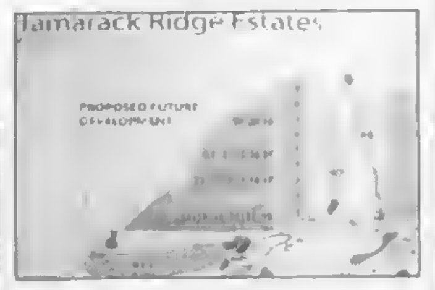

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June 16 marked the fifth anniversary for the local Bike4BreastCancer, Pink Ribbon Ride coordinated by Sue Morris, and supported by several dedicated volunteers.

This year 200 riders, which included several families, groups of friends and co-workers, gathered at Veteran's Park in Boyne City in the early morning hours to start their route of choice. They chose to ride seven miles, 20 miles, 42 miles or the rigorous 65-mile route.

This year, 100 percent of the funds were distributed locally to the Charlevoix Area Hospital Circle of Strength program, and Northern Michigan Hospital's Foundation. On July 18, Sue Morris presented checks to each program in the amount of $10,400 each.

Circle of Strength will use the funds to assist in purchasing a new digital mammography machine for Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The Circle of Strength program is an outreach effort designed to guide and support families who have been affected by a cancer diagnosis. Last year, the Pink Ribbon Ride funds were directed to "It's My Turn," mammogram screening day. These funds have also helped to promote awareness and early detection education. Also new to the program, is the Circle of Strength Resource Room, located in room 102 on the main floor of Charlevoix Area Hospital. This room is available 24 hours a day, and has a variety of information regarding many types of cancer, diets and treatments.

The 6th Annual Pink Ribbon Ride will take place on June 21. For more information, visit www.bike4breastcancer.org.

For information on services of the Circle of Strength program, e-mail circlestrength@cah.org or call (231) 547-8950.

Hospital offers CPR, First Aid classes

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

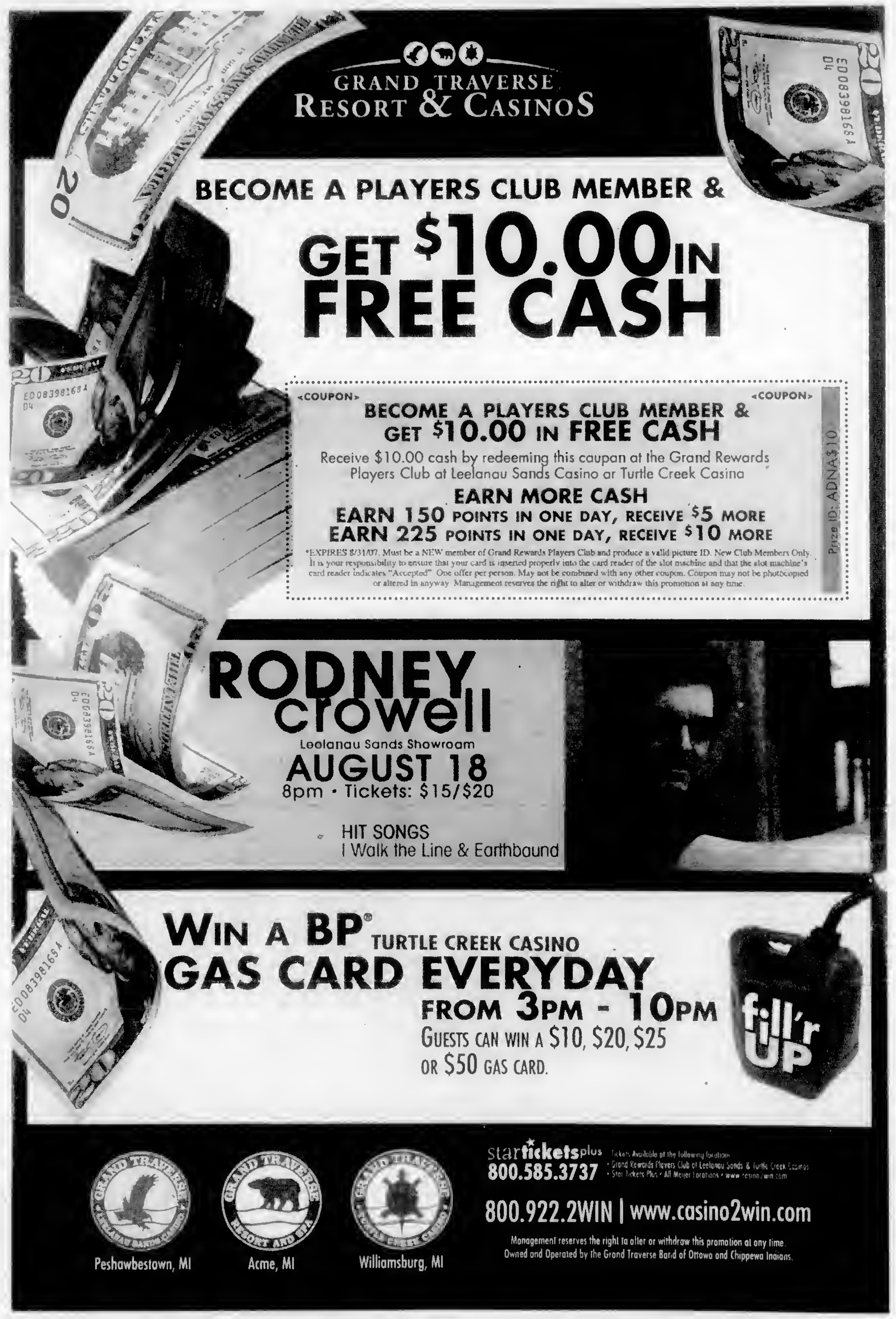
From 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, Adult/Child Heartsaver CPR. This Heartsaver CPR course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults and children and the use of barrier devices. Cost is $30.

From 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, Heartsaver First Aid. The Heartsaver First Aid Course teaches how to manage illness and injuries in the first few minutes until professional help arrives. Course content includes general principles, medical emergencies, injury emergencies and environmental emergencies. Cost is $30.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8, Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid. This is a new course being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital. The target audience for this course includes those involved in child care such as child care workers, teachers, foster care workers, camp counselors, youth organizations and coaches for children's sports organization. The Heartsaver Pediatric First Aid Course teaches how to manage illness and injuries in a child in the first few minutes until professional help arrives. Topics include First Aid basics, medical emergencies, injury emergencies and environmental emergencies. Modules included are Pediatric First Aid, asthma care training for childcare providers, adult/child and infant CPR and adult/child AED. Cost is $55.

Pre-registration is required. All classes are taught by certified instructors through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community Training Center.

For more information, call (231)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Openings available in matched savings program

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency is accepting applications for its matched savings program in Emmet and Charlevoix counties.

The program, called Michigan Saves, offers people the opportunity to save towards the purchase of their first home, for starting or expanding a small business, or to pay for college or vocational school.

Enrollees make a minimum monthly deposit of $20 per month for at least six months into a savings account set up jointly between the participant and the local program office. Each dollar the participant saves is matched at a 3-to-1 ratio for home ownership or at a 2-to-1 ratio for small business or higher education. The maximum that can be matched is $1,000.

Michigan Saves is an Individual Development Account (IDA) program. The program has been very successful according to Keith Greenwald, who is a budget/housing counselor for the Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency.

"Currently, we have 11 families in the program. Each enrollee has made a commitment to attend financial management classes, participate in individual budget/credit counseling, as well as make monthly deposits into their savings account to reach their desired goal," Greenwald said.

The funding source determines the eligibility requirements for the program. To be eligible, an applicant must have income within 200 percent of poverty or below. For example, the income limit for a family of four is $40,000 per year. Participants must have a source of earned income.

To obtain an application for the Michigan Saves program, contact Keith Greenwald at (231) 347-9070 or 1-800-443-5518.

Zonta announces scholarship winner

Caitlin Taylor, a recent graduate of Charlevoix High School, was named the winner of this year's Mary Feindt Memorial Scholarship.

The Mary Feindt Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a female high school senior who plans to pursue a math or science-related major in college. The scholarship recipient is chosen based on financial need and their involvement and interest in the math and/or science fields, excluding the medical field.

Taylor was chosen as the Charlevoix Area Zonta winner because she best exemplified the spirit of and requisites for the scholarship. She will be attending Michigan State University in the fall and was ranked first out of 108 students in her class. She has also taken college level courses and won the "Chemistry Award" at her school.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. The Mary Feindt Award is one of the many programs for young women sponsored by Charlevoix Area Zonta.

Applications for next year's award will be available from Charlevoix Area Zonta in early spring 2008.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club members recently announced the winners of the 2007 Mary Feindt Scholarship. Pictured above are (from left) club president Maura Snabes, scholarship winner Caitlin Taylor and her mother Laura Taylor and committee members Marty Strawbridge and Shelley DeYoung.

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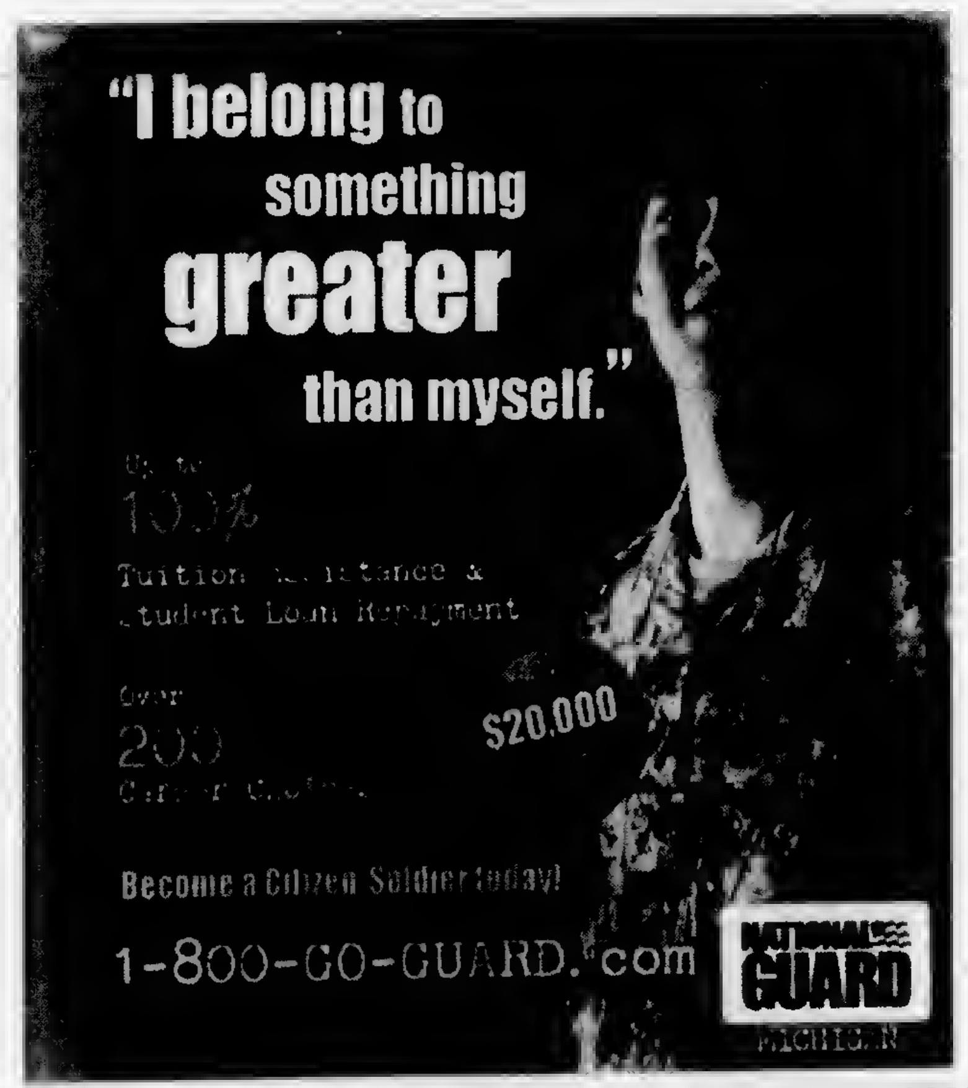
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Boulder Park celebrates 15 years at Polka Party

On Aug. 9. community members joined employees, residents and staff of Boulder Park and their families at a Polka of a Party — the Boulder Park Terrace 15th Anniversary Celebration. (Left) Allyson Dobrowalski, Little Miss Boyne Falls Polish Festival 2007 and Jeff Dobrowalski play bingo at the event. (Right) The Suchey Brothers, who play at the Polish Festival in Boyne Falls also performed at the Boulder Park event.

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(Above) Maria and Sarah Lopez of Charlevoix made masks from craft materials on hand in a kids area at the Polka Party.

Boulder Park employees, Bonnie Harrison and Mary Pischner dance with Veronica Danovich, wife of a Boulder Park resident, to the sounds of the Suchey Brothers.

Charlevoix Area Hospital to host Aug. 16 blood drive

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host an American Red Cross blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 16. The hospital is located at 14700 Lakeshore Dr.

During the month of August, all presenting donors can enter a drawing to win one of four laptop computers plus one of four $250 gift cards.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

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Thursday, August 16th Events

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Friday, August 17th Events

8:30 a.m. Registration Pickup begins at Civic Center
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10:00 a.m Scheduled Ride to Camp Quality to visit the children. Meet at the Civic Center Parking Lot by 10:00 a.m

Safety Presentations offered

If you are a new rider or never attended one of these classes, please take advantage of this great opportunity!

1:00 Beginning Road Captain Training, located at East Jordan Police Station Conference Room, with hands-on road work.

TBA- Bystander Assistance Training, (Location TBA)

9am-12pm & 1pm-4pm Slow Riding & Tight Turns Training - Harvest Barn parking lot, located on M-66 next to Glen's Market *Note: We are offering 2 classes this year. Size of class is limited to 8 students per class and you MUST pre-register for this class. These are 3 Hour classes.*

1:00 Local Guided tours of area for those who wish to ride. Sign up at registration area

'til 5:00 p.m Bike washing station open at the East Jordan police station.

4:00 p.m. Bike show registration at the Zone. Show bikes will park in special area, north parking lot at The Zone.

TBA Dropped bike demo on Main Street.

5:00 p.m. 'til 7:00 p.m. BIKE SHOW (Independent judging, winners announced at 7:00. Entertainment provided.

7:30 p.m. Escorted parade of bikes. It's the time to "Strut Our Stuff"... bikes, trykes, club banners and leathers.

Saturday, August 18th

8:30 a.m. Registration area open SILENT AUCTION table available all weekend.

9:45 a.m. Group photo at train park and blessing of the bikes.

10:15 a.m. Guided tours will be available by signing up at the Civic Center for your favorite tour. Vintage Bike Exhibit will be available at the Jordan River Arts Council.

5:00 p.m. BBQ by the Grillers.

6:00 p.m Give-aways, Camp Quality presentations, awards from Silent Auction.

Other Suggested ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

- Sidewalk Sale Days in East Jordan
- Rubber Ducky Days in Bellaire
- Vintage Biker Exhibit during the weekend at the Arts Center on Main Street
- FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WANT TO STRIKE OUT ON YOUR OWN. Check the Information Board for activities and suggested sight seeing adventures. Maps available for the surrounding area at the regregregistration area
- Camp Quality will be celebrating 20 years of service with a Friday Night (after dark) fireworks display at the park in Boyne City. More details to follow
- Castle Farms, Charlevoix, MI (located approx. 12 miles North on M-66 from East Jordan). Self guided tours Mon.-Fri. Cost $6.00 *Guided Tour Saturday Only 12 Noon - 1p.m. Cost $8 • $1 more if you want to play old-fashioned lawn croquet. (The Guided Tour must have a minimum of 10. Sign up at Registration Area). The ladies are invited to bring their lunch and eat on the grounds of the historic castle and enjoy it's beauty

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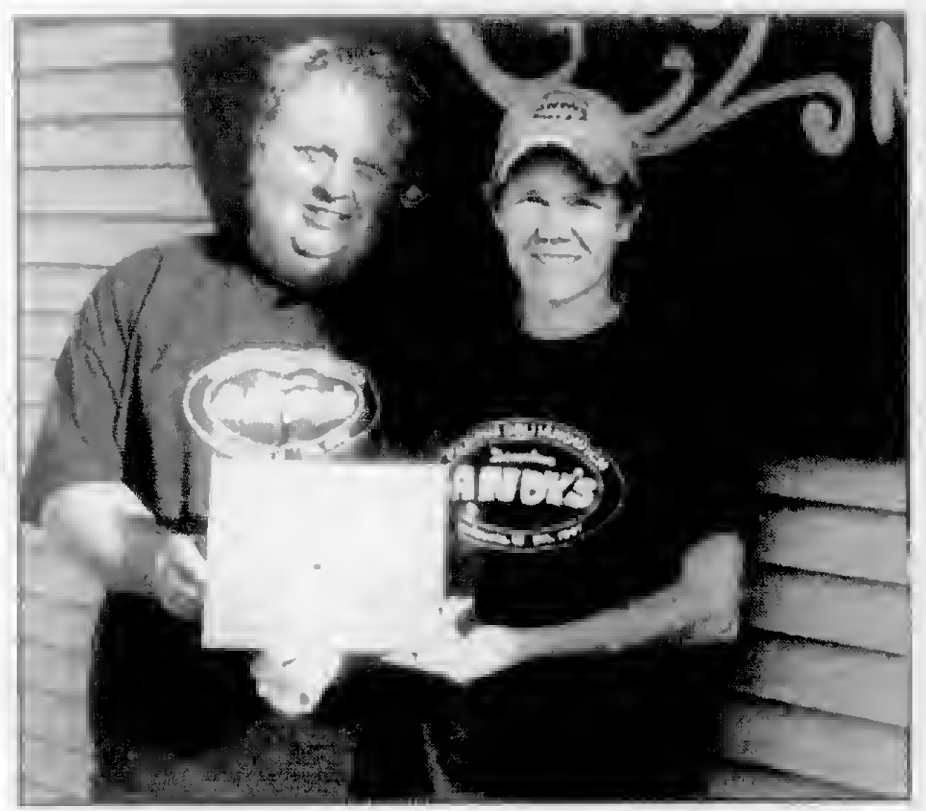

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Best sandwich

Andy's Market on Garfield Avenue and Andy's Downtown Deli and Grille on Bridge Street were the best sandwich winners in "Your Town Showdown," a contest sponsored by Channel 7 and 4. (Left) Owners Keith and Mary Ramsey in front of their Garfield location. Owners Gary and Marge Ramsey are not pictured.

Charlevoix merchants to host sidewalk sales

STORY HIGHLIGHT
Charlevoix area merchants will host their annual end of summer sidewalk sales from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 16-18 on the sidewalks.

Charlevoix area merchants will host their annual end of summer sidewalk sales Aug. 16-18.

Participating merchants provide substantial reductions on their seasonal inventory.

Most merchants will be on the sidewalk 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and inside after 5 p.m.

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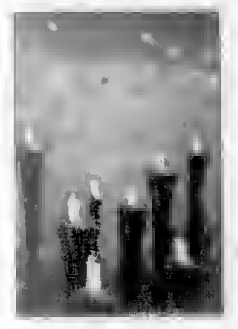
Cycling Salamander showcases pastel artist



'Festival of Kites,' by Joe Brown

Cycling Salamander Art Gallery is showcasing the work of pastel artist Joe Brown.

Brown's works will be featured from Aug. 4 through Aug. 31.

Cycling Salamander is located at 02217 U.S. 31 one mile north of Norwood Road. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday and Tuesday and Wednesday by chance or appointment.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, August 6, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- The Mayor proclaimed the week of August 6-11 as "Plant-A-Tree Week."
- Motion passed to reconsider an action from the July 23 special meeting.
- Motion passed to set a public hearing for September 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. to consider an amendment of the DDA Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan.
- Motion passed authorizing execution of the Chicago Club estoppel and utility improvement agreement.
- Motion passed approving the July 2, 2207 City Council minutes with corrections.
- Motion passed authorizing votes for the candidates for the MML Workers' Compensation Fund Board of Trustees.

Council adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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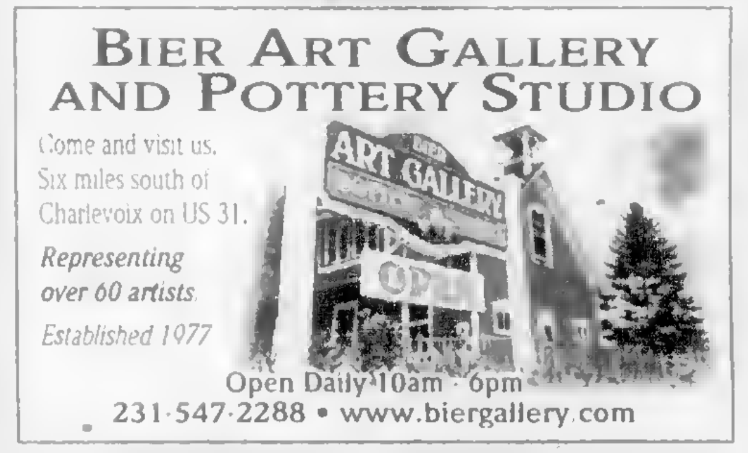

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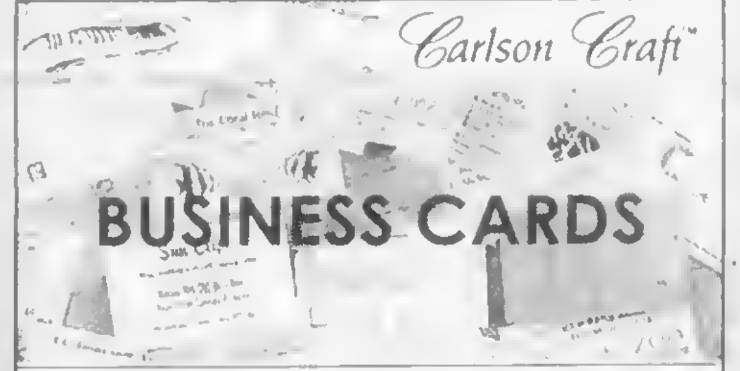

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BUSINESS What's new?

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Crystal clear quality at Charlevoix Glass

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Who? Charlevoix Glass Inc.
What? Charlevoix Glass does auto, residential and commercial glass work.
When? The business is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Where? New location at 06837 U.S. 31 South in Charlevoix Township.

Photo by Stefanie Carano

The staff at Charlevoix Glass Inc. at their new location on 06837 U.S. 31 South in Charlevoix Township. (From left) Dan Cadorin, Doug Berg, Michelle Crandell, owner Bill Laway, Patti LaPeer, Rich Sutton, Cody Coblentz and David McFalls.

Charlevoix Glass Inc. on U.S. 31 in Charlevoix Township, takes a creative approach to the development of its product.

"Every circumstance is different," said Bill Laway, owner of Charlevoix Glass. "Is it in a frame? Does it have a bevel? The variables predict how you're going to go about repairing it."

The company handles residential, commercial and auto glass work but also does a great deal of custom work.

"We do a lot of custom shower doors, mirror work, glass railings," Laway said. "Quality and customer satisfaction is what we've been trying to do."

A recent custom project was the creation of a shower in the master bath of a home on Old Mission Peninsula.

"She wanted to have a master shower unlike anybody else's," Laway said of the owner.

The result was a 12 foot wide, six-and-a-half feet deep, eight-and-a-half feet tall glass enclosure inserted in tiled pillars. He said the shower could contain approximately 14 people.

"No frames whatsoever," Laway said. "One piece of glass was over 1,000 pounds."

He said a willingness to do what others haven't and a great deal of modern tools help keep the company ahead of the competition. He said he is also blessed with a great crew.

"We've expanded our number of employees recently," Laway said. "There are eight here now, five years ago there was only three or four of us."

After spending 11 years on the corner of M-66 and Loeb Road, the company was able to buy out Twin Bay Glass and run both facilities for seven months. In June of this year, they consolidated at the previous Twin Bay location on U.S. 31.

"We're certainly growing, I imagine we'll be adding on before too many years," Laway said. "There was a time when two vehicles did the work, now four have a hard time keeping up with the amount of mobile work we have to do."

Charlevoix Glass Inc. is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, the company is located at 06837 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix Township.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Affinity fastest overall at Aug. 8 sailboat race

The sixth race of the Charlevoix Yacht Club's summer series was sailed on Aug. 8 in light and variable winds.

Twenty-two boats finished the race, which consisted of a shortened course of six windward-leeward legs. Affinity was the fastest boat overall, and only 26 seconds corrected time separated the first three boats of the Spinnaker A fleet this week. Two more races and one more drop will determine the summer series totals.

Race results provided by Mike Miller and Keith Attee, committee chairs.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 – Sonnett (Lepmann); 2 – Exitus (Pung).

P-26 fleet: 1 – Original Sin (Miller); 2 – Cygnus (Stewart); 3 – Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 4 – Tireless (Carland); 5 – Apothecary (Ochs).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 – Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 2 – Hoi Polloi (Attee); 3 – Paleface Lite (Grove); 4 – Suzie Q (Kelly); 5 – Fairret (Seymour); 6 – Booma (Gosling/Tyra); 7 – Sail La Vie (Williamson); 8 – M3 (Carey); 9 – Incognito (Fisher).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 – Affinity (Strawbridge); 2 – Itch (Thomas); 3 – Northern Light (Orlow); 4 – Moxie (Jensen); 5 – Windrunner (Pirie); 6 – Padawan 3 (Lamb).

Summer series results after six races with one drop:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 – Sonnett (6); 2 – Exitus (9); 3 – Opus (17).

P-26 fleet: 1 – Tireless (7); 2 – Original Sin (11); 3 – Cygnus (12); 4 – Lost Vermonter (14); 5 – Apothecary (24).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 – Paleface Lite (10); 2 – Suzie Q (12); 3 – Hoi Polloi (13); 4 – Gotcha! (15); 5 – Booma (19); 6 – Fairrett (26.5); 7 – Sail La Vie (30.5); 8 – M3 (35); 9 – Incognito (41).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 – Northern Light (9); 2 – Moxie (10); 3 – Affinity (12); 4 – Itch (20); 5 – Windrunner (23); 6 – Padawan 3 (29).

Golf pro leads 100-hole benefit for Junior Golf

A local athletic event that has become a summer tradition is about to be repeated.

Belvedere Golf Club golf professional, Steve Braun, will again play 100 holes in a single day. While some local golfers might talk a good game, wishing they could play golf all day, not many could play 100 holes in 12 hours. Braun does and averages scores in the mid-70s for each round.

Many have asked why he puts himself through the physical and emotional agony. The simple answer is he is a dedicated believer in Charlevoix's Junior Golf Program and the potential it has to impact young people who learn life skills. His passion is seeing youngsters play the game he loves.

As in the past, pledges made per hole or outright donations, go into the program's scholarship fund, which allows deserving junior golfers to attend Ferris State University's week-long golf camp. The program has sent over 85 youngsters on scholarship through the years. The week away from home and the educational setting has proven to have a positive impact on each camper that has attended.

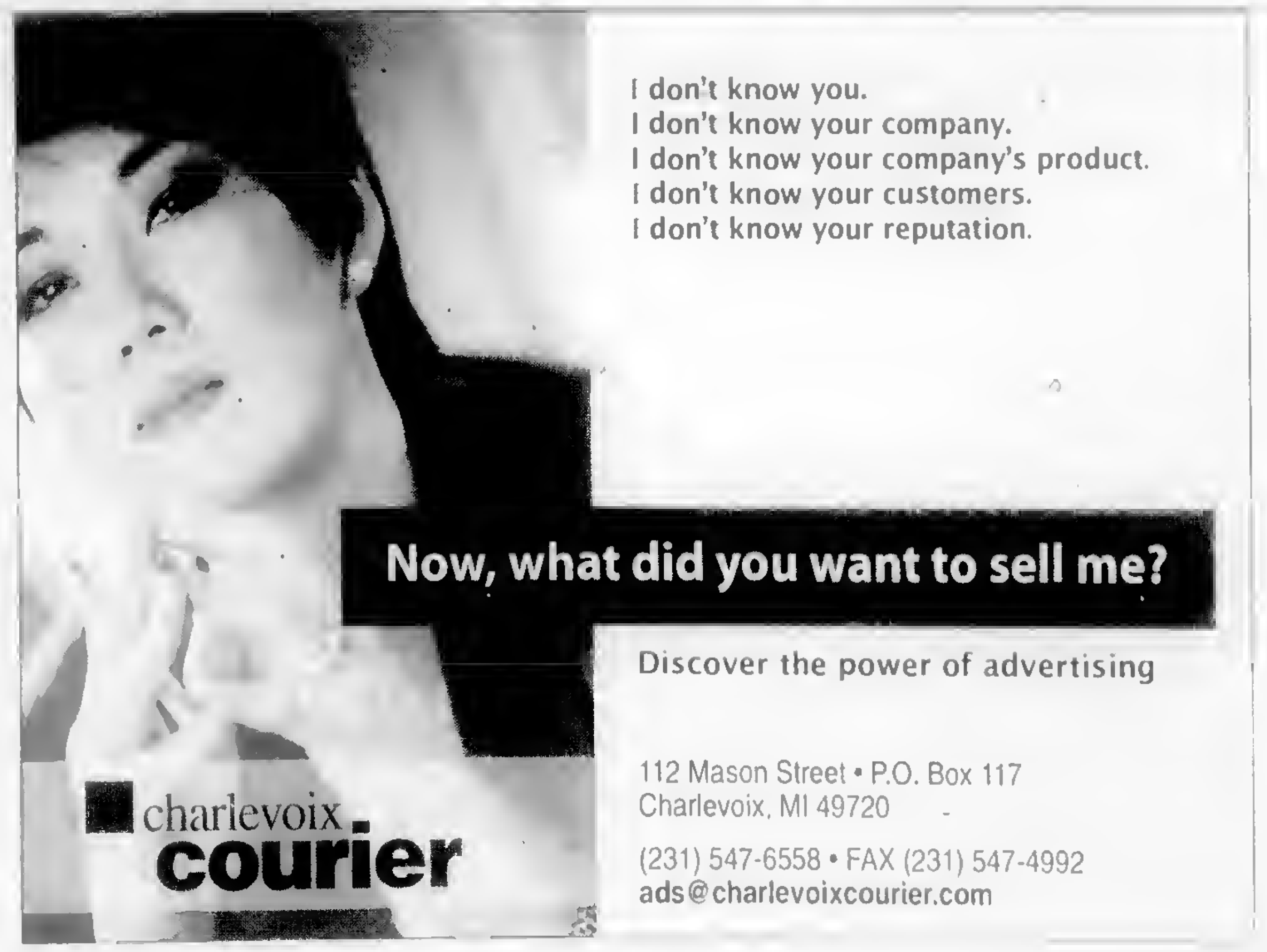
Braun tees off at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 20. Those interested in pledging support for the Junior Golf Scholarship Fund or in monitoring Braun's progress can do so by calling the Belvedere Golf Club at (231) 547-2611 or Dean Davenport at (231) 547-6433. Spectators are welcome to view the event.

This year's program had 140 area youth registered. Instructional and open play was scheduled at the Charlevoix Country Club, Antrim Dells, Charlevoix Golf Club and Belvedere Golf Club.

Courtesy photos

Game, set, match

It was a record setting year for participation in the Venetian Festival tennis tournament with 100 entrants playing. There were many winners and tournament coordinators said the greatest achievement was the 25 plus children under 16 who participated. There were also new categories for the over 60 and 70 events. (Above) Senior mixed doubles winners in the Venetian Festival tennis tournament are (from left) Frank and Connie Hagelshaw, Nick Kling and Mike Coltman. (Below) Women's doubles winners are (from left) Mary VanWieren, Julie Morrison, Karen Peters and Dree Lo. Those with ideas for added events are asked to contact Karen Peters at (231) 547-4368.



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SPORTS reviewing the action

Carlson's Home Improvements wins rec league softball title

Men's rec league softball teams ended their season on Aug. 7.

The following are scores from games leading up to that final day of play as well as results from the last games.

In game one of men's slo-pitch play on July 30, RGM Services beat Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting 7–6. For RGM, Danny Waldron had a double. For Swanson's, Brent VanStedem and Dan Pardee each had a double.

In game two, Boss Engineering beat JC Service 13–4. For Boss, Neil Friske had a double.

In game three, Wojan Windows shutout Subway/Charlevoix Collision 7–0.

In game one of men's slo-pitch play on Aug. 1, Carlson's Home Improvements beat Wojan Windows 19–4. For Carlson's, Brett Erskine had two doubles.

In game two, Flight Deck/American Waste defeated Art Form Fabricating/Frontier Classic 10–1.

In game three, Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting shutout Boss Engineering 12–0. For Swanson's, Dan Pardee and Gary Payton each had a triple.

In game one of men's slo-pitch play on Aug. 2, Flight Deck/American Waste defeated RGM Services 9 6. For Flight Deck, Ethan Towsley had two doubles.

In game two, JC Service beat Subway/Charlevoix Collision 13–12. For JC, Josh Chamberlain had a triple and Anthony Cesaro and Mike Ratio each had two doubles. For Subway, Jean Fowley had a triple.

In game three, Carlson's Home Improvements beat Art Form Fabricating/Frontier Classic 23–5. For Carlson's, Dave MacKenzie had a triple. For Art Form, Andy Rowe had an in-the-park home run.

In game one of men's slo-pitch play on Aug. 6 Swanson's K&D/J. Arnold Painting defeated Wojan Windows 17–9. For Swanson's, Kraig Swanson had a triple. For Wojan, Kevin Burns had an in-the-park home run.

In game two, Art Form Fabricating/Frontier Classic beat Subway/Charlevoix Collision 17–7.

In a close game three that lasted eight innings, Carlson's Home Improvements beat JC Service 24–23. For Carlson's, Robert Russell, Mike Thompson and Jody Puttman each had a double and a triple and Brett Erskine had a home run and a grand slam. For JC, Darren Munson, Josh Chamberlain, Joe Knox and J.D. Pop each had a triple.

The final games of the season took place on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

In the semi-final game Carlson's Home Improvements beat Flight Deck/American Waste 8–4. For Carlson's, Brett Erskine had a double.

Carlson's moved on to win the championship game, beating RGM Services 9–4. For Carlson's, Boogie Carlson had a double. For RGM, Bo Moore had a double.

Rayder football golf outing is on Aug. 17

A Rayder Football Golf Outing will take place on Friday, Aug. 17 at Antrim Dells Golf Club, located at 12352 Antrim Drive in Atwood.

Registration begins at 1 p.m. The shotgun start is at 2 p.m. The cost is $75 per player and includes boxed lunch, golf, dinner and auction admission.

Special events include chances to win a set of Callaway Big Bertha irons, a Sharp LCD flat-screen TV, two round-trip domestic airline tickets and $10,000 cash. Proceeds from this annual event fund the Charlevoix High School varsity and junior varsity football team's training camp on Beaver Island and miscellaneous equipment needs.

To participate or request more information, call (231) 622-2667 or e-mail rayderfootball@gmail.com.

Photo by Stefanie Carano

Dinghy poker run

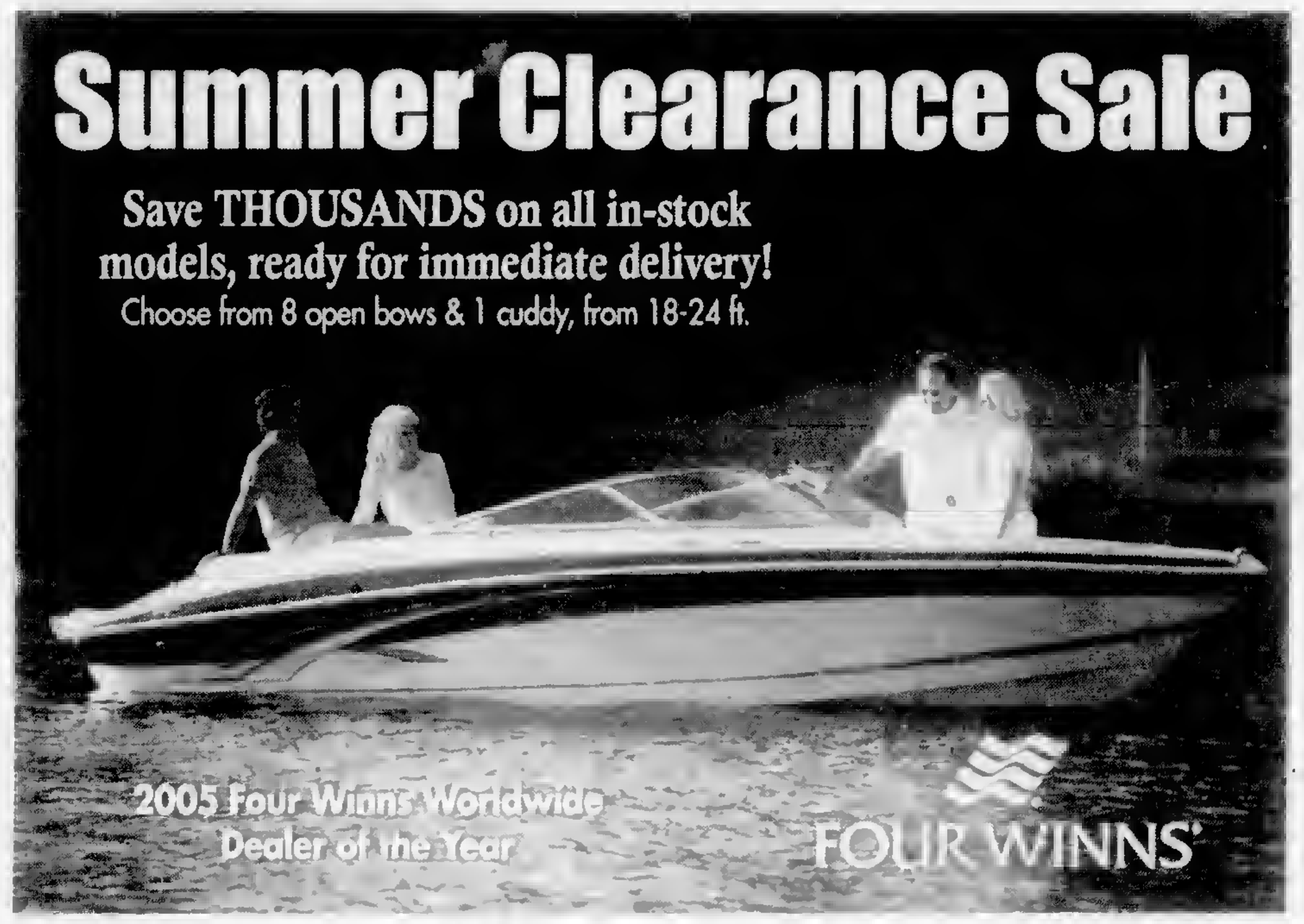
A band of dinghys (small rowboats often fitted for sailing) met near dock 'A' at East Park marina for the 'Dinghy on the Round Poker Run.' Dinghys picked up cards at different locations on the lake. Winning was determined by the best hand of cards dinghy riders ended up with.

Pool to close for repairs and cleaning Aug. 27-31

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will be closed from Monday, Aug. 27 through Friday, Aug. 31 for annual repairs and cleaning.

Fall brochures, schedules and program information will be available in the lobby from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday during the closing.

For more information, call (231) 547-0982 or visit www.charpool.org.



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M.J. Cargill

Charlevoix Courier's own senior advice columnist M.J. Cargill polled local married women and asked them, "What sustains long-term relationships?" A total of 41 women married or in a relationship for more than 15 years participated. Anonymous respondents nuggets of relationship knowledge are listed below.

1. "Don't give up. Work on it."

2. (Married 41 years) "He lives down state and I live up here, only get together when the kids come. This works for us."

3. "We are careful as there is way too much to lose."

4. "My wife and I use communication, caring and consideration."

5. "Don't get stagnate. We use travel to keep things interesting."

6. "You gotta have a sense of humor."

7. "As soon as you retire get another job that requires traveling."

8. "Patience and understanding, especially in the beginning and remembering those two words when things get difficult. I remember those two letters "PU" and it sort of covers everything."

9. "Little white lies to avoid hurting your significant other is far less evil. However, never in issues of morality."

10. "When things are really going downhill and I want to throw in the towel, I turn on the radio and listen to oldies and inevitably a song will come up that stirs up some memories and I try to remember why I fell in love with him in the first place. I think about the really romantic times we had, when we couldn't keep our hands off each other. It really works."

11. "I say, 'I love you,' about 20 times a day. Every time I sign off on the phone, especially."

12. "When I have really crossed the line and I know it, I try to be really playful with my spouse in apologizing and soon we are in each other's arms."

13. "My husband soothes my temper with flowers when I am really mad at him. It's amazing how quickly I fall for that trick."

14. "Sometimes when I am upset about several things and I can't seem to find the time (or the right time) to bring them up, I write my husband a letter about everything and for the most part it seems to work. We find time to talk about the issues I have and vice versa."

15. "Humor, laughing stops the anger."

16. "A good drink every night never hurt anyone."

17. "Recognizing that your spouse has had a bad day or isn't feeling good and is taking it out on you. Instead of being angry with why he/she is treating you, understand and ask what is wrong?"

18. "Establish a date night and keep it. It keeps the embers burning."

19. "Switch roles every once in a while."

20. "Communication. Don't let things build up inside you — talk about it."

21. "Find time to be alone, even if you have to schedule the time."

22. "Tell each other jokes. Laugh, laugh and laugh some more."

23. "Be a good listener. Don't give advice unless asked for it."

24. "Give each other some space. A man's night out without checking up on him will do wonders when it's your night out with the girls."

25. "Flirt with each other, hold hands when walking together, pull over off the beaten path for a make-out session like you used to in your dating days."

Contact: Do you have experience/regrets/hopes with a long term relationship that is not what you want it to be? Jump on board and share yourself so others might benefit, anonymously of course. Contact us at "Hey Jane" P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or e-mail heyjane@heyjaneonline.com.

senior activity calendar

WEDNESDAY, AUG 15, 22, 29 SEPT. 5, 12

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 16, 23, 30 SEPT. 6, 13

Foot clinic The Charlevoix Senior Center will host a foot clinic at 9 a.m. on Aug. 16.

Computers 10 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Movies on Thursdays will be offered weekly during the month of August at Charlevoix Cinema III. Matinee show times vary, call the theater for schedule. Tickets are $3 each. Popcorn and soda is $3.

Pinochle 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 17, 24, 31 SEPT. 7, 14

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 20, 27 SEPT. 3, 10, 17

Beaver Island Senior Appreciation Day and Picnic Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is sponsoring the third annual appreciation day and picnic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 20, at the Peaine Township Hall, located at 36825 Kings Highway on Beaver Island. The picnic will be served and door prizes given away from noon to 1 p.m. A chicken barbecue, side dishes, roll, fruit and beverage will be served. Tickets are a $3 suggested donation for those 60 and over and $6 for those under 60. From 9 to 11 a.m. health screenings and "Let's get moving Beaver Island seniors" will take place. Screenings free for seniors 60 and older include cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure. The screenings are $12 for those under 60. No fasting is required for cholesterol screening. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling the Beaver Island Health Center at (231) 448-2275.

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Woodcarving 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 21, 28 SEPT. 4, 11, 18

Tai Chi Fall Tai Chi classes will meet on Tuesdays starting Sept. 4 at Charlevoix Public Library. Beginners class starts at 10 a.m. The mixed or continuing/advanced class starts at 11 a.m. The classes are taught by Meg McClorey. To pre-register, call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Alzheimer's Disease Caregivers Support Group will have a new location. At 1:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Sept. 18 and the third Tuesday of every month thereafter, the group will be meeting at the Charlevoix Senior Center, 06906 Norwood Rd., Charlevoix. Leigh Reis-Kurchinski is the facilitator. For more information, call Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103, or the Charlevoix Senior Center at (231) 547-5361.

Computers 9 a.m.

Crafts 9:30 a.m.

Potato Peelers 9:30 a.m., Aug. 28

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Ladies' Cards 7 p.m.

All events listed above take place at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (231) 547-5361.

HEY jane

"As you sow, so shall you reap."

Yeah, you've heard it all before, yet sometimes the answers don't come easy.

Send your questions to "Hey Jane," a new advice column published the third Wednesday of every month on our *just Golden* senior page.

Hey Jane
c/o Charlevoix Courier
PO Box 117 • 112 Mason Street
Charlevoix, MI 49720

Hey Jane. Read it and reap!

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Hey Jane!

I feel my daughter is being a hypocrite. When her daughter wanted to live with a boyfriend during the last year of college everybody had a conniption! She and her husband are very committed in their church values and their position is that living together is sinful and that there should be no sexual relations unless the couple is married. I agree with those values particularly when it comes to me! I've been living in a retirement community and have met another love *of my life and we want to get married. My daughter doesn't feel this is a good decision. She suggests that we should just live together because marriage at our age is too complicated. Why is marriage good for the young and not a good idea for seniors? I think she just wants to make sure he doesn't get my money.*

GF

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Educational

INSTRUCTOR
Small Business Management class in Petoskey, Wednesday nights, 6 to 9 p.m., beginning September 5. Business background and teaching experience preferred. Send letter and resume to Dr. Robert Marsh, NCMC, 1515 Howard St., Petoskey, MI 49770 or rmars@ncmich.edu.

0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

General

CAFETERIA STAFF
Person, NCMC. $8.15 per hour. Responsible for grill menu and general kitchen cleaning, starting September 4. Two years' food service and cooking experience. Cash resister experience helpful. To apply call 348-6611 or stop by College kitchen for application.

General

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Local insurance agency is seeking a licensed, friendly and self-motivated Personal Lines Agent. We offer excellent carrier representation, superior support staff, and a professional environment. The ideal candidate will have a proven track record in selling and the ability to provide outstanding service. Great communication, honesty and positive attitude are a must. We offer a competitive salary, a bonus program and an attractive benefits package; including a retirement plan and health insurance. Please send letter and resume to: Korthase-Flinn Insurance and Financial Services, Attn: Human Resources, 1150 Boyne Ave., Boyne City, MI 49712.

General

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Part-time. Please apply at Independence Village of Petoskey. 965 Hager Drive.

General

HAYES TOWNSHIP CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
The Hayes Township Board is seeking interested residents of Hayes Township to fill one (1) position on the Zoning Board of Appeals and two (2) positions on the Planning Commission. These positions require an interest in Planning and Zoning as well as a commitment of time and participation. The Zoning Board of Appeals meets on an as needed basis. The Planning Commission meets twice a month as well as an occasional special meeting. All meetings are held in the evening. Please send letter of interest to Hayes Township Clerk, 10772 Burnett Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720. You may call Ethel Knepp, Supervisor at (231)347-2899 with any questions.

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Healthcare

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Certified or Registered Dental Assistant needed to join our high-tech specialty practice. This mature professional should be a team player, computer literate, and experienced in four handed clinical assisting techniques. Excellent compensation and benefits. If you have the personality, skills and desire to work with a small staff providing excellent patient care, please call East Jordan Endodontics, (231)536-1000, ask for Rose.

Healthcare

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0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

Healthcare

NURSING ASSISTANT
Offering wages plus room and board. Send resume to 1807 US 31 North, Petoskey, Mi. 49770 or stop in with resume. and ask for Terri.

Professional

COUNSELOR/ ADVOCATE
Full-time working with survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault in Antrim County. A minimum of a Bachelors degree and 2 years of related professional experience required. Respond with resume to Chris Krajewski, Women's Resource Center, 423 Porter St. Petoskey. Mi. 49770. E.O.E.

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Trades

MARINE TECHNICIAN
Northern Michigan marina looking for a full-time technician experienced in the following fields: Inboard gas engines, stem drives and outboards. Top benefits and wages paid. Contact Walstrom Marine, 113 E. State Street, Cheboygan, MI 49721. (231)627-7105.

Trades

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Wanted to clean and deliver portable toilets. Must be dependable with strong work ethic and clean driving record. Send resume to: K&J Septic Service, 2360 River Rd., Petoskey, or call for application, 347-3996.

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TALLY GENICOM Model 6306 line printer. Network card. Enclosed base. Never used. Purchased December 2006. Paid $4,656. Make an offer. Please call Gaylord Herald Times, (989)732-111, Marilyn.

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1440 WANTED TO BUY MISCELLANEOUS

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1600 HOMES FOR SALE

1005 HOWARD Street. Charming 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, in-town home close to every amenity Petoskey offers. Several renewed items include: Kitchen cabinets, windows throughout, carpet and hot water heater. $179,900. Kristie Haalck, REO, (231)347-6200.

2 HOUSES for sale off Boyne City Rd., Susan Lake property. (1) 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 5 years old, on the lake. $168,000. (2) Across from lake with access, on 4 lots. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, Both immediate occupancy. $96,000. (231)547-3425

414 SOUTH Division. New in 2006 fresh 3 bedroom, 2 bath home on 3-1/2 acres with walkout basement overlooking a pond near town. $169,900. Kristie Haalck, REO, (231)347-6200.

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CHARLEVOIX

Spacious, well maintained, Mobile Home on quiet, lower level of park with private beach on Lake Charlevoix. Quality built 1984, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, large kitchen and living room with deck. $18,500. Cash only. No land contract. Possible trade for land. Call (313)582-1898.

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PETOSKEY $98,900. 4 bedroom, 2 bath, in Springbrook. New roof, carpet, paint. Walkout, Bill Winslow, Coldwell Banker, (231)838-5263, office 347-7600.

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NEW CHARLEVOIX LISTING, 306 West Hurlbut Street. Three bedroom, 2 bath, attached two car garage. 1,340 square feet. Newer appliances, carpet and built-in storage. Nice family neighborhood, within walking distance to Lake Michigan public beaches and downtown Charlevoix. Asking $169,900. (231)330-3105.

1610 LAKE HOMES & FRONTAGE

2 ROOM suite at Inland House (resort property) Lakefront on Crooked Lake. Furnished, air, 2 baths, fireplace, dock. $125,000. (303)618-5706.

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CLOSE TO Charlevoix, beautiful waterfront lot at Adams Lake Preserve. Area of fine homes, reduced $62,000 by owner. 231-933-1546

SIX MILE LAKE
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1620 MOBILE HOMES/SITES FOR SALE/RENT

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CHARLEVOIX

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1680 BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT

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CHARLEVOIX
COMMERCIAL space, north side. 1,300 sq ft. $800 per month plus utilities. 12705 US-31 North. Call Bob Kern, REO (231)547-5100.

1690 BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT

LEWISTON OFFICE or retail space. Main Street, Lewiston. Excellent location. Great visibility. 800 sq. ft. Available immediately $350/month plus utilities and deposit. (989)786-1403.

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PETOSKEY IN-TOWN Space for lease. Greenwood Cemetery Rd. 7,300 sq. ft. office and warehouse. (231)348-9256 ext. 113.

1690 APARTMENTS/ DUPLEXES FOR RENT

EAST JORDAN 3 bedroom, all appliances. 635 Nicholls. No pets. Starting at $595/plus. (231)675-1672.

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1700 HOUSES FOR RENT

3 BEDROOMS 2 baths. Washer, dryer. Attached 2 car garage. Corner lot in town. No smoking. Pets negotiable. $700/month plus utilities. $700 security deposit. (989)732-9110.

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1700 HOUSES FOR RENT

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50 to 1,000 sq. ft., drive-in units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, (231)547-5100.

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2002 CHRYSLER Sebring, LXI, V6, 4 door, moon roof, fully loaded, 65,000 miles. $4,995. **2006 Ford Escape**, XLT, V6, 2x4, loaded, moon roof, 21,000 miles, $11,500. (231)536-9536.

2003 OLDSMOBILE Alero GL, new tires, air, brakes, 66,000 miles, great condition. Asking $7,000. (231)330-8071.

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2000 PLYMOUTH Voyager. 180,000 highway miles. Needs some work. $2,000. (989)732-9505.

2001 DODGE Dakota Quad Cab Sport. 4 wheel drive, V-8, automatic. Very good condition. 96,000 miles. 1 owner. $8,500/best. (231)546-3861 late evenings.

2001 FORD EXPLORER
Loaded, 88,000 miles.
$6,000. (231)547-4367
Leave Message.

2003 CHEVROLET Suburban, Z71, sun roof, DVD, four wheel drive, loaded, black exterior, gray interior. $19,900. (231)675-7711.

2003 FORD Escape XLS, 49,000 miles, 24 mpg. $9,900. (989)390-6031.

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FORD F-250 XLT, 2 wheel drive, 2001, V-10, super cab, 44,000 miles. Banks system, new tires. Excellent condition. California truck. No rust. $13,500. (231)546-2196.

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2030 BOATS & MARINE EQUIPMENT

1990 CHRIS Craft 19' bow rider. 4.6 liter, V-6, OMC Cobra inboard/outboard with Shoreland'r trailer. $3,500. (989)731-5274.

2030 BOATS & MARINE EQUIPMENT

1999 22' Doral CC, sport fisherman, 200 EFI Mercury outboard, aluminum trailer. Excellent condition. $16,900. (231)547-4580.

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND AY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE TIME NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC. A Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagor, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. Dated the 19 day of October, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan , on the 3rd day of November, 2004 in Liber 648 of Charlevoix County Records, Page 137, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents ($226, 667.92), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of September, 2007 et 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the lobby of the Charlevoix County Court House, Charlevoix Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan located at building of 301 State Street Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, es aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a 2 inch rod at the west 1/4 comer of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East and-West 1/4 line of said section North 77°12'10" East 2595.18 teet to a 3/4 inch rod at the center 1/4 corner of said section; thence South 05°48'00" West 739.66 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 89°24'43" East 207.61 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 00°34'50" West 407.77 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence South 88°45'22" East 167.75 feet; thence North 50°42'30" East 392.64 teet; thence North 44°35'06" East 305.96 feet; thence North 25°33'43"East 182.33 feet to a 2 inch rod at an angle point In a Conservation Easement recorded in Liber 365, Pages 911 through 918, Charlevoix County Records, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence along the Northwesterly line of said easement North 75°55'08" East 335.89 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence continuing along said easement line North 52°44'24" East 433.20 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence leaving said easement line South 37°33'51" East 931.95 feet to a 2 inch rod on the Northwesterly line of Highways US 31; thence continuing South 37°33'51" East 125.45 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline South 57°18'27" West 816.50 feet; thence North 32°41'33" West 125.00 feet to a 2 inch rod on said Northwesterly highway line; thence continuing North 32°41'33" West 204.36 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 43°27'31" west 248.96 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 11°37'03" East 235.53 teet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 52°55'33" West 409.05 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the East 2 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel No. Part of 15007-118-009-50

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241, the property maybe redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated: 8/7/07

Premier Realty Group, Inc.
Mortgagee

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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(B-08/15, 08/22, 08/29)

2090 BIDS WANTED

Official Notice

HAYES TOWNSHIP
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
SEEKING BIDS

Hayes Township is seeking bids for the purchase and installation of a new furnace and air conditioning unit at the Hayes Township Hall located at 09195 Old US 31 North. If you wish to see the existing system please call Ethel Knepp, Supervisor, to schedule an appointment 347-2899. Mail bids to Hayes Township, 10772 Burnett Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720. All bids must be received by August 31, 2007.

(B-8/8,8/15)

2090 BIDS WANTED

Official Notice

HAYES TOWNSHIP
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
SEEKING BIDS

Hayes Township is seeking bids for the remodeling of the Hayes Township Hall located at 09195 Old US 31 North. If you wish to see the existing office and discuss the scope of the project please call Ethel Knepp, Supervisor, to schedule an appointment 347-2899. Mail bids to Hayes Township, 10772 Burnett Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720. All bids must be received by August 31, 2007.

(B-8/8,8/15)

2090 BIDS WANTED

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Charlevoix at the City Office at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 until 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, September 6, 2007, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read for furnishing refuse collection services for a period of thirty-six (36) months commencing October 1, 2007.

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Pat Elliott, Street Superintendent
(B-08/15)

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Photo by Stefanie Carano

Waterways tours marina

The Michigan Waterways Commission met with members of the Charlevoix City Council and Downtown Development Authority on Friday, Aug. 10 to tour downtown's new marina and the East Park construction site. Waterways is funding 75 percent of the marina construction project as well as 75 percent of all East Park renovations that are related to the marina

Northwest Academy adds new playground

Courtesy photo

Northwest Academy kindergarten teacher Phoebe Gohs, chief administrative officer Gary Stutzman, playground designer Dave Bean of Jumping Bean Recreation and elementary student, Olivia Paul look over the plans for Northwest Academy's new playground to be installed on the northeast portion of their property at 115 West Hurlbut St.

With a recent elementary expansion, Northwest Academy is proud to now offer students and the community a new playground.

After years of planning and coordination, the playground will open on Tuesday, Sept. 4. The playground will be in the northeast section of the lot adjacent to Northwest Academy. Area children and Northwest students are welcome to play on the teeter totter, Geo Dome, tire swing and more in a safe environment. The playground adheres to the Playground Equipment Safety Act, and will provide a safe environment for area children to exercise and have fun.

The new playground has been designed by David Bean, playground specialist from Jumping Bean Recreation Inc., and Gary Stutzman, school leader with Northwest Academy.

Thanks to Oleson's the school is leasing the west corner lot adjacent to our building. Funding for the project came from fundraising efforts of Michelle Utley, middle elementary teacher, Mel Morrison, chairperson of the Friends of Northwest Academy, and a grant from the 2 percent Funds from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

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OBITUARIES

Sharon Coleman:
Feb. 10, 1953 - Aug. 7, 2007

Sharon D. Coleman, 54, of Charlevoix, died Tuesday, Aug. 7 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A funeral took place on Saturday, Aug. 11, at Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Rev. Jerry Hunko of Saint Mary Catholic Church officiated. Burial will be in Saint Mary Cemetery, Charlevoix.

Sharon was born on Feb. 10, 1953, in Detroit, the daughter of Norman W. and Phyllis L. (Mousseau) Loucks. She was a lifetime resident of Charlevoix, and was a member of Saint Mary Catholic Church.

Sharon was a beloved mother and sister. She is survived by her daughter, Stephanie (Steven) White of Missouri; son, Jeffrey Coleman of Florida; granddaughter, Ayla White; brother, Paul (Marjorie) Loucks of Petoskey; nephew, Paul Loucks Jr.; niece, Danielle (Michael) Gareau; many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mary Church Building Fund.

Grant Furgeson Jr.:
Oct. 28, 1928 - Aug. 7, 2007

Grant Furgeson Jr. of Charlevoix died Tuesday, Aug. 7 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A funeral took place on Friday, Aug. 10 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Rev. James Mort officiated and burial followed at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Grant was born Oct. 28, 1928, in Petoskey, the son of Grant and Leah (Plante) Furgeson Sr. He spent his life on the farm, and attended the Murray School in Hayes Township. As a young man, Grant worked in the Upper Peninsula as a sawyer. He was employed locally by Tri-City Blacktop, and Burnett Brother's Farm Implements. More recently, Grant built pole barns. He raised Percheron horses and enjoyed giving sleigh rides.

Grant married Genevieve J. Crandell on June 30, 1956, in Boyne City, and she survives him. He is also survived by his sisters, Dorothy Finney of Oregon, and Marie Burkle of Petoskey; many nieces and nephews.

Grant was preceded in death by his parents: brothers, Leonard and LeRoy; sister, Viora Baker; niece, Shirley Burkle; nephews, Earl Green and Lester and Scott Crandell.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice.

Genevieve Roginski:
Jan. 10, 1915 - Aug. 8, 2007

Genevieve B. Roginski, 92, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Farmington Hills, died Wednesday, Aug. 8 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix. Rite of Christian Burial took place on Saturday, Aug. 11 at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford. Rev. Richard Leliaert officiated and burial followed at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Genevieve was born Jan. 10, 1915, in Detroit, to John and Rose (Litwinski) Piwowar. She married John J. Roginski on Jan. 18, 1941, in Detroit. Genevieve was a member of Saint Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Redford, and the Daughters of Isabella. She loved gardening and flowers. She was a very giving person, and her children and grandchildren were the most important part of her life. Genevieve will be sadly missed by her children, Dolores (Gordon) Tramper of Charlevoix, and Sandra (Nick) Panetta of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; grandchildren, Nancy, William, and Elizabeth Joure, Toni, Keith, and Jennifer Panetta; sister, Elizabeth Matuszak of Naples, Fla.; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband John J. on Dec. 25, 1989, and was also preceded in death by her brothers, Edward and Joseph Piwowar; sisters, Mary Laskowski and Eleanor Depowski.

A funeral took place on Aug. 11 at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

OBITUARY PLACEMENT

for Wednesday publication contact us by
Friday before noon 547-6558
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112 Mason St. Charlevoix, MI 49720

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Generosity recognized

(Left) Chris Etienne, 2007 Rotary District Governor, presents a recognition award to Virginia Leonard Ewing for her gift of $25,000 to the Rotary Foundation. After the receiving the award, Ewing presented her late father's Nigerian Agricultural Project, which was financed by the Rotarians for over three years.

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AUG. 15
JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

Jazz at the Library will feature a program entitled "Be Bop — Birth of the Cool," at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 15. A concert will be performed by jazz trio Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans and Chris Ames and will feature soloists Claudia Schmidt and Steve Little.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

AUG. 15
MARSP MEETING

The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will hold their noon luncheon and meeting on Aug. 15 at Greensky Hill, off Old U.S. 31, north of Charlevoix. The program includes a tour/history of the grounds. Bring a friend to the $8 luncheon prepared by the UMW of the Church.

AUG. 16
FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Charlevoix Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 24.

AUG. 16
CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority are co-sponsoring a summer concert series. At 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings the Charlevoix City Band will be featured. The Thursday night performance will feature Chris Martin at 8 p.m. on Aug. 16. His guitar and song style has been compared with that of Willie Nelson. Both performances are in Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix.

AUG. 16
SIDEWALK SALES

Charlevoix area merchants will host their annual end of summer sidewalk sales Aug. 16-18.

Participating merchants provide substantial reductions on their seasonal inventory.

Most merchants will be on the sidewalk 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and inside after 5 p.m.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.

AUG. 16
BLOOD DRIVE

Charlevoix Area Hospital will host an American Red Cross blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Aug. 16. The hospital is located at 14700 Lakeshore Dr.

During the month of August, all presenting donors can enter a drawing to win one of four laptop computers plus one of four $250 gift cards.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

For more information, call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.givelife.org.

AUG. 16
QUILTER AND FRIENDS

A new group, Quilters and Friends, will meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16 at Charlevoix Public Library.

Join quilters and other fiber art enthusiasts for a monthly work group.

Bring along your current fiber project and all the equipment you need and enjoy the company of friends.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

AUG. 17
RAYDER BENEFIT GOLF OUTING

A Rayder Football Golf Outing will take place on Friday, Aug. 17 at Antrim Dells Golf Club, located at 12352 Antrim Drive in Atwood.

Registration begins at 1 p.m. The shotgun start is at 2 p.m. The cost is $75 per player and includes boxed lunch, golf, dinner and auction admission.

Special events include chances to win a set of Callaway Big Bertha irons, a Sharp LCD flat-screen TV, two round-trip domestic airline tickets and $10,000 cash. Proceeds from this annual event fund the Charlevoix High School varsity and junior varsity football team's training camp on Beaver Island and miscellaneous equipment needs.

To participate or request more information, call (231) 622-2667 or e-mail rayderfootball@gmail.com.

AUG. 18
SINGLES FOR CHRIST

"Singles for Christ" of Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey, invites all singles 40 and over, from all area churches to the group's monthly dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18 at Boyne City Veterans Pavilion, 319 N. Lake St., for a potluck.

Everyone is requested to bring their own table service, their own beverage of choice and a dish to pass. A gas grill will be available.

To make a reservation, call Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or (231) 632-1905, or e-mail frieda@compnor.com.

AUG. 19
HELEN OPEN

Donations and hole sponsorships are being accepted for the 2007 Helen Open. The event's steering committee and Hospice of Northwest Michigan are planning the seventh annual golfing event which is held in honor of Helen Weislik. Hole sponsorships are available in $50 and $100 increments.

This year's Helen Open will be on Sunday, Aug 19 at the Charlevoix Municipal Course. Signs with donor names will again be printed and placed on the course, and every donor will be acknowledged in the printed program. Food will be available on tournament day for a donation of $10 per person. Tickets will be available in advance at the Townhouse. An auction will also be held.

For more information, contact Ron Weislik at (231) 547-6690 or Cheri Hoffman at (231) 547-4578.

AUG. 20
BEAVER ISLAND SENIOR PICNIC

Charlevoix County Commission on Aging is sponsoring the third annual appreciation day and picnic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 20, at the Peaine Township Hall, located at 36825 Kings Highway on Beaver Island.

The picnic will be served and door prizes given away from noon to 1 p.m. A chicken barbecue, side dishes, roll, fruit and beverage will be served. Tickets are a $3 suggested donation for those 60 and over and $6 for those under 60.

From 9 to 11 a.m. health screenings and "Let's get moving Beaver Island seniors" will take place. Screenings free for seniors 60 and older include cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure. The screenings are $12 for those under 60. No fasting is required for cholesterol screening.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling the Beaver Island Health Center at (231) 448-2275.

AUG. 21
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

The artists whose works are on display in different communities as part of the Art in Public Places project will be speaking on their works at a program that will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 21. They and their works are as follows: Tom Moran, "Monarch Butterfly,"

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Glen McCune, "Stag," and Peggy Midener, "Prophecy."

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AUG. 23
OPEN HOUSE

An Aug. 23 open house is being planned for Barb and John Dobulis at the Charlevoix Senior Center. Barb is retiring as a nurse from Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency. She and John are moving to Florida to be near children and grandchildren.

For more information, call (231) 582-8800.

AUG. 28
CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce recently announced the revived 9th Annual Chamber Golf Outing will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

It will be a four-person scramble event with a shot-gun start at 1 p.m.

Members and non-members are welcome at a cost of $360 per team or $100 per person. This will include a buffet dinner and award ceremony immediately following the event at the Belvedere Club Casino located on Belvedere Avenue.

The entry fee also includes one chance to become the "2007 Chamber Putting Champion." This putting contest includes a chance to win a $5,000 first prize.

Registration will begin at noon. "Mulligans" and 50/50 raffle tickets may be purchased on the day of the outing.

Guests of the golfers are invited to join the group for dinner at a cost of $20.

Proceeds for this event will benefit the continuation of chamber events and services. To register, or for information about sponsoring a team, a hole or a cart, call Tom Conlan at (231) 547-2512, Ron Agnello at (231) 547-9767 or the chamber at (231) 547-2101.

SEPT. 15
PIT FIRING

Pit firing is the practice of subjecting low-fired bisque pots to a vigorous bonfire. During an upcoming hands-on workshop, participants will fire their own bisque pieces in a ventilated metal can with copper, salt, organic matter, sawdust and hardwood kindling.

Local potter, Bonnie Staffel will host this Trash Can and Smoke Firing Workshop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 in Charlevoix. Come learn a new technique to simulate pit firing in a controlled manner. Beginning to advanced potters are welcome. The cost is $65 and attendees are asked to bring a sack lunch and several soft bisque fired pots (Cone 010) no larger than the size of a melon.

To see Staffel's work, visit http://vasefinder.com/bstaffelgallery1.html.

For more information or to register for the class, call (231) 547-2333 or (231) 547-7319.

SEPT. 29
NORTHERN LIGHTS CELEBRATION

Northern Lights Celebration, a dinner, dance and auction to benefit St. Mary School will take place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 29 in the family center at the school. The cost is $100 per person. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School.

For information, call (231) 547-6652

DONATIONS NEEDED

Bergmann Center Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization is accepting donations for the organization's annual garage sale which will take place on Sept. 20, 21 and 22. Items in good to excellent condition will be accepted. Drop off times are from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment, call (231) 547-2979.

SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark is open from 4-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 4-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Summer hours will begin June 9 and are from noon to 9 p.m. daily. Helmets are required. The park is supervised.

The daily user fee is $3. A seven-day punch card is $15 and a season pass is $90. For more information, call the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department at 547-3253.

BURN PERMITS

Michigan averages 8,000 to 10,000 wildfires a year. More than 90% of Michigan's wildfires are caused by humans, and over one-third of those fires are started by burning yard waste or brush.

A burning permit is required any time the ground is not snow covered for open burning. Free burning permits are available online at www.michigan.gov/burnpermit, or by calling (866) 922-BURN (2876).

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

CLASS OF 1977

The Charlevoix High School class of 1977 is making plans for their 30th reunion. Activities are being planned for the weekend of Sept. 28. All class members are invited to visit www.charlevoix77.wetpaint.com to register and share memories. Suggestions or questions can be directed to bourke.edmund@vdps.net or rmoore@korthaseflinn.com

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

The Harsha House Museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, call 547-0373.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

JUKEBOX

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Ave., 6 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday through Sunday John Perry — piano.

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Aug. 16 karaoke.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 17 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Aug. 15 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 17 and 18, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

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Cheers to art

(Above, from left) Marybeth McGraw, Caroline Smith, Suzanne Acharya and John Guirey toast to the 3rd Annual Enduring Arts Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Esperance of Charlevoix. The Friday, Aug. 17 event featured winemakers Lee Lutes, Larry Mawby and Robert Pepi with an auction to raise money for Charlevoix Public Schools' Visual Arts Program.

Park fountain plan goes to public hearing

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority would like to provide for an interactive water fountain in the new East Park.

But because the authority hasn't designated funds for that specific project, they must go through a process of getting city and citizen approval to designate funds toward the cost of an interactive water fountain. That process began but has been stalled after the Charlevoix City Council was notified that estimated costs were significantly higher than what was initially presented by East Park architect Mark Buday.

"Even though time is of the essence, I have to recommend that some of the initial information regarding the Interactive Water Fountain be further investigated, per the outlines of the feasibility study," Buday wrote to city treasurer and acting city manager Rick Brandi.

This came after a joint meeting of the city council and the Downtown Development Authority on July 23, when the authority presented plans for an interactive water fountain at East Park's Harbormaster Plaza. Plans described jets of water that would leap out of the plaza and disappear back into the surface with the idea that children would be able to splash and play there. At that time, Buday presented an estimated cost range between $85,000 and $105,000. With the intent of funding the project, the authority needed approval from council to go forward with adding it to their development plan and tax increment financing plan (TIFP).

"The interactive water foun-

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(Left) Judy Meschka of Spring Lake orders lunch at the Charlevoix Dairy Queen. Meschka said she will not hesitate to frequent the store even if franchise operator Patrick Hayden is forced to stop using the name "Dairy Queen." An Aug. 1 letter from Dairy Queen headquarters to Hayden warns he must comply with the corporate regulations on menu items. Hayden uses fresh burger and has been mandated to use burgers obtained only from approved suppliers.

Burger battle runs Dairy Queen out of Charlevoix

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Barring a last minute change in policy by the American Dairy Queen Corporation, or a change in menu by local franchise operator Patrick Hayden, Dairy Queen in Charlevoix will cease to exist as you know it.

An Aug. 1 letter from Dairy Queen headquarters to Hayden warns he must comply with the corporate regulations on menu items.

"ADQ (American Dairy Queen) will give Mr. Hayden one final opportunity to purchase and use burgers obtained only from one of the (DQ) approved suppliers," stated vice-president of, and general counsel for, International Dairy Queen Inc., Bill Zucco in the letter. "If he is not in compliance with using one of these approved burger suppliers by Aug. 15, ADQ will take immediate legal action to ... withdraw his ability

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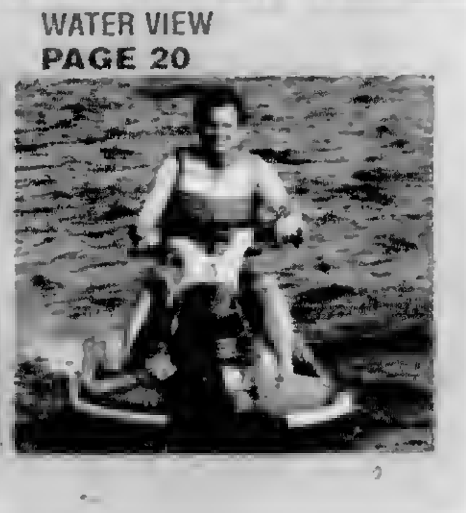

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Gerard Lionel Dechape, 42, Chehoygan. Driving while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Arthur James Lowell II, 27, Charlevoix. Disorderly person, drunk. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Jonathon Lee Reid, 25, East Jordan. Motor vehicle operator without security; unlawful use of license plate. Pay $405 in fines and costs or serve 20 days in jail.

Teresa Renee Howard, 41, Boyne City. Disturhing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Brian Richard Gellis, 28, Charlevoix. Failure to report an accident. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Adam Stephen Rakay, 41, Fenton. Driving while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve 15 days in jail; $800 in fines and costs.

William James Towne Jr., 27, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended, first offense. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Raymond Allen Bradford II, 20, East Jordan. Assault/assault and battery. Credit for 10 days in jail, 83 days held in abeyance; serve nine months prohation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; no contact with the victim; not to enter East Jordan skate park; $350 in fines and costs. Counts two and three: Furnishing alcohol to a minor; minor in possession of alcohol. Credit for 22 days in jail, 28 days held in abeyance; serve 10 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,200 in fines and costs.

Bradley Nelson Lloyd, 39, Boyne City. Child abuse-fourth degree. Credit for 17 days in jail, 348 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; no contact with children except by phone; $900 in fines and costs.

Gloria Jean Morris, 22, East Jordan. Larceny, less than $200. Credit for 15 days in jail, 68 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; to write a letter of apology; $1,322.70 in fines and costs.

Tyler Franklin Rose, 21, East Jordan. Driving while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

Amanda Lavere Bargas, 24, East Jordan. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve six days in jail.

Nickolas James Romine, 28, Wolverine. Open intoxicant, motor vehicle passenger. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Kristen Jean Lyon, 19, Rogers City. Operating minor with any blood alcohol content. To serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $680 in fines and costs.

Kevin Russell Danielson, 51, Indian River. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, to serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months prohation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance ahuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Kathryn Anne Dohbs, 29, Elmira. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in aheyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Jonathan Lee Snively, 24, Boyne Falls. Driving while license suspended-first offense. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail; $500 in fines and costs.

David Paul Brazie II, 25, Clio. Operating while intoxicated. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 20 days in jail, 62 days held in abeyance, to serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend Impact weekend; $2,130 in fines and costs.

James Charles Gregware, 47, Boyne Falls. Disturhing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Perry Jon Matthew, 25, Charlevoix. No license on person. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Cory Mylon Haight, 26, Boyne City. Trespassing. Pay $200 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Pedro Eugene Rosas, 26, East Jordan. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Steven Thomas Hopkins, 36, Charlevoix. Disorderly person. Fines and costs totaling $300.

BIRTHS

Hunter Michael Dennis weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces was born on Aug. 7 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Sabrina Dennis of Central Lake. His grandparents are Michael McGinky and Nancy McGinley, both of Central Lake.

Johnathan Adam Dyer weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces was born on Aug. 8 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Raimono and Shirley Dyer of Boyne City. His sihlings are Tyler, Greggry and Laurana. His grandparents are Gene and Nancy Norton of Boyne City and Clint and Jeanne McCleese of Brownstown.

David Matthew Miller weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces was born on Aug. 9 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Matt and Cris Miller of East Jordan. His sihlings are Adrianne, Lily, Michelle and Marie. His grandparents are Nora Miller of Charlevoix, Dan and Rosemary Treinen of Alpena and Carl Miller of Barryton. His great-grandparents are Margaret Lott of Lansing, Doris Ervin of Barryton, and Betty Treinen of Fort Dodge, Iowa.

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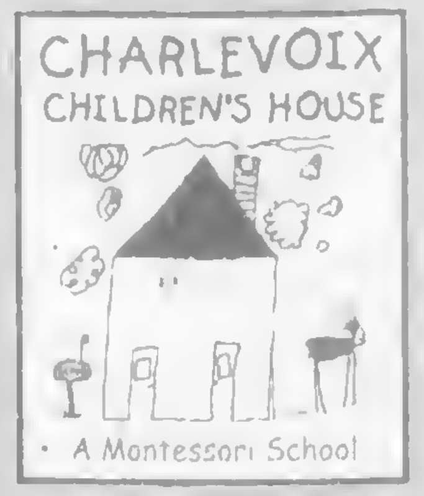

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Dairy Queen owners to rename business and continue operating

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to sell not only hamburgers but all food from this store."

In a phone interview, Zucco said there are fewer than 10 Dairy Queen franchisees across the country who refuse to ahide by Dairy Queen's burger testing requirements.

"The attorney says fight it," said Hayden. "I'm 62. I'm going to retire in three years. They want to go to federal court, between $125,000 to $150,000, how am I going to recoup that in working three years?"

He added, "All of a sudden it became important to them after 35 years. Why didn't they come in between 1972 and 2004?"

Zucco said Dairy Queen Corporate isn't in the habit of discussing internal issues with newspapers, but did say the outbreak of E. Coli at Jack In The Box restaurants in the early 1990s, which made more than 500 people sick and killed four children, forced fast food restaurants nationwide to set new standards in meat testing.

"This is an issue of safety," Zucco said. "We are a franchise system, and while he (Hayden) wants to be left alone to do what he wants to do, he's on a team with 5,000 other operators."

He added, "And, to the extent that a little hoy or little girl (could) die in his store affects the value of the Dairy Queen brand, that's why we're concerned."

Hayden maintains his meat, sold commercially by the Cargill Meat Solutions company, undergoes one of the strictest testing standards in the country and cited concerns over the palatability of the Dairy Queen burgers.

"Two weeks ago, we ordered this meat and once you eat it, you're not going to eat it again," Hayden said. "We got a case and I told the kids the burgers were free and to tell me what you think of them. After they had one, they'd rather pay for a fresh one and we threw the rest of the case away."

Hayden said Dairy Queen is constantly reformulating their burger recipe and he fears using the product would drive customers away due to inconsistency.

"Council members had expressed concerns over the quality of GrillBurgers (Dairy Queen's hamburgers) in the past, but couldn't pinpoint the exact problem. The objective for the research was to develop a flavor that will be more acceptable to the consumers and franchisees when prepared," excerpt from the Franchisee Advisory Council meeting minutes of July 2006.

Zucco said, regardless of Hayden's opinion on how the meat tastes, he is selling non-system food items which have not been approved.

"We would love to see him remain as part of the system and see him follow the standards we feel are great to protect consumers," Zucco said. "But, we're a family concept and we can't take chances and we can't keep track of 500 different ways of testing burgers."

Hayden said he isn't about to stop selling the foods his customers love.

"We're going to have a contest and let Charlevoix rename Dairy Queen. It'll be the Charlevoix-something, something other than Dairy Queen," he said. "This is Charlevoix's Dairy Queen, it's still going to he Charlevoix's ice-cream store, the only thing that's going to be different is the name."

"Instead of Royal treats they'll be classic treats, brownie supreme instead of Brownie Earthquake and I'll still have banana splits, they'll just have to have generic names."

Hayden said Country Fresh, the company which supplies him with his Dairy Queen products sells identical items without the Dairy Queen name, so customers will notice no difference in taste, just a difference in the sign out front.

"I want to change the name to 'Better Than Dairy Queen,' hut I don't think they'll let me," he said.

Zucco said he will continue discussing the matter with Hayden's attorney.

"If we can't have an agreed settlement, we'll have to view our next steps at that point," he said.

Look for renaming submission information in upcoming editions of the Courier.

Fountain costs higher than initially estimated

FOUNTAIN

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tain is not part of the plan, so if you're going to use TIFP funds you have to amend the development plan," city attorney Bryan Graham told city council and the Downtown Development Authority.

The council gave approval to the authority to go forward with the amendment process and scheduled a hearing for puhlic comment on the interactive fountain for the following month.

Then on Aug. 6, city council was presented with new information from Buday on companies who could conduct the fountain project with costs ranging from $155,000 to $600,000.

This new information prompted city council to reschedule the public hearing in order for the public to receive proper advanced notice, and for the authority to reconsider whether it was something they still wished to pursue.

Downtown Development Authority executive director Keith Carey said the authority remains strongly in favor of the project even though plans are unknown.

"We have not determined how the DDA will fund the project," Carey said. "Everybody is learning more about these fountains as we go."

A puhlic hearing on the fountain project has been scheduled for 7 p.m., Sept. 17 at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St. Citizens will be able to give their input on the project after being informed of the interested companies, their designs and estimated costs.

"We're not expecting costs to be that great," Brandi said.

In the interactive fountain feasihility study and analysis, Buday outlined the determining cost factors that included the source of fountain water, the number of jets, the total volume and flow of water used, using simple or sophisticated valves and controllers, and lighting.

"City water will significantly reduce the equipment and installation cost but may cost more to operate," Buday said. "A recirculation/filtering system will be more expensive to build but most likely cost less to operate unless the city water is free."

For now, plans for the fountain and an update on estimated costs will be discussed at the Downtown Development Authority meeting on Aug. 24.

Brandi said the city not only wants to know the projected cost of construction hut also the cost to operate the fountain and how funding will be provided for maintaining the fountain.

"It's important to know what the long-term cost is," Brandi said. "Where's that funding going to come from?"

Who? The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and Charlevoix City Council

What? A public hearing will be held to consider an interactive water fountain.

Why? The Downtown Development Authority wants an interactive water fountain with costs ranging from $155,000 to $600,000 in the new East Park and wants to provide the funding for its design and construction, with council approval.

In order for that to happen, the authority must make an amendment to its development plan and tax increment financing plan. The Downtown Development Authority is in the process of doing this while examining the short and long-term costs of the project.

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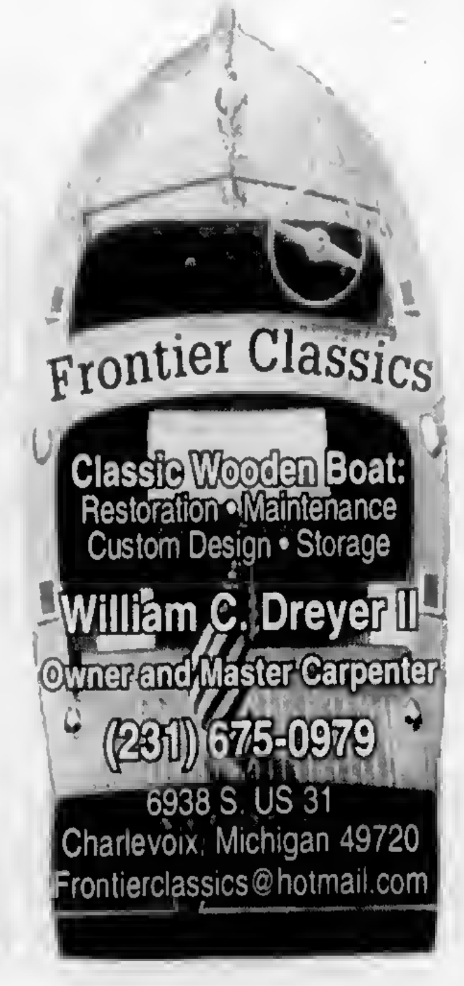

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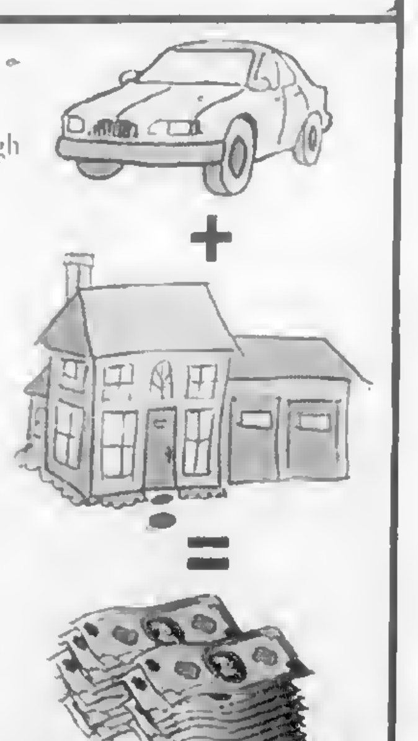

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The car vs. pedestrian saga continues

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

A war rages in Michigan's picturesque northern towns.

What began the battle of rolling murder machines and ice-cream cone-wielding foot soldiers is known only to criminal psychologists. But one thing is certain: Drivers forget they've ever walked and pedestrians cannot remember ever having driven a car.

Tensions peaked this summer when a local policeman directing traffic was hit by a car and a few weeks later a rather large walker unleashed his angst on me.

I'm not sure whether he was angry because his mustache went out of style with the Bee Gees or if his human growth hormone supply was dwindling, but he sprinted across several lanes of lunch hour traffic while indiscriminately screaming, "This is a crosswalk! This is a crosswalk!"

I'll interrupt this story long enough to say I've always had a problem with keeping my mouth shut. Whether cracking wise at my irate mother or squeaking out a girlish "ooh" when being frisked by the meanest cop in mid-Michigan, vocal control has always been an issue.

No sooner had I mouthed the words, "Yeah buddy, this is a crosswalk," than the Incredible Bulk spotted me out of the corner of his red bulging eye, strutted back across the street and stood in front of my, up 'til then, moving car to remind me in a demon shriek that this was indeed a crosswalk.

Not about to argue the finer points of easement etiquette with a perturbed pedestrian locked in 'roid rage and certain I was about to be bench pressed, Buick and all, I took evasive maneuvers and, once safely out of earshot, shouted detailed directions on where he could put the nearest park bench.

Determined to take my revenge in this column, I began intense research, by which I mean watching YouTube, eating turkey subs and sassing my editor.

While waiting for an episode of SpongeBob to load, I ran across the Michigan Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Action Plan and their action team who intend to, "Provide recognition to jurisdictions and/or officials who have brought about a significant decrease in pedestrian and/or bicycle crashes; clarification of state pedestrian and bicycle laws (and) review local, state and federal laws and evaluate if/where disparities exist."

Photo by Lisa Sladek

Courier staff writer Benjamin Gohs demonstrates his endless patience with a less than cooperative pedestrian. No advertising managers were injured in the staging of this photo.

Review? Clarify? Recognize? This ragtag bunch sport nickel-plated pedometers and orange kevlar vests emblazoned with reflective skull and cross bones, so look for their six-week course, "Pedestrians in a Persistent Vegetative State," how to negotiate that 16-foot swath of white paint on pavement.

The action team will offer "safety training," while dumping tax funds on "high-crash jurisdictions," and, "Develop a reference manual ... 'What Every Pedestrian Must Know,'" in addition to working on safety features including, "sidewalk construction, pedestrian countdown signals, median and crosswalk refuge islands."

"Refuge Islands?" Only bureaucrats could make crossing the road sound as perilous as floating in from Cuba on a Styrofoam bait box.

For those of you concerned the state is working to end the hilarity of slow-speed collisions between, say, a 1989 Ford Festiva and a fat kid on a banana bike — actually I was on a BMX — don't fret, because the action team only plans to reduce the overall fatality rate 10.4 percent by 2008.

There is a toll-free number, but if you need more info than "look both ways" and "don't roll under speeding bread trucks" you shouldn't leave your Lucite rectangle.

But enough cynicism and sarcasm, it's time to broker peace between walkers and drivers with the following pledges:

The motorist: Though I'm encased in two tons of lease payment, I am not superior. I will keep all offensive hand signals to myself. I will not treat the crosswalk like a bait pile assigning point values to pregnant women, punks or little old ladies and, though my expression resembles the scowl of one trying to pass what began as an extra large bowl of shredded wheat, it has nothing to do with your sluggish procession.

The pedestrian: Though I walk four blocks instead of using 10 drops of gas, I am not superior. I promise not to wave cars, already stopped to let me cross, to go first. And, since my home's A/C units cause more pollution via coal-generated electricity than do some cars, I promise to stop saying "carbon footprint" and the word "green" unless describing a color!

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Weekly Poll

Will you continue to eat at Dairy Queen if owners operate under a different name?

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64% of those polled last week said they have been subjected to gender discrimination in the workplace!

New book profiles local interior designers

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Barbara Kopitz

Michigan is the home of so many talented designers. The thirteenth and latest edition of "Spectacular Homes of Michigan" is a showcase book of beautifully photographed and decorated homes by 40 accomplished Michigan designers.

No matter what your personal taste is, you can't help but enjoy and appreciate the professionalism and talent of the designers. Between them they cover a wide gamut of beautifully executed design styles.

The book displays selected photos of each designer's work. The part I like best is that we get to know a bit about them through the written presentation. Let me tell you a bit about designers, Brian Clay Collins, Linda Mason and Renee Guthrie.

Linda Chaffee Mason, Allied member of the American Society of Interior Designers is the owner of Mason Interiors in Charlevoix. She can be contacted at (231) 547-9953. You can view her work at www.masoninteriors.com.

On the personal side, Linda relates that she likes classically styled clothes and the exquisite fabrics of Ralph Lauren and Armani. Her favorite color is navy blue. Her taste in clothes is reflective of her design work. Ralph Lauren himself would approve of the navy and white themed living room, published in the book, overlooking Lake Michigan, photographed by wonderful photographer Beth Singer.

Linda conveys, "If I have done my job successfully, it will be reflected in the smiles on clients' faces and in their joy of living in the spaces we've created."

Brian Clay Collins FASID, who has a summer home at Bay View in Petoskey, after many busy and successful years at Hudson's Interior Design Studio has finally opened his own studio in Grosse Pointe. Brian gave a terrific answer when asked what is his favorite design era.

"While appreciating classic 18th century English and French design, my favorite era is now. Today, we have such broad freedom in creating pleasing, successful interiors drawing on the best of the near and distant past as well as the present. What could be more stimulating?" he said.

Collins also volunteers time toward the historic preservation efforts for the campus building of the Bay View Association of the United Methodist Church, a national historic landmark community on Little Traverse Bay near Petoskey. Founded in

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LETTERS to the editor

NOISE ORDINANCE DRIVES AWAY BUSINESS

Editor:

Does the possible amendment to the noise law mean I will not be able to ride my Harley Davidson through town anymore without getting a citation? Let's see, I will become a "violator" because I choose to ride my motorcycle with louder exhaust so people can hear me coming, because half of them surely are not paying attention to my being on the road. Mark me down for disagreement with this.

They say construction noise and such? Come on people, after all, it is a town we live in. People build things, kids make noise with their cars, so on and so forth. Let the thing alone — ticket the person going by your house at 2:30 in the morning with his stereo blaring, but noise during the day? Let's ticket every plane that lands at the airport. I mean, come on. Put your decibel reader next to my bike, then next to one of the jets that land at the airport, I'll bet the plane is way louder.

I guess if this passes, give me more reason to point my bike south or east or any other place around Charlevoix, and spend my money elsewhere.

Robert Muma
Charlevoix

PROUD TO BE FROM CHARLEVOIX

Editor:

In regards to the Venetian Festival, it was my first time back for the festival in 30 years and a first time for my family to experience the uniqueness and beauty of the Venetian Festival from the parade, the elephant ears, the Lions Club lemon chicken, the incredible fireworks on both nights, to seeing old friends that made everything absolutely perfect. For the town being tore up, the set up of activities, the organization and the shuttle was absolutely perfect. The fireworks at Michigan Beach was nothing short of being spectacular. All that was missing was the greased pole that everyone used to struggle to climb to get that five dollar bill.

I tell you that having Charlevoix be my hometown makes me extremely proud, almost a little superior to all those people in Los Angeles who have no idea what they are missing.

Thank you to everyone who made this such an incredible event.

Andy (Brown) Smith
Redondo Beach, Calif

CELEBRATING HEROISM

Editor:

I am writing this in regard to an advertisement in the Aug. 8 edition of the Charlevoix Courier celebrating some of Charlevoix's heroes.

After seeing this, I sought to define for myself what a hero really is. Is a hero defined by how many times his/her name appears in the news, or how happy he/she is, or by the amount of money he/she contributes to any certain cause? This was a question I had to answer.

Of course the first examples, when I thought about heroes that came to mind were the classic Superman, Spiderman, Batman, Hercules, etc. Needless to say, these heroes are fictional — they don't exist. I still had no good answer, so I turned to Webster's Dictionary and found that a hero could be defined as, "A mythological figure endowed with strength and ability, an illustrious warrior, one who is admired for achievements and noble qualities, or, simply, one with great courage." These are all great definitions, but I was still not satisfied.

Upon looking further into the first "classic" examples and at the attributes of the heroes in my own personal life, I decided that Webster's Dictionary was missing something. The best way I could define, for myself, what a hero really is would be someone who gives of him or herself freely to help better the life of another without consideration of what he/she may get in return. Clark Kent didn't care how much the people admired him, he worked as a reporter to keep his identity a secret. He could have had all the glory and fame if he let people know his real identity, but glory and fame was not the driving force behind his actions. This is much the same as my parents. They didn't pour so much of themselves into raising my brothers and I so they could get a parent of the year award. They did it to help better our lives, all the while expecting nothing in return.

I think that it is important to also celebrate this type of hero in Charlevoix and everywhere. I don't in any way mean to discredit those listed in the Aug. 8 edition of the Charlevoix Courier. I just feel that we need to not lose sight of what truly makes a hero and celebrate those characteristics.

Marshal Bakker
Charlevoix

FIREFIGHTERS DESERVE KUDOS

Editor:

This past Friday, I had the opportunity to visit with local and Department of Natural Resources firefighters in the Upper Peninsula who are fighting the Sleeper Lake Fire, just north of Newberry. Let me just say how extremely proud I am of these fine men and women for their bravery and work, and I thank them for allowing me to see firsthand how they meet the demands of this crucial, dangerous service with such professionalism.

While my thoughts and prayers are that the wildfire will be extinguished safely and quickly so fire crews can return home to their families, the experience has provided a perfect end note for some possible misconceptions regarding my recent interest in the state's fire management program.

During the past few weeks, articles and letters to the editor have been written suggesting I am working on legislation to privatize or consolidate state and local fire fighting service units.

This could not be further from the truth.

It is true that I have been studying the state's fire management program, which began after I received a local complaint concerning the DNR's fire services. This complaint included a suggestion to evaluate whether or not certain aspects of the DNR's fire management services could be localized.

I immediately contacted some of the local community fire chiefs for their thoughts and ideas. I was then invited to a meeting of more than a dozen local fire chiefs from throughout northern Michigan to discuss the matter further. At this meeting, many of the local fire chiefs expressed that the DNR is doing a very good job for the state and our local residents.

In completing the due diligence to review the complaint and explore the suggestions which were recommended to me, my level of support and appreciation for DNR firefighters has only been heightened. Again, I thank everyone who has been involved in these discussions and provided answers and insight. It is that kind of communication and understanding that ensure area residents are provided the best service from all.

State Rep. Kevin A. Elsenheimer
105th House District

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With a letter to the editor
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Book highlights designers behind the masterpieces

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1875, it includes some 450 summer homes built between 1875 and the 1920s. It's a pretty significant community and one of just 13 remaining Chautauqua communities in the nation," Collins said.

Another area designer represented in the book is Petoskey designer Renee Guthrie, who likes to create warm and inviting spaces based on classic design principles. Renee is constantly expanding her vision through travel and study and her designs often reflect French and European influences.

"If you stick with the classics, you'll never go wrong," she said.

Through her studies at Michigan State University, Renee discovered early on that the inspiring and artistic world of interior design provided an avenue for her to express herself.

"I feel blessed and excited to have work I absolutely love," Renee said.

Her clients are from Detroit to the Upper Peninsula, Florida and beyond.

Her design business is located in Petoskey's Gaslight District at the Lake Street Design Studio, which she shares with a staff of interior designers.

"My ultimate goal is happy clients with beautiful rooms," she said.

The interior design book can be ordered through your local bookstore or at Amazon.com and is priced at $39.95. I hope you will enjoy the book and be inspired by seeing the well thought-out spaces and reading the words of the designers.

Barbara Kopitz is a guest columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.

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10 things you never knew about Tim Bruce

Bringing you closer to your neighbors ...

A father of two, owner of both Northern Michigan Benefits and Northern Martial Arts, Charlevoix High School graduate Tim Bruce has been studying martial arts for more than 20 years and now teaches Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido. Bruce's sons also got in on the act as one is a black belt and the other is a junior black belt.

Northern Martial Arts is located at 5998 U.S. 31 South. For more information, call (231) 675-4414 or visit www.northernmartialarts.com.

1. Why this line of work?

I got into martial arts down in Flint training with a master instructor and when I moved back to northern Michigan 12 years ago, one of my friends asked me to teach him and it took off from there. It's basically a hobby that turned into a part-time business.

2. Any misconceptions about marital arts?

That we train people to go out and beat people up and the truth of the matter is we teach people how to defend themselves. I would encourage every parent to sign their kids up at least for a short self-defense class because, with kids nowadays, it's so easy to be an innocent victim — it happens in big towns and it happens in small towns.

3. If you had a time machine, what would be the first thing you would do?

I would go back to the early 1900s to meet Andrew Carnegie. He's been one of my biggest heroes forever because he inspired so many people to do good things. He was the richest man in the world and he gave it all away before he died.

4. If you could change one thing about yourself or your world what would it be?

Work less and play more.

5. What was your best year and why?

My best year probably would have been 1989 because that was the year my first son was born, plus I had a phenomenal year in business that year too.

6. If you could meet anyone, living or dead, for an hour lunch, who would it be?

It would be my mom. She died when I was 1. So I never got a chance to meet her.

7. What is your favorite food to eat or prepare?

I have two favorites. For breakfast, banana pancakes and for dinner, lasagna.

8. What is the best thing about living Charlevoix?

It is undoubtedly the caring community. The reason I moved back is because I have a lot of relatives here and I'm pretty involved in the community.

9. What is something people do not know about you?

That I'm an early riser. I get up real early in the morning and that's my time to read and reflect and plan my day (and) I drink tons of coffee in the morning — that's why my energy level is so high.

10. What is your biggest fear?

Definitely snakes.

To nominate a Charlevoix resident for the Courier's "10 things you never knew" feature, contact Benjamin Gohs at bgohs@charlevoixcourier.com.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

While Tim Bruce, owner/instructor of Northern Martial Arts has been faced with 18 real-life fighting situations, he has walked away from all but two, which were of a severity where he was forced to defend himself. Here Bruce spars with assistant instructor, Steve Sutton.

Historical society publishes 9th annual photo calendar

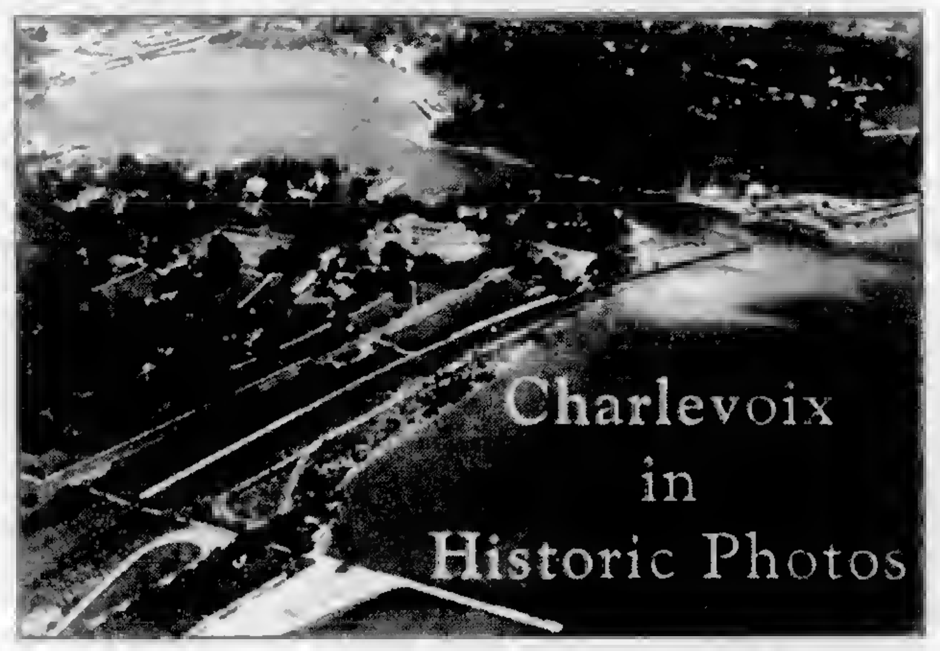
The Charlevoix Historical Society has recently published its 9th Annual Charlevoix in Historic Photos calendar for 2008.

Proceeds from the sale of the calendars goes toward support of the society and its two structures, the Harsha House Museum and the Depot at Depot Beach.

The photos used are selected from 15,000 images in the society's Bob Miles photo collection. The majority of these 13 classic images have never been published before, some having come to the society only three years ago. They include an aerial photo of the old railroad trestle and bridge, the viewing tower atop Mt. McSauba, horse-drawn taxi wagons at the Depot, old downtown stores, the channel and Argo Milling Company.

The calendars are on sale from 1 to 4 p.m. from Monday through Saturday at the Harsha House Museum, located at 103 State St. They retail for $12.95.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.



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Thanks for reading the Charlevoix Courier

What's happening at the Library this week?

ATL: Jazz @ the library
Wednesday, August 22, 7:00 pm
Jazz Goes into a Funk: With the dawn of the electric music age, Jazz follows suit by incorporating electric guitars, bass and keyboards to create a mix of improvisatory Jazz and R&B rhythms.
Trio:
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Four generations

Four generations of this family recently gathered. They are (above, from left) Baby Kendall Louise Fox held by her mother, Stacey Fox both of Keego Harbor and grandmother Peg Thatcher of Walled Lake and great-grandmother Rita Orlowski of Charlevoix.

Library board to host Open Meetings Act program

The Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees is sponsoring a program on the Open Meetings Act.

Lance Werner, a library law specialist with the Library of Michigan will present the program explaining what the act is, why people should care about it and why government bodies should stay compliant.

The program will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. Attendees are asked to call (231) 237-7360.

This program is free and open to the public.

Send-off planned for local nurse

Barb Dobulis

Barb Dobulis, a longtime home visiting nurse, will be honored on her retirement from the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23 at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

Dobulis' patients, their families and other members of the community are invited to wish Barb, and her husband John, well before they leave the area for retirement in Florida.

"We had to do something special for Barb and John," said Lynda Bockstahler, director of the Home Care and Aging division of the health department. "They have both been so committed to our programs, including serving on the Board of Directors for Hospice of Northwest Michigan, our hospice program."

Dobulis, a registered nurse, has worked for the health department since 1984, providing thousands of visits to hundreds of patients, mostly in Boyne City and Charlevoix.

"If I were to design the perfect home health and hospice nurse, Barb would be the model," said Bockstahler. "She does whatever it takes to ensure care and comfort for all of her home health and hospice clients. Plus, her professional clinical skills are excellent, she's a team player and she's always willing to mentor less experienced nurses."

After receiving several nominations from her colleagues, Dobulis received the employee of the year award at the health department's 75th anniversary celebration two years ago.

"Barb has all the attributes that make a great nurse," said Lori Malfroid, home care supervisor, who presented the award. "She is thoughtful and dedicated and she has a great sense of humor. She's also a terrific mentor for nurses who get their clinical educational experience for community health nursing here at the health department. We are going to miss her."

Dobulis was drawn to nursing as a child.

"I thank God because he blessed me with the nursing profession," she said. "I've met so many beautiful people throughout my career and my co-workers are the very best."

Educated at Delta College in Saginaw, Dobulis worked in hospital settings in Saginaw and Cadillac before settling in Charlevoix.

"I've really enjoyed my work at the health department. I am going to miss it," she said.

For more information about the Dobulis open house, contact Joan Duckworth at (231) 547-6092.

ENGAGEMENT

Hess — McLeod

Courtesy photo

John and Phyllis Hess of Charlevoix are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Muir Hess, to Thomas James McLeod, son of Terry McLeod and Ida Mead-McLeod.

Elizabeth is a 1998 graduate of Charlevoix High School and a 2003 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is a special needs teacher in central Illinois and will graduate from Concordia University with a master's degree in curriculum and instruction this December.

Thomas is a 1997 graduate of Midland High School and a 2002 graduate of Lake Superior State University. He is a wild land fire fighter and works for the United States Forest Service.

The wedding will take place Sept. 29 on Norwood's Bluff overlooking Lake Michigan.

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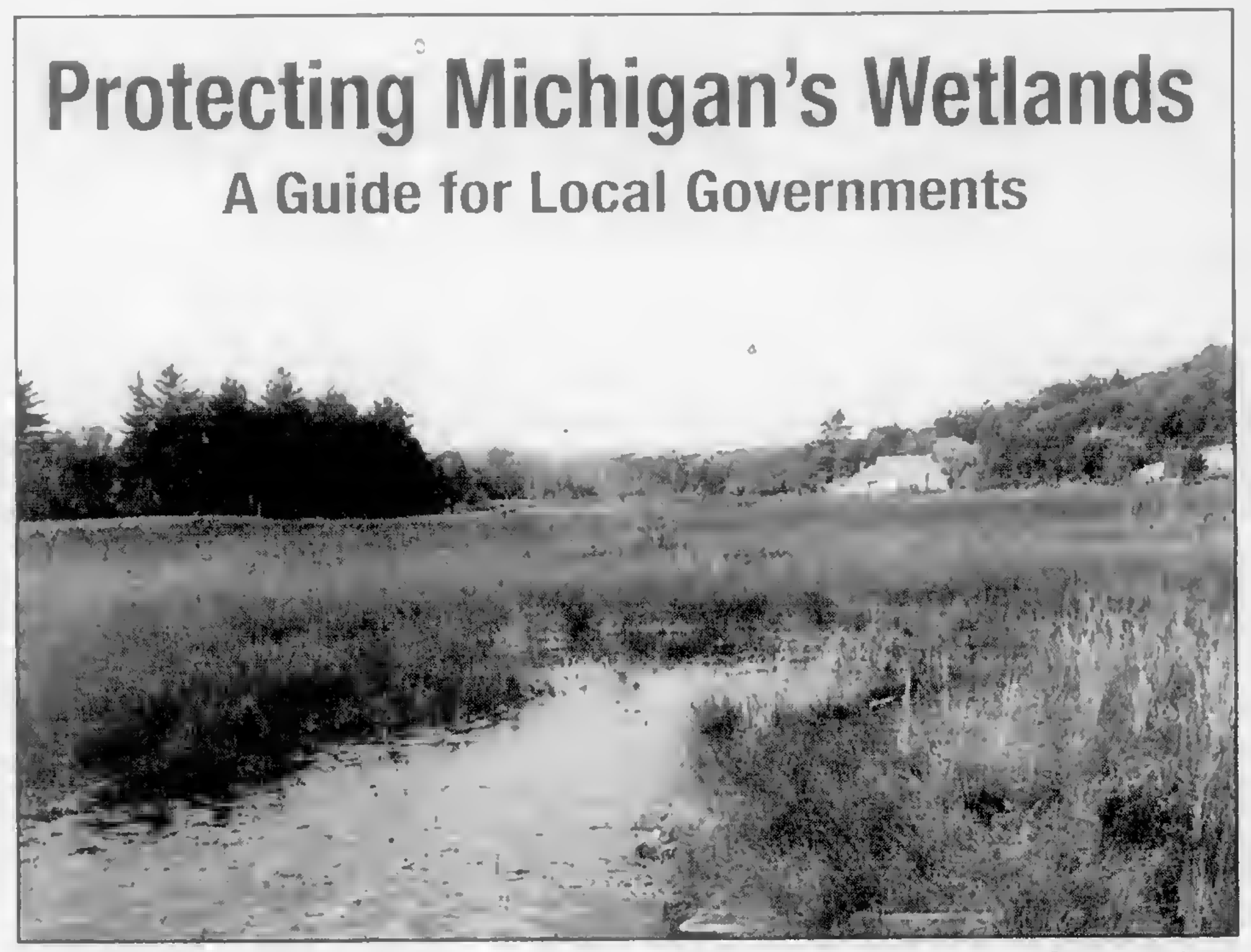
New guidebook aims to protect local wetlands

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) recently published "Protecting Michigan's Wetlands: A Guide for Local Governments," a handbook to aid communities in protecting their wetland resources.

The guidebook is offered by both organizations to local governments and citizens to encourage their understanding of the importance of wetlands and interest in wetland protection. It not only explains the benefits of wetlands, but also how to establish tools to protect these valuable resources. So far, the response has been overwhelmingly positive with many local governments already requesting additional copies.

"The preservation of wetlands is a worthwhile investment for communities and individuals in Michigan. Local protection of wetlands is crucial to maintaining healthy ecosystems in communities, not to mention providing flood control, water quality protection and shoreline stabilization. Without the preservation of wetlands, communities and private property owners alike suffer not only ecological losses but also economic costs," said Dr. Grenetta Thomassey, policy director at Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council in Petoskey.



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Thomassey added that despite federal and state regulations established to protect wetlands, some gaps exist in this legal framework. As a result, some of the most locally significant wetlands can still be vulnerable to destruction.

"Filling these gaps at the local level will ensure the stability of these ecosystems that are so valuable to the character of communities while addressing local issues and needs. This guidebook is an excellent resource, offering insight about local ordinances and tips on how to get started," Thomassey said.

The guidebook also includes other tools that can be used to achieve wetlands protection, such as site planning and voluntary protection, all of which are key components to establishing the protections necessary at the local government level.

For more information on obtaining a copy of "Protecting Michigan's Wetlands: A Guide for Local Governments," contact Grenetta Thomassey at (231) 347-1181 or by e-mail at Grenetta@watershedcouncil.org.

OBITUARIES

Mary Roelofs: Died Aug. 8, 2007

Mary Noreen Roelofs, 77, of East Jordan, formerly of Troy, died Aug. 8.

Loving wife of William H.; survived by her children, Kurt (Wendy), Deborah R.; grandchildren, Kurt Jr. (Allison) and Karl Roelofs, Jason Gaide, Jamie (Tony) Warchol; great-grandchildren, Kalli Rose Roelofs, Brady Warchol; sister, Betty Mayer.

A private memorial service will take place on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation, 360 Connable, Petoskey, Michigan 49770 for the memorial of Mary N. Roelofs.

Olive 'Polle' VerWys: April 3, 1912 - Aug. 10, 2007

Olive L. "Polle" VerWys, of Charlevoix, died Friday, Aug. 10 at Tendercare Nursing Home in Rogers City.

A funeral took place on Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix. Rev. Todd Thompson officiated and burial followed in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Polle was born on April 3, 1912 in Boyne Falls, the daughter of Fred and Ione (Otto) Simpson. She graduated from Boyne Falls High School in 1928. In 1932, she married Abe VerWys in Kalamzoo. They made their home in Charlevoix where Polle was a prominent businesswoman, owning the Hip Shoppe, later known as Polle's Draperies. She was a member of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 72.

Abe preceded Polle in death on April 14, 1976. Polle is survived by her children, George and Lois VerWys of Vestal, N.Y., James and Betty VerWys of Palm Desert, Calif., Maudelaine and Edward Huhta of Warren, Marilou and David Ikens of Rogers City, Stuart VerWys of Lake Charles, La., Dena and Richard Fischer of Knoxville, Tenn.,; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; sister, Arlene Schwacha of Lowell. Polle's daughter, Marilyn Carol also preceded her in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship Fund, c/o Janada Chingwa, 7463 Old U.S. 31, Lot 32, Petoskey, MI 49770, or to the Hilltop Manor Piano Fund, 643 West Erie St., Rogers City, MI 49779, or to the United Methodist Church in Charlevoix.

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Worship 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School 11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society 12:15 p.m.
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President Michael Robbins 588-2112
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
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Shop 'til you drop

(Above) Jeanne Anderson of Ironton, shops for bargains and tells her children "To pick up anything that says 'Charlevolx'" at the sidewalk sales on Thursday, Aug. 16. (Below) Cyndy Johnson of Boyne Falls and her future daughter-in-law, Kara Alvard of Boyne City, shop the sales after spending much of the day at Fisherman's Island.

THE ROCKING HORSE

Local Scout joins eagle ranks at 14

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Three flagpoles that stand at the First Baptist Church on M-66 are the result of Charlevoix resident Trevor Currier, 14, as part of his project to earn the Eagle Scout rank.

Currier achieved Eagle Scout status, the highest advancement rank in scouting, on Aug. 5.

He said the First Baptist Church was one of the only churches in the area without flagpoles and he wanted to make it more patriotic.

"I went and got donations for the flagpoles and a couple of other add-ons," Currier said. "I got kids from my church to do the project and I got my family to help me."

Currier ordered supplies for the flagpoles from Bay Supply in Petoskey, which came with supplies and instructions on how to erect the poles.

"After some assembly, we placed the flagpoles and put sticking sand in it to keep it straight, put black tar on it and buried it in dirt," Currier said.

He said they also made a path to the flagpoles and planted flowers.

After joining the Scouts three years ago, Currier discovered it was more fun than he thought.

"I wasn't sure I wanted to continue because I didn't know how fun it was going to be," Currier said. "But I stayed in and then I got my eagle."

The typical Eagle Scout is 18 years old. Currier said doing all the requirements as fast and as best as he could is how he was able to make Eagle Scout four years earlier.

To achieve Eagle Rank a Scout must fulfill six requirements in the areas of leadership, service and outdoor skills and earn 21 merit badges. The final step to becoming an Eagle Scout is completing an "Eagle Service Project."

The award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years. Only about 4 percent of all Boy Scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank.

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Children's ministry event Aug. 25 at Greensky

Kids to Kids invites you to Zhezas Maawnjidwin from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 pm. on Aug. 25, at the Historic Greensky Hill Native American Church.

Events for kids ages 6-12 will include Native American beading, puppet making, music, lunch, a sword drill contest and a three-on-three basketball tournament.

Greensky Hill is located off Old U.S. 31 North.

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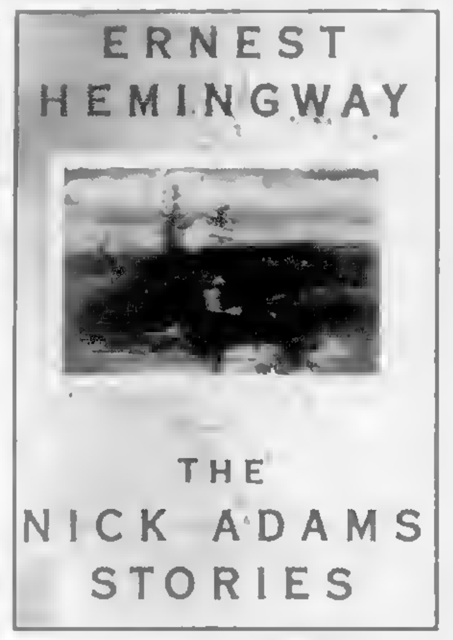
Charlevoix library joins Great Michigan Read


ERNEST HEMINGWAY THE NICK ADAMS STORIES

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The Michigan Humanities Council (MHC) recently announced its selection of Ernest Hemingway's "The Nick Adams Stories" for its new statewide literature and literacy initiative, The Great Michigan Read.

For the next year, as hundreds of thousands of Michiganians open their copies of "The Nick Adams Stories" and attend hundreds of programs and events across the state, readers will be introduced or reacquainted with a classic piece of American literature. "The Nick Adams Stories" chronicles a young man's coming of age in a series of linked short stories, most of which are set in Michigan. And, it's authored by one of the foremost writers of the 20th century, Ernest Hemingway, who spent most of his first 22 summers in northern Michigan.

"The Michigan Humanities Council is pleased to kickoff its statewide program, The Great Michigan Read, by presenting Ernest Hemingway and 'The Nick Adams Stories' to Michigan citizens," said Janice Fedewa, executive director of the Michigan Humanities Council. "It is an outstanding opportunity for people to become engaged in reading and community programs through a classic piece of literature, made in Michigan, from an American icon."

The Michigan Humanities Council is the first organization to implement a program for an entire state to read one of Hemingway's works. To date, more than 100 communities across the state will participate in The Great Michigan Read. Reader's guides, bookmarks, posters and other opportunities are available to participating cultural organizations. Additional activities include traveling exhibits, radio and television features, a Web site resource (www.greatmichiganread.org), and grant programs to help engage communities in literature.

The Charlevoix Public Library will participate through discussion groups, speakers, film series, and other programs that focus on "The Nick Adams Stories," author Ernest Hemingway, and the people and places of Michigan.

For more information, call Charlevoix Public Library at (231) 547-2651.

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New teachers join Beaver Island Community School

Three new teachers are joining the Beaver Island Community School teaching staff.

Daniel Martell, a Northern Michigan University graduate has been teaching for three years in Rib Lake, Wis. Martell grew up in the Upper Peninsula and has moved to Beaver Island with his wife, Anna. He will teach science to students in grades 7-12 and will coach high school boys' basketball.

Matthew Ritchie, a Grand Valley State University graduate, will be teaching math to students in grades 7–12 and science to the fifth and sixth graders. Ritchie hails from Jackson and is excited to be part of a strong learning community.

Anna Martell will be teaching English language arts to all students in grades 7–12 and will also be teaching a high school French class. Martell graduated from Northern Michigan University and has moved to the island with her husband, Dan.

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Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education

The following business was conducted by the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education during their Monday, Aug. 13 meeting

Item: Certification of voting delegates for MASB

In brief: The Michigan Association of School Boards allows one delegate from each school district. Board members said they must review their schedules before deciding who this year's delegate will be.

Board action: Motion tabled

Item: Pizza bid

In brief: A resolution to farm out the pizza service for school lunches to B C Pizza of Charlevoix.

Board action: Unanimously approved. 7-0

Item: Garbage removal

In brief: A resolution to give the refuse removal job to American Waste for the 2007-2008 school year.

Board action: Unanimously approved. 7-0

Item: Appoint staff members to various positions

In brief: Seventh-grade girls' basketball coach and St. Mary School part-time physical education teacher, Adam Wood. Doug Drenth, athletic director and Roger Gowell, assistant high school principal were appointed for the 2007-2008 school year. Drenth's position was labeled as an interim one, but he will likely continue in the position for the entire year.

Board action: Unanimously approved. 7-0

Item: Field trip request

In brief: The varsity baseball team field trip to Disney World in the spring of '08

Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: Alternative program

In brief: An agreement for 2007-2008 between Charlevoix Public Schools and the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District on their annual programs which send students having difficulty in traditional settings to one of five area alternative education academies.

Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Agenda items requiring no action included letters of resignation from junior varsity football coach Dan Yenglin, St. Mary School part-time physical education teacher, Leslie Hoffman, freshman volleyball coach, Keith Grunch and letters of retirement from Mary Lieberman and Mike Pearsall

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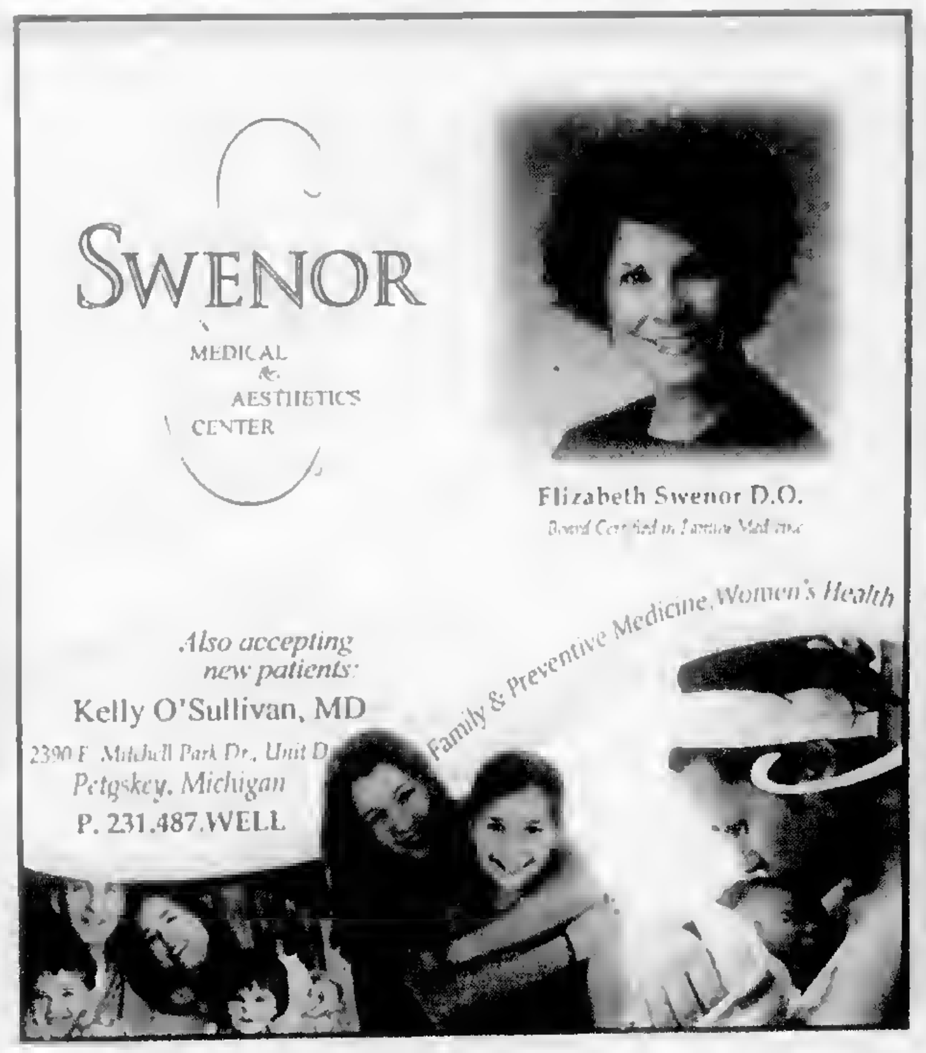
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Back to school: Everyone have their shots?

Representatives of the Health Department of Northwest Michigan remind parents that late summer is a good time to review immunization records for everyone in the family.

Certain vaccines are encouraged from infancy through adulthood to prevent serious, and sometimes life-threatening, diseases.

"In addition to the routine immunizations given at birth, we urge parents to protect preteens by having them vaccinated against diseases such as meningitis, tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough and cervical cancer. Research shows that preteens generally do not get preventative health care," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, medical director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Many parents do not realize that some childhood vaccines, such as those for tetanus and whooping cough, wear off over time and, as they get older, young people are at risk of exposure to different diseases at school, camp or in other new situations."

Adults and the elderly, especially those with underlying health concerns, should receive an annual flu shot as well as age-appropriate shots to guard against tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, meningococcal, and Hepatitis A and B, Meyerson said.

Through a centralized statewide immunization registry, health department staff can help identify the shots everyone in the family needs. Immunization appointments are available at health department offices in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties. For more information, call 800-432-4121 or visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

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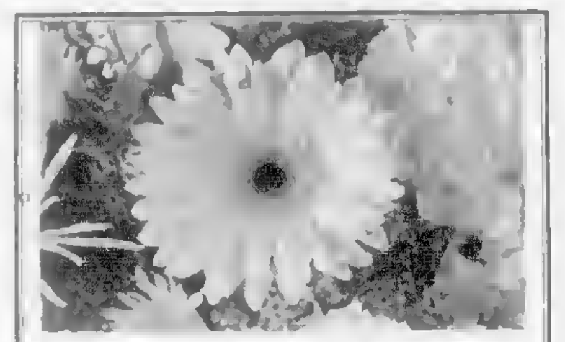

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Pitch in at the 4th Annual Day of Caring Sept. 18

Who? Harbor Industries and Char-Em United Way
What? 4th Annual Day of Caring, matches teams of volunteers from businesses, schools, faith communities and community groups with non-profit agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet counties who are in need of hands-on help.
When? Sept. 18

Harbor Industries and Char-Em United Way are leading the effort to plan the 4th Annual Day of Caring, scheduled for Sept. 18.

The Day of Caring matches teams of volunteers from businesses, schools, faith communities and community groups with non-profit agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet counties who are in need of hands-on help. Other members of the core Day of Caring/Get Involved team are Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Huntington National Bank, Way Transportation, Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Manufacturing and Charlevoix High School.

"We're very excited about Day of Caring 2007," said Jennifer Archambault of Harbor Industries. "In our first year we had 70 volunteers working on seven projects, and last year that grew to 550 helping out on 35 projects throughout the two-county area. Volunteers did tasks ranging from washing senior citizens' cars, to building shelves for the Red Cross, to washing windows at the Safe Home. This year, we hope to engage even more volunteers and help more agencies."

The Day of Caring is the official kickoff for the Char-Em United Way 2007-2008 campaign.

"This event is a logical tie-in with United Way," said Martha Lancaster, United Way executive director. "Not only do the non-profit agencies in our community need financial support, they need volunteers as well. We are happy to help connect agencies with all available resources to help them meet the community needs."

For more information, including volunteer or project sign up forms, contact the Day of Caring Committee at (231) 237-6242 or e-mail the committee at getinvolved@harborind.com.

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Jazz at the Library

(Above) Charlevoix Public Library presented Jazz at the Library on Wednesday, Aug. 15. The concert series continues this Wednesday, Aug. 22 with a program entitled "Jazz Goes into a Funk," at 7 p.m. The concert will be performed by jazz trio Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans and Chris Ames and will feature soloist Phil Tarczon on guitar. The final concert, "A Culmination Concert," will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 29 and will be performed by jazz musicians Stargardt, Evans, Ames, Dan Jacobs, Harry Goldson, Mike Hunter and Pete Asch. The concert will feature samples from each of the periods performed during the Jazz at the Library series. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

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Up North Kids brings Author's Benefit to library

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Up North Kids, at 220 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix, will host an Author's Benefit from 4 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 25 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

There is an entry cost of $15 at the door.

"All proceeds will fund Up North Kids camps," said Events Coordinator Brandi Okerblom. "We're trying to make the benefit an annual thing."

The camp is offered for children enrolled in kindergarten through third grade and is held at Up North Kids stores in both Charlevoix and Alden. Profits from the benefit will be shared among both locations.

In addition to its summer reading reinforcement camp, the business hopes to hold camp in the winter and also offer tutoring.

Six authors and two illustrators have confirmed they will be featured at the benefit, including author Jeffrey Acs of "Orrenas Arctic Adventure," Joanne Froh of "Imagine This," Karen Brege of "The Mick Morris Series," Darren Brege of the "Chill Art" sketchbook and "Rascal Makes Mischief on Mackinac Island," Paleo Joe of the "Dinosaur Detective Club" series and "Hidden Dinosaurs," Sonja Richards of "The Comet Kid" and Robbyn and Nick van Frankenhuyzen of "Saving Samantha," "Kelly of Hazel Ridge" and "Saving Samantha."

For more information, call Up North Kids at (231) 547-0444.

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(Left) Joanne Froh, author of "Imagine This," is pictured here with her mother, Frances Plagens, who is the book's illustrator. Froh is coming to Charlevoix to participate in Up North Kids Author's Benefit on Saturday, Aug. 25. For more on the duo, visit www.joannefrances.com. (Right) Also attending will be award-winning Michigan paleontologist, author and educator, PaleoJoe. He is a real paleontologist whose recent adventures include digging in the famous Como Bluff for allosaurus, camptosaurus and Apatosaurus.

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CPR, First Aid classes at hospital

The following Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Courses and First Aid courses are being offered at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

From 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29, Adult/Child Heartsaver CPR. This Heartsaver CPR course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults and children and the use of barrier devices. Cost is $30.

From 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5, Heartsaver First Aid. The Heartsaver First Aid Course teaches how to manage illness and injuries in the first few minutes until professional help arrives. Course content includes general principles, medical emergencies, injury emergencies and environmental emergencies. Cost is $30.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Course materials will be mailed out once registration is received. All classes are taught by certified instructors through Charlevoix Area Hospital, which is an American Heart Association Community Training Center.

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Scholarships awarded to local grads

This fall, college tuition will be a little easier on the pockets of area families, thanks to scholarships totaling over $151,000 recently awarded through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

There were 119 Charlevoix County graduates chosen to receive scholarships from special funds held by the community foundation. All funds were established by local citizens to honor family members, civic leaders and educators. The list below highlights the students from Charlevoix receiving scholarships.

Zita Anderson received the $500 Charlevoix Lions Club Coleman Scholarship. She will attend the University of Notre Dame and study mathematics education.

Lauren Dupuis received the $500 Charlevoix Lions Club Don Meggison Scholarship and the $750 Kristen Cleary Memorial Scholarship. She will study business at Georgetown University.

Spencer Hankins received the $250 Eary Family Memorial Scholarship, the $500 Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel Scholarship and the $1,000 Earl Miller Opportunity Scholarship. He will attend Northwestern Michigan College to study automotive service.

Raymond Jones received the $1,400 Ray Kipke Athletic Scholarship. He will study dentistry at Albion College.

Mia Matchett was awarded the $1,500 Charlevoix Development Corporation Scholarship and the $500 Max Novak Memorial Scholarship to major in education.

Trevor Mays received the $500 Charlevoix Lions Club Coleman Scholarship. He will attend the University of Michigan to study business.

Scott Plude received the $200 Arnold Loper Memorial Scholarship. He will attend Aquinas College and study engineering.

Meagan Sell was awarded the $500 Charlevoix Lions Club Don Meggison Scholarship. She will attend the University of the Nations to study ministry.

Caitlin Taylor received the $1,500 Charlevoix Development Corporation Scholarship and the $800 Elizabeth Griffin Herman Scholarship. She will study landscape architecture at Michigan State University.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation now holds 196 different funds, 59 of which are designated for scholarships. Established by local citizens in 1992, the community foundation serves as a charitable resource for the entire county. With net assets nearing $21 million, the foundation has distributed grants and scholarships totaling over $7.5 million to benefit residents of this area.

For more information about the community foundation or any of its funds, call the foundation office at (231) 536-2440.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

2007 Summer Tax bills have been mailed and were due and payable on July 1, 2007. September 4, 2007 is the last day to pay these taxes without penalty. After Tuesday, September 4th, interest will accrue at the rate of 1% per calendar month. 2007 Taxes can be paid at City Hall or by mail until March 1, 2008 when they will be turned over to the County Treasurer.

Richard M. Brandi
City Treasurer

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Relay for a cure

About 300 participants in American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Charlevoix County which took place Aug. 11 and 12 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix surpassed the group's $16,000 fund-raising goal, bringing in $26,000. In 2006 the event raised just under $8,000. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is the society's signature fund-raising event, where teams of people camp out overnight, walking laps on a track, socializing and participating in planned activities.

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After viewing the video, DivorceCare group participants spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in the lives of group members.

Ellsworth man named director of Department of Agriculture

Donald Koivisto

Donald Koivisto of Ellsworth has been named director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

"I've had a working relationship with Michigan Farm Bureau for 20 years, and it's been a productive and trusting relationship," Koivisto said on Aug. 13 after he was chosen for the state's highest agricultural staff position by the Michigan Commission of Agriculture. "I look forward 100 percent to working with Farm Bureau."

Koivisto has a long and distinguished record of service to agriculture, starting in 1980, when he was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives for the 110th district. From 1982 to 1984, he was chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and was instrumental in passing the Right-to-Farm legislation that set standards for agriculture practices and gave farmers protection against nuisance lawsuits if they followed a list of generally accepted agricultural management practices.

In 1984, Koivisto was presented with the Michigan Agricultural Conference Recognition Award for his leadership in promoting state agriculture.

After four years (1987-1990) as a legislative staffer for the Joint Administrative Rules Committee, Koivisto ran for state Senate, and earned Michigan Farm Bureau's AgriPac endorsement as a "friend of agriculture" for the first time as a candidate for the Senate after gaining one such endorsement as a Representative. Subsequently, he earned two more "friend of agriculture" endorsements. He also was on the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee for eight of the 12 years he was in office.

During his time in the Senate, Koivisto voted in favor of agriculture issues endorsed by Michigan Farm Bureau policy 90 percent of the time.

Since leaving the Senate in 2002, Koivisto has been a lobbyist for the iron mining industry, but said he's retained his interest in agriculture issues, and looks forward to getting to work as director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture which will likely be some time around Labor Day, after he fulfills pending contractual obligations.

Koivisto said his experience will enable him to jump right into a difficult job, but he knows it will be a challenging position.

"Just because I was in the House and Senate doesn't mean I know everything," he said. "The good thing is that with the people at the department of agriculture, it will be a smooth transition. They are dedicated, knowledgeable, hard-working people."

Koivisto's goals include three basic points, he said within hours of being selected.

"First, my duty is to work with the executive office in the legislature, and second is to work with the various diverse groups associated with agriculture," he said. "Thirdly, my mission is to work with individual farmers through the various divisions we have at MDA. I have a strong desire to do those things, and I believe I'm fairly organized. And being open and accessible is a given."

Koivisto was a fine choice for leadership of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, said Wayne H. Wood, president of Michigan Farm Bureau.

"The selection of Don Koivisto as ag director is good because he brings a lot of expertise in promoting agriculture with him, along with his ability to recognize the issues that challenge our industry," Wood said. "One of the things the position requires is that the director be an advocate for agriculture and recognizes the high level of importance agriculture has for this state's economy," he said. "Mr. Koivisto knows these things and has accomplished many things already as a legislator. The fact that his hand prints are on the Right-to-Farm law is very important, and we look forward to a continued partnership with the MDA and its director."

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Perfect petunias

Courier readers have been commenting on the outstanding condition of this season's petunias. Rayder band boosters have been weeding the petunias for weeks. The successful growing season can also be attributed to carefully selected soil and the beds being cleared prior to planting this year. Keep Charlevoix Beautiful, which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year, is in charge of purchasing, planting and watering the petunias. The group will host a fund-raiser, Bids for Blooms, on Sept. 15 at the Belvedere Casino to support the project.

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Community foundation announces grant awards

Recent grants from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation are helping support a variety of worthy projects in our area — from a scoreboard for little league and equipment for a community band shell, to a library expansion and repair of a historic train depot.

The new awards bring the community foundation's grant making total to over $7.5 million in its 15-year history. Programs chosen for foundation support and the amounts of their grants are:

From the Adams Fund — $1,050 to support the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association expanded summer 2007 classical music series.

From the Boyne City Enrichment Fund — $2,300 to purchase and install an electronic scoreboard at the Boyne City Rotary Park Jr. Boys field.

From the Beaver Island Enrichment Fund — $3,500 to support the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association expanded summer 2007 classical music series.

From the Boswell Stadium Fund — $16,847 for lighting, irrigation, field marking and turf management at Boswell Field.

From the Canine Project Fund — $630 towards various equipment for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office canine project.

From the Charlevoix Area Community Pool Fund — $7,500 to Charlevoix Area Community Pool for general operations.

From the Charlevoix County Community Fund — $6,000 towards the expansion of the warehouse, freezer and food packing room at Manna; $3,000 towards the expansion of the Crooked Tree District Library in Boyne Falls.

From the Charlevoix Fund — $2,000 towards structural repair of the Charlevoix Historical Society Depot Museum; $600 to purchase music stands for the Charlevoix Middle School band program; $2,000 to support smart growth land use policies in Charlevoix County.

From the Coeling Fund — $935 to support a preschool children's summer music program at the Charlevoix Public Library; $800 to host the Steve Hamilton author event at Charlevoix Public Library.

From the Crooked Tree District Library Book Fund — $250 to Crooked Tree District Library for the purchase of books.

From the Charles Davis Fund — $1,512 to Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra for general operations.

From the Dedocs Fund — $175 towards DARE training costs for an East Jordan police officer.

From the Diller Fund — $1,140 for clothing and personal needs for East Jordan Public Schools students

From the East Jordan Enrichment Fund — $10,800 for lighting and fence relocation at the City of East Jordan adult softball field; $3,600 to provide summer school scholarships for East Jordan Public Schools elementary and middle school students; $2,500 towards the Little Traverse Conservancy Stokes property purchase on the Jordan River; $4,000 for conceptual drawings of the City of East Jordan's combined fire/EMS facility; $1,500 to repair and repaint the City of East Jordan's train engine in Memorial Park; $3,147 to purchase chairs and a sound system for the City of East Jordan's community band shell; $1,000 to purchase cribs and car seats for Good Samaritan Family Services Moms and Tots Center.

From the Environmental Fund — $2,500 towards the Little Traverse Conservancy Stokes property purchase on the Jordan River; $1,700 to support Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension's updated Citizen Planner Online Program; $5,000 to support Michigan State University's sand accumulation study in the Jordan River and South Arm of Lake Charlevoix; $12,000 to assist Conservation Resource Alliance complete the repair of three road-stream crossings on the Boyne River; $2,000 to support smart growth land use policies in Charlevoix County.

From the Haggard Fund — $625 for resource materials for the Michigan Dyslexia Institute Early Pathways program; $625 towards scholarships for Charlevoix High School students to attend wrestling camp.

From the Healthy Youth and Seniors Fund — $1,500 to support radio ads regarding the health risks of second hand tobacco smoke for youth, restaurant employees and patrons.

From the Industrial Development Fund — $2,500 towards registration fees for the Energizing the Entrepreneur seminar and training sessions

From the IMI Community Fund — $2,450 towards summer sports camp scholarships for Boyne City Public Schools students; $3,500 towards the expansion of the Crooked Tree District Library in Boyne Falls; $190 for medical needs for a Boyne City Public Schools student.

From the McKeon Fund — $1,000 towards DARE training costs for an East Jordan police officer.

From the Mary Glenna Malpass Mission Fund — $1,300 for a variety of church and mission outreach activities.

From the Charlevoix County Substance Abuse and Treatment Fund — $175 towards DARE training costs for an East Jordan police officer.

From the Sherman Family Fund — $30,000 towards the Little Traverse Conservancy Stokes property purchase on the Jordan River.

From the SOAR Fund — $8,575 to Raven Hill Discovery Center for various program related expenses.

From the Stowe Family Fund — $1,000 to the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation towards the purchase of a digital mammography machine; $500 to the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan for general operations.

From the EJ Rotary Student Exchange Fund — $2,120 to support the student exchange program.

From the Towsley Fund — $1,000 to purchase cribs and car seats for Good Samaritan Family Services Moms and Tots Center; $1,800 to provide subsidy for Charlevoix County residents to attend the Living Room senior day care program.

From the Tunison-Garlock Memorial Fund — $1,000 to support Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension's updated Citizen Planner Online Program; $1,000 to support smart growth land use policies in Charlevoix County.

From Donor Advised Funds — $341,656 to a host of nonprofit organizations and charitable initiatives, in accordance with the wishes of those who established a donor advised fund and help direct their own grant making.

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses and organizations and manages them as permanent endowments. Every year, a portion of the endowment's investment income is used to support programs in education, the environment, the arts, human services, health and wellness, youth activities, community development and various civic projects.

Through careful investment, the principle of the endowment continues to grow, providing perpetual charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County residents and local nonprofit organizations.

Since it was founded by a group of local citizens in 1992, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's net assets have grown to almost $21 million.

The community foundation will review grant requests again this fall. The deadline for applications is Oct. 1. For more information about grant opportunities, or the community foundation, call (231) 536-2440, or visit www.c3f.org.

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Local law enforcement patrols land and water

Sheriff highlights common complaints on Charlevoix County waterways

Through public education and enforcement, Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater wants to ensure that boating and swimming activities continue to grow in safety and popularity.

The Sheriff's Office Marine Division patrols over 30 inland lakes and rivers in addition to Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan. Since water resources encompass 70 percent of Charlevoix County, the marine division handles myriad complaints.

Some of the more common complaints are listed below.

Trespassing complaints are received by the sheriff's office every summer. Normally, these complaints deal with either shoreline or sandbar trespass issues and are complicated by riparian rights. Boaters should respect the property rights of shoreline owners.

The illegal operation of personal watercraft (jet skis) by persons not authorized to do so by state law. Individuals born after Dec. 31, 1978 must possess a boater's safety certificate. This includes adults up to 29.

Personal watercraft must be off the water one hour prior to official sunset and may not operate before 8 a.m.

Vessels may not be operated in restricted zones such as swim areas.

Vessel registrations expire March 31 of the year and are not valid after that date.

Vessels must be properly anchored in a legal mooring area. It is important that the anchor being used is the proper size to secure the vessel.

Slow no-wake speed is the slowest speed (commonly less than 3 mph) to maintain steering without creating a wake. Boaters are responsible for any damages created by their wake.

Swimmers should use designated swim areas and stay within the marked zones to ensure their safety. Swimming with a friend and adult supervision for a child is recommended.

The operation of any watercraft while under the influence of alcohol will result in an arrest. The Sheriff's Office Marine Division enforces a zero tolerance for minors in possession of alcohol.

For more information about marine laws, call lieutenant David Beyer or sergeant Don Richards at (231) 547-4461.

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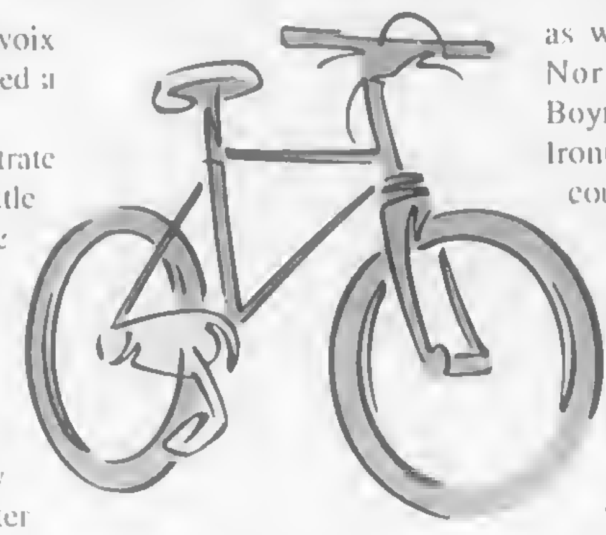
County sheriff's office establishes bike patrol

This month, the Charlevoix Sheriff's Office established a bicycle patrol.

The patrol will concentrate on the portion of the Little Traverse Wheelway bike path that extends from Charlevoix Township to the Emmet County line.

The patrol was established due to concerns by Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater for bicyclists using the path in isolated areas near Lake Michigan.



Bike patrol will include subdivisions like North Point and Pine Point as well as villages such as Norwood, Walloon Lake, Boyne Falls, Bay Shore and Ironton. It will also include county, state and township parks and events.

Sheriff Lasater assigned deputy Nicole Smith to head this program.

Undersheriff Don Schneider promoted this concept and two police bicycles were purchased by Charlevoix resident Bill Schuiling.

10 trouble spots on the water

10 tips on how to avoid mishaps on the water:

1. It's a long day: A full day in the sun will increase alcohol's effects on the body, so it's better to wait until you're safely back at the dock or home before breaking out the libations. Also bring lots of water, a VHF radio and check the weather reports to avoid storms.

2. It's a long day, for the boat, too: Running electronics all day such as sound systems, fans, or other appliances and failing to monitor battery usage could leave your boat dead in the water when it's time to go home.

3. Running the engine to charge the batteries: Raft-ups, or groups of boats tied together in a protected anchorage, is a great way to spend the holiday with fellow boating friends. But you should never run an engine with swimmers in the water or near exhaust ports. Even though the boat's transmission may not be in gear, propellers can still rotate, and odorless, colorless carbon monoxide can quickly overcome swimmers.

4. Trailer problems: The Boat U.S. Trailering Club reports that flat tires and burnt bearings are the two biggest causes for boat trailer breakdowns. What shape are yours in?

5. Don't overload your boat: Capsizing and falls overboard account for over half of all boating fatalities. Heavily loaded small boats, and those with little freeboard such as bass boats, are more susceptible to swamping from weather or wake action associated with heavy boating traffic.

6. Wear life jackets: 70 percent of all fatal boating accident victims drowned, and of those, 87 percent weren't wearing life jackets.

7. Follow the rules of the road: If a boat is approaching your vessel from your starboard (right) side, do you know what to do? What happens when a light on another vessel "changes" from red to green?

8. Patience: The lines at boat launch ramps, in the parking lot or the water, can resemble a southern California freeway at rush hour. Be patient, ready to go when it's your turn, and follow good boating etiquette.

9. Take your time to get home: At evening events, the most reported type of boating accident is a collision with another vessel so it's a good idea to keep your speed down, post an extra lookout, and ensure all your navigation lights work. A spotlight is a must, and ensure all safety gear is readily available. Be extra vigilant about not running over anchor lines in crowded fireworks viewing areas, and don't take shortcuts in the dark.

10. Celebrate: Hey, you're on the water. Be safe, be prepared and have fun.

Get outta my way!
The battle between pedestrians and motorists for supremacy over the road.
For more on this hot topic plus Charlevoix Courier headlines on WMKT's Vic McCarty Show, 11 am - Noon on Thursday, August 23. Vic's guest will be Courier reporter Ben Gohs, known locally for his controversial civil liberties columns. For details or comments, call the Charlevoix Courier, 231-547-6558.
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Coach or caddy?

Varsity football Coach Don Jess takes a swing at the Rayder Football Golf Outing on Aug. 17. About 97 golfers participated, raising an estimated $5,000 for the Charlevoix High School varsity and junior varsity football training camp and miscellaneous equipment needs.

Beaver Island school board to host teacher recognition dinner

The Beaver Island Community School Board of Education is planning to host a recognition dinner on Sept. 15 to honor the commitment and accomplishments of four teachers and two board members.

Teacher Joe Moore retired after giving over 30 years of dedicated service to the school. Teachers Jim Stambaugh and Donna Stambaugh, although officially retired two years ago, will each be recognized for their 20 years of outstanding service to the district. Also being recognized at the event will be long-time teacher Jacque LaFreniere who resigned from the school district three years ago after teaching for over 20 years. School board members John Fiegen and Linda McDonough will also be recognized for their contributions to the school.

The school board will host the dinner at the Beaver Island Lodge in a manner similar to the 'citizen of the year' event. The event will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15. Family members, former students, parents of students and friends are invited to join in the celebration. Anyone with anecdotes, or important information or messages they think should be shared at the event should contact Kitty McNamara at kittym@beaverisland.k12.mi.us.

Please contact the school office by Sept. 7 if you plan to attend this event. The cost will depend on what you order from the regular menu.

What? The Beaver Island Community School Board of Education is planning to host a recognition dinner to honor the commitment and accomplishments of three teachers and two board members.

When? 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15.

Where? The Beaver Island Lodge

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Northern Community Mediation launches first donor campaign

Community support needed to offset state funding cuts

Dr. Jane Millar

Northern Community Mediation (NCM) is no different than most non-profit organizations. It is facing state-funding cutbacks. In order to maintain affordable mediation services for all community members, Northern Community Mediation is spearheading its first donor campaign.

Fortunately, there is an anonymous donor who will match whatever Northern Community Mediation raises through its campaign. Whatever the amount of the donation made by individuals, that money will double in value.

According to Dr. Jane Millar, executive director, "NCM provides a means of people coming together to resolve their conflicts with their own solutions rather than having to go through the court system. Although we handle all types of conflicts, the best way to describe our services is through an example."

It had been two years since Walter and Martha, the paternal grandparents of Sally, 5 and Rick, 7, had seen their grandchildren. Sally and Rick's parents were divorced. Their father had been an excessively abusive parent and was allowed only supervised visits with his children. Their mother Mary had full custody of the children, and would not allow Walter and Martha visitation of any kind.

As grandparents, Walter and Martha had no legal rights. Without Mary's consent, they may never have seen their grandchildren. In desperation, Martha called Northern Community Mediation (NCM) to see if we could help. Reluctantly, Mary agreed to come to mediation. During the mediation process, Mary expressed her fears that if Walter and Martha were granted visitation they would allow their son to be present. Walter and Martha shared their heartbreak at not being able to be a part of their grandchildren's lives. By understanding the concerns of one another, they were able to come to an agreement that allowed Walter and Martha supervised visitations with the understanding that if all went well, ultimately no supervision would be required.

That mediation took place a year ago. Today, Walter and Martha regularly see their grandchildren. Mary has found friendship and support from Walter and Martha. Most importantly, Sally and Rick have the joy of a healthy relationship with their grandparents.

Board president Jill Ryan said, "This donor campaign will provide a means to supplement current funding sources in order to maintain high quality mediation services in our community without creating a burden on those who are in need of service."

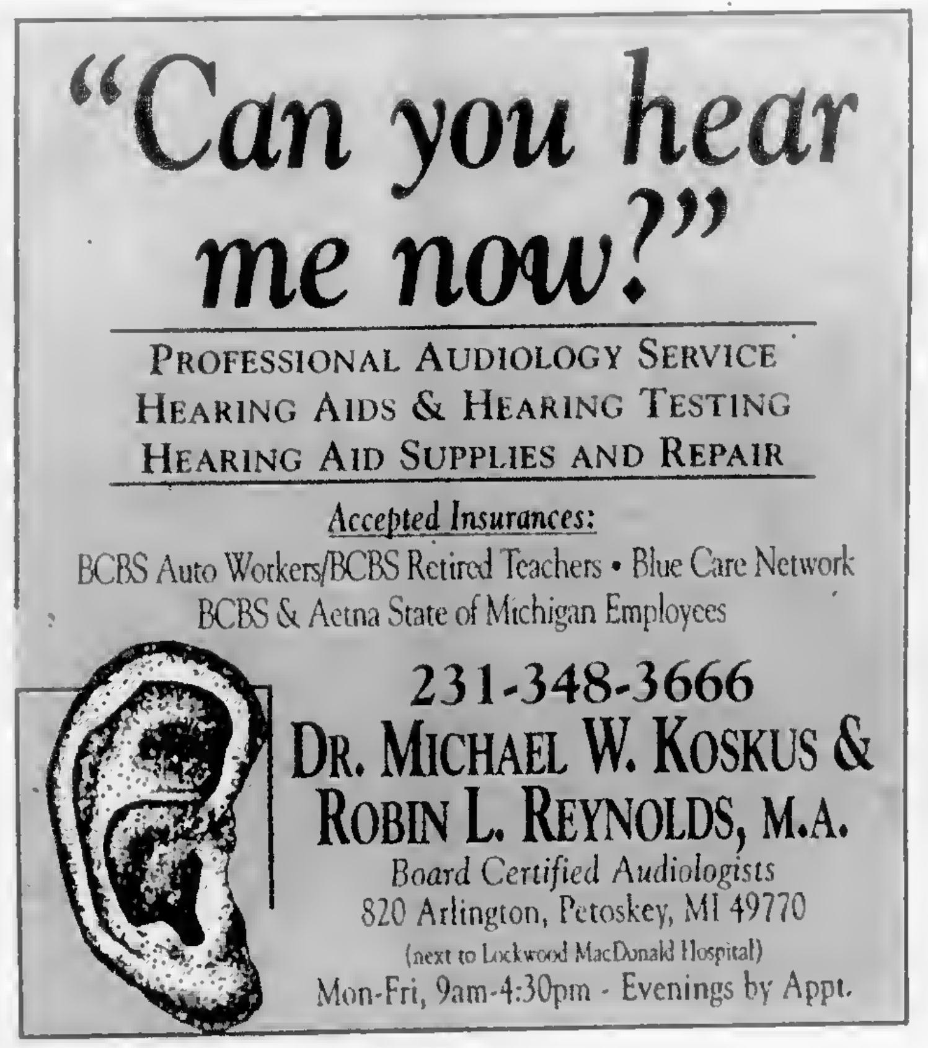
Anyone interested in learning more about Northern Community Mediation or donating to the campaign should contact Dr. Jane Millar at (231) 487-1771.

What is Northern Community Mediation? Northern Community Mediation is a nonprofit organization that provides nonadverserail dispute resolution services to the citizens of Charlevoix and Emmet counties regardless of status.

How is the program funded? Revenue for Northern Community Mediation comes primarily from the state of Michigan and is also generated by fees for services and donations.

What is the current funding issue? Northern Community Mediation (NCM) is no different than most non-profit organizations. It is facing state-funding cutbacks.

How can I help? Call executive director of Northern Community Mediation Dr. Jane Millar at (231) 487-1771.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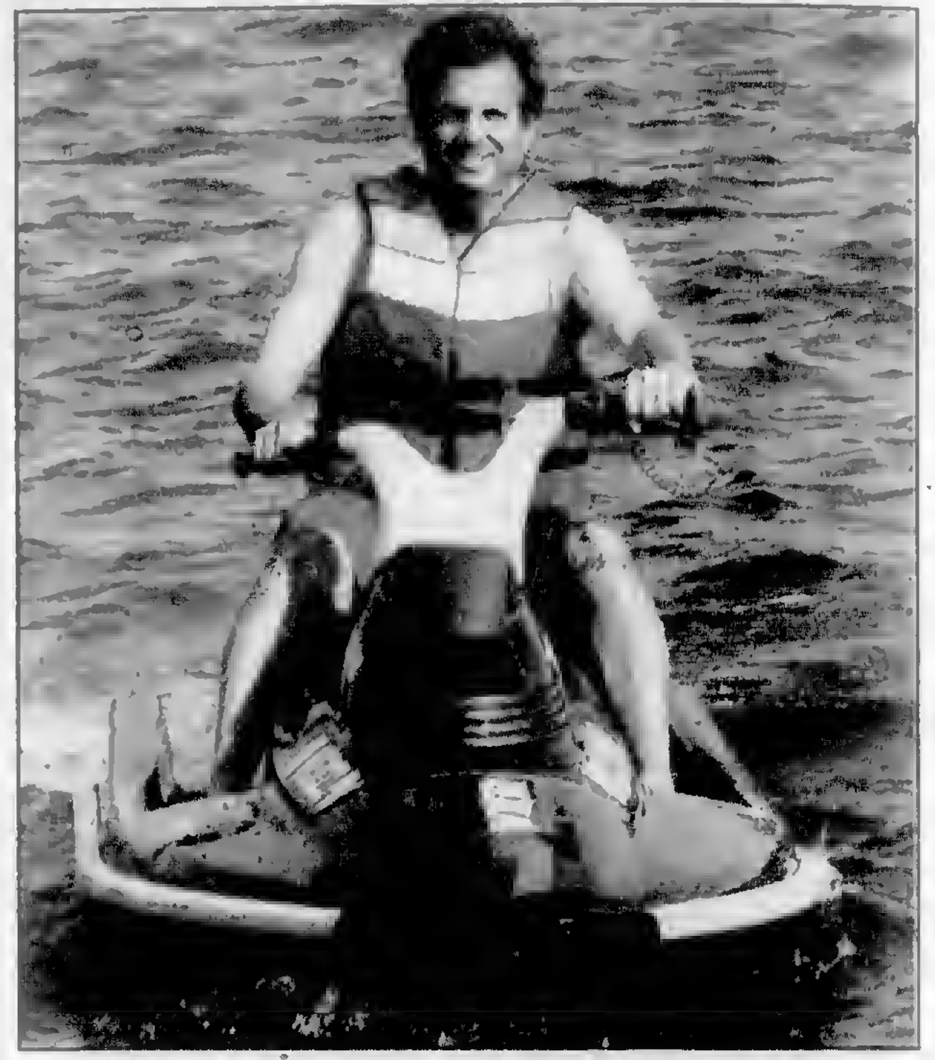
Waking up on the water

While many area residents and visitors were still snug in bed or preparing for church on Sunday morning, Aug. 19 dozens of water loving people shared with Courier editor Julie Witthoeft what it's like to wake up on the water. These pictures were taken in East Park and the Charlevoix Municipal Marina.

(Left) Chris Lisowicz, of Grand Haven and owner of the Chris Craft yacht "Good Grief," took his bike into town from his dock to pick up his morning newspaper. When asked when he plans to leave port, Lisowicz responded, "When I get bored." (Right) David Winkler pictured here and his son, Max Winkler took advantage of the calm morning waters on Lake Michigan to have some fun on their jet skis. David is seen here leaving Round Lake. In spite of fall weather rolling in and evening temperatures dipping, Lake Michigan is still about 70 degrees. Sunday morning started out overcast and quickly turned into yet another beautiful day to be on the water in Charlevoix.



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The Hooberman family of West Bloomfield was spotted in East Park and on the water. (Above left, from left) Marlee, 5, and her twin sister, Jane are seen here taking a rest with grandma Carol while (above right, from left) sister Lily, 7, mom Sally, grandpa Paul and dad Jimmy enjoy the view from the marina promenade.

PLAY FOOTBALL

(Above, from left) Mike Houston assists Russ Landis, owner of "Sound Waves," a 75-foot yacht from North Carolina, in shoving off for a morning cruise around local waters.

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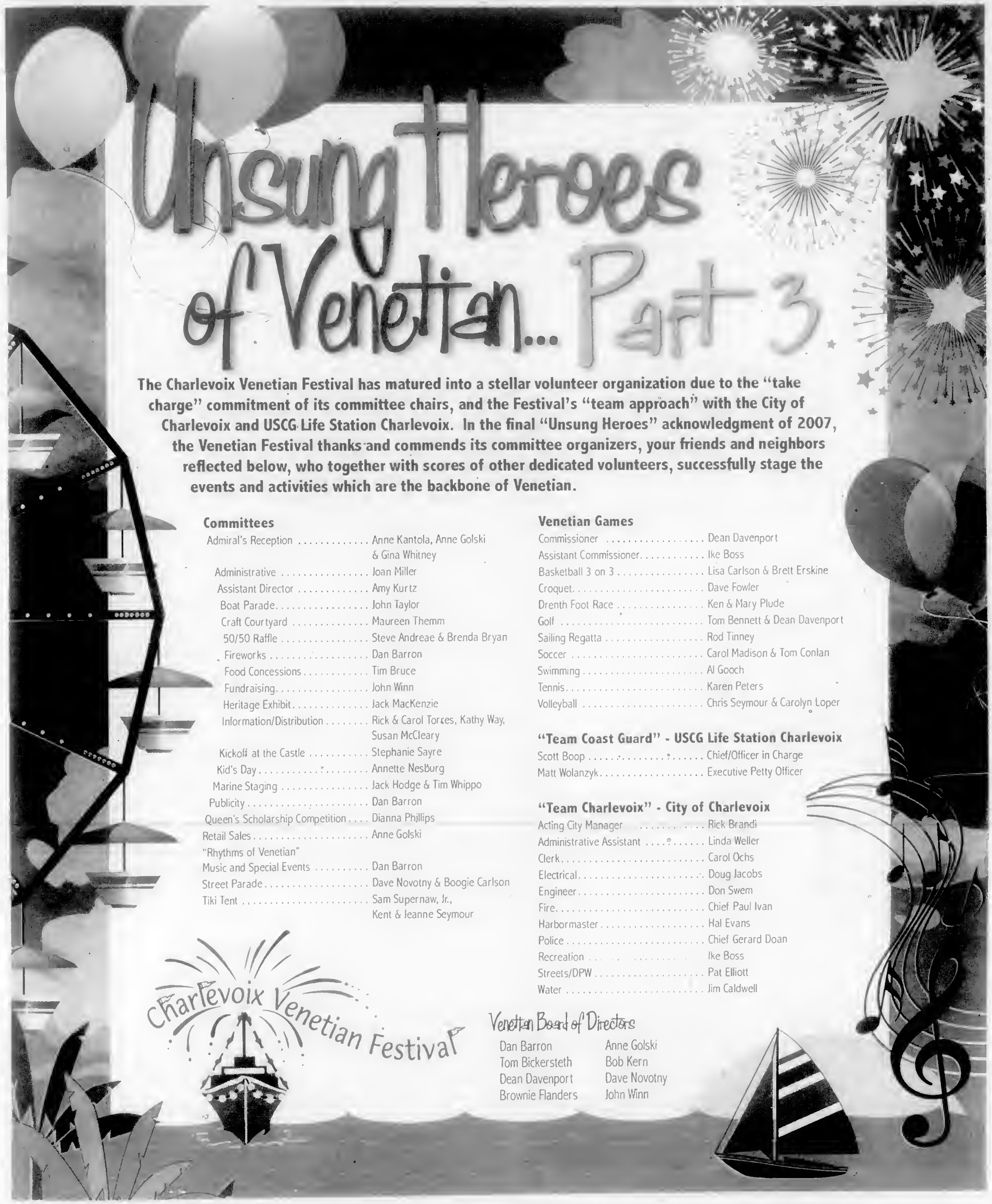

Unsung Heroes of Venetian... Part 3

The Charlevoix Venetian Festival has matured into a stellar volunteer organization due to the "take charge" commitment of its committee chairs, and the Festival's "team approach" with the City of Charlevoix and USCG Life Station Charlevoix. In the final "Unsung Heroes" acknowledgment of 2007, the Venetian Festival thanks and commends its committee organizers, your friends and neighbors reflected below, who together with scores of other dedicated volunteers, successfully stage the events and activities which are the backbone of Venetian.

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Fundraising	John Winn
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Retail Sales	Anne Golski
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Tiki Tent	Sam Supernaw, Jr., Kent & Jeanne Seymour

Venetian Games

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County veterans received $3,382,000 in 2006

Ed Holm

During the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 2006, veterans and their families in Charlevoix County received $3,382,000 from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

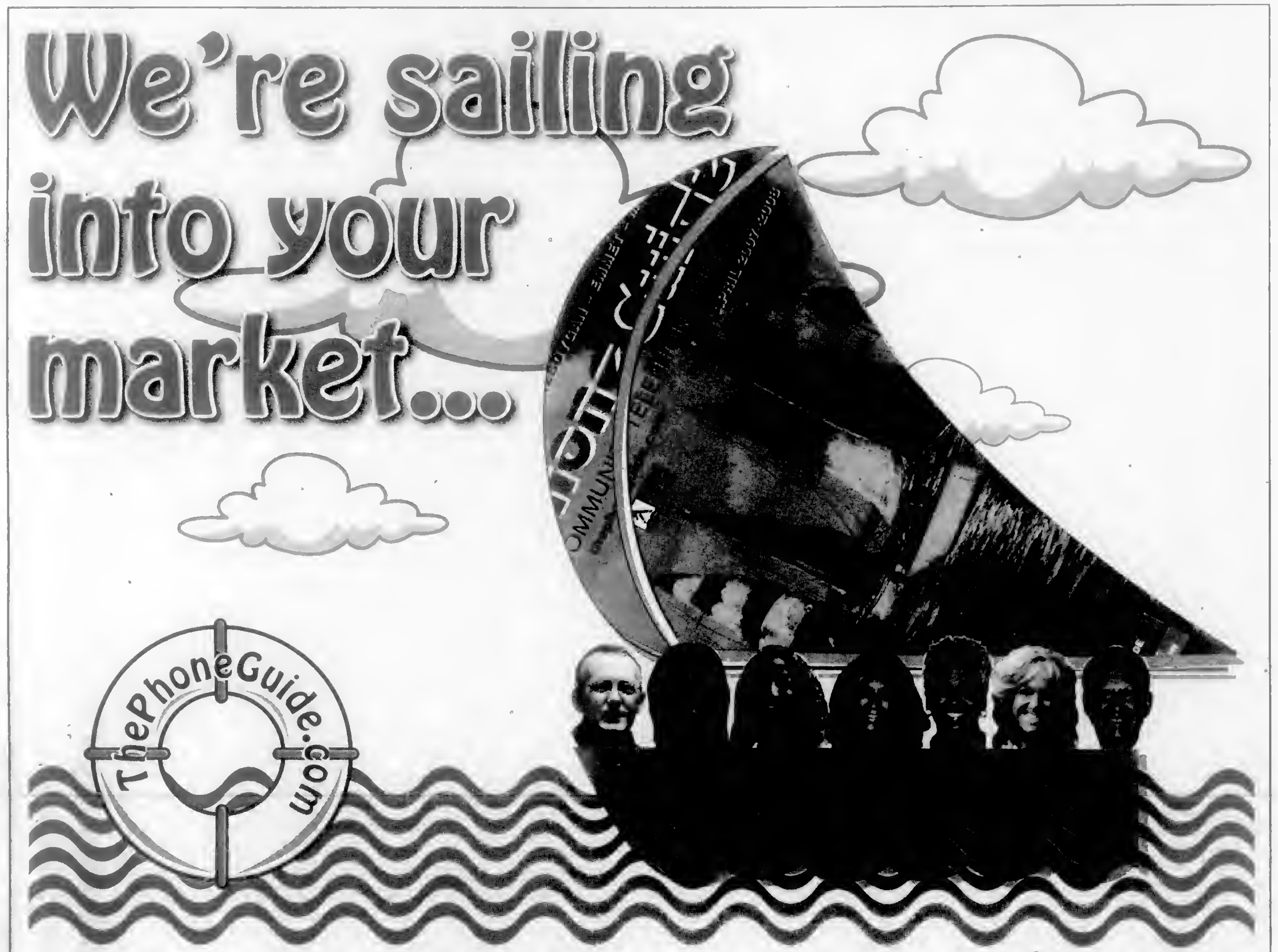
Benefits in the form of disability compensation, pension, education, insurance and indemnities were paid directly to many of the veterans of Charlevoix County.

Linda Walker, director of the Veteran's Affairs Regional Office in Detroit, the office that administers benefit payments for Michigan said, "This influx of money into the Charlevoix County economy was a significant portion of the more than $1 billion dollars VA expended to serve the 820,485 veterans living throughout the State of Michigan."

"Over half of all VA expenditures, more than $500 million, are paid directly to veterans and their families each year," Walker added. "The rest is used to support VA medical services provided at Michigan's five VA medical centers, two outpatient clinics and the numerous community based outpatient clinics located throughout the state."

Any Charlevoix County veteran who believes their service connected condition has gotten worse or those with questions about benefits should contact Charlevoix County Veteran's Affairs director, Ed Holm by calling (231) 547-7220.

Who? Veterans and their families in Charlevoix County
What? During the fiscal year that ended Sept 30, 2006 they received $3,382,000 from the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Benefits information? Contact Charlevoix County Veteran's Affairs director, Ed Holm by calling (231) 547-7220



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Service for your hog open on the south side

BY LOUISE NELLE
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Photo by Louise Nelle — Petoskey News-Review

Dennis (left) and Tim Maxwell own and operate Maxwell Bros. Cycle Shop in Charlevoix.

For years, brothers Tim and Dennis Maxwell drove to Gaylord or Traverse City for motorcycle repairs and to buy bike parts.

But now, the brothers have their motorcycles serviced locally in Charlevoix at their own shop, Maxwell Bros. Cycle Shop.

"We do all service on Harley and most metric bikes from tire and oil changes to engine work. We will even build custom bikes," Tim said.

Located at 103 Harbor Dr., the brothers not only provide service but parts and accessories. Tim said the shop can order any and all parts for customers seeking to do their own mechanical work.

In addition, they carry some apparel such as Easy Rider road wear and helmets.

Aside from being one of the few motorcycle shops in the area, what makes their shop different, Tim said, is the fact that their mechanic, Pat Hayes, specializes in both Harley and metric models from old to new.

With 25 plus years of experience, Hayes is a certified mechanic with a background working with the Harley Davidson company.

And Hayes fits right in with the Maxwell brothers who have been long-time motorcycle fans.

"We've always liked bikes," Tim said. "I've ridden since I was 9 years old. (Dennis) even built a bike of his own in the past and it's always been his hobby and lifestyle."

Tim added that when not in the shop, both he and Dennis still work as contractors — he as a paving stone contractor with Maxwell Paving Stone and Dennis a tile contractor for Maxwell Tile.

Despite being busy as contractors, though, Tim said they saw the need for a local bike shop when they opened in June.

"We always had to go to Gaylord for bike parts. We're just filling a need for the area, especially for V-twins," he said.

Looking to the future, the brothers plan to offer winter bike storage. Within their shop, they can store up to 15 bikes and potentially more off-site. While in storage, all bikes will be covered and hooked up to a battery tender.

To contact Maxwell Bros. Cycle Shop, call (231) 237-9761. Business hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday or by appointment.

Louise Nelle can be contacted at (231) 439-9339, or lnelle@petoskeynews.com.

Learn the art of pit-firing with local potter Bonnie Staffel

Courtesy photo

Local potter, Bonnie Staffel will host a Trash Can and Smoke Firing Workshop on Sept. 15 in Charlevoix.

Pit firing is the practice of subjecting low-fired bisque pots to a vigorous bonfire. During an upcoming hands-on workshop, participants will fire their own bisque pieces in a ventilated metal can with copper, salt, organic matter, sawdust and hardwood kindling.

Local potter, Bonnie Staffel will host this Trash Can and Smoke Firing Workshop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 in Charlevoix. Come learn a new technique to simulate pit firing in a controlled manner. Beginning to advanced potters are welcome.

The cost is $65 and attendees are asked to bring a sack lunch and several soft bisque fired pots (Cone 010) no larger than the size of a melon.

To see Staffel's work, visit http://vasefinder.com/bstaffelgallery1.html.

For more information or to register for the class, call (231) 547-2333 or (231) 547-7319.

Family-friendly tours at Castle Farms

Castle Farms is offering family-friendly tours.

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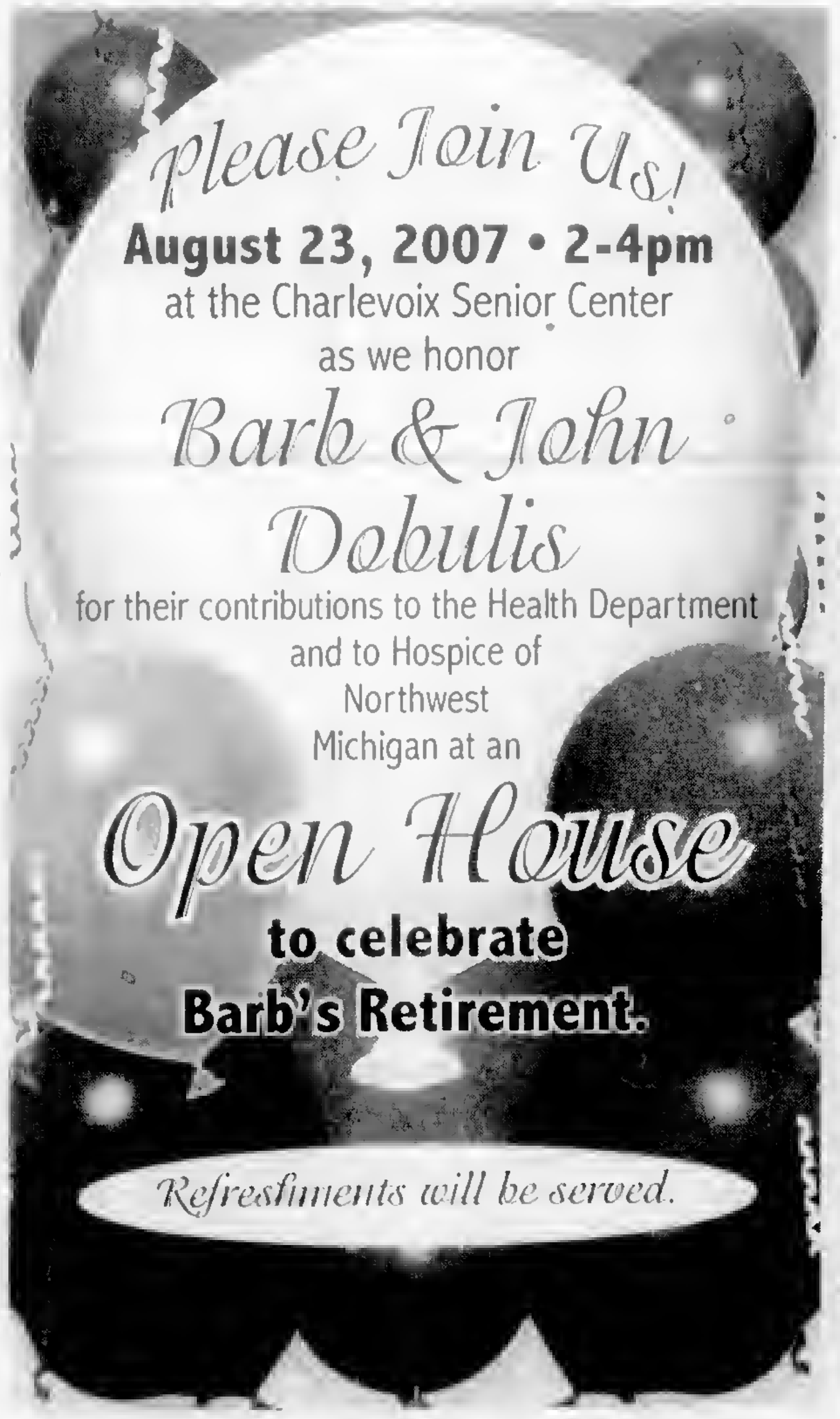

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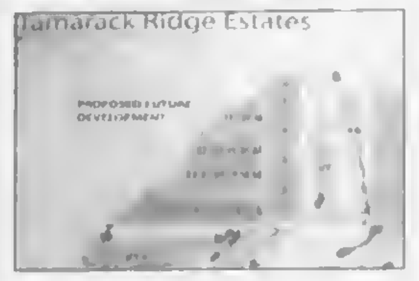

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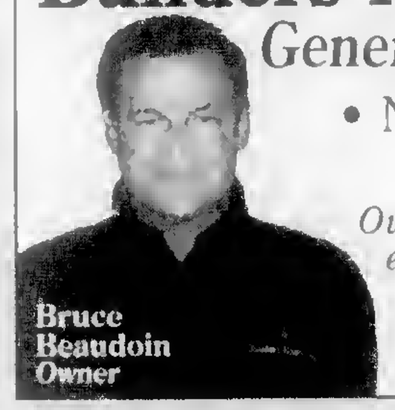

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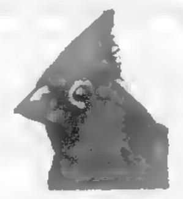

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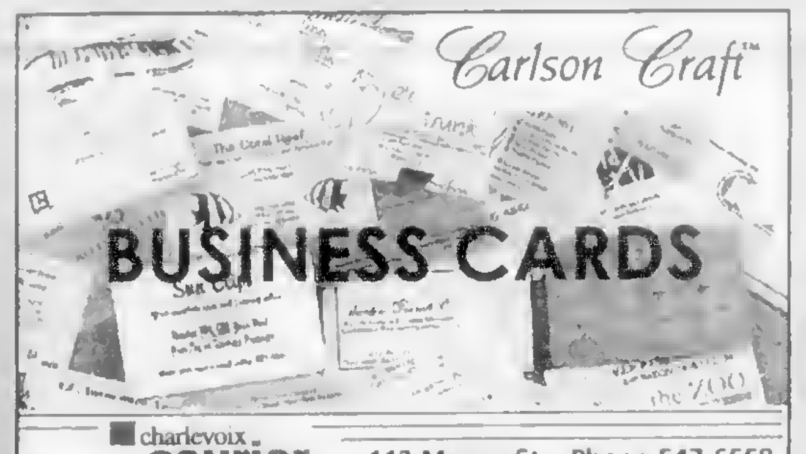

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New local school gets students truckin'

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Eddie Kendricks sang the song, "Keep On Truckin'," but what about those who don't know how?

Not to fret, Northern Driving Institute, located at 15890 Bells Bay Rd. in Charlevoix, can have you up and running a big rig like the pros.

"Truck drivers are needed across the country, there is a real shortage," said 13-year veteran driver, 11-year veteran instructor and operations manager of Northern Driving Institute, Wayne Bergmann. "There are quite a few displaced workers out there right now and I would say (trucking) companies out there are starting at $35,000 a year, easy, of course that depends on how hard a guy wants to work."

He added, "The general consensus is 72 hours without truck drivers and America stops, so there is job security."

Bergmann started the trucking school, which will officially open Sept. 10, after years of having to retrain students fresh out of driving school.

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WHO IS THIS FOR?

"I have trained everybody from stockbrokers to people who retired and want a second career to 21 year olds getting started, so it's a real wide scope of people that drive trucks," Bergmann said. "It's a good steady job and a lot of guys get out on the road and find that it beats factory work or anything else."

He added, "You are basically running a business out of the cab of a truck and you have freedom. As long as you do your job, there's nobody looking over your shoulder. You get to see the country and get paid for it and there is such a pride there — you are literally keeping the country running."

WHAT TO EXPECT?

"The class is 160 hours, that includes classroom time and lab time or basic operations of the truck and how to drive up and down the road safely," Bergmann said. "You can finish it in three weeks if the student is putting his time in like he should."

Class work is divided into four basic areas: Air brakes, combination vehicles, general knowledge and operation of the truck.

"Safety is key," Bergmann said. "I had a North Carolina state trooper tell one of my trainees the best example I've ever heard of a truck. 'A truck is a 75-foot-long, 80,000-pound ballistic missile and you have to know how to handle it safely.'"

JOB PLACEMENT?

"We have a whole list of companies that we work with who are willing to take our drivers," Bergmann said. "They would go on to the company and be trained on their policies and that training is paid."

He added, "Although it is a pretty large initial investment, it pays for itself."

There's a maximum of 15 students per class and there are openings available. Visit www.northerndrivinginstitute.com or call (888) 870-6289 for more information or to enroll.

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Operations manager of Northern Driving Institute, Wayne Bergmann (seen here) said there are still openings for the first class to be offered by the area's new trucking school.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

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Little big league

Charlevoix's Junior Little League Travel Team is pictured above after beating East Jordan in the last game of the season. Team members are pictured above (front, from left) C.J. Kunkle, Brandon Darrah, Jordan Farmer, J.T. Lawrence, (back, from left) Will Jeakle, Isaac Klooster, Alex Waha, coach Del Hart, Morgan Stewart, Patrick Scheelk and Jesse Drost.

Chamber hosts 9th Annual Golf Outing

What? The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce 9th Annual Chamber Golf Outing

When? Tuesday, Aug 28.

Where? The Belvedere Golf Club

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce recently announced the revived 9th Annual Chamber Golf Outing will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

It will be a four-person scramble event with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Members and non-members are welcome at a cost of $360 per team or $100 per person. This will include a buffet dinner and award ceremony immediately following the event at the Belvedere Club Casino located on Belvedere Avenue.

The entry fee also includes one chance to become the "2007 Chamber Putting Champion." This putting contest includes a chance to win a $5,000 first prize.

Registration will begin at noon. "Mulligans" and 50/50 raffle tickets may be purchased on the day of the outing.

Guests of the golfers are invited to join the group for dinner at a cost of $20.

Proceeds for this event will benefit the continuation of chamber events and services. To register, or for information about sponsoring a team, a hole or a cart, call Tom Conlan at (231) 547-2512, Ron Agnello at (231) 547-9767 or the chamber at (231) 547-2101.

Rayder summer baseball takes McBain tournament

The Charlevoix Rayders summer baseball team won the McBain Homecoming Tournament the weekend of July 21, defeating Shelby, 7-6 and McBain, 10-5.

Sam Balasz led the Rayder hitters against Shelby, going three for three. Robby Jensen had two hits, two runs scored and an RBI.

Danny Waldron and Bill Ivan both had RBI doubles. Jon Putman had an RBI single. Clayton Mitchell and Brandon Darrah also had hits.

Ty Telgenhof was the winning pitcher, giving up one run in two innings. Jensen struck out three in one-and-one-third innings in relief to get the save.

The game's key defensive play was J.T. Lawrence running down a Shelby hit into the gap with a runner on first and preventing the runner from scoring.

Against the host Ramblers, Charlevoix jumped out to a 7-1 lead and coasted to the win.

Mitchell had two hits and scored three runs. Putman had two hits and scored two runs.

Balasz again came up big for Charlevoix, driving in three runs on a walk, single and ground out. Telgenhof doubled.

Ivan and Darrah both drove in runs. Chase Moore walked, stole two bases and scored a run.

On the mound, Waldron struck out two in one shutout inning of relief. Telgenhof gave up one run on one hit in two innings.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Itch fastest overall leading into final race of season

Charlevoix Yacht Club boaters raced the seventh race of the summer series on Aug. 15 in light and variable winds.

The course was shortened to three legs as a result of the dying breezes. Itch was the fastest boat overall and only eight seconds separated the first two boats in the P-26 fleet. The results of one more race will determine the final results for the summer series, and four boats are currently in close contention for first in the Spinnaker A fleet.

Race results provided by Mike Miller and Keith Attee, committee chairs.

Jib and Main fleet: 1 – Sonnett (Lepmann); 2 – Exitus (Pung).

P-26 fleet: 1 – Lost Vermonter (Tinney); 2 – Original Sin (Miller); 3 – Cygnus (Stewart); 4 – Tireless (Carland); DNF – Apothecary (Ochs).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 - Hoi Polloi (Attee); 2 – Gotcha! (Dow/Mueller); 3 – Paleface Lite (Grove); 4 – M3 (Carey); 5 – Suzie Q (Kelly); 6 – Fairret (Seymour); DNF – Booma (Gosling/Tyra) and Sail La Vie (Williamson).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 – Itch (Thomas); 2 – Northern Light (Orlow); 3 – Moxie (Jensen); 4 – Windrunner (Pirie).

Summer series results after seven races with two drops:

Jib and Main fleet: 1 – Sonnett (5); 2 – Exitus (9); 3 – Opus (17).

P-26 fleet: 1 – Tireless (7); 2 – Original Sin (9); 3 – Lost Vermonter (11); 4 – Cygnus (12); 5 – Apothecary (24).

Spinnaker A fleet: 1 – Tie: Hoi Polloi and Paleface Lite (10); 3 – Gotcha! (11); 4 – Suzie Q (12); 5 – Booma (19); 6 – Fairret (26.5); 7 – Sail La Vie (30.5); 8 – M3 (31); 9 – Incognito (41).

Spinnaker B fleet: 1 – Northern Light (8); 2 – Moxie (10); 3 – Affinity (12); 4 – Itch (15); 5 – Windrunner (20); 6 – Padawan 3 (29).

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Racing profile

Boat name: Booma

Design: 27-foot 1972 C&C Mark I

Year with the Charlevoix Yacht Club: Fifteenth

History: Booma is older than the yacht club, but has still won a lot of races since 1992 when the boat first began to race with the Charlevoix Yacht Club. The majority of Booma's crew resides in Grayling.

Crew: Ron DeCosse (foredeck), "Chip" Coale (starboard grinder), Joe Wollam (port grinder), John Tyra (co-skipper and helmsman), Barbie Apley (main), Chuck Gosling (skipper)

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Charlevoix Community Skatepark moves into fall operating hours

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) Sam Mullen, 15, of Charlevoix, worked the ramp on Aug. 19 at the Charlevoix Community Skatepark. The park will shift to fall hours on Sept. 4.

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark, located at 401 West Carpenter St. will move into fall operating hours on Sept. 4.

This fall, the park will be open from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays, from 4 to 9 p.m. on Fridays, from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. The park is closed during inclement weather or during storm watches.

The city owned and operated park opened on April 29 for a five-month season and in the first two months of operation has had over 1,300 users.

Helmets are required. The park is supervised.

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Last castle of summer

Ciara Cameron, 2, and her brother, Drew Cameron, 3, built one of the last sand castles of summer on Aug. 19 at Lake Michigan Beach. Local students are scrambling to the beach to enjoy the last few days of summer. Charlevoix Public Schools resume classes on Sept. 5.

Char-Em United Way meets membership criteria

Char-Em United Way has successfully completed all of the 2007 United Way of America membership requirements satisfactorily and on time announced Joanne Curtis, United Way hoard president.

The requirements include membership requirements certification, membership investment and the Survey of Total Resources Generated. The survey captures the full extent of a community's resource development efforts during the year.

"As we will soon begin our fall fundraising campaign, it is important for us to assure our donors that we maintain a high standard of accountability. This is part of the process to document that our operations are transparent and meet or exceed United Way membership criteria requirements," Curtis said.

The certification mandates completion of 13 requirements for United Way of America membership along with verification of the status of 44 indicators that demonstrate a United Way embodies the intent of the membership requirements.

"It is critically important that all United Ways meet the highest standards and verify on paper that they have conformed to the requirements of membership in the United Way system," said Brian Gallagher, president and CEO, United Way of America. "We applaud and congratulate Char-Em United Way for demonstrating its commitment by completing the certification process."

An integral part of the community for nearly 50 years, Char-Em United Way conducts work site and other fundraising campaigns to raise funds to support many local health and human service agencies. It also serves on the two-county Human Services Coordinating Body and its Homeless Continuum of Care work group. United Way coordinates the Emergency Food and Shelter program which funds local shelters and food pantries and is a sponsor of the annual Day of Caring.

Char-Em United Way is part of a system of 1,300 United Ways. Each local United Way must complete United Way of America's requirements annually in order to retain its United Way of America membership.

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Historical society awards Scout Troop 11 for community service

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Boy Scouts of America Troop 11 of Charlevoix recently received an award for recognition of their service to the Charlevoix Historical Society and the Charlevoix Area Garden Club.

"Troop 11, for the last three years, has done part of their community service with the historical society and garden club," said past historical society president, Jack MacKenzie.

MacKenzie presented the plaque to the troop in a ceremony on the Beaver Islander ship on Aug. 7.

Scout parent Vince Currier said that helping the historical society and garden club are not mandated functions and it was the boys that volunteered to perform them.

"They're the ones that wanted to do it," he said.

For three years, members of Troop 11 spent time helping the historical society's annual cruise and on the grounds of the historical society's Harsha House Museum on behalf of the garden club.

During the historical society cruise, they've helped board passengers and load equipment onto the Beaver Islander, served popcorn, policed the event and cleaned up afterwards.

Their work for the garden club was done at the historical society's Harsha House Museum, where they replaced the garden, painted the fence and placed mulch on the grounds.

Scout Trevor Currier, who recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout, accepted the plaque on behalf of Troop 11.

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Default has been made in the condition of certain by-laws concerning the payment of association dues by Timothy Pfannes, ot 298 W. Saratoga, Ferndale, Michigan 4822o, Oakland County, Debtor, to C&O Club Condominium of 110 Park Ave., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, Oakland County, Creditor, a notice of lien recorded August 25, 2006 at the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County and State of Michigan, in Liber 763, page 420, on which association dues are claimed to be due, at the date of this notice for principal and interest, the sum of six thousand five hundred one dollars and eighty-four cents ($6,501.84), including interest and costs. And no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof. Now, therefore, pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, September 28 at 11:00 o'clock a.m., Local Time, said lien will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, immediately inside the county building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI, of the parcels of land situated in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, Slate of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

1030 Stroud Court, Unit 29, C&O Club Condo, as recorded at L359, P619 & L365, P901. Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, #15-052-135-029-00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said lien, with the interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. During the 6 months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: August 15, 2007

Amanda Afton Martin
Attorney for creditor
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND AY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE TIME NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC. A Michlgan Limited Liability Company, mortgagor, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. Dated the 19 day of October, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michlgan, on the 3rd day of November, 2004 in Liber 648 of Charlevoix County Records, Page 137, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notico, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents ($226, 667.92), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by seld mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of September, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a salo at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the lobby of the Charlevoix County Court House, Charlevoix Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan located at building of 301 State Street Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

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Zebra mussels, lake levels to blame for slime

If you've visited Lake Michigan, you may have noticed extensive stretches of shoreline where large amounts of green algae have accumulated in near-shore areas.

Over the past few years there has been an increase in Lake Michigan riparian owners concerned over algae on their shorelines. This year is no exception.

Factors of algae increase

Vital components of all aquatic ecosystems, algae are the base of the food chain and contribute dissolved oxygen to the water during photosynthesis. While algae blooms occur naturally, they can spoil a day at the beach when they reach nuisance level. There are a number of factors that are likely responsible for the surge in algae, such as the proliferation of zebra and quagga mussels in Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, and possibly lower lake levels, warmer temperatures and nutrient pollution.

TYPES OF ALGAE

Periphyton

Many species of algae anchor themselves to rocks or other hard surfaces in near shore areas. This bottom-dwelling algae is known as periphyton. Periphyton is a naturally occurring type of algae in all northern Michigan lakes and streams. As the periphyton ages and grows, it breaks off naturally. In addition, periphyton can slough off the hard surfaces and from the lake bottom during periods of high energy wave action. This periphyton sometimes looks like pea soup or green gunk and usually remains suspended in the water for many days due to its buoyancy. The periphyton are then transported with the prevailing winds, often gathering in embayments and sheltered areas. Conversely, if the wind direction changes, these accumulations can quickly be blown out and dissipated into open water. Sometimes the periphyton mixes with marl (calcium carbonate present in our soils that precipitates out of the water column and covers rocks and plants) resulting in a goopy mixture.

It is normal to have small localized areas with some periphyton growth in Lake Michigan, but the unfortunate introduction of exotic zebra and quagga mussels and increase in storm water runoff appear to have altered nutrient cycles, along with changing climate and water levels, disrupting the natural balance causing the proliferation of algae.

While the algae itself poses no known threat to public health, the stagnant areas that are collecting algae may also be collecting other bacteria that could make animals sick if ingested.

Microcystis

Besides the increase in periphyton growth, there is another potential consequence of the zebra mussel infestation that may impact inland lakes as well as the Great Lakes. As zebra mussels feed, they filter and digest large quantities of free-floating unicellular algae, but appear to "spit out" a common blue-green algae, known as microcystis. As a result, microcystis is becoming more and more concentrated in many inland lakes populated with zebra mussels. This consequence is problematic because microcystis has the distinction of being able to produce natural toxins, called microcystins, which can be harmful to wildlife and humans. In fact, the toxin can cause liver damage and even kill wildlife if a sufficient quantity is ingested. The effects on humans, although not entirely known, include gastrointestinal distress. The risk is greatest when algae blooms are thickest, and for those who are most likely to ingest lake water (i.e. children and pets). Microcystis, under normal circumstances, does not pose a health risk. Only when concentrations of the algae are unusually high does the potential exist for enough toxins to be produced to cause a problem.

The characteristic appearance of microcystis is described as a green scum floating on the water surface, becoming very noticeable during bloom events. From a distance, the algae looks like spilled grass green paint on the lake's surface. To report a microcystis lake bloom, contact Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT THE ALGAE?

For the time being, there is no environmentally safe recourse other than raking up and disposing of the accumulated algae that collects along the shoreline. Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council coordinates a Volunteer Algae Monitoring program with volunteers monitoring the Lake Michigan shoreline from Elk Rapids to Cross Village.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

If you've visited Lake Michigan, you may have noticed extensive stretches of shoreline where large amounts of green algae have accumulated in near-shore areas. Lake Michigan Beach (shown above) has some algae on its shore area but isn't afflicted as strongly as other beaches shouldering the waters of Lake Michigan.

Volunteers monitor factors including weather and waves, water clarity, algae color, cover and width and water depth on a weekly basis throughout the summer. This information is entered into a database for analysis and will be used to build a history of algae growth in northern Michigan.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council at (231) 347-1181 ext. 100 or info@watershedcouncil.org.

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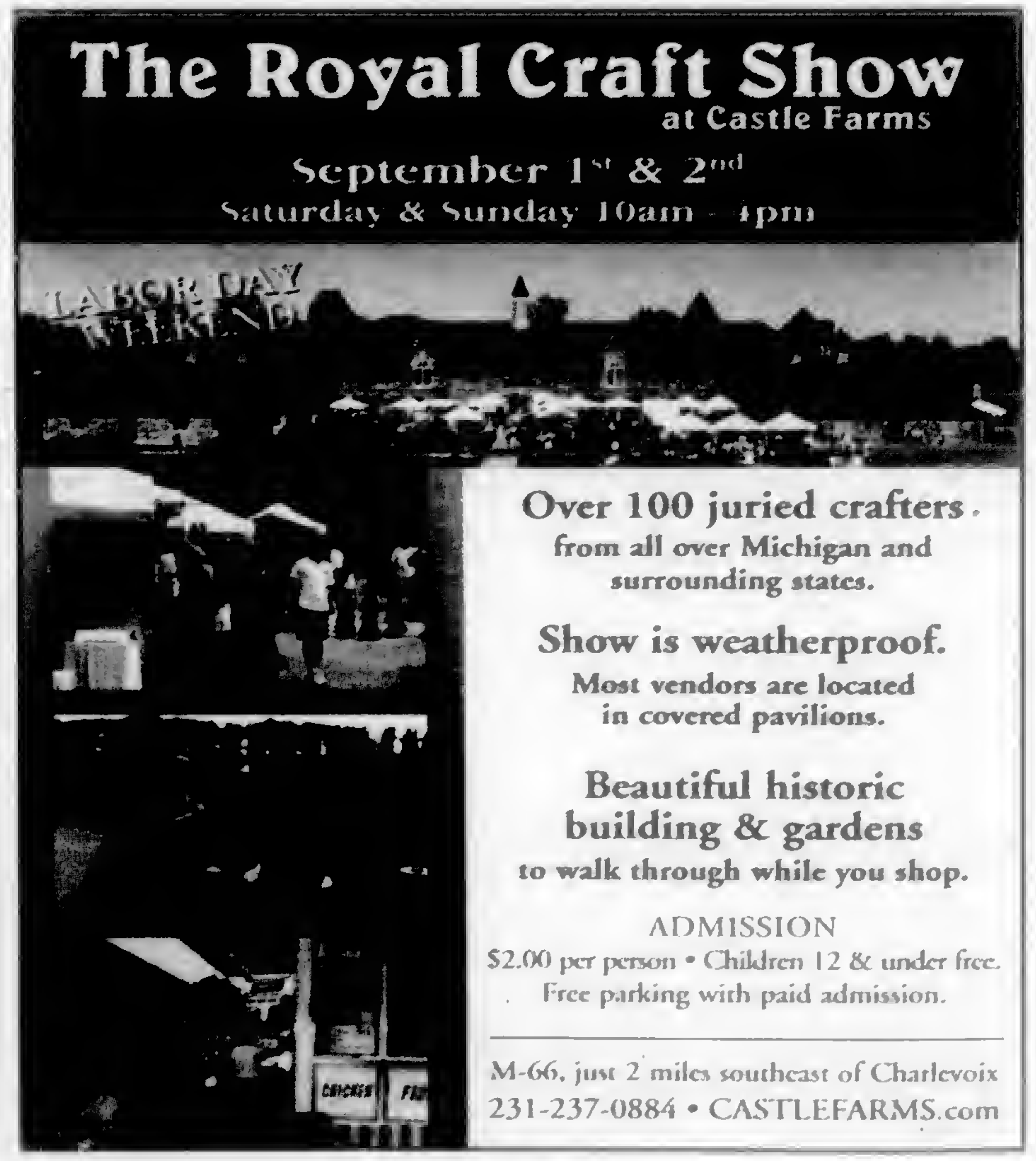

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SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS —

The Lions Club meets at noon every Monday at Stafford's Weathervane. For more information call 547-5512.

The Kiwanis Club meets at noon every Tuesday at Stafford's Weathervane.

The Charlevoix Masonic Lodge meets at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the lodge at the corner of Mason and Bridge streets. A 6:30 p.m. dinner precedes each meeting. For more information call 547-9078.

The Zonta Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Grey Gables Inn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

The Oddfellows meet at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Charlevoix Senior Center.

The Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Masonic Temple on Mason St.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at the Flap Jack Restaurant. For more information call 547-0360.

The Pierre Charlevoix Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building located at 15144 Bell's Bay Road. For more information call 547-3589.

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of each month in the large classroom near the hospital cafeteria. For more information, call 547-8651.

ADDICTION HELP GROUPS —

A.A. meets at 12 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Alano Club on Mason Street. 8 p.m. meetings are on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. There is a Men's A.A. meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the club. There is a women's A.A. meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the Alano Club. A.A. meeting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

There is an Al-Anon meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Alano Club on Mason St. There is also an Al-Anon meeting at noon Mondays in meeting room A at Charlevoix Area Hospital and another at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Church of Christ on Anderson Road in Petoskey.

Overeaters Anonymous meets at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the back building at the Alano Club. For further information call Merrilee at 547-2104.

Narcotics Anyonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. every Friday at the Community Reformed Church on US 31 North. For more information, call 237-9249.

Visit www.charlevoixalano.org or call 547-9184 for more information.

CHURCH GROUPS —

The St. Mary's Rosary Altar Society meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month except July and August in the Parish Center.

Community Men's Fellowship Breakfast meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. every Saturday at Church of the Nazarene for prayer and study and moves to Flapjack Resturant to eat on Bridge Street. For more information call 237-9392.

SORORITIES, FRATERNITIES —

Preceptor Beta Mu meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For more information call 547-6284.

AMERICAN LEGION, VFW —

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary meet at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-6943.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars post meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the VFW Hall on Petoskey Avenue.

The VFW Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information call 547-6670.

AGRICULTURAL GROUPS —

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information please call 547-5199.

The Charlevoix Area Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. For more information call 536-7342.

The Barnard Farm Bureau meets at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information call 547-2920.

The Barnard Grange meets at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Grange Hall on Barnard Road.

HOBBY GROUPS —

Charlevoix 4-H Soccer Club meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the High School Study Hall.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club's general membership meeting is 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. For more information, shooting times and activities, call the club at 547-2785. For membership information, call 547-0552.

Street Legends Classic Car Club of Charlevoix meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Anyone with an interest in classic cars is welcome. Questions, call 547-1327.

ADOLESCENT GROUPS —

BASES Teen Center is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. It is located at 208 West Lincoln in Charlevoix. Call 547-1144 for more information and group meeting times.

HOSPITAL GROUPS —

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild meets at 11 a.m. on the second Monday of the month in the meeting room of the hospital. For more information call 547-8651.

Grandvue Auxiliary meets the second Thursday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Grandvue Medical Facility in East Jordan.

SUPPORT GROUPS —

The Northwest Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association support group meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m each third Tuesday at the Charlevoix Commission of Aging office at 207 Antrim Street in Charlevoix. Call 237-0103 for more information.

The Circle of Strength, Cancer Support Group will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3 in classroom A, located on the lower level at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The current support group is primarily a breast cancer group, but all are welcome.

The group meets the first Wednesday of each month.

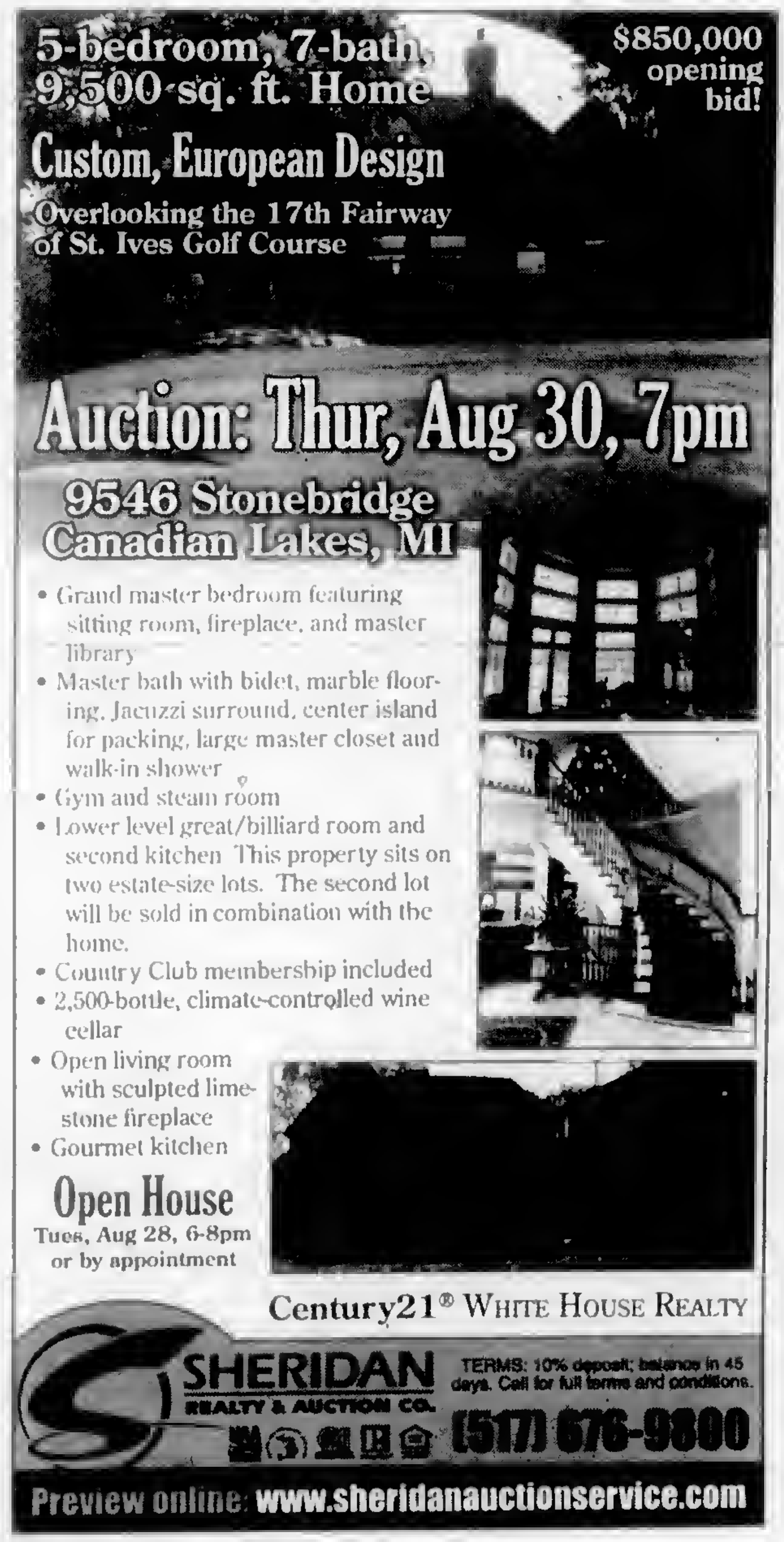
For more information, call 547-8950.

"Healing the Heart," a support group for women who have placed a child for adoption either recently or in the past meets at 6 p.m. the first Friday of every month at the pregnancy and resource center located at 418 Wakazoo St. in Petoskey. For more information call 439-3935.

HISTORICAL GROUPS —

The Harsha House Historical Museum is open 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday at 103 State St.

Charlevoix Historical Society Board meets at 4 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Depot. For more information call 547-0373.



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AUG. 22
JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

Jazz at the Library will feature a program entitled "Jazz Goes into a Funk," at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 22. A concert will be performed by jazz trio Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans and Chris Ames and will feature soloist Phil Tarczon on guitar. With the dawn of the electric music age, jazz follows suit by incorporating electric guitars, bass and keyboards to create a mix of improvisatory jazz and rhythm and blues.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

AUG. 23
RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE

A retirement open house for Barb Dobulis will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23 at the Charlevoix Senior Center. All patients and patients' families of Barb Dobulis, a longtime home visiting nurse, are invited to wish her, and her husband John, well before they leave the area. For more information, call the Health Department of Northwest Michigan at (231) 547-6092.

AUG. 23
FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Charlevoix Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 24.

AUG. 23
CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority are sponsoring a summer concert series. At 8 p.m. Tuesday evenings the Charlevoix City Band will be featured. The Thursday night performance will feature the University of Michigan Friars and Steelheads Band at 8 p.m. on Aug. 23. The Steelheads are a percussion ensemble and steel band composed of students from Mott Middle College High School, Mott Community College and the University of Michigan-Flint. Both performances are in Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix.

AUG. 25
KIDS TO KIDS

Kids to Kids invites you to Zhezas Maawnjidwin from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 25, at the Historic Greensky Hill Native American Church. Events for kids ages 6-12 will include Native American beading, puppet making, music, lunch, a sword drill contest and a three-on-three basketball tournament. To pre-register call (231) 237-9577 or visit www.chxfof.org.

AUG. 25
HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will host a hunter safety class from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 and from 6 until 9 p.m. Monday, Aug. 27. There is no pre-registration and no cost. Registrants must be present for both sessions. Bring a sack lunch for Saturday. The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will be closed to all shooting except for hunter safety on Saturday, Aug. 25. For more information, contact Ron Svoboda at (231) 547-1105.

AUG. 27
POOL CLOSED

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will be closed from Monday, Aug. 27 through Friday, Aug. 31 for annual repairs and cleaning.

Fall brochures, schedules and program information will be available in the lobby from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday during the closing.

For more information, call (231) 547-0982 or visit www.charpool.org.

AUG. 28
CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

The Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce recently announced the revived 9th Annual Chamber Golf Outing will take place on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at the Belvedere Golf Club.

It will be a four-person scramble event with a shot-gun start at 1 p.m.

Members and non-members are welcome at a cost of $360 per team or $100 per person. This will include a buffet dinner and award ceremony immediately following the event at the Belvedere Club Casino located on Belvedere Avenue.

The entry fee also includes one chance to become the "2007 Chamber Putting Champion." This putting contest includes a chance to win a $5,000 first prize.

Registration will begin at noon. "Mulligans" and 50/50 raffle tickets may be purchased on the day of the outing.

Guests of the golfers are invited to join the group for dinner at a cost of $20.

Proceeds for this event will benefit the continuation of chamber events and services. To register, or for information about sponsoring a team, a hole or a cart, call Tom Conlan at (231) 547-2512, Ron Agnello at (231) 547-9767 or the chamber at (231) 547-2101.

AUG. 29
JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

Jazz at the Library will feature a program entitled "A Culmination Concert," at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 29. A concert will be performed by jazz musicians Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans, Chris Ames, Dan Jacobs, Harry Goldson, Mike Hunter and Pete Asch. The concert will feature samples from each of the periods performed during the Jazz at the Library series.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

SEPT. 15
CELTIC GAMES

The Beaver Island Celtic Games will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15. Events will begin at 10 a.m. and will end around 5 p.m. at the Bud McDonough Memorial Ball Park on Beaver Island. The games also include traditional bagpipers, dancers and more. A ceilidh ("KAY-lee" or party) will be at Donegal Danny's and the Shamrock. For more information, call (231) 448-2505.

SEPT. 15
RECOGNITION DINNER

The Beaver Island Community School Board of Education is planning to host a recognition dinner on Sept. 15 to honor the commitment and accomplishments of four teachers and two board members.

Teacher Joe Moore retired after giving over 30 years of dedicated service to the school. Teachers Jim Stambaugh and Donna Stambaugh, although officially retired two years ago, will each be recognized for their 20 years of outstanding service to the district. Also being recognized at the event will be long-time teacher Jacque LaFreniere who resigned from the school district three years ago after teaching for over 20 years. School board members John Fiegen and Linda McDonough will also be recognized for their contributions to the school.

The school board will host the dinner at the Beaver Island Lodge in a manner similar to the 'citizen of the year' event. The event will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15. Family members, former students, parents of students and friends are invited to join in the celebration. Anyone with anecdotes, or important information or messages they think should be shared at the event should contact Kitty McNamara at kittym@beaverisland.k12.mi.us.

Please contact the school office by Sept. 7 if you plan to attend this event. The cost will depend on what you order from the regular menu.

SEPT. 15
BIDS FOR BLOOMS

Join Keep Charlevoix Beautiful for an evening of fun at the Belvedere Club Casino, from 6 to midnight on Saturday, Sept. 15. This is a silent auction fund-raising event featuring complimentary dinner-like hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and dancing music from the live band, Yankee Station. Cash bar. Tickets are $20 per person and are available at Charlevoix Camera or from a Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Board Member. For more information call Erin Bemis, 547-6498 or visit www.keepcharlevoixbeautiful.org.

SEPT. 15
PIT FIRING

Pit firing is the practice of subjecting low-fired bisque pots to a vigorous bonfire. During an upcoming hands-on workshop, participants will fire their own bisque pieces in a ventilated metal can with copper, salt, organic matter, sawdust and hardwood kindling.

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Early
Deadline

The Charlevoix Courier offices
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Monday, September 3, 2007.
We will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

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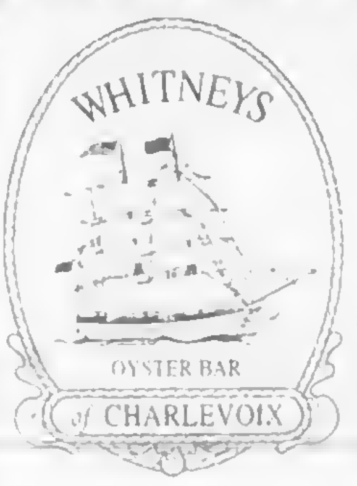

Whitneys of Charlevoix will be CLOSED
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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Send your events to the Courier at news@charlevoixcourier.com

EVENTS

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Local potter, Bonnie Staffel will host this Trash Can and Smoke Firing Workshop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 in Charlevoix. Come learn a new technique to simulate pit firing in a controlled manner. Beginning to advanced potters are welcome. The cost is $65 and attendees are asked to bring a sack lunch and several soft bisque fired pots (Cone 010) no larger than the size of a melon.

To see Staffel's work, visit http://vasefinder.com/bstaffelgallery1.html.

For more information or to register for the class, call (231) 547-2333 or (231) 547-7319.

SEPT. 29
NORTHERN LIGHTS CELEBRATION

Northern Lights Celebration, a dinner, dance and auction to benefit St. Mary School will take place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 29 in the family center at the school. The cost is $100 per person. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School.

For information, call (231) 547-6652

DONATIONS NEEDED

Bergmann Center, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization is accepting donations for the organization's annual garage sale which will take place on Sept. 20, 21 and 22. Items in good to excellent condition will be accepted. Drop off times are from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment, call (231) 547-2979.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark is open from 4-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 4-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 9 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Summer hours will begin June 9 and are from noon to 9 p.m. daily. Helmets are required. The park is supervised.

The daily user fee is $3. A seven-day punch card is $15 and a season pass is $90. For more information, call the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department at 547-3253.

BURN PERMITS

Michigan averages 8,000 to 10,000 wildfires a year. More than 90% of Michigan's wildfires are caused by humans, and over one-third of those fires are started by burning yard waste or brush.

A burning permit is required any time the ground is not snow covered for open burning. Free burning permits are available on-line at www.michigan.gov/burnpermit, or by calling (866) 922-BURN (2876).

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

CLASS OF 1977

The Charlevoix High School class of 1977 is making plans for their 30th reunion. Activities are being planned for the weekend of Sept. 28. All class members are invited to visit www.charlevoix77.wetpaint.com to register and share memories. Suggestions or questions can be directed to bourke.edmund@vdps.net or moore@korthaseflinn.com

DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" at the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

The Harsha House Museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, call 547-0373.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

JUKEBOX

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Ave., 6 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday through Sunday John Perry — piano.

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Aug. 23 karaoke.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 24 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Aug. 22 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 24 and 25, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Aug. 24, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Aug. 24 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Aug. 18, TNT — classic rock.

Concerts in the park, Bridge Park in downtown Charlevoix 8 p.m. Aug. 23 the University of Michigan Friars and Steelheads Band; 8 p.m. Aug. 28 Charlevoix City Band.

Black Cat Concert Series, 15795 Paddock Rd., Charlevoix 7 p.m. Aug. 24 Annie and Rod Capps followed by the Millroys.

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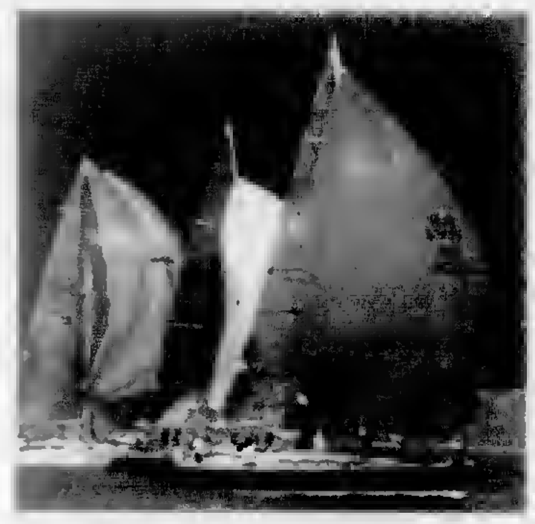

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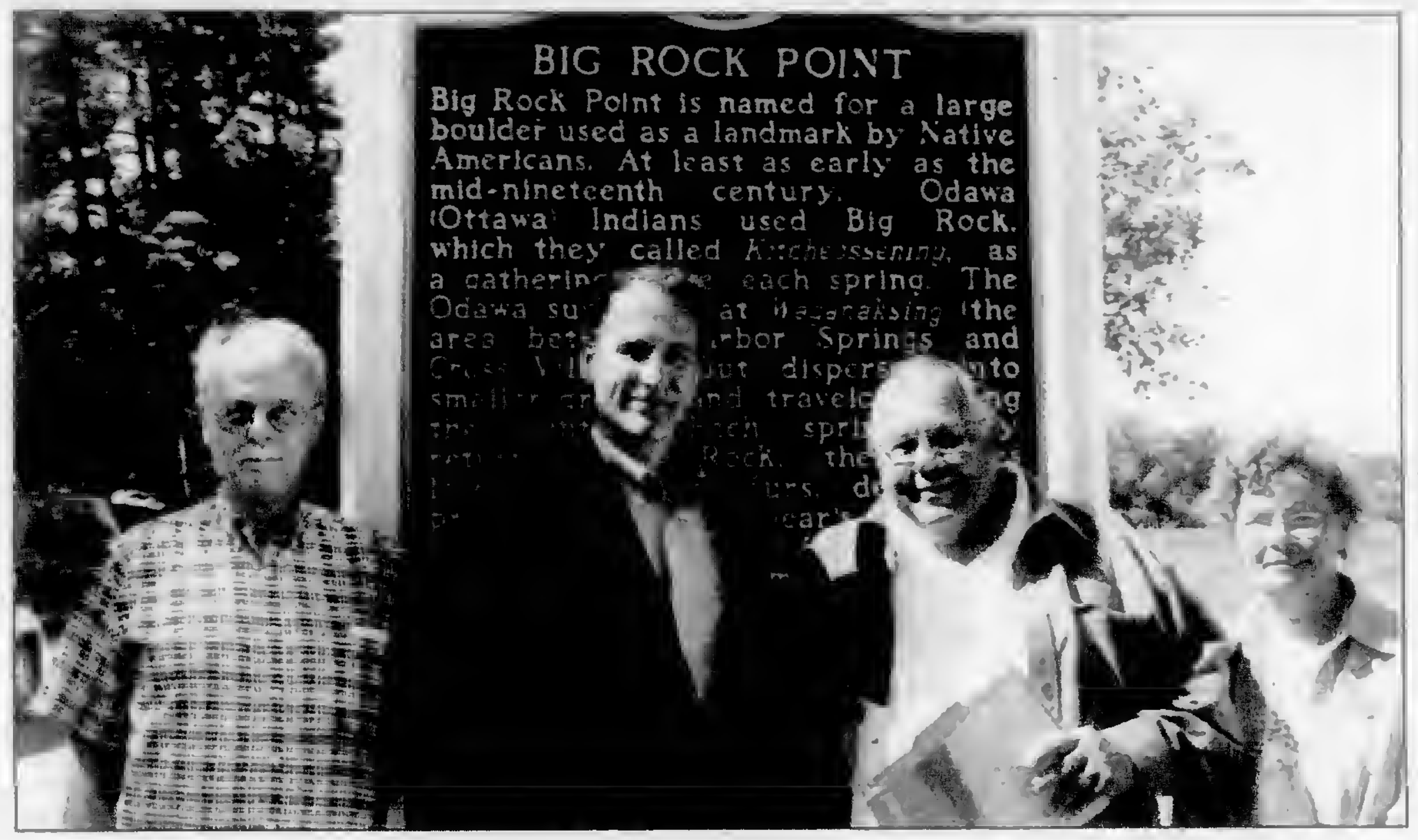
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Big Rock Point is named for a large
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a gathering each spring. The
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smaller and travel
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Photo by Stefanie Carano

Local landmark

The history of Big Rock Point in Hayes Township was commemorated by local historians and government leaders on Saturday, Aug. 25 when new historical markers were unveiled highlighting the significance of the site. The plant was shut down on Aug. 29, 1997. At the time it was the longest running and oldest operating nuclear plant in the country. After providing electricity to Consumers Energy customers for 35 years, the site was returned to green field status in August 2006. (Above, from left) Dave Miles, executive director of the Charlevoix Historical Society, Jack Hanson, Consumers Energy vice president, Frank Ettawageshik, tribal chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians and Ethel Knepp, Hayes Township supervisor attended.

City planner retires under pressure

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Gerry Harsch

On Aug. 16, Gerry Harsch, the longtime planner for the City of Charlevoix, announced his retirement in the face of reported pressure from city council members.

Harsch, who has been the city's part-time planner for 23 years said if he hadn't felt his job was in jeopardy he would have likely held off retirement until early this winter.

"It was my best option," the 68-year-old planner said. "It (retirement) wasn't too far away anyway, but I wouldn't have done it at this point in time."

Harsch first announced his decision in an e-mail to city treasurer and acting city manager, Rick Brandi.

In the e-mail he states, "Following our discussion yesterday, I have decided after having worked for the city for 23 years, to retire from the position of city planner."

Harsch said he had straightforward discussions with "the powers that be," Brandi and mayor Norman Carlson Jr. In those talks, Harsch learned there was a movement afoot to unseat him.

Brandi said he has no issue with Harsch's performance. But Carlson said over the past few months he was approached by unnamed council members

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Photo by Stefanie Carano

Residents of East Hurlbut Avenue in the City of Charlevoix have petitioned city council to change the name of their street to Bluff Avenue.

East Hurlbut to become Bluff Avenue?

Residents petition city council to change their street name

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Nineteen residents of the City of Charlevoix have signed a petition to change the name of their street from East Hurlbut Avenue to Belvedere Bluff Avenue.

The petition, which calls for a change in address numbers as well as address names, was drafted and circulated by East Hurlbut Avenue resident, Robert Heath.

"My concern is that there have been numerous delivery problems," Heath said. "The current situation on East Hurlbut is unique to the City of Charlevoix, numbers are identical on both the north and south side of East Hurlbut Avenue. To add to the confusion, there is West Hurlbut, which has the same numbers."

Heath also said that safety issues regarding emergency calls are a concern.

When Heath presented the

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What? Residents of the City of Charlevoix have petitioned Charlevoix City Council to change the name of their street from East Hurlbut Avenue to Bluff Avenue.

Why? Delivery problems and safety issues regarding emergency calls.

What's next? Charlevoix City Council will host a public hearing on the issue at 7 p.m. on Oct. 1 at Charlevoix City Hall, 210 State St

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

James Carlton Lamonse, 63, Charlevoix. Trespassing. Credit for three days in jail.

Crystal AnnMarie Ennik, 18, Boyne City. Larceny, less than $200. Credit for one day in jail, 85 days held in abeyance, serve seven days of community service work in lieu of seven days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $510 in fines and costs.

Scott Uriah Haley, 28, East Jordan. No operator license on person. Pay $100 in fines and costs or serve four days in jail.

Valerie Lynn Loranger,, 18, Boyne City. Possession of fireworks; and minor in possession of tobacco. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Peggy Sue Farley, 24, Boyne City. Assault/assault and battery. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

David Joseph Erwin, 35, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Kaitlyn Rose Helstrom, 17, Bozeman, Mont. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Perry Donald Reed, 50, Rochester Hills. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve six days in jail.

Daniel P. Schweitzer, 55, Sanford. Failure to report an accident. Fines and costs totaling $155.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Adam Stephen Rakay, 41, Fenton. Operating while intoxicated, third offense. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 150 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $1,430 in fines and costs.

Joshua Lee Marvin, 25, East Jordan. Breaking and entering a building with intent. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for five days, to serve 120 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $3,786.60 in fines and costs.

Jennifer Lynn Ennik, 29, East Jordan. Controlled substance, delivery/manufacture (narcotic/cocaine) less than 50 grams. Sentenced to 330 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $795 in fines and costs.

Michael John Dionne, 33, East Jordan. Child support, failure to pay. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 20 days, to serve 90 days in jail.

Michael Joseph Ortiz, 19, Fennville. Controlled substance, delivery/manufacture (narcotic/cocaine) less than 50 grams; controlled substance, possession (narcotic/cocaine) less than 25 grams. Count one: Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for two days, to serve 180 days in jail. Count two: Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for two days in jail, to serve 180 days in jail; $705 in fines and costs.

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted judgments of divorce in Charlevoix County:

James W. Bowerman vs. Cheryl L. Marfin (fka) Cheryl L. Bowerman

Donna Lee Leavesley vs. David Richard Leavesley

Helen Frechette vs. Laurence Frechette

Michelle Lynn Stevens vs. Jeffrey William Stevens

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

McGregor Mills Whitney, 24 and Heidi Aune Pfinster, 24, both of Gallup, N.M.

Joseph George Andrews IV, 37 and Jennifer Marie Sutherland, 31, both of Portland, Maine

Jonas Krakauer Jeswald, 28 and Carolyn Harper Campbell, 29, both of North Providence, R.I.

Brian Andrew Kirby, 23 and Hyun Jin Lee, 25, both of East Jordan

Michael Louis Rockwell, 48 and Melissa Jean Ard, 43, both of Boyne Falls

Raymond C. Wesphal Jr., 52 and Pamela J. Patterson, 39 both of Charlevoix

Joshua Jacob Young, 21 and Lisa Ann Siegfried LeDuc, 30, both of East Jordan

Charles William Maskaluk, 53 and Maryjane Margaret Deboe, 47, both of Charlevoix

Justin Joseph Javens, 23 and Krista Marie Lisk, 23, both of Beaver, Pa.

Javed Daniel Fouch, 26 and Amanda Hellene Augusta Hodges, 26, both of Homewood, Ill.

John Edward Bush, 51 and Laura Lee Eaton, 49, both of Boyne City

Christofer Michael Bryant, 32 and Gail Lee McClintock, 30, both of Boyne Falls

Thomas R. Lince, 53 and Victoria J. Goldsmith, 54, both of Boyne City

James Andrew Grogan, 27 and Rachel Diane McDonough, 21, both of Charlevoix

Rory Patrick Connaghan, 31 and Virginia Hazel Detwiler, 29, both of Beaver Island

Joshua James Blackwell, 22, Elmira and Erika Ann Jarema, 22, Boyne Falls

Douglas Forrest Kenyon, 42 and Cassie Ann Louder, 32, both of Boyne City

BIRTHS

Douglas William Morgridge weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce was born on July 29 at Northern Michigan Hospital to Jim and Noni Morgridge of Charlevoix. His siblings are Robby and Alex. His maternal grandparents are Diane and Bill Jerome, and Peter Pace. His paternal grandparents are Bob and Mary Ellen Morgridge, all of Charlevoix. His great-grandparents are Florence Uhrick, and Myrtle Morgridge, both of Charlevoix.

Chandler Paul Haney weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces was born on Aug. 16 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Paul and Kallie Haney of East Jordan. His sibling is Zoe Alexandra Haney. His grandparents are Joe and Judy Haney of East Jordan and Jill and Sam Washburn of Charlevoix.

Alexander Richard Bouters weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce was horn on Aug. 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Chris and Melissa Bouters of Boyne City. His siblings are Tyler and Sam. His grandparents are Richard and Gayle Bouters and Bruce and Carol Huhble all of Boyne City, and Jerry and Judy Goodchild of Dunedin, Fla. His great-grandparents are Marilyn Bouters of Boyne City and June and J. D. Huhble of Grand Rapids.

Keane Edward Helstrom weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces was born on Aug. 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Chris and Melanie Helstrom of Charlevoix. His siblings are Casey and Kaitlyn. His grandparents are Devonne Newson of St. Clair, Marlene Bosman of Wales, John and Norma Merdah of Bozeman, Mont., and Richard and Susan Helstrom of Phoenix, Ariz.

Andrew Charles Howard weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces was horn on Aug. 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jonathan Howard and Tiffany Buckingham of Charlevoix. His sibling is Benjamyn. His grandparents are Frank and Cherry Howard, Colleen and Mike Howard of Texas, Robin and Pat Buckingham and Diane and Randy Buckingham of Michigan.

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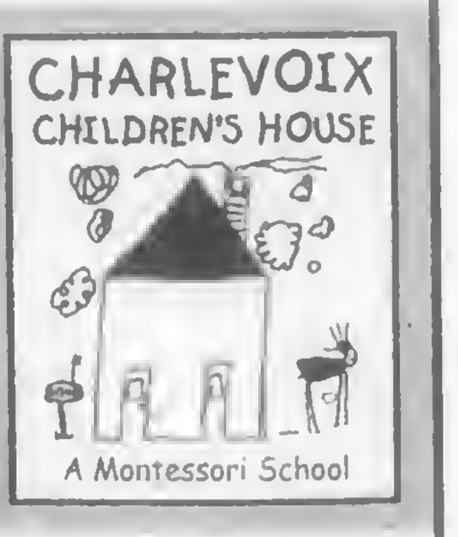

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Harsch: 'After 23 years I'm sad this is the way to go'

HARSCH

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who expressed concern with how the planning department was operating.

"Council members were displeased with the ways things were going and they expressed interest in having him removed," Carlson said.

Concerns included cutbacks on hours which according to Carlson had dwindled to one-and-a-half days a week and perceived holes in reports. According to Harsch, his position with the City of Charlevoix stipulated two to two-and-a-half days of work each week for which he was compensated $33,742 a year.

To try and be "fair" Carlson said before firing Harsch he would let him know the direction the situation was headed in and give him a choice.

He ultimately chose retirement effective Aug. 31.

"It's just a matter of time. Over time there are differences of opinion that occur about issues like zoning. People get into positions of power that have differences of opinion," Harsch said.

"After 23 years I'm sad this is the way to go. We are right on the cusp of getting the historic district wrapped up, we're just about to wrap up with the consultant for the downtown development plan and are in the middle of an area-wide smart growth initiative. There are a lot of things hanging out there that someone will have to pick up and carry. I'm a little disappointed I didn't have the opportunity to finish up those things," he added.

Harsch will continue as Garfield Township planner where he is employed full-time.

Harsch's retirement follows the firing of former city manager Mike Wiesner who was dismissed by city council in January. Wiesner's replacement, Robert Straebel of Taos Ski Valley, N.M. will take over on Sept. 4.

Straebel will be in charge of selecting Harsch's replacement.

"I'm not going to try to do that (choose a replacement). It's up to the new city manager to form his own team. It's important for him to have that choice. I don't think waiting two weeks is a big deal," Brandi said.

Third ward council member Shirley Gibson agreed.

"I think his timely resignation is a positive move for the community which will enable the new city manager to hire a planner who will hopefully take the approach that we need to carefully base planning decisions and development plans on retaining the integrity of Charlevoix's small-town character," she said.

> *"Council members were displeased with the way things were going and they expressed interest in having him (Harsch) removed."*
>
> **Norman Carlson Jr.**
> MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

Who? City of Charlevoix planner Gerry Harsch.

What? On Aug. 16 Harsch announced his retirement in the face of reported pressure from some city council members after 23 years with the city.

Effective when? Aug. 31.

How much did he make? $33,742 a year for between two and two-and-a-half days of work each week.

What's next? Robert Straebel of Taos Ski Valley, N.M. who will take over as city manager on Sept. 4 will be in charge of selecting Harsch's replacement.

Name change aims to clear confusion

HURLBUT

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petition to Charlevoix City Council on Aug. 20, First Ward councilman Lyle Gennett said he was concerned that the name change would create more of a problem.

Gennett, a retired shift commander for the City of Charlevoix Fire Department, said that there is currently a Belvedere Avenue and a Belvedere Terrace in the city.

"My concern would be getting terrace and bluff mixed up," Gennett said. "When someone comes into your town, they don't know, when they see a street and an accident happens, and they call and say 'I'm on Belvedere,' there's going to be confusion. I'm concerned this wouldn't fix the problem, that it would create more of a problem."

Heath states in the petition that 11 of the 15 residents on Belvedere Avenue approve the renaming of the adjacent East Hurlhut Avenue to Belvedere Bluff Avenue.

However, to address concerns about confusion Heath has amended the proposal to name East Hurlhut Avenue, Bluff Avenue.

The city council has not taken action on Heath's petition, pending the public hearing on the issue scheduled for 7 p.m. on Oct. 1 at Charlevoix City Hall.

> *"The current situation on East Hurlbut is unique to the City of Charlevoix, numbers are identical on both the north and south side of East Hurlbut Avenue. To add to the confusion, there is West Hurlbut, which has the same numbers."*
>
> **Robert Heath**
> EAST HURLBUT RESIDENT

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Stolen car chase ends in charges

Anthony Jacobs

Just hefore noon on Monday, Aug. 20, a Charlevoix County deputy assigned to the Straits Area Narcotics Team spotted a stolen 2005 Honda CRV taken from Emmet County earlier that morning.

A City of Charlevoix patrolman responded along with a Charlevoix County deputy in their marked patrol units. As the city officer approached the vehicle near Kmart, the driver, Anthony Jacohs, 22, of Cheboygan, fled the scene. The Charlevoix County deputy chased Jacohs south on M-66 to Loeb and on to Clark Road. At that point, Jacobs drove across a lawn and sped back toward M-66 again. He then turned down the private driveway of the Pine Lake Club. That driveway is a dead end road. Jacobs drove through a picket fence and onto the lawn of the condominium and came to rest on the beach. He then fled on foot with the officers in pursuit. After a short foot chase, Jacohs was taken into custody by the Charlevoix city officer.

Jacobs was arraigned on Aug. 21 in Charlevoix County 90th District Court.

He is being charged with two counts of flee and eluding, possession of cocaine and marijuana, malicious destruction of property, malicious destruction of trees and shrubs, driving while license suspended and resisting and obstructing a police officer.

He faces preliminary examination on Sept. 18.

CORRECTION

Due to misinformation provided to the Courier, the woman dancing with Boulder Park employees in a Polka Party picture that appeared on page 26 of the Aug. 15 edition of the Courier was misidentified. The Boulder Park resident is Ilse Perry.

In the July 11 edition of the Charlevoix Courier, it was reported by Stefanie Carano that Nynke Bierma, Unne Kallmeyer and Pertti Salmela were Charlevoix's first foreign exchange students. Charlevoix's first foreign exchange student was Ruby Saunders from Northern Ireland in 1959, who was sponsored by the Michigan Council of Churches.

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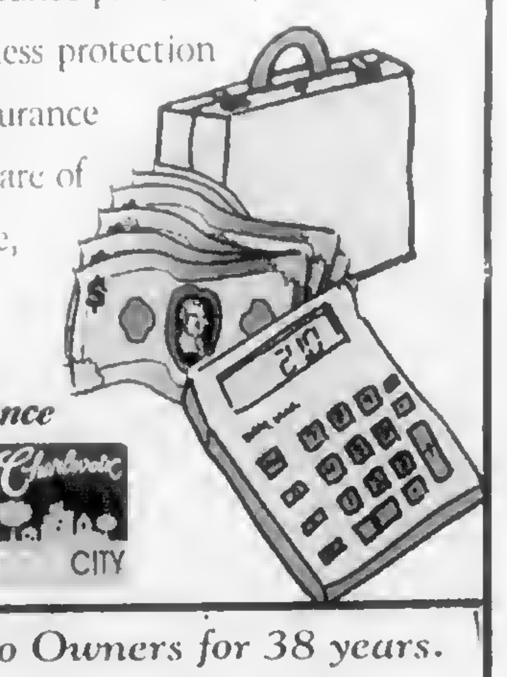

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Can women today have it all?

JUST A THOUGHT

Julie Witthoeft

Can women have it all?

That's the question Oprah posed to working moms and homemakers two weeks ago.

I watched the episode with interest just days before my maternity leave expired and my Aug. 20 return to full-time status at the office. I usually lean toward the light-hearted Ellen DeGeneres Show but my thought was I might find a nugget of knowledge on balancing work and home.

Of course the guests were the extremes. One was a stay-at-home mom with eight children who relished her "home school" experience and felt off kilter because her oldest was 3 and she wasn't pregnant or nursing. The other was captain corporate America who woke up to stock market numbers and got home from work just in time to kiss the kids goodnight.

It was the audience members that intrigued me. These were the average folks — some had stayed home with their children while others worked. Reading between the lines in the verbal attack that ensued I found both camps feel inadequate in some way.

The women at home said their children are their lives and their lives are full but maybe there's something they're capable of achieving that they're not pursuing. While working moms expressed remorse that they missed their children's first moments or slighted them in some way by pursuing a career.

Missing from the discussion was how stay-at-home dads, family-friendly work environments, extended family and breast pumps can open up the door for women to have a successful career and peaceful home life.

This is the avenue my family travels. After four weeks of maternity leave I was able to return to the office to fulfill essential day-to-day tasks and design the paper with my napping newborn in tow. And now that 12 weeks have passed and snuggle time is over, my husband, who is a self-employed part-time contractor and electrician who moonlights as super sexy frontman for the local blues band Charlie's Root Fusion holds down the homefront. When our jobs conflict my mother-in-law (a saint in a Hawaiian grandma disguise) comes over and watches the girls.

While money is tight with one full-time income and another part-time, care of our children is at the top of our priority list. So we make sure home base remains a constant for the kids.

Sure, there are nights I'm up late scrubbing potties or doing laundry — the dual role isn't all roses — but the Oprah discussion was very "all or nothing" when the reality is each of us needs to define for ourselves what having it all is. The most important step is ranking your priorities. Then you can begin the daunting task of time management.

Once you merge your priorities with your time you can start to draft your dream team of players and see how you can meet your professional goals while maintaining the home life that suits the needs of your family. Oh, and a super sacred calendar is the glue to it all.

The bottom line, there is no secret solution to "having it all." You have to look closely at your life goals, establish priorities and then reap the benefits of pursuing a rewarding family life.

Julie Witthoeft is editor of the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Weekly Poll

Should the South Pier lighthouse be repainted red or left white?

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Out of over 100 voters, 92 percent said they will continue to eat at Dairy Queen if it's operated under a different name.

Signs of the season appear

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

In the ancient history of mankind, the search for portents and omens has an important place.

Seeking to know the future from the arrangement of knuckle bones thrown on the ground or tea leaves in the bottom of a cup or even the arrangement of the innards of an eviscerated chicken, has always been something of a cottage industry for shamans and priests of various kinds and religions. We are still likely to hope we can tell what the future might hold by looking at something in the present. What the non-human creatures around us do has long been a source of inspiration.

Autumn is filled with possibilities for predicting the nature of the winter to come, and most of them involve what animals are doing. During the past two weeks I have been watching. I've seen a wedge of Canada geese flying south and Monarch butterflies two miles out over Lake Michigan fluttering southwest. The salmon are just now beginning to jump out of the water near St. Marys Cement and the annual squirrel suicide swim has begun.

What do all these things mean? I am tempted to suggest that both the geese and the butterflies seem to be heading south earlier than in other years, but I really don't have any confirmation for that. As to why the salmon jump, I can get 12 different explanations from 12 different people. And those same 12 people will have 12 reasons for the local squirrels trying, unsuccessfully, to swim across Round Lake and down the Pine River Channel.

The only thing I am sure of is that geese, butterflies, salmon and squirrels are no better at predicting the future than I am. In fact, I would suggest that I should be a better predictor of the future than any of those creatures. I don't know what sort of winter approaches us, the Farmer's Almanac doesn't know, and I am certain that geese, butterflies, salmon, squirrels and woolly bear caterpillars don't know.

If watching human behavior could be more reliable, maybe the creatures we should watch most closely are people. Are some piling up a larger supply of split oak for their wood stoves? Are people planning to migrate to Florida or Arizona earlier than other years than they did in 2004? If those signs don't work, it is hard for me to imagine that we should put any credence in the activities of geese or caterpillars.

The long-term future remains as much a mystery as it was 20,000 years ago. That applies not only to ordinary creatures, but apparently also to mortgage bankers, economists, real estate developers and even lawyers. We, the geese, the squirrels, appear to be in the same boat.

The most enduring mystery of autumn to me is the swimming squirrels. I see dozens of them each fall, and they appear to be suicidal. I am open to any rational explanation.

Roger Knutson is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

LETTERS to the editor

BEN CRACKS ME UP

Editor:

Benjamin Gohs cracks me up. I'm so impressed with his brilliant ability to get a point across with his "to die for" knack at sarcasm. I think Jeremy McBain (former Charlevoix Courier editor) aspired to achieve his talent but never quite got there. He came off a little too much like a jerk and you had to sort of put up with his arrogance to get to the laugh. You hit it right on the head (in the column entitled "Time for truce between motorists and pedestrians" that appeared on A4 of the Aug. 22 edition of the Petoskey News-Review). Keep it up and I'll keep subscribing to PNR. Please take a drive in the tunnel of trees from Harbor Springs to Cross Village. I'm sure you would have lots to say about cars, trucks, campers and mobile homes vs. bike tours, pedestrians, gawkers, baby strollers, deer, turkeys, etc.

I once saw an old resorter-type Caddie that was headed from Petoskey to Harbor Springs. He was buzzing along at about 25 mph with a bumper sticker that said, "If you're in a hurry you don't belong in Harbor Springs." I believe he was the same man that I saw in a restaurant that night and he was yelling about the slow service.

Debbi Kilbom
Good Hart

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LETTERS to the editor

COMMON SENSE NEEDED NOT LAW

Editor:

Wouldn't it be nice if everyone was considerate of others when it comes to excess noise? If we were, we would have no need for more laws?

Since that is not the case, let's not just point fingers at construction, music, motorcycles and snowmobiles. How about planes, jets and helicopters? I hear more of those in the summer than anything else. How about jet exhaust? Honestly, I don't mind watching the jets and helicopters take off and land during the day, but when they land and leave them running for a length of time at night, it becomes noise pollution. If we must address noise, let's not just cover a few groups, or one intersection, let's address all excess noise.

Gordon Russell
Charlevoix

THANKS FOR SHARING

Editor:

My family has been coming to Charlevoix for 34 summers. We always look forward to the fireworks display Venetian weekend. We would like to thank the Venetian Festival planning committee for the most spectacular and gorgeous fireworks ever. At the end we were speechless with the beauty we had just been privileged to enjoy.

The new marina is beautiful. The state-of-the-art library is a joy in every way. And the high school is quite impressive.

We thank the citizens of Charlevoix and your leaders for constantly choosing the best for this very special place and for sharing it so graciously with those of us who come in the summer.

Varina Buntin
Cross Plains, Tenn.

GRATEFUL BOOSTERS

Editor:

The Beaver Island Sports Boosters would like to thank the patrons of their hot dog sale at the recent Bud McDonough Memorial Softball tournament on the Island.

The two-day sale earned approximately $2,000 for the sports boosters who annually help offset the high cost of transporting athletes to league sporting contests on the mainland. A special thanks goes to one of the visiting softball teams, Mark White Painting K& D, for a donation of their golf outing winnings. A special thanks too for a generous donation collected by Tom Rankle at his own food vending station and to the businesses that supported the event. The student-athletes of Beaver Island are lucky to have such generous supporters.

Heidi Connor and Kitty McNamara
Beaver Island

REAL UNSUNG HEROES

Editor:

I know that over the past few weeks there have been articles, ads and letters about Charlevoix's unsung heroes in the Charlevoix Courier. I think it's great to point out people in our community that give back to the community but I would like to take it a little further.

I think the real unsung heroes are some of our children. Not only within the Charlevoix city limits but within Charlevoix County and Emmet County. Over the past couple of days I have attended the Emmet-Charlevoix County Fair market livestock judging contests and market livestock auction and I just wish everyone could see how these 4-H kids take the time to raise, show and sell their steers, hogs, lamb and veal. This teaches the kids a great responsibility in life. They raise these animals from shortly after the time they are born and take them to the fair to show them off to all who attend and they take great pride in it. I wish you could all see the huge smiles on their faces when they are in the show ring, not only selling but auctioning off these animals that they have raised from shortly after birth. I did it when I was young and wish I could still be out there.

I would just like to say, "Thank you" to all of the parents, families, sponsors, 4-H leaders, Charlevoix and Emmet Cooperative Extension Services, auctioneers and buyers. You are the true unsung heroes for these children to be able to participate in a truly wonderful organization. An organization that our current governor wanted to take away from these kids a few years back. I would like to see people start supporting these hard working kids each August at the fair and let them know how much we truly appreciate them. They are our future.

Shari Jones
Charlevoix

'THANKS' VOTERS

Editor:

I want to thank the citizens of the First Ward for supporting me at the Aug. 7 primary election. I am looking forward to campaigning in the November election for the First Ward City Council seat.

Charlevoix Courier was unable to reach me for my statement prior to press time after the Aug. 7 primary election.

Mary J. Eveleigh
First Ward City Council candidate

'THANKS' RELAY SUPPORTERS

Editor:

On Aug. 11 and 12, more than 200 participants gathered at Castle Farms in Charlevoix to combat the number one health issue facing Americans — cancer. Area residents showed their support by forming teams, raising funds and walking for 24 hours for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Charlevoix County. It was truly an inspiring event.

This year, Relay for Life of Charlevoix County raised over a generous $26,000, which will support the life-saving mission of the American Cancer Society through research, education, advocacy and service.

The American Cancer Society would like to extend its sincere appreciation to the Relay committee, volunteers, individuals, teams and companies who participated and made Relay for Life a tremendous success. We also thank our many corporate sponsors. The leadership of these employees and their families is heartfelt. Furthermore, the overwhelming support put forth by everyone who took part in the festivities certainly showcases the determination of the community to help fight cancer.

We will never forget the shining faces of our cancer survivors, the glow of the luminaria and the dedicated walkers who graced the track for 24 hours. We hope to see you all again at next year's Relay for Life because there is no finish line until we find a cure.

Diane M. Jorgensen
Community representative
American Cancer Society

THANKS FOR THE GRANT

Editor:

Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation has received a $5,000 grant from the Great Lakes Energy Peoples Fund.

The grant has been used to help make parking lot improvements at Thumb Lake Park. The new parking area keeps vehicles from being driven on the beach, solving erosion and water run-off problems.

The new parking lot has been landscaped to fit into the natural beauty of the surrounding area and helped create one of the most beautiful day use parks anywhere. Members of Great Lake Energy support the People Fund by voluntarily rounding up their bills to the next highest dollar. The rounded up amount is distributed to non-profit organizations and charitable activities that benefit people in communities served by the cooperative.

Ross Maxwell
Manager
Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation

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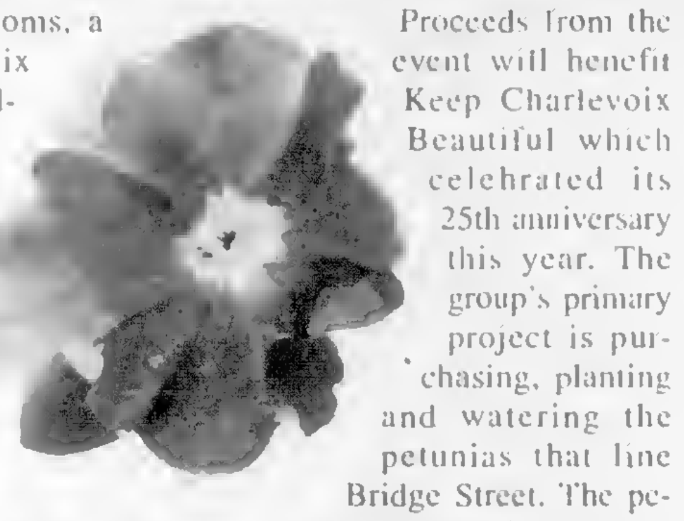
Tickets on sale for Sept. 15 Bids for Blooms event



Bids for Blooms, a Keep Charlevoix Beautiful fundraising event, will take place from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Belvedere Casino.

At the event, guests will enjoy a wide array of complimentary hors d'oeuvres and desserts donated by local merchants, live music provided by Yankee Station and a cash bar.

Highlighting the evening will be the silent auction.

Tickets are $20 per person, and are available at Charlevoix Camera.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Keep Charlevoix Beautiful which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year. The group's primary project is purchasing, planting and watering the petunias that line Bridge Street. The petunia planting effort, called Operation Petunia, takes place the Thursday before Memorial Day. The operation has grown to include 1,130 flats of flowers planted in one hour by approximately 1,000 volunteers under the supervision of 25 block captains. The group also donates 62 hanging baskets of petunias which hang from lampposts throughout the central business district. All of this is made possible by fundraising efforts like Bids for Blooms.

For more information about Bids for Blooms, call Erin Bemis at (231) 547-6498.

Who? Keep Charlevoix Beautiful

What? Bids for Blooms, a fundraising event to benefit Keep Charlevoix Beautiful whose primary project is purchasing, planting and watering the petunias that line Bridge Street

When? 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Sept 15

Where? The Belvedere Casino.

Free cancer screenings Aug. 30 and Sept. 26 at health department

Two free women's cancer screening opportunities will be offered at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office.

The screenings are from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 30 and Sept. 26. They will be conducted by a licensed nurse practitioner and include a clinical breast exam, pelvic exam with Pap test and free mammogram. The services are available to Charlevoix County women between the ages of 40 and 64 who are uninsured.

Two community groups, Alden High Tea for Breast Cancer and Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk donated proceeds from their events to support clinics in their local communities. The donations cover expenses for 50 new screening appointments.

Teresa Sington who coordinates the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program in a seven-county region that consists of Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Emmet, Leelanau and Otsego counties, said the screenings are important to identify cancers in the early stages, when they are easier and much less expensive to treat.

"About a quarter of the women we see are referred to specialists for further diagnostic tests," she said. "We refer to a network of physicians who graciously accept reduced payment for women screened through the program."

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office is located at 220 West Garfield St.

Screenings are by appointment only. Call (800) 432-4121 or 547-0295 to register.

Library board to host Open Meetings Act program

The Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees is sponsoring a program on the Open Meetings Act.

Lance Werner, a library law specialist with the Library of Michigan will present the program explaining what the act is, why people should care about it and why government bodies should stay compliant.

The program will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. Attendees are asked to call (231) 237-7360.

This program is free and open to the public.

ENGAGEMENT

Coen — LaVoie

Courtesy photo

David and Sue Coen are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth to Richie LaVoie, son of Robert and Sandy Stebe of Charlevoix and Ray and Sheila LaVoie of Boyne City.

The couple plan a fall wedding at Stafford's Perry Hotel.

The bride elect is a graduate of Charlevoix High School and Ferris State University and is presently employed as a registered dental hygienist at Dr. Suckert's office in Charlevoix.

The groom to be is a graduate of Charlevoix High School and Lansing Community College. He is presently employed by Odawa Casino in Petoskey.

The couple will be residing in Charlevoix after the wedding.

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WEDDING

Skippergosh — Searles

Laura Skippergosh and Alvin Searles exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, Aug. 11 at Greensky Hill Church. Rev. Sam McClellan, uncle of the bride, performed the outside ceremony before close family and friends.

Laura is the daughter of Judy Field of Petoskey and Lawrence Skippergosh of Charlevoix. Alvin is the son of Sharon Searles of Petoskey and Alvin Searles Sr. of Pellston.

A reception for approximately 175 people was held at the VFW Hall with friends and relatives attending from Chicago, Ill. Bay City, Grand Haven, Lansing, Naples and Orlando, Fla.

Laura and Alvin are now residing in Naples, Fla.

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

SAGINAW VALLEY PRESIDENT'S LIST

Stephanie A. Manthei of Charlevoix has been named to the Saginaw Valley State University president's list for the 2007 winter semester. To achieve this honor, undergraduate students must maintain a perfect 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale while enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of classes.

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Kevin Kusina of Charlevoix was named to the dean's list at Quinnipiac University School of Communications for distinguished academic achievement during the semester ending spring 2007. Quinnipiac University is located in Hamden, Conn.

CALVIN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Emily Westenbroek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Westenbroek of Charlevoix, recently received a Calvin Faculty Honors Scholarship for Calvin College new and transfer students. Last year Calvin awarded nearly $50 million in scholarships, grants, loans, work-study and other awards. More than 92 percent of the school's students take advantage of a Calvin education at less than full cost. About 60 percent of that is scholarship and grant programs, 34 percent is student loans and six percent is on-campus work study.

POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATE

Northern Michigan University's Regional Police Academy in Marquette held its graduation ceremony on Wednesday, Aug. 22. Benjamin Speigl, son of Steve and Reta Speigl of Charlevoix was one of 18 recruits that received certificates of completion. The academy consists of 16 weeks of training that covers a curriculum set forth by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MICOLES).

CMU GRADUATES

Three Charlevoix residents earned degrees from Central Michigan University in May. Kyle Dobrowolski and Lindsey Pace received bachelor of science degrees in business administration, and Keisha Veryser received a master of arts degree in education.

Big Mac's got nothing on local 'Little But Mighty' bridge walk

What? Charlevoix's "Little But Mighty Bridge Walk"

When? Labor Day, Sept. 3

Where? Walkers will gather at 12:15 p.m. at the Town House, located at 231 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix. At 12:45 p.m. participants will hike to the bridge which they'll cross at 1 p.m.

Charlevoix's signature "Little But Mighty Bridge Walk" will take place on Labor Day, Sept. 3.

Walkers will gather at 12:15 p.m. at the Town House, located at 231 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix. At 12:45 p.m. participants will hike to the bridge which they'll cross at 1 p.m.

T-shirts commemorating the 19th anniversary of the event are available in Charlevoix at the Town House. They are $14 for small, medium, large and extra-large and $16 for larger sizes.

Donations and T-shirt sales will benefit The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, the local substance abuse education organization.

For more information, call Patty at (231) 547-5190.

File photo

Pictured above are walkers who participated in the 2006 Little But Mighty Bridge Walk. This year, walkers will cross the bridge at 1 p.m.

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Tuesdays @ 6:00 pm

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Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm

Newcomers welcome!

TAG: Teen Zine

Wednesday, August 29, 2:00 pm

Join the teen advisory group in planning the new teen publication: written, edited and published by Charlevoix teens.

ATL: Jazz @ the library

Wednesday, August 29, 7:00 pm

A Culmination Concert:

Featuring samples from each of the periods performed during the JATL series. This concert will present a larger group performing a wide variety of music in addition to requests from the audience. *Band members: Steve Slungardt, Andy Evans, Chris Ames, Dan Jacobs, Harry Goldson, Mike Hunter, Pete Asch*

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Tuesdays, Sept. 4 & 11, 6:00-7:30 pm

A program to help the novice learn the absolute basics: computer parts, terminology, driving a mouse, and using the Internet. Call 237-7340 to register.

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Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1:00 pm

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OBITUARIES

Charles Duley: Sept. 7, 1921 - Aug. 18, 2007

Charles Duley

Charles Pete Duley, 85, of Charlevoix, formerly of Boyne City and East Jordan, died Saturday, Aug. 18 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Rite of Christian burial took place on Thursday, Aug. 23, at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Rev. Jerry Hunko officiated and burial followed at Saint Mary Cemetery.

Charles was born on Sept. 7, 1921 in Harvard, the son of Emmett and Elida (Peaine) Duley. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the invasion at Normandy. Charles married Mary Shenanaqut in 1965, and she preceded him in death on April 29, 1976. He then married Edna Washageshik on July 11, 1998, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 12, 2001. Charles was a lifelong resident of Charlevoix County, and worked for Hal Forbrig as a carpenter in construction. He was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, and was the maternal grandson of Chief Peaine of Beaver Island. Also preceding Charles in death were his brothers, Clarence and Jim, and sister, Ellen. Charles is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Sandra Beaudoin: July 29, 1942 - Aug. 19, 2007

The Beaudoin family wishes to announce the sudden death of beloved wife, mother, and grandmother Sandra Irene Beaudoin, 65. Sandra passed away on Aug. 19 while vacationing with her immediate family on Beaver Island.

A memorial service took place on Friday, Aug. 24 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. A final viewing preceded the service. Rev. Stephen Davidson officiated.

Sandra (Sandy) was born July 29, 1942 in Charlevoix, the daughter of Orva and Beatrice (Struthers) Richardson. She grew up in Charlevoix, graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1960, and attended Davenport University in Grand Rapids. Shortly after, Sandra moved back to Charlevoix and married Joseph Burt Beaudoin on Dec. 27, 1962 — a union that flourished for 45 years. Sandra and Joseph then moved to San Diego, Calif. where Sandra worked for Woodward-Clyde-Sherrard & Associates Geological Survey Company and Joseph attended San Diego State University pursuant to receiving a bachelor of science degree in business administration. After seven years, Sandra and Joseph returned home to Charlevoix and raised their family.

Sandra's life was marked by unbounded love and family commitment. She was known locally as a selfless caregiver, spending countless hours visiting relatives and friends in hospitals and nursing homes. Sandra enjoyed literature, art and collecting antiques. She loved local history and was active in the Charlevoix Historical Society.

Sandra is survived by husband, Joseph Burt Beaudoin; son, Mark Lyle Burt Beaudoin (Laura) of Northville; and daughter, Marcie Rey Grace Sladics (Brian) of Charlevoix; four grandchildren, Haden, Joseph and Marisa Ann Beaudoin, Reylin Grace and Laina Sandra Sladics; sister-in-law, Susan Ann Loehner of Charlevoix; brother-in-law, David Lyle Beaudoin of Spring Lake; nephew, Bruce Daniel Beaudoin (Katie) of Charlevoix, their children Jacob, Daniel and Abigail Kate Beaudoin; niece Amy Lynn Beaudoin of Petoskey. Sandra was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Donald Richardson and her sister, Phyllis Richardson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either the Charlevoix Historical Society or the Lisa Dixon Scholarship Fund (c/o First Congregational Church).

Frank Schuch: June 14, 1923 - Aug. 24, 2007

Frank A. Schuch, 84, of Charlevoix, died Friday, Aug. 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Rite of Christian burial took place on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix. Rev. Jerry Hunko officiated and burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery.

Frank was born June 14, 1923, in Unionville, the son of Frank and Elizabeth (Franc) Schuch. He graduated from Unionville High School in 1940, and on May 25, 1946, he married the former Gladys Marie Roblin in Unionville. They made their home there until 1968, when they moved to Charlevoix. Frank was a machinist for the Medusa Portland Cement Company, retiring in 1986. He had also been a farmer, and had worked for the War Defense Plant in Saginaw, and was owner of Schuch Brothers Machine Company in Unionville, and Delta Equipment Company in Auburn. Frank was a member of St. Mary Church in Charlevoix, Knights of Columbus, Pierre de Charlevoix Council 7172, was past president of the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club, and a committee member of Boy Scouts Troop 11 in Charlevoix. He had also been a city council and school board member in Unionville.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys M. of Charlevoix; children, Robert (Cathy) Schuch of Rio Rancho, N.M., Mary (Robert) Wilson of Canton, Janice Malison of Charlevoix, Peggy (Jim) Wever of Grandville, Steven (Georgia) Schuch of Montgomery, Texas; many grandchildren and step-grandchildren; great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; sister, Edith (James) Ewald of Unionville.

Frank's brothers Adam, Peter, John and Joseph preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Church Building Fund.

LETTERS to the editor

THE TRUTH BEHIND THE SLIME

Editor:

Several recent articles about the green slime (algae blooms) being widely seen on our lake shores have been carried in the Petoskey News-Review and Charlevoix Courier. One News-Review headline declares "Algae's Nasty, But Natural."

It may be natural but, according to the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, the problem has been made worse because of a "Rise in nutrient levels caused by human activity." In other words, we feed the algae when we fertilize our lawns.

Tip of the Mitt states that "Storm water runoff appears to have altered nutrient levels."

I would point out in plainer terms that it's mainly and widely the phosphorus in lawn fertilizer that's now being identified as chief culprit.

So where can one buy phosphorus-free fertilizer? Both Ace Hardware and Marvin's Gardens in Charlevoix sell it. One such product, branded Lake Safe, is 20-0-10 (middle number tells amount of phosphorous). Most area landscapers are well aware of the problem and use a phosphorus-free product for lawns. Ask your landscaper, if you use one, to make sure.

Is this warning for waterfront property owners only? No. If you have a storm drain in the gutter in front of your home, you should use Lake Safe (or similar brand) on your lawn.

Let's 'disappear' the slime from our beaches.

Bruce MacArthur
Charlevoix

NEW WORLD ORDER

Editor:

There are those amongst us that believe that the threat of a one world order is nothing more than another conspiracy theory to be looked at, set aside and forgotten.

If you were to look at the one world order as though it were a jigsaw puzzle and each piece of that puzzle was something that limits our freedoms and eats away at our Constitution, maybe we would become aware of what's going on around us and do what is necessary to protect our nation as the founding fathers intended.

One such piece of that puzzle is the North American Free Trade Agreement Superhighway. Non-elected internationalist bureaucrats in our own government are planning a massive superhighway that begins at a port on the west coast of Mexico, crosses the southern border of the United States at Laredo, Texas, and continues on into Canada through Port Huron. This superhighway will be international territory with the first customs stop in Kansas and will be under control of the Mexican government. This is the first step in creating the North American Union, another piece in the puzzle, and the end of our sovereign nation, our Constitution and our Bill of Rights.

Non-elected State Department bureaucrats are secretly negotiating with Mexico and Canada to merge our nation into the North American Union and our new 110th Congress will decide the fate of our United States of America.

Contact your representatives in Congress and tell them to stop any legislation that threatens our Constitution and our freedoms.

Jerry Evans
Ellsworth

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Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Worship Service	10:0 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

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Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	547-6322

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	588-2112
or Missionaries	547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Rev. Carl Afman	588-7805

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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort	547-4121

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Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

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Church Office	547-9122

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12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
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SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

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Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
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A new look in store for South Pier lighthouse

City Council approves red paint proposal

BY LOUISE NELLE
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Louise Nelle/Petoskey News-Review

Within the next five years, Charlevoix's lighthouse (above) will be repainted red.

Say good-bye to the white and hello to the red.

Within the next five years, Charlevoix's lighthouse will have a fresh new look.

After receiving approval from the Charlevoix City Council on Monday, Aug. 20 the Charlevoix Historical Society is ready to return the lighthouse to its original color and begin renovation.

"Part of the restoration process is to bring the lighthouse back to its period of historical significance, which is 1948 to 1955," said society member Mary Adams. "During that period of time the lighthouse was red."

Adams said the society's efforts to maintain the lighthouse — which has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places — will ensure that it remains a part of Charlevoix.

Beginning spring 2008, Adams said, "Phase one is replacing the windows and making the structure watertight. Phase two would be the paint."

Unfortunately, the process will not be as speedy as desired. Restoration will take about five years because of funding issues.

Adams said the majority of the project will be paid through a lighthouse grant — money received from the sale of lighthouse license plates. For each of the next five years, the society will receive up to $40,000 per year from this grant. But to cover additional costs they must raise $50,000.

Why so expensive?

"The problem is because the structure is governed by the Secretary of Interior who has standards for restoration," Adams explained. "We must use very specific methods of restoration."

As part of the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior recommends ownership of historic lighthouses to various organizations including non-profits groups.

The department requires the society to use authentic building materials.

Employing an architect who specializes in historic renovation has also added to the pricey project not to mention the lighthouse's location. Located on the water, while scraping off the old lead-based paint workers must fully contain the lighthouse to prevent paint chips from entering the water.

To donate to the lighthouse restoration project, make checks payable to the Charlevoix Historical Society at P.O. Box 525, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Donors should indicate that funds be directed to the lighthouse renovation project.

Louise Nelle can be contacted at (231) 439-9339, or lnelle@petoskeynews.com.

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SANE seizes 85 pot plants in Charlevoix County

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (SANE) eradicated 227 marijuana plants, from Aug. 13-16. Of those, 85 were found in four areas in Charlevoix County.

"Charlevoix County doesn't have as much public land as other counties so we typically don't find as much there. This year there were more plots than usual in Charlevoix County," detective-lieutenant Kenneth Mills of Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement, said.

He attributes the rise in local growing operations to better tips and the dry season which encouraged people to grow marijuana closer to their home where they can water and care for the plants easier.

SANE is in the process of getting arrest warrants for suspects believed to be involved with three of the four areas where the 85 plants were gathered from.

Penalties for growing marijuana range from four to 15 years in prison depending on the number of plants seized. A charge for 19 plants or less is a four-year felony. A charge for 20 plants or more but less than 200 is a seven-year felony. And a charge for over 200 plants is a 15-year felony.

"Marijuana is one of the most popular drugs out there. As far as illegal drugs go, it's one of first young people experiment with that can be grown naturally in northern Michigan. It's important to have an impact by eradicating it," Mills said.

The total crop of 227 plants were pulled from outdoor and indoor marijuana plots in Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Mackinac and Otsego counties. SANE also executed three search warrants and seized processed marijuana, seven handguns, seven long guns and grow equipment. SANE was assisted by uniform officers from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police Post in Gaylord.

Those wanting to report narcotics activity are encouraged to call SANE at (800) 621-8651.

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Richard M. Brandi
City Treasurer

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis – August 22, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved minutes of the August 8, 2007 meeting as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-049, Crime Victim's Reimbursement Agreement and authorized the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-050, HB 4852.

The September 26, 2007 Commissioner's meeting will be held at the Hudson Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

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German silver collection returns to Charlevoix

Courtesy photo

A collection of German silver has returned to northern Michigan as the result of a recent gift to the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library by summer resident, Constance R. Wineman who is pictured above with the silver.

A collection of German silver has returned to northern Michigan as the result of a recent gift to the Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library by summer resident; Constance R. Wineman.

Part of the wedding trousseau of Mrs. Wineman's grandmother, the silver service resided at the home of Laura Wertheimer Wurzburger and Bernard Wurzburger on Mackinac Island in the early 1900s. The Wurzburgers and their daughter and son-in-law, Ethel and Herbert Robinson, came north from Detroit every summer to escape the symptoms of hay fever. In the 1930s the families decided to try Charlevoix as a more cosmopolitan summer retreat and never left.

Constance Robinson Wineman and James H. Wineman became engaged in Charlevoix in 1938, married in 1939, and spent every summer except for the World War II years in the town, renting many different houses until they bought a home on Michigan Avenue in the 1970s. Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren still return for vacations.

Mrs. Wineman and her late husband were early benefactors to Keep Charlevoix Beautiful and for many years sponsored the petunia truck and float in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade. Mr. Wineman won the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce president's award in 1992.

A volunteer at the library, Mrs. Wineman decided that the silver she had inherited should return to northern Michigan and be put to good use at the many events now held in the new facility.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

Historical society plans Sept. 4 ice cream social

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host its annual free ice cream social to honor this year's volunteers at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the Depot Museum.

Music will be provided by the Tagalongs. The society will also honor longtime resident Edith Gilbert on her 90th birthday and will recognize her for her contributions to Charlevoix.

The public is invited to attend and new members are welcome. For more information, call the Charlevoix Historical Society at (231) 547-0373.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing to consider variances for Dee Irwin and Pat Duffy of 302 Nettleton Street. The applicants are requesting variances in front yard setback, rear yard lot coverage and a variance of Section 5.176(5) to permit the construction of a garage and breezeway attached to residence. The tax parcel number is 15-52-123-021-00.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., in the second floor Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. The public is invited to attend and present its comments on the request. Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing, may be mailed to the City Planning Department at the above address or may be faxed to (231) 547-3617 before the publis hearing.

Gerry Harsch, City Planner

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City police use Tasers three times in two years

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

It has been two years since the City of Charlevoix's Police Department became equipped with Tasers, replacing the retractable police baton on their belts.

A police Taser is a pistol-like device that sends 50,000 volts of electricity at 0.004 amps into a suspect's body when triggered.

Police chief Gerard Doan said Tasers are a non-lethal force that reduces the threat of violence.

"Tasers are designed to reduce officer injury, suspect injury," he said.

Doan said the Tasers which are used by the city's full-time police officers are the X-26 model. The device can be triggered and can also be used as a stun gun, sending volts into a suspect when holding it directly to their skin.

Doan said since August of 2005 when Tasers were first introduced, city police have used the weapon three times.

The first time was in June of 2006. With an arrest warrant on a suspect, two patrolmen went to a house where the suspect tried to escape through the back door, jumped off the balcony and the officer used his Taser on him in place of a handgun.

This past winter, police used a Taser on a suspect but were unable to penetrate his coat.

This Venetian Saturday, Doan said, three officers tried to subdue a suspect, couldn't get him under control and used a Taser. He said two officers were injured when trying to arrest the suspect, for disorderly conduct. The suspect is facing resisting and obstructing charges.

City police are trained in Taser use by Deputy Police Chief Scott Hankins.

"We train police officers to respond to force appropriately and where a Taser fits into that," he said. "If a person is resisting police in a forceful manner and no weapon is involved, then a Taser or pepper spray can be used by police."

Hankins said a suspect cannot be killed by a Taser and the device causes minimal physical injury.

He said that it is the amps, not the volts, of electricity that determine whether an electrical shock is deadly and that a Taser uses less amps than a defibrillator — a device used to re-start the heart.

Hankins said police used to carry pepper spray as well as a baton and either could be used during certain situations with a suspect.

"Officers opted to use pepper spray instead of batons in those circumstances," Hankins said.

He said he is aware of the opposition of the use of Tasers held by certain members of the public.

"Anytime a new weapon is employed by law enforcement, a certain amount of the public opposes it," Hankins said.

City of Charlevoix Police Department Taser time line

August 2005: Tasers first introduced at the police deparlment

June 2006: The first time a Taser was used by a city patrolman. With an arrest warrant on a suspect, two patrolmen went to a house where the suspect tried to escape through the back door, jumped off the balcony and the officer used his Taser on him in place of a handgun.

Winter 2007: The second time a Taser was used by a city patrolman. Police used a Taser on a suspect but were unable to penetrate his coat.

July 28, 2007: The third time a Taser was used by a city patrolman. Three officers tried to subdue a suspect, couldn't get him under control and used a Taser. Two officers were reportedly injured when trying to arrest the suspect for disorderly conduct. The suspect is facing resisting and obstructing charges.

County board, planning commission meeting location and date changes

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners has changed their Sept. 12 regularly scheduled board meeting to 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 14. The meeting will take place in the Commissioners' Room, located at 203 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

The Charlevoix County Planning Commission will be holding a regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Peaine Township Hall on Beaver Island.

Earlier in the day, the Planning Commission will be touring the island and visiting sites in order to view recent, proposed new and potential future development. Both the tour and the meeting are open to the public.

All local elected and appointed officials and interested citizens are encouraged to join the tour and attend the meeting.

A tour itinerary and meeting agenda will be available in early September.

For more information, visit www.charlevoixcounty.org or call the Charlevoix County Planning Department. office at (231) 547-7234.

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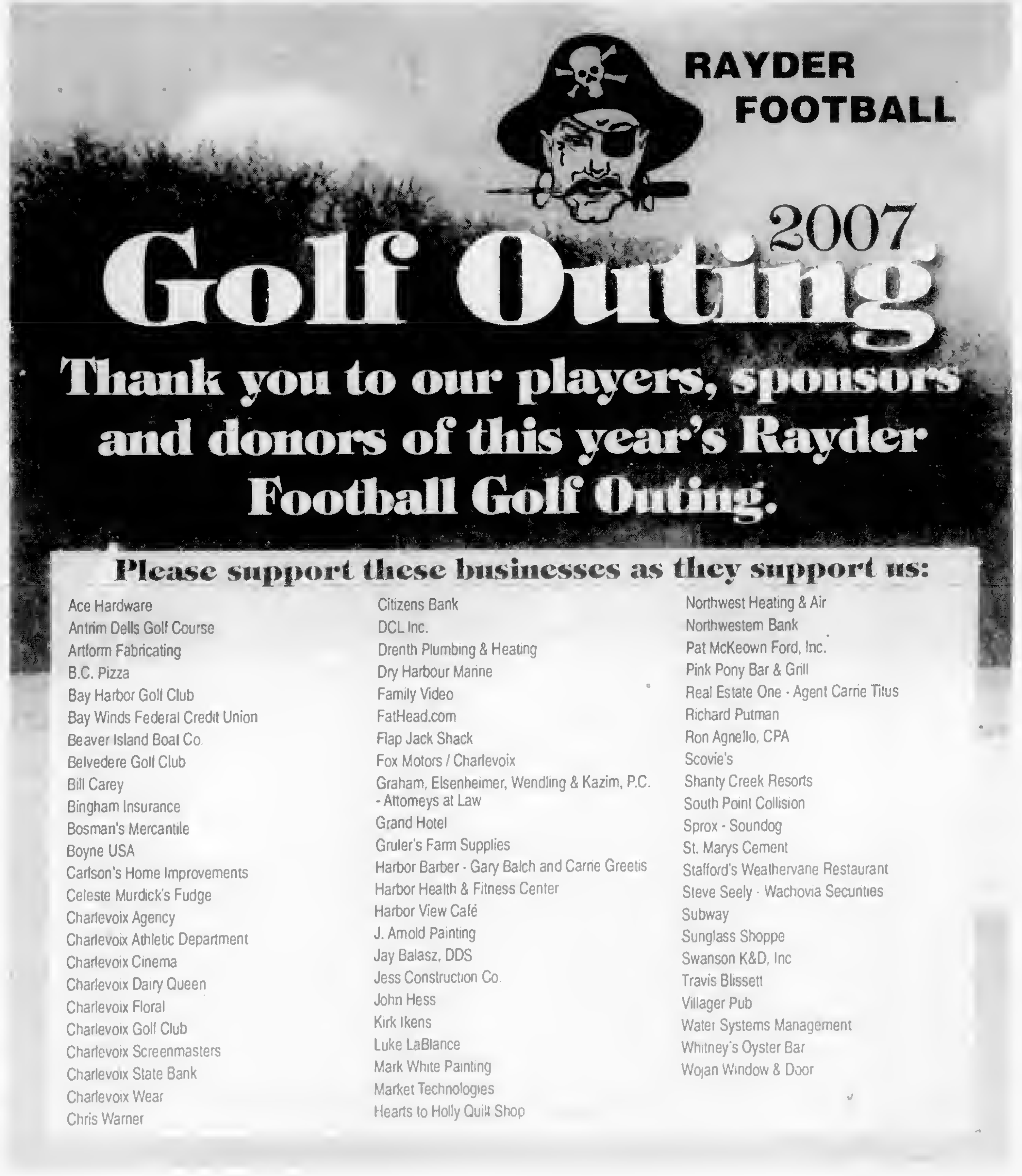

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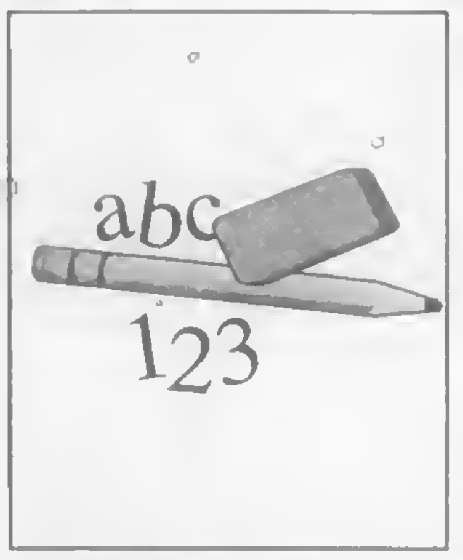
The basics of back to school



BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Pencils, books and teacher's dirty looks notwithstanding, the end of summer means the beginning of school. Students are expected to return to school on Sept. 5.

And, according to Charlevoix Middle School principal Keith Haske, he can't wait to get back to work.

"I'm excited to get going. It's going to be a great year," he said.

SCHOOL SAFETY

While fall is a time for new experiences and learning, Haske said the safety of his students is priority one.

"We try to make a big deal about getting to and from school safely," he said. "We have special bus runs that will take kids back and forth across Bridge Street."

"He added, "Research and data say the safest way to get to school is on the bus."

Safety issues that extend further than how children get to school include student awareness and the ability to surveil the school.

"We're more proactive about drills and I think everybody feels better since we've been through those," Haske said. "There was a lot of apprehension about doing those lock down drills, but once you get through it, people feel better."

He added, "We have security cameras we put in last winter. Pretty much the whole school is being taped, so if anything happens we'll have a record of that now."

Kindergarten through second-grade teacher Phoebe Gohs, with Northwest Academy, said it is a good idea go over safety scenarios with youngsters to help ready them in the event an issue should arise.

"Designate an emergency neighbor contact for kids who get home early and teach your child a secret password if you think you may have anyone other than yourself pick up your child from school," she said. "Role play what your son or daughter should do if they get home and need to go to the neighbor. Involve the neighbor, practice knocking on the door and talking to the neighbor, practice having them (children) ask you what the password is at home or when you are picking them up."

She added, "As with any planned emergency procedure for kids, be sure to practice what you expect them to do in an event."

Haske said another important thing students can do is to pay attention to their fellow students.

"When kids hear something kids may be planning on doing on the Internet or in school, they need to tell somebody," he said. "I encourage our middle school kids to keep their ears open and tell us anything they think might be unsafe or could put somebody at risk."

He added, "I think middle school is a time where you see quite a bit of bullying. Make sure to report it to somebody because I think every kid deserves to be safe at school."

STAFF CHANGES

The following Charlevoix Middle School teachers are not new to Charlevoix Public Schools, but have transferred from other schools in the district:

Dennis VanGuilder will teach eighth-grade social studies. Kelly Wood will teach sixth-grade science. Margie Culver will work in the media center. Dana Frank will teach fifth and sixth-grade computer classes.

The following Charlevoix Public Schools teachers will be transferred to the high school, share time between the schools or called back from layoff:

Pat Miller will teach special education. Curt Harwood will teach calculus. Josh Block will be shared with the middle school, teaching tenth-grade business applied technology. Brian Rockafellow will be shared with the middle school and two sections of cabinet making. David Moyer will split his time with the elementary school and teach one section of body kinetics in the physical education department. Marybeth McGraw from the elementary school will spend part of her day teaching a section of advanced art at Charlevoix High School. Steve Carland was called back to teach special education. Kristine Burmeister was also called back, she will teach science. Doug Drenth joined the math department where he will teach two sections in addition to acting as athletic director. And Roger Gowell, the new assistant principal, will teach two sections of biology.

NEW PROGRAMS

Charlevoix High School will offer comparative politics, third-year level health occupations and academic quiz bowl classes.

Northwest Academy has a new playground consisting of a geodome fixture for climbing, a tire swing, teeter-totter, a dual five climber and fun pods as well as an indoor rock wall for climbing.

BUS SAFETY

School bus safety tips from the National Safety Council:

- Have a safe place to wait for your bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals you to enter.
- When being dropped off, exit the bus and walk 10 giant steps away from the bus. Keep a safe distance between you and the bus. Also, remember that the bus driver can see you best when you are back away from the bus.
- Use the handrail to enter and exit the bus.
- Be aware of the street traffic around you. Drivers are required to follow certain rules of the road concerning school buses, however, not all do.

WALKING AND BIKING TO SCHOOL

- Mind all traffic signals and/or the crossing guard — never cross the street against a light, even if you don't see any traffic coming.
- Walk your bike through intersections.
- Walk with a buddy.
- Wear reflective material, it makes you more visible to street traffic.

OPEN HOUSE

Charlevoix Public Schools respective open houses will all take place on Wednesday, Aug. 29. For enrollment information, call (231) 547-3200.

Charlevoix Elementary School: 3 to 6 p.m.

Charlevoix Middle School: 5 to 8 p.m.

Charlevoix High School 4 to 7 p.m.

Northwest Academy's open house and family picnic will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 12. For enrollment information, call (231) 547-9000.

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President & CEO Mike Hinkle welcomes Rich Hodgson as Chairman of Charlevoix State Bank's Board of Direcotors

Charlevoix State Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of Richard (Rich) M Hodgson II as Chairman of Charlevoix State Bank's board of directors. Rich has replaced outgoing Chairman Richard M. Hodgson Sr who recently retired from the position.

Rich came to Charlevoix in 1970. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in the class of 1980. Rich went on to the University of Michigan where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering. He spent 20 years as an engineering contractor to the nuclear power industry working in several states, England, and Canada. He also took time out to attend Michigan State's MBA program where he was a Broad Scholar and concentrated in finance.

Rich makes his home in Charlevoix and has been active in local business and community functions. He joined the board of directors of Charlevoix State Bank in 1999. He joined the board of directors of Irish Boat Shop in 2004. For several years he's partnered in business ventures with his brother (Eric) on Beaver Island. He also worked on the Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals for two years. Currently, he's a member of the Charlevoix Yacht Club and Charlevoix Tennis Club. For recreation Rich enjoys boating, tennis, skiing, and travel.

President and CEO Mike Hinkle commented: "Charlevoix State Bank is fortunate to have such a knowledgeable individual accept the responsibility of Chairman. In addition to his impressive education and employment credentials, Rich brings an understanding of our community to the position that comes with being a long-time resident. I look forward to working with Rich over the coming years."

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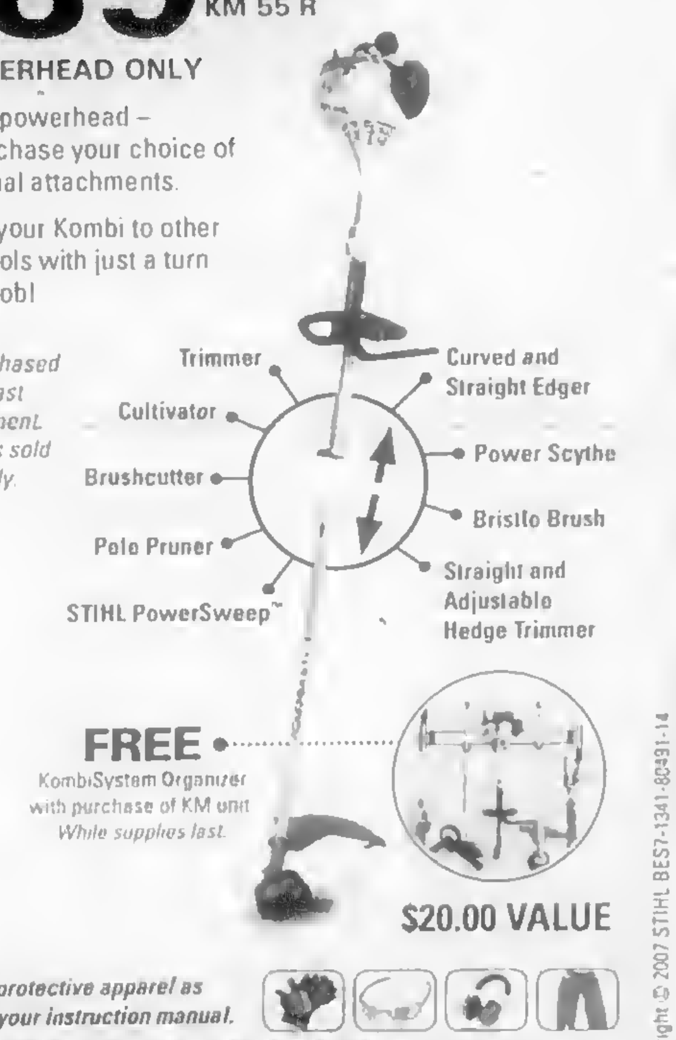

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Four new teachers join St. Mary School staff

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Keisha Veryser, principal of St. Mary School of Charlevoix, has four new teachers starting out this school year.

"I'm excited," she said. "Enrollment's up and we have a wonderful staff — everything's just falling into place."

GWEN SARYA — MUSIC

Graduate of Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minn.

Thirteen years of experience

"I was inspired by my college flute teacher," Sarya said. "She said, 'Just wait, I'm going to make a music major out of you yet,' so it kind of stuck with me."

Gwen Sarya

Sarya looks forward to her school's large selection of musical instruments.

"I hope they (students) get a real joy for music and they'll learn about the fundamentals of music," she said. "I love the interaction with the students."

Sarya said the school plans to unveil a Christmas concert and possibly a spring musical.

RACHEL KANINE — FIRST-GRADE

Graduate of Grand Valley State University

First-year teacher

Rachel Kanlne

"I went to St. Mary (as a child) so I think it will be a lot of fun to be back at school," she said. "I just love being in the classroom and being around the kids."

She added, "I hope we can respect each other and that they are able to learn to work together as a class."

Kanine is certain she will have a great experience.

"I'm excited to work with the staff, and, because of the class size, I think I'll be able to learn a lot from the students I have," she said.

Adam Wood

ADAM WOOD — PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Graduate of Grand Valley State University

Second year working as a teacher, first full-time teaching job

"I've known that this is what I want to do since I was very young. I've always loved kids and this was my eighth summer working at Camp McSauba," Wood said. "The most important thing for me is to really educate them (students) on learning health and different aspects of physical education they'll carry throughout their lives."

Laura Kelly

He added, "I'm going through a variety of ideas for different activities. Some ideas are Jump Rope for Life, Hoops for Hearts and maybe one Saturday a month we can have families come in to do some different activities."

LAURA KELLY — PRE-KINDERGARTEN FOR 3 YEAR OLDS

Graduate of Appalachian State in North Carolina

Teaching off and on since 1998

"I'm from a family of educators and that was probably the start of it," she said. "I just love working with kids (on) socialization, introduction to school and learning the basics."

She added, "I think the environment is going to be great being in a Catholic school."

Kelly, whose children attend St. Mary School, has been involved with the school in the past and knows parents who enroll their children at the school will be pleased.

Programs

St. Mary School offers a new pre-kindergarten program for 3-year-old children from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Parents may choose two, three or five day-a-week classes for their children. Call (231) 547-9441 to enroll.

Learn to identify fungi in the field

Mushrooms are the focus of an upcoming community education course, Fall Fungi, offered by SEE-North, northern Michigan's regional center for science and environmental education.

Marilynn Smith, mycologist and teacher, will conduct three evening classes and three field trips for those interested in learning how to identify fungi in the field. Evening classes will meet from 7-9 p.m. on Sept. 5, 12 and 19 at the SEE-North Exploration Center in downtown Petoskey. Field trips will take place on Sept. 9, 15, and 23 at locations to be announced during class.

"There are more than 10,000 species of mushrooms in North America.

Courtesy photo

Knowing whether a mushroom found in the wild like this morel can be tasty or tragic is the focus of an upcoming workshop "Fall Fungi" offered by SEE-North.

Not all of them occur in northern Michigan of course, but many kinds of mushrooms grow in our region, including some choice edibles," Smith said.

Smith said the impact of the summer's drought on the fruiting of mushrooms is difficult to predict.

"Abundance is tied to several factors, including temperature, humidity and day length," said Smith. "I've yet to be skunked on a field trip."

The cost for the course is $30 per person for SEE-North members and $40 per person for others. Proceeds support SEE-North's work in science and environmental education in schools and communities in its five-county service area.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register or inquire about a membership, call SEE-North at (231) 348-9700.

The SEE-North Exploration Center is located alongside Pennsylvania Park in downtown Petoskey.

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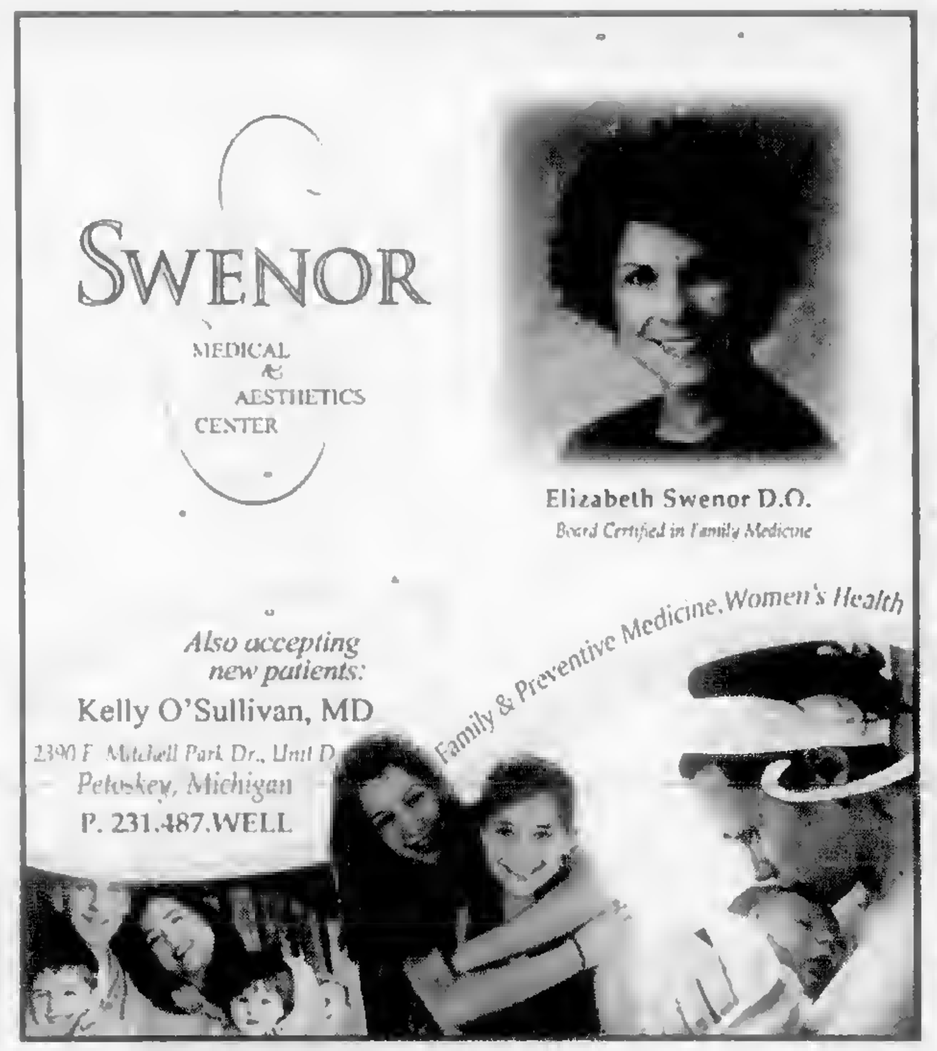

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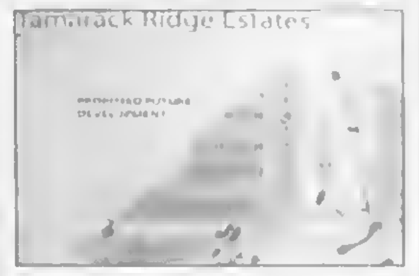

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Officials: 'State laws aren't enough to protect lakes'

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Local officials say a recent decision to protect Michigan waters from invasive species isn't enough.

The laws passed to help protect Michigan's waters from invasive species were upheld in the Aug. 15 decision by U.S. District Judge John Feikens when he dismissed a case brought against several State of Michigan officials by at least nine plaintiffs including shipping companies from Canada, Michigan and Barbados and several nonprofit associations from Washington, D.C. and Michigan.

Michigan's 2005 ballast water laws, which among other things prohibit oceangoing ships from dumping their ballast water into the Great Lakes, took effect in 2007.

But, according to Steve West, executive director of the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, the law has no proverbial teeth.

"I hate invasive species like everybody else, but declaring a law at the state level is not going to be much help," he said. "We need to deal with it at the federal level."

He added, "If you have the choice of spending hundreds or thousands of dollars to clean or unload your ballast water in Muskegon or go to Burns Harbor, Ind. and do it for free, where are you going to go?"

West isn't the only one hoping federal legislation will be passed to prevent all the Great Lakes states, three of which have passed similar legislation, and Canada from dumping potentially contaminated ballast water in the Great Lakes.

U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) is a co-sponsor of H.R. 1350 also known as the Great Lakes Collaboration Implementation Act which would, among other things prohibit the practice of dumping potentially damaging ballast water.

"Invasive species like zebra mussels, the round goby and the spiny water flea are transported into our Great Lakes through ballast water. Invasive species like these are a serious threat to our lakes," Stupak said. "The Great Lakes are vital to our way of life in northern Michigan and an important economic engine for Michigan. The Great Lakes' commercial and sport fishing industries alone are valued at $4 billion annually. So it's vital we protect this resource from the threat of invasive species."

He added, "I believe that, given the threat to our Great Lakes, Michigan is well within its rights to verify that ships are not bringing invasive species into Michigan waters, (but) ultimately, this problem requires a federal solution, and that is why I have co-sponsored legislation to establish a federal standard for ballast water so that all of our Great Lakes are protected."

Recreational boaters can have an impact on preventing invasive species according to the Michigan guidelines for Clean Boats, Clean Waters Campaign.

"Inspect and remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment. Drain water from your equipment: Boat, motor, trailer, live wells before transporting. Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash, not in the water. Spray, rinse or dry equipment to remove or kill invasive species," the guide advises.

According to Clean Boats, Clean Waters, invasive species cost the United States $148 billion a year.

"The Great Lakes sport and commercial fishing industry, valued at almost $4.5 billion annually, is at risk due to the growing numbers of invaders such as the zebra mussel, spiny water flea, sea lamprey, ruffe, and round goby that prey on invertebrates of all sizes, top predator fish, as well as fish eggs and small fish," the guide stated. "Large water users in the Great Lakes, including municipalities and industries, spent about $120 million from 1989 to 1994 to combat the spread of zebra mussels."

H.R. 1350 currently awaits action in conference committee.

Photo courtesy of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Clearer water in the Great Lakes is due to Zebra mussels like these seen here. This invasive species decimates the plankton which keeps native species of fish alive. Since the mussels tend to congregate on most nonporous surfaces, they can damage docks, boats, underwater cable lines and water pipes as well.

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Is your Polly Pocket a potential hazard?

Recalled toys were stocked on local shelves

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix is not immune to the voluntary recalls driven by fears lead paint and choking hazards could result from some Mattel toys.

People in possession of certain Polly Pocket, Batman or Cars toys purchased from Kmart or Dollar General stores should take them from their children immediately.

"Customers can return the recalled toys to their neighborhood Kmart for a full refund," said Kimberly Freely, manager of corporate public relations with Sears Holdings Corporation.

Tawn Earnest, Dollar General's spokesperson said there was a small number of affected toys sold throughout their stores and precautions have been taken to prevent the sale of any more toys.

"Those affected items were removed from store shelves and we have programmed a transaction lock on our registers so if a customer tries to recall the recalled item by mistake the transaction will be halted," she said. "Customers can return items to Dollar General stores for a full refund."

Both Earnest and Freely said a receipt is not necessary to receive a refund as long as the toy is on the recall list.

The products thought to contain lead paint include: Some Fisher-Price toys; The "CARS" Sarge character. Products thought to have faulty magnets which could constitute a choking hazard include: Polly Pocket™ Play Sets; Batman™ Magna Play Sets; Barbie® and Tanner™ Accessory; Doggie Daycare™ Play Sets; and Shonen Jump's One Piece™.

According to a press release from Mattel, the recall of these toys is merely a glitch in an otherwise good system of safety.

"Regarding our manufacturing processes, we immediately strengthened them with a three-point check system. First, we're requiring that only paint from certified suppliers be used, and we're requiring that every single batch of paint at every single vendor be tested. If it doesn't pass, it doesn't get used. Second, we are tightening controls throughout the production process at vendor facilities and increasing unannounced random inspections. Third, we're testing every production run of finished toys to ensure compliance before they reach our customer," Mattel stated.

According to the Consumer Protection Safety Commission, Mattel received nearly 600 reports of magnets coming loose with at least three reports of serious injury to children who swallowed more than one magnet.

Aside from aspirating the magnets, there is potential for a child who swallowed two or more of the one-eighth inch magnets in the feet and hands of some dolls to suffer intestinal perforation due to the possibility of two magnets sticking to one another with intestine in between them.

The Polly Pocket play sets in question were sold from May 2003 to November 2006.

According to the National Safety Council there are more than 400,000 children under age 6 with too much lead in their blood.

"Young children under the age of six are especially vulnerable to lead's harmful health effects, because their brains and central nervous system are still being formed. For them, even very low levels of exposure can result in reduced IQ, learning disabilities, attention deficit disorders, behavioral problems, stunted growth, impaired hearing, and kidney damage," the council states. "At high levels of exposure, a child may become mentally retarded, fall into a coma, and even die from lead poisoning. Within the last 10 years, children have died from lead poisoning in New Hampshire and in Alabama. Lead poisoning has also been associated with juvenile delinquency and criminal behavior."

Adults may suffer increased blood pressure, infertility, nerve disorders and more from concentrated lead ingestion.

People unsure if their toys are affected can call the following Mattel hotlines:

- CARS Sarge character diecast vehicle recall hotline: 1-800-916-4997
- Fisher-Price toys lead paint recall hotline: 1-800-916-4498
- Magnet hazard recall hotline: 1-888-597-6597

Courtesy photo

This Polly Pocket set is one of dozens of Mattel toys being recalled. The recalled items were carried at local stores.

To view the complete list of recalled toys visit:
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Charlevoix City Council

The following issues were discussed during the Monday, Aug 20 meeting of the Charlevoix City Council

Item: Request to change street name from East Hurlbut to Belvedere Bluff

In brief: Robert Heath of 210 East Hurlbut Ave., presented a copy of a petition to Charlevoix City Council to rename East Hurlbut Avenue to Belvedere Bluff Avenue and to change street numbers on the south side of East Hurlbut Avenue to a higher set of numbers.

Council action: A public hearing to discuss the issue has been scheduled for Oct 1.

Item: Request by Charlevoix Historical Society to repaint the South Pier Lighthouse red

In brief: Mike Bergeon and Mary Adams of the Charlevoix Historical Society are seeking permission from the City of Charlevoix, lease holder of the south pier lighthouse property, to change the lighthouse color from white to red

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Request from Bay Area Substance Education Services (BASES) for support

In brief: D. Scott Kelly, executive director of the Bay Area Substance Education Services (BASES) requested $3,000 from the City of Charlevoix for 2007. In a letter to Charlevoix City Council, Kelly stated that the city's past contributions have been used to provide their after-school program at no charge to youth between the ages of 11 and 18.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Request for free launch for the Northern Championship Tournament, a bass fishing tournament.

In brief: The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce is requesting the use of the city's public launch facility and a waiver of launch fees for a bass fishing tournament. The 2007 Northern Championship Bass Tournament, sponsored by the Competitive Anglers Tournament Trail (CATT) will be held on Friday, Sept. 14 and Saturday, Sept. 15. The chamber is requesting that the Charlevoix City Council waive launch fees for the tournament and for their practice days prior to the tournament, which begins on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Request for minor development plan review — Captain's Corner Shopping

In brief: A minor development plant amendment has been requested to allow the placement of a "modular coffee hut" in the parking lot of Captain's Corner. The "hut" is approximately 10 feet by 24 feet. It will be located north of the existing curb island at the south end of the parking lot.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Request for letter of consultation — Northern Homes Community Development Corporation

In brief: Northern Homes Community Development Corporation received a grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSDHA) in the amount of $150,000 to help approximately six families purchase existing homes and do repair work to the home. Northern Homes is seeking to obtain a "Letter of consultation" from the local governments where grant funds may be used

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Designate a delegate and alternate for the Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention

In brief: The Michigan Municipal League (MML) is having their annual meeting at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme. First Ward councilman Lyle Gennett was named the delegate. Second Ward councilman Greg Stevens was named the alternate.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Board of Canvassers report for Aug. 7 primary election

In brief: The Charlevoix County Board of Canvassers have certified and determined that Mary Eveleigh and Dennis Kusina, having received a sufficient number of votes, to run for the office of First Ward Charlevoix City Council member on Nov. 6.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

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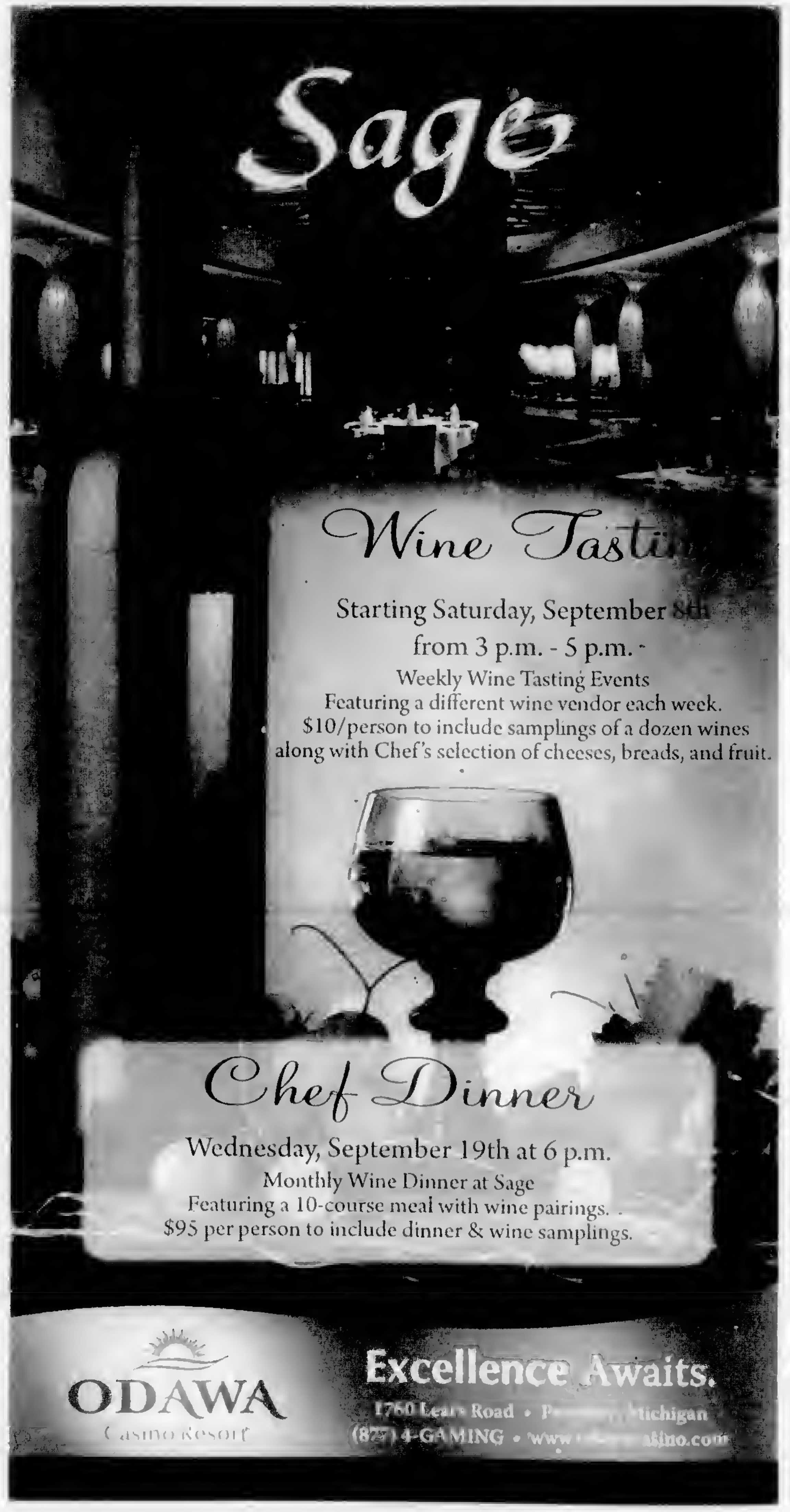
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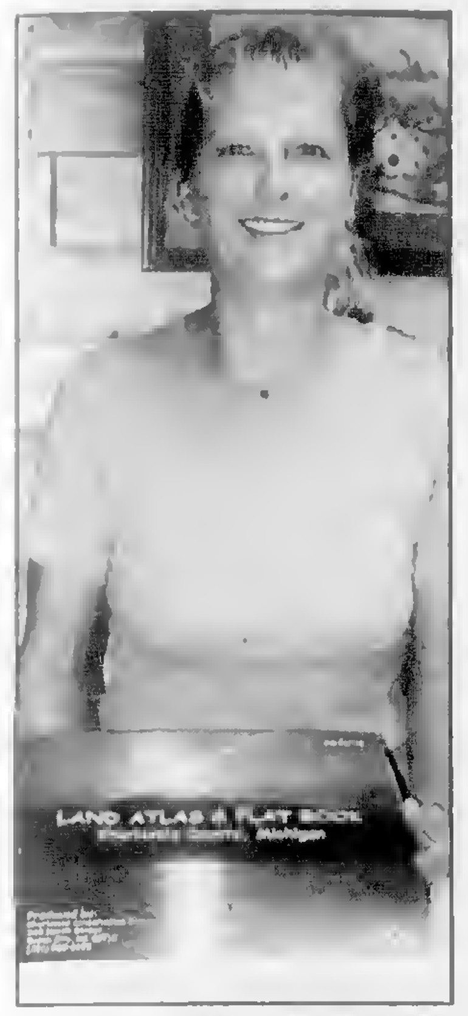
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Kelly Martin, coordinator of the Charlevoix Conservation District, displays the newly published Charlevoix County Land Atlas and Plat Book.

BY FRED GRAY
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

The new Charlevoix County Land Atlas and Plat Book, with four-color maps of the county's 15 townships, has been published by the Charlevoix Conservation District.

The maps display private land parcels, as well as state and federal lands, city and village limits and lakes and rivers.

The 8th edition plat book is in a larger format size (11 by 12 inches), updates the 2003 edition and includes an index of property owners and roads, and recycling information, such as household hazardous waste disposal and recycling drop-off site locations.

Maps of the county, and the cities of Charlevoix, Boyne City and East Jordan, are included, as is a listing of township officials.

Kelly Martin, coordinator of the Charlevoix Conservation District, said she worked closely with county GIS coordinator Brian Kelly and equalization director Tom Wolf in producing the latest edition.

Martin said the plat book is a must for hunters trying to locate state land. Realtors, property-hunters from down state and people who simply want to know who their neighbors are.

It's also handy for people out in the field who want more details of the countryside they are passing through than traditional maps can offer.

The conservation district is a local unit of state government dedicated to providing landowners assistance in managing the county's natural resources. Plat book sales have proven to be a major source of revenue for the district.

The book costs $25 and is available at numerous locations, including the county treasurer's office, the conservation district office in Boyne City, and local bookstores.

For more information, contact the conservation district at (231) 582-6193 or visit www.charlevoix-county.org/cd.asp.

Fred Gray can be contacted at (231) 439-9374 or at fgray@petoskeynews.com

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The proposed amendment will change how sign variance public hearings are advertised. This change is required due to recent State legislation.

A complete copy of the proposed lanquage is available at the City Planner/Zoning Administrator's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the puble hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Planning Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

Gerry Harsch, City Planner

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Charlevoix Evening Garden Club hosts 7th Annual Labor Day weekend plant sale

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Shoppers will find a variety of shade and sun tolerant perennials, houseplants, bird feeders, blue bird houses and miscellaneous garden gift items with many donated by area nurseries and businesses. Club vice-president, Margie Kessler, invites the community to support the Evening Garden Club, consult with master gardeners and purchase beautiful plants.

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club, a member of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc., maintains the gardens at the "Welcome to Charlevoix the Beautiful" entrance signs at M-66 and U.S. 31. Members are active in the Junior Master Gardening Program and assist the Charlevoix Area Garden Club with the Heritage Depot Garden.

The club meets from 7-9 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month to share gardening tips, attend informative lectures and tour area nurseries and gardens.

For more information, contact club vice-president and plant sale chair, Margie Kessler at (231) 237-4272.

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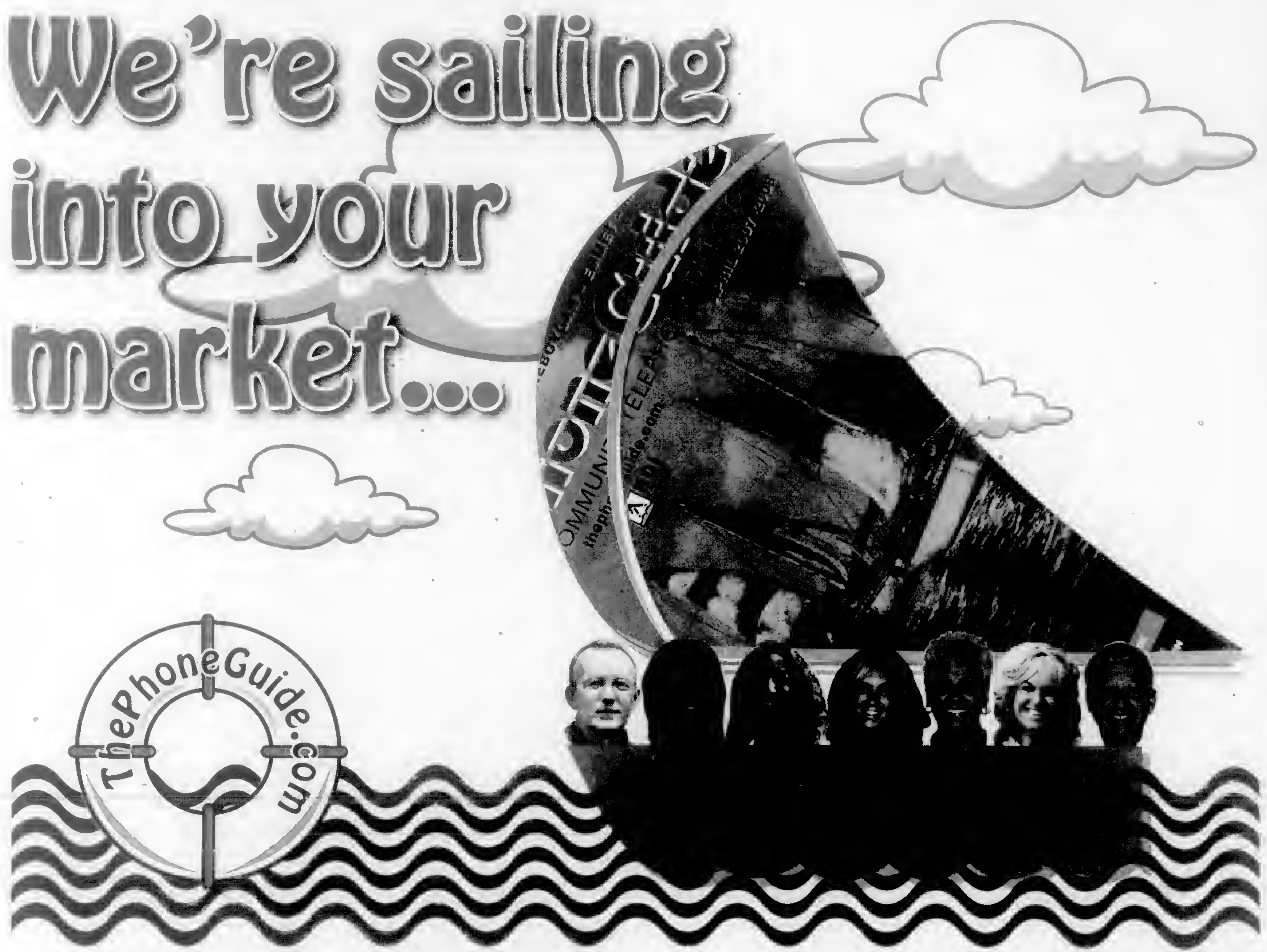
The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will host a Labor Day weekend plant sale. Pictured above are garden club members Karen Joy, Robin Pearson and Linda Purdy.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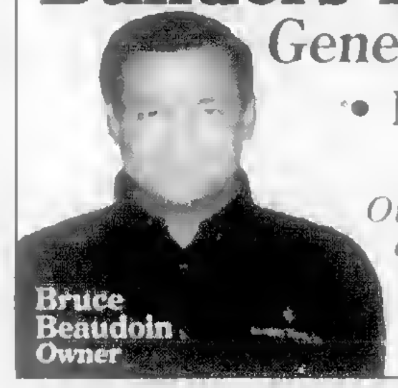

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Espresso Hut to open this fall in Glen's Plaza

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Stefanie Carano

An Espresso Hut like this one in Petoskey, will open this fall in Charlevoix's Glen's Plaza.

This fall, a new place to get coffee in Charlevoix will be at a small shop in the parking lot of the Captain's Corner Plaza near the intersection of M-66 and U.S. 31.

Todd Wyett, owner of the plaza that includes Glen's Supermarket, Rite Aid drugstore, Dollar Tree and other retail shops, is seeking permission from the Charlevoix City Council to put in an Espresso Hut, a drive-through coffee shop with a current location in Petoskey.

"We've got all different kinds of coffee and espresso drinks, we're always looking for the finest products we can bring out," said Burt Ulrich, owner of the Espresso Hut.

In addition to coffee, the Espresso Hut can produce smoothies, slushes and frozen blended coffee drinks for thirsty drivers.

"Our best selling cold drink is definitely the Mocha smoothie, it's sort of a sweet alternative to the more bitter drink we serve," said Jeb Bailey, manager of the Petoskey location. "Our best selling hot drink is a regular latte, nothing fancy but they sell real well."

Ulrich said the Charlevoix shop will be structured with expansion in mind.

"We're hoping it will work so we can bring in frozen custard, first we'll start it up and see how it goes," Ulrich said.

Wyett intends to extend free rent to Ulrich when he opens his shop in his plaza.

"In this economy, people aren't anxious to try new things," Wyett said. "There's only one coffee place in Charlevoix and so many people drive past 66 and 31 on their way to work, it brings more business into the plaza."

Ulrich is hoping his business can help bring jobs to the area.

"I'm thinking there's a lot of people in Charlevoix that need this kind of job," Ulrich said.

Wyett said the tentative opening date for the Espresso Hut is October.

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Harbor artist

Harbor Industries Inc. invites the public to stop in and take a look at "Carbon Neutral." This sailboat (left) designed by Harbor's own artist Bob Johnson, is part of the "Art of Sailing" fundraiser for the American Red Cross, Northern Lower Michigan Chapter. Harbor has participated in every one of the Outdoor Art Projects, starting with the "It's Not a Pollack" fish in 2003 and the "Bear Harbor" bear in 2005.

Castle Farms brings Royal Craft Show to town Sept. 1 and 2

Over Labor Day Weekend, Castle Farms will host a Royal Craft Show.

This year's craft show will include numerous vendors with fine crafts and original artwork. The show is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 2. Admission is $2 per person and children under 5 are free.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Set sail with the Red Regatta Fox Sept. 1 and 2

**BY STEFANIE CARANO
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Sailboats will once again race from Charlevoix to Boyne City at the Charlevoix Yacht Club's annual Red Fox Regatta on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1 and 2. At 4 p.m. on Sept. 1 a party will take place at the Boyne City marina sponsored by Mount Gay Rum. Non-racers are welcome.

Sailboats will once again race from Charlevoix to Boyne City at the Charlevoix Yacht Club's annual Red Fox Regatta on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1 and 2.

In addition to the actual race, a number of parties are associated with the event, beginning the night before at 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31, with a Triangle Party at the Yacht Club, at 209 Ferry Ave.

"The Regatta has been a tradition since the 1970s and it's just a fun way to get together, go out and enjoy the water," said club commodore Lynn Smolenyak.

The race begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1 in Lake Charlevoix. Early risers can enjoy coffee and donuts starting at 8 a.m. that morning at the yacht club.

Then participants will harness the power of wind to sail down Lake Charlevoix into the Boyne City marina.

After docking in Boyne City, a party will take place at the Boyne City marina sponsored by Mount Gay Rum. non-racers are welcome. Advanced tickets are $18 a person for dinner and drinks, $12 for drinks alone. Any remaining dinner and drink combination tickets will be available at the marina by 4 p.m. on Saturday for $20.

At 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 2, racers will return to Charlevoix. Upon returning, an award ceremony will be held at the club, at approximately 4 p.m. Red Fox trophies and flags provided by the International Sailing Federation will be presented. Snacks and a cash bar will be available. Race entry categories include jib and main (jamboat), Melges 24 and multiple spinnaker fleets.

"The best places to watch are Depot Beach, Ferry Beach, anywhere around Lake Charlevoix," said club member Leah Olson.

Proceeds from the Red Fox Regatta support the Charlevoix Yacht Club.

"The yacht club is a non profit organization, we try to keep membership fees low and this is one of our main fund-raising events," Smolenyak said.

This year the regatta is held in conjunction with "Sail the World," an event started by the International Sailing Federation to celebrate 100 years of organized sailing.

For more information on the Red Fox Regatta, go to www.charlevoixyachtclub.org.

Information on Sail the World can be found at www.sailtheworld.com

Fall hours begin at Skatepark

The Charlevoix Community Skatepark, located at 401 West Carpenter St. will move into fall operating hours on Sept. 4.

This fall, the park will be open from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 4 to 9 p.m. on Fridays, from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. The park is closed during inclement weather, storm watches and home football games.

The city owned and operated park opened on April 29 for a five-month season and in the first two months of operation has had over 1,300 users.

Helmets are required. The park is supervised.

The daily user fee is $3. A seven-day punch card is $15 and a season pass is $90.

For more information, call the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department at 547-3253.

Former Rayder brings hoops skills to Concordia

Betsey Dennis

The Concordia Cardinals woman's basketball program added some experience to this year's recruiting class with the addition of Betsey Dennis of Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Dennis, a 5 foot 9 inch guard, played the last two years for coach Ron Welch at national power Kalamazoo Valley Community College after a standout prep career at Charlevoix High School.

Dennis, before suffering an injury late in her sophomore season at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, averaged 6.9 points per game while shooting 39 percent from the field (including 38 percent from behind the three-point line).

"Betsey is going to make our offense much more explosive," said Concordia head coach Joshua Steffen. "She is an unbelievable outside shooter and a threat whenever she is on the floor. Coach Welch has not only a strong history of winning, but also sending his players to teams where they contribute and help the program. I want to thank him and the Dennis family for sending Betsey to Concordia."

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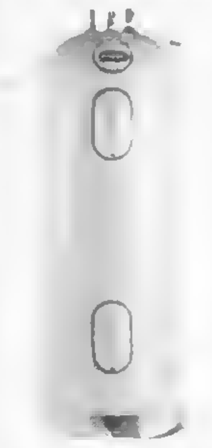

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder football falls 21-28 in season opener

**BY BENJAMIN GOHS
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STORY HIGHLIGHT
The Rayders lost their first varsity football game of the season 21-28 at St. Ignace last Friday, Aug 24.
The Charlevoix Rayders meet Benzie Central at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug 31 on Kipke Field in Charlevoix.

The Rayders lost their first varsity football game of the season 21-28 at St. Ignace last Friday, Aug. 24.

Citing a younger, less experienced team, varsity coach Don Jess said his team has much work to do.

"We have to come in focused and ready to play football right from the start," he said.

Rayder football lost 15 seniors making this one of the youngest teams Jess has coached.

"We don't have big numbers this year, but we have some quality players," he said.

Losing their first game was a less than ideal way to follow a season in which they were 8-1 in the regular season, making it all the way to the playoffs in 2006.

"It's always tough to play up in St. Ignace and they improved from last year," Jess said. "We showed some good things, but we turned the ball over too many times."

He added, "You can't beat a good team if you're going to turn the ball over — we just didn't play very well."

Kyle Jones rushed the ball 21 times for 134 yards. John Putman scored two touchdowns, Cliff Jones scored one touchdown, Jake Rankl had a first-half interception and Nate Golovich recovered a fumble in the second-half.

"We're going to work on consistency and taking care of the football," Jess said. "We just have to keep working on getting better. With guys in new positions, it's going to take a bit of time."

The Charlevoix Rayders meet Benzie Central at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31 on Kipke Field in Charlevoix.

Dustin Arp earns cross country scholarship at Lee University

Courtesy photo

Dustin Arp has signed a scholarship to run cross country for the Lee University Flames. Seated with Arp are his father, Michael and mother, Carla. Standing is Lee cross country coach Don Jayroe.

Dustin Arp, a runner from Charlevoix High School, will bring his skills to Lee University.

Arp follows in his mother and father's footsteps. His father, Michael, is a Lee graduate and now a Church of God minister in Charlevoix. His mother, Carla, met Michael while a student at Lee, located in Cleveland, Tenn.

First-year cross country coach Don Jayroe is excited to add Arp to his team.

"This new cross country recruit ran for one of Michigan's best cross country teams and one of the state's top coaches, Ken Plude. Arp's track and cross country team won the region and placed third on two occasions and fourth once over the past three years," he said.

Arp's best time was 17:41 minutes in the 5k. He also ran the mile in 4:54 minutes and the 800 meter in 2:05 minutes.

Also a star in the classroom, Arp was named to the Academic All-Conference list, a regular member of the honor roll and a member of the National Honor Society.

Arp has been training hard for weeks. He's up by 7:30 a.m. and averages running 70 miles a week.

"That's as good as a coach can hope for," Jayroe said. "I'm glad to see he is taking his preparation for the upcoming season seriously. Our runners must understand they must report to college ready and in top condition to run."

"I hope to contribute to the team's success this year," Arp, who is an incoming freshman, said. "Hopefully, I will help the Lee cross country team win some regional championships. I decided on Lee for three reasons — family, good Christian environment and the cross country program."

The Lee University Flames opened the 2007 season on Saturday, Aug. 25, hosting Lincoln Memorial University, Tennessee Wesleyan College, Young Harris and Hiwassee College in a five-way meet at Fletcher Park in Cleveland, Tenn.

Results from the meet were not available by press time.

Pool closed through Friday for repairs

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will be closed from Monday, Aug. 27 through Friday, Aug. 31 for annual repairs and cleaning.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Junior Golf program champs announced

The Charlevoix County Junior Golf program concluded its 13th summer of providing golf lessons and competition for northern Michigan youth with awards and picture day.

Junior Golf executive director, Dean Davenport, was pleased with the program this year.

"Our mentor program had over 25 adults that committed to attending each session and that allowed for a safe teaching and playing environment," he said.

Davenport also recognized the teaching professionals who donate their time.

"The secret to our success is simple — caring adult mentors, devoted teaching professionals and local courses willing to set aside prime time for youngsters, all have combined for an outstanding program Charlevoix can be proud," he said.

This year, 140 youth registered for Junior Golf with the majority from Charlevoix. Golfers played at four local clubs, the Charlevoix Country Club, the Belvedere Golf Club, the Charlevoix Golf Club and Antrim Dells.

The program Champions Tournament took place at the Charlevoix Country Club where Thomas Rich won the boys' age 14-17 flight, while Molly Cahill won in the girls' division. Nolan Ager won the boys' age 12-13 flight, while Alexandra Trecha captured the girls' crown. In the 11-year-old boys' flight Jackson Buday was the winner while Kelly Parker captured the girls' championship. Noah Jeakle won in the 10-year-old flight. Jason Sherman Brown won in the age 8-9 flight.

In the Venetian Carey Cup tournament at the Charlevoix Golf Club, the winners were Jerry Christian in the 14 and over boys' flight, with Jordan VanMeter winning the girls' title. In the age 12-13 flight, the winner was Nolan Ager for the boys while Alexandra Trecha captured the girls' championship. In the age 10-11 flight the winner was Jackson Buday, with Kelley Parker capturing the girls' title. In the age 8-9 flight Walker Drost was the champion.

In the Sunday night league, the Bulldogs' team was unbeaten. Winning team members included Ty Jones, Nolan Kline, Casey Sharrow, Kelly Parker and Anna Voci.

Players were also recognized for their individual skills. Chipping winners are Walker Drost, Katelyn Wheaton, Kelly Parker, Jacob Doskoch, Andrew Plude and Billy Smith.

Pitching champions include Walker Drost, Jason Sherman Brown, Noah Jeakle, Fletcher Ekern, Jacob Doskoch, Alex Gooch, Andrew Plude and Jerry Christian.

Putting champions include McKenzie O'Leary, Walker Drost, Austin Putman, Sam Lee, Hudson Elowski, Noah Jeakle, Fletcher Erken, John Witherspoon, JJ Bottomley, Curtin Russell, Drew Seymour, Jacob Doskoch, Alex Gooch, David Cross, William Hasseld and Ty Jones.

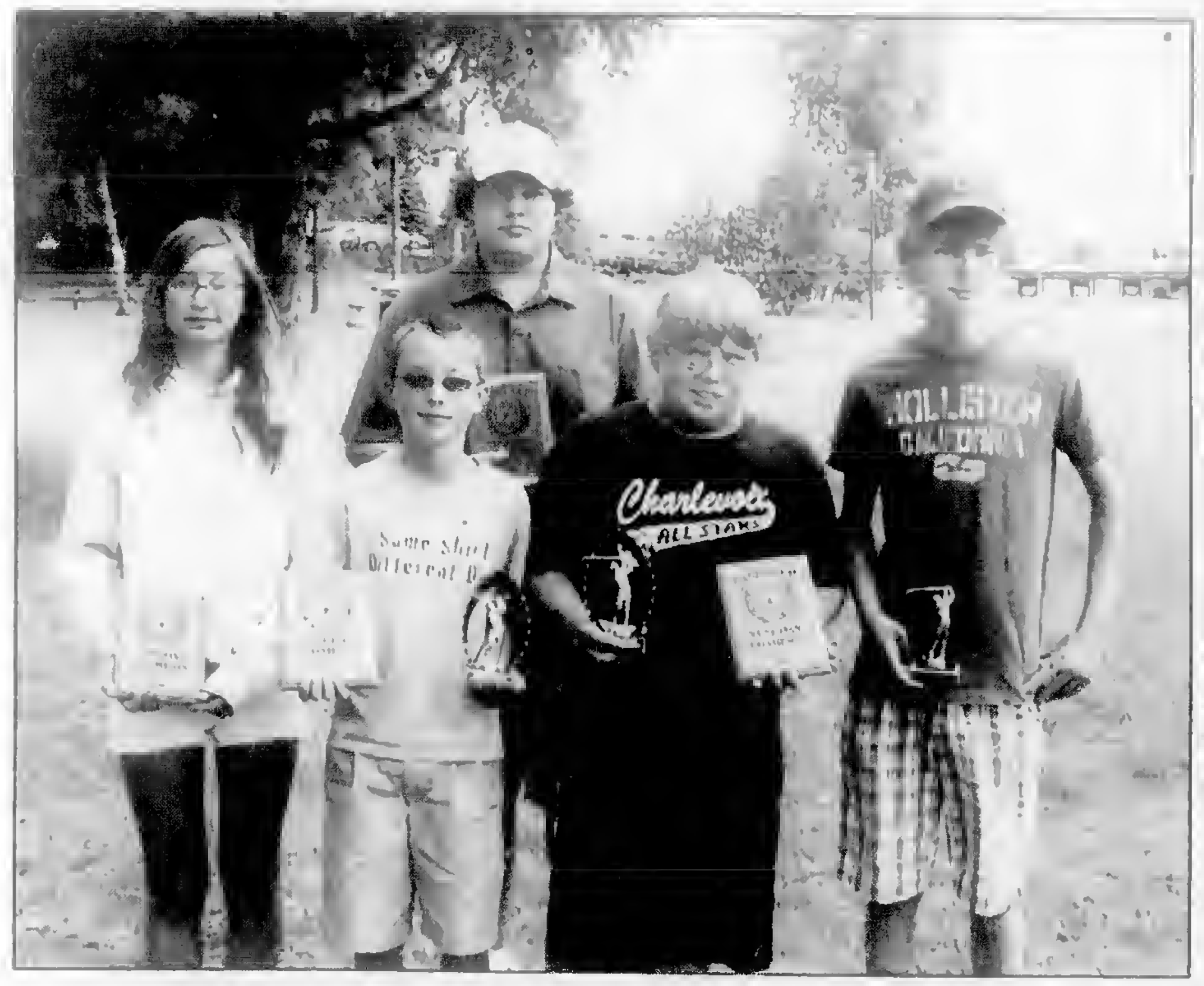
Bunker shot champions are Brett Siegwart, Austin Edger, Nick Rosser, Zach Merrill and Kyle Parker.

Scholarship winners that attended the Ferris State University week-long golf camp are Ryan Halloran, Thomas Rich, William Hasseld and Alex Gooch. Wyatt Drost was awarded a scholarship to attend the Boyne Golf Academy.

Golfers who did not pick up their free framed pictures at the award day can pick them up at the Aartvark Studio and Gallery on Bridge Street in Charlevoix.

Courtesy photo

Competition champions in Junior Golf skill tests are pictured above. They are (front, from left) Jason Sherman Brown, Walker Drost, Katelyn Wheaton, Mackenzie O'Leary, (middle, from left) JJ Bottomley, Austin Putman, Turner Havens, and Billy Smith, (back, from left) Alex Gooch, Jerry Christen and Nick Rosser.



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The Junior Golf program tournament champions are pictured above. They are (front, from left) Jackson Buday, Nolan Ager, Thomas Rich, (back, from left) Jordan VanMeter, Jerry Christen. Jason Sherman Brown, Alexandra Trecha, Kelly Parker, Walker Drost, Molly Cahill and Noah Jeakle are missing from the picture.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY TRANSIT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Charlevoix County Transit will be accepting proposals for transportation services on Beaver Island, St. James and Peaine Townships until Friday, September 7, 2007. Service will begin October 1, 2007 and run through September 30, 2008. Prospective bidders may call the Transit office at (231)582-6900, (ext. 208), Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to receive a bid packet. Charlevoix County Transit is an equal opportunity employer.

(B-08/15, 08/22, 08/29)

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

BID NOTICE

Charlevoix County is now accepting bids for the roof at the Commission on Aging building located at 207 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. This will include removal and replacement of existing shingles, new underlayment (#15 felt & ice guard) inspect existing roof sheathing, new 30-yr shingles and repair fascia and soffit. Must also include disposal of old roofing material.

Please submit any bids in writing to the Charlevoix County Clerk, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, **NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. on September 6, 2007.**
Charlevoix County reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

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4. 1992 Ford/Thomas bus, 5.9 diesel, A/T, 2087,038 miles.
5. 2002 Ford Taurus SE, 85,000 miles, really nice car.

Vehicles can be viewed at 1021 May Street, Charlevoix, or contact Gordon Russell at (231)547-3236 for more information.

Sealed bids are due in the Superintendent's office, 208 Clinton Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, by Wednesday, September 5, at 4:00 p.m. Please mark the front of your envelope with "Vehicle Bid". The Board of Education has the right to reject any or all bids.

(B-08/29)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND AY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE TIME NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC. A Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagor, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. Dated the 19 day of October, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan , on the 3rd day of November, 2004 in Liber 648 of Charlevoix County Records, Page 137, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents ($226, 667.92), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of September, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the lobby of the Charlevoix County Court House, Charlevoix Michigan, thet being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan located at building of 301 State Street Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a 2 inch rod at the west 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said section North 77°12'10" East 2595.18 feet to a 3/4 inch rod at the center 1/4 corner of said section; thence South 05°48'00" West 739.66 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 89°24'43" East 207.61 feet to e 2 inch rod; thence North 00°34'50" West 407.77 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence South 88°45'22" East 167.75 feet; thence North 50°42'30" East 392.64 feet; thence North 44°35'06" East 305.96 feet; thence North 25°33'43"East 182.33 feet to a 2 inch rod at an angle point in a Conservation Easement recorded in Liber 365, Pages 911 through 918, Charlevoix County Records, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence along the Northwesterly line of said easement North 75°55'08" East 335.89 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence continuing along said eesement line North 52°44'24" East 433.20 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence leaving said easement line South 37°33'51" East 931.95 feet to a 2 inch rod on the Northwesterly line of Highways US 31; thence continuing . South 37°33'51" East 125.45 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline South 57°18'27" West 816.50 feet; thence North 32°41'33" West 125.00 feet to a 2 inch rod on said Northwesterly highway line; thence continuing North 32°41'33" West 204.36 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 43°27'31" west 248.96 feet to e 2 inch rod; thence North 11°37'03" East 235.53 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 52°55'33" West 409.05 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the East 2 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel No. Part of 15007-118-009-50

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241, the property meybe redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated: 8/7/07

Premier Realty Group, Inc.
Mortgagee

Howard & Gupta, P.C.
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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 1st day of May, 2003, by Shane L. Williams and Tricia M. Williams, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on May 27, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 542, page 383, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND TWENTY SEVEN AND 70/100 DOLLARS ($35,027.70) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 5, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due end unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 8, Block 9, NICHOLL'S FIRST ADDITION to the Village of South Lake (now City of East Jordan), according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

DATED: August 23, 2007

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(231)947-4000
(L-08/29, 09/05, 09/12, 09/19)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been mede in the condition of certain mortgage made the1st day of May, 2003, by Shane L. Williams and Tricia Williams, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on June 13, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 546, page 974, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY ONE AND 97/100 DOLLARS ($47,991.97) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 5, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described es follows, to wit:

The East Half of Lot 1 and 2, Block B, STONE'S ADDITION to South Lake (now City of East Jordan), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 46, Charlevoix County Records. City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Alvin A. Merrill and Linda K. Merrill, his wife, Mortgagor, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated the 20th day of August, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 31st day of August, 2004 in Liber 634 of Charlevoix County Records, page 183, said Mortgage having been assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Seven & 73/100 ($94,567.73), and no suit or proceeding et law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or eny part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of September, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Chalrevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.990% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Nettleton's Addition to the Village of South area, now part of the City of East Jordan, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 8/29/2007

Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470 Troy, MI 48084 248-362-2600
ASAP# 891223
(L-08/29/2007, 09/05/2007, 09/12/2007, 09/19/2007)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

FORECLOSURE OF REAL PROPERTY

Default has been made in the condition of certain by-laws concerning the payment of association dues by Timothy Pfannes, of 298 W. Saratoga, Ferndale, Michigan 48220, Oakland County, Debtor, to C&O Club Condominium of 110 Park Ave., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, Oakland County, Creditor, a notice of lien recorded August 25, 2006 at the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County and State of Michigan, in Liber 763, page 420, on which association dues are claimed to be due, at the date of this notice for principal and interest, the sum of six thousand five hundred one dollars and eighty-four cents ($6,501.84), including interest and costs. And no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof. Now, therefore, pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, September 28 at 11:00 o'clock a.m., Local Time, said lien will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, immediately inside the county building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI, of the parcels of land situated in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

1030 Stroud Court, Unit 29, C&O Club Condo, as recorded at L359, P619 & L365, P901. Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, #15-052-135-029-00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said lien, with the interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. During the 6 months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: August 15, 2007

Amanda Afton Martin
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STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE MATTER OF THE AMENDED AND RESTATED DAISY S. JANKE LIVING TRUST DATED JULY 8, 2004

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Daisy S. Janke, who lived at 10608 Pioneer Trail, Boyne Falls, Michigan died May 26, 2007.
You are hereby notified thet Barbara E. Renton is the Trustee of the Amended and Restated Daisy S. Janke Living Trust dated July 8, 2004. At this time, no probate administration is contemplated with regard to the above referenced decedent's estate. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent or the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Barbara E. Renton, Trustee within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Date: 8/21/2007
John P. Ternes (P21335)
1101 N. US 31
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Happy campers

Campers (left) Kelsey Mongoven and her mother, Ann Mongoven, from East Lansing, enjoy the fire at Fisherman's Island State Park. The park has seen several full weekends this summer and has a few empty sites for Labor Day weekend.

Art entries due Sept. 1 for C.S. Lewis Festival

'A Grief Observed' by C.S. Lewis

The 5th Annual C. S. Lewis Festival is putting out a call for entries for their first juried fine art exhibition this fall.

The award winning C. S. Lewis Festival is inviting artists to base their work on the theme of "The Question of God - A Grief Observed," written by Lewis after his wife Joy died in 1960.

The Lewis Festival Juried Fine Art Exhibition will feature an opening night reception to honor the winning artists. Entrants are encouraged to read Lewis' small (76 pages) but honest reflection on the fundamental issues of life and death and faith in the midst of loss, entitled "A Grief Observed."

They are then asked to create a work of art that is inspired by some thought or idea from the book, personal to each artist, or, they may choose from the quotes listed below from Lewis' book.

"You never know how much you really believe in anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death to you."

"Blessed are they that mourn and accept it. I've got nothing that I hadn't bargained for."

"In which sense may it be a house of cards? Because the things that I am believing are only a dream, or because I only dream that I believe in them?"

"Grief is like a long valley, a winding valley where any bend may reveal a totally new landscape."

Cash awards will be given as follows: first place $500; second place $250; third place $100; and two honorable mentions at $50 each.

The 2007 C. S. Lewis Festival Juried Fine Art Exhibition is open to all U.S. residents over the age of 18. All media will be accepted. Work must be submitted by Sept. 1. Visit .www.c.s.lewis.org for complete submission details.

Entries should be mailed to: C.S. Lewis Festival, P.O. Box 2026, Petoskey, MI 49770. A non-refundable fee of $20 per artist is required for entry. All artists are responsible for delivery and pick-up of their work. Any work to be returned by mail must include packaging and shipping costs.

Artist Doug Melvin will serve as juror of the exhibit. Melvin was an art instructor at North Central Michigan College from 1973 to 2005, and continues to paint regularly. Honored by the community as the recipient of the first annual eddi visual artist award from the Crooked Tree Arts Center, Melvin continues to be a tireless advocate of the arts.

For more information on the C.S. Lewis Festival, call (231) 347-5550 or (231) 675-2126.

Classifieds pay off!

Island teachers to be recognized Sept. 15

The Beaver Island Community School Board of Education is planning to host a recognition dinner on Sept. 15 to honor the commitment and accomplishments of four teachers and two board members.

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Reformed church offers Wednesday night instructional discussion series

On Wednesday nights this fall, the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix will step out of the traditional box to answer the question: What are some needs in our community that we can reach?

A week series entitled "Show me the Way... Wednesdays" has been developed to appeal to a wide range of interests. Below is a list of topics and discussion dates.

"Show me the wisdom" debating hot topics will take place on Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 31 and Nov. 7. These sessions will deal with topics including global warming, immigration, stem cell research, faith and politics. Guest speakers will include Senator Jason Allen, Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, Congressman Bart Stupak, Rev. David Behling, Dr. John Tanton and others. The views expressed may not necessarily be those of the congregation.

"Show me the money" learning the way to eBay will take place on Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24. Those attending these sessions will learn how to set up an eBay account and how to successfully sell items. Charlevoix Wireless has donated wireless hook-ups, but individuals will need to have their own wireless laptop, basic computer skills, access to a digital camera and the willingness to open an eBay account. Observers and group participants are welcome. Sign up for this class will take place during the first two weeks of "Show me the wisdom" or by calling the church at (231) 547-9482.

"Show me the art" exploring the way to creativity will take place on Oct. 3, 10, 17 and 24. These sessions will give participants an opportunity to try their hand at creative ventures like watercolor painting, led by local artist Jan Glass. Other projects will include making greeting cards and bead jewelry, and creative writing. Sign up for these classes will take place during the first two weeks of "Show me the wisdom" or by calling the church at (231) 547-9482.

Participants are welcome to attend an entire series or a particular portion of a series. In addition to the events, dinner will be served each week at 5:45 p.m., with a suggested donation of $5 per person or $15 per family. Events begin at 6:30 p.m. While parents are participating in the special events, there will be a program for children age 4 through fifth-grade, and a junior high youth group for sixth through eighth graders. A nnrsery is provided for younger children.

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Red Cross blood drive Sept. 13 at Community Reformed Church

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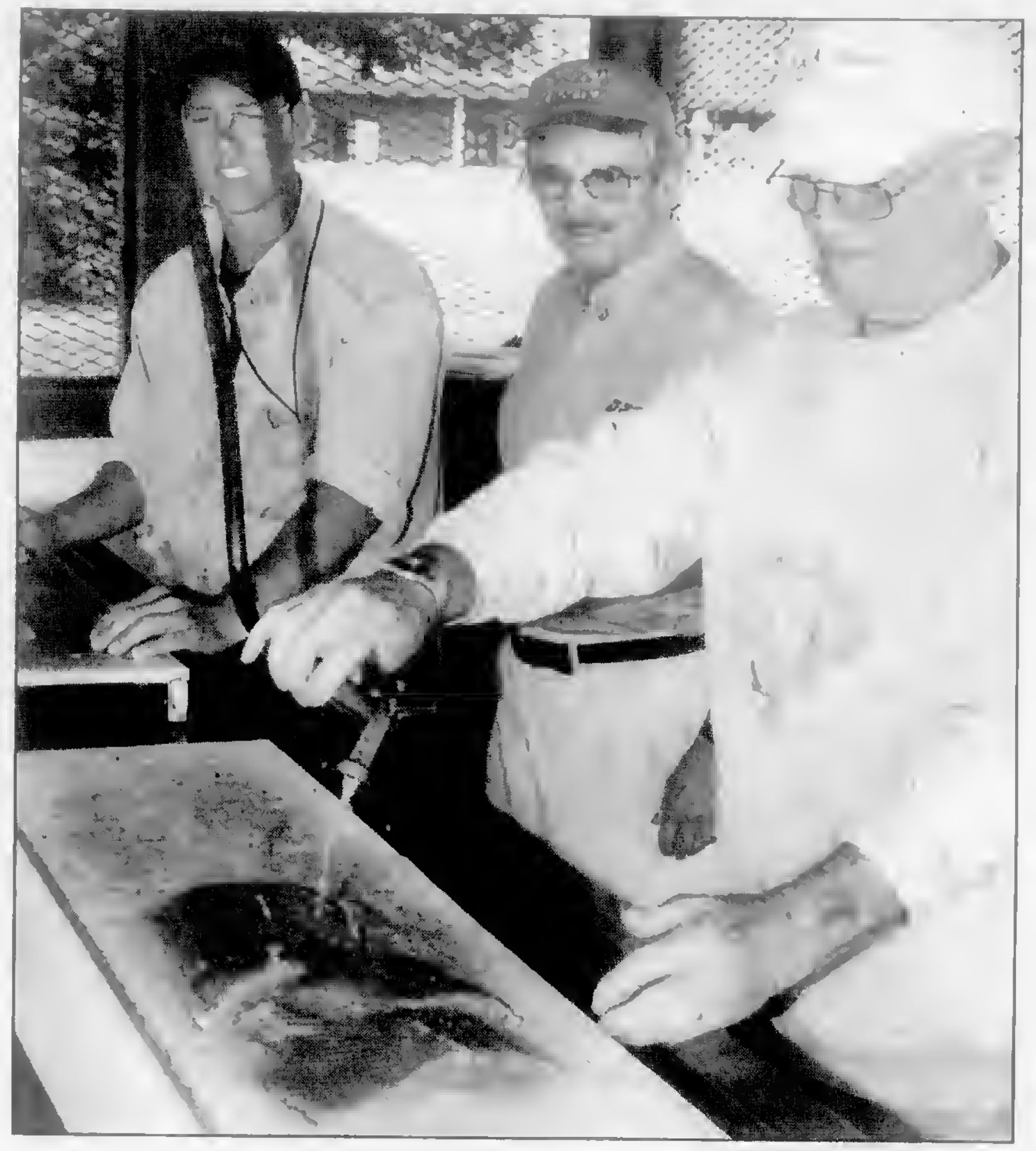

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Fresh catch

(From left) Dave Buesching of Clarkston, Mel Burcz of Sterling Heights and Ellsworth and Eric Buesching of Howel clean several king salmon they caught in Round Lake on Wednesday, Aug. 22. The threesome come to Charlevoix each summer to fish for fun.

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AUG. 29
TAG: TEEN ZINE

The teen advisory group will meet at 2 p.m. on Aug. 29 at Charlevoix Public Library to plan the new teen publication: Written, edited and published by Charlevoix teens. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

AUG. 29
JAZZ AT THE LIBRARY

Jazz at the Library will feature a program entitled "A Culmination Concert," at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 29. A concert will be performed by jazz musicians Steve Stargardt, Andy Evans, Chris Ames, Dan Jacobs, Harry Goldson, Mike Hunter and Pete Asch. The concert will feature samples from each of the periods performed during the Jazz at the Library series.

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AUG. 30
CANCER SCREENING

Two free women's cancer screening opportunities will be offered at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office.

The screenings are from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 30 and Sept. 26. They will be conducted by a licensed nurse practitioner and include a clinical breast exam, pelvic exam with Pap test and free mammogram. The services are available to Charlevoix County women between the ages of 40 and 64 who are uninsured.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office is located at 220 West Garfield St.

Screenings are by appointment only. Call (800) 432-4121 or 547-0295 to register.

AUG. 30
FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Charlevoix Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 24.

SEPT. 1
PLANT SALE

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club will host its 7th Annual Labor Day Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 1 at Ferry Beach in Charlevoix located near the corner of Ferry Avenue and Stover Road.

SEPT. 1
ROYAL CRAFT SHOW

Over Labor Day Weekend, Castle Farms will host a Royal Craft Show.

This year's craft show will include numerous vendors with fine crafts and original artwork. The show is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 2. Admission is $2 per person and children under 5 are free.

Castle Farms is located at 5052 M-66 North in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 237-0884.

SEPT. 3
BRIDGE WALK

Charlevoix's signature "Little But Mighty Bridge Walk" will take place on Labor Day, Sept. 3.

Walker will gather at 12:15 p.m. at the Town House, located at 231 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix. At 12:45 p.m. participants will bike to the bridge which they'll cross at 1 p.m.

T-shirts commemorating the 19th anniversary of the event are available in Charlevoix at the Town House. They are $14 for small, medium, large and extra-large and $16 for larger sizes.

Donations and T-shirt sales will benefit The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, the local substance abuse education organization.

For more information, call Patty at (231) 547-5190.

SEPT. 4
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host its annual free ice cream social to honor this year's volunteers at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at the Depot Museum.

Music will be provided by the Tagalongs. The society will also honor longtime resident Edith Gilbert on her 90th birthday and will recognize her for her contributions to Charlevoix.

The public is invited to attend and new members are welcome. For more information, call the Charlevoix Historical Society at (231) 547-0373.

SEPT. 4
VETERANS NOTICE

A Department of Michigan American Legion service officer will be at the Charlevoix County Veteran's Affairs office, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4 in the County Building in Charlevoix to assist any veteran, or veteran's survivor, in filing a claim, replacing lost discharge papers, obtaining medals or signing up for Veteran's Affairs health care. Those unable to visit the office, may call the service officer at (231) 547-7220 during the time period listed above.

SEPT. 4
COMPUTER BASICS

A program to help the novice learn the absolute basics of computers including parts, terminology, driving a mouse and using the Internet will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 4 and 11.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. To register, call (231) 237-7340.

SEPT. 12
OPEN MEETINGS ACT PROGRAM

The Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees is sponsoring a program on the Open Meetings Act.

Lance Werner, a library law specialist with the Library of Michigan will present the program explaining what the act, why people should care about it and why government bodies should stay compliant.

The program will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. Attendees are asked to call (231) 237-7360.

This program is free and open to the public.

SEPT. 13
BLOOD DRIVE

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SEPT. 15
CELTIC GAMES

The Beaver Island Celtic Games will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15. Events will begin at 10 a.m. and will end around 5 p.m. at the Bud McDonough Memorial Ball Park on Beaver Island. The games also include traditional bagpipers, dancers and more. A ceilidh ("KAY-lee" or party) will be at Donegal Danny's and the Shamrock. For more information, call (231) 448-2505.

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SEPT. 15
BIDS FOR BLOOMS

Join Keep Charlevoix Beautiful for an evening of fun at the Belvedere Club Casino, from 6 to midnight on Saturday, Sept. 15. This is a silent auction fundraising event featuring complimentary dinner-like hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and dancing music from the live band, Yankee Station. Cash bar. Tickets are $20 per person and are available at Charlevoix Camera or from a Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Board Member. For more information call Erin Bemis, 547-6498 or visit www.keepcharlevoixbeautiful.org.

SEPT. 15
PIT FIRING

Pit firing is the practice of subjecting low-fired bisque pots to a vigorous bonfire. During an upcoming hands-on workshop, participants will fire their own bisque pieces in a ventilated metal can with copper, salt, organic matter, sawdust and hardwood kindling.

Local potter, Bonnie Staffel will host this Trash Can and Smoke Firing Workshop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 in Charlevoix. Come learn a new technique to simulate pit firing in a controlled manner. Beginning to advanced potters are welcome. The cost is $65 and attendees are asked to bring a sack lunch and several soft bisque fired pots (Cone 010) no larger than the size of a melon.

To see Staffel's work, visit http://vasefinder.com/bstaffelgallery1.html.

For more information or to register for the class, call (231) 547-2333 or (231) 547-7319.

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NORTHERN LIGHTS CELEBRATION

Northern Lights Celebration, a dinner, dance and auction to benefit St. Mary School will take place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 29 in the family center at the school. The cost is $100 per person. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School.

For information, call (231) 547-6652.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at (231) 547-3234.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Bergmann Center Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization is accepting donations for the organization's annual garage sale which will take place on Sept. 20, 21 and 22. Items in good to excellent condition will be accepted. Drop off times are from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment, call (231) 547-2979.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. There will be no swim night on Aug. 28. For more information call 547-5190

JUKEBOX

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Ave., 6 p.m. to midnight, Wednesday through Sunday John Perry — piano.

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Aug. 30 karaoke.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Aug. 31 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Aug. 29 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Aug. 31, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Aug. 31 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Sept. 1, The Solutions— classic rock.

Jazz at the Library, 220 West Clinton St. Charlevoix 7 p.m. Aug. 29.

Black Cat Concert Series, 15795 Paddock Rd., Charlevoix 7 p.m. Aug. 30 Rusty Blaides.

Scovie's Waterfront Grille, 230 Ferry Ave., Aug. 29 Sean and Patrick Ryan.

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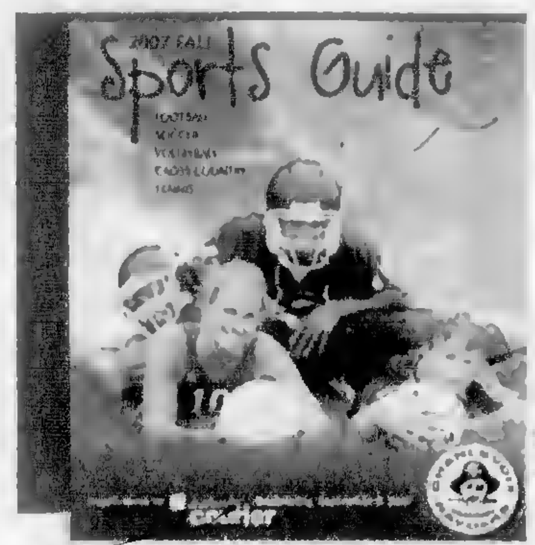

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Little but Mighty

Charlevoix Little but Mighty Bridge Walk organizers Patty Sitzema and Maggie and Jeff Dickson meet with participants from New Orleans, La. after the walk on Sept. 3. Pictured above (from left) are Edna Richard, Patty Sitzema, Pam Franke, Maggie Dickson, Jeff Dickson, Kim Taylor and Chris Cargol.

Ford named eddi Award winner as she battles for her life

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Though fighting breast cancer which has spread to the bone, 67-year-old Connie Ford may still coach the Charlevoix High School performing arts program she started in 1969.

Ford, who officially tendered her resignation from Charlevoix High School and hopes to selectively coach some students as her illness will allow, has been named a 2007 recipient of the eddi award and will be honored for her decades of service by having a scholarship set up in her name.

"She was a surrogate mom for a lot of kids. Hundreds of students have gone through her program," said former student and volunteer to Charlevoix's performing arts program, Steve Kantola. "Connie has had an impact on an enormous number of people who have stayed in the community and some who have left."

He added, "She is a pure educator, a pure teacher. That's rare."

File photo

Connie Ford, Charlevoix High School performing arts teacher of 38 years, was named an eddi Award recipient. Ford is currently battling advanced breast cancer.

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Courtesy photo

This interactive fountain was constructed by the Georgia Fountain Company, one of the companies that responded to design plans sent by East Park architect Mark Buday and designer Richard Hitz, with estimated job costs.

$380,000 East Park fountain considered

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority is one step closer to affording an interactive water fountain in East Park.

"We've done a very good job nailing down the cost," said East Park architect Mark Buday.

$380,000 is now the estimated cost for the project.

In response to the new figures, the DDA motioned to request $279,000 from the city council as reimbursement for the city storm sewer infrastructure project they funded.

On Aug. 27, East Park architect Mark Buday and designer

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Local man charged with killing brother

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charles Merriman

A murder mystery in Eveline Township reads like a dime store crime novel according to investigators.

Charles Curtis Merriman, 58, of Eveline Township, was recently charged as a suspect in connection with the disappearance of his brother William George Merriman.

"It has been almost a year since Det. Lt. Mike Wheat (of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office)

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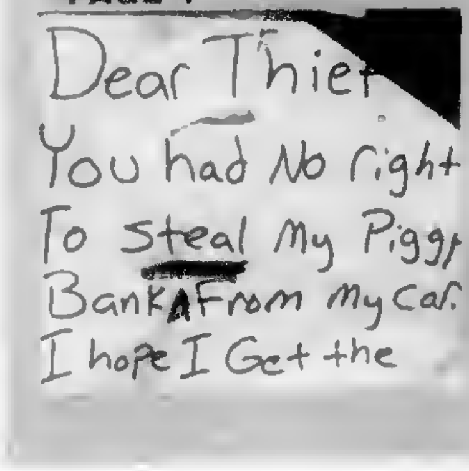

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Sept. 1	73	55	—
Sept. 2	78	59	—

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Jeffrey George Malkasian, 46, Bloomfield. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; to serve six months probation in lieu of six months in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Kyle Colwick Heid, 20, Charlevoix. Two counts of larceny, more than $200, less than $1,000. Credit for two days in jail, to serve 30 days in jail, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; must obtain full-time employment; $1,488 in fines and costs.

Sebastian Kyle Kirby, 19, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Credit for five days in jail, to serve 30 days in jail,to serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 300 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,680 in fines and costs.

Stephan Drew Cahoon, 20, Highland. No operator license on person. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

Montgomery Scott Wilhelm, 40, Boyne City. Insufficient check, less than $100. Pay $405.55 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Raymond Drake Baker, 26, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Credit for eight days in jail, to serve 85 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Robert Lynn Yates, 45, Cadillac. Reckless driving. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $700 in fines and costs.

James Benjamin Pettinger, 22, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Donald Edward Abbey Jr., 41, Charlevoix. Disorderly conduct. Pay $350 in fines and costs or serve 15 days in jail.

Sarah Jane McBee, 20, Boyne Falls. Creating a disturbance. Credit for one day in jail, 89 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; $350 in fines and costs.

Tina Marie Scott, 47, East Jordan. Malicious destruction of property, less than $200. Credit for one day in jail, 40 days held in abeyance; serve three months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; not to enter victim's property; $200 in fines and costs.

Kenneth Wayne Dailey, 49, East Jordan. Littering on private property. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Perry Jon Matthew, 25, Charlevoix. Use of marijuana; and no operator license on person. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, 74 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $700 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Gibson Lumber Products, P.O. Box 640, East Jordan, by Dominic Gibson

Lakeview Painting, 03188 Sumner Dr., Boyne City, by Ken Goike

Boyne All Star Club, 930 Brockway, Boyne City, by Amanda Jarema-Loper and Jeromy Loper

Mackinac Coast, 44 North State St., St. Ignace, by Diana Lynn Zellar

Westenbroek's; Westenbroek's Music, 1300 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by Michael Westenbroek

Lord Counseling Services, 9422 Toad Lake Rd., Central Lake, by Ellen Lord Mikesell

Precision Carpentry & Painting, 4452 Sumner Rd., Boyne City, by Philip Clement Ranney

Ritz Home Theater, 4745 U.S. 31 South, Charlevoix, by Steven Bowen

J.V.L. Development, 00270 Leroy St., Wilson Township, by Doug Herrington

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jason Lee Peterson, 33, Lacduflambeau, Wis. and Tina Louise Sutton, 28, Boyne Falls

David John Buchan, 57 and Kelly Lee Shutler, 41, both of Charlevoix

James Freeman Willingham, 22 and Christa Elise Fazio, 18, both of East Jordan

Warren William Phillip Towns, 61 and Sharlene Vivian Robins, 63, both of Boyne City

Koroush Sheikhi, 35, and Catherine Marie Whiting, 35, both of Valparaiso, Ind.

Eric Matthew Richards, 34 and Dana Marie Faucher, 28, both of Boyne City

Dion Gregory Fineout, 39 and Suzanne Alma Johns, 39, both of Charlevoix

BIRTHS

Miguel Riddick Johnson-Rosas weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces was born on Aug. 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Julia Johnson and Terry J. Rosas Jr. of East Jordan. His grandparents are James K. Johnson and Beverly J. Johnson of Flint, Terry J. Rosas Sr., and Laura Rosas of East Jordan. His great-grandparents are James Johnson and Julia Mae (MacKim) Johnson all from Caro.

Zachery Lee Bartman weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces was born Aug. 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Laura Bartman of Mancelona. His grandparent is Susan Bartman also of Mancelona.

Tristen Richard Kline weighing 5 pounds, 6 ounces was born Aug. 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jill and Adam Kline. His grandparents are Margaret and Gary Ramsey, Judith Kline and Richard H. Kline III all of Charlevoix. His great-grandparents are Virginia Williams of Shelby Township, Charlotte Kline and Mary LaKies of Charlevoix, Richard H. Kline Jr. from Grand Prairie, Texas, and Edwin Wertman from East Jordan. His great great-grandmother is Margaret D'Handt from Chesterfield Township.

Investigation continues into crash that ended in local man's death

The Antrim County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate a traffic accident that claimed the life of 31-year-old Charlevoix man.

The accident, which occurred at around 12:22 a.m. on Aug. 18, resulted in the death of Eric Dane Perrine.

A pickup truck driven by Russell Steven Mitchell, 19, of Bellaire was traveling on West Eddy School Rd. Mitchell stopped at the stop sign where West Eddy School Road intersects with South Derenzy Road and proceeded into the intersection and was struck by Perrine who was traveling north on South Derenzy Road on a motorcycle.

Perrine, who worked at the local Shell gas station was pronounced dead at the scene.

Alcohol is a factor in the accident. The accident remains under investigation by the Antrim County Sheriff's Office.

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Scholarship to be established in Ford's name

FORD

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Ford will be awarded her eddi for arts in education on Friday, Sept. 14 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

The scholarship, which will be doled to deserving performing arts students potentially in increments of $250 or $500, will be kicked off with a drive in the way of a dinner theater in February 2008.

"The goal is to set up a scholarship fund to honor Connie's many years of service," said Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Chet Janik.

Another former student of Ford's is Charlevoix Mayor Norman Carlson Jr.

"She taught me how to speak in public. I learned debate and she taught me not to be afraid to express myself," Carlson said.

> *"She (Connie Ford) is a pure educator, a pure teacher. That's rare."*
>
> **Steve Kantola**
> FORD'S FORMER STUDENT AND CURRENT PERFORMING ARTS ASSISTANT

"That helped me out a lot when I went to college in speeches and meeting people and in classes. I can't tell you how many classes where instructors I had knew who she was. She is so well known and well respected in the state of Michigan."

He added, "She was not only a teacher but a friend to everybody. She was always there for advice or to help. She is a very giving person and she gave her whole life to the performing arts program. So, I think it's a great thing to have a scholarship in her name."

Kantola agreed that nearly 40 years of service to Charlevoix High School deserves some sort of recognition.

"She has been an integral part of education. The kids in her classes have garnered just about every award you can imagine in competitive speech, forensics, debate," he said. "She has flown under the radar and not ever garnered the type of accolades she is deserving, but there are so many people still in our community and those who have graduated and moved on to other things who say they would not be doing what they're doing today if not for the performing arts program: doctors, lawyers, professional speakers and our mayor."

Carlson said, as mayor, his ability to listen is one of many important skills Ford taught him.

"She taught me how to speak, how to listen to all sides in a debate and to be able to improvise," he said. "I can't tell you how many times I got to a place and they said 'Oh, by the way, you are speaking on behalf of the city.'"

He added, "Learning how to give impromptu speeches prepared me for what I do on both sides in business I communicate with customers and as mayor trying to represent the city well."

According to Kantola, Ford's program has prepared students to compete with AA schools in cities from Ann Arbor to Detroit.

"We should honor these kids who do well and represent this community in a positive way," Kantola said. "They deserve some recognition as they move on to college and their professional lives."

Ford is among eight other educators to receive an eddi Award this year. Other recipients include June and David Otis of East Jordan for visual arts; Christopher Koury of Petoskey for performing arts; Northern Michigan Chorale for arts and cultural organization; Fran and Jim Kochensparger of Harbor Springs for arts and cultural leadership; Dale Hull of Petoskey for individual patron; Jennifer Eis and Don Ward; and Meredith Richter of Petoskey for lifetime achievement.

To donate to the scholarship call Kantola at (231) 675-0587 or Maureen Themm at (231) 622-3238.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Connie Ford, 67, who started the Charlevoix High School performing arts program in 1969 is fighting breast cancer which has spread to the bone. She officially tendered her resignation last week.

. Ford will be honored for her contributions to the local fine arts community with an eddi Award on Sept. 14 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

A scholarship is being established in her name. Proceeds from a dinner theater event in February 2008 will be directed to the scholarship.

To donate: Call Steve Kantola at (231) 675-0587 or Maureen Themm at (231) 622-3238

Public input sought on fountain

FOUNTAIN

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Richard Hitz presented their design plan for the fountain and new cost estimates. Buday said two companies responded to their design package, Cloward H20 and Georgia Fountain Company. Cloward H20's price ranged from $320,000 to $360,000 for completed construction. The Georgia Fountain Company's price for mechanical equipment and engineering fees was $188,000 and Buday and Hitz estimated that this cost, plus the cost of installation, would total about $380,000 for construction.

In addition to this figure, the DDA is facing an estimated $100,000 in additional costs (for a fire hydrant and the trout stream) to complete East Park. Add the estimated $380,000 for the fountain and the DDA will be spending approximately $480,000 to complete the park and, according to the Marina Project Financial Summary, only has $275,000 to put toward the park this year.

City Treasurer and Acting City Manager Richard Brandi said DDA funding for the fountain project would mean not having funds for smaller projects that are part of the Cool Cities blueprint for at least two years.

"The bigger concern is the ability to do small projects with the Cool Cities thing," Brandi said.

These projects include replacing the Christmas lights in the trees downtown with LED lights and reinstating an ice rink in East Park.

Brandi also said that he is not as concerned with the short-term costs to build the fountain as he is for the long-term cost to operate the fountain.

When asked about maintenance on the fountain, Buday said it would have a swimming pool-standard filtration system but the costs will be less than that of a pool because the device uses less water.

"Chemical costs won't be as much," Buday said.

In response, Brandi said he was concerned about the costs.

"The cost to operate pools is not cheap," Brandi said. "Long-term, there's maintenance issues."

DDA member Fred DiMartino and Jeannine Wallace said an interactive water fountain in East Park would help put Charlevoix on the map.

"It would make us stand out," DiMartino said.

Wallace said she is opting for the fountain over other DDA projects.

"I'd rather do one big 'tada' than a bunch of tidily things," Wallace said

At the regular city council meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 4, the DDA will make its request to council.

Council member Greg Stevens, who attended the DDA meeting on funding the fountain, said he supports the DDA's decision.

Results from the Sept. 4 meeting were not available by press time.

A public hearing to discuss the costs of the fountain will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 17 at 210 State St., Charlevoix City Hall.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

At the Sept. 4 city council meeting, the Downtown Development Authority will request $279,000 from city council to reimburse the authority for funds spent on a storm water sewer in East Park. This money would be used to offset the costs of the proposed $380,000 fountain.

Costs to complete East Park with a water feature: $654,291

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Gohs and psychic investigate theft

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

My psychic told me not to bother with the matter, but I'm making one last appeal: Could whoever has my pig return it? No questions will be asked.

The legal department says I cannot claim my brown piggy bank was stolen, after all, there was a mighty electrical storm the night it, $40 in change and two old coins went missing, so it is feasible "Hog," as the Gohs family affectionately referred to it, came to life a la Night of the Living Dead, leapt from my car and now roams the streets squealing in agony as only a freshly animated plastic Dollar Store farm beast can.

In my rage, I wrote a short note detailing my disgust over the incident and taped it to the window of the crime scene — my '67 Riv.'

I spoke to a local policeman, but chose not to file a report because I figured they have more important things to do than sleuth after a plastic pig.

My thirst for vengeance yet slaked, I placed a newspaper ad calling for Hog's whereabouts with no questions asked. I'll admit I intended to bop the noggin of whoever returned it, but no one has come forward with my roaming Hog.

After a couple weeks without so much as a phone call, I decided to call Magic Pammy, my advisor on all things clairvoyant.

Pammy told me the pig was abducted by a mentally handicapped elderly man — a mental image I found almost worth the loss of property.

Though I will likely never see the bank again, she said I might offer a small reward, say $5, and ask the man fitting the description if he could help me.

I am a mouthy but ineffectual vigilante and I just can't see myself doing Popeye Doyle-style shakedowns on the elderly in Hoopskirt Alley until someone finally breaks, "Man, word on the street is the Hog is on a one-way trip to Mexico. You dig?"

The 12-year-old in me yearns for Face, B.A., Hannibal and Murdock to roll into town and, after a series of explosions, overturned cars and hokie disguises, I am reunited with my sienna swine.

The reality is this is the third time I've had something stolen from an automobile: In 1994, my infant son's car seat was heisted from our toast brown Chevette. The second object to mysteriously disappear was a CD player during Venetian week 2002.

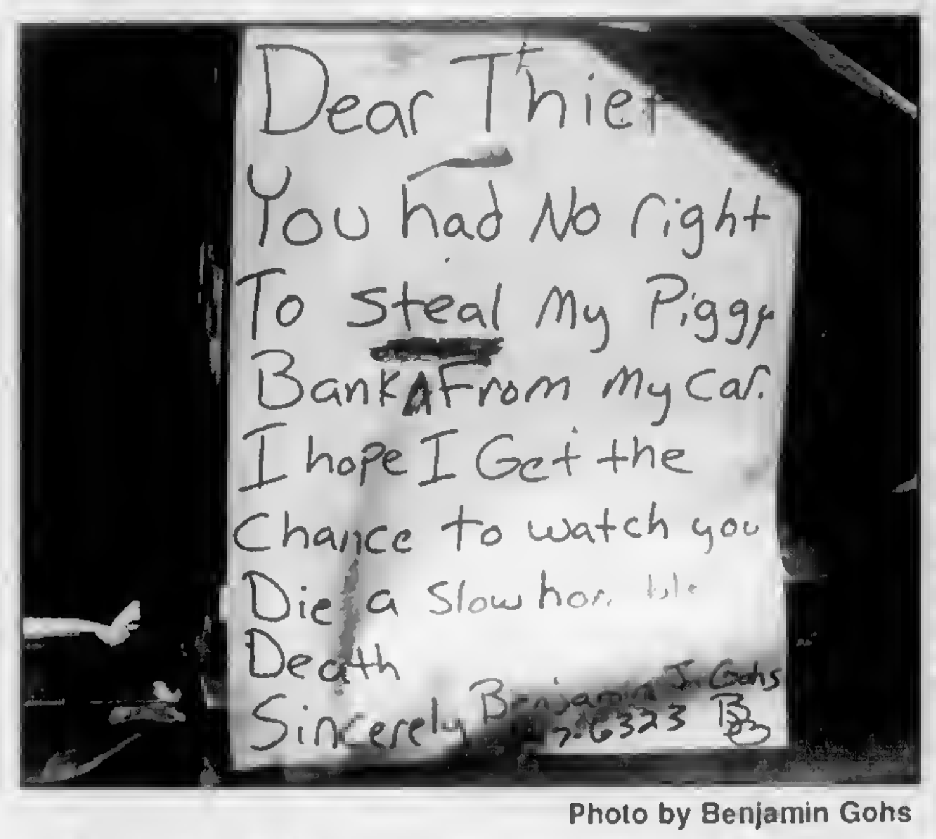
As galled and appalled as I have been at these trivial trespasses, Karma may be dishing exactly what I deserve.

You see, when I was about 16 years old, some close friends of mine came into possession of the light bar from a squad car, the intentions were to pull people over and bust up teen parties for our own amusement.

We strapped the lights, haphazardly, to the top of my best friend's 1979 Grand Prix and installed an old siren given to us by an uncle and former motorcycle cop. It didn't sound like your modern police cruiser, but when you see those flashing lights, the last thing you're concerned with is the tone of the horn.

Perfectionists all, we decided the prank wasn't complete without a genuine police uniform, borrowed and returned, from a friend with a parent on the force.

We laughed 'til our spleens ached as teen after teen, stopped after leaving a party, tried to sob their way out of going to jail.



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Die a Slow horrible
Death
Sincerely Benjamin J. Gohs
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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Staff writer Benjamin Gohs was so angry after finding his plastic piggy bank "Hog" missing from the back seat of his '67 Riviera that he wrote this note of scorn to the persons responsible for the pig's disappearance. To this date, no one has heard from or seen Hog. There is a $5 reward for information leading to the safe return of Hog.

We chuckled to near asphyxiation as juvenile delinquents bolted for cornfields and treelines, their beer cans and wine bottles hurled with haste.

Fun's finale came when, patrolling the back roads one night, we neared a crossroads where sat a real police car. After what seemed an eternity at the stop sign, the phantom fuzz drove off to which my friend whipped a U-turn and sped away, sending our endless joy crashing to the ground.

All these years I was convinced we performed a service. If just one teenager was scared straight by our amateur antics, it was all worth it.

But now I am out $10 for the call, $40 in change, who knows how much the old coins were worth and all I have are 550 Psychic Source bonus points and potential self-incrimination for a stupid stunt I was involved in nearly 20 years ago.

On second thought, maybe you just keep Hog and we'll forget any of this ever happened, lights, siren and all.

To hear Ben's Psychic Source call, visit www.charlevoixcourier.com.

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Communication is the key to health relationships

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

Are you really listening or just looking at my mascara as it cakes on my thin and fading lashes. Maybe you are walking into another room and still talking to me or looking past me at the next person coming towards you.

Communicating is hard and when I tell my husband I can't remember something he told me, I have to admit it's not always due to my age. My mind is already thinking about what I need to be doing in the next five minutes, or later in the day. While women multitask very well, we don't always listen very well while tasking.

I find it funny that when our dog Austin looks at me with those endearing eyes, it's my husband who is quick to say, "What does he want?" I took home economics and typing in high school, neither of which prepared me for communicating with animals.

When I spend time counseling couples who are preparing for marriage I find myself discussing communication as a key component in a relationship. Listening is a topic which could use some revisiting. When someone is really listening they look at you, unless of course they are driving, cooking or on the computer, and they respond with a statement or comment that relates to what you just said. It's amazing how many things break down at work, in relationships, disciplining our children, and something as minor as purchasing an item. How we communicate makes all the difference.

Sometimes I need to repeat myself because something I said doesn't make sense to the person on the listening end. I may skip a few pertinent words like today, tomorrow or parts that create a complete a sentence. Another important aspect of communication is to finish your sentence and if you're a real talker remember to say less and listen more.

Women are good at giving hints about things we want and need. The problem is the only people capable of picking up hints are other women. Men need to be told specifics not generalities and hints. As clear as we think we are when getting our message across, men relate to the concept of who, what, where, when and how.

A woman talks about her problems to be heard and listened to. She doesn't necessarily want you to solve the problem. Listening is a form of nurturing that women seem to thrive upon. Men, more so than women, need to feel appreciated. Appreciating a man nurtures him and makes him feel good even if what he's done isn't up to your standards.

A woman loves to communicate and have someone listen to her even if what she's saying doesn't sound very important to the listener. The lesson here is to appreciate what someone does for us no matter what the task, take the time to listen to what someone is telling you and repeat some of it back to not only reinforce your memory but to show you've listened well.

We all like to be heard and we all like to feel appreciated. What a nice way to nurture one another and a good way to keep things running a little smoother on the home front and in the workplace. Communication isn't so difficult after all. This brings to mind Carl Buechner's quote, "They may forget what you said, but they'll never forget how you made them feel."

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LETTERS to the editor

SIMPLISTIC IDEOLOGY

Editor:

Yesterday I saw a small group gathered on a main street protesting in Petoskey, then Charlevoix.

I was incensed by their simplistic ideology, "End the war now!"

Which war? The Iraq war? Or mankind's continuing war for control and dominance. I presume they meant end our participation in the Iraq war, which will end neither war. For war to end, combatants must agree or one must succumb in some manner, one to the other be they two nations or combined.

On Sept. 11, 2001 because of simplistic ideology, a small group part of a much larger religious fanatical group, cowardly attacked us in New York. They brought a war to us. Not a war to be fought in a particular place, but an ideological war that must be fought globally. If not Iraq, where? Or, do we succumb?

That enemy had vowed our death or submission and proves that by sacrificing their own lives. I ask the protesters, which part of that vow do you desire?

I said to those gathered in Charlevoix, "You should be over there, helping our soldiers win the war." One responded, "Why aren't you?" I responded, "I don't have to because I support them here."

After "Nine-Eleven" we collectively, by and through our steadfast president (kudos Mr. President, you are the only president beset by such a task as international terrorism) and wavering Congress stated and implemented our commitment. We would avenge the deaths of "Nine-Eleven." We would track down, capture or kill the terrorists wherever they hid, so they could not kill more of us. People and nations would be with us or against us. People and nations, have you forgotten your commitment? The terrorist, though diminished, continue. They have not forgotten their vow or agreed to end it. Therefore, we must continue our commitment for said reasons, and as importantly, to preserve our word, honor, integrity and probity so that terrorist and others cannot use its lack against us. We are becoming, or have become a divided nation. Just consider how politically divided we are. The terrorists do not have to win. They just need to succeed at having us destroy ourselves.

In conclusion, I do not necessarily believe the protesters were acting ignominiously. I do believe, however, they were though maybe unconsciously, figuratively spitting in the faces of our soldiers. Young men and women who voluntarily fight and sacrifice their blood, bodies and lives defending their country and use though there. They, like so many soldiers before them, including three of my brothers, one killed in World War II, have defended and protected not only us, but also our nation and its constitutional traditions. Such as, the right to gather, speak and protest. Protesters, please forgive my harsh words if your actions were only about ending wars in general and saving lives. If they were about ending the war in Iraq, I ask you to reconsider. Let not the enemy divide us further even if they are amongst protesters.

I ask all people to join me and others to support our president and soldiers to defeat our enemies, and to preserve our word, honor, integrity and probity.

Al Wojan
Charlevoix

DON'T MAKE THE MESS SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM

Editor:

The recent publicity about the leakage of heavy metals into Little Traverse Bay from the former cement plant site, brought to mind a similar problem several years ago in our Great Lakes system.

My concern is related to being a longtime fisherman. Along the way I earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan and a professional engineer's license. I am a Michigander, though I have lived in Ohio and Wisconsin for several years.

While living in Ohio, we fished Lake Erie ardently. Problems for the lake had been building for several years and in the early 1970s, there was a bad spill. There was a plating plant in Windsor, Ontario on the Detroit River. According to press reports, there was a large discharge of plating salts into the river, which flows into Lake Erie. The discharge contained compounds of mercury.

Fortunately, Ohio had a courageous Secretary of State. He banned commercial fishing of walleye and pike and set catch and size limits for sport fishing. The walleye fishing had already gone to pot, since one catch a day was reason to celebrate. He also required commercial fishermen to put their perch catch on hold (ice) until a sample could be sent to Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio to be checked for mercury level content. He also issued the usual consumption warnings to the public.

At the same time, due to the algae formation in the lake, he banned phosphates in laundry soaps, following the lead of Michigan. While all of this was going on, the Cuyahoga River in downtown Cleveland caught fire due to fuel and oil contamination.

The printed and electronic press jumped on the mercury and other contamination in Lake Erie, which had a very real backlash. Vacationing at the lake shore plummeted, mom and pop fish cleaning shops, live bait shops, fishing tackle shops and motels went out of business.

Fortunately, Lake Erie began to recover within a few years due to the rapid water change for this very shallow Great Lake.

It should be obvious, that contaminates leaching from the former cement plant property would be carried south by currents from the Bear River and the former limestone quarry, through the existing fishery from Bay Harbor to Charlevoix.

The problem of disposal of contaminants should be done on site and not trucked off to become someone else's problem. If some type of industrial facility is required for proper disposal, then build it on site. These are potentially dangerous health-hazard heavy metals and we should not exceed established safety standards in their disposal.

Charlie Butcher
Charlevoix

DONORS MAKE WRESTLING CAMP POSSIBLE

Editor:

The Charlevoix High School and middle school Rayder wrestling teams would like to thank the Charlevoix Community Foundation and the Ronald Haggard Memorial Fund for helping fund our wrestling camps this year.

With their help we were able to send wrestlers from both schools to Rogers City's Technique Camp and the Hesperian High Intensity Camp.

This is the sixth year wrestlers have gone to the Rogers City camp. This is the first year we were able to send wrestlers to the Hesperian camp.

The Hesperian week-long camp worked the wrestlers from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. stopping only for lunch and dinner breaks. Wrestlers camped out in the gym on the wrestling mats.

I would like to thank the Charlevoix Community Foundation and the Ronald Haggard Memorial Fund for their help in sponsoring the kids. These camps get the wrestlers on the mat out of season. It's a great opportunity for them to bring new moves back to our wrestling mat.

Craig Golovich
Head coach
Charlevoix High School wrestling program

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Make way for students

Custodial sub, Guy Russell (right) and Bill Herriman, day custodian at Charlevoix Middle School washed every window in the building to get ready for the 2007-2008 school year. Russell and Herriman spend each summer washing the entire building, from floors and furniture to doors and ceilings. Classes resumed today, Sept. 5

NON-HODGKIN LYMPHOMA:
The Changing Landscape

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society welcomes patients, family members, friends and health professionals to attend Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: The Changing Landscape.
This presentation will present basic information on terminology, risk factors, diagnosis, staging and classification. New insights, treatments and future directions for NHL will be discussed. In addition, issues regarding coping with an NHL diagnosis will be addressed.

Speakers: Robi Thomas, PhDc, RN, AOCN, CHPN of University of Detroit Mercy, and Jean McDonough, RN, BSN, MBA, Charlevoix Area Hospital

Date: Thursday, September 20, 2007

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Location: This live interactive broadcast will be hosted at:
Charlevoix Area Hospital
Classroom B
14700 Lake Shore Drive
Charlevoix, MI 49720

Pre-Registration for this Free Program is required
Please contact Carleen Hubbell, Community Outreach Manager at The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at (231) 929-2951 or (866) 263-2805 to register for the program by Friday, September 14, 2007.
Complimentary light dinner will be served.
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60TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. George Plumm

Mr. and Mrs. George Plumm of Charlevoix will celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary on Sept. 13.

George and the former Maxine McKenzie were married at St. Mary Church in Charlevoix on Sept. 13, 1947 and still belong to the parish.

They have two children, Jayne of Nashville, Tenn., and Patrick of Houston, Texas. They also have five grandchildren.

At the present time, George is a patient at Grandvue Medical Center in East Jordan.

Courtesy photo

Sue Keiser named Adult Day Services Coordinator

Sue Keiser

Registered nurse, Sue Keiser was recently named the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Adult Day Services Coordinator.

"I am thrilled to be with COA," Keiser said.

Keiser is from Boyne City, married, has two children, Matt and Megan who are in college. She earned a degree in nursing from Northern Michigan University and has years of marketing and auditing experience with Procter and Gamble in Lansing. She also has worked with the Burns Clinic and coordinated the Alzheimer's Unit at Grandvue Medical Center. Her hobbies include downhill and cross country skiing. She also loves to sew, decorate her house and shop garage sales.

Keiser will care for county seniors in Charlevoix County Commission on Aging's Senior Center Adult Day Services located at 110 Main St. in East Jordan.

For more information, call (231) 536-5300.

Tickets on sale now for 15th Annual Holly Daze Gala

The 15th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration "Sparkle" to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place on Nov. 29 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The committee is busily planning a spectacular evening to kick off the 2007 holiday season. Guests will once again be treated to free valet parking as they arrive, entering to the sounds of Tom Kaufman and will be encouraged to participate in the silent auction during cocktails. Guests will receive a special full color photograph to commemorate the evening.

The live auction will have items that include once in a lifetime experiences and other special and sparkling items for the holiday season. Participants will also have a chance to purchase special items, called "gifts of love," for patients of the hospital.

This year's event is raising money to purchase a digital mammography machine for the hospital. The cost of this technology is $400,000.

Like all aspects and application in the world of diagnostic and therapeutic imaging today, mammography is about to take the next step in it's evolution to digital — filmless creation of images of the breast for diagnosis of breast cancer.

In digital mammography, x-ray film is replaced by solid-state detectors that convert x-ray images into electronic signals (similar to the detectors found in digital cameras). The signals are used to produce images of breast tissue that can be viewed on a computer screen at the same location where the image was taken or at remote locations like a physician's office.

Although there is no evidence that this form of mammography results in better diagnosis of the disease, it does result in efficiencies for the provider and for the patient. Some patients claim quicker imaging and less discomfort during the examination.

At Charlevoix Area Hospital, the goal is to have digital mammography up and running by the end of 2008.

Holly Daze tickets are $100 per person ($60 of which is fully tax-deductible) and include cocktails and dinner. The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 29. Tickets are now available by calling (231) 547-8685.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

The 15th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration "Sparkle" to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place on Nov. 29 at Castle Farms.

Hospice offers Day at Camp Daggett for bereaved children

The Children's Program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is offering a half-day camp for grieving children between the ages of 5 and 18 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16 at Camp Daggett.

The day will provide an opportunity for children to spend time with others who have experienced the loss of an important person in their lives and will include fun activities in a group setting and a closing memorial activity. Activities will include arts and crafts, fishing and hiking. An adult grief support session will also be available to those interested.

According to hospice representatives, grieving is often experienced in isolation and this day will allow children to know that they are not alone and that there are many others who have experienced the loss of a loved one. There is no charge for this event. Funding is provided by the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Community Foundation and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

Registration for "Day at Camp Daggett" is required by Sept. 5. To register or for more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

Who? The Children's Program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay.

What? A half-day camp for grieving children between the ages of 5 and 18.

When? 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16.

Where? Camp Daggett

Cost? Free

Registration? Contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

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Place: Charlevoix Public Library
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Join the Adopt a Beach cleanup crew on Sept. 15

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Volunteers will gather at 9 a.m. on Sept. 15 under the picnic pavilion at Lake Michigan Beach to clean up the shoreline.

Tired of finding cigarette butts, food wrappers or deflated balloons littering the Lake Michigan shoreline?

Be part of the solution and join volunteers in cleaning up the shoreline during the Alliance for the Great Lakes' annual Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 15.

New and returning volunteers are needed to help clear the shorelines from 9 a.m. to noon at Lake Michigan Beach. Volunteers will meet under the picnic pavilion.

Adopt-a-Beach participants do more than pick up litter. By entering their findings into a growing database that is central to the Alliance's clean beaches education campaign, volunteers help tackle the problem of beach litter at its source.

"We can stage cleanups around the Great Lakes every year, but the problem of beach litter won't go away until people understand the implications of leaving that cup behind after a day at the beach," said Jamie Cross, Michigan Adopt-a-Beach coordinator.

Beach litter is more than unsightly, it's dangerous. Small children play with cigarette butts, fish become entangled in balloons and birds get their beaks trapped in discarded food packaging.

Frustrated with the large number of cigarette butts littering Great Lakes beaches, for instance, Adopt-a-Beach volunteers are promoting major policy changes in Chicago, Ill. as well as in several Michigan communities. Changes range from smoking bans at public beaches to no-smoking sections to proposed statewide legislation in Michigan to make all beaches cigarette-free.

The 2006 regional cleanup resulted in 2,000 volunteers hauling away 7,000 pounds of trash at over 100 locations in Michigan.

The Michigan cleanup is supported by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Coastal Management Program, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Frederick S. Upton Foundation in Berrien County and the Ocean Conservancy.

For more information, visit www.greatlakes.org. For more information call local Adopt-a-Beach coordinator, Dr. Daniel Mann at (231) 237-0360.

ENGAGEMENT

Scharenbroch — Fisher

John and Elaine Scharenbroch are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Scharenbroch of Petoskey to Travis Fisher, of Albion, son of Randy and Rose Mary Fisher.

The wedding is planned for Nov. 3 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix with the reception to be held at Castle Farms.

The bride-to-be graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1999, received a bachelor's degree in dietetics from Michigan State University in 2004. She is currently employed as a registered dietitian at Northern Michigan Hospital.

The groom-to-be is currently seeking a degree as a registered nurse and will transfer to North Central Michigan College this winter.

Courtesy photo

Neff, Smith exhibits at historical society's Harsha House Museum

Two new exhibits have been mounted at the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum, a display of the bird woodcarvings of Gordon Neff and a history of cobbler John Smith.

A textile exhibit and two photo exhibits are in the works.

The Harsha House Museum is located at 103 State St. For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

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Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm

Computer Tidbit:
Internet Tricks
Wednesday, September 5, 1:00 pm
Make your life easier by learning basic tips to finding what you are looking for on the Internet.

Computer Basics
Tuesdays, September 4 and 11, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
A program to help the novice learn the absolute basics: computer parts, terminology, driving a mouse, and using the Internet.
Call 237-7340 to register.

Computer Tidbit:
Digital Photo Books
Wednesday, September 12, 1:00 pm
Learn the basics of starting a digital photo book using Shutterfly.

Coming soon:
Author Visit: Steve Hamilton
Steve Hamilton has published numerous mysteries set in the Upper Peninsula. He will speak about the Alex McKnight books, the current plans for a movie to be filmed in the U.P., and his newest writing.

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On the market

(Above, from left) Tonia Wells donated this dollhouse, last appraised at nearly $20,000, to the Charlevoix VFW Post. Wells won the one-inch to scale house during a fundrasier for the Crooked Tree Arts Council in 1997. Tom Browe, commander of the VFW post (right) holds Wells' 6-month-old son, Kayden. The VFW plans to auction the dollhouse and accompanying furniture (left) on ebay to raise funds for the post.

Hospice five-week grief support series starts Sept. 18

Loss of any kind is the focus of a series designed to help people cope.

A series of five weekly sessions for those coping with a loss will take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays from Sept. 18 through Oct. 16 at the Community of Christ Church in Boyne City. The Grief Support program is sponsored by Hospice of Northwest Michigan, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, Charlevoix Area Hospital and North Country Community Mental Health. The program is designed to help those grow through grief and learn the five tasks of grief work.

The facilitators for this program are Rev. Nancy Rohde, hospice spiritual advisor and Margaret Lasater, hospice bereavement coordinator. Anyone is invited who has suffered a loss or who is helping a loved one deal with a loss and who would benefit from the support of others.

We would appreciate anyone interested in attending these classes to pre-register by calling the hospice office at (231) 582-8800. There is no charge for this program.

For more information, call (231) 582-8800.

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Where? Community of Christ Church in Boyne City.

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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Kloster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North
Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.
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Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street
Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Pastor:
Todd Thompson .... 547-2654 or -5168

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State Street at Clinton
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Church Office 547-6322
Rev. John S. David

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Sunday Sacrament 10:00 [illegible]
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President Michael Robbins 588-2112
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

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Sunday Services 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
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Sunday School 11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
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US 31 North
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Church Office 547-9122

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Expect delays: City and state road repairs started Sept. 4

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER AND
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CHARLEVOIX COURIER STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Charlevoix will have road closures beginning on Sept. 4.

City officials in Charlevoix will detour traffic on the city's main north-south route for about four days next week to make street repairs.

The detour, which will take effect at 7 a.m. Tuesday, will affect Bridge Street from Garfield to the bridge, Charlevoix Fire Chief Paul Ivan said.

While the detour is in effect, northbound traffic, beginning at about Hurlbut Street, will be shifted to the southbound side of the road through the downtown area. Southbound traffic will be re-routed west on Park Street for one block and then south on State Street to Garfield where traffic may then return to U.S. 31/Bridge Street.

Ivan noted that while the detour is in effect the two-way stop on State Street at Antrim Street which normally gives traffic on Antrim Street the right-of-way, will be temporarily switched to give traffic on State Street the right of way.

Officials also noted that parking along Bridge Street will be limited while the detour is in place. The work is expected to be completed by Friday, Sept. 7.

Charlevoix City Street Superintendent Pat Elliot said the detour will allow crews repair a roughly 100-foot section of Bridge Street between Mason and Clinton streets that was damaged earlier this year during the marina construction project. He said crews will also be installing a fire hydrant to serve the marina as part of the project.

Cornelia Dhaseleer, owner of the Woolly Bugger coffee shop on Bridge Street, said she wasn't aware of the upcoming detour when contacted by the News-Review as she arrived to work, Thursday, Aug. 31. Dhaseleer said she expected the detour wouldn't deter local customers who know where to park and walk to her location, but expected to lose some sales to passers-by who only stop if convenient parking is available.

Eric Wlodarezak, manager at Scovies Gourmet, also on Bridge Street said he wasn't aware of the detour either, but wasn't concerned about the impact it would have on business.

"I don't expect it will have any more impact than the construction we've had all summer," Wlodarezak said. "I appreciate the fact that they waited until after Labor Day. But most of our lunch traffic is by foot anyway."

Repairs to U.S. 31 and M-66 will coincide with the work being done on Bridge Street.

Starting Sept. 4, U.S. 31 will be closed from Barnard Road to Lewis Road in Charlevoix Township. Road crews will work on one lane at a time, leaving one lane open for traffic.

Also starting Sept. 4, shoulder and guardrails upgrades will take place on M-66 from Wickersham Road to U.S. 31.

According to Elliot, the Michigan Department of Transportation will extend through Sept. 24.

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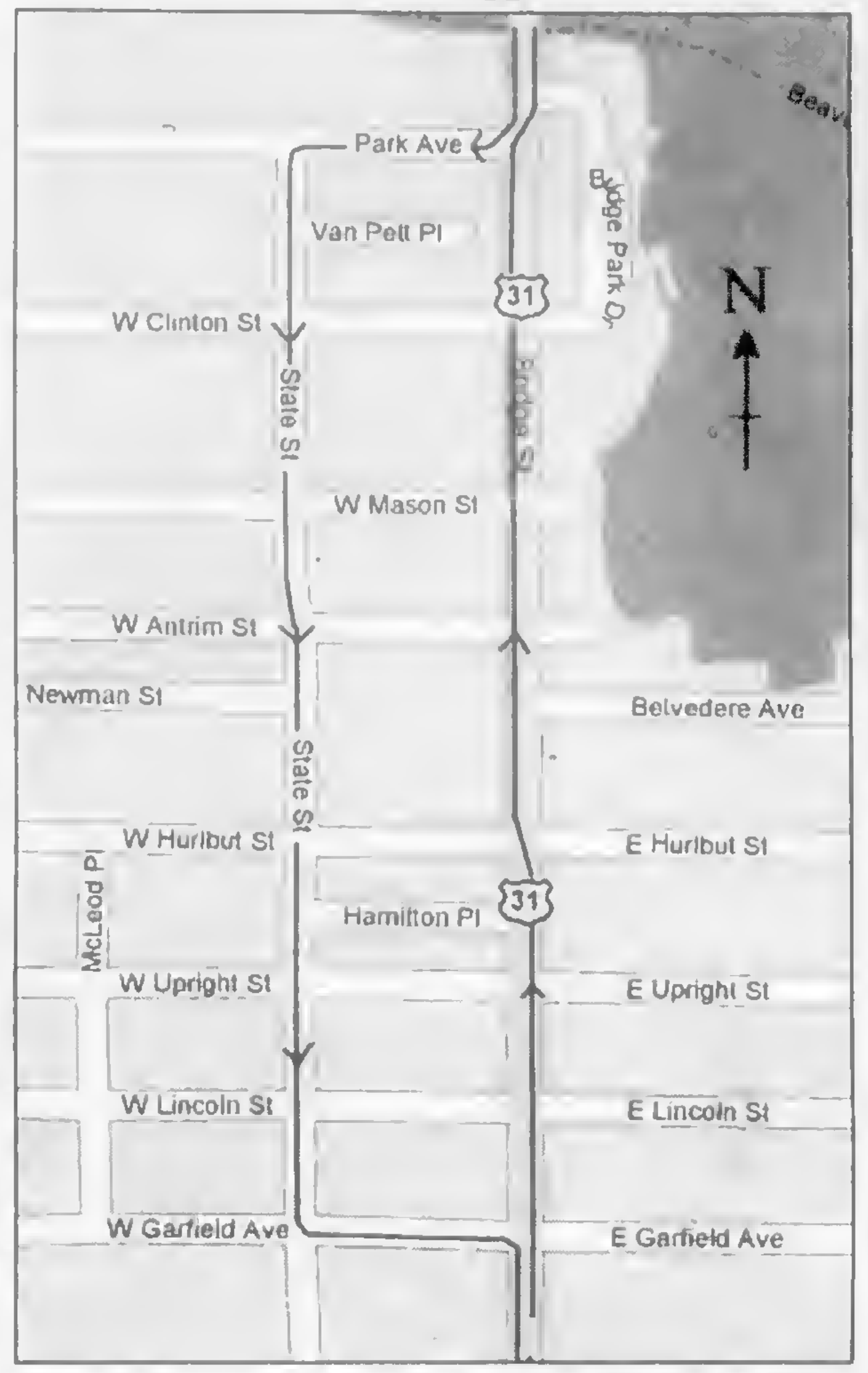

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The slide maze

Two-year-old Ryan Kato enjoys the playground equipment on Aug. 31 at Ferry Beach with his grandfather while dad readied his sailboat for the Charlevoix Yacht Club's annual Red Fox Regatta.

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Great Lakes guardians turn in lead for lasers?

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

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Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES) technology sensors on the engine bar of the U.S. Coast Guard 25-foot response boat. These sensors activate a detection strobe when they receive a laser signal. This strobe allows the gunner to know they struck the target. The U.S. Coast Guard is considering this system in place of live fire for exercise training on the Great Lakes. Live fire training was highly criticized due to the potential for lead contamination of the Great Lakes.

The guardians of the Great Lakes have not turned in their lead for lasers, but they are studying the idea.

Less than a year after the United States Coast Guard announced and then canceled a plan to put 34 live fire training zones on the Great Lakes, it is searching out new options including MILES, the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System presently utilized by portions of the U.S. military.

"We have a gun on board one vessel. It has an apparatus that sends a signal to another vessel and it has a receiver," said chief petty officer Robert Lanier, spokesperson for the Ninth Coast Guard District in Cleveland, Ohio. "And basically there is a computer readout that tells us the number of signals received and marks whether it was a hit or whether it was a miss."

Lanier hesitated to liken the technology to high-tech laser tag, but said the basic idea was similar.

"There are no projectile rounds, so no ammunition goes in the water," he said. "The main thing is it's environmentally safe. We can do it basically anywhere."

Coast Guard officials conducted a laser training demonstration on Thursday, Aug. 23 approximately four miles off the coast of Cleveland, Ohio on Lake Erie.

The exercise was one of several scheduled in order to evaluate the efficacy of laser training.

"We're going to take feedback and make an analysis from there and see if it is adequate to train our Coast Guard men and women," Lanier said. "We're looking for the best solution that will work for the needs of civilians and the men and women in uniform."

He added, "We haven't looked in to this long enough to see the advantages/disadvantages, but environmental concerns brought up last year were some of the reasons behind us looking into this."

More than 900 people commented on the Coast Guard's original proposal to fire live ammunition and the potential result of nearly 7,000 pounds of lead and other heavy metals which would have ended up in the bottomlands of the Great Lakes — an area which constitutes nearly one-quarter of the world's fresh water supply.

Charlevoix County resident, Ellis Boal said he has doubts regardless of how the Coast Guard trains its people.

"I still have the opinion that a bad precedent is set by militarizing the Great Lakes," he said. "This needs to be reviewed at great depth."

Lanier was unable to say how much the laser system would cost taxpayers, but said the security and health of the Great Lakes was of the utmost importance.

"We're looking to see if these (MILES) are fiscally responsible," he said. "MILES has been used by other Department of Defense units and we're trying to learn about it."

He added, "We try our best to satisfy everyone, but we realistically know we will never satisfy everyone. We try to be good public servants and work with people in the Great Lakes (region) to do what they expect us to do."

STORY HIGHLIGHT

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This strobe, which was placed on a U.S. Coast Guard 25-foot response boat, flashes a red and/or green light (registering a hit) when the laser, from weapon, makes contact with a detection pad on the target vessel. This laser technology allows the Coast Guard to train on the Great Lakes without the contamination from lead in bullets.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, August 20, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed setting a public hearing for Monday, October 1, 2007 to hear public comment on a proposed name change for East Hurlbut Ave.
- Motion passed endorsing the Historical Society's request to paint the lighthouse red.
- Motion passed authorizing the annual contract with B.A.S.E.S. Teen Center for $3,000.
- Motion passed approving the minor development plan for a modular coffee hut at the Captain's Corner shopping center.
- Motion passed approving a letter of consultation for Northern Homes Community Development Corporation for use of a MSOHA grant in the Charlevoix community.
- Motion passed appointing Councilmember Lyle Gennett as delegate and Councilmember Greg Stevens as alternate to the MML annual meeting.
- Motion passed accepting the canvass for the August 7, 2007 consolidated election
- Resolution 2007-08-01 adopted, authorizing free launch for the Competitive Anglers Tournament Trail Northern Championship Tournament.

Council adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

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Locals lop off locks

(Above, left) On Aug. 9, Mallory Murray, the 11-year-old daughter of Barb and John Murray of Charlevoix, donated her pony tail to Locks of Love. (Above, right) On Aug. 21, Hana Parks of East Lansing who attends the University of Michigan, gets her hair cut every four years and donates to Locks of Love. Parks had her hair cut by Melissa Hudson at Hair Quarters in Charlevoix.

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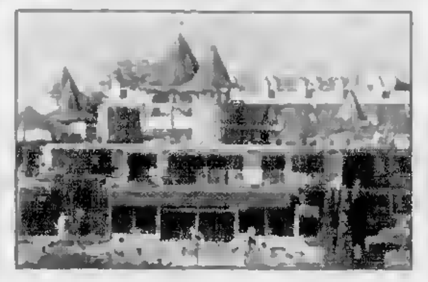

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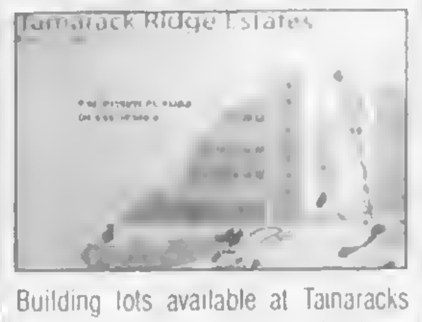

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Community divided on direction war should take

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

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Nina Silbergleit of East Lansing seen here said the best way to support American soldiers was to bring them home from Iraq immediately. Silbergleit was one of nearly three dozen people who attended the Tuesday, Aug. 28 candlelight vigil in conjunction with the national Stand Up In September event which commemorated fallen U.S. troops by vigil attendees who read the names of all soldiers killed in action since January of this year.

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IRAQ WAR
WRONG WAY
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The candlelight vigil attendees in Charlevoix's Bridge Park were met with support of some passing motorists who honked their horns and waived while a few passersby opined their scorn for the rally. The war protestors' main goal was to urge the United States Congress and President George W. Bush to end the war this September when war funding runs dry and Congress will be asked once again to renew America's financial commitment to the ongoing military action.

Opponents of the war in Iraq held a candlelight vigil in Bridge Park on Tuesday, Aug. 28 hoping Congress would get the message to end the war.

More than three dozen protesters showed up for the national event "Stand Up in September," many of whom carried signs which read, "Support our troops, bring them home," and held candles while taking turns reading the names of service persons killed in action since January.

"I remember doing that during the Vietnam War while living in Chicago and attending a similar type of vigil that went all day and all night because so many thousands of people died," said vigil attendee, Ellis Boal, of Horton Bay. "I'm hoping to convince the president and Congress to bring them (troops) home now, which has been our demand all along."

The local rally, part of national Take A Stand Day, was specifically intended to urge U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) to vote to bring the troops home in September.

The protesters stood in Bridge Park for a couple hours, during which time they received the support of motorists honking their horns as well as some people voicing dissent.

"There were a couple hecklers, but more people were friendly than were unfriendly," Boal said.

One of the so-called hecklers was Charlevoix resident Al Wojan who found irony in the vigil.

"I saw, in Petoskey and Charlevoix, people protesting the war's end, exercising their constitutionally protected right to peaceably assemble to protest people who are protecting those constitutionally protected rights," Wojan said. "The people over there are sacrificing, they are not compelled to do so, they volunteered for the service to fight for our liberties and bring order to that area and we want them there until we have won that war."

While traffic was stopped at the bridge, Wojan took the opportunity to voice his opinion to the protesters who in turn responded.

"I believe the best course of action for all of us U.S. citizens is to join together as one and be responsible for our commitment, pursue our objective and end the war by winning and giving those people (Iraqis) what we have: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness given to us by our founders."

He added, "There is nothing wrong with having others share in such a wonderful blessing."

However, Boal does not see it that way.

"Bring them home now," he said. "Of course there's going to be tragedy if (the troops) come home, but there's going to be killings and tragedy if they stay, and there has been."

What bothers Boal most, he said, is the growing number of politicians who feign protest of the war.

"I feel terrible. All of them (certain representatives) are still saying they are against this war, yet they voted to continue it," he said. "Their rationale, as I understand it, was they don't have political support, but the polls are just the opposite. Everyone wants to end the war, but they (representatives) were afraid of being seen as cowards or traitors."

He added, "Congressman Murtha (Jack, D-Pennsylvania) was a military guy who came out against the war a year or two ago. What he said is still true:

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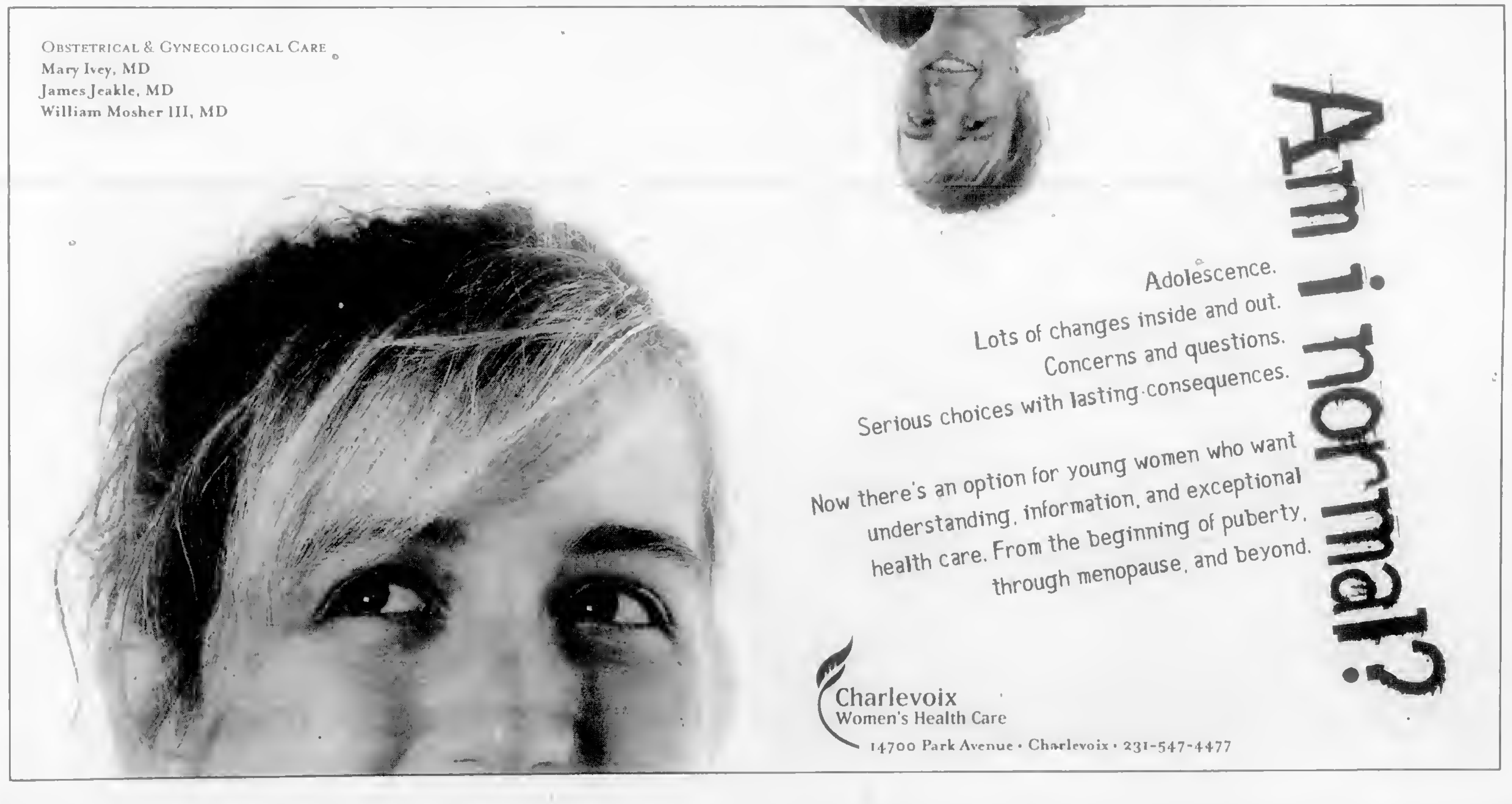
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Vigil attendees: 'End war in Iraq'

VIGIL

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U.S. presence there (Iraq) aggravates the situation."

Wojan said there are many excuses why America should pull out of Iraq and he entertains none of them.

"If tyrants, religious or otherwise, were given the opportunity, how would they control us?" Wojan said. "There are those who say we cannot impose ourselves on them. We're not. We are giving them the opportunity to have what we have."

Boal said many people supported the war at first because they were told Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction.

"I wondered (at the war's onset) and considered that there was no proof of that (weapons of mass destruction) and suppose it turns out there were weapons of mass destruction, I would still have been against the war," he said. "I understand, from reading news reports, the military situation seems to be improving to some degree. In Iraq there is a little more security yet there is political chaos."

He added, "To support the troops, we need to bring them home now."

Wojan said America must fight for freedom or face a future where liberty and justice are merely ideals.

"It (democracy) would become one of those things that does not really exist, it would be in theory," he said. "Would a tyrant give us life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?"

Those interested in supporting the troops can visit www.americasupportsyou.com, a Department of Defense Web site which aims to up troop morale by communicating citizen support to soldiers via cards, letters and supply drives.

Those interested in opposing the war can visit www.antiwar.com for information on military actions around the world, anti-war protests and more.

State launches bridge safety Web site

File photo

The Michigan Department of Transportation has posted information about the safety of 4,402 state highway bridges at www.michigan.gov/highwaybridgereport. In a recent interview, Michigan Department of Transportation communications director Bill Shreck said Charlevoix's Memorial Bridge (above) is in good condition.

Last week, Michigan Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle announced the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has posted information about the safety of 4,402 state highway bridges at www.michigan.gov/highwaybridgereport.

Steudle said the information has been made available to emphasize the safety of travel on state highway bridges and to assure the public that the Department of Transportation is actively inspecting and maintaining bridges in Michigan.

"It's important for people to understand the federal rating system and to be able to quickly find information about state-owned bridges in their communities. This online information is a snapshot of the ongoing bridge maintenance and inspection work we do every day to ensure the safest possible travel experience for Michigan motorists," said Steudle.

Bridge ratings, which can be downloaded by route number and/or county, are current as of Aug. 15 and will be updated regularly. Only highway bridges greater than 20 feet in length are included. Ratings for pedestrian and locally-owned bridges are not included.

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Shreck said bridges in Michigan, including Memorial Bridge, are inspected every two years per National Bridge Inspection Standards. Memorial Bridge's last inspection was in October of last year. Its superstructure received rating of 8 and substructure received a rating of 6. A rating of 0-4 would require that it be inspected more often.

Steudle noted that the state has significantly increased funding to rehabilitate and/or replace bridge structures over the past 10 years, and that an average of $190 million will be invested in state bridges each year over the next five years. The Michigan Department of Transportation also has increased the number of bridge inspectors in recent years, Steudle said. In 1996, there were six highly qualified bridge inspectors. Currently, there are more than 20 who have specialized training and work in teams of two.

National Bridge Inspection Standards require the Michigan Department of Transportation to inspect bridges every two years. The Mackinac, International and Blue Water bridges are inspected annually, exceeding federal requirements. These bridges are managed by bridge authorities, and their ratings are not included in the list that's been posted to the Web. The rating for the Ambassador Bridge, which is privately owned, also is not included.

To view the bridge safety list visit:
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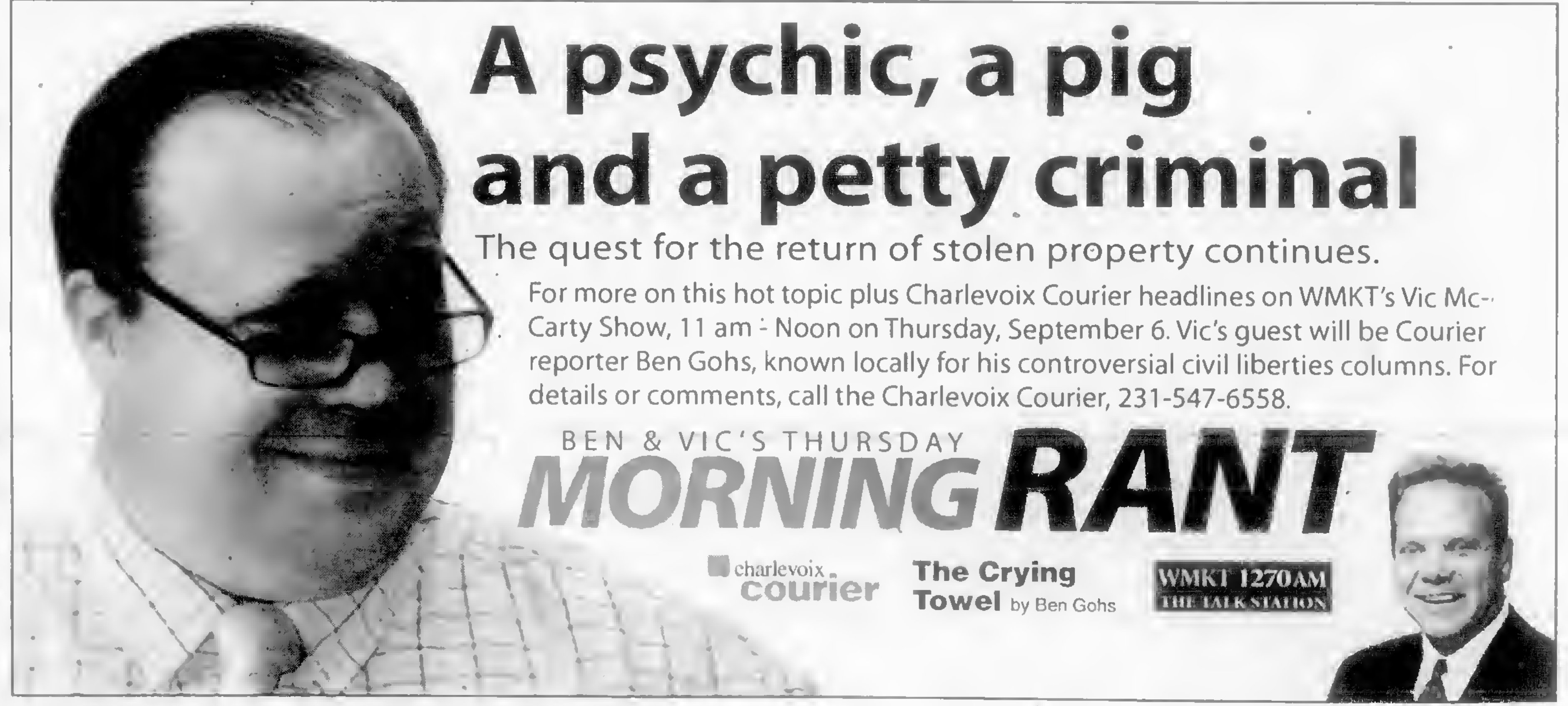

A psychic, a pig and a petty criminal

The quest for the return of stolen property continues.

For more on this hot topic plus Charlevoix Courier headlines on WMKT's Vic McCarty Show, 11 am - Noon on Thursday, September 6. Vic's guest will be Courier reporter Ben Gohs, known locally for his controversial civil liberties columns. For details or comments, call the Charlevoix Courier, 231-547-6558.

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Climbing to the top

Students at Northwest Academy and Charlevoix Public Schools returned to school today, Sept. 5. (Above) Eighth-grader Nick Courier tries his luck on the new rock climbing wall at Northwest Academy. The rock wall is part of Northwest Academy's new physical education equipment which includes a new playground.

Tickets on sale for Bids for Blooms

Bids for Blooms, a Keep Charlevoix Beautiful fundraising event, will take place from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Belvedere Casino.

At the event, guests will enjoy a wide array of complimentary hors d'oeuvres and desserts donated by local merchants, live music provided by Yankee Station and a cash bar.

Highlighting the evening will be the silent auction.

Tickets are $20 per person, and are available at Charlevoix Camera.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Keep Charlevoix Beautiful which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year. The group's primary project is purchasing, planting and watering the petunias that line Bridge Street. The petunia planting effort, called Operation Petunia, takes place the Thursday before Memorial Day. The operation has grown to include 1,130 flats of flowers planted in one hour by approximately 1,000 volunteers under the supervision of 25 block captains. The group also donates 62 hanging baskets of petunias which hang from lampposts throughout the central business district. All of this is made possible by fundraising efforts like Bids for Blooms.

For more information about Bids for Blooms, call Erin Bemis at (231) 547-6498.

Who? Keep Charlevoix Beautiful

What? Bids for Blooms, a fundraising event to benefit Keep Charlevoix Beautiful.

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Marina brings more boats, less business

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

The opening of the new municipal marina in downtown Charlevoix has increased boat traffic in the city but according to some merchants hasn't brought more business to town.

"Business has been OK, it wasn't a fantastic summer," said Bob Borths, manager of Oleson's Farm Fresh Market at Antrim and Bridge Street. "It'll be better next year, once the (East) park is open."

Kay Seelye, owner of Kilwin's of Charlevoix, said numbers are down this year and construction currently underway in East Park is partly to blame, as well as the state economy and increased competition.

"The park attracts more people when it's there," Seelye said. "When you get a cone, where do you go to eat it?"

Both Borths and Seelye said they are looking forward to next year when the renovated park is open. According to city street superintendent Pat Elliott the $10 million marina and park renovation projects are expected to be complete in May 2008.

Though the park is still under construction, the adjacent marina has seen a lot of traffic in its docks from boaters visiting Charlevoix.

Harbormaster for the City of Charlevoix, Hal Evans, said there have been as many as 102 boats docked at one time.

"Venetian night we tied up 102 boats," Evans said. "We've managed to keep it as full as possible."

Evans said the software to register boaters was not always working properly, forcing the his employees to rely on hand records.

"We used to average about 50 boats a night, now we average about 70 boats a night," he said.

Department of Natural Resources Activity Recap Reports show a significant increase in marina activity over last year. Reports show that 718 boats docked in the marina for July of 2007, compared to 431 boats in July of 2006 and 785 boats were docked in August of 2007, up from 548 boats in August of 2006.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Charlevoix Municipal Marina opened July 2. Reduced rates are offered to users due to a lack of services like showers and water. Electricity is available.

In spite of the lack of services, Department of Natural Resources Activity Recap Reports show a significant increase in marina activity over last year.

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The Charlevoix Municipal Marina (above) has been packed since it opened on July 2. While the number of boaters accommodated at the marina has increased since 2006, but business owners in downtown Charlevoix said their revenues haven't realized the same boost.

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After viewing the video, DivorceCare group participants spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in the lives of group members.

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Bad Parents!

PROBLEM: Bullying

Ward Cleaver I'm not: I let my kids drink pop with dinner, which generally contains too many starches and not enough green leafy vegetables, I yell too much and I don't believe in turning the other cheek, which brings us to this week's topic: Bullies.

As a mild-mannered mamma's boy, I was tormented for the first decade or so of school.

In first-grade I was taunted and beat daily by a classmate. One morning he hit my back so hard with a rock he left a softball-sized bruise.

The tyranny ended the day before Christmas break when, after a few shoves, I snapped. Spinning 'round with the empty baking sheet earlier containing mom's Christmas cookies, I caught him square, sending him into a snow bank and a gracious helping of blood from his nose.

Despite that small triumph, it took me 'til the tenth-grade to realize I needed to be proactive and preemptive when it came to aggressors, so when my son came home from school complaining of similar circumstances, I told him what I wish my parents would have taught me — don't choose to be a victim.

He knows better than to arbitrarily engage in entanglements, but he also knows his right to defend his mind and body from danger.

According to Federal Education Resources Information Center (ERIC) statistics, 160,000 kids skip school daily to avoid bullying.

While boys are generally more aggressive than girls, bullying transcends gender.

And, while suicide rates have continued to drop in the U.S., the rate for people under 20 has risen 18 percent.

In her 2002 piece, "How To Handle School Yard Bullying," Jan Andersen gives several examples of what she calls bullycide.

"In Canada ... a 14-year-old student leapt to his death from a bridge. He left a seven-page suicide note saying he was killing himself because his classmates tormented him by calling him 'gay' or 'faggot.' A 14-year-old girl hanged herself in her bedroom with a dog leash. She left a note that read, 'If I try to get help, it will get worse,'" Andersen wrote. "More recently, the mother of a 13-year-old schoolgirl found her hanging from a strip of cloth in her bedroom. Before her death, she had complained about being bullied at school."

I would rather my kids pop a bully in the nose than kill themselves or live in constant terror, but whatever method you choose to deal with bullies and their victims, this is a serious matter which warrants immediate attention.

Help is available for kids experiencing bullying or any other crisis by calling the Covenant House Youth Crisis hotline at (800) 999-9999.

This installment of "Bad Parents" was written by Benjamin Gohs. He can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at bgohs@charlevoixcourier.com.

'Must reads' from library director Valerie Meyerson

'We All Went on Safari,' by Laurie Krebs

The following is a list of age specific books selected by Charlevoix Public Library director Valerie Meyerson for September reading.

Leslie Helakoski, "Big Chickens"

Pre-k to second-grade

This 2007 Michigan Reads to Children winner, written by a Michigan author, has a wonderful, quirky turn on the typical cumulative tale. When a fox frightens the hens out of the hen house, they end up in a series of "scaredy cat" misadventures. All is well, however, when these harried hens realize they can be brave after all. Good for reading aloud.

'My Big Science Book,' by Simon Mugford

Laurie Krebs, "We All Went on Safari"

Pre-k to third-grade

Simple, brightly colored illustrations show a safari in Tanzania counting grazing giraffes, yawning lions and splashing hippos. The story is extended for older readers with information in the back on Tanzania, the animals and counting in Swahili.

Simon Mugford, "My Big Science Book"

Elementary

Big, colorful photos illustrate step-by-step instructions leading students in the creation of their own science activities. Sound, music, light, optical illusions, giant bubbles and the ever-popular vinegar volcano are a few of the fun projects children can do to amaze their friends and family. A nice and simple introduction to science and science fair projects.

'Slow and Steady Get me Ready,' by June Oberlander

June Oberlander, "Slow and Steady Get me Ready"

Parenting

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Schools use survey data to combat bullying

It seems that school bullies have been around almost as long as schools themselves. Who among us isn't familiar with the child (or group of children) who terrorizes other students with taunts, teasing and, all too often, physical violence?

To suggest, however, that the national problem of bullying is nothing more than "kids being kids" or a child's rite of passage ignores statistics that the phenomena of bullying is increasing in our schools and occurring in earlier grades.

According to Bill Foster, president of School Perceptions LLC — a firm that specializes in gathering the opinions of students, staff and parents — bullying is widespread, with over 47 percent of recently surveyed middle and high school students agreeing that bullying is a problem at their school. Foster adds that if anyone thinks bullying is a problem reserved for older kids, it's not: 42 percent of elementary students reported bullying as a problem. A recent study funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health that found elementary school bullying to be widespread further demonstrates the problem.

Across all age categories, many students expressed a fear of going to and being in school. In actuality, more than 43 percent of survey respondents reported fearing harassment in the school bathroom and nearly 10 percent of urban high school juniors and seniors reported that they have missed at least one day of school each month out of fear of physical abuse.

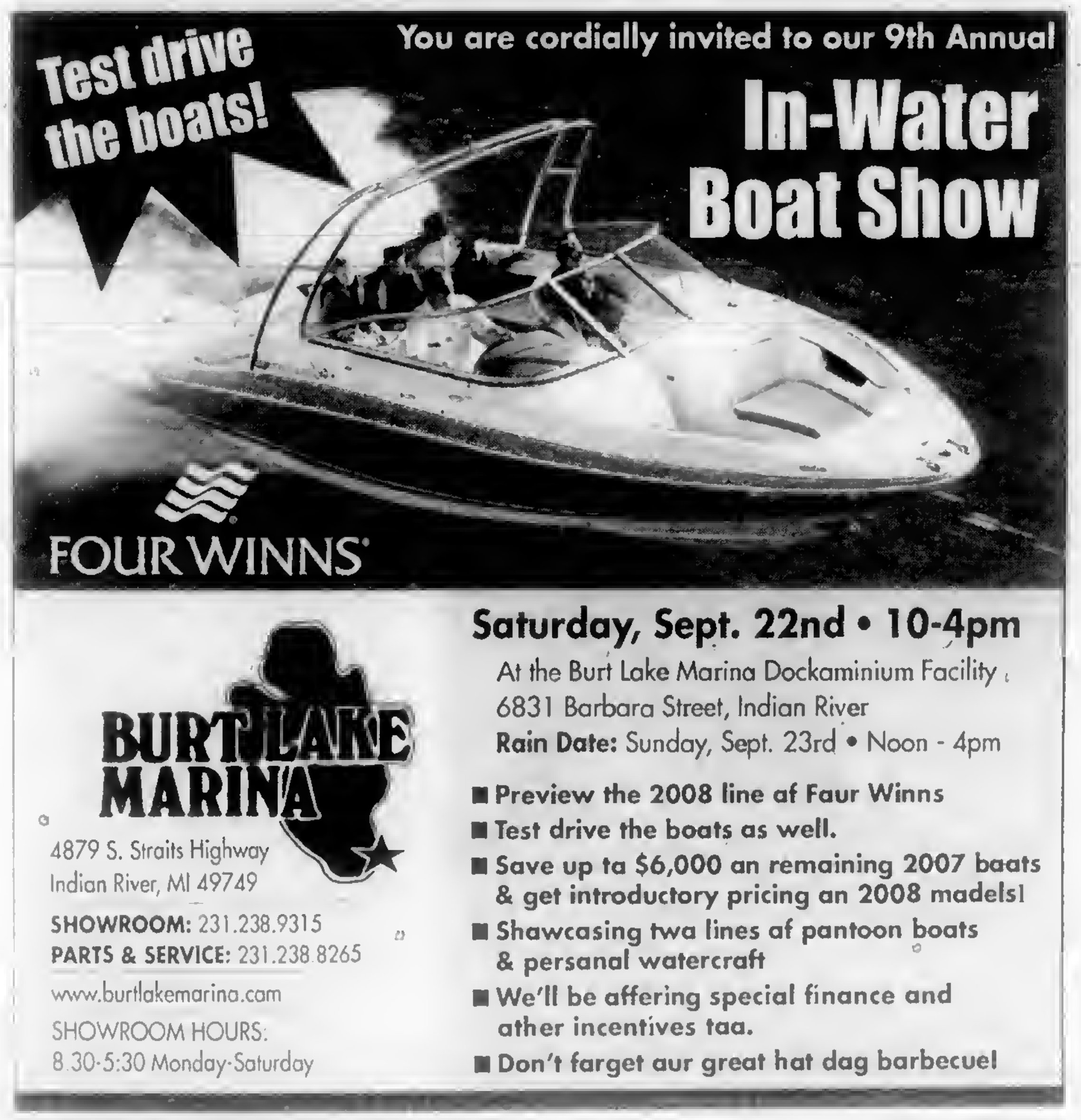
The results of bullying are dire. Fearing reprisal, most bullied students don't notify teachers or parents and, as a result, become silent victims. When facing an ongoing abusive situation, some students turn to suicide. In other cases, students seek alternative means to ensure their own safety. According to a National School Boards Association report, more than 135,000 guns are brought to school each day by students, and the most common reason students give for bringing weapons to schools is for personal protection. In the most extreme of cases, school shootings are scenes where the bullied have become the bully.

Bullying and harassment at school is not a rite of passage, it's a public health crisis. But just as harassment and bullying is sheer terror for children, it is also frustrating for parents and educators. How can parents and educators ensure the safety and well being of their children when most abuse goes unreported? What strategies should be put in place to ensure student safety? How safe do students feel in their schools? The best answers to these questions come from a source closest to the problem: The students themselves.

The first step that should be taken by schools, districts and their communities to stop bullying and harassment is to get an honest assessment from students, in addition to parents and school staff, about whether they feel problems exist, and if they do, then when, where and how often. A well-crafted and anonymous survey that provides immediate results allows students — even those who are bullied — to respond freely, allowing educators and parents to target problems, identify solutions and come to a common consensus.

In most cases, it is the students themselves who offer the best solutions to bullying. The key is to identify ways to listen to them.

Joe Donovan, vice-president of School Perceptions LLC, is a guest columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. He can be contacted by calling (262) 644-4300 or by e-mail at jdonovan@schoolperceptions.com. School Perceptions LLC is a Wisconsin based education research and consulting firm specializing in gathering, analyzing and acting on data to help schools and districts improve.



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PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to amend the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority on Monday, September 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Charlevoix City Hall Council Chambers located at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider an ordinance which adds Section 1.305 of Chapter 7, Title I of the Charlevoix City Code to amend the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority's Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan. The proposed amendment does not result in the relocation of any families or individuals from the Development Area.

The public hearing will consider the proposed Sixth Amendment of the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan which will add the following item to the DDA's Development Plan:

> Interactive Water Fountain – The Interactive Water Fountain will be located in the Harbormaster Plaza. Jets of water will leap out of the plaza and disappear back into the plaza surface. Children of all ages will be able to splash and play in the fountains while others can view the water display from the roof of the gardens of the Harbormaster building and in the Harbormaster Plaza. The Fountain will be an attraction to a wide range of audiences and located at the north end of the park. The Fountain will not interfere with performances taking place at the Pavilion.

A copy of the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority with maps and copies of the proposed amendment to the plan are available for public inspection, Monday through Friday, at the office of the Charlevoix City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan during regular business hours. All aspects of the proposed amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan, as well as the entire Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

The public is invited to attend the public hearings and present its comments on the proposed ordinances. The public may also submit its written comments on the proposed amendments at the public hearings or by sending them to the Charlevoix City Clerk at the above address prior to the public hearings.

Date: August 24, 2007 Carol Ochs, City Clerk

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Bridge anyone?

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild's bridge league is accepting new players. Current players (above, from left) Joyce Herbert, John Danly, Barbara Danly and Bruce Herbert, throw a hand in the hospital solarium on Aug. 30. The games are scheduled from Sept. 15 through June 1 at the homes of league players. A ladies league meets in the mornings and evenings and the couples league plays in the evenings. Neither have a defined schedule. To join, contact Louise Hilligan at (231) 547-2851.

Preparations underway for Day of Caring on Sept. 18

Harbor Industries and Char-Em United Way are leading the 4th annual community-wide Day of Caring, scheduled for Sept. 18.

This event promotes teamwork and gives people a taste of volunteering, while making a difference in the community.

The Day of Caring matches teams of volunteers from businesses, schools, faith communities and community groups with non-profit agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet counties who are in need of hands-on help. Other members of the core Day of Caring/Get Involved team are Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Huntington National Bank, Way Transportation, Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Manufacturing and Charlevoix High School.

"We're very excited about Day of Caring 2007," Jennifer Archambault of Harbor Industries said. "In our first year we had 70 volunteers working on seven projects, and last year that grew to 550 helping out on 35 projects throughout the two-county area. Volunteers did tasks ranging from washing senior citizens' cars, to building shelves for the Red Cross, to washing windows at the Safe Home. This year, we anticipate engaging even more volunteers and helping more agencies."

For more information, contact the Day of Caring Committee at (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

Who? Harbor Industries and Char-Em United Way
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Hospital offers program on non-Hodgkin lymphoma

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will host a program on non-Hodgkin lymphoma entitled, "The Changing Landscape" for patients, family members, friends and health professionals on Sept. 20 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The meeting will present basic information on terminology, risk factors, diagnosis, staging and classification. New insights, treatments and future directions for non-Hodgkin lymphoma will also be discussed. In addition, issues regarding coping with a non-Hodgkin lymphoma diagnosis will be addressed.

Speakers include Rohi Thomas, of the University of Detroit Mercy Hospital and Jean McDonough, a registered nurse at Charlevoix Area Hospital

The meeting takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20 in Classroom B at Charlevoix Area Hospital, located at 14700 Lake Shore Dr.

Pre-registration for this free program is required. To register, contact Carleen Hubbell, community outreach manager at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at (231) 929-2951.

A complimentary light dinner will be served.

Blood drive to take place Sept. 13

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, located at the intersection of U.S. 31 and Meech Street.

Starting on Saturday, Sept. 1 and continuing through Saturday, Sept. 15, all presenting donors at drives across the state will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for a chance to win a tailgate package.

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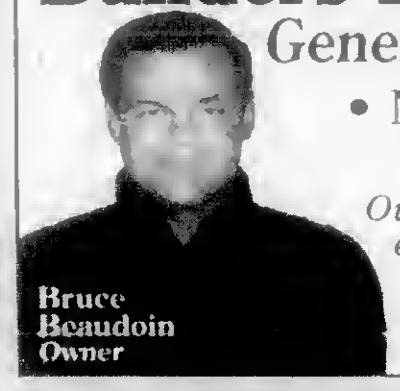

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New OB/Gyn joins local practice

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Charlevoix Women's Health Care recently welcomed Mary Ivey MD, a new specialist to the growing obstetrics and gynecology group.

Charlevoix Women's Health Care recently welcomed a new specialist to the growing obstetrics and gynecology group.

Mary Ivey MD, has joined doctors James Jeakle and William Mosher III, and will begin seeing patients in September.

Dr. Ivey, who practiced in Petoskey two years ago, comes to the Charlevoix group from Manistee. She earned a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry from Auburn University and her medical degree from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine, where she was named Medical Student of the Year in 1999. Following that, she served her obstetrics and gynecology residency at Spectrum Health Blodgett and St. Mary's Hospitals in Grand Rapids.

"I'm delighted to be back in this area and equally happy to be part of the Women's Health Care group," Ivey said.

Eager to become part of the community, she will see patients in Charlevoix and at the Boyne Area Medical Center, and plans to speak to women's groups about a variety of health issues.

"There's so much new in the way of treatment for common female problems like endometriosis," she explains. "Today, many women can enjoy a greatly improved quality of life through easy, minimally invasive procedures."

In addition to offering new gynecological surgeries and ongoing women's care, Ivey will provide pre and postnatal care and deliver babies at Charlevoix Area Hospital's Birthing Center. Her practice will include women of all ages.

"As a woman, I think I can bring a special sensitivity and understanding of the concerns women face," Ivey said. "The reproductive system is wonderfully designed, but it's pretty complex. I try to treat each patient as a friend or a sister. That way I know I'm giving my best."

Ivey's husband, Mark Smith MD, is a family physician. They, and their two young children Riley and Ellery, will make their home in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix Women's Health Care is an affiliate of Charlevoix Area Hospital. For more information or to make an appointment, call (231) 547-4477.

Women's Only Weekend Sept. 13-16 at Castle Farms

From Sept. 13-16 Castle Farms will become a getaway destination for thousands of women.

Countryside Tours first annual WOW! Charlevoix Women's Only Weekend will offer a variety of activities for ladies Sept. 13-16 at Castle Farms. Women will have the chance to get away to indulge and pamper themselves while bonding with friends.

The weekend includes a two-day interactive expo on Sept. 14-15 with over 100 shopping booths, a fashion show, female focused speakers, crafting creations and an evening variety show. WOW! Charlevoix also offers daily excursions to Charlevoix, Petoskey, Traverse City, East Jordan and Beaver Island, and nightly escapes to Charlevoix, Williamsburg Dinner Theatre and Odawa Casino.

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Royal Farms open corn maze

Royal Farms kicked off the fall season, and the opening of their corn maze on Saturday, Sept. 1 with a ribbon cutting and a corn maze race.

Royal Farms is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31 in Atwood. It was started in 1996 by owners Patrick and Sara McGuire, Patrick runs the farm and Sara runs the market, where they feature all homegrown, local produce and fruit, along with homemade bakery items, flowers, gifts and novelty items.

"The corn maze is a joint venture" Sara said. "I do the design and Pat makes it happen. We have a great time together with our two children staking the stations and testing the paths."

Royal Farms is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The maze entry fee is $5 for adults and $3 for kids 12 and under.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Island to host Celtic Games

Scottish and Irish strongmen from across Michigan will be showing their skills Sept. 15 at the Beaver Island Celtic Games.

Spectators will be amazed while watching Celtic strongmen compete against each other in traditional strength competitions.

"Once again, Celtic strongmen will be out in force on Beaver Island. The audience will be amazed at the skills my fellow athletes possess and entertained by our antics on the field," said athlete, Jeremy McBain, of Charlevoix.

During last year's event, the athletes not only lifted extremely heavy objects, but also entertained the audience with stories, jokes, banter and slapstick comedy.

Competitors will be tossing the stone, throwing 28 and 56-pound weights for distance and height, throwing the hammer, tossing the shef and flipping the famed caber (a 20-foot long, 120-pound pole that competitors must flip end over end).

The athletes will explain the history, technique and skill involved in each of the events during the festival.

This is the third year for this event, now hosted by the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce.

Many of the competitors from last year's game will be returning for this year's event.

The athletes, ages 18 to 58, hail from all areas of Michigan and represent various skill levels in the Celtic strength athletics. Adhering to the rules of Scottish strength athletics, the athletes will all be wearing their family kilts during competition.

Joining them on the island once again will be Celtic dancers and bagpipers to entertain the crowd with their artistic and musical skills.

Also, a ceilidh ("KAY-lee" or party) will be on Sept. 14 at Donegal Danny's and on Sept. 15 at the Shamrock.

The Celtic strength competitions date back to at least the 1300s, when Scottish kings and chiefs would hold contests within the kingdom and individual clans to determine who their strongest men were.

During the times of English occupation of Scotland, the games also served as a way for Scottish soldiers to train for combat, without alerting the English.

The games begin at 10 a.m. and continue until about 5 p.m. at the Bud McDonough Memorial Ball Park.

For more information, call the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce at (231) 448-2505.

File photo

Scottish and Irish strongmen from across Michigan will be showing their skills Sept. 15 at the Beaver Island Celtic Games. Among the athletic feats will be tossing the stone and (above) throwing 28 and 56-pound weights for distance and height.

Varsity football suffers 19-27 loss to Benzie

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix faces its second loss in varsity football 19-27 Sept. 1 against Benzie Central.

Now 0-2 in non-conference play, the Rayders had led Benzie 19-13 in the first half, but fell behind when Benzie made a fourth-quarter drive and two touchdowns.

"I thought our kids played better than they did in week one," said Rayder varsity football coach Don Jess. "We're getting better. And if the kids continue to work hard and improve, then the wins will come.

Kyle Jones led the Rayder offense in rushing, carrying the ball 15 times for 108 yards with a 20-yard touchdown. Justin Klooster had three catches for 78 yards and one 17-yard touchdown reception. Cliff Jones also had a two-yard touchdown run and kicked one extra point.

On defense Kyle Jones tallied 13 tackles, while Jake Rankl had nine, Corey Gotshall had eight and Drew Largent had seven. Rankl also had one interception.

The Charlevoix Rayder junior varsity football team improved to 2-0 on Aug. 30 following a hard-fought 14-13 victory over the Benzie Central Huskies.

The Rayders meet Traverse City Saint Francis at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7 on Kipke Field in Charlevoix for their first regular conference game. The junior varsity game is at 6 p.m. on Sept. 6 at Traverse City Saint Francis.

"Traverse City Saint Francis has not lost a conference game in five years," Jess said. "Our kids will be ready to play on Friday. Hopefully we have a lot of fans there to make it a good environment for our players."

He added, "We respect Saint Francis, but we're not intimidated by them."

What's next? The Rayders meet Traverse City Saint Francis at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7 on Kipke Field in Charlevoix. The junior varsity game is at 6 p.m on Sept. 6 at Traverse City Saint Francis

Rotary Porker Classic Sept. 6 at the Charlevoix Golf Club

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix will host its annual "Porker" golf tournament Thursday, Sept. 6 at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course.

Billed as "the affordable golf tournament," the entry fee remains $40 per person.

"Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, every participant in the tournament goes home with a prize," said tournament director Tim Petrosky. "An exciting new addition this year is the chance to win a three-year lease of a new automobile from Fox Motors of Charlevoix."

The event is a four-person scramble. The entry fee includes golf, a dinner buffet at Giuseppe's, and the traditional tournament trademark — prizes galore. Prizes will be awarded based on skill, luck and random draw, and to teams that finish first, last and right in the middle.

"It is due to the generosity of area businesses and residents, who donate prizes for the event, that makes the tournament so much fun for everyone," said Petrosky.

Registration forms are available at the Charlevoix Municipal Golf Course pro shop. The event is limited to the first 20 teams that register. An optional skins game and "mulligans" will also be available to teams. The shotgun start is at 4:30 p.m. Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m.

Rotary uses proceeds from the event to benefit the community with an emphasis on area youth.

For more information, call Tim Petrosky at (231) 547-0183.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

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Charlevoix resident Suzannah Simon (above, right) won Grand Champion Jr. Young Rider Level 1 at Dressage by the Bay horse show event. Alicia Byberg-Landman (above, left), the head trainer at the club who is also from Charlevoix, won Grand Champion Adult Open 4th Level.

Local riders excel at Dressage by the Bay

This year's Dressage by the Bay horse show event took place Aug. 2–5 and drew masses of horse enthusiasts, riders and their equine companions to the Traverse City area.

To give the show a fresh look and feel in 2007, a new facility was constructed in Acme Township. The picturesque grounds featured four sand/limestone rings, each with its own large warm-up area, graded tent pads and underground electric and water. Horse Shows by the Bay is a three-week festival which includes Dressage by the Bay and contributes more than $4 million dollars to the Traverse City economy. This year marked the fourth year of the event.

Charlevoix resident Suzannah Simon was among five riders from Bay Harbor Equestrian Club taking part in the show. Others were Elisa Freed, Emily Love, Kayla Discher and Alicia Byberg-Landman, the head trainer at the club who is also from Charlevoix.

Alicia Byberg-Landman won Grand Champion Adult Open 4th Level, Suzannah K. Simon won Grand Champion Jr. Young Rider Level 1, Elise Freed won Reserve Champion Jr. Young Rider Level 1, Emily Love took Grand Champion Jr. Young Rider at Training Level and Kayla Disher won Grand Champion Jr. Young Rider 4th Level.

When asked about the experience at this year's event Alicia Byberg-Landman said, "Dressage by the Bay was a great experience for Bay Harbor this year. The scores and placing were proof of their (students') hard work and dedication to the sport. I am very fortunate to have such great students. They all get along so well and support each other at competitions. We look forward to Regional Championships which will be held in Chicago this year at the end of September."

Bay Harbor Equestrian Club is open to the public year-round. To learn more about the facilities, training programs and activities available, call (231) 439-7100.

Braun plays 100 holes to benefit Junior Golf

Steve Braun, Belvedere Golf Club professional, had played 100 holes in a single day for 10 straight summers so planning to repeat his fundraising feat that benefits Charlevoix's Junior Golf program didn't cause a big stir.

The date was scheduled, Aug. 20, publicity was sent, cart drivers were secured, and a bright sunny day ordered for the event. However, when dawn came it was a dark, misty, and very windy morning. His 6:30 a.m. tee off time was delayed. When he did start the wind stayed steady but the mist lifted.

The ordeal is a thrilling sporting event. 100 holes pitting a fine golfer against fatigue, distraction and boredom, but most importantly, Braun plays against the course and himself. He has played the first 18 holes before many people have finished their breakfast and scored a respectable 77. After a change of the cart driver, he sets out for the second 18 coming in with an 80 as the wind continued to build. His third and fourth rounds are 79 and 77. Eating on the run, he cards an 80 and then for the final 10 holes is just over par. Steve holed out a 200 yard shot for an eagle on hole 18 and his dad insists it was Steve's greatest shot ever.

A special cart driver, Steve's dad, Phil, seeing Steve play his marathon for the first time was beaming.

"Once he turned 14, I could no longer beat him and I was a low handicapped golfer. That passion and love for kids enables him to battle through the challenges of this day," Phil Braun said.

Jim Grand, speaking for fellow volunteer cart drivers Rosemary Corradi, Kim Shanahan, Mark Smith, Jim McAllister and Stuart Goldblatt, said, "It always is an amazing feat, watching Steve play such high level golf during the entire day. It is a special treat to be a part of it."

Dean Davenport, who directs the Charlevoix Area Junior Golf program, expressed his gratitude for Braun's efforts.

"His love for golf and for getting youngsters involved in the sport runs deep. He has been an inspiration to our program and besides volunteering his teaching expertise, raises the extra money that enables our program to be unique and among the top such programs in the nation," Davenport said.

Funds raised by Steve go directly into the scholarship program and have provided scholarships to over 80 youngsters to the Ferris State University and Boyne Mountain golf camps, primarily due to pledges made by Belvedere Club members and other local supporters of Junior Golf.

So, for a year, an event that has captivated golf enthusiasts in Charlevoix has resulted in a real golf victory, one that positively affects the many youngsters that participate in the Charlevoix Area Junior Golf program.

Contributions can still be sent for the program and should be addressed to the Belvedere Club, Belvedere Avenue, Charlevoix, MI, 49720, Attention: Steve Braun.

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Steve Braun (left), Belvedere Golf Club professional, presents Dean Davenport (right), Junior Golf program director, a list of those pledging money for the local Junior Golf program.

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Pittman, Courier parent company VP of publishing, authors book

BY MADOLIN EDWARDS
DAILY AMERICAN
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Longtime football fans may remember the name Charles Pittman. He was an All-American running back for Penn State University in 1969 — the first black running back for head coach Joe Paterno to receive the honor.

Now he is the senior vice-president of publishing at Schurz Communications Inc., a communications media holding company and publishers of many newspapers, including the Daily American in Somerset, Pa., the Charlevoix Courier, Petoskey News-Review and Gaylord Herald Times.

Now look back at 1994-95 when another Pittman, this time Charles' son Tony, is on the Penn State undefeated team playing at the Rose Bowl. Tony also was named a Penn State Academic All-American. He has worked his way up the executive ladders at PriceWaterhouseCooper, IBM and EDS.

The father and son have teamed up to write a book about their experiences playing for Joe Paterno in "Playing for Paterno," released Aug. 23 in book stores and on Amazon.com.

"For years Tony and I were asked 'What is it like to play for Joe Paterno?'" Charles said during a recent visit to the Daily American office. "We've been asked so much that we thought, 'Why not write a book?'"

Pittman said he felt the father and son are qualified to do that. They are the first father and son team to play for Paterno. They were on three of five teams that had undefeated seasons. Neither Tony nor Charles lost a game they started at Penn State. They both wore the number 24 and they both were Academic All-Americans.

"I was in Joe Paterno's first recruitment class. Tony was in his 27th," he said.

"This book is not just a sports book, it's a business book. It's a leadership book." Pittman said. "It shows the discipline, the lessons we learned in Penn State football that can be applied in business and in regular life. It talks about the importance of playing on a team, winning as a team, managing a team, and having a successful team in sports and in business."

He said one of the lessons they learned from Paterno, "Make the little things go right and the big things will work out," shows the progression of getting better at everything one does.

He said when he started playing at Penn State, Paterno was launching his "grand experiment," to prove that big time college football can have a winning season with successful college educated students.

"Joe Paterno's favorite writer was Robert Browning, who said 'A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's heaven for?' I know the job I have now was highly improbable considering where I came from," he said. "We were underprivileged, lacking in material things. We had parents who wanted us to succeed.

"When my son was looking at college, he was looking at Harvard, Yale, Princeton," he said. "The father had one life, the son had a different life. But we played for the same coach and got the same meaningful life lessons."

Some of those life lessons include planning ahead and making oneself mentally tough, the value of being on time and having respect for other people's time. And staying focused.

"It talks about the ability and the sacrifices you make to be a team member. You don't put yourself ahead of the team. We learned those lessons from Joe," he said. "We learned to raise the bar and increase our expectations. How appropriate is that for business?"

He said when he started playing at Penn State, he asked for the number 24. That was Lenny Moore's number and he idolized Moore.

"How you choose your own number in life," he said, "is you dream big, think big and go for it.

"The book also talks about rebounding from failure. I was fired from my first job in banking and I had to rebound from that," he added.

Pittman said his book also encourages the reader to have the ability to focus on strength rather than weakness, how to encourage people to reach for higher goals and the value of truth telling.

"It reaffirms for people who know Tony and me, the values that we like to bring and it introduces those to people who don't know us," he said.

He said writing the book with his son was a great experience as well.

"Tony is an amazing son — extremely bright, articulate and good at what he does," he said.

Madolin Edwards, a staff writer for the Daily American in Somerset, Pa., can be reached at madolin@dailyamerican.com.

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Charles Pittman, pictured, has teamed up with his son, Tony, to write a book about their experiences playing for Joe Paterno in "Playing for Paterno."

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Creating serene surroundings at Charlevoix Middle School

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Gabrielle Waterman, a fifth-grader at Charlevoix Middle School just happened to come to school last Friday to decorate her locker at the same time her best friend, Hero Parker-Drost was doing the same. Waterman expresses her love of horses by filling her locker with pictures of them.

Photo by Stefanie Carano

This fountain was added to the Charlevoix Middle School Butterfly Garden this summer by the Middle School Garden Committee of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club, chaired by Mary Kengle.

Tai Chi classes begin at Charlevoix Public Library

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging sponsored Tai Chi Classes will began on Tuesday, Sept. 4

WHEN?

The beginner class is from 10 to 11 a.m. The intermediate and/or continuing class is from 11 a.m. to noon. The instructor for both classes is Meg McClorey

HOW MUCH?

Cost for the six-week session is $12 for those 60 years old and over. The fee is $40 for participants under 60

WHERE?

Classes meet at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

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To register, call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103.

Poker tournament to benefit class of 2008 senior party

A Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament fundraiser to benefit the Charlevoix High School class of 2008 all night senior party will take place on Sept. 22.

Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the tournament will start at 6 p.m. at the Belvedere Casino, located at 218 Ferry Ave. A $75 donation is requested.

Tickets are available at Ace Hardware off M-66.

There will be cash prizes, free food and door prizes. Space is limited. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older.

For more information call, Shane Cole at (231) 547-4991 or Mark Greyerbiehl at (231) 675-0749.

What? A Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 1st day of May, 2003, by Shene L. Williems and Tricie M. Williams, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on May 27, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 542, page 383, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND TWENTY SEVEN AND 70/100 DOLLARS ($35,027.70) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 5, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 8, Block 9, NICHOLL'S FIRST ADDITION to the Village of South Lake (now City of East Jordan), according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

DATED: August 23, 2007

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(231)947-4000
(L-08/29, 09/05, 09/12, 09/19)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Alvin A. Merrill and Linda K. Merrill, his wife, Mortgagor, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated the 20th day of August, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 31st day of August, 2004 in Liber 634 of Charlevoix County Records, page 183, said Mortgage having been assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Seven & 73/100 ($94,567.73), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of September, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Chalrevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.990% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Nettleton's Addition to the Village of South area, now part of the City of East Jordan, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 8/29/2007

Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C. Attorney for Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 1470 Troy, MI 48084 248-362-2600
ASAP# 891223
(L-08/29/2007, 09/05/2007, 09/12/2007, 09/19/2007)

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FORECLOSURE OF REAL PROPERTY

Default has been made in the condition of certain by-laws concerning the payment of association dues by Timothy Pfannes, of 298 W. Saratoga, Ferndale, Michigan 48220, Oakland County, Debtor, to C&O Club Condominium of 110 Park Ave., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, Oakland County, Creditor, a notice of lien recorded August 25, 2006 at the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County and State of Michigan, in Liber 763, page 420, on which association dues are claimed to be due, at the date of this notice for principal and interest, the sum of six thousand five hundred one dollars and eighty-four cents ($6,501.84), including interest and costs. And no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof. Now, therefore, pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, September 28 at 11:00 o'clock a.m., Local Time, said lien will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, immediately inside the county building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI, of the parcels of land situated in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

1030 Stroud Court, Unit 29, C&O Club Condo, as recorded at L359, P619 & L365, P901. Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, #15-052-135-029-00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said lien, with the interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. During the 6 months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: August 15, 2007

Amanda Afton Martin
Attorney for creditor
Surnidge, Afton, & Martin LLP
43902 Woodward Ave., Ste. 104
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(248)745-8555
(L-08/22, 08/29, 09/05, 09/12, 09/19)

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC. A Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagor, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. Dated the 19 day of October, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan , on the 3rd day of November, 2004 in Liber 648 of Charlevoix County Records Page 137, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents ($226, 667.92), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of September, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the lobby of the Charlevoix County Court House, Charlevoix Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan located at building of 301 State Street Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a 2 inch rod at the west 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said section North 77°12'10" East 2595.18 feet to a 3/4 inch rod at the center 1/4 corner of said section; thence South 05°48'00" West 739.66 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 89°24'43" East 207.61 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 00°34'50" West 407.77 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence South 88°45'22" East 167.75 feet; thence North 50°42'30" East 392.64 feet; thence North 44°35'06" East 305.96 feet; thence North 25°33'43"East 182.33 feet to a 2 inch rod at an angle point in a Conservation Easement recorded in Liber 365, Pages 911 through 918, Charlevoix County Records, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence along the Northwesterly line of said easement North 75°55'08" East 335.89 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence continuing along said easement line North 52°44'24" East 433.20 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence leaving said easement line South 37°33'51" East 931.95 feet to a 2 inch rod on the Northwesterly line of Highways US 31; thence continuing South 37°33'51" East 125.45 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline South 57°18'27" West 816.50 feet; thence North 32°41'33" West 125.00 feet to a 2 inch rod on said Northwesterly highway line; thence continuing North 32°41'33" West 204.36 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 43°27'31" west 248.96 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 11°37'03" East 235.53 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 52°55'33" West 409.05 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the East 2 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel No. Part of 15007-118-009-50

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241, the property maybe redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated: 8/7/07

Premier Realty Group; Inc. Mortgagee

Howard & Gupta, P.C.
Ajay Gupta (P-45739)
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Detroit, MI 48209
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(L-08/15, 08/22, 08/29, 09/05, 09/12, 09/19)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the1st day of May, 2003, by Shane L. Williams and Tricia Williams, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on June 13, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 546, page 974, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY ONE AND 97/100 DOLLARS ($47,991.97) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 5, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

The East Half of Lot 1 and 2, Block B, STONE'S ADDITION to South Lake (now City of East Jordan), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 46, Charlevoix County Records. City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: August 23, 2007

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Charles Merriman faces homicide charge

MURDER

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began this case and he interviewed probably 50 people," said Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney, John Jarema. "I'm confident we have the right person charged and I am confident William Merriman is deceased."

Police were tipped off to this case when an old friend of William's contacted them with talk of suspicious activity.

Though the body has yet to be found, investigators believe a knife or ax was used to murder William whose last known whereabouts is linked to a financial transaction that occurred around 8:02 p.m. on June 15, 2006 at Glen's Market in Charlevoix.

On Oct. 16, 2006, cadaver dogs searched Merriman's parents' 20-acre Phelps Road property in East Jordan where they found human blood.

"The Michigan State Police Crime lab (was) able to identify human blood stains and patterns inside the house, on a sliding glass door sill, the floor in the room containing the sliding glass door, the baseboard and door trim and door also in that room, on the cutting edge of an ax and in the hallway," Wheat stated in his affidavit.

"I'm confident we have the right person charged and I am confident William Merriman is deceased."

John Jarema
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The blood samples matched William's DNA.

"Charles/Chuck told (me) that there were two puddles of blood on the floor by the sliding glass door that was William's blood and that William cut his hand while trying to remove the carpet and after William cut his hand, he went into the bathroom," Wheat further stated. "Charles/Chuck then told (me) that the sliding glass door was actually open in an attempt to explain how the blood was found outside the door on the cement. Charles/Chuck then told (me) that William Merriman then held his hand outside the open sliding door while kneeling down and there was a pool/puddle of blood approximately 16 inches long by 6 inches wide on the cement and that Charles/Chuck hosed the blood off the cement.

On Nov. 8 and 9, the Whitefeather Landfill in Pinconning was searched and a blood-soaked cushion from the Phelps home was found.

"Charles/Chuck Merriman maintained that the blood on the cushion came from the cut on his brother's hand. The cushion appeared to (me) to have a rather large blood spot on it with enough blood that the blood trailed off to the sides of the cushion," Wheat stated.

William had traveled from his home in Hudsonville to Charlevoix County to make funeral arrangements for his mother and planned to move to this area in order to care for his elderly father.

A trooper from the Michigan State Police post in Grand Haven was told by Charles that William had spoken with his ex-wife who said she needed help in Indiana. Charles said William then jumped into a black SUV with a guy named Ed.

"According to Colleen Merriman (William's sister-in-law), this would be out of character for William ... because (he) and his ex-wife, Melissa, have been divorced for a number of years and it was a messy divorce," Wheat wrote. "The phone company did not verify or identify any person named Ed from the incoming or outgoing calls on record."

On Oct. 9, 2006, Wheat contacted William's ex-wife to discover she neither lives in Indiana nor had any contact with William since 1982 and never requested his help.

Wheat traveled to Hudsonville in September of last year to speak with William's landlord of 10 years who told the detective William always paid his rent on time, but had been behind two months from his disappearance.

William's apartment contained all his belongings.

Jarema said sheriff's personnel have searched several of the lakes and small ponds in the area for William's body.

Police received a phone call from Charles in mid-September 2006 to ask how the investigation was going and tell detectives they have permission to check out the Phelps Road residence.

"The interior of the home was emptied of most of the furniture, carpeting and other belongings. The bulk of the carpeting was removed from the bedroom, living room and a dining-type room," Wheat stated. "The carpeting had been removed from the center of some of the rooms and was cut around some pieces of furniture in others i.e. around the china cabinet/hutch. (There was) strong aroma of some type of cleaning supplies in the air of the home."

Jarema believes the motive was financial since Charles wished to be in charge of his parent's finances, but was denied by his father.

"Charles/Chuck also told (me) that during the time that William was staying at the house with (him) there was a lot of friction and anger between William and (him) regarding Charles/Chuck's financial situation and Charles/Chuck's inability to hold up his end of the family finances," Wheat stated.

Charles is currently in the Charlevoix County Jail without bond with a court date of Sept. 13 for a preliminary examination.

If found guilty of homicide/open murder, Charles could receive a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Downtown Development Authority

The following issues were discussed during the Aug. 27 meeting of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority:

Item: Old business: Charlevoix Public Library rain garden

In brief: The Charlevoix Public Library wrote to the Downtown Development Authority requesting funding for the completion of the rain garden project they are working on with the Tipp of the Mitt Watershed Council. The library is asking for $6,500 to construct a four foot wide, circular pathway that would encompass the garden and signs explaining the rain garden, located by the sidewalk.

Development authority action: Approved

Item: Old business: Amendment to Downtown Development Authority plan to include interactive water feature

In brief: The Downtown Development Authority discussed ways to fund the interactive water fountain they would like to be placed in the new East Park at an estimated cost range of $380,000 to 420,000. East Park architect Mark Buday and designer Richard Hitz presented two companies who responded to their design plan, offering to construct the fountain. City treasurer and acting city manager Richard Brandi presented the Downtown Development Authority with options for funding the fountain.

Development authority action: A unanimously approved motion was made by Downtown Development Authority member Dan Barron, seconded by member Jeannine Wallace, to request Charlevoix City Council reimburse the authority $279,000 for the expenses paid by the Downtown Development Authority for East Park's storm sewer infrastructure project under Mason Street. The request was made at city council's general meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 4. Results from this meeting were not available by press time.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CONTACTS

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210 State St., Charlevoix
Phone: (231) 547-3270

Authority members:
Chairman: Hugh Mason — 547-4911
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The Downtown Development Authority meets at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month at city hall.

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Parenting Awareness Month poster contest underway

Entries are sought in the 2008 Parenting Awareness Month (PAM) Poster Contest.

The winning entry will be made into the Parenting Awareness Month poster and matching bookmark for statewide distribution in 2008.

Poster artwork entries should reflect the theme "Parenting is for a lifetime." The contest is open to Michigan residents elementary age through adult. The grand prize winner will receive $100. Entries must be received no later than Oct. 5.

Contact the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 582-6232 or the Emmet County Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 348-1770 for contest rules and guidelines and an entry form.

What? Entries are sought in the 2008 Parenting Awareness Month (PAM) Poster Contest. The winning entry will be made into the Parenting Awareness Month poster and matching bookmark for statewide distribution in 2008.
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Photo by Tami Bier

Tami Bier of Charlevoix submitted this picture she took of her family's 6-week-old sheltie puppy, Tanner, playing in her flower garden.

Photo by Mark Laskowski

Mark Laskowski caught this shot of City of Charlevoix deputy chief of police, Scott Hankins giving directions to a lady in the concert crowd during Venetian Festival at Lake Michigan Beach. It looks like Hankins is touching the setting sun with his finger. Mark and his wife, Wendy own a home in Hayes Township and live and work in Fenton.

Photo by Donna DiMartino

Donna DiMartino of Charlevoix took this picture of her son John DiMartino with his big catch of the year. John caught this 27-pound fish on Aug. 1.

Photo by Carla Dick

While vacationing in northern Michigan in July. Carla (Hoffman) Dick of Portage and formerly of Charlevoix snapped this photo of her nieces and nephews enjoying time on the lake. They are pictured above aboard an Aqua Glide. They are (from left) Westley Hoffman, Ben Hoffman, Mallory Hoffman and Kendra Hoffman.

Photo by Barbara Sitner

Barbara Sitner of Charlevoix took this shot of her grandchildren who spent the afternoon building an irrigation system out of rocks at her home. She was amazed at the project they tackled and the fun they had without toys. Pictured above are Alex Sitner, Mari Sitner, J.J. Wachler, Erin Wachler, Emma Wachler and Alexis Farbman. The weekend project ended with construction of a rock city at the top of the bluff.

That's my photograph!

Photo by Mike Schlitt

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SEPT. 6
FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Charlevoix Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 24.

SEPT. 10
VETERANS NOTICE

A Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars service officer will be at the Charlevoix County Veteran's Affairs office, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Monday. Sept. 10 in the County Building in Charlevoix to assist any veteran, or veteran's survivor, in filing a claim, replacing lost discharge papers, obtaining medals or signing up for Veteran's Affairs health care. Those unable to visit the office, may call the service officer at (231) 547-7220 during the time period listed above.

SEPT. 11
ST. MARY ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The St. Mary Rosary Altar Society's first meeting of the new school year will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11 in the family center at St. Mary School. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. The society meets the second Tuesday of every month. For more information, call Judy Donnelly at (231) 547-1966.

SEPT. 12
OPEN MEETINGS ACT PROGRAM

The Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees is sponsoring a program on the Open Meetings Act.

Lance Werner, a library law specialist with the Library of Michigan will present the program explaining what the act is, why people should care about it and why government bodies should stay compliant.

The program will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. Attendees are asked to call (231) 237-7360.

This program is free and open to the public.

SEPT. 13
BLOOD DRIVE

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, located at the intersection of U.S. 31 and Meech Street.

To make an appointment, call (800) 448-3543. Walk-ins are welcome. Donors are asked to bring a Red Cross donor card or government photo identification. A nursery will be provided from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

SEPT. 15
CELTIC GAMES

The Beaver Island Celtic Games will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15. Events will begin at 10 a.m. and will end around 5 p.m. at the Bud McDonough Memorial Ball Park on Beaver Island. The games also include traditional bagpipers, dancers and more. A ceilidh ("KAY-lee" or party) will be at Donegal Danny's and the Shamrock. For more information, call (231) 448-2505.

SEPT. 15
BIDS FOR BLOOMS

Join Keep Charlevoix Beautiful for an evening of fun at the Belvedere Club Casino, from 6 to midnight on Saturday, Sept. 15. This is a silent auction fundraising event featuring complimentary dinner-like hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and dancing music from the live band, Yankee Station. Cash bar. Tickets are $20 per person and are available at Charlevoix Camera or from a Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Board Member. For more information call Erin Bemis, 547-6498 or visit www.keepcharlevoixbeautiful.org.

SEPT. 15
PIT FIRING

Pit firing is the practice of subjecting low-fired bisque pots to a vigorous bonfire. During an upcoming hands-on workshop, participants will fire their own bisque pieces in a ventilated metal can with copper, salt, organic matter, sawdust and hardwood kindling.

Local potter, Bonnie Staffel will host this Trash Can and Smoke Firing Workshop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 in Charlevoix. Come learn a new technique to simulate pit firing in a controlled manner. Beginning to advanced potters are welcome. The cost is $65 and attendees are asked to bring a sack lunch and several soft bisque fired pots (Cone 010) no larger than the size of a melon.

To see Staffel's work, visit http://vasefinder.com/bstaffelgallery1.html.

For more information or to register for the class, call (231) 547-2333 or (231) 547-7319.

SEPT. 15
ISLAND TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

The Beaver Island Community School Board of Education is planning to host a recognition dinner on Sept. 15 to honor the commitment and accomplishments of four teachers and two board members.

Teacher Joe Moore retired after giving over 30 years of dedicated service to the school. Teachers Jim Stambaugh and Donna Stambaugh, although officially retired two years ago, will each be recognized for their 20 years of outstanding service to the district. Also being recognized at the event will be long-time teacher Jacque LaFreniere who resigned from the school district three years ago after teaching for over 20 years. School board members John Fiegen and Linda McDonough will also be recognized for their contributions to the school.

The school board will host the dinner at the Beaver Island Lodge in a manner similar to the 'citizen of the year' event. The event will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15. Family members, former students, parents of students and friends are invited to join in the celebration. Anyone with anecdotes, or important information or messages they think should be shared at the event should contact Kitty McNamara at kittym@beaverisland.k12.mi.us.

Please contact the school office by Sept. 7 if you plan to attend this event. The cost will depend on what you order from the regular menu.

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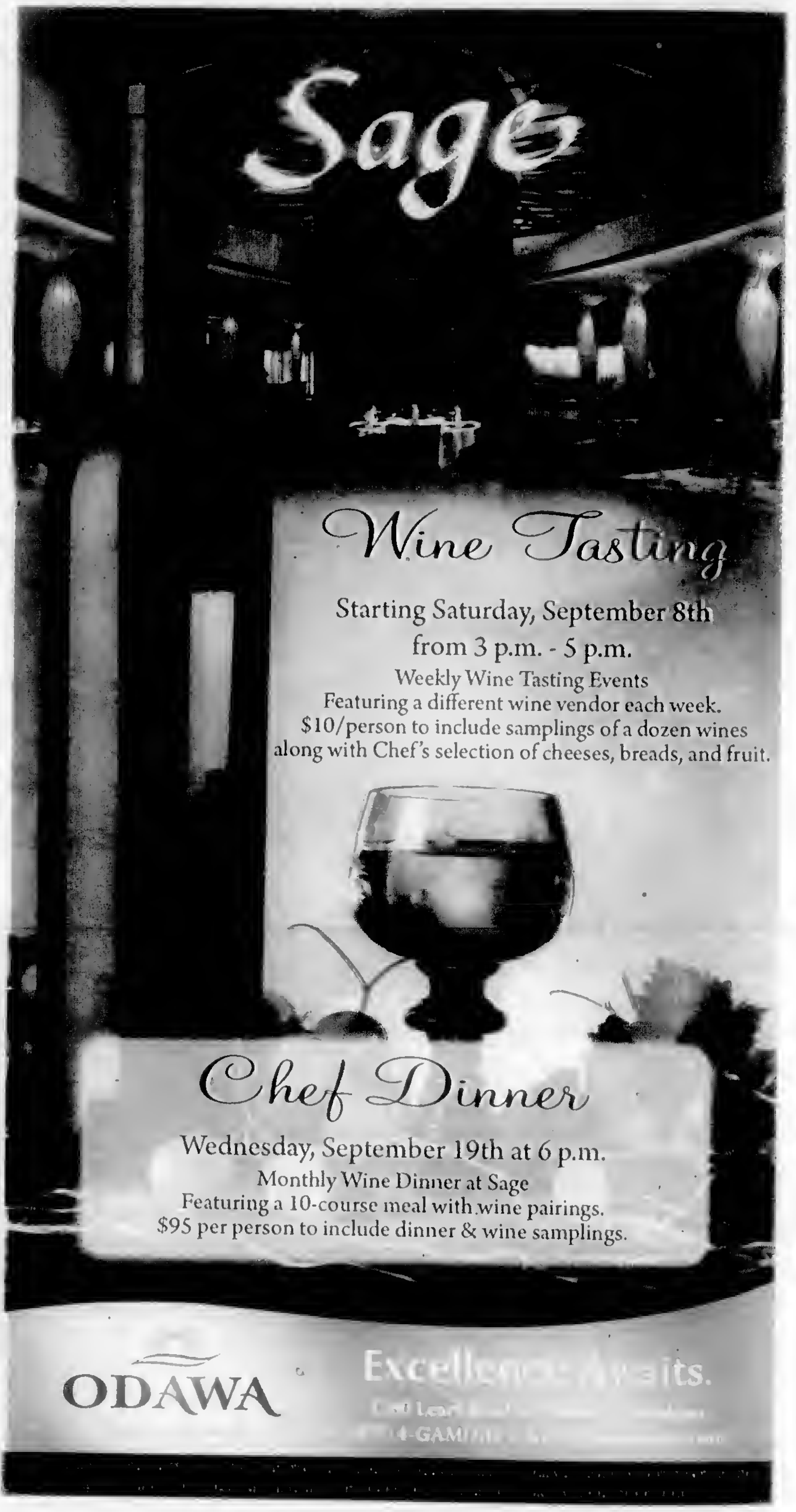

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EVENTS

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SEPT. 26
CANCER SCREENING

A free women's cancer screening opportunity will be offered at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office.

The screening is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 26. It will be conducted by a licensed nurse practitioner and include a clinical breast exam, pelvic exam with Pap test and free mammogram. The service is available to Charlevoix County women between the ages of 40 and 64 who are uninsured.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office is located at 220 West Garfield St.

The screening is by appointment only. Call (800) 432-4121 or 547-0295 to register.

SEPT. 29
NORTHERN LIGHTS CELEBRATION

Northern Lights Celebration, a dinner, dance and auction to benefit St. Mary School will take place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 29 in the family center at the school. The cost is $100 per person. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School.

For information, call (231) 547-6652.

OCT. 7
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The American Legion hosts a pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month, from September through May.

Adults are $4 and kids $2.50. The site is handicap accessible. Take out and delivery is also available. For more information, call the American Legion at (231) 547-9203.

The American Legion Hall is located at 106 East Garfield.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at (231) 547-3234.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Bergmann Center Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization is accepting donations for the organization's annual garage sale which will take place on Sept. 20, 21 and 22. Items in good to excellent condition will be accepted. Drop off times are from 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment, call (231) 547-2979.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark, located at 401 West Carpenter St., is open from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 4 to 9 p.m. on Fridays, from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. The park is closed during inclement weather, storm watches and home football games.

Helmets are required. The park is supervised.

The daily user fee is $3. A seven-day punch card is $15 and a season pass is $90. For more information, call the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department at 547-3253.

BURN PERMITS

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WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

CLASS OF 1977

The Charlevoix High School class of 1977 is making plans for their 30th reunion. Activities are being planned for the weekend of Sept. 28. All class members are invited to visit www.charlevoix77.wetpaint.com to register and share memories. Suggestions or questions can be directed to bourke.edmund@vdps.net or rmoore@korthaseflinn.com

DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" at the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

The Harsha House Museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, call 547-0373.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

JUKEBOX

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Ave., 6 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 7 and 8 John Perry — piano.

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Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 7 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sept. 5 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 7 and 8, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

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Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Sept. 7 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Sept. 8, Jeff Fitzgerald and the Allnighters — classic rock.

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FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

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The Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in St. Mary's parish center. Call 547-4526 for more information.

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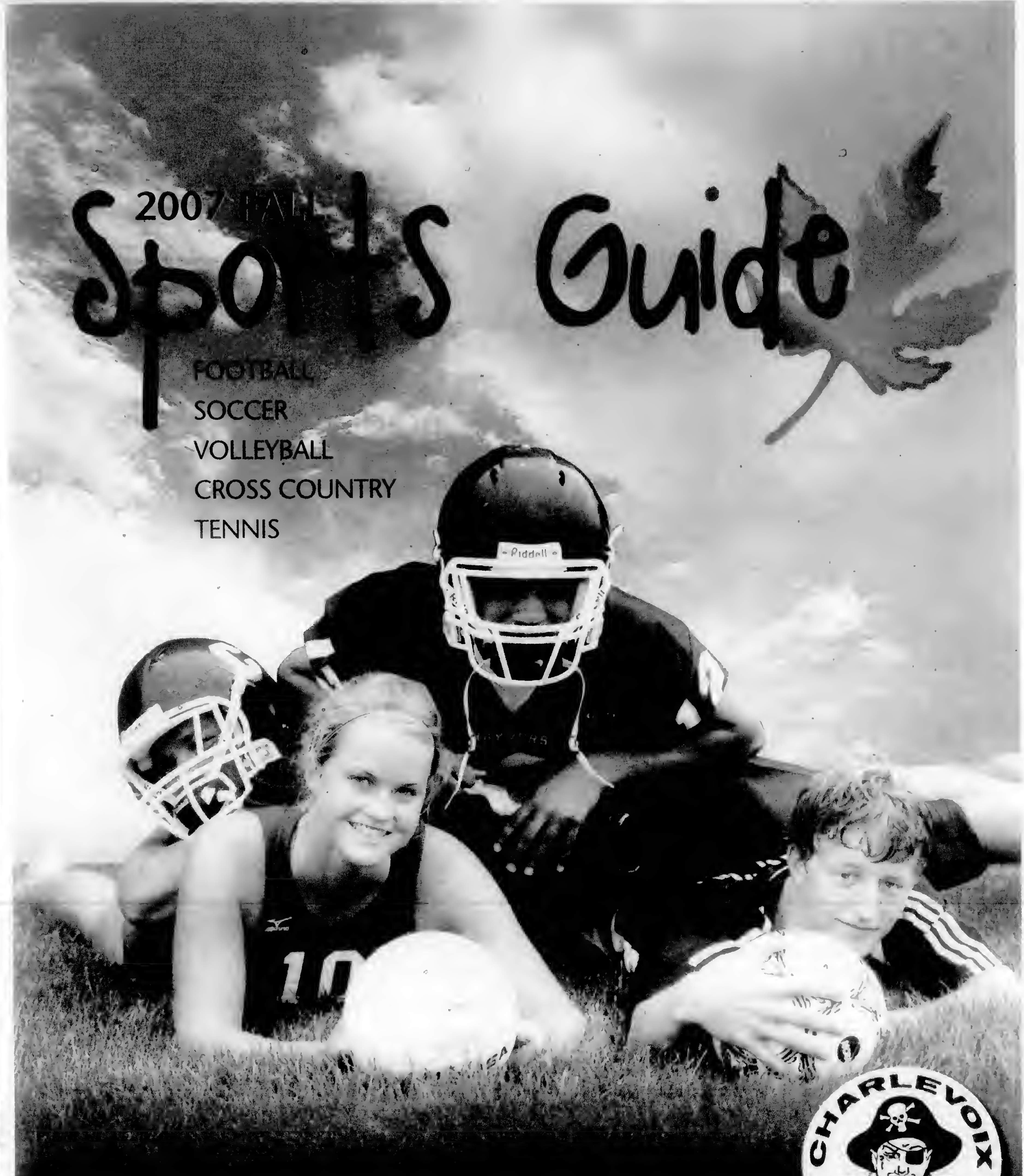

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CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL RAYDERS

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FOOTBALL

Photo by Stefanie Carano

The 2007-2008 Varsity Football team includes (front, from left) Corey Loucks, Corey Ciesielczyk, Trevor Cole, Skippy Skippergosh, Tanner Fisher, Bill Ivan (middle row, from left) assistant coach Brandon Webb, Josh Wolletz, Rex VanPelt, Jake Rankl, Drew Largent, Tony Cepeda, Wayne Bryant, Mike Kras, assistant coach Pat Klooster (back, from left) assistant coach Dan Yenglin, Bennie Cornish, Cliff Jones, Hunter Boss, Brocke Yenglin, Justin Klooster, Kyle Jones, Corey Gotshall, Jon Putman and head coach Don Jess. Nate Golovich and assistnat coach Josh Skeel are missing from the picture.

Seniors to guide young Rayder football team

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Don Jess

"The strength of this year's Charlevoix Rayders is in senior leadership, whose dedication serves as an example to the rest of the team," said head coach Don Jess.

Varsity football captains Trevor Cole, Cliff Jones and Corey Gotshall have shown their commitment to the sport by spending significant time during their summer vacation conditioning in the school weight room.

"They're very dedicated," he said.

The team this year is 22 members strong, with 10 returning players.

Key players include Kyle Jones, Nate Golovich, Skippy Skippergosh, Jon Putman, Justin Klooster, Brock Yenglin, Hunter Boss, Jake Rankl, Drew Largent and Bill Ivan.

Jess said the goal for this year's Rayders is to make the playoffs. This was accomplished last year, though the season ended in a loss to Kingsley, 8-2.

So far, the first game of the Rayder season began with a disappointing loss to St. Ignace on Aug. 24.

"I wasn't happy with the way things turned out," Jess said.

One challenge for the team this year, he said, is lack of depth.

"We don't have a lot of guys with varsity experience coming back," he said.

Jess is working on overcoming this challenge by trying to get everybody acclimated. He said that is going to take time.

Rayder coaching staff includes Jess and assistant coaches Josh Skeel, Pat Klooster, Brandon Webb and Dan Yenglin.

Teams that play against the Rayders in the Class C conference include Boyne City, Traverse City St. Francis, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Kalkaska, Grayling and Harbor Springs.

This year's homecoming game is on Sept. 28 against Elk Rapids at Charlevoix's own Kipke Field on the grounds of Charlevoix Middle School.

> *"We don't have a lot of guys with varsity experience coming back."*
>
> **Don Jess**
> HEAD COACH
> CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Players: 22

Coaches: Head coach, Don Jess and assistant coaches Josh Skeel, Pat Klooster, Brandon Webb and Dan Yenglin.

2006-2007 season: Finished with an 8-2 loss to Kingsley in the first game of the playoffs

Next game: 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 against Traverse City St. Francis on Kipke Field in Charlevoix

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CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country teams gear up for Sept. 8 Mud Run

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

For Charlevoix's 2007-08 girls' cross country, experienced runners will serve as role models, while the boys' cross country find strength in a smaller team.

"Last year we had about 15 to 17 runners, now we're at nine, maybe 10," said boys' coach Ken Plude.

The boys' team is reduced, but Ken said there are very few new participants.

And despite the smaller size, he said the boys' team has three very good runners — returning participants Alex Buday and Nick Wimmer, and freshman Eric Buday.

Though new to the team, Ken said Eric set four school records on his middle school cross country team.

Ken said he has a very dedicated boys' team.

"Nobody's missed a practice," he said.

In contrast to the boys' team of returning participants, the girls' team, consisting of 14 runners, has many new people.

"Over half my team is brand new," said girls' cross country coach Mary Plude. "Only four girls have done cross country before."

Mary said this year is a real development year for the girls' team but said she has complete confidence in senior runner, Alina Dhaseleer.

"Alina's right on track but team wise, it's hard to tell," she said. "It will take at least a month to develop the team."

Besides Dhaseleer, returning runners include Shelby Goss, Elizabeth Kur, Breanna Londgren and Ellise Smolenyak.

Both the girls' and the boys' team ended last season in fourth place in the Class C regional meet, just short of qualifying for state championship.

The cross country team will host an invitational on Sept. 8 at Charlevoix High School.

The invitational, called the Charlevoix Classic Mud Run, uses obstructions such as muddy terrain and bay barrels to test the agility of Charlevoix's team and others.

Ken said it is cross country "the old-fashioned way."

Photo by Stefanie Carano

The 2007-2008 Boys' Cross Country team Includes (front, from left) Eric Buday, Doug Reynolds, Jonathan Kelly, Neil Salisbury, (back, from left) Alex Buday, Michael McDonough, Sam Balasz and Nick Wimmer. Coach Ken Plude Is missing from the picture.

Courtesy photo

(Left) The 2007-2008 Girls' Cross Country team includes (front, form left) Courtney Chamberlain, Alina Dhaseleer, Rachel Boss, Caroline Dupuls, Kristina Alden, (back, from left) Elizabeth Kur, Alicla Drost, Shelby Goss, Katie Withrow, Madeline Jeakle and Krista Pischner. Coach Mary Plude, Ellise Smolenyak, Breanna Londgren and Cassandra McCary are missing from the picture.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

What? Charlevoix Cross Country to host Mud Run

When? 10 a.m. Sept. 8

Where? Charlevoix High School

Coaches: Ken (boys) and Mary (girls) Plude

Girls' team at a glance: 14 runners with standouts Alina Dhaseleer, Shelby Goss, Elizabeth Kur, Breanna Londgren and Ellise Smolenyak.

Boys' team at a glance: 10 runners with standouts Alex Buday, Nick Wimmer and Eric Buday.

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TENNIS

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The 2007-2008 Charlevoix High School tennis team includes (front, from left) William Larsen, Christina Miller, Amy Pelon, Kevin Greyerhrlehl, David Left, John Saur (from left, in the back row) Mike Pelon, Scott Silberhorn, Alex MacKenzie, Matthew Murray, Michael Heckedon, Rob Rundblad, Zack Smith and coach Erik Lundtelgen. Absent from the photo is Julia Holdsworth, John Drenth, John Hart and Calvin Towsley.

Legislation impacts tennis team turnout

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix High School's co-ed tennis team is down 28 players from last year and Coach Erik Lundteigen attributes the dramatic drop to his sport being moved to the fall season.

A recent law that was passed to address discriminatory practices in girls' sports scheduling now requires that girls' basketball be moved from fall to winter and girls volleyball from winter to fall at all Michigan public schools. This move forced sports teams such as golf, tennis and soccer, consisting of boys and girls alike, to alter their schedules, thus moving the Charlevoix tennis team out of spring sports.

"It's a big mess," said Mike Pelon, a member of the tennis team.

The team has gone from 44 players in the 2006-07 season to 16 players in the 2007-08 season.

"We've had a smaller team than we've had ever number wise," said Lundteigen. "We have a lot of inexperienced players but they will hopefully improve as the season goes on."

Even with a smaller team, Lundteigen said he is optimistic because he sees a lot of hard workers in both the new and experienced players.

"I am happy with who we have. They're working hard," he said.

Last year, he said, the team just missed going to the state finals, finishing fourth in the regionals.

And this year's goal is to have a great playing team overall.

"My goal is to have them playing well," he said. "When you practice well, it will pay off."

He said the entire high school tennis season comes down to two days in October when the conference meet and the regionals take place.

The team's first meet this year was against Petoskey, with Petoskey winning 5 to 4.

"We won most of the doubles, I saw some very encouraging things," Lundteigen said of the meet.

In addition to Lundteigen's guidance, this year's team is getting help from assistant coach Neil Turner.

"Neil is a volunteer coach," he said. "I'm very thankful for the time he donates to our cause."

This is Lundteigen's 21st year coaching tennis.

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The 2007-2008 Boys' Soccer team Includes (front, from left) Wyatt Drost, Alex Buday, Collin McDonough, Weston Bryan, Andy Ennis, Alex Molter, Ben Meyers, Adam Ulrich, (center, from left) John Shea, Wade Werth, Brennan Stebe, Jack Taylor, Nick Brandi, Brian Whitley, Scott Haselschwardt, (back, from left) Shaun Couture, Trevor Currier, Boog Nitchman, Thomas Rich, Head Coach Josh Block, William Larsen, Ryan Wimmer, Matthew Klooster and Waqas Rehmat.

Soccer team brings on 10 new players

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

This year's Charlevoix High School soccer team will focus on getting used to each other, with half of the team consisting of new players.

Coach Josh Block said the team has the largest group of freshmen they've ever had, making up 10 of their 20 members.

"We haven't had that kind of fresh blood in our system in quite awhile," Block said.

The team's immediate goal, he said, is to try to blend returning players with the new players and get the team used to each other.

"Guys are getting to know each other and how to play well together," Block said.

For boys' soccer, Block said the team is part of the toughest district in the state.

Last year's season ended in six wins and 13 losses for the team.

Featured soccer players this year include captains Weston Bryan and Ben Myers and the team's three goalies, Colin McDonough, Nick Brandi and Shawn Couture.

"I have three goalies this year, which I've never had," Block said.

He said this year will be a time of trial and error for the team.

"We have some pretty tough games early on in the year," Block said, "and we're going to try to have a lot of progress and hope that by the end we're playing good soccer."

He said he will be doing a lot of substituting to find out which players play well together.

The team began the season with two games on Saturday, Aug. 25.

"We won the first against Reed City 2 to 1, we lost the second against Manistee, 2 to 0," Block said.

The Saturday split was followed by a 9-1 victory over Grayling, on Monday, Aug. 27.

Coaching this year's soccer team along with Block is assistant coach Tom Myers.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Players: 20

Coach: Josh Block

2006-2007 season: Finished with six wins and 13 losses.

Next game: 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6 at Charlevoix High School against East Jordan.

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VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball team aims to win league title

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

Coach Liz Grunch anticipates a successful season of growth on the Charlevoix High School varsity volleyball team.

"My goals for the season is to be competitive in all situations and to perfect consistency of fundamental skills," Grunch said.

Her team ended last year in both victory and heartbreak, with a conference win 14-0 and a loss in the district finals game to Rogers City.

Their 2006-07 conference league win was for the second year in a row and Grunch wants to continue that streak.

"Winning league is pretty big in our conference," Grunch said. "We've won a couple of years in a row. I'm hoping it's the same result this year."

Grunch takes pride in her senior players, who she said have demonstrated leadership and encourage team cooperation.

"Our seniors have a lot of experience under their belt and work very well together," Grunch said. "Underclassmen have adapted well to the increased intensity and speed of the game."

Featured seniors are setter Aubrey Way, hitter Desi Faust, hitter Murphy Gillespie and defensive specialist Michelle Burke.

Grunch said another featured player is junior Tammy Potter, a particularly powerful hitter.

"There is an incredible amount of desire in passing and powerful hitters," she said. "Also returning is an excellent setter which will give us a very powerful, adaptable offense."

She said this year's challenges for the team are being consistent and having proper positioning on defense.

"We need to work hard and kind of develop our weaknesses into strengths, try to minimize our errors," Grunch said.

The team's first game took place in Pellston on Saturday, Aug. 25, finishing second

"It was a really good start to the season," Grunch said.

The first home game is Sept. 13 against Kalkaska in the Charlevoix High School gym.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Team: Charlevoix High School varsity volleyball

Players: 20

Coach: Liz Grunch

2006-2007 season: a conference win 14-0 and a loss in the district finals game to Rogers City.

Next game: 4:30 p.m. Sept 6 at Traverse City St. Francis.

Photos by Stefanie Carano

(Above) The 2007-2008 varsity volleyball team includes (front, from left) Alyssa McCormick, Tanya Wynkoop, Marie Greene, Lauren Meilke, Michelle Burke, Shauna Spencley, (back, from left) head coach Liz Grunch, Murphy Gillespie, Desi Faust, Aubrey Way and Tammy Potter. (Below) The 2007-2008 junior varsity volleyball team includes (front, from left) Alexis Anthony, Bailey Chamberlain, Hillary Lutz, Lacey Greene, Mikaela Witthoeft, Isis Hang, (back, from left) coach Audra Randall, Megan Menosky, Celina Wanek, Katie Mays, Emily Mielke, Lynnie Gotshall, Bobbie Molter, Sara Wilkinson and Abby Wilhelm. Cuts had not been made prior to this picture being taken.

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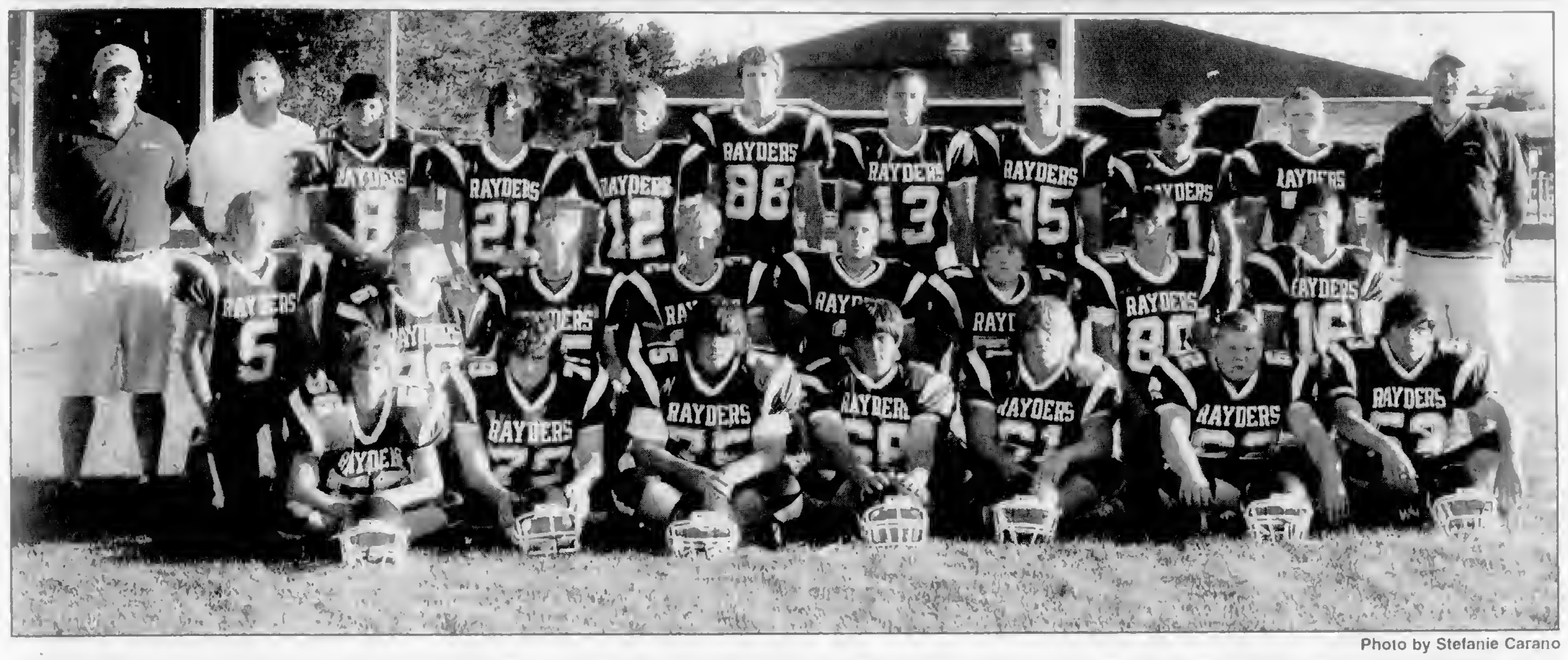

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The 2007-2008 junior varisty football team includes (left to right in the front row) Bobby DeNise, Aaron Schnackenberg, Ian Gauthier, Tony Filizetti, Justin Williams, Jacob Roach, Zach Smith, (middle, from left) Alex Foster, Ryan Penfold, Greg Bishaw, Cam Canupp, Michael Berry, Chris Keie, Trevor Sobleski, Dylan Sladek, (back, from left) co-head coach Doug Waha, co-head coach Keith Carey, Brandon Darrah, J.T. Lawrence, Clayton Mitchell, Chris Levins, Ace Edick, Casey Helstrom, Isaac Hosper, Braden Knoop and assistant coach Steve Gauthier. Jimmy Kilgore is missing from the picture.

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The 2007-2008 junior varsity cheerleading team includes (front, from left) Avery Jason, April Whitley (back, from left) Jennifer Wager, Kaitlin Lamoreaux, Lauren Pettis.

Photo by Stefanie Carano

The 2007-2008 varsity cheerleading team includes (front, from left) Hallie Bins, Rachael Nutall, Bekah Poston, (back, from left) Kelsey DeLoster, Stephanie Milazzo and Caity Bryant. Coach Erin Nickel is missing from the picture.

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VARSITY FOOTBALL

Coach: Don Jess
Assistant Coach: Josh Skeel

August 24	Friday	7:00pm	AT St. Ignace
August 31	Friday	7:00pm	HERE Benzie Central
September 7	Friday	7:00pm	HERE TC St. Francis
September 14	Friday	7:00pm	AT East Jordan
September 21	Friday	7:00pm	AT Boyne City
September 28	Friday	7:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids *Homecoming
October 5	Friday	7:00pm	AT Kalkaska
October 12	Friday	7:00pm	HERE Harbor Springs
October 19	Friday	7:00pm	AT Grayling

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

Co-Head Coach: Doug Waha
Co-Head Coach: Keith Carey

August 23	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE St. Ignace
August 30	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Benzie Central
September 6	Thursday	6:00pm	AT TC St. Francis
September 13	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE East Jordan
September 20	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Boyne City
September 27	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
October 4	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Kalkaska
October 11	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
October 1B	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Grayling

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Coach: Josh Block

August 25	Saturday	10:00am	Boynton Invite AT Leland
August 27	Monday	5:00pm	AT Grayling
August 30	Thursday	5:00pm	AT Gaylord
September 4	Tuesday	5:00pm	AT Suttons Bay
September 6	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE East Jordan
September 7	Friday	5:00pm	HERE Leland
September 10	Monday	5:00pm	AT Boyne City
September 13	Thursday	5:00pm	AT Kalkaska
September 1B	Tuesday	5:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
September 20	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE Grayling
September 24	Monday	5:00pm	HERE Sault Ste. Marie
September 26	Wednesday	5:00pm	HERE Grayling
September 27	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids JV
October 1	Monday	5:00pm	AT East Jordan
October 4	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE Boyne City
October B	Monday	5:00pm	HERE Kalkaska
October 9	Tuesday	5:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
October 11	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE Harbor Springs
October 15-20			MHSAA District
October 23-27			MHSAA Regional
October 31			MHSAA Semi-Finals
November 3			MHSAA Finals

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Coach: Liz Grunch

August 25	Saturday	B:30am	Pellston Primary
August 2B	Tuesday	B:30am	Mason County Invitational
September 6	Thursday	4:30pm	AT TC St. Francis
September B	Saturday	B:30pm	Leland Invitational
September 13	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Kalkaska
September 15	Saturday	B:30am	Petoskey Invitational
September 1B	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Boyne City
September 20	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids
September 22	Saturday	B:30am	Charlevoix Invitational
September 25	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE East Jordan
September 27	Thursday	5:00pm	HERE Tri W/Grayling & Harbor Springs
September 29	Saturday	B:30pm	Suttons Bay Invitaional
October 4	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE TC St. Francis
October 9	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Kalkaska
October 11	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Boyne City
October 16	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
October 1B	Thursday	6:00pm	AT East Jordan
October 23	Tuesday	5:00pm	Tri W/Grayling AT Harbor Springs
October 30 & November 1-3			MHSAA DISTRICT
October 23-27			MHSAA REGIONAL
October 31			MHSAA SEMI-FINALS
November 3			MHSAA FINALS

GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Coach: Audra Randall

September 6	Thursday	4:15pm	AT TC St. Francis
September B	Saturday	B:00am	Boyne City Invitational
September 13	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Kalkaska
September 15	Saturday	B:30am	Inland Lakes Bulldog Invitational
September 1B	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Boyne City
September 20	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids
September 22	Saturday	B:30am	Charlevoix Invitational
September 25	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE East Jordan
September 27	Thursday	5:00pm	AT W/Grayling & Harbor Springs
October 4	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE TC St. Francis
October 9	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Kalkaska
October 11	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Boyne City
October 16	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
October 1B	Thursday	6:00pm	AT East Jordan
October 23	Tuesday	5:00pm	HERE W/Grayling & Harbor Springs
October 27	Saturday	B:00am	Gaylord Invitational

CROSS COUNTRY

Girls Coach: Mary Plude
Boys Coach: Ken Plude

August 25	Saturday	9:00am	AT Benzie Central Invitational
September B	Saturday	10:00am	HERE Charlevoix Classic Mud Run
September 15	Saturday	9:45am	AT Ludington Invitational
September 22	Saturday	9:00am	AT Petoskey Invitational
September 29	Saturday	9:00am	AT Carson City Invitational
October 13	Saturday	10:00am	AT Ogemaw Heights Invitational
October 16	Tuesday	5:00pm	AT East Jordan LMC Championship
October 20	Saturday	9:30am	AT Elk Rapids Invitational
October 27	Saturday	11:00am	REGIONALS AT Benzie Central
November 3	Saturday	10:00am	STATE FINALS Division 3 AT MIS

BOYS TENNIS

Coach: Erik Lundtelgen

August 13	Monday	Season Begins	
August 23	Thursday	4:00pm	AT Petoskey
August 2B	Tuesday	5:00pm	HERE Boyne City
September 4	Tuesday	5:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids
September 6	Thursday	5:00pm	AT Boyne City
September 11	Tuesday	5:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
September 14	Friday	9:00am	Boyne Invitational
September 1B	Tuesday	5:00pm	AT Grayling
September 25	Tuesday	5:00pm	HERE TC St. Francis
September 26	Wednesday	4:30pm	HERE Glen Lake
October 2/3	Tues/Wed	9:00am	Conference @ Petoskey
October 10/11	Thurs/Fri	9:00am	REGIONALS
October 1B/19	Fri/Sat	9:00am	FINALS

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But these are my school shoes

Alina Dhaseleer, a Charlevoix High School girls' cross country team member wades through the mud hole at Charlevoix High School during the annual Mud Run on Sept. 8. Dhaseleer was fifth in the 11-12 race. For a complete listing of results, see page 24.

Is that too loud?

City cops use decibel reader to determine noise violations

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

This fall, tickets for excessive vehicle noise in the City of Charlevoix will be based on scientific readings rather than citizen complaints.

On Sept. 4, city council approved the purchase of a decibel reader for approximately $2,100 to be used by the city's police department in enforcing the state noise law.

A decibel reader is a handheld device that detects the amount of sound coming from a vehicle and whether that sound exceeds permissible noise levels defined in the Michigan Vehicle Noise Control Act.

Rather than creating a noise control ordinance, the city decided to enforce the state's current noise control act to crack down on excessive, disturbing sound coming from motorcycles, cars, mopeds and trucks.

"The State of Michigan vehicle code sets the standard and we would be able to enforce these numbers," said city police chief Gerard Doan.

Under this law, any driver of a vehicle creating noise above state-assigned decibels will face a civil infraction, the cost of which will be determined at a later time.

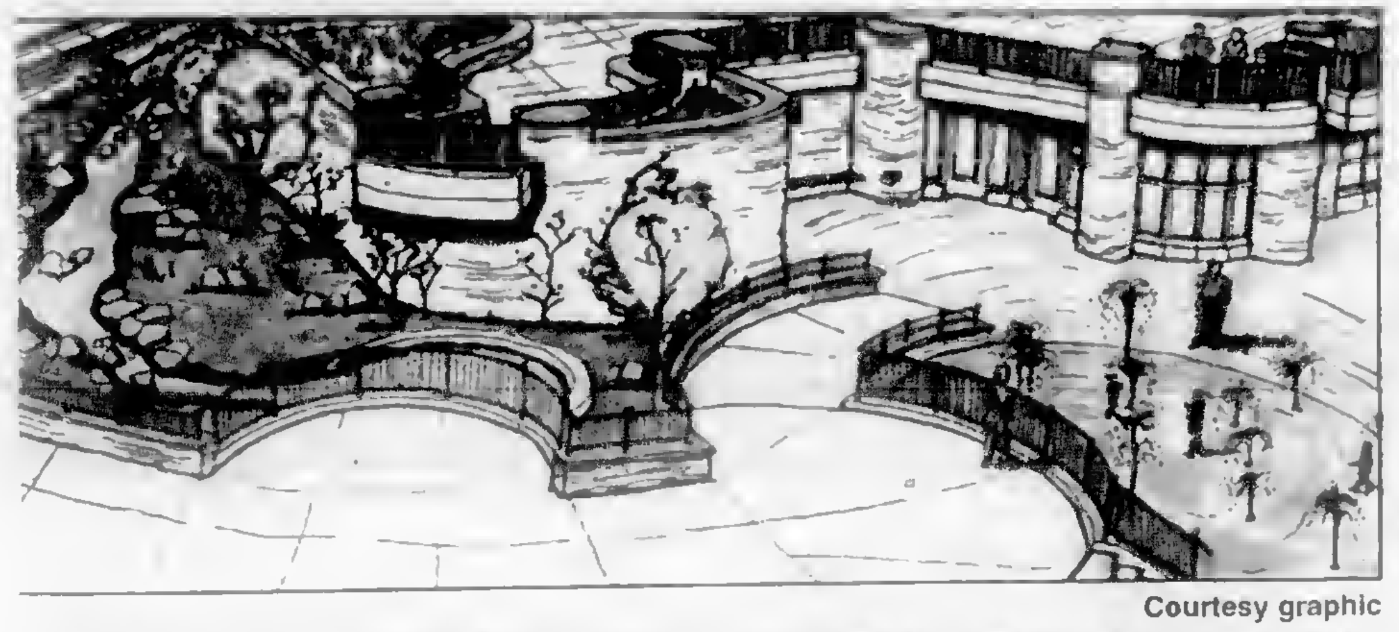
The law states, for instance, that new motorcycles and mopeds may not exceed a noise of 83 decibels at any speed. However, until Police Chief Gerard Doan conducts his noise tests, neither the city council, nor the police department, knows what noise levels above 83 decibels sounds like.

Currently, noise complaints about vehicles are based on calls to police, who come and investigate the complaints-talking to witnesses and those making the noise. With a decibel reader, if a police officer detects excessive noise the driver of the vehicle can be cited immediately.

Both Boyne City and East Jordan have local noise ordinances in place. East Jordan City police chief Daniel Reece and Boyne City police chief Randall Howard said the ordinance is enforced based on citizen complaints. Neither use decibel readers.

Photo by Stefanie Carano

The City of Charlevoix Police Department now has a decibel reader (above) which will be used to enforce the state noise law. A new local ordinance which was proposed, was not adopted.



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This graphic shows what East Park will look like if plans to Install a $380,000 Interactive fountain are approved. City council will consider the Downtown Development Authority's fountain proposal at a public hearing at 7 p.m. Sept. 17.

City Council approves $279,000 for fountain

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

The Downtown Development Authority might be providing an interactive water fountain for East Park if they can find a way to fund it.

After the Aug. 27 authority meeting that included discussions on ways to finance the fountain, city treasurer and then acting city manager Rick Brandi said the authority had approximately $275,000 to spend on East Park renovations, whereas estimated costs for the fountain totaled $380,000. The conclusion of those discussions was a motion to request a reimbursement of $279,000 from city council for spending on a storm sewer infrastructure project.

And on Sept. 4, the city council approved giving $279,000 to the authority for its funding of the city's storm sewer project under Mason Street.

"The storm sewer serves the whole city infrastructure. I felt that it could be looked at for funding," Brandi said.

Third Ward city council member

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Sept. 6	88	65	—
Sept. 7	87	72	.03
Sept. 8	77	53	.59
Sept. 9	75	55	—

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Kasey Crandell Hutchinson, 17, Rockford. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs

Carla Cay Forth, 42, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Blake Ryan Olsen, 17, Petoskey. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

James Harrison Czarnecki, 24, East Jordan. Operator license, suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Serve one year probation; 93 days in jail held in abeyance; $300 in fines and costs.

Patrick Ray Edward Walper, 30, Charlevoix. Sex offender, failure to comply with reporting. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

James Lawrence Kagabitang, 53, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace; police officer, assault/resist/obstruction, attempted. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 15 days in jail, 334 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $800 in fines and costs.

Sally Mae Goniwicha Beuthin, 38, Traverse City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $830 in fines and costs.

Gina Sue Anders, 53, Sherwood, Ohio. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Tim Alan Lutz, 23, Petoskey. Possession of marijuana. Credit for 11 days in jail, 334 days held in abeyance, serve 20 days of community service work in lieu of 20 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test, not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,350 in fines and costs.

Brandon Thomas Healey, 24, East Jordan. Sell/furnish alcohol to minors. Pay $1,200 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Daniel James Dixon, 33, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Michael Benjamin Fuksman, 22, Bellaire. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $1,030 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Boyne Valley Concepts, 1884 Valley View Rd., Boyne Falls, by Diana L. Czerkies

Trailers Inc., 1206 Bridge St., Charlevoix, by David F. Demree II

BIRTHS

Jack Douglas Paquette weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces was born on Aug. 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ryan Michael and Karieanne Marie Paquette of East Jordan. His sibling is Hunter Michael. His grandparents are John and Dianne Bennett, Rich and Chere Paquette, and Gary and Darla Pawson. His great-grandparents are John and Patricia Elzinga.

Camron Lyle George weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces was born on Aug. 29 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Joshua and Elizabeth George of East Jordan. His grandparents are Patricia Mayhew, Casey Mayhew both of East Jordan, Douglas George of Arkansas, Chris Peck of East Jordan. His great-grandparents are Delight Peck and the late Lyle Peck of East Jordan.

CORRECTION

Due to a reporter's error, in the cutline of a picture that appeared on page 8 of the Sept. 5 edition of the Charlevoix Courier it was stated that 6-month-old Kayden Wells was the son of Tonia Wells, the woman who donated a $20,000 doll house to VFW post 1153. Kayden is actually Wells' grandson.

Courtesy photo

Skaters give back

Thomas Louiselle, a frequent skateboarder and user of the Charlevoix Community Skate Park, presents Rosemary Horton from the Charlevoix Food Pantry with $200 raised by donations to a "popsicle fund." Staff purchased popsicles for the kids and in turn, if they wanted one they had to make a donation to the popsicle fund. Donations ranged from a penny up to $5. When parents of the users learned about it they made miscellaneous donations as well. A portion of concessions sales was also donated.

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Charlevoix City Council

The following issues were discussed during the Monday, Sept. 4 meeting of the Charlevoix City Council

Item: Request from Colorado Challenge (Lawrence Bergmann) for support on grant

In brief: The Colorado Challenge, a week-long camping experience at Quaker Ridge Camp in Woodland Park, Colo. for teens ages 14-19 to renew their sense of well-being, maturity and faith. The camp is funded exclusively by donations and registration fees. The costs to attend camp are in excess of $600. The Colorado Challenge has asked the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians to apply 2 percent funding to their project. The Grand Traverse Band has asked the city for their support in applying these funds to the camp.

Council action: approved, unanimous

Item: Downtown Development Authority marina project financing

In brief: The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority requested reimbursement of approximately $279,000 for the storm sewer that serves the entire valley area of the city. The additional funding would also enable the authority to fund the proposed interactive water fountain. A public hearing to add the fountain to the authority's plan for renovation in the new East Park will take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 17 at 210 State St., City Hall.

Council action: Unanimously approved to reimburse $279,000 to the Downtown Development Authority for the storm sewer infrastructure project.

Item: Fostering Smart Growth land use policies

In brief: Outgoing City planner Gerry Harsch stated that some time ago the City Council authorized making an application to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation for matching funds to the Partnerships for Change project through the Land Information Access Association. The association is now ready to undertake the project which aims to preserve shoreline, address lighting issues and preserve farmland and open space and is proposing that the city council pass a resolution to participate and provide a maximum of $1,500 in local match. This will allow the project to go forward if only three of the townships agree to participate and provide $500 each in local match. Should all five townships participate, the city's match will only be $500.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Ferry Launch Ramp addendum to the agreement

In brief: An addendum was added to the Waterways Commission grant agreement for Ferry Launch Ramp improvements that was originally approved in March of this year. Additions to the agreement include insuring that all premises, buildings and equipment-related procedures comply with all applicable state and federal regulations. It also includes a word change of constructing facility improvements and providing funds, services and materials necessary, as opposed constructing facilities and providing funds, services and materials necessary.

These terms have been added to the original agreement that includes appropriating $109,608 to match a $59,999 state grant, maintaining satisfactory financial accounts, appointing the city police to regulate the use of the facilities and also, enforcing all state statutes and local ordinances pertaining to marine safety and statutes pertaining to the licensing of watercraft.

The agreement was drafted due to problems on the ramp caused by low water levels.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Noise Ordinance status report

In brief: Charlevoix police chief Gerard Doan and city attorney Jim Young have conferred on various aspects of the draft noise ordinance that would address permitted sound volumes in the city by their decibel level. Currently, the State of Michigan has adopted a decibel level to control excessive noise from motorcycles, cars and trucks. Young stated that Doan has serious concerns that the proposed ordinance with its decibel limits that go beyond motor vehicles could be used to involve the police department in neighbor disputes and significantly interfere with the discretion of his police officers to enforce the law in a reasonable manner. With the decibel meter, Young and Doan said the police department will have the tools to enforce the excessive noise limits in the state's motor vehicle code and see if this can address the concerns of the council.

Council action: Unanimously approved for the purchase of a decibel reader for approximately $2,100.

Item: Purchase of snow gun

In brief: Nub's Nob in Harbor Springs has agreed to sell its 2007 Nub's Nob Snow Gun to the City of Charlevoix in the amount of $12,500 for use at the Mount McSauba ski hill.

Council action: Approved, unanimous

Item: Federal Aviation Administration grant agreement — land acquisition and update airport master plan study

In brief: On Aug. 27, mayor Norman Carlson Jr. and city attorney Jim Young ratified a grant agreement to purchase land to update the master plan for the airport. The land is located at 06982 Old Norwood Rd. and 06964 Old Norwood Rd. in Charlevoix Township. The Federal Aviation Administration would pay 95 percent of the property cost in the amount of $905,000. The State of Michigan would pay the city's portion of the property cost in the amount of $23,816. Negotiations are still underway concerning some additional costs that will not affect this year's grant allocation.

Council action: approved, unanimous

Development authority looks to fund remaining $100,000 for fountain

FOUNTAIN

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Shirley Gibson asked the authority if they would be asking for the reimbursement if they weren't trying to pay for the fountain.

"Maybe not," said Mayor Norman Carlson Jr., who is a member of the Downtown Development Authority and appoints its members.

Charlevoix resident John Winn said he thought the Downtown Development Authority should get the money back.

"Storm sewers are not part of the DDA mission," Winn said.

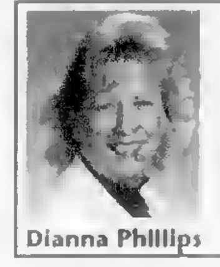
In addition to the costs it would take to construct the fountain, the Downtown Development Authority is facing over $100,000 to construct a trout stream and add a fire hydrant to the park.

Plans for the fountain and whether the $279,000 from city council will go towards funding its construction will not be finalized until the Downtown Development Authority adds the item to their tax increment financing plan and development plan. In order for this to happen, the Downtown Development Authority must go through a series of processes, including presenting their plan to city council and setting a public hearing to discuss adding the fountain costs to the plan.

A public hearing will take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 17 at City Hall, 210 State St.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

City Council agreed to reimburse the Downtown Development Authority $279,000 the authority paid for a new storm sewer in East Park. The authority plans to use this money to offset the $380,000 cost of the interactive fountain in the park. The source of the balance of the funds has yet to be determined. For the fountain project to proceed city council must approve amendments to the authority's tax increment financing and development plans. These amendments will be discussed at a public hearing at 7 p.m. on Sept. 17 at city hall.



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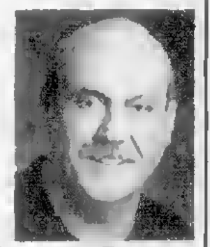

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Change of heart on fountain proposal

JUST A THOUGHT

Julie Witthoeft

Let's squash rumors right now that I'm cruising the Great Lakes in a brand new Four Winns boat.

I'm sure the word on the street is John Winn paid me off now that I've flip flopped my very vocal opposition to the proposed $380,000 interactive fountain in East Park he first proposed to the Downtown Development Authority.

Well, I don't take bribes but I do accept reason. After sitting down with Winn, city treasurer Rick Brandi and street superintendent Pat Elliott last week I see the potential benefits that come with this fountain.

My initial concerns were concrete covering potential green space, installation and maintenance costs, necessity and utility.

Here is what I now understand.

USE OF OPEN SPACE

The area where the fountain will be located is outside the harbormaster's building in the plaza at the foot of Clinton Street. This area has always been designed using pavers (no lost green space) and was initially supposed to house the trout stream. Design changes have shifted the stream south. PETA fans will be thrilled with this new stream which mimics the trout's natural habitat and will save our tan trout months of discomfort they experienced in the cesspool they used to live in.

COST

Concern number two, the fountain's $380,000 price tag is still a sore spot. My first proposal was a money saving option — pay me $30,000 a year to stand in the park with a garden hose and squirt kids as they walk by. Some argue in the grand scheme of an $11 million project it's a drop in the bucket, but proposals for the Downtown Development Authority to fund the project by borrowing from the city coffers when state revenue sharing is tenuous at best and the realities of deregulation of the city's electric system are unknown isn't prudent. City council has agreed to pay the DDA $279,000 for work they funded on the storm sewer in East Park. This money would go toward fountain costs.

Since this isn't a project the authority had planned Brandi said it stifles their ability to tackle Cool Cities initiatives. I hope in the next year to see the authority pursue those Cool Cities recommendations that don't cost big bucks. Make a decision on parking meters (pull or keep), call the Michigan Department of Transportation and see what it will take for restaurants to serve cocktails on the sidewalk and have Keith Carey develop a marketing plan to get the word out that Charlevoix has an amazing new library, city hall, high school, park and marina. We've sunk an incredible amount of cash into these facilities and now is the time to start talking about them.

UTILITY

The only reasonable argument that justifies the cost is the potential income this could generate for downtown businesses. My rebuttal was how much more will it help when its primary use will be during the summer, a time when business is booming, fountain or not. Well, uplighting included in the plan allow it to be a visual attraction in the fall and spring and calls have been made to artificial ice rink providers who are willing to rent the city a surface and skates to try out during Charlevoix's longest season — winter.

NECESSITY

My third argument, "Why do we need to shoot water from the ground when we have the best public beaches in northern Michigan?" The hope is the fountain will draw a crowd to cool off, sit back and watch, shop and dine downtown.

REMAINING CONCERN

My one remaining concern is maintenance. This fountain has been likened to a small pool. And every pool I've come across small, medium or large, requires a lot of maintenance. The fountain project requires the DDA to alter its tax increment financing plan (talks about funding) and development plan (specific projects). Changes to those plans require a public hearing which will take place at 7 p.m. on Sept. 17 at the city council meeting at city hall. I urge the community and city council to demand an estimate of annual maintenance costs before approving changes to the plans.

Julie Witthoeft is editor of the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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An interactive fountain like the one pictured above is proposed to be included in the East Park renovation.

Weekly Poll

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The science behind Charlevoix's suicidal squirrels

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

I believe I can answer the swimming squirrel conundrum.

As any scientist must, I have studied the published literature on animal behavior. I have interviewed knowledgeable people. I have collected information and I have come to a tentative conclusion. Those who do science know that their efforts, no matter how comprehensive, never provide a permanent, absolute answer. Science marches on, and there will always be better or more complete answers down the road.

Students of animal behavior have often noticed a serious tendency for young males of many different species to leave home and search for a new place to live. Female animals also leave, but they leave less often, and they travel much shorter distances before settling down. This is true in organisms as different as lions, swallows, muskrats, meadow voles, Belding ground squirrels (from California) and naked mole rats from North Africa.

Moving out of your home and a familiar home territory is dangerous. The mover is exposed to predators, potential food shortages and enormous energy expenditure compared to his live-at-home relatives. There must then be substantial benefits from such migration or dispersal. What are they? The genetic advantages of hybridization is one. The male moves to an area where it has no close relatives, and its potential offspring are likely to have the advantages of hybrid vigor. Hybrids, you may recall, are usually superior to non-hybrid animals.

Close examination of the dispersing males in many cases has revealed that they are genetically different than their stay-at-home relatives. They have what might be called an "adventurous gene" that causes the dispersal behavior. Interestingly, a gene on chromosome 11 of human beings is associated with what is called "novelty-seeking personality." We share 90 percent of our genes with most other mammals, and it is not beyond possibility that the novelty-seeking gene in humans is the same as the adventurous gene in other mammals. The same gene in humans that causes some of us to helicopter to the top of a mountain and ski down nearly vertical slopes of virgin powder or to take up sky-diving may be producing our local squirrel behavior.

The best local evidence I have against any suicide hypothesis is a communication from a carefully observing resident of the Ironton Narrows. She tells me that she has seen squirrels swim all the way across the narrows, climb up the sloping opposite shore, shake themselves like a

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

In this installment of Ear to the Ground, Courier columnist Roger Knutson gives scientific insight into the bizarre seasonal behavior of local squirrels.

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LETTERS to the editor

COUNCIL SHOULD RECONSIDER LAUNCH FEES AND LIGHTHOUSE COLOR

Editor:

I was reading the Charlevoix City Council section of the Aug. 29 edition of your paper and the item regarding waiving the launch fee for a tournament group caught my eye. The City of Charlevoix waives the launch fee for city residents which is understandable, they pay taxes. I however live three miles from town and pay a $30 per year fee to use the launch (or $5 per day), again understandable.

I am displeased to know that the city council values boaters from outside our community more than they do those who live, work and raise families here. I can appreciate the desire to bring business to the community. However, I assure you that I contribute more to the economy of this area than any of those who will be participating in this tournament, much more.

Why does the city council see a need to provide a benefit to this group from outside our community while not giving the same to the people who live here? Do you really think that this little expense will keep them from coming? I seriously doubt that. So this group will be taking over the launch and parking lot, as I have experienced in the past, and in the process interfering with those of us who hold a launch pass and our use of the launch.

In the past I have been forced to wait a considerable amount of time to launch and park about a block-and-a-half away because of the number of these tournament fishermen using the launch, for free then also I might add. It is likely, as I have chosen to do in the past based upon my experience launching during this event, I will not be fishing on those days. That means that I will not be buying fuel, food, tackle or anything else associated with fishing in this town. How many others might do the same? Are you really doing the community a service or just catering to the tourists as usual?

And while I am at it, sometimes things are changed for a reason and how it was in the past is not always better. My personal opinion, and that of others I have spoken to, is that a red lighthouse will detract from the beauty of Charlevoix. It will more likely be a giant flaming eyesore on what is now a beautiful scenery.

Michael Jones
Charlevoix

RETHINK PARK, STREET NAMES

Editor:

I am a third Neff generation born and raised in the City of Charlevoix. Neff Brothers 1950s gifted Round Lake docks to the City of Charlevoix. We have been continuous active Charlevoixans.

This letter is to request your vote to maintain the name East Park for the new East Park under construction.

Should you vote on newcomer initiated proposed "Bluff Avenue" instead of East Hurlbut, a more suitable name could be made.

The term "Bluff Avenue" appears to be designed towards improving social and property values. With the residences on what we call the terrace having Belvedere Avenue addresses, the term Bluff Avenue for the south side residences on East Hurlbut is not correct.

In closing, many of us old Charlevoixans who appreciated Charlevoix just the way it was have been overpowered in the community and at City Council by "newcomers" with political connections and/or big checkbooks who have nothing to do but work to impose and change what used to be unique in Charlevoix.

C. Marilyn Gibbons
Charlevoix

Editor's note: This letter was addressed to Charlevoix City Council.

BRIDGE WALK BENEFITS PANCAN

Editor:

Look what Charlevoix has done again. Thank you to all who helped walk or donated to this year's Little but Mighty Bridge Walk.

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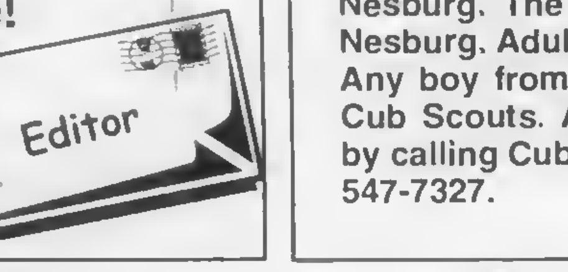

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Smooth sailing Scouts

Charlevoix Cub Scouts Pack 11, competed in the 2nd Annual Raingutter Regatta on Monday, Aug. 20. The event held at Depot Beach drew 30 Cub Scouts and adults. Participants were required to assemble and decorate a pinewood sailboat. Using straws, participants blew against the sail, propelling the sailboats from one end of the raingutter to the other. Pictured above are the regatta champions. They are (from left) Tiger Cub Caleb Pitman, Wolf Cub J. T. VanMeter, Bear Cub Danny Nesburg and Webelos Scout Mik Nesburg. The overall grand champion is Danny Nesburg. Adult Division winner is Allison Filizetti. Any boy from first through fifth grades can join Cub Scouts. Adults can volunteer to be leaders by calling Cubmaster Christopher Snabes at (231) 547-7327.

Squirrels dive into Pine River Channel in search of strong mate

SQUIRREL

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dog just out of the water, and scamper into the trees. That is not the image of a despondent, suicide-prone animal.

Are our local squirrel-swimmers male? I have examined a number of them that have washed up on the Lake Michigan beach north of the channel, and they were all male. Further observation would help establish our potential explanation. Close examination of their teeth (I have not done this) would help establish whether they were young or not.

It would appear that our local swimming squirrels are from the adventurous branch of their families, and are leaving home as males of all sorts commonly do. That we see them swimming means only that they have struck out for new territory, and around here that almost always means that they encounter water. We are unlikely to see the ones that disperse over the sand dunes and through the woods, but believe me they are there. They are doing what squirrels must do to maintain appropriate genetic diversity. They are not thinking about it, of course, they are only doing what their genes program them to do.

I don't know whether I am more envious of the stay-at-home squirrels with their little safe lives or the adventurous ones who risk everything for a chance at some unrelated females. I apparently do not have the gene for novelty-seeking personality. All my potentially dangerous novelty seeking was done before I was 25.

Is the human novelty-seeking gene more common among political liberals or political conservatives? Now that would be an interesting piece of research.

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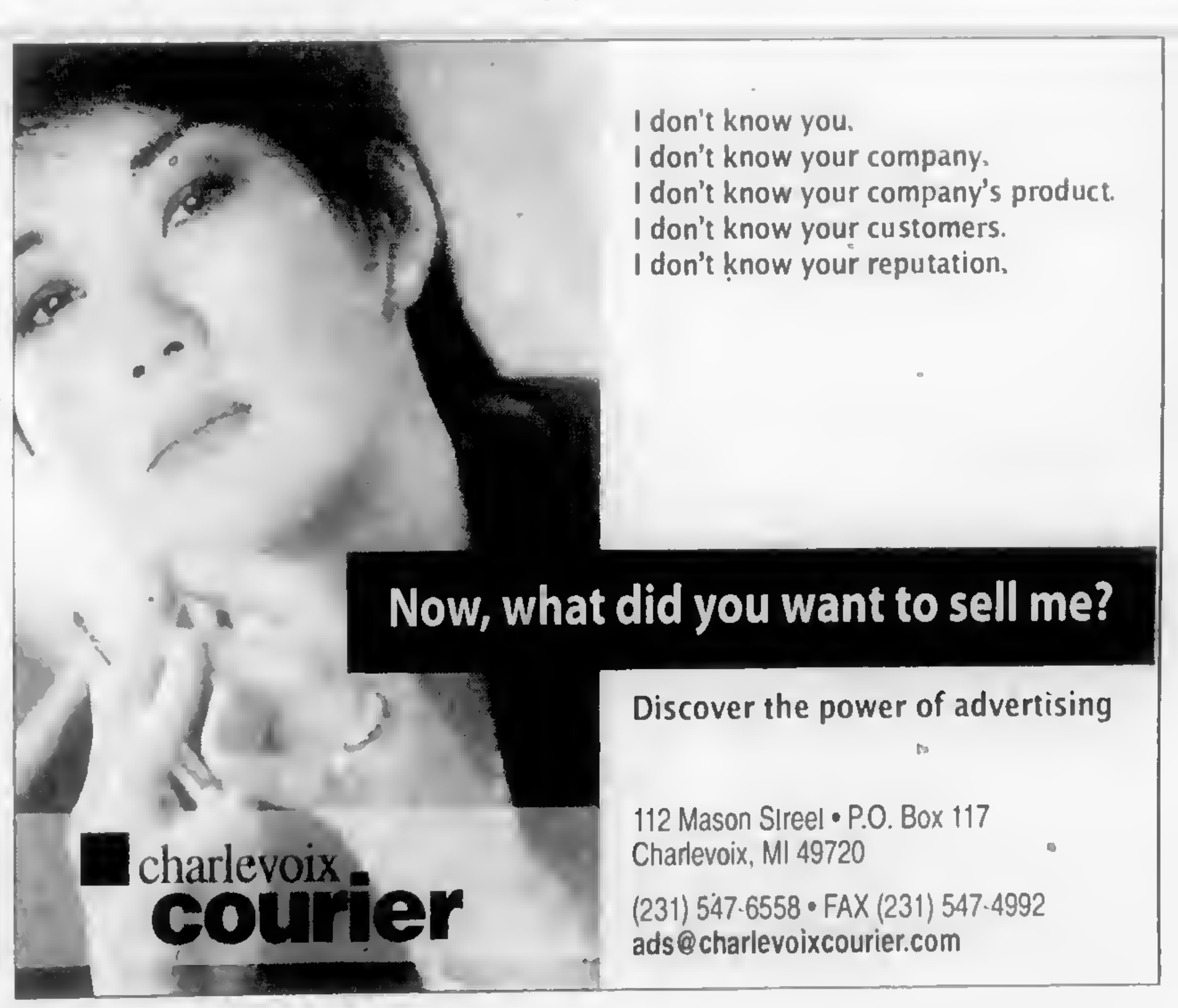

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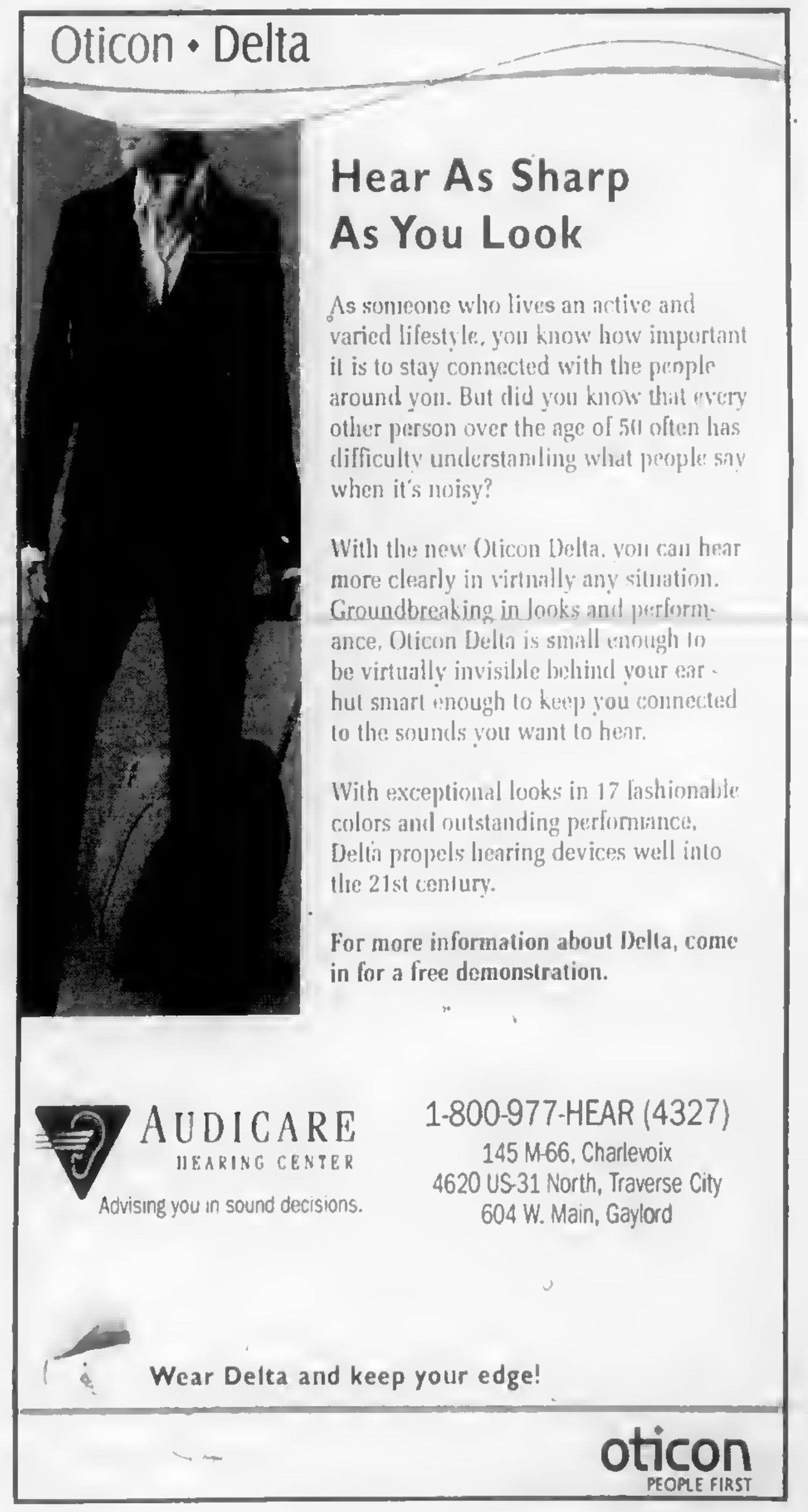

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Fall story hour begins at Charlevoix Public Library

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Story hour for children up to 5 years old meets on Thursdays at Charlevoix Public Library. (Above) Erica Powell reads to a group of children in the children's activity center.

Thursday Story Times at Charlevoix Public Library follow the Charlevoix Public School calendar and closures.

Lapsit tales for parents and children (birth -3) start at 10:05 a.m. Lapsit includes stories, finger plays, knee bounces, rhymes and songs for the youngest crowd.

Preschool story time for children 3-5 years old starts at 10:30 a.m. and include stories, music and a craft. Registration is appreciated but not required. Drop-ins are welcome.

For more information, call (231) 237-7350.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. in Charlevoix.

Volunteers prepare for 4th Annual Day of Caring

Harbor Industries and Char-Em United Way are leading the 4th annual community-wide Day of Caring, scheduled for Sept. 18.

This event promotes teamwork and gives people a taste of volunteering, while making a difference in the community.

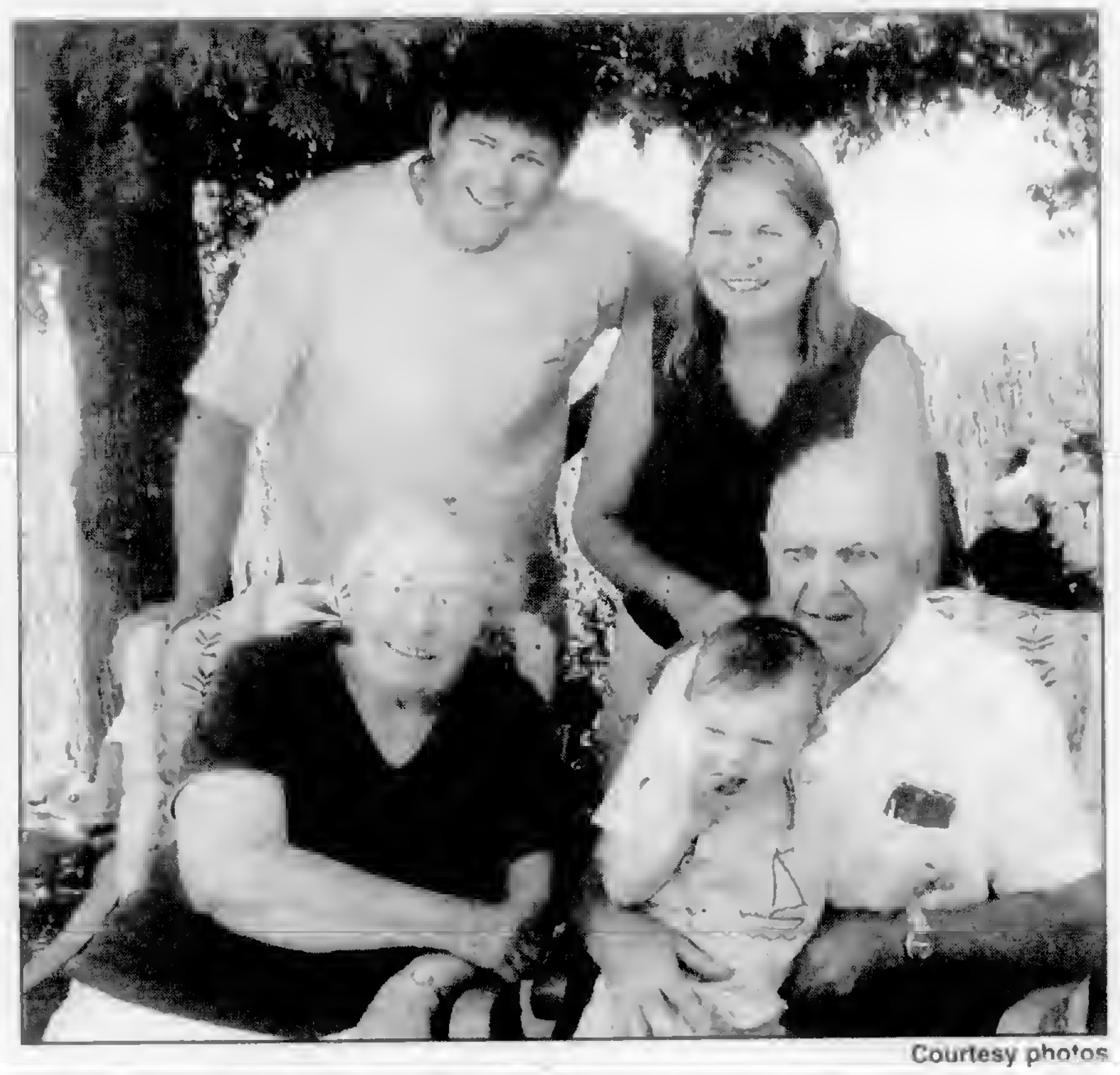
The Day of Caring matches teams of volunteers from businesses, schools, faith communities and community groups with non-profit agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet counties who are in need of hands-on help. Other members of the core Day of Caring/Get Involved team are Bay Winds Federal Credit Union, Huntington National Bank, Way Transportation, Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix Manufacturing and Charlevoix High School.

"We're very excited about Day of Caring 2007," Jennifer Arebambault of Harbor Industries said. "In our first year we had 70 volunteers working on seven projects, and last year that grew to 550 helping out on 35 projects throughout the two-county area. Volunteers did tasks ranging from washing senior citizens' cars, to building shelves for the Red Cross, to washing windows at the Safe Home. This year, we anticipate engaging even more volunteers and helping more agencies."

For more information, contact the Day of Caring Committee at (231) 237-6242 or e-mail getinvolved@harborind.com.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

The Day of Caring on Sept. 18 matches teams of volunteers from businesses, schools, faith communities and community groups with non-profit agencies in Charlevoix and Emmet counties who are in need of hands-on help.



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Four generations

Four generations of this Charlevoix family recently gathered. They are (front, from left) great-grandparents Arlene and Ken Staley of Charlevoix, holding Aiden Heeres of Monroe Ga. and (back, from left) Aiden's father Scott Heeres of Monroe Ga. and grandmother Donna Heeres of Ellsworth.

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Guild silent auction is Sept. 18 and 19

Members of the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild gathered recently to plan a silent auction that will be available from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 18 and from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. on Sept. 19 in classroom B at the hospital. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the guild. Among the group's projects is upgrading the televisions in patient rooms. Pictured above (from left) are guild members Louise Hilligan, Maggie Mason, Juli Fialkowski, Raechel Alberts and Lorene Sakamoto. For more information, call (231) 547-2851.

Blood drive Sept. 13 at Community Reformed Church

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, located at the intersection of U.S. 31 and Meech Street.

Starting on Saturday, Sept. 1 and continuing through Saturday, Sept. 15, all presenting donors at drives across the state will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for a chance to win a tailgate package. The packages, perfect for the upcoming football season, consist of a portable grill, rolling cooler, an e-z up canopy and a $50 gift card. In all, four donors in the Red Cross' Great Lakes Region Blood Services area will be selected in late September.

To make an appointment, call (800) 448-3543. Walk-ins are welcome. Donors are asked to bring a Red Cross donor card or government photo identification. A nursery will be provided from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

What's happening at the Library this week?

Regular Weekly Meetings: Newcomers welcome!
French Conversation Circle: Tuesdays @ noon
Spanish Conversation Circle: Tuesdays @ 6:00 pm
Writer's Group: Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm
Play Group
Wednesday, September 12, 10:30 a.m.
Join other parents and their babies for a fun morning of socialization time for both baby and parent. Hosted by Char-Em in the Charlevoix Public Library's Youth Activity Center.

Computer Tidbit: Digital Photo Books
Wednesday, September 12, 1:00 p.m.
Learn the beginning steps to turn your digital photos into a photo book using Shutterfly.
Storytimes
Thursday, September 15
Lapsit (birth-3), 10:05 a.m.
Pre-K (3-5), 10:30 a.m.
Authors Live! Steve Hamilton
Monday, September 17, 7:00 p.m.
Come listen to one of Michigan's own, talk about a beloved Michigan protagonist, Alex McKnight as well as Mr. Hamilton's newest novel Night Work.
Computer Tidbit: Web Communication Tools Explained
Wednesday, September 19, 1:00 pm
Learn the basics of the new and different communication tools, including My Space, blogs, IM, and more!

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Authors Live to feature Steve Hamilton Sept. 17

Steve Hamilton

Authors Live at Charlevoix Public Library will feature Steve Hamilton at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 17.

Hamilton has won the Edgar, Anthony and Shamus awards for his stark, powerful tales of Michigan private eye Alex McKnight. In 2006, his contributions to literature earned him the Michigan Author Award.

Hamilton serves on the board of Mystery Writers of America and Private Eye Writers of America. He lives in Cottekill, N.Y. with his wife and two children.

For more information, call the library at (231) 237-7340.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

What? Mystery writer Steve Hamilton will speak at Authors Live.

When? 7 p.m. on Sept 17.

Where? Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St

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OBITUARY

Elaine Roth: June 30, 1944 - Aug. 30, 2007

Elaine L. Roth, 63, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, Aug. 30 at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

A memorial service took place on Monday, Sept. 10, at the Weathervane Restaurant, next to the bridge in Charlevoix. She was born June 30, 1944, in Saginaw to Howard F.M. and Esther E. (Lange) Gremel. Elaine graduated from Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw in 1962, earned a bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University in 1967, and in 1972, a master of arts in special education. She spent two years teaching elementary school in Grand Blanc, and 27 years teaching special education at Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw, retiring in 1996. Most recently, she has been employed at the Bullfrog Light Company in Charlevoix.

Elaine loved to sail the North Channel with friends, Bill and Betsy Stewart. She enjoyed her three cats, Trilly, Tansy and Poppy. Most of all, she enjoyed her special education students. On Aug. 12, 1967, she married Larry L. Roth in Saginaw. Upon retiring, they made their home in Charlevoix, where Larry resides.

Elaine is also survived by her mother Esther E. Gremel; sisters, Annette (John) Boyer, Carolyn (Marvin) Turner all of Saginaw, Loretta (Harry) Meersma of Lansing; brother, Randall H. (Annmarie) Gremel of Antioch, Tenn.; special aunt, Lorna Ziegler of Saginaw.

Elaine's father Howard preceded her in death in 1982.

Memorial contributions made in memory of Elaine may be directed to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 1421 E. 12 Mile Rd., Madison Heights, MI 48071, or to the Charlevoix County Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St, Boyne City, MI 49712. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

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Assembly of God Church adds fall services and events

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church will host fall services and events.

SUNDAYS

Sunday's begin at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School for children and adults. A new study of the book "A Life God Rewards" by Bruce Wilkerson, is currently being taught by Scott Hankins in an adult class. Beginning Sept. 30, two additional adult classes will be offered. Scott Hankins will teach the Radiant Life curriculum focusing on "Abraham" and "Great Women of the Bible." Vicki Hankins will teach a marriage class.

"Worship & The Word" begins at 10:30 a.m. with pastor Ryp Hankins ministering. Sunday evening meetings begin at 6 p.m. (except for the first Sunday of each month). Youth pastor, Brad Klooster will minister at the morning service on Sept. 30.

TUESDAYS

From 7 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday evening community prayer/intercession is offered with live worship led by Jackie Boog and the praise/worship band. Prayer needs may be phoned in to the church office at (231) 547-6430.

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday night ministries are from 7–8 p.m. and consist of: Nursery, Calvary's Kids (elementary grades), Youth Group (grades 6-12) and Adult Bible Discovery.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will have their annual Fall Fling from 3–9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15. The Youth Group will attend United Worship on Sunday, Oct. 7 in Bellaire and a Toby Mac concert on Oct. 19 and 20. Youth Nights will begin at 6 p.m. Oct. 28. At Youth Nights, the Youth Group leads praise/worship, preaches/teaches, ministers through drama/song/testimony. For Youth Ministries information, call Brad or Lynnsey Klooster at (231) 547-6430.

MEN'S BREAKFASTS

Men's breakfasts resume on Saturday, Sept. 15, led by Doug Way. Men's breakfasts meet the third Saturday of each month at the church. There is no cost.

FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Fellowship dinners resume Sunday, Oct. 7 following the morning service. Potluck style dinner is shared the first Sunday of each month. Families are asked to bring two dishes — a main dish and a salad or dessert.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES SMALL GROUPS

Women's ministries small groups is offering two 12-week DVD/Work book series opportunities "The Power of a Praying Woman" by Stormie Omaritian or "The Five Love Languages" by Dr. Gary Chapman. The cost is $12 per person. For more information, call Ginger Stevens at (231) 547-6430.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery will be offered from 7–8:30 p.m. beginning Friday, Sept. 14 at the church. Celebrate Recovery is led by Jerry Newland and is offered every Friday. At this time, a Men's Chemically Dependent Group is available.

FOOD PANTRY

A food pantry is available for those in need from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, by appointment only. For more information, call (231) 547-6430.

Charlevoix Assembly of God Church is located at 05291 M-66 North near Castle Farms. For more information about the ministries of Charlevoix Assembly of God, call the church office at (231) 547-6430 or visit www.charlevoixag.com.

Sept. 17 Walk to Remember recognizes infant deaths

What? "Walk to Remember" waterfront walk was organized to honor all children who have left this world too soon.
When? 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 17.
Where? At the Petoskey Bayfront Park.

The Safe Crossings Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is co-hosting with the Compassionate Friends a "Walk to Remember" on Monday, Sept. 17. This waterfront walk begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Petoskey Bayfront Park.

The walk was organized to honor all children who have left this world too soon. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the walk.

The Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Program mission is to assist families who are suffering the loss of an infant as a result of miscarriage, premature birth or stillbirth.

The Compassionate Friends is a nonprofit, self-help support organization that assists families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others be supportive. It offers friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved parents, grandparents and siblings.

For more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or visit hospiceltb.org.

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05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	547-6322

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CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	588-2112
or Missionaries	547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12021 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort	547-4121

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US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321

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Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

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1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
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Betty Henne retires from Charlevoix Public Schools

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

STORY HIGHLIGHT
Betty Henne, longtime English teacher and librarian with Charlevoix Public Schools who began teaching 36 years ago, recently tendered her resignation in order to travel, write and read among other things.

Following more than three decades as a teacher and librarian in Charlevoix, Betty Henne is signing out.

Henne, who began teaching 36 years ago at Clarkston Middle School, recently tendered her resignation in order to travel, write and read among other things.

She is looking forward to spending time with her son who is teaching in Zurich, Switzerland and who will be married in May in Europe and with her mother.

"Those were paramount in my decision making," she said.

Aside from writing poetry and possibly authoring children's books, Henne may edit a novel or two.

"I've had some authors that have contacted me with some interest and I would like to explore that a little bit," she said. "I do a fair amount of writing and I think maybe it gives me a better understanding of myself and people. It helps you learn a little more about yourself and just what's happening around you."

Henne, who grew up in Essexville, received her bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University with majors in English and History. She also earned a master's degree, did a summer abroad in Dublin, Ireland and attended the international reading conference in addition to raising three children, two of whom have earned a Ph.D. and one who is an orthopedic surgeon.

"Being a parent has been an important part of my life," Henne said. "And just as important, I think, has been being involved in the lives of students and encouraging them to read, because I know how important it is to their future success.

Henne, who has read hundreds and hundreds of books in her lifetime, said she became interested in the idea of teaching while in high school.

"I had just a fantastic English and American literature teacher who told me that I should go into teaching," she said. "I taught English here in Charlevoix for 20 years and then I went back and earned my master's in library science K-12 and I think it was probably a love of reading that caused me to do that."

While Henne adores realistic and historical fiction, she reads everything from science fiction to Harry Potter.

"I've done a lot of reading. I probably read over a 100 books every summer," she said. "I liked Jane Eyre and still like it, 'The Book Thief' I loved, but there are so many."

Aside from her years teaching English, Henne is particularly proud of her involvement in the Charlevoix High School media center.

"My heart is in the media center. I designed it and I guess that makes it difficult to leave the high school," she said. "I taught classes of students how to use the Internet in various databases, I correlated the curriculum with teachers, I taught them technology skills and I had a number of student assistants in the media center who, for the first time, received grades for being assistants."

She added, "They encouraged other students to read and helped assist students in databases."

Henne even stayed late most days so students could have more time to finish projects or research.

"One thing I really enjoyed was the poetry contest and publishing student poetry and encouraging students to read their poetry at the celebration," she said.

Henne, who plans to stay active and informed, said the only thing she will likely miss is getting up early in the morning.

"I think it's a great joy to teach literature and information skills," she said. "Absolutely, there is a correlation between reading and success and all of the research is showing that certified media specialists in public libraries and high school libraries increase student achievement."

Henne added, "I think very soon there will be a requirement in No Child Left Behind to have certified media specialists at all levels and I sincerely hope that will be the future of Charlevoix schools."

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As a fund-raiser for the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber is raffling this 2008 Ford Mustang convertible with leather interior valued at $25,700. The raffle party is from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Belvedere Club Casino. About 700 tickets have been sold so far.

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First Congregational Church names new pastor

BY STEFANIE CARANO
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STORY HIGHLIGHT
Pastor Neil Wilson has been named the new leader of the First Congregational Church of Christ in Charlevoix. He replaces Mary Willis who left the church this summer after four years. Wilson will take over on Nov 4.

Courtesy photo
Pastor Neil Wilson and his wife Donna, currently of Cherryfield, Maine, was appointed by the congregation at First Congregational United Church of Christ on Aug. 26. He will officially take his new position on Nov. 4.

After the departure of Pastor Mary Willis this summer, the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix has chosen a new leader, Pastor Neil Wilson.

Wilson, currently of Cherryfield, Maine, was selected as a pastoral candidate by the church's search committee before being appointed by the congregation on Aug. 26. The committee was formed in December of 2006 and consists of church members with experience in hiring people in their chosen professions.

Until starting his position in Charlevoix Nov. 4, Wilson, 52, will continue serving as both director of the Maine Seacoast Mission and as part-time pastor.

"The Maine Seacoast Mission provides for the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of people in down east Maine," Wilson said.

Wilson will be replacing Stephen Davidson, who has served as interim pastor in the time between Willis and Wilson.

"I'm sure he will serve this congregation well. He seems eminently qualified," Davidson said.

Wilson is originally from Lovell, Maine though he has spent a considerable amount of time in both Maine and Indiana as a spiritual leader. His desire to return to the Midwest was due to grandchildren currently living in Indiana and an appreciation for northwest Michigan.

"There is some resemblance to Maine," Wilson said.

He said the opportunity to lead the First Congregational Church on Aug. 26 gave him a good impression of its members.

"I was looking for a church that is very community-minded," Wilson said. "When I spoke there, I got a strong sense of a church that is gaining a clear sense of purpose and can see themselves moving into the future."

At 28 years old, Wilson was working with his brother in the logging and Christmas tree business when he felt the calling to become a full-time pastor.

"It was a very clear call to church-based ministry," he said.

Already married and active in the church as a deacon, he decided to quit the logging industry and return to school to get his bachelor's and master's degree to be ordained as pastor.

As someone with a family, he and his wife Donna have approached his calling as a couple.

"We often do it together, as a team," Wilson said. "We're not both ordained but we see ourselves as spiritual leaders."

His calling introduced him to the Midwest, and eventually to picking Michigan as his new home. Wilson performed his master's studies at the Earlham School of Religion in Indiana. However, academics did not come easily with a family to raise. Wilson said it took him nine years to complete his bachelor's degree, six years to complete his master's.

"In the meantime, I was a licensed minister," Wilson said.

Wilson describes himself as a hands-on spiritual leader.

"Because of my background working outdoors, I'm comfortable meeting people where they are," Wilson said.

He said he likes to visit people regularly in their homes

Between now and November, Pastor Davidson will be preparing the church for Wilson's arrival.

Search committee member and parishioner Barb Clagett said, "He's (Wilson) so solid and so well grounded, really a man of faith, not into himself. I love the church very much and just wanted to find someone who fits the church's needs and the person's needs."

In honor of the First Congregational Church's 125-year presence in the community, Mayor Norman Carlson Jr. declared Sept. 16 First Congregational Church of Christ Day. The church will be holding a celebration in honor of the anniversary.

Greensky Harvest Dinner is Sept. 22

Greensky Hill United Methodist Indian Mission Church will host a harvest dinner.

The event will take place from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the church, located off Old U.S. 31 North.

The cost is $9 per adult and $4 per child under 10 years old.

The menu will include turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, squash, corn, green beans, creamed cabbage, fresh tomatoes, beets, cranberry sauce, bread and butter pickles, rolls and pie.

For more information, call (231) 582-9262.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Tuesday, September 4, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed supporting the Colorado Challenge grant request from the Grand Traverse Bay of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
- Motion passed reimbursing the DDA $279,000 for East Park storm sewer infrastructure expenses.
- Motion passed authorizing the annual contract with B.A.S.E.S. Teen Center for $3,000.
- Motion passed authorizing the purchase of a decibel meter with printer for the police department.
- Motion passed approving purchase of a snow gun for $12,500
- Motion passed authorizing the Mayor and City Attorney to sign the FAA agreement for land acquisition at the airport.
- Motion passed confirming the Mayor's appointments of Joan Buday and Dianne Clifford Dupont to the Housing Commission and the reappointment of June Cross to the Planning Commission
- Motion passed setting a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to amend the Downtown Development Authority Development Plan at 7:00 p.m., September 17, 2007 in Council Chambers of City Hall
- Resolution 2007-0-01 adopted, Fostering Smart Growth Land Use Policies in the Charlevoix Community.
- Resolution 2007-09-02 adopted, Waterways Grant Agreement Addendum for Ferry Launch Ramp.

Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk Norman L. Carlson Jr., Mayor

Congregational Church celebrates 125th birthday

Courtesy photo
The members of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix will celebrate their 125th birthday on Sunday, Sept. 16. The celebration will begin with the morning worship service at 11 a.m. Following the service a brunch will be served in Ransom Hall at the church. Pictured above are parishoners (from left) Nancy Kline, Fran Pletz and Jack MacKenzie.

The members of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Charlevoix will celebrate their 125th birthday on Sunday, Sept. 16.

The celebration to recognize this milestone and celebrate the founders' many contributions will begin with the morning worship service at 11 a.m. A highlight of the service will be the recognition of those people who have been members for 50 and 75 years. State Representative, Jason Allen and State Senator Kevin Elsenheimer will be on hand to present proclamations commemorating the day. A proclamation declaring Sept. 16 First Congregational Church UCC of Charlevoix Day by Charlevoix mayor Norman Carlson Jr. will also be read.

Following the service a brunch will be served in Ransom Hall at the church. There is no charge. Free-will donations will be accepted.

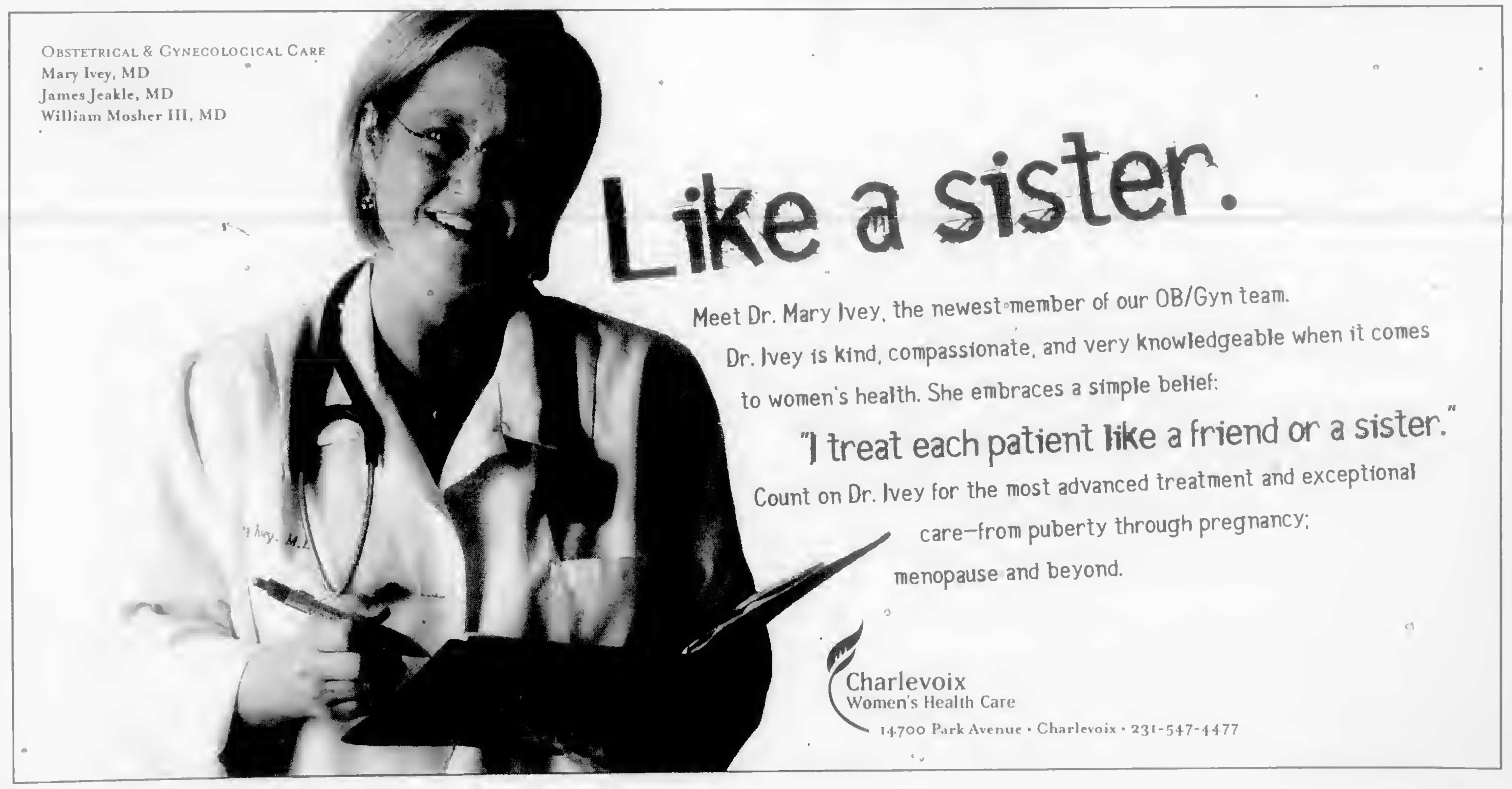
The afternoon activities will include a dramatic presentation depicting historical milestones and interesting tidbits of the first 100 years of the church followed by a slide presentation of the significant events of the last 25 years. An additional attraction will be a display of the church's artifacts combined with items on loan from the Charlevoix Historical Society's Harsha House Museum.

The community is invited to join in this celebration. Those interested in attending are asked to call the church at (231) 547-9122, to reserve a place at the brunch.

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

Back to the books

(Above) Jacob Moses, 5, and his 3-year-old sister Jennahka Moses pose with their mom Jennifer McCombs before starting their first day as kindergartner and preschooler respectively. (Left) Five-year-old Justin Falting hikes up the sidewalk at Charlevoix Elementary School for his first day of Kindergarten. Justin is one of 78 little Rayders who began the 2007-2008 school year on Wednesday, Sept. 5.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Anglers search for big bass this week

BY STEFANIE CARANO
STAFF WRITER

This weekend, people from all over Michigan will be coming to Charlevoix to compete in the sport of bass fishing at the 2007 Johnson Outdoors Northern Championship Bass Tournament.

Sponsored by the Competitive Anglers Tournament Trail, based in Kalamazoo, the event will take place from Wednesday, Sept. 12 to Saturday, Sept. 15. The tournament will be based at the city boat launch at Ferry Beach on Lake Charlevoix.

"We're an amateur, semi-professional trail," said Jerry Bastian, president of the tournament. "Bass fishing is the second-largest growing sport next to NASCAR."

Practice days for the tournament are Sept. 12 and 13. Registered anglers fishing from now until the official practice day will be automatically disqualified from the event.

The actual competition spans over two days, Sept. 14 and 15. Bastian said approximately 150 participants in 75 boats will be fishing Lake Charlevoix's waters for the highest weighing bass. Lake Michigan will be closed to the competition in order to ensure fairness. Those with the highest total weight for two days receive the grand prize of a $25,000 Nitro/Mercury boat package.

The package and other awards will be presented at the city ramp on Saturday.

Chamber of Commerce President Jacqueline Merta, who invited the tournament to Charlevoix, is anticipating additional revenue for area businesses from tournament participants.

"I think it will be a revenue-generator for Charlevoix's business community," Merta said. "The tournament will be headquartered at Charlevoix Inn & Suites and participants will also be staying at other accommodations throughout the city."

She said this additional revenue will improve the shoulder season. The shoulder season is a time of year when the local economy is slower than during the peak tourist season but not as slow as the off-season. She said this is usually during the months of September,' October, May and June.

Bastian said the tournament will be "catch and release."

All boats have live wells pumped full of water and contain a chemical called Rejuvenade. Rejuvenade, he said, preserves the life of the bass and the protective antibiotic layer of their skin.

The fish are weighed and released into the water.

"We take care of the fish better than anyone else out there," he said.

Courtesy photo

Competitive anglers from all over Michigan will be in Charlevoix this week for the 2007 Johnson Outdoors Northern Championship Bass Tournament. They will fish Lake Charlevoix in search of big bass like the small mouth pictured above.

What? The 2007 Johnson Outdoors Northern Championship Bass Tournament sponsored by the Competitive Anglers Tournament Trail, based in Kalamazoo

When? Sept. 12-15

Where? The tournament will be based at the city boat launch at Ferry Beach on Lake Charlevoix.

Prizes? Those with the highest total weight for Sept 14 and 15 receive the grand prize of a $25,000 Nitro/Mercury boat package.

Thanks for reading the Charlevoix Courier

Tickets on sale for Sept. 15 Bids for Blooms event

Bids for Blooms, a Keep Charlevoix Beautiful fundraising event, will take place from 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Belvedere Casino.

At the event, guests will enjoy a wide array of complimentary hors d'oeuvres and desserts donated by local merchants, live music provided by Yankee Station and a cash bar.

Highlighting the evening will be the silent auction.

Tickets are $20 per person, and are available at Charlevoix Camera.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Keep Charlevoix Beautiful which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year. The group's primary project is purchasing, planting and watering the petunias that line Bridge Street. The petunia planting effort, called Operation Petunia, takes place the Thursday before Memorial Day. The operation has grown to include 1,130 flats of flowers planted in one hour by approximately 1,000 volunteers under the supervision of 25 block captains. The group also donates 62 hanging baskets of petunias which hang from lampposts throughout the central business district. All of this is made possible by fundraising efforts like Bids for Blooms.

For more information about Bids for Blooms, call Erin Bemis at (231) 547-6498.

What? Bids for Blooms, a fundraising event to benefit Keep Charlevoix Beautiful .

When? 6 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Sept. 15

Where? The Belvedere Casino.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Monday, September 17, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE CHARLEVOIX DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

PLEASE TAKE NOTE that the Charlevoix City Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to amend the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority on Monday, September 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Charlevoix City Hall Council Chambers located at 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider an ordinance which adds Section 1.305 of Chapter 7, Title I of the Charlevoix City Code to amend the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority's Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan. The proposed amendment does not result in the relocation of any families or individuals from the Development Area.

The public hearing will consider the proposed Sixth Amendment of the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan which will add the following item to the DDA's Development Plan:

> Interactive Water Fountain – The Interactive Water Fountain will be located in the Harbormaster Plaza. Jets of water will leap out of the plaza and disappear back into the plaza surface. Children of all ages will be able to splash and play in the fountains while others can view the water display from the roof of the gardens of the Harbormaster building and in the Harbormaster Plaza. The Fountain will be an attraction to a wide range of audiences and located at the north end of the park. The Fountain will not interfere with performances taking place at the Pavilion.

A copy of the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority with maps and copies of the proposed amendment to the plan are available for public inspection, Monday through Friday, at the office of the Charlevoix City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan during regular business hours. All aspects of the proposed amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan, as well as the entire Plan of the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority will be open for discussion at the public hearing.

A complete copy of the proposed language is available at the City Clerk's Office.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
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New VFW commander takes over

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Tom Browe

Vietnam veteran Tom Browe is the newly elected commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars post 1153 in Charlevoix.

Browe, who took over for former commander Charlie Butcher in July, said he is excited about the opportunity.

"I feel really optimistic. We're going to try a few things to try to get new members," he said.

The VFW's membership has dwindled, in part, Browe said, because the local post isn't active enough.

"Right now we have a meeting once a month and that's it," he said. "In today's society you need to offer something, you need to give people a reason to come out and be a member."

Former post commander Charlie Butcher said it is good to see some Vietnam veterans back in the post.

"I wanted Tom, absolutely. I have been trying for several years, even while we were rebuilding the post, to get the Vietnam veterans back into the post," he said. "They deserve to be there, and, the rest of us are World War II veterans and we're getting old and the post needs to survive."

He added, "With the new post building and all, I think it is only appropriate that we eventually have new management."

Butcher, who recently turned 80, said he looks forward to more free time.

"I'm glad to be laying down the responsibilities," he said. "I think we're going along in great shape."

The duties of Browe's one-year term include running meetings, reporting to the state and ensuring smooth operation of the post.

"I'm looking to grab a whole bunch of new, young members," he said. "We need younger members, we need new ideas and we need to know what they want."

He added, "And, we need to make it more family oriented."

Any veteran of a foreign war may contact Browe at (231) 675-2193.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Everything must go

(Above, from left) Bergmann Center attendees Patricia S., Julia F. and Jamie S. sort items for the center's annual rummage sale. This year a pre-sale snoop for buyers who just cannot wait for the regular sale date will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18. The three-day sale will then take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the 20, 21 and 22. On the 27 and 28, everything must go during the dollar-a-bag sale. The Bergmann Center, located at 08855 Martin Rd., is still accepting furniture and miscellaneous household items for the sale. Funds raised during the sale are used for trips for those who attend the center. Call 547-2979 for more information on how to donate.

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After viewing the video, DivorceCare group participants spend time as a support group, discussing what was presented in that week's video seminar and what is going on in the lives of group members.

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WOW! Charlevoix Women Only Weekend September 14 & 15

Join women for an exciting weekend at Castle Farms! This event is perfect for any female who likes to shop and pamper herself. Ladies will have a chance to shop for jewelry, clothing, accessories, and more. There will be lots of fun activities such as crafting creations, culinary marketplace, guest speakers, and even new ideas of ways to pamper yourself! Don't miss out on this great event! Located in the King's Castle on Friday from 12:00pm to 7:00pm, and Saturday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. For more information call 237-0884 or visit www.castlefarms.com.

Friske Harvest Festival September 29

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Apple Festival October 12, 13, & 14 Fri & Sat 10am – 6pm, Sun 10am 4pm

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The Chamber Car Raffle Fundraiser Business After Hours is Thursday, September 13 from 6:00 – 9:00pm at the Belvedere Club Casino. Admission is free to ticket holders or $20 for non-ticket holders.

The next Retail Meeting is at 8:45am on Thursday, September 20 at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce.

October 5 is the next First Friday Biz Breakfast at 7:30am at Grey Gables. The guest speaker is Jim Hater, General Manager of Charlevoix Manufacturing Company, who will speak on developing client services.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

Sep – Oct	Corn Maze and Hayrides at Royal Farms 599-3222
Sep 13	Chamber Car Raffle Fundraiser Business After Hours 547-2101
Sep 13	Downtown Farmers' Market 547-2101
Sep 14-15	WOW! Charlevoix, Women's Only Weekend at Castle Farms 237-0884
Sep 14-15	Northern Championship Bass Tournament 547-2101
Sep 15	Bid for Blooms Silent Auction to benefit Keep Charlevoix Beautiful 547-6498
Sep 18-19	Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild Silent Auction 547-2851
Sep 19	Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild Membership Tea 547-5444
Sep 20	Downtown Farmers' Market 547-2101
Sep 20-28	Bergmann Center Annual Garage Sale Fundraiser 547-2979
Sep 27	Downtown Farmers' Market 547-2101
Sep 29	Friske's Harvest Festival 599-2604
Oct 02	Charlevoix Historical Society Annual Harvest Potluck 547-0373
Oct 05	First Friday Biz Breakfast 7:30am @ Grey Gables 547-2101
Oct 06	Friske's Fall Fun Saturdays every Saturday through October 599-2604
Oct 06	"Chillers" Author Jonathon Rand at the Charlevoix Public Library 547-2651

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Road work continues through the end of the month

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Drivers were confused by last week's detour that moved southbound traffic off of Bridge Street and onto State Street. Here, at the intersection of Antrim and State streets drivers were confused by the lack of stop sign for State Street traffic. Many stopped anyway. No accidents were reported and construction was completed on Friday, Sept. 7. Curbing was added at the intersection of Bridge and Mason streets and a fire hydrant was installed. More confusion can be expected through the end of the month as the Michigan Department of Transportation continues its project.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is expected to continue construction on U.S. 31 and M-66 through Sept. 28.

Road work is being done on U.S. 31 from Barnard Road to Lewis Street in the City of Charlevoix and on M-66 from Wickersham Road to U.S. 31.

Work includes milling, resurfacing, joint repairs, pavement markings and shoulder repairs on stretches of road totaling 4.6 miles.

No work will be permitted on Sundays.

Traffic will be maintained through the use of daytime lane closures controlled by flaggers.

No overweight loads will be allowed in the construction areas.

For more information, call Judy Browning at the Michigan Department of Transportation's Traverse City Transportation Service Center, (231) 941-1986.

What? City of Charlevoix road work was completed on Sept 7 Michigan Department of Transportaion work will continue through Sept. 28

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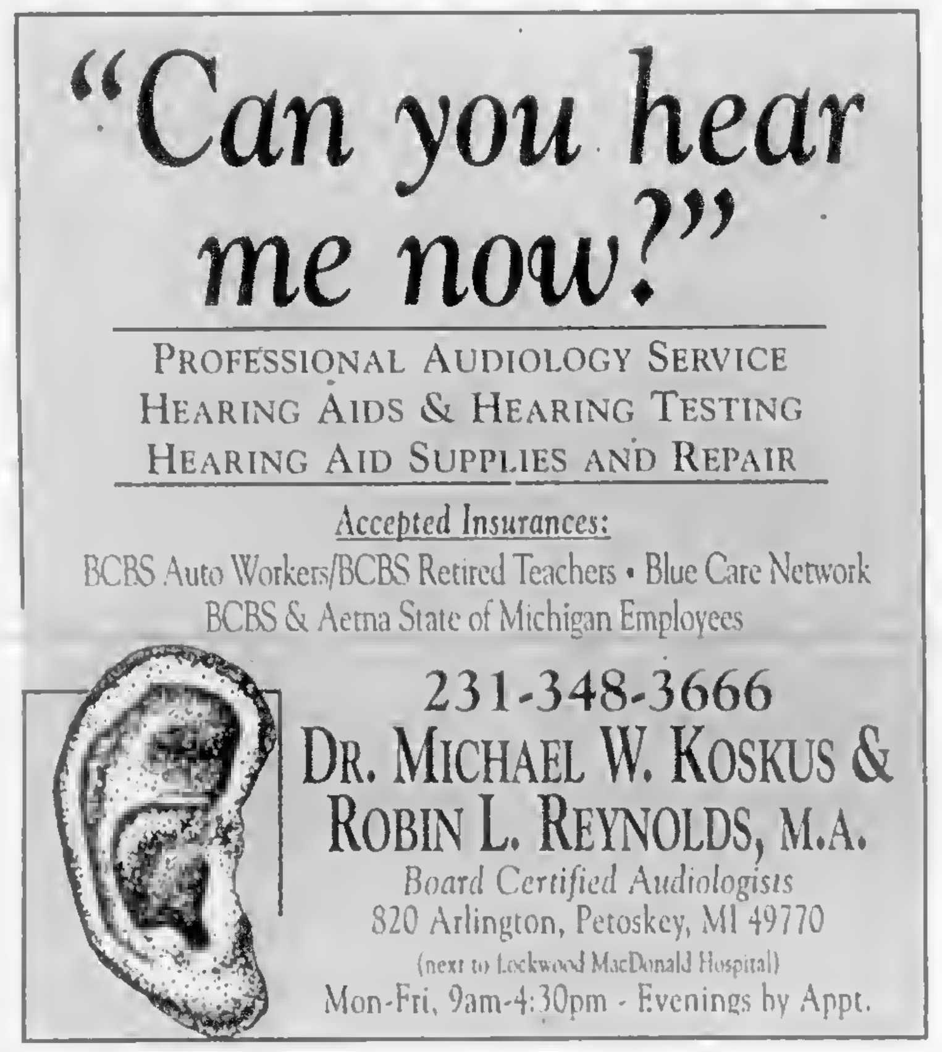

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on the JOB with Scott Hankins

Courier editor Julie Witthoeft tries her hand at law enforcement ...

Name: Scott Hankins

Age: 42

Occupation: City of Charlevoix police officer

Title: Deputy Chief of Police

Work history: Started at 18 as a policeman in the U.S. Army. Spent six months with the Kalkaska Sheriff's Department and one year with the City of East Jordan Police Department before joining the City of Charlevoix on June 11, 1990.

Job description: Patrol work, assisting other officers and administrative duties including major case investigations, managing the evidence room and developing weekly schedules for the department's six patrolmen.

Why did you choose police work? "I feel called to do this job."

Majority of issues dealt with: Financial crimes, traffic enforcement, alcohol related offenses and domestic violence.

"There's no crime that occurs in Detroit that doesn't happen in Charlevoix. They just don't occur as often."

Unique aspect of the job? "In this job you see people at their absolute worst. Most of the time when the police show up something bad is going on."

Have you ever felt your life was in jeopardy? "There have been two times in my 18 years as a police officer that I've felt in grave danger. One of those times was the night I got hit (while directing traffic at the intersection of Park Avenue and Bridge Street on Venetian Saturday, July 28). When I looked and saw the headlights coming, I knew I was going to get hit. I went up onto the hood, down the driver's side and smashed my leg on the mirror."

Hankins estimated the driver was traveling 25 mph at the time of the incident. He was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital where multiple x-rays were taken of his hand, shoulders and leg. These showed no broken bones. He returned to work on Aug. 1.

"The second time I felt my life was in danger was at 1:29 a.m. on Nov. 3, 1991. I walked in on an armed robbery at the Weathervane Hotel. I got a call that a truck was driving around without its headlights on in the vicinity of the hotel. When I walked in, I saw the suspect tying the clerk up on the floor. He pointed his 20 gauge shotgun at me. I shot and missed. Two officers I was with took the guy into custody and sent him to prison."

What's the hardest part of your job? "Death cases involving kids and notifying spouses that their husband or wife has died. Those are hard things to do. You have to detach yourself emotionally."

What is the one thing you could not do your job without? "Without a sense of purpose. Without knowing I'm doing something worthwhile."

Reporter's experience: After signing a waiver saying the city wasn't liable for my life, Scott and I cruised the south side of Charlevoix during a driving rain storm. Experiencing the police beat from the front seat of the squad car was interesting. Many passersby watched the car closely and waved while others hit their brakes and avoided eye contact. Handling his gun and Taser was a no, no but Hankins was nice enough to let me try on his hat signed by the members of Trick Pony who performed in Charlevoix during Venetian Festival 2006.

Charlevoix Courier editor Julie Witthoeft tries new occupations and writes about her findings in "On the job" which features Charlevoix residents working in Charlevoix. This feature appears the second Wednesday of the month in the Charlevoix Courier.

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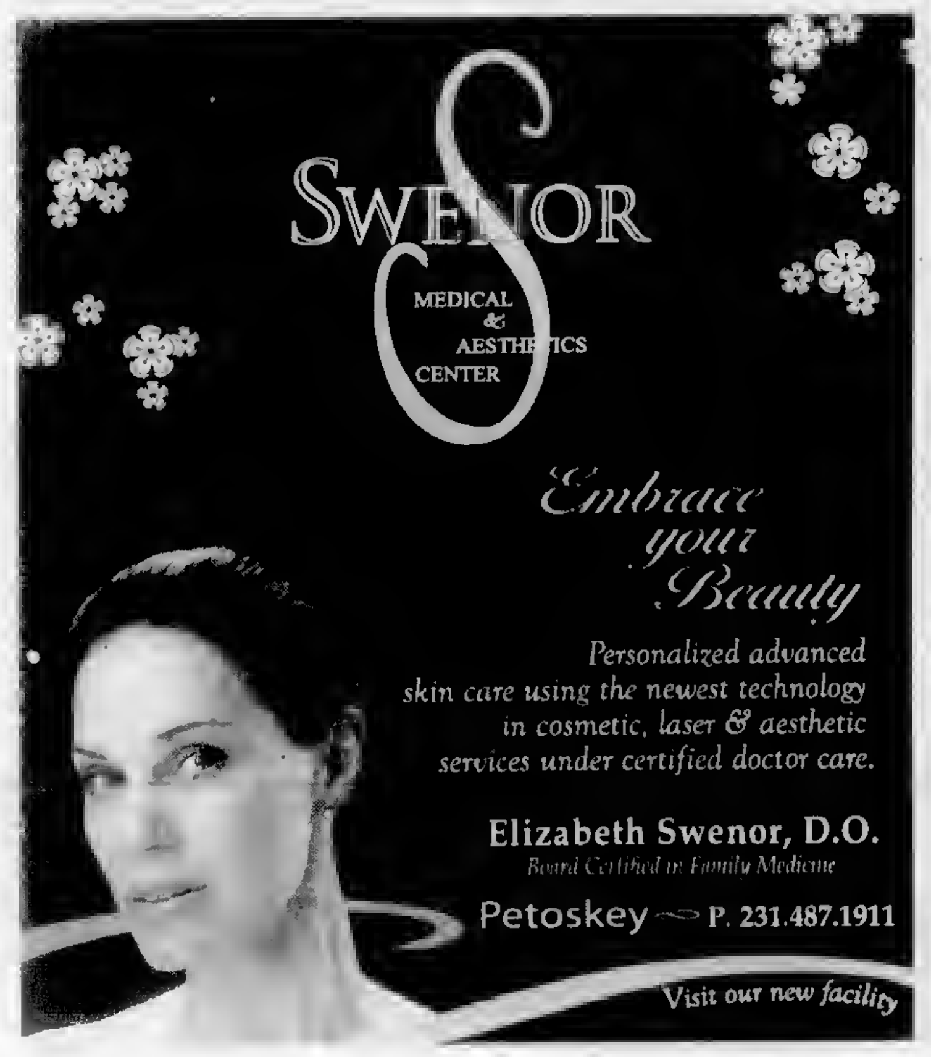
After patrolling the city beat with City of Charlevoix Deputy Police Chief Scott Hankins he let Courier editor Julie Witthoeft try on his sacred hat signed by the members of Trick Pony.



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Courier Web site features regional search engine Northern Michigan Search

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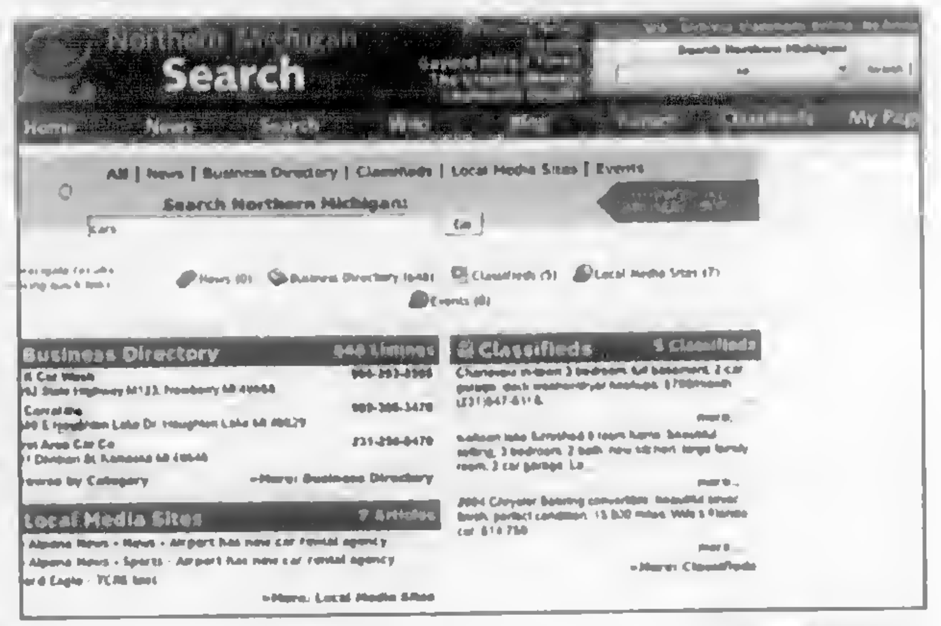
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Northern Michigan Review has launched Search Northern Michigan, a new search engine which can be accessed through the Courier site at www.charlevoixcourier.com or directly at www.northernmichigansearch.com.

Everything you need to know about northern Michigan is now just a mouse click away on the Charlevoix Courier's Web site.

Northern Michigan Review, the company that owns the Courier, the Petoskey News-Review, the Gaylord Herald Times and PhoneGuide, has launched Search Northern Michigan, a new search engine.

"You can get all the information you need by starting at our site," Peter Comings, online media manager for Northern Michigan Review, said. "Before we were the place to go for news and to some degree entertainment, never as a search. If it wasn't in print it wasn't going online. This is an online search that goes beyond our company's properties to be all-inclusive and give people a broad idea as to what there is to do up here."

The search engine which can be accessed through the Courier site at www.charlevoixcourier.com or directly at www.northernmichigansearch.com, covers the northern Lower Peninsula and eastern Upper Peninsula from Traverse City to Alpena and West Branch to Newberry.

It will search by keyword in a number of categories including news, business directory, classifieds and events and gives users the option of searching all categories at once. So if golf is the keyword the search will produce listings for golf supplies and courses as well as the latest news golf related news and events.

"The reason it's defined that way is it's designed for people who live or visit up here. We want to give them the benefit of being able to search local resources. If you are coming from southern Michigan to visit here you don't care what's available in southern Michigan. Go to this site to get an idea of what there is out there to answer to your desires," Comings said.

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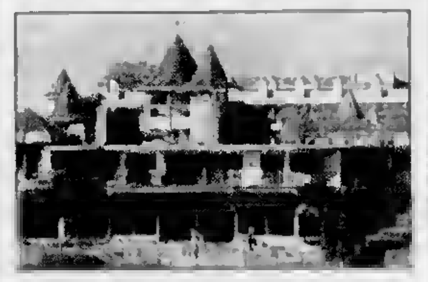

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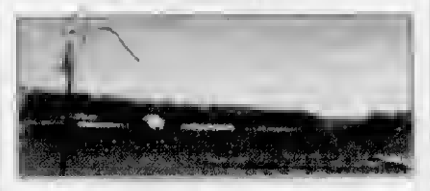

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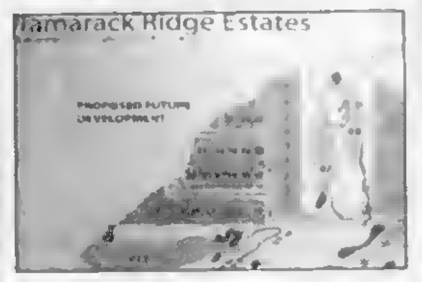

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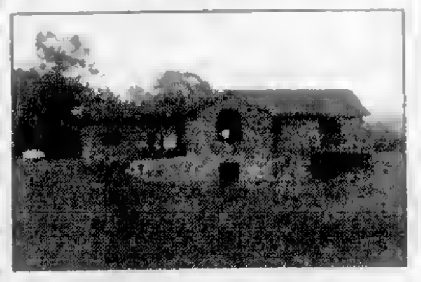

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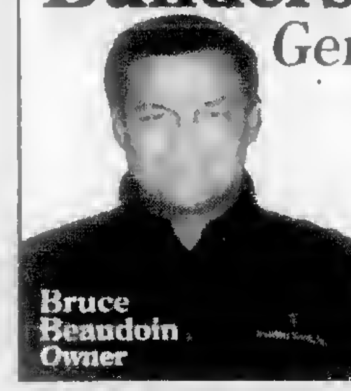

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Dance studio opens at South Side Gym

Shannon Pemble, a dance instructor of almost two decades, is opening Charlevoix Dance Studio at South Side Gym.

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Pemble, who has taught competitive dance students, received a minor in dance while obtaining a master's degree in physical therapy from Oakland University. She has choreographed award-winning pieces at state and national levels in jazz, tap and ballet. Recently, she was co-owner of Center Stage School of Dance, a dance studio in Petoskey for five years.

Classes will be taught in six-week sessions and include Kinderdance (ages 3-5); jazz, tap and ballet (ages 6-8, 9-12); and teen tap and jazz (ages 13 and up).

Kinderdance and Teen Jazz classes meet on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 18, and all other classes will be held on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 19.

Registration will take place from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13 at South Side Gym, located at 6907 Marion Center Rd. in Charlevoix. There is a $5 registration fee per student. The fee for the six-week session for classes that meet for 45 minutes is $60 and $48 for classes that meet for 30 minutes. Payment is due at registration.

For more information, call (231) 547-0246.

Business name: Charlevoix Dance Studio
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4:30 to 5 p.m. Tap I (ages 6-8)
5 to 5:30 p.m. Jazz I (ages 6-8)
5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Ballet II (ages 9-12)
6:15 to 7 p.m. Tap II (ages 9-12)
7 to 7:45 p.m. Jazz II (ages 9-12)
7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Teen Tap (13 and up)

Courtesy photo

Shannon Pemble is opening Charlevoix Dance Studio at South Side Gym. She is pictured here with dancers, Paige Pemble, her daughter, and Cami Closson.

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Corn maze royalty

Winners of the Royal Farms Sept. 1 Corn Maze race are Sarah Cassassa of Rapid City, Collin Reece and Jackson Swanson of Traverse City, and Scarlett Zeraffa of Williamsburg. Pictured above is the first group to enter the maze following its official opening. Royal Farms is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31 in Atwood. It is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The maze entry fee is $5 for adults and $3 for kids 12 and under. For directions to Royal Farms, call (231) 599-3222 or visit www.royalfarmsinc.com.

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Rayders kickoff season with a loss to Gladiators

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix Rayders experienced their third loss of the year as they went head to head with Traverse City St. Francis last Friday.

The Gladiators rolled over Charlevoix with a score of 28-15 leaving the Rayders with a regular season record of 0-1.

"Our kids played hard tonight (Friday, Sept. 7) against a very good St. Francis team," said varsity coach Don Jess. "They showed a lot of heart and I was proud of them."

He added, "We'll keep working hard in practice and be ready to play at East Jordan on Friday."

Charlevoix quarterback Cliff Jones was 17-24 for 143 yards with two touchdowns.

Jon Putman had one touchdown reception and a two-point conversion.

Brock Yenglin also had a touchdown reception.

Rayder defense was once again led by linebackers Kyle Jones and Jake Rankl. Rankl had 15 tackles and Kyle Jones had 13. Nate Golovich recovered a fumble and Justin Klooster forced a fumble.

Charlevoix meets the Red Devils at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14 in East Jordan.

Photos by Scott Richards

Rayder football lost 28-15 to Traverse City St. Francis on Sept. 7. (Above) Kyle Jones makes a big gain in the first half. (Left) Charlevoix's defense knocks St. Francis running back Dan Brick off his feet after a short gain in the first half. Unfortunately explosive plays like these weren't enough to pull out the win.

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Charlevoix boys take third at Mud Run

Blaise Henning was the individual winner as Petoskey's boys' teams — divided into 9-10th and 11-12th-grade — won the Mud Run in Charlevoix on Saturday, Sept. 8 with a combined time of 1 hour, 29 minutes, 2 seconds.

Ellsworth's boys' team was second in 1:34:33; Charlevoix third, 1:34:47; Harbor Springs fourth, 1:35:08; Inland Lakes 13th, 2:27:02; and East Jordan 16th, 3:05:17, in the 17-team field.

Gaylord won the girls' race in 1:46:15, with Petoskey third, 1:52:07; Harbor Springs sixth, 1:55:26; Charlevoix ninth, 2:03:34; Ellsworth 13th, 2:07:27; East Jordan 15th, 2:23:56; and Inland Lakes 16th, 2:28:55, out of the 19 teams running.

Ellsworth's Ashton Fisher was second overall in 17:17, and was joined in the top 10 of the 11-12 race by teammate Ruben Oviedo, eighth in 18:05. Also for the Lancers, Justin Weis was 12th, Aaron Miller 20th and Burton Jones 38th.

Charlevoix had two top 10 finishers in the 11-12 race. Nick Wimmer was fifth in 17:36, and Alex Buday, seventh, 17:58. The Rayders' Eric Buday won the 9-10 race in 18:50, while teammate Neil Salisbury was sixth, 20:10; and Doug Reynolds was eighth, 20:13.

Charlevoix's Alina Dhaseleer was fifth in the 11-12 race, 20:39, followed by KC McCary, 25th, and Alicia Drost 51st. In the 9-10 race, Carolyn Dupouis was 35th and Krista Pischner 50th.

For Ellsworth, Maggie Piellusch was 30th in the 11-12 race. In the 9-10 race, Haley Drenth was 28th, Lindsey Fisher 31st, Jalyn Ingalls 41st and Emily Piellusch 47th.

East Jordan's Meghan Thomas was 20th in the 11-12 race, and teammate Alicia Oliver 32nd. In the 9-10 race, Elizabeth Hofweber was 5th.

In the 11-12 race for Inland Lakes, Amanda Monthei was 40th.

Coach announces swim team practice dates and divisions

The Charlevoix Stingrays are a year-round swim team. Stingray swimmers range in age from 6-18. A Stingrays parent information night will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool.

The Blue Group (for those 6 years old and older) will meet from 4:15 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays from Sept. 25 through Oct. 30 and from Nov. 6 through Dec. 18. Blue Group members must be able to swim the length of the pool. The focus is on stroke development and introduction to competitive swimming. Home swim meet participation is encouraged. The cost for this group is $40 per person in district and $43 for those living outside the district.

The Gold Group (for those ages 8-13) will meet from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on two of three available weekdays, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from Sept. 24 through Nov. 1 and from Nov. 5 through Dec. 19. This group is for swimmers who know all four competitive strokes. Swimmers will continue work on stroke technique while beginning some endurance and competitive training. Home swim meet participation is encouraged. The cost for this group is $55 per person per session in district and $58 per session for those living outside the district.

The Silver Group (for those age 10 and older) meets three days a week from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from Sept. 24 through Nov. 1 and from Nov. 5 through Dec. 19. This group is designed for swimmers with competitive experience. Swim meet participation is encouraged. The cost for this group is $70 per person per session in district and $73 per session for those living outside the district.

The Senior Group, is a new addition (for those age 10 and up). It meets from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday from Sept. 24 through Nov. 1 and from Nov. 5 through Dec. 19. This group is designed for swimmers with competitive experience. Swimmers will continue work with endurance and competitive swimming. Swimmers will also track yardage, participate in dry land training and nutrition education. Swim meet participation is essential to take full advantage of this program. The cost for this group is $90 per person per session in district and $95 per session for those living outside the district or $300 per person per season (Sept. 24 through March 24, 2008) in district and $330 per session for those living outside the district.

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The Rayder volleyball team beat a tough Traverse City Central team and went on to defeat Suttons Bay to claim first place at the Leland Tournament on Sept. 8. Team members pictured above with the first place trophy are (front, from left) Taylor Storm, Desi Faust, Murphy Gillespie, Aubrey Way, Michelle Burke, Tanya Wynkoop, (back, from left) coach Liz Grunch, Loren Mielke, Marnie Greene, Alyssa McCormack, Shauna Spencley and Tammy Potter.

Rayders beat Suttons Bay to claim Leland Invitational crown

The Rayder volleyball team took first place at the Sept. 8 Leland Tournament after beating team rival Traverse City St. Francis on Sept. 6.

On Saturday, Charlevoix beat Cheboygan and Northport in pool play to make the quarterfinals. In the quarterfinals they beat Frankfort 25-20 and 25-20 to make the semi-finals. In semi-final action the Rayders overcame a tough Traverse City Central Team 25-21 and 15-3 to go on to the finals where they beat Suttons Bay 25-22 and 17-15 for the title.

Leading the Rayders was Murphy Gillespie with 38 kills, 21 digs and three aces. Other key players include Desi Faust who had 37 kills, nine aces and 35 digs. Aubrey Way had 95 assists, 11 kills, 18 digs and four aces.

Tanya Wynkoop, Marnie Greene and Alyssa McCormack were all 100 percent from the service line.

"It was a really productive day for us — not just because of the win but we came together as a team and never gave up. We just keep improving our mental game. I am really proud of my players on how hard they played and battled until the end, head coach, Liz Grunch said.

The tournament win followed the team's Sept. 6 victory over league rival Traverse City St. Francis.

Gillespie had 13 kills, six digs and had a perfect serve receive percentage in the Rayder volleyball team's 25-22, 25-22, 25-14 victory over Traverse City St. Francis.

"The team played very well together and they keep improving with every team they face. I was really proud of my girls tonight because they came out with a lot of drive and kept it up until the last ball hit the floor," Grunch said.

Way ended the Thursday game with 27 assists and five digs. Tammy Potter had six kills, Faust had five and Shauna Spencley added four. Michelle Burke ended with a game high nine digs and two aces. Taylor Storm and Faust had six digs each.

Charlevoix lost the JV match, 18-25, 9-25, 12-15.

Their next game will take place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 13 at Charlevoix High School when they face Kalkaska.

The wins bring the team to 15–3– 2 overall and 1-0 in their league.

Rayder tennis fall to Northmen, rebound against Ramblers

The Rayder tennis team fell to Petoskey 5-4 on Aug. 23 and beat Boyne City 6-1 on Sept. 6.

Coach Erik Lundteigen said, "We're every young, we've a got lot of inexperienced players. There's lot of progress to make. But it doesn't matter how we start the year, we just have to keep improving for that one day event (conference meet) at the end of the year."

Individual results were:

- First, singles: Alex McKenzie lost to Petoskey 8-1.
- Second, singles: Alex McKenzie won against Boyne City 8-0.
- First, singles: Mike Pelon won against Boyne City 8-4.
- Second, singles: Mike Pelon lost to Petoskey 8-2.
- Third, singles: John Hart lost to Petoskey 8-5.
- Third, singles: John Hart won against Boyne City 8-1.
- Fourth, singles: William Larson lost to Petoskey 8-6.
- Fourth, singles: Zack Smith won against Boyne City 8-2.
- First, doubles: Scotty Silberhorn and Kevin Greyerbiehl won against Petoskey 8-1.
- First, doubles: Scotty Silberhorn and Kevin Greyerbiehl lost against Boyne City 8-6.
- Second, doubles: Michael Heckendorn and John Drenth won against Boyne City 8-5.
- Second, doubles: Robbie Rundblad and Zack Smith lost against Petoskey 8-2.
- Third, doubles: Amy Pelon and Christina Miller won against Petoskey 8-0.
- Third, doubles: Amy Pelon and Christina Miller won against Boyne City 8-0.
- Fourth, doubles: Michael Heckendorn and John Drenth won against Petoskey 8-0.
- Fourth, doubles: Matt Murray and Robbie Rundblad won against Boyne City 8-2.
- Fifth doubles: John Saur and David Left won against Petoskey 8-3.
- Fifth doubles: John Saur and David Left lost against Boyne City 6-4.

The tennis team plays Elk Rapids on Wednesday and at the Boyne Invitational Friday. Lundteigen said tight practice leading into the two will help them be successful.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

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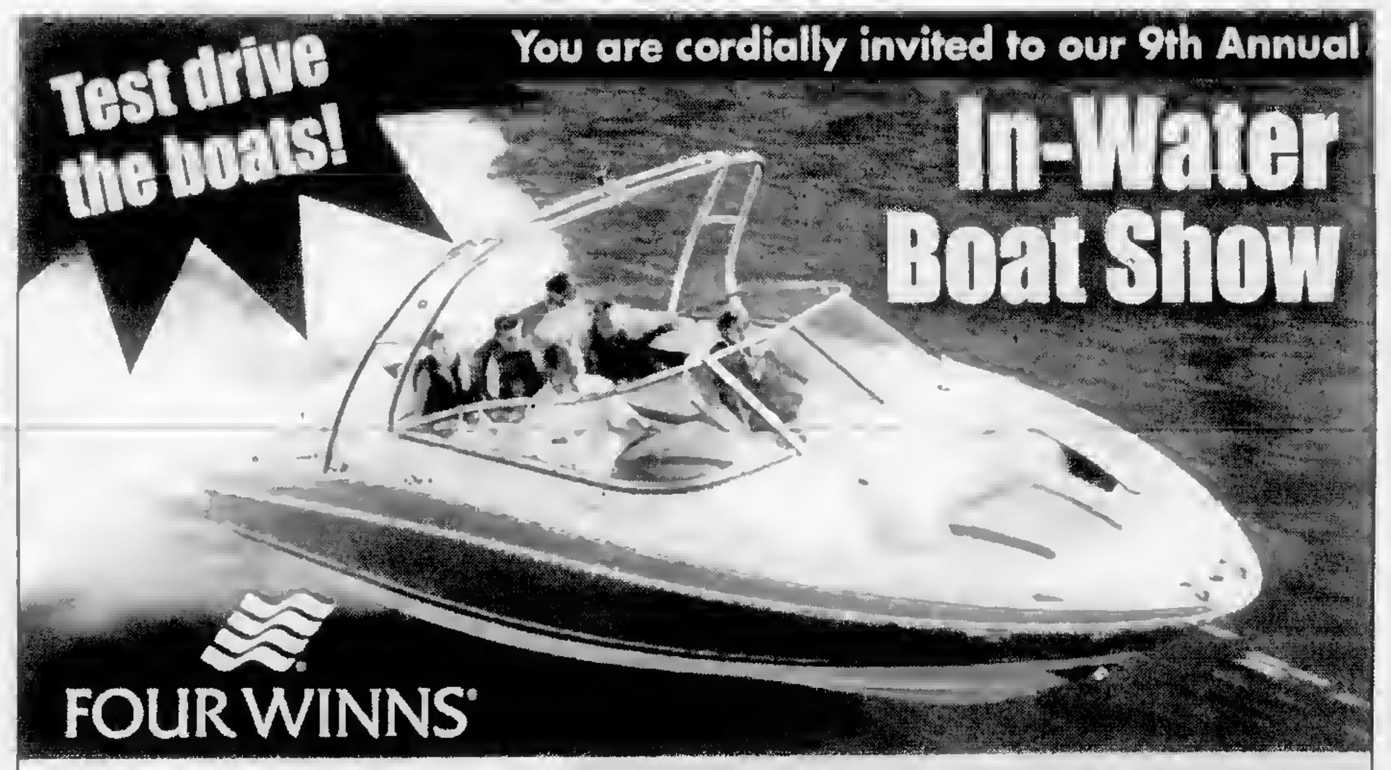

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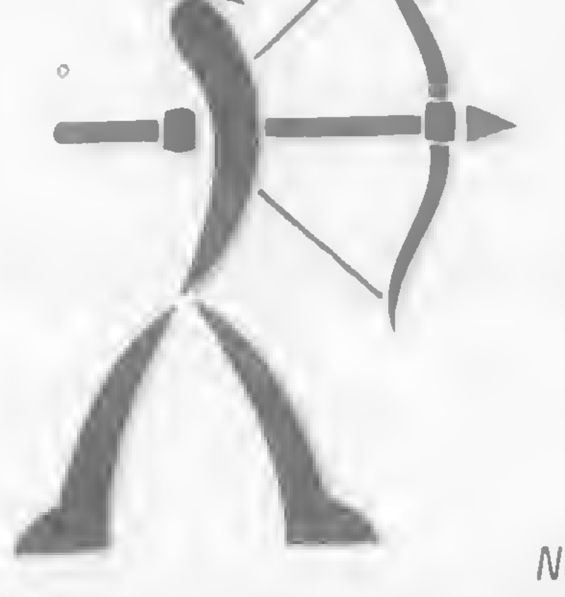

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Alvin A. Merrill and Linda K. Merrill, his wife, Mortgagor, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated the 20th day of August, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on the 31st day of August, 2004 in Liber 634 of Charlevoix County Records, page 183, said Mortgage having been assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Seven & 73/100 ($94,567.73), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of September, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Chalrevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.990% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Nettleton's Addition to the Village of South area, now part of the City of East Jordan, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 8/29/2007

Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

FORECLOSURE OF REAL PROPERTY

Default has been made in the condition of certain by-laws concerning the payment of association dues by Timothy Pfannes, of 298 W. Saratoga, Ferndale, Michigan 48220, Oakland County, Debtor, to C&O Club Condominium of 110 Park Ave., Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, Oakland County, Creditor, a notice of lien recorded August 25, 2006 at the Register of Deeds of Charlevoix County and State of Michigan, in Liber 763, page 420, on which association dues are claimed to be due at the date of this notice for principal and interest, the sum of six thousand five hundred one dollars and eighty-four cents ($6,501.84), including interest and costs. And no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof. Now, therefore, pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Friday, September 28 at 11:00 o'clock a.m., Local Time, said lien will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, immediately inside the county building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI, of the parcels of land situated in the City of Charlevoix, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

1030 Stroud Court, Unit 29, C&O Club Condo, as recorded at L359, P619 & L365, P901. Charlevoix County Register of Deeds, #15-052-135-029-00 or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said lien, with the interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. During the 6 months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: August 15, 2007

Amanda Afton Martin
Attorney for creditor
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Equestrian Way, LLC. A Michigan Limited Liability Company, mortgagor, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. Dated the 19 day of October, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan , on the 3rd day of November, 2004 in Liber 648 of Charlevoix County Records, Page 137, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents ($226, 667.92), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been Instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case mado and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of September, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the lobby of the Charlevoix County Court House, Charlevoix Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan located at building of 301 State Street Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

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Parcel No. Part of 15007-118-009-50

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241, the property maybe redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated: 8/7/07

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS FILE NO: 07-011135-DE

Estate of Diane Gladys Tierney, fna Diane Gladys Harmon

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Diane Gladys Tierney, who lived at 03649 Coash Road, Vanderbilt, MI 49795 died 11/16/2004.

You are hereby notified that Donald Tiemey is the Personal Representative of the estate dated September 10, 2007. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent or the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Donald Tierney, Personal Representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Dated: 09/10/2007

Catherine Coash (P46337)
15001 Charlevoix Street
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230
(313)821-8921

Donald Tierney
15001 Charlevoix Street
Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230
(313)821-8921
(L-09/12)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of Cody Jordan Coulson.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at 1:45 p.m. at Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose:

To hear the Petition to Change Name filed by Kathy Brown requesting that the name of Cody Jordan Coulson be changed to Cody Jordan Brown.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the 1st day of May, 2003, by Shane L. Williams and Tricla M. Williams, husband and wife, to Northwestorn Mortgage Company, and recorded on May 27, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevolx County, Michigan, at Libor 542, page 383, and on which mortgage there Is clalmed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND TWENTY SEVEN AND 70/100 DOLLARS ($35,027.70) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 5, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 8, Block 9, NICHOLL'S FIRST ADDITION to the Village of South Lake (now City of East Jordan), according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

DATED: August 23, 2007

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS &
BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Traverse City, MI 49684
(231)947-4000
(L-08/29, 09/05, 09/12, 09/19)

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgage made the1st day of May, 2003, by Shane L. Williams and Tricia Williams, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on June 13, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 546, page 974, and on which mortgage there is clalmed to be due and unpaid at tho date of this Notice FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY ONE AND 97/100 DOLLARS ($47,991.97) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

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The East Half of Lot 1 and 2, Block B, STONE'S ADDITION to South Lake (now City of East Jordan), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 46, Charlevoix County Records. City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

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2090 BIDS WANTED

Official Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Charlevolx will be accepting bids to purchase a new 55' high aerial bucket truck meeting the City's specifications. Sealed bids will be received by the Office of the City Clerk, City of Charlevoix, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720, until 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

All inquires are to be directed to the Electric and Water Department Superintendent Don Swem at 401 West Carpenter, Charlevoix, MI 49720, (231)547-3273.

The City reserves the right to accept any proposal, to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any irregularities in any proposal in the interest of tho owner.

Carol Ochs, City Clerk
City of Charlevoix
(B-09/12)

SPORTS reviewing the action

Swift winds bring home Red Fox sailors in record time

On Sept. 1 and 2, 82 sailboats from all over Michigan raced from Charlevoix to Boyne City at the Charlevoix Yacht Club's 38th Annual Red Fox Regatta.

The boats ranged in size from 22 to 80 feet and included catamarans and monohulls.

The course is 21 miles. On Sept. 1, sailors raced from Charlevoix to Boyne City and returned to Charlevoix the next day. High winds reaching over 30 knots on Sunday, Sept. 2, sped things up with boats completing the course by 2:15 p.m. The first starts that day were at 11:05 a.m.

The event helped the Charlevoix Yacht Club raise over $650 for leukemia.

Results are as follows:

Division 1, JAM 1: First place, Rampant; second place, Exitus; third place, Fury.

Division 2, JAM 2: First place, Mystify; second place, Sonnet; third place, First Light.

Division 3, PHRF: First place, Lost Vermonter; second place, Original Sin; third place, Cygnus.

Division 4, PHRF: First place, Paleface Lite; second place, Thunderstruck; third place, Suzy Q.

Division 5, PHRF: First place, Night moves; second place, Helsing; third place, Sail La Vie.

Division 6, PHRF: First place, Spar Wars III; second place, Hoi Polloi; third place, Spyke.

Division 7, PHRF: First place, Liberty; second place, Northern Light; third place, Gosling.

Division 8, Melges24: First place, Flying Toaster; second place, Rustler; third place, Hoodlum.

Division 9, PHRF: First place, Wind Czar; second place, Merengue; third place, Green Flash.

Division 10, PHRF: First place, Equation; second place, Surprise; third place, Stinger.

Division 11, MH: First place, In Tents; second place, Frankenstein; third place, Just Chute Me.

Division 12, MH: First place, Candied Yams TPQ; second place, Over Easy; third place, Use to be Good.

Complete results are posted at www.CharlevoixYachtClub.org.

Courtesy photo

Pictured above is the start of the Melges 24 fleet at the Red Fox Regatta with 17 boats participating. This was the largest group the Charlevoix Yacht Club has had compete in this fleet.

Exitus crew take second in JAM 2

BOAT PROFILE

Boat name: Exitus

Design: 1990 Catalina 28

Year with the Charlevoix Yacht Club: Fifth

History: Exitus is the result of a multi-year "perfect boat" search by Bob and Gay Pung. Looking for a smaller, racier boat took them around the state looking at boat after boat until Exitus was found. It was love at first sight. Most of the crew has been together for over two years and is really starting to gel.

Courtesy photo

Exitus

Crew: Matt Uehlein (foredeck and part-time helmsman), Beth McPhail (headsail trimmer), Jennifer Richardson (mainsail trimmer and part-time helmsman), Derek Chowen (co-skipper) and Bob Pung (skipper).

Word from the skipper: "Racing is a great sport that teaches skills that apply on and off the water. Try to get involved even a little bit and you will be amazed at the fun you will have and the life-long friends you will make."

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SEPT. 12
OPEN MEETINGS ACT PROGRAM

The Charlevoix Public Library Board of Trustees is sponsoring a program on the Open Meetings Act.

Lance Werner, a library law specialist with the Library of Michigan will present the program explaining what the act is, why people should care about it and why government bodies should stay compliant.

The program will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. Attendees are asked to call (231) 237-7360.

This program is free and open to the public.

SEPT. 12
WRITER'S GROUP

A writer's group will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7340.

SEPT. 13
WOMEN ONLY WEEKEND

From Sept. 13-16 Castle Farms will become a getaway destination for thousands of women.

Countryside Tours first annual WOW! Charlevoix Women Only Weekend will offer a variety of activities for ladies Sept. 13-16 at Castle Farms. Women will have the chance to get away to indulge and pamper themselves while bonding with friends.

The weekend includes a two-day interactive expo on Sept. 14-15 with over 100 shopping booths, a fashion show, female focused speakers, crafting creations and an evening variety show. WOW! Charlevoix also offers daily excursions to Charlevoix, Petoskey, Traverse City, East Jordan and Beaver Island, and nightly escapes to Charlevoix, Williamsburg Dinner Theatre and Odawa Casino.

For more information, call Countryside Tours at 1-800-784-3828 or visit www.countrysidetours.net.

SEPT. 13
FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Charlevoix Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 24.

SEPT. 13
BLOOD DRIVE

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, located at the intersection of U.S. 31 and Meech Street.

To make an appointment, call (800) 448-3543. Walk-ins are welcome. Donors are asked to bring a Red Cross donor card or government photo identification. A nursery will be provided from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

SEPT. 14
COMMISSION MEETING

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners has changed their Sept. 12 regularly scheduled board meeting to 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 14. The meeting will take place in the Commissioners' Room, located at 203 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.

SEPT. 15
ADOPT A BEACH

Join volunteers in cleaning up the shoreline during the Alliance for the Great Lakes' annual Adopt-a-Beach Cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 15.

New and returning volunteers are needed to help clear the shorelines from 9 a.m. to noon at Lake Michigan Beach. Volunteers will meet under the picnic pavilion.

For more information, visit www.greatlakes.org. For more information call local Adopt-a-Beach coordinator, Dr. Daniel Mann at (231) 237-0360.

SEPT. 15
STORY TIME

Charlevoix Public Library will host story time on Sept. 15. The Lapsit program (birth to age 3) meets at 10:05 a.m. The Pre-k program (ages 3-5) will meet at 10:30 a.m. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7350.

SEPT. 15
CELTIC GAMES

The Beaver Island Celtic Games will take place on Saturday, Sept. 15. Events will begin at 10 a.m. and will end around 5 p.m. at the Bud McDonough Memorial Ball Park on Beaver Island. The games also include traditional bagpipers, dancers and more. A ceilidh ("KAY-lee" or party) will be at Donegal Danny's and the Shamrock. For more information, call (231) 448-2505.

SEPT. 15
BIDS FOR BLOOMS

Join Keep Charlevoix Beautiful for an evening of fun at the Belvedere Club Casino, from 6 to midnight on Saturday, Sept. 15. This is a silent auction fund-raising event featuring complimentary dinner-like hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and dancing music from the live band, Yankee Station. Cash bar. Tickets are $20 per person and are available at Charlevoix Camera or from a Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Board Member. For more information call Erin Bemis, 547-6498 or visit www.keepcharlevoixbeautiful.org.

SEPT. 15
PIT FIRING

Pit firing is the practice of subjecting low-fired bisque pots to a vigorous bonfire. During an upcoming hands-on workshop, participants will fire their own bisque pieces in a ventilated metal can with copper, salt, organic matter, sawdust and hardwood kindling.

Local potter, Bonnie Staffel will host this 'Trash Can and Smoke Firing Workshop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 in Charlevoix. Come learn a new technique to simulate pit firing in a controlled manner. Beginning to advanced potters are welcome. The cost is $65 and attendees are asked to bring a sack lunch and several soft bisque fired pots (Cone 010) no larger than the size of a melon.

To see Staffel's work, visit http://vasefinder.com/bstaffelgallery1.html.

For more information or to register for the class, call (231) 547-2333 or (231) 547-7319.

SEPT. 15
ISLAND TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

The Beaver Island Community School Board of Education is planning to host a recognition dinner on Sept. 15 to honor the commitment and accomplishments of four teachers and two board members.

Teacher Joe Moore retired after giving over 30 years of dedicated service to the school. Teachers Jim Stambaugh and Donna Stambaugh, although officially retired two years ago, will each be recognized for their 20 years of outstanding service to the district. Also being recognized at the event will be long-time teacher Jacque LaFreniere who resigned from the school district three years ago after teaching for over 20 years. School board members John Fiegen and Linda McDonough will also be recognized for their contributions to the school.

The school board will host the dinner at the Beaver Island Lodge in a manner similar to the 'citizen of the year' event. The event will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15. Family members, former students, parents of students and friends are invited to join in the celebration. Anyone with anecdotes, or important information or messages they think should be shared at the event should contact Kitty McNamara at kittym@beaverisland.k12.mi.us.

Please contact the school office by Sept. 7 if you plan to attend this event. The cost will depend on what you order from the regular menu.

SEPT. 17
AUTHORS LIVE

Authors Live at Charlevoix Public Library will feature Steve Hamilton, a Michigan author. At 7 p.m. on Sept. 17 Hamilton will speak about a beloved Michigan protagonist, Alex McKnight as well as his newest novel, "Night Work."

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7340.

SEPT. 18
TAI CHI

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging sponsored Tai Chi Classes meet on Tuesdays.

The beginner class is from 10 to 11 a.m. The intermediate and/or continuing class is from 11 a.m. to noon. The instructor for both classes is Meg McClorey.

Cost for the six-week session is $12 for those 60 years old and over. The fee is $40 for participants under 60.

Classes meet at Charlevoix Public Library.

Call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging to register, (231) 237-0103.

SEPT. 18
RETIRED PERSONNEL MEETING

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees will meet at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at the Emmet County Friendship Center. After lunch, the program will include a history of Greensky Hill Indian Mission Church and drumming by the Greensky ladies drum group. All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend.

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SEPT. 18
ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

The Charlevoix Alzheimer's Disease Caregivers Support Group will have a new location.

At 1:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Sept. 18 and the third Tuesday of every month thereafter, the group will meet at the Charlevoix Senior Center, 06906 Norwood Rd., Charlevoix. Leigh Reis-Kurchinski is the facilitator.

For more information, call Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103, or the Charlevoix Senior Center at (231) 547-5361.

SEPT. 19
FRENCH CONVERSATION

The French Conversation Circle will meet at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7340.

SEPT. 19
SPANISH CONVERSATION

The Spanish Conversation Circle will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7340.

SEPT. 22
HARVEST DINNER

Greensky Hill United Methodist Indian Mission Church will host a harvest dinner.

The event will take place from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the church, located off Old U.S. 31 North.

The cost is $9 per adult and $4 per child under 10 years old.

The menu will include turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, squash, corn, green beans, creamed cabbage, fresh tomatoes, beets, cranberry sauce, bread and butter pickles, rolls and pie.

For more information, call (231) 582-9262.

SEPT. 22
SINGLES FOR CHRIST

Singles for Christ members and guests will gather at a Christmas in September potluck event at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the home of Lee, located at 1459 Kemp Rd. in Petoskey. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass and a $10 Christmas gift to exchange. Reserve your space by calling Frieda at (231) 347-5747.

SEPT. 22
POKER NIGHT

A Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament fund-raiser to benefit the Charlevoix High School class of 2008 all night senior party will take place on Sept. 22.

Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the tournament will start at 6 p.m. at the Belvedere Casino, located at 218 Ferry Ave. A $75 donation is requested.

Tickets are available at Ace Hardware off M-66.

There will be cash prizes, free food and door prizes. Space is limited. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older.

For more information call, Shane Cole at (231) 547-4991 or Mark Greyerbiehl at (231) 675-0749.

SEPT. 26
CANCER SCREENING

A free women's cancer screening opportunity will be offered at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office.

The screening is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 26. It will be conducted by a licensed nurse practitioner and include a clinical breast exam, pelvic exam with Pap test and free mammogram. The service is available to Charlevoix County women between the ages of 40 and 64 who are uninsured.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office is located at 220 West Garfield St.

The screening is by appointment only.

Call (800) 432-4121 or 547-0295 to register.

SEPT. 29
NORTHERN LIGHTS CELEBRATION

Northern Lights Celebration, a dinner, dance and auction to benefit St. Mary School will take place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 29 in the family center at the school.

The cost is $100 per person. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School.

For information, call (231) 547-6652.

JUKEBOX

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Ave., 6 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 14 and 15 John Perry — piano.

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 13 karaoke; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 14 and 15 Stunt Coyote — rock.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 14 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sept. 12 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 14 and 15, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Sept. 14, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Sept. 14 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Sept. 15, TNT — classic rock.

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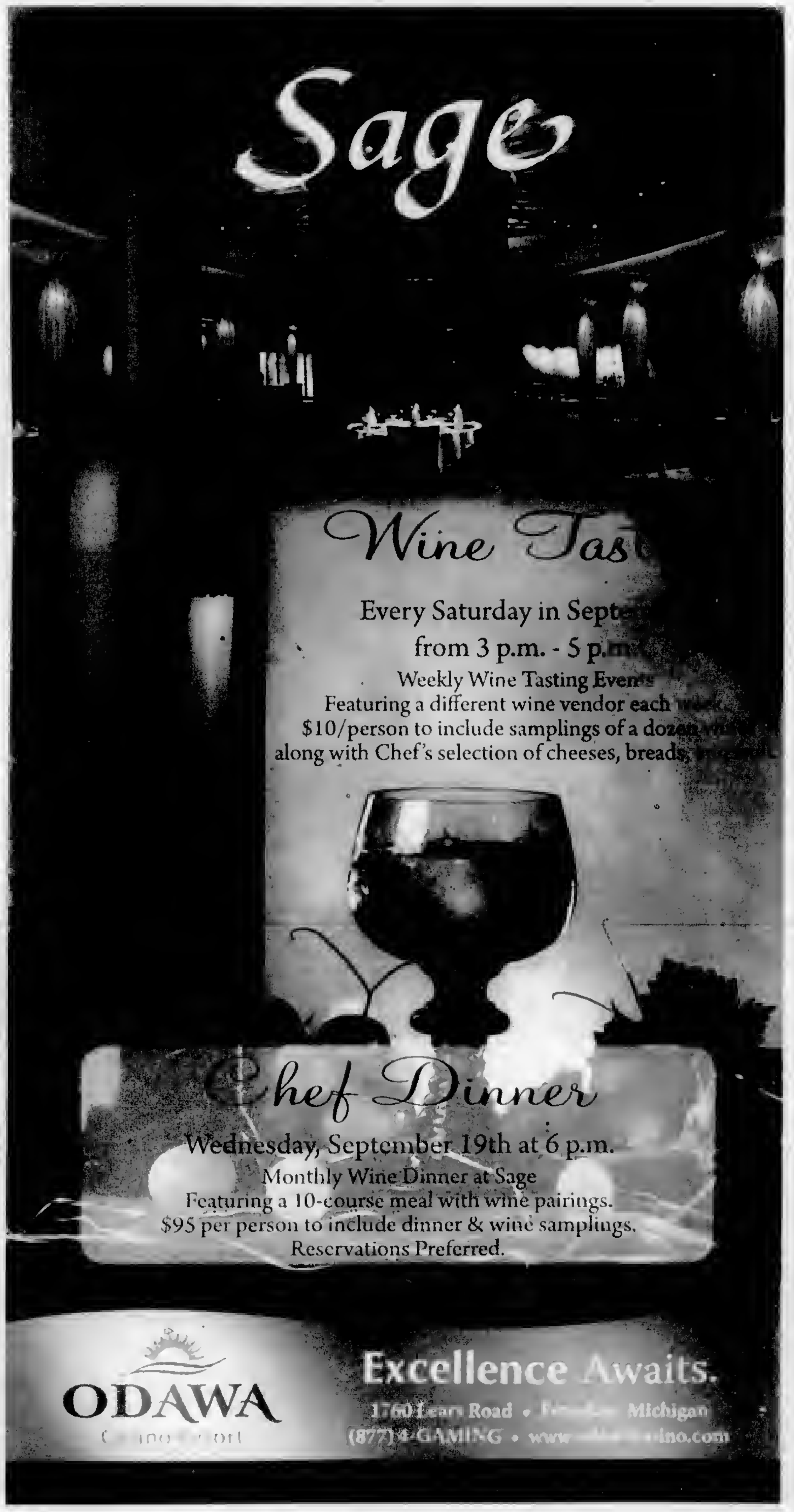

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Fountain makes a splash

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

> *"I can't think of one thing you could possibly put in a park that would have this kind of draw."*
>
> **Lyle Gennett**
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> CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL

Charlevoix's Downtown Development Authority is looking to edge out the competition with an interactive fountain.

The Downtown Development Authority's fountain proposal was met with overwhelming support from city council and the community on Monday night, Sept. 17.

"If we don't do this now, we are all going to feel the shoulda, coulda, woulda. This will enhance what we are all trying to achieve," said Gina Whitney, a former Downtown Development Authority member and owner of Whitneys of Charlevoix.

First Ward Charlevoix City Councilman Lyle Gennett agreed and said with the po-

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Catch salmon season

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Get out the galoshes, the fish are running.

Each year Chinook salmon swim furiously upstream to reach their final resting place, the Medusa Creek weir. The weir was set up on Sept. 6. Then, one week later, on Thursday, Sept. 13 the local Department of Natural Resources Great Lakes Fisheries Research Station partnered with a West Coast company called American Canadian for the first harvest of salmon meat and eggs for processing at a plant in Bear Lake.

According to Jeff Stevens, a trades helper with the Fisheries Research Station in Charlevoix, this first harvest was a low one yielding 475

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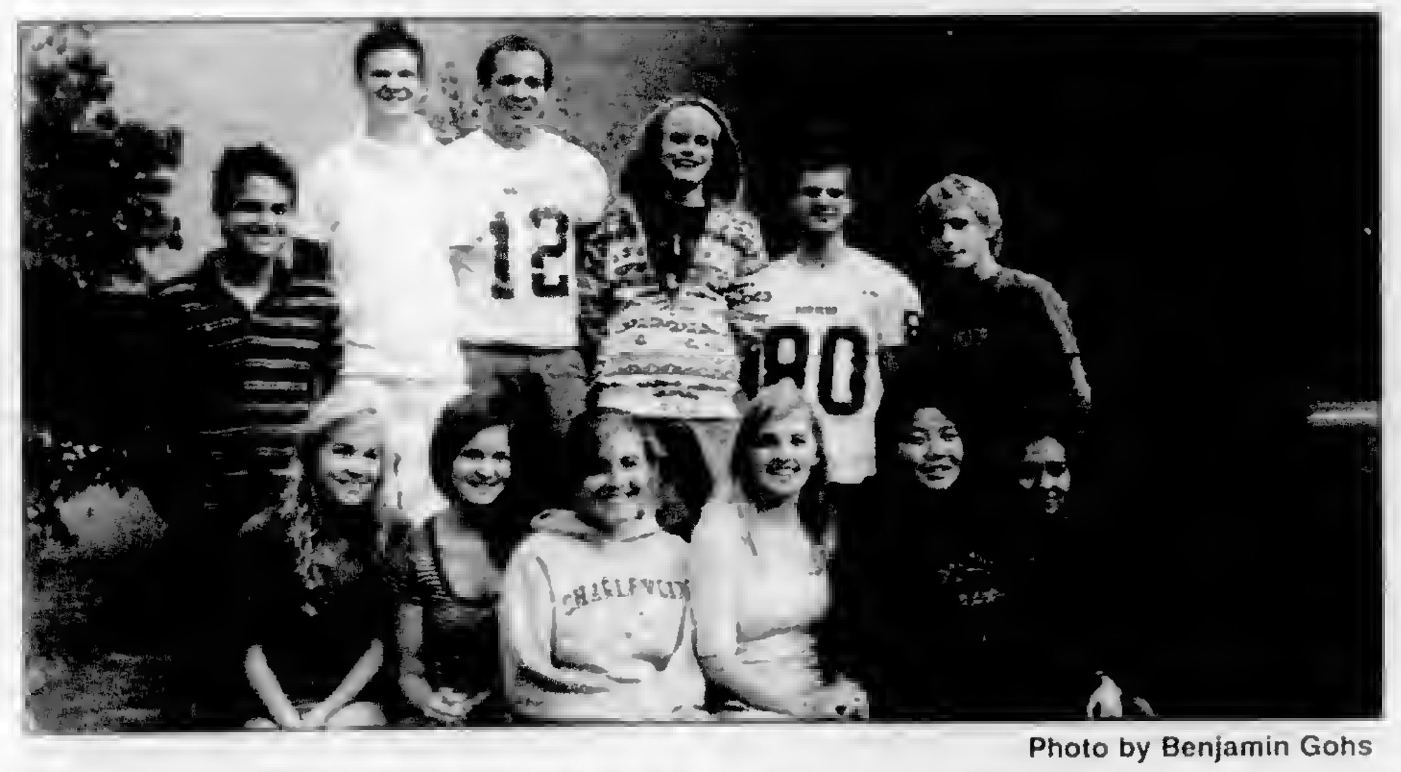
Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) Chuck Nelson (in yellow) of American Canadian nets a group of salmon in the Medusa Weir. The salmon swim to the man-made weir each year to spawn and are harvested by American Canadian.



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(Left) The Charlevoix High School 2007 Homecoming Court is (back, from left) Sam Balasz, Kevin Greyerbiehl, Cliff Jones, Tyler Kenifeck, Justin Klooster, Matt Mailloux, (front, from left) Kaleigh Blanchard, Courtney Chamberlain, Desirea Faust, Emily Foster, Omega Hang and Brooke Whittaker. The king and queen will be crowned at halftime of the Rayder football game on Sept. 28 at Kipke Field. For more information, call the student council at 547-3222, extension 2008.

Homecoming week underway at CHS

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Earth, Wind, Rain and Fire is the theme for this year's Charlevoix High School Homecoming celebration.

The festivities, which kick off Sunday, Sept. 23 with the float-building frenzy, will culminate with the homecoming dance on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Two of the following high school students will be crowned homecoming king and queen at half-time of the Sept. 28 football game when the Rayders face Elk Rapids.

CANDIDATES FOR QUEEN

Courtney Chamberlain, daughter of Ron Chamberlain and Brent and Erica Marlatt, is a lady Rayder on the cross

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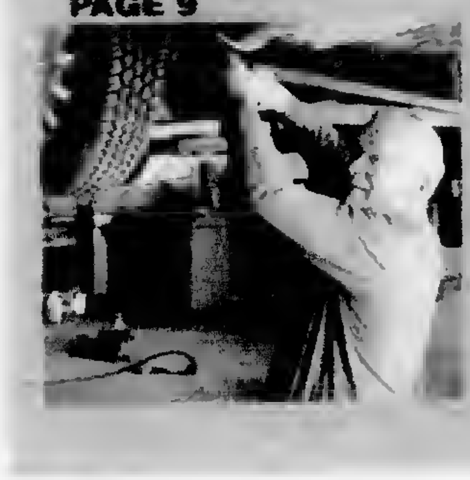

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Weather

	Hi	Lo	Rain
Sept. 10	71	57	tr
Sept. 11	60	49	—
Sept. 12	62	50	.5
Sept. 13	57	46	tr
Sept. 14	74	46	.28
Sept. 15	60	46	.05
Sept. 16	55	42	—

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

David Alan Reinhardt, 38, Boyne City. Operating while under the influence of intoxicating liquors with an occupant less than 16 years old (child endangerment). Credit for one day in jail, 334 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve two years probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,180 in fines and costs.

Michael Joseph Crudo, 23, Gaylord. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Fines and costs totaling $260.

Nigel Andrew Martin, 25, Charlevoix. Sex offender fail to comply with registration requirements. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

Daniel Peter Lucenko, 51, East Jordan. East Jordan violation of an ordinance prohibiting the accumulation of trash on property. Pay $500 in fines and costs or serve 15 days in jail; not to allow junk to accumulate outside of home.

Eric Michael Dionne, 39, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated. Credit for two days in jail, to serve 15 days in jail, 76 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $730 in fines and costs.

Gwendolyn Jean Duhart, 46, Charlevoix. Controlled substances, possession of marijuana. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; to attend substance abuse classes; $500 in fines and costs.

Jacqualyn Royce Prestia, 57, Kent City. Driving while impaired. Serve nine months probation; 78 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Richard Travis Brown, 35, Coloma. Entry without permission. Credit for two days in jail, 88 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; no contact with the victim; $500 in fines and costs.

Michael Paul Mosoryak, 27, Kalamazoo. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $830 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Zachary Dane Whitley, 20, Boyne City. Weapons, firearms — receiving and concealing. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 88 days, to serve 90 days; serve 24 months probation; $470 in fines and costs.

Jordan Michael Dixon, 20, Walker. Controlled substance delivery/manufacture schedule one, two and three except marijuana and cocaine. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for 91 days in jail, to serve 180 days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

David Ferucci Custom Contracting, 07610 Charlevoix View Dr., Charlevoix, by David Ferucci

Groh's Auto Sales, U.S. 131 North, P.O. Box 483, Walloon Lake, by Everett Alan Groh

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Mark Edward Howard, 28 and Susan Elizabeth Banyai, 25, both of Boyne Falls

Chad James Zbacnik, 45 and Heather Lynel Rebec, 32, both of Vanderbilt

Michael John Slanina, 46 and Jacalyn Marie Lowery, 47, both of Boyne Falls

Brian McKee Nickles, 29 and Pamela Anne McClain, 33, both of Cincinnati, Ohio

Lawrence Charles McQuistor, 36 and Tracee Ann Fortin, 34, both of Charlevoix

Arthur Mitts Lee II, 45 and Darsi Eleanor Spencley, 36, both of Charlevoix

DIVORCE

The following people were recently granted a Judgment of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Jason Scott vs. Christian Scott

BIRTHS

Payshence Renay Blatt weighing 6 pounds, 2 ounces was born on Sept. 5 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Caleb Blatt and Maureen Vallance of East Jordan. Her sibling is Gracey Mae Vallance. Her grandparents are Mike and Cheri Vallance and Robert and Janine Blatt of East Jordan.

Jacquelyn Delia Dunlap weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces was born on Sept. 7 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Eric and Karyn Dunlap of Boyne City. Her sibling is Gabrielle.

Ryan Calvin Jones weighing 9 pounds, 10 ounces was born on Sept. 9 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Casey Jones from Mason, and Amanda Arreguin from East Jordan. His grandparents are Connie and Dave Griffin of East Jordan, Richard Arreguin of St. Johns, Ryan and Sally Jones of Potterville and Liz Jones from Mason.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Caution, road work

The Michigan Department of Transportation started road work on Thursday, Sept. 12. Paine and Dolon milled and filled the highway from Lewis Street out to Barnard Road. Thursday they completed the section from Lewis up to Burger King. Then on Friday they did the other side of the road in the same section. They then continued to work south from there. While the crews are working in the downtown area there will be no parking available on Bridge Street. The Michigan Department of Transportation is expected to continue construction on U.S. 31 and M-66 through Sept. 28. Road work is being done on U.S. 31 from Barnard Road to Lewis Street in the City of Charlevoix and on M-66 from Wickersham Road to U.S. 31. Work includes milling, resurfacing, joint repairs, pavement markings and shoulder repairs on stretches of road totaling 4.6 miles. To voice complaints or inquire further, call Steve Secor of Paine and Dolon at (906) 280-6150.

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Council approves DDA fountain plan

FOUNTAIN

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tential economic impact of this project this is an opportunity Charlevoix can't pass up.

"I can't think of one thing you could possibly put in a park that would have this kind of draw," he said.

The public hearing to amend the authority's tax increment financing and development plans to include the East Park fountain project was packed. City Council ultimately approved the amendments with Second Ward councilman Gene Beer delivering the lone nay vote.

"It's (the fountain project) just ridiculous. There's other projects that can be done to drive more business into the city," Beer said.

While Beer didn't support the fountain project, the majority of those in attendance did. Reservations as to its maintenance costs and financing were addressed by mayor Norman Carlson Jr.

According to Carlson, the fountain's estimated cost is between $280,000 and $380,000. The area where the fountain will be located is a 30 foot by 34 foot oval outside the harbormaster's building in the plaza at the foot of Clinton Street. This area was initially supposed to house the trout pond. Design changes have shifted what is now a trout stream, south. Discussions of kid friendly materials being used in construction and the inclusion of a water heating element to extend its use into spring and fall took place and will be decided during the final design process.

Carlson explained the four sources of funding with the authority shelling out $200,000, $100,000 coming from grants and private donations and $80,000 being drawn from the marina fund. Fund-raising efforts will have to be done quickly as Carlson announced the fountain will open with the park by Memorial Day 2008.

"Not $1 of general taxpayer dollars is being used for this," he said.

Maintenance costs were estimated at $362 per week during the 15 to 23 weeks it's operational. This covers electricity, water, chemical agents and labor. A cost of $400 per year to pay for replacement filters and gaskets was also estimated. An additional $1,500 will be spent every 10 years to replace and maintain skid components.

While this project was met with public approval and an all around "Let's do it for the kids" attitude, there was also sentiment expressed that the authority begin to shift its focus.

"It's time someone started looking for new jobs. Look at ways to bring people to town and keep them here," owner of Charlevoix Cinema III, Bill Supernaw, said. "Thank you for the job you've done in the DDA district. Now let's move on to the rest of the town."

Top fountain concerns and responses:

Funding The four sources are Downtown Development Authority (DDA) with $200,000; $100,000 from grants and private donations; and $80,000 from the marina fund.

Maintenance costs were estimated at $362 per week during the 15 to 23 weeks it's operational; $400 per year to pay for replacement filters and gaskets; $1,500 every 10 years to replace and maintain skid components. All to be paid by the DDA.

Noise Mayor Carlson polled boaters, the majority of who support the project and said noise is a moot point.

Insurance No increase required.

Wind/spray A computer will monitor the wind and adjust the fountain's height and strength accordingly.

Visibility Mayor Carlson said the center spray reaches 15 feet in height and the fountain will be visible from the lower two tiers of the park "at least."

Homecoming 2007: Royalty, football, a parade and more

RAYDERS

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country team and a member of the Charlevoix High School band as well as yearbook editor, a class representative on the student council and co-president of the National Honor Society.

Brook Whittaker, daughter of Tyvin and Kathleen Whittaker, plays basketball and is an avid art student and active in Ragamuffin Theatre and Choir. She helps coach middle school basketball and her volunteering includes four years of mission trips to Puerto Rico and House of Hope.

Omega Hang, daughter of Vanchin and Myker Hang, has been a lady Rayder softball player for four years in addition to two years of performing arts and working at her parents' restaurant.

Kaleigh Blanchard, daughter of Clint and Patricia Blanchard and Shaunee and Steve McKenney, plays soccer and basketball in addition to her membership on the National Honor Society and three years on student council. She has volunteered at Charlevoix Elementary School and at the school's Red Cross blood drive.

Desirea Faust, daughter of Patrick and Lisa Faust, plays volleyball, basketball and softball in addition to membership on the National Honor Society. Her volunteer work includes collecting trash for the Adopt-a-Highway program.

Emily Foster, daughter of Bill and Lori Foster, plays soccer and basketball, is co-president of the National Honor Society and co-president of the student council as well as volunteering with Charlevoix Area Hospital and the fire department.

CANDIDATES FOR KING

Tyler Kenifeck, son of Steve Kenifeck and Sandy Clark, enjoys snowboarding, mountain biking, longboarding, wakeboarding, disc golf, sailing, snowshoeing and skateboarding. Tyler has volunteered his time helping children at Charlevoix Elementary School.

Cliff Jones, son of Marsha Jones, plays football, basketball, baseball and he is on the track and field teams. Jones is a member of the National Honor Society in addition to volunteering to coach young children at sports camps.

Sam Balasz, son of Jay and Kris Balasz, plays on the cross-country and baseball teams in addition to his membership with the National Honor Society and as senior class co-president on the student council. He spent last semester as a congressional page in Washington, D.C. and his community involvement includes volunteering at his church.

Kevin Greyerbiehl, son of Mark and Vicky Greyerbiehl, plays tennis, is on student council and is a member of the National Honor Society. His community involvement includes giving children tennis lessons.

Justin Klooster, son of Pat and Susan Klooster, plays football and tennis. He is on student council, has volunteered with the Community Reformed Church youth group and is an assistant teacher at Charlevoix Middle School.

Matt Mailloux, son of Bernard and Monica Mailloux, enjoys skiing, wakeboarding, longboarding, mountain biking and rollerblading. Matt also works as a waiter, busser and landscaper.

Charlevoix High School Homecoming Celebration

This year's theme: Earth, Wind, Rain and Fire

Sunday, Sept. 23 — Float Frenzy is from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Kipke Field (rain location is the Bus Barn). Each class will design a different float. The freshmens' theme is wind, the sophomores' is earth, juniors have rain and seniors have fire.

Monday, Sept. 24 — PJ Day

Tuesday, Sept. 25 — Twin Day

Wednesday, Sept. 26 — Clash Day

Thursday, Sept. 27 — Class Color Day

Friday, Sept. 28 — Maroon and White Day. Pep assembly is from 1:07 to 2:40 p.m. and will include games, introductions and a lip sync competition. Homecoming parade is at 5:30 p.m. The parade route begins at Charlevoix Public Library to State Street and then south on State Street to the north entrance of Kipke Field stadium. Homecoming varsity football game begins at 7 p.m. on Friday with the king and queen to be announced during half-time ceremonies.

Saturday, Sept. 29 — Homecoming dance is 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Charlevoix Elementary School.

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It's time for Operation Dine-n-Dash

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

At risk of being labeled un-American or, worse yet, a hippy, I've decided to opine on the war, and while I've been known to hear a voice or two, God did not tell me to do it. So brew up a fresh pot of Kool-Aid, comb your beard and line your birdcage with the latest edition of the Petraeus report, it's towel time.

I'm far too vengeful to call for all out peace, but attacking a country without the means or plans to do us harm is far from responsible use of the military.

Traditionally, if you disagree with war, no matter how arbitrary and unjust, as Nazi Herman Goering pointed out, you are less of a citizen.

"Of course the people don't want war. But after all, it's the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and it's always a simple matter to drag the people along whether it's a democracy, a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship," Goering said. "All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism, and exposing the country to greater danger."

Flip on the TV or radio and you'll see tyrannical tricksters change little over the years as melodramatic spots, one featuring the mother of a slain soldier, tell us America doesn't need another 9/11 and we must win the war in Iraq to remain free.

Better yet is, what I am sure was unintentional irony, when George W. Bush said, "Free nations don't attack each other. Free nations don't develop weapons of mass destruction," nearly 10 months after the second largest producer of WMD, us, attacked Iraq without provocation.

Resisting the urge to bludgeon myself with a statuette of Darwin until I was stupid enough to understand this madness, I wrote to W. and told him if he wants to play wartime president so badly, he can borrow my PS2 and war games, it's the closest you can come to armchair soldiering without getting bloody.

Don't get me wrong, I don't want another 9/11, and that's why we should focus bombs and billions on our attack dog gone bad, Osama Bin Laden.

I can see our leaders' refusal to end the war, after all, how can Rummy, Condi and W. go to the parents of thousands of perished soldiers and say, "Oops."

The hapless hawks screech about the dangers of dissent, yet distaste of the government has nothing to do with a love of capitalism or the constitution.

If you feel the need to abuse our troops by sending them on fool's errands in the name of protecting our freedoms and then admonish those who engage in those freedoms, perhaps you should lay off the paint chips and try snacking on some freedom fries instead.

Patriotism is love of country, not blind devotion to bean counters and policy writers.

Another argument of those eager to spill every last drop of someone else's blood is that we cannot set a withdrawal date lest the enemy wait us out. That pretty much leaves us with two options: eternal occupation or abruptly leaving by night. We could be over the Straight of Hormuz before morning prayer — they'd never know what didn't hit them — and with Operation Dine-n-Dash we could stop dumping billions to rebuild stuff we just flattened.

Don't get me wrong, some among us hate the USA and its military, but doesn't it stand to reason that they, not opponents of unprovoked aggression, are more apt to support operations where soldiers of an America, mired in militarism, will die unnecessarily in the Mideast?

What U.S. liberty was had by deposing Saddam? Which American freedoms were defended in Fallujah? Where is the bravery in bombing Baghdad?

The world will never resemble a utopian model, a fact which makes a strong military necessary. For our own self-interest we should keep our troops from suicide missions masterminded by cocksure charlatans obsessed with a niche in history and save them for more tangible threats.

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Weekly Poll

Will you use the interactive fountain in East Park?

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53% of those polled feel kids being bullied should walk away!

Wall treatments can make bold statements

DR. DÉCOR

Barbara Kopitz

There are many ways to adorn the walls in our homes. Typically, we paint them and then hang artwork, family photographs, mirrors, clocks, etc.

Another interesting way to decorate our walls is with wallpaper. Though its use dates back to 18th century when royalty and the upper classes surrounded themselves with wonderfully designed handmade wallpapers, its appeal has gone in and out of fashion over the years.

The wallpaper industry has regularly predicted its rise again and again, but during the 1990s the use of decorative painted wall finishes became so popular that the use of wallpapers had its most serious decline. However, I think the industry's prediction will come true this time. People are looking for richer backgrounds beyond the painted finishes they found with ragging, sponging and marbleizing.

Wallpapers today offer a huge variety of choices ranging from simple background papers to complex textures, from small and large patterns to murals.

All types of wallpaper can stand alone as a wall treatment, but large patterns and murals, in particular, negate the need for any other adornment. On the other hand, many small patterned wallpapers make excellent backgrounds for our artwork and collections.

I personally love finding wallpapers that can be used as a background for wall art or wall accessories. Naturally, any plain or textured paper can provide a background for these hangings, but I love using small patterned wallpaper as a background for art too. .

For our new home in Charlevoix I've used a variety of wall treatments, including a stripe, a pattern and a border with a vine print for the laundry room. All of these will easily hold artwork. Above a wide doorway in the living room I've used lettering on the wall from an online company called Wall Words (www.wallwords.com).

I love my Wall Words phrase. The vinyl lettering looks like it's hand painted. They are four inches high and hung over French doors leading into a sun room. I chose raspberry colored letters to apply over our blue walls. It says, "Sit Long. Talk Much, Laugh Often."

Wall Words are pre-pasted and pre-spaced transfer letters. You peel the words off a strip of paper directly onto the wall. They say it's easy to hang, but I had Carol Couture of The Treasure Chest do mine. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-4851.

Choose your letter size, color, font and decorative end details. They're priced at $29.95 for 10 words or less. You can order their free 46 page catalog by calling (888) 422-6685. It's filled with quotations and phrases or you can make your own words.

Of course, wallpapers are not only decorative, they have practical uses too. Washable wallpapers are a great idea for back halls, mud rooms, laundry rooms, stairwells going up or down and any place where finger marks are a problem. Perhaps next year I will paper our walls going up the stairs. They always seem to be marked with fingerprints.

Wallpaper pricing can span from $30 for a single roll to over $300 a single roll for custom handcrafted wall covering. Be aware that most wallpapers are priced per single rolls but sold in double and sometimes triple rolls.

Just when you think your home is done, it's just the time to add some interest with wallpaper. However, base it on your own style and your own taste and not what's in or out of style.

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LETTERS to the editor

SIMPLISTIC INDEED

Editor:

A letter by Al Wojan published in the Sept. 5 edition of the Courier (entitled "Simplistic ideology") berated those who protest the war in Iraq, or who fail to support the policies of the president.

I find it ironic that he speaks of the sacrifices of those who have defended "our nation and its constitutional traditions," yet finds fault with those who exercise those traditions. It's also ironic that he has pledged his allegiance to a president whose administration has worked tirelessly to dismantle the constitutional checks and balances that have served our country well for centuries.

Remember Osama bin Laden? The one who orchestrated the attack on us? It's been six years since 9/11, and we still haven't found him. He's still sending out videos, and we're stretched thin in Iraq trying to keep Sunnis and Shiites from killing each other. Mr. Wojan speaks of our commitment to track down the terrorists and avenge the deaths of our citizens. Well, we knew damn well they weren't in Iraq. Someone has certainly forgotten the commitment, but it wasn't those of us who don't support the war.

Mr. Wojan points out, correctly, that we are in an ideological war. But such wars can't be won with bombs and guns, no matter how brave and dedicated the troops. In a war of ideas, the only weapon that works is a better idea, and a commitment to support that idea. It's a long and difficult process, with many setbacks, but it's the only way to win. If we have the tenacity and the courage, we can withstand the terrorists without sacrificing all that makes America great.

Remember Afghanistan? We went in to root out the terrorists that were hiding there, with the support of the entire world. If we had stayed and rebuilt the country, we'd have at least one Muslim nation that thought well of the U.S. That would be a powerful weapon in keeping the terrorists off balance and making it harder for them gather recruits. Instead, we marched off to Iraq, leaving a few troops in Afghanistan. Now we're mired in Iraq, the Taliban is resurgent in Afghanistan, and the entire Middle East is on fire with anti-American sentiment. That's nothing new, but our doctrine of "pre-emptive war" has made it much easier for the radicals to whip that sentiment into a frenzy.

Mr. Wojan also points out that the terrorists win if we destroy ourselves. Since that is true, why stick with simple-minded ideas like "with us or against us?" If we live our lives without questions, always insisting that the president is right and any dissent is virtually treason, then the terrorists have won indeed. Those protesters he holds in such contempt are the personification of the very freedom he thinks he's protecting. You don't have to like them or agree with them, but to declare that their protest divides us and weakens us is the most un-American idea possible.

And for those who read this and would chastise me for failing to support our troops, I served eight years active duty in the Navy. I'd suggest you have at least that many years of active duty before criticizing my patriotism.

Tom Wanek
Charlevoix

INSTALL FISH POND, FIX CEMETERY ENTRANCE

Editor:

I need to make further comment to my recently published letter to the Charlevoix Courier.

Instead of taking the bait on the proposed fountain for East Park, please consider installing another fish pond which was in place for over 60 years. Not a trout stream, a fish pond.

With the money savings of a fish pond vs. fountain, the City of Charlevoix should hold good on its earlier City Council promise to me in open session to complete the M-66 Brookside Cemetery entry to be the same as the other gates.

Somewhere along the way since City Council promised, then street superintendent John Martin was allowed to build two pillars on M-66 with what appears to be left over Lake Michigan beach project, artificial stone. The pillars are connected to nothing, and they are unsightly. In 2006 one of the pillars was visibly leaning to the right all summer.

On asking, I was told this is the way it is due to the money. The newer dead buried in Brookside deserve the same gates and respect as those buried beyond the chapel. All that is missing is a neon sign.

I'm surprised Charlevoixans haven't noticed, complained.

C. Marilyn Neff Gibbons
Charlevoix

Editor's note: This letter was addressed to the Charlevoix city manager and Charlevoix City Council.

DON'T RENAME PARK

Editor:

The purpose of this letter is not to ask that East Park as we now refer to it be changed to Robert Bridge Park. Calling it East Park is fine. However, changing the name to any other person's name would be a terrible injustice to the man that is truly responsible for the existence of this park, namely Robert Bridge. It is all a matter of public record. City ordinances passed by then mayor Bridge and his council forbade the re-building of any buildings along the harbor should they burn down or be torn down. And the city set about buying buildings that existed along the east side of the street. It has taken many years to see his dream come true.

I subscribe to the Courier and over the years I have read of many controversies concerning the park. And rightfully so. After all it belongs to the citizens of Charlevoix and of course, there are many ideas and suggestions.

Once again the park is undergoing a major up-grade and again many suggestions are forthcoming. One I noted was a thank you plaque for Mr. (John) Winn's efforts. As I understand it, Mr. Winn had much to do with the success of the new marina and he should be awarded a thank you plaque.

Perhaps a similar thank you plaque could be set to honor the man responsible for the park's existence in the first place, then mayor Robert Bridge. Bob Bridge was, and probably still is, the longest serving mayor Charlevoix has ever had. You will find his name on the entrance plaque on the city hall.

It is no one's fault that Bob Bridge's name is not known nowadays. He's been gone since 1965. Oh, there are a few kids my age (80 give a year or so) that knew him personally, but it was these kids' parents that knew of Bob's effort to create that waterfront and they are of course of little help to me now.

All I am asking is that careful consideration be given in selecting names of persons to name your park after, so that they are not selecting a person that had nothing to do with the advent of this park.

Gene Bridge
Belton, Texas

THANKS RAFFLE SUPPORTERS

Editor:

Thanks to all who contributed to the Barnard Grange quilt raffle held on Sept. 6. Denise Plakmeyer of Bellaire had the winning ticket that was purchased at the Black Cat Concert.

Darleen Dhaseleer
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Hospital honors former CEO

A newly renovated cardiac rehabilitation facility at Charlevoix Area Hospital will bear the name of Richard Krueger, the executive who successfully led the institution for 27 years.

Krueger, who served as Charlevoix Area Hospital president from 1971 through 1998, will be honored at a dedication and reception on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

"This is a completely unexpected, but greatly appreciated, honor," Krueger said. "The hospital is still a big part of my life and I get back often to see friends and former co-workers, so I'm pleased to be remembered in this way."

During his long tenure, Krueger oversaw several major additions, including a new surgical unit, coronary intensive care unit, and the obstetrics expansion.

"It seemed we were always improving the facility and reinventing the place — but the result today is that we have a beautiful, up-to-date hospital," he said.

Krueger himself has used the cardiac rehab facility twice following surgery, and gives the newly designed department a great review. Located off the hospital's renovated lobby, the rehab area is bright and cheery, with ample windows and space for lots of equipment.

Tuesday's reception will also recognize supporters and hospital volunteers. As part of the ceremony, a new donor wall containing names of special benefactors will be unveiled.

The public is invited to attend the dedication event, which begins at 5:30 p.m. in the lobby. Refreshments and a reception will follow in the hospital solarium. For more information, contact the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation, (231) 547-8502.

What? The newly renovated cardiac rehabililation facility at Charlevoix Area Hospital will be dedicated to former longtime hospital president Richard Krueger At the reception a donor wall will be unveiled and supporters and volunteers will be recognized

When? 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 25

Where? In the lobby at Charlevoix Area Hospital located at 14700 Lakeshore Dr.

Courtesy photo

Richard Krueger, who served as Charlevoix Area Hospital president from 1971 through 1998, will be honored at a dedication of the newly renovated cardiac rehabilitation facility at Charlevoix Area Hospital on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

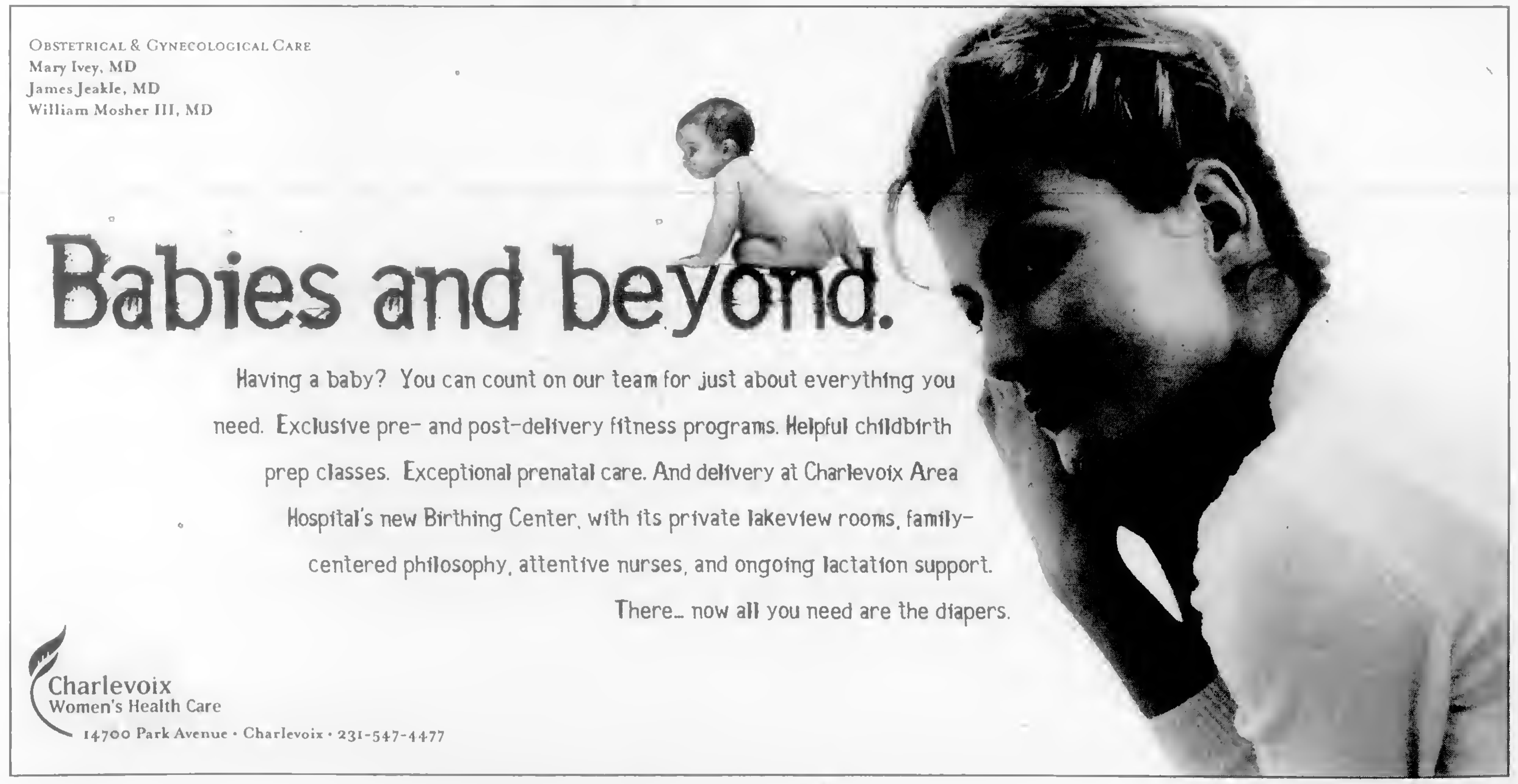
WEDDING
Boss — Thompson

Courtesy photo

Wayne and Sandy Boss are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Lisa Marie residing in Grand Rapids to Nathan Scott Thompson, also of Grand Rapids, son of Roger and Ann Thompson of Walkarusa, Ind.

The wedding took place at 4:30 p.m. on June 16 at the Charlevoix Assembly of God officiated by Rev. Roger Thompson. The maid of honor was Becky Boss, best man was Chad Zalewski, bridesmaids were Katie Way, Kim Boss and Heather Hostetler. The groomsmen were Jon Boss, Rob Powell and Jason Spykerman. The flower girl was Madison Boss and ring bearers were Lucas Boss and Tanner Hostetler. The ushers were Jeremy Boss and Cory Hostetler.

The reception was held at Castle Farms. The couple is residing in Grand Rapids.



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The Chenille Sisters (above), a popular trio from Ann Arbor, will perform on Friday, Oct. 5 and Saturday, Oct. 6 on Beaver Island.

Chenille Sisters to perform Oct. 5 and 6 on Beaver Island

The Chenille Sisters, a popular trio from Ann Arbor, will perform on Friday, Oct. 5 and Saturday, Oct. 6 on Beaver Island.

The group is well-known for their close harmony arrangements in a variety of musical styles including jazz, blues, country-folk and old favorites. The group includes singer Grace Morand, guitarist and songwriter Connie Huber and singer/songwriter Cheryl Dawdy.

They have produced over a dozen albums including several for children, the latest entitled, "Teaching Hippopotami to Fly."

The Chenille Sisters will meet with students of the Beaver Island Community School on Friday afternoon, and perform a family-friendly program at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 in the auditorium of the Central Michigan University Biological Station.

The Saturday performance is open to the public. All ages are welcome. Tickets will be available at the door, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and free for children. Free van transportation will be available for those without cars, leaving at 6:15 p.m. from the Holy Cross Parish Hall.

The event is sponsored by the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

More information about the Chenille Sisters, visit www.chenillesisters.com. For questions regarding the Beaver Island concerts e-mail inquiries to dehplast@aol.com.

Free cancer screenings offered on Sept. 26

A free women's cancer screening opportunity will be offered at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office.

The screenings are from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 26. They will be conducted by a licensed nurse practitioner and include a clinical breast exam, pelvic exam with Pap test and free mammogram. The services are available to Charlevoix County women between the ages of 40 and 64 who are uninsured.

Two community groups, Alden High Tea for Breast Cancer and Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk donated proceeds from their events to support clinics in their local communities. The donations cover expenses for 50 new screening appointments.

Teresa Sington who coordinates the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program said the screenings are important to identify cancers in the early stages, when they are easier and much less expensive to treat.

"About a quarter of the women we see are referred to specialists for further diagnostic tests," she said. "We refer to a network of physicians who graciously accept reduced payment for women screened through the program."

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office is located at 220 West Garfield St.

Screenings are by appointment only. Call (800) 432-4121 or 547-0295 to register.

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ENGAGEMENT
Smith — Carland

Courtesy photo

Mike and Pat Carland of Charlevoix would like to announce the engagement of their son, Steve, to Jada Smith, daughter of Glenn and Jane Smith of Beaverton. Steve and Jada are both graduates of Saginaw Valley State University. Steve is a teacher with Charlevoix Public Schools, and Jada is a registered nurse at Northern Michigan Hospital. Steve and Jada were engaged in October 2006 and an October 2007 wedding is being planned.

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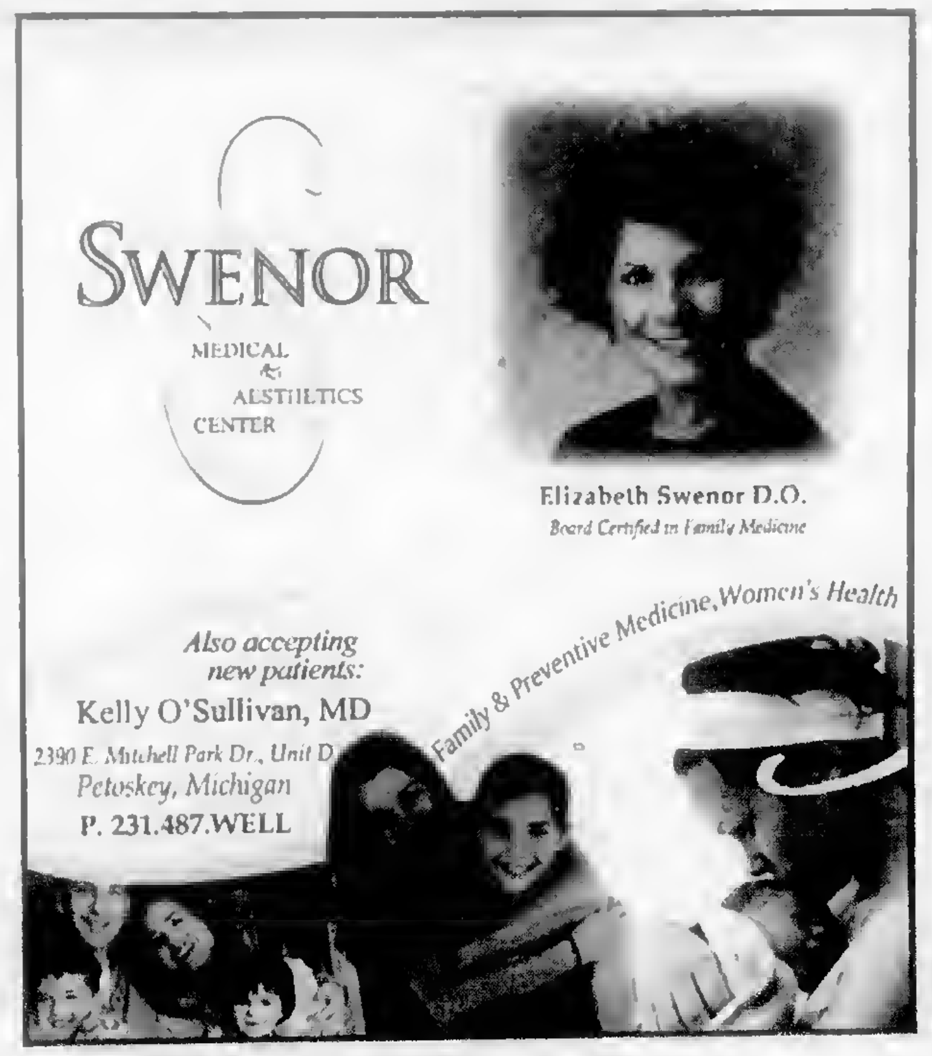

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Talk like a Pirate Day!
Wednesday, September 19
Come in and check out a pirate book, choose a prize, and of course, talk like a pirate. Matey, AAARRRG!

Storytimes
Thursday, September 20
- Lapsit (birth-3), 10:05 a.m.
- Pre-k (3-5)-10:30 a.m.

Book Talkers: Persuasion
Monday, September 24, 6:00 pm
Join our classic book group with a lively discussion of Jane Austen's, Persuasion.

Computer Tidbit: Making the Most of your Library
Wednesday, September 26, 1:00 pm
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Helen's smiling

The 7th Annual Helen Open which took place on Aug. 19 and included 90 golfers playing at the Charlevoix Golf Club, raised $15,000 for Hospice of Northwest Michigan. The event honors the late Helen Weislik. The Weislik family has owned the Townhouse Bar in Charlevoix for over 40 years, and this tournament was established as a lasting tribute to Helen, who dispensed spirited advice as freely as she dispensed spirits. In its seven-year history the open has raised $78,000 for hospice. The money is used for bereavement programs like Handling the Holidays and follow-up materials. The auction item that brought in the most money this year was a baseball autographed by Tigers baseball manager Jim Leyland. It was purchased by Charlevoix resident Tom Rankl for $500. Pictured above behind the bar at the Townhouse are Helen Open committee members Cheri Hoffman and Ron Weislik presenting the $15,000 donation to hospice director Pat Johnson and bereavement coordinator Margaret Lasater.

Hospice volunteers sought

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay and Hospice of Northwest Michigan, which serve Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Cheboygan counties, are looking for volunteers.

The hospice volunteer training program began on Monday, Sept. 17. The sessions will run for four weeks, meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Community Health Education Center located at 360 Connable Ave. in Petoskey (across the parking lot from the main entrance to Northern Michigan Regional Hospital).

Training sessions will include an orientation to hospice and discussion of the role of volunteers. Each class will deal with a different aspect of training – grief and bereavement, death and dying, communication skills, understanding the family, spiritual care of the family, care and comfort measures, ethical issues and personal stress management. Volunteers who complete this training will be able to volunteer for either or both hospices.

Hospice volunteers provide a variety of services, including respite care to the terminally ill and their family. Volunteers provide help, whether it is with patients, in the office, or helping with fund-raising.

For more information, call Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825.

OBITUARY

Denise Cadreau: Nov. 8, 1954 - Sept. 8, 2007

Denise Ann Cadreau, 52, passed away Saturday, Sept. 8.

Denise was born Nov. 8, 1954 in Saginaw, the daughter of John and Jane (Burns) Cadreau.

A Lansing resident for 30 years, she was formerly employed by Service Employees International Union prior to working for the AFL-CIO as political director.

Denise graduated from Michigan State University with a master's degree in labor relations. She was also a Democratic Precinct Delegate for the State of Michigan.

A loving mother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend will be missed by all. She was preceded in death by her father, Dr. John Cadreau.

Denise is survived by her three children, Francis, Emily and Judith Klempnow; mother, Jane Cadreau; brother, Dr. Dennis Cadreau; sister, Liza (Brad) Barrett; nephews, Bret and John Barrett.

A funeral Mass was Thursday, Sept. 13 at St. Gerard Catholic Church. Father John Klein was celebrant. Interment followed in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

The family received relatives and friends on Sept. 12 at the Palmer, Bush and Jensen Family Funeral Home, Delta Chapel, Lansing.

Contributions can be made to the Michigan League for Human Services in memory of Denise. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.palmerbush.com.

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STAFF WRITER

Mechanics and auto part stores are teaming up all over northern Michigan to give victims of domestic abuse a second chance.

According to the organizing body, 1-800-Charity Cars, owning a reliable car may not be the American dream, but for mothers attempting to escape abusive relationships, a car can be a new lease on life.

"For a family living in a rural area, a vehicle is crucial in order to get a job since there is next to no public transportation," said domestic abuse and sexual assault program director Chris Krajewski of the Women's Resource Center. "Having a reliable car can mean the difference between getting out of an abusive relationship or not."

Charlevoix residents may donate a used car no more than eight years old, less than 150,000 miles and in relatively good shape. The car will then have any necessary parts replaced by Rodney Kippe's Complete Muffler in Charlevoix, one of 105 participating auto shops in Michigan, before the cars are awarded to needy area recipients during a ceremony on Oct. 13 in Lansing.

"We could probably do a couple cars, but we have yet to find one," Kippe said. "You can bring it (your used car) down and we'll get a hold of Charity Cars and someone from their organization will come out and inspect it to see if it is acceptable."

Those wishing to donate a used car may also contact 1-800-Charity Cars directly by calling 1-800-242-7489 or visiting them on the Web at www.800charitycars.org where they may fill out a donation application.

Kippe said the latest he could receive cars, free from large defects such as engine or transmission problems, and have them ready for the give-away is the end of September.

While nicer used vehicles are desired, Charity Cars will accept older vehicles which may be sold at auction with all the proceeds used to attain reliable cars.

Charity Cars began in 1996 as a nonprofit with the mission of providing reliable transportation to military families, victims of natural disasters and the working poor in addition to victims of domestic violence.

According to Krajewski, the need for these cars is a real one.

"The Women's Resource Center in northern Michigan serves five counties and in our last fiscal year we opened over 570 (domestic abuse) cases," she said. "I'd like to see every survivor of domestic abuse who does not have a car to get one."

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Charlevoix residents may donate a used car no more than eight years old, less than 150,000 miles and in relatively good shape. The car will then have any necessary parts replaced by Rodney Kippe's Complete Muffler in Charlevoix, one of 105 participating auto shops in Michigan, before the cars are awarded to needy area recipients during a ceremony on Oct. 13 in Lansing.

She added, "It's one last barrier they have to overcome."

Charity Cars also furnishes the first six months of insurance and first time license plate and title fees.

"Accountability plays an important role in the program via the Charity Cars contract. Vehicles are registered and titled in the recipient's name, however, Charity Cars retains a lien on each vehicle for a period of one year so the vehicle cannot be sold," it states on the Charity Cars Web site. "At times recipients are mandated to be employed within 30 days upon the receipt of a vehicle and must remain employed throughout the lien period. Additionally, contractual obligations require recipients to maintain car insurance and to participate in follow up case studies."

The Charity Cars group hopes recipients of the cars will use the car to find gainful employment and become self-sufficient.

Randy Lucyk, owner of Midas Muffler and Brake Shop in Kalkaska and regional coordinator of the auto shops involved in the event said they are down 40 percent of the number of cars they would like to have.

"We are hoping to get 12 cars in northern Michigan. We would encourage people to look into their hearts and driveways and see if they have a vehicle that would benefit people in their community," he said. "If we get donations from Charlevoix, we're going to do our best to get those back in Charlevoix."

Vehicle donations qualify for a tax deduction if the value exceeds $500.

While Charity Cars is not taking applications for vehicles until 2009, people eligible for cars include domestic violence victims and natural disasters, the poor and military families.

Those wishing to apply in two years can send their letters to 1-800CharityCars, 750 Miami Spring Drive, Longwood, FL 32779.

Anyone in an abusive relationship can get help by calling the Women's Resource Center's 24-hour hotline at (231) 347-0082.

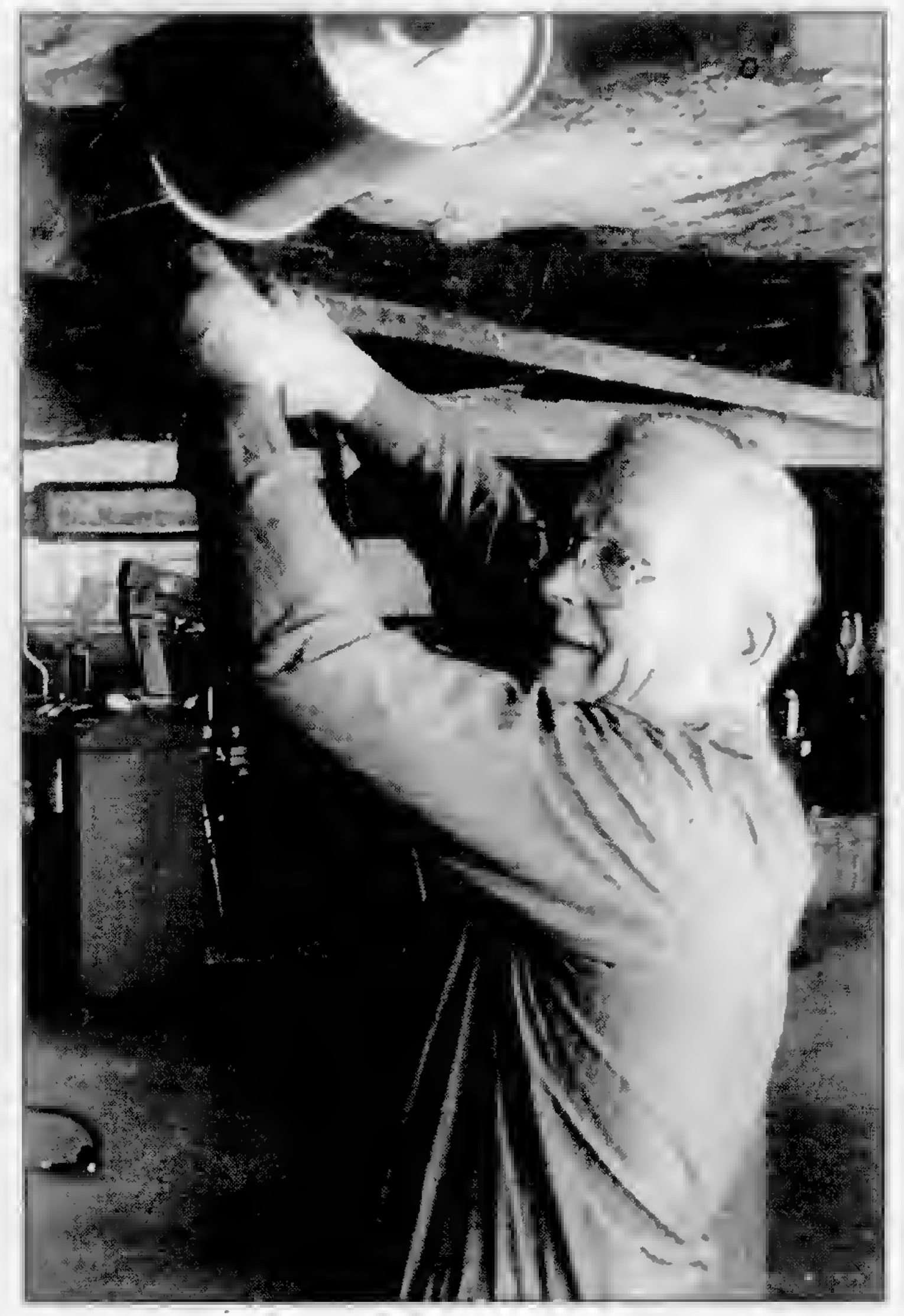

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Curt Thompson of Complete Muffler in Charlevoix works on the muffler of a customer's car. Complete Muffler is one of more than 100 auto shops statewide which will repair donated cars later to be awarded to victims of domestic abuse in the Charity Cars annual event.

Contact Kippe at Complete Muffler by calling (231) 547-1171.

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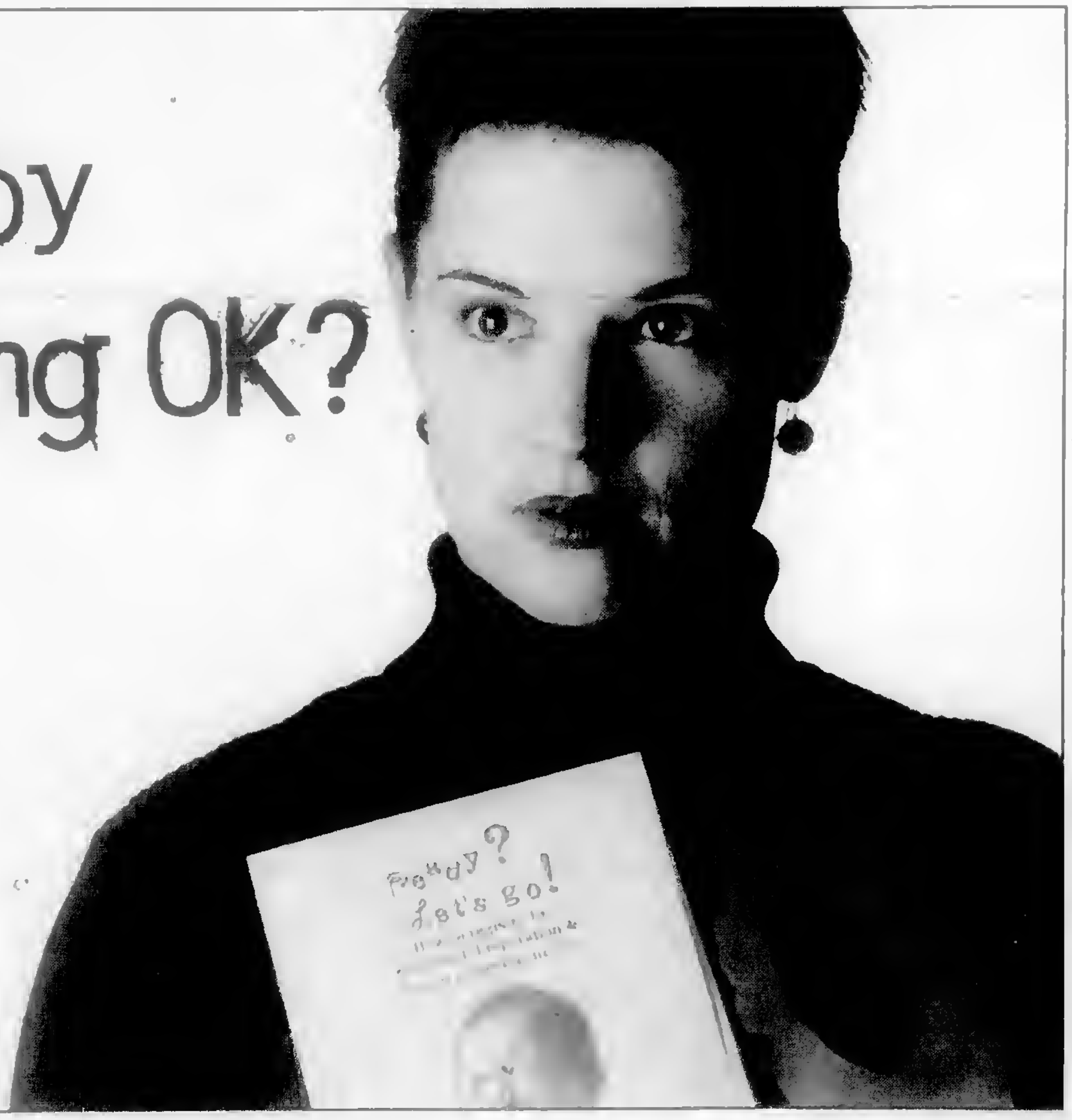

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Coast Guard needs help to haunt

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Ready for a good scare?

When the Coast Guard cutter Acacia was decommissioned last year, so too ended the long-standing tradition of the Haunted Ship.

However, the servicemen at Coast Guard Station Charlevoix are hoping to revive the tradition of a spook house with a little help from Charlevoix.

"A lot of people in town have been asking if we were going to do anything at the station," said officer in charge of the Charlevoix station, Scott Boop. "I look forward to Halloween, especially because I have a 3-year-old and a one-year-old and watching them learn more and more about Halloween and them getting excited about it is fun."

The station is taking monetary donations in order to turn their boathouse into a haunted house.

"Because it's the first year, we're going to need between $800 and $1,000," Boop said. "We're given a morale fund of $500 to be used for things the guys do like outside activities, but we agreed to use $300 of that for the haunted house."

He added, "Everybody is pretty excited about it."

Proceeds from the haunted boathouse, which will cost $1 to attend, will be donated to help offset costs of the new East Park water fountain project.

To donate, call Matt Wolanzyk at (231) 547-2565.

The haunted boathouse has been scheduled from 8 to 10 p.m. on Oct. 29 and 30.

Refreshments will be available for a minimal fee.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Seaman SN James Mitard of Coast Guard Station Charlevoix is seen here in front of the boat house which will soon house a haunted house. The haunted boathouse has been scheduled from 8 to 10 p.m. on Oct. 29 and 30. All proceeds from the $1 admission will be donated to help offset costs of the new East Park water fountain project. To donate, call (231) 547-2565.

What? The servicemen at Coast Guard Station Charlevoix are seeking donations to revive the tradition of a spook house. The Coast Guard's famed Ghost Ship was last offered in October 2005. The Acacia, which was used as the haunted venue, was decommissioned in June 2006.

When? The haunted boathouse has been scheduled from 8 to 10 p.m. on Oct. 29 and 30.

Where? 101 Coast Guard Dr. in Charlevoix.

Cost? $1

What will the money be used for? Proceeds from the haunted boathouse will be donated to help offset costs of the new East Park water fountain project.

Greensky Harvest Dinner is Sept. 22

Greensky Hill United Methodist Indian Mission Church will host a harvest dinner.

The event will take place from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the church, located off Old U.S. 31 North.

The cost is $9 per adult and $4 per child under 10 years old.

The menu will include turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, squash, corn, green beans, creamed cabbage, fresh tomatoes, beets, cranberry sauce, bread and butter pickles, rolls and pie.

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Fright Night tickets are on sale now

Ghosts, goblins and ghouls will come together for a frightening fundraiser.

Fright Night at the Castle, a fundraiser for adults which will benefit Charlevoix Children's House, the local Montessori preschool and kindergarten, will take place from 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 in the Knights Hall at Castle Farms.

The costume party will include a buffet dinner catered by Grey Gables, a cash bar and music provided by A+ Digital DJ.

A silent auction will be offered featuring gift certificates, candles, overnight stays and more.

Costumes are encouraged but not required. Best dressed prizes will be awarded.

Tickets are $30 per person or $50 per couple and are available at the Charlevoix Courier, located at 112 Mason St.

For more information, call (231) 547-5111.

To purchase tickets, call (231) 547-6558.

Courtesy photo

The Mystery Inc. gang won big at Fright Night 2006. The 2nd Annual event will take place on Oct. 19 at Castle Farms. Fright Night is a fundraiser for adults which will benefit Charlevoix Children's House, the local Montessori preschool and kindergarten.

What? Tickets are on sale now for Fright Night at the Castle, a costume party, dinner and fund-raiser to benefit Charlevoix Children's House, the local Montessori preschool and kindergarten.

When? 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19

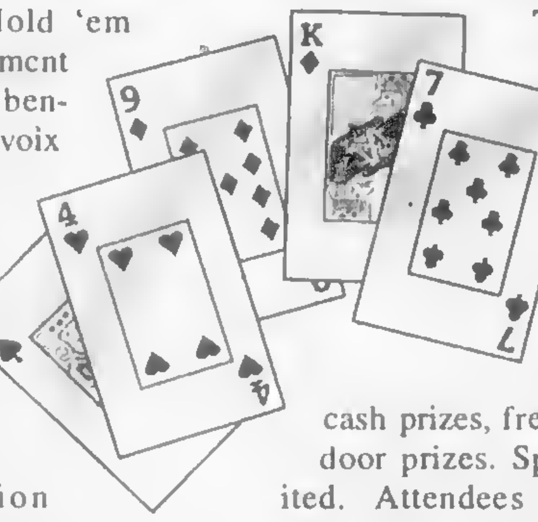
Where? Castle Farms, 5052 M-66 North

Ticket cost? $30 per person or $50 per couple.

Ticket locations? Charlevoix Courier, located at 112 Mason St.

To donate auction items call (231) 547-5111.

Sept. 22 poker tourney benefits senior party



A Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament fundraiser to benefit the Charlevoix High School class of 2008 all night senior party will take place on Sept. 22.

Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the tournament will start at 6 p.m. at the Belvedere Casino, located at 218 Ferry Ave. A $75 donation is requested.

Tickets are available at Ace Hardware off M-66.

There will be cash prizes, free food and door prizes. Space is limited. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older.

For more information call, Shane Cole at (231) 547-4991 or Mark Greyerbiehl at (231) 675-0749.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
CHARLEVOIX CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, October 1, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council will hold an informational public hearing on Monday, October 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan. Council is considering a request to change the name of East Hurlbut Avenue to Bluff Avenue and would like to receive public input.

Interested citizens can make comments at the public hearing or written comments may be sent to the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, or emailed to cochs@cityofcharlevoix.org.

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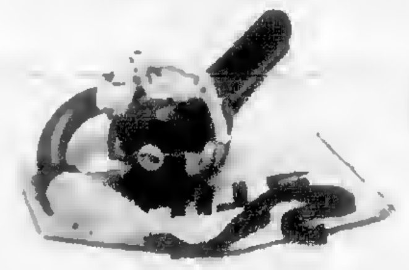

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St. Mary School preps for Northern Lights

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

St. Mary School of Charlevoix will host the 12th annual Northern Lights Celebration Dinner Dance Auction from 6 p.m. to midnight on Sept. 29.

Event tickets are $100. The event sold out in 2006. Event officials said nearly $70,000 was raised last year with a goal of raising $90,000 this year.

Dinner will be catered by Grey Gables with music by Class Action Productions.

Raffles and the auctioning of hundreds of items, including works of art and gift baskets, will be woven through the evening.

Proceeds go to help St. Mary School.

For more information or to purchase tickets to the event, call (231) 547-9441.

What? St. Mary School of Charlevoix will host the 12th annual Northern Lights Celebration Dinner Dance Auction

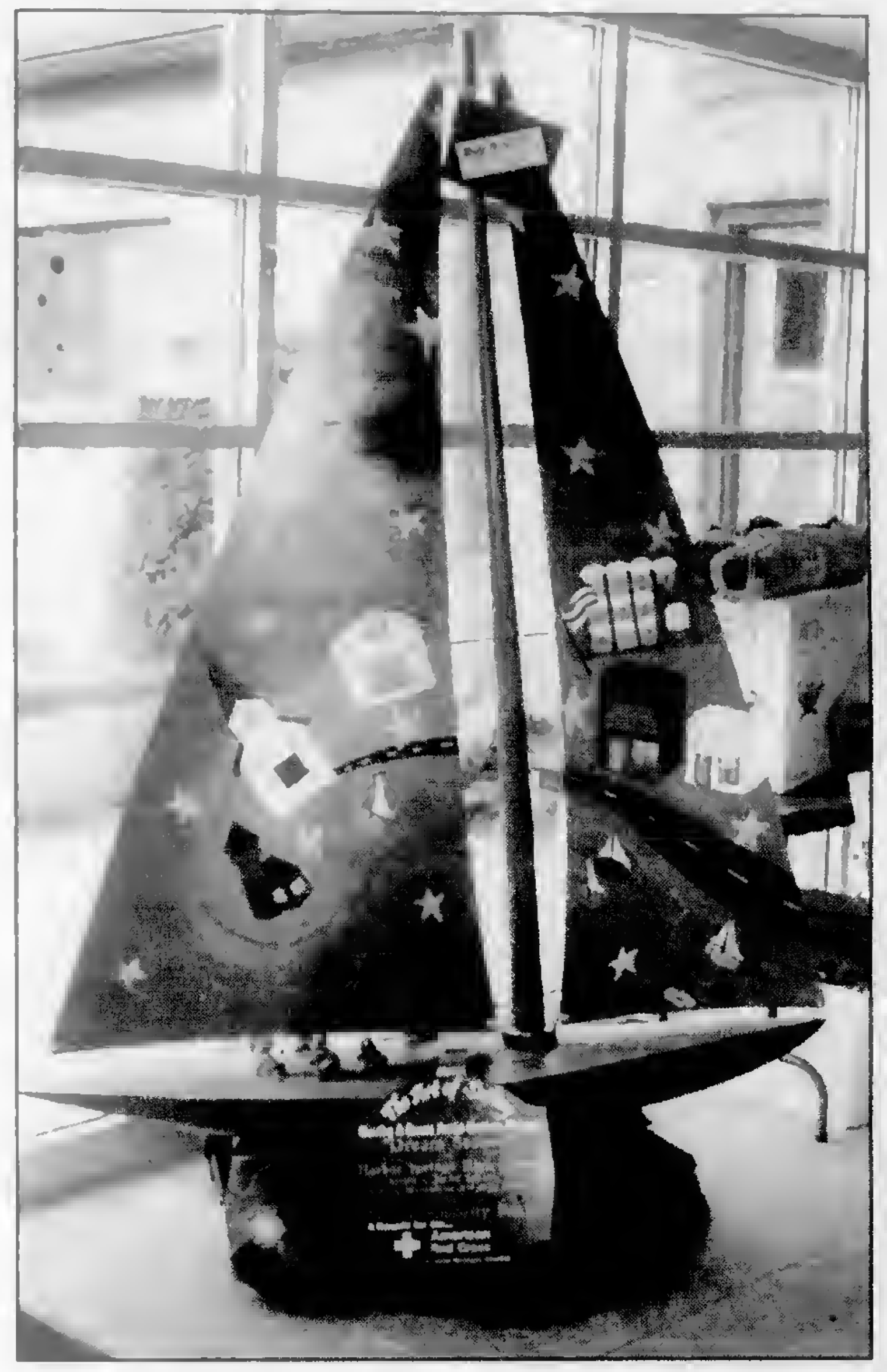
When? From 6 p.m. to midnight on Sept. 29.

Where? St. Mary School family center, 1005 Bridge St. in Charlevoix.

Ticket cost? $100 each.

Where can tickets be purchased? At St. Mary School or by calling (231) 547-9441.

For more information visit:
www.stmaryschoolcharlevoix.com



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This sailboat entitled "Dream Seeker" was donated by an anonymous parishioner of St. Mary Church and will be auctioned off for $2,500 at the 12th annual Northern Lights Celebration Dinner Dance Auction on Sept. 29. The boat was created by Harbor Springs High School artists Jenna Talcott, Allison Mooradian and Cassie Allore. Proceeds from the event will benefit St. Mary School.

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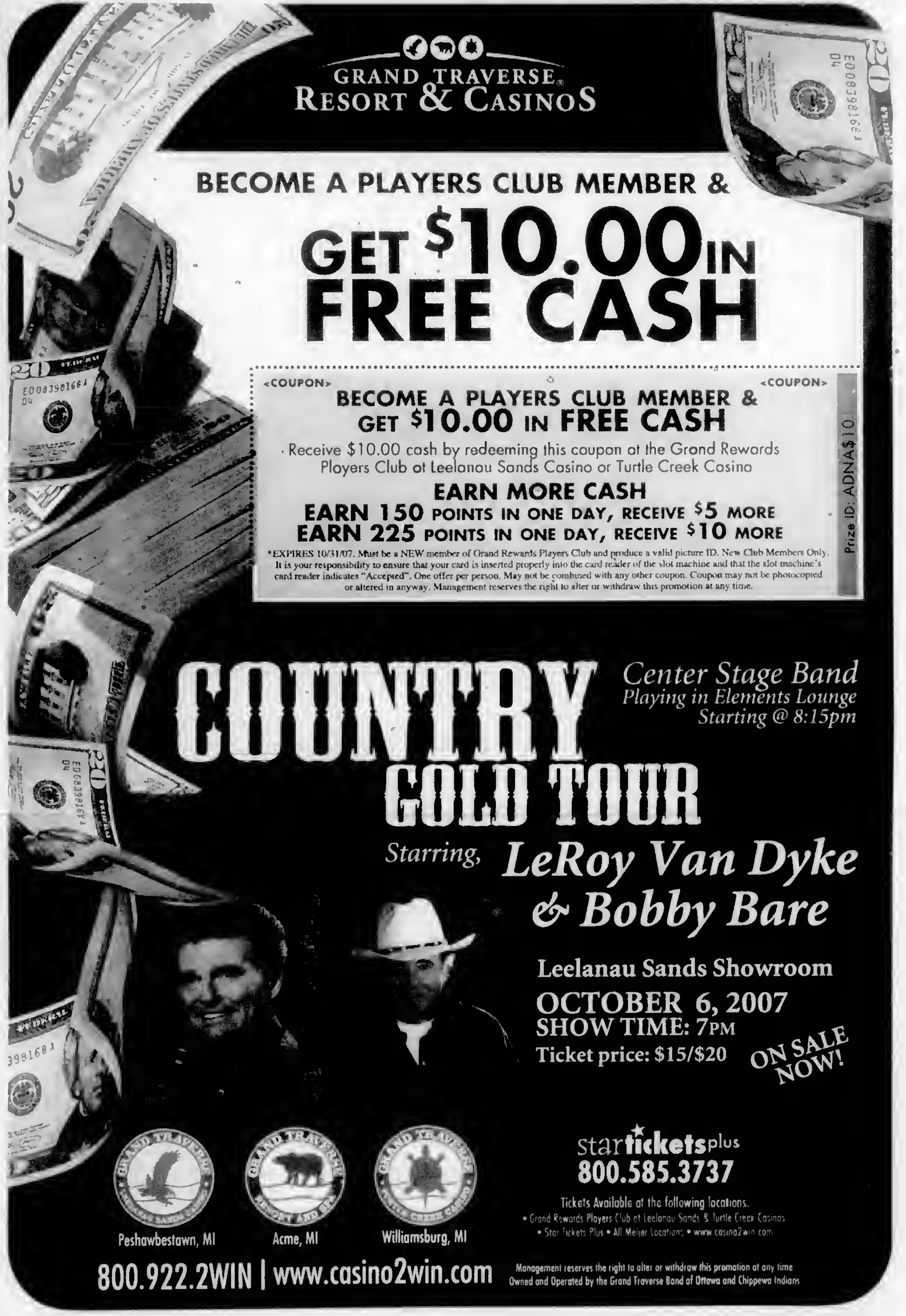

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Mayes goes 'Above and Beyond'

Gerry Mayes, a probation officer with the Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Family Division, received the first "Above and Beyond" award presented by the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club.

The Charlevoix Kiwanis Club is dedicated to assisting children and youth and initiated the "Above and Beyond" award to recognize volunteers and professionals who have shown their commitment to assisting young people.

Mayes has given freely of his time beyond his position as a probation officer. He started and maintained programs which assist his clients in becoming better people and citizens in their communities.

One of these programs is the "Great Lake Challenge" which is a sailing cruise where seamanship and sea going responsibilities are presented. He also has engaged the youth in a running and fitness program. Mayes has prepared an audio-visual for local and regional presentation demonstrating the programs and benefits gained by the youth participating in them.

Through the use of the audio-video presentations, Mayes recruits volunteers to give positive images and direction to young adults who might otherwise not meet them.

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(Left) Gerry Mayes, a probation officer with the Charlevoix County 33rd Circuit Family Division, received the first "Above and Beyond" award presented by the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club. Presenting the award is past Kiwanis Club president and committee chairman, Dave Smith. Also present is Gerry's wife, Laura Mayes.

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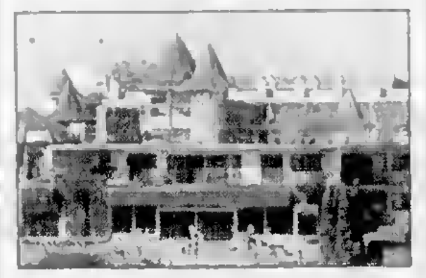

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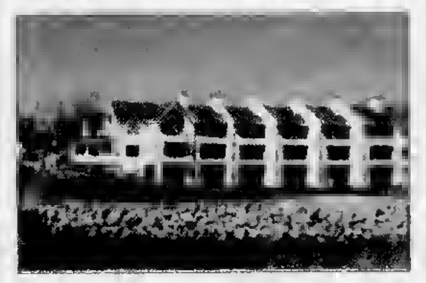

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BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

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Trends in the newspaper industry as reported by the Newspaper Association of America and Pew Research Center for the People and the Press News show that now more than ever newspaper readers are getting their news from nontraditional sources, like Web sites.

Readership at online news sites continues to steadily climb while that of the print edition declines. One way the Courier staff is reacting is by offering an e-edition.

An e-edition is a an electronic representation of what appeared in print and can be accessed at the Courier Web site.

Peter Comings, online media manager for Northern Michigan Review Inc. under which the Courier operates, said the e-edition breaks traditional barriers the print edition faces.

"Portability is a benefit. It's not dependent on physical transportation. If you are in Florida, you don't have to wait two weeks and get four papers at once," Comings said.

He added that with the e-edition as northern Michigan's seasonal residents or "snow birds" move south they can still have their news on the day it's published.

"It's available at any point," he said.

While the news of the week is at your virtual fingertips right away, the e-dition also helps readers access yesterday's news.

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A stone commemorating the establishment of the La Croft Condominium Garden Club in 2003 now resides in the lakeside garden that the members created and maintain.

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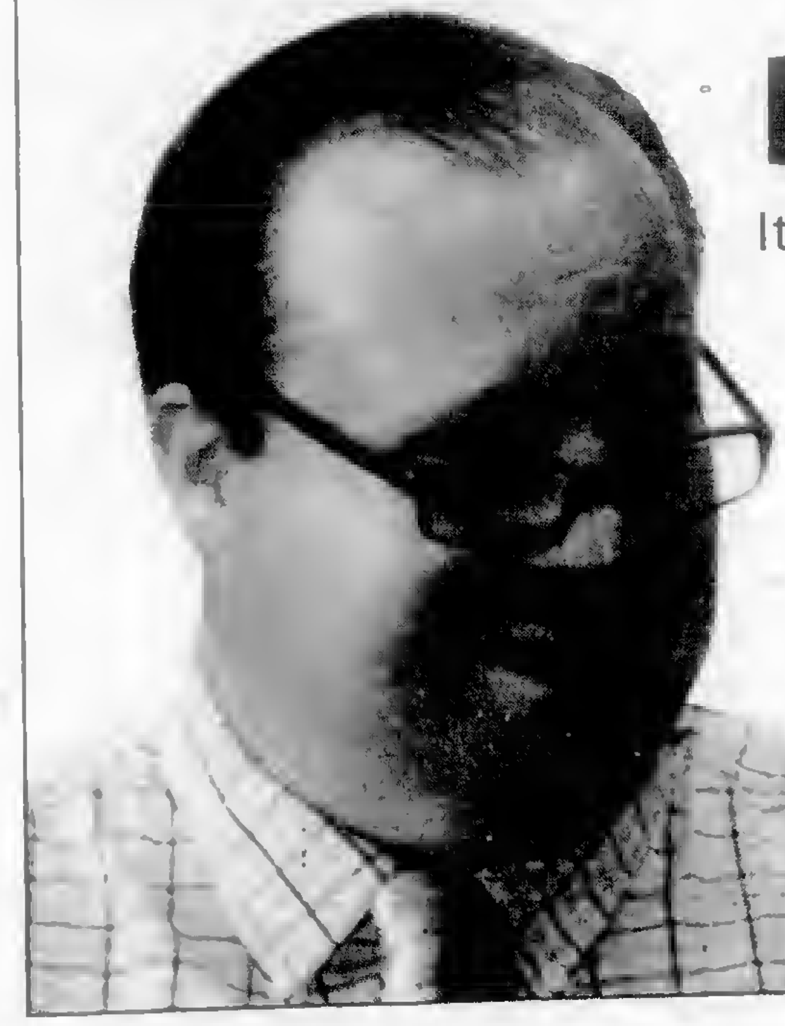

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Rotary Club reaches out to local stars

Endowment fund started with $20,000 donation

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix has continued its commitment to making the Charlevoix Fine Arts Center at Charlevoix High School the best in northern Michigan by kicking off a $20,000 endowment fund.

Almost 10 years ago the Rotary Club of Charlevoix raised more than $100,000 during its "Reach for the Stars" fundraising drive. These funds helped equip the facility with state-of-the-art sound and lighting equipment that has helped attract professional programs to the community. The Reach for the Stars initiative remains the largest fund-raising effort in the history of the local Rotary Club.

The support continued with the Rotary Club of Charlevoix underwriting approximately $25,000 in concerts, which began with the facility's grand opening performance on Oct. 5, 2002, when "Three Men and a Tenor" performed to a capacity audience.

Most recently, the Rotary Club of Charlevoix contributed more than $18,000 to purchase a professional-grade projection system and performance risers for the fine arts center.

Now, the Rotary Club is announcing an endowment fund to sustain support of the Charlevoix Fine Arts Center.

"With the recent monetary concerns the Charlevoix Public Schools continue to experience, their financial ability to sustain the Center into the future could be in jeopardy," said Rotarian and Reach for the Stars chair Dennis Halverson. "Our Rotary Club is committed to ensuring the continued maintenance and improvements to this center. We are demonstrating this commitment by initiating $20,000 endowment fund with the Charlevoix County Community Foundation."

"The creation of this endowment will also allow other members of the community who are interested in ensuring the long-term presence of a performing arts center in Charlevoix to assist us in making that a long-term reality," Halverson said.

To contribute to the endowment fund, contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix has continued its commitment to the Charlevoix Fine Arts Center at Charlevoix High School by kicking off a $20,000 endowment fund with the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. (Above) On Sept. 13 Rotary Reach for the Stars committee chairman Dennis Halverson presented the $20,000 check to community foundation president and CEO Bob Tambellini (right) as Rotary president Dave Leusink and superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Chet Janik look on.

Community Reformed Church offers Oct. 6 prayer workshop

The Community Reformed Church is offering a day-long workshop focusing on prayer and its impact on daily life.

The featured speaker is Karen Jorgensen who will provide practical and inspirational information to enhance prayer life and spirituality.

Registration is at 8 a.m. and the conference starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6. Registration is required by Oct. 1. Childcare is available for advanced registrants.

The cost is $15 and includes a luncheon, music and drama.

The Community Reformed Church is located at the corner of Meech Street and U.S. 31. For more information, call the church at (231) 547-9482 or Kathy Martinchek at (231) 347-4037 or (231) 675-4037.

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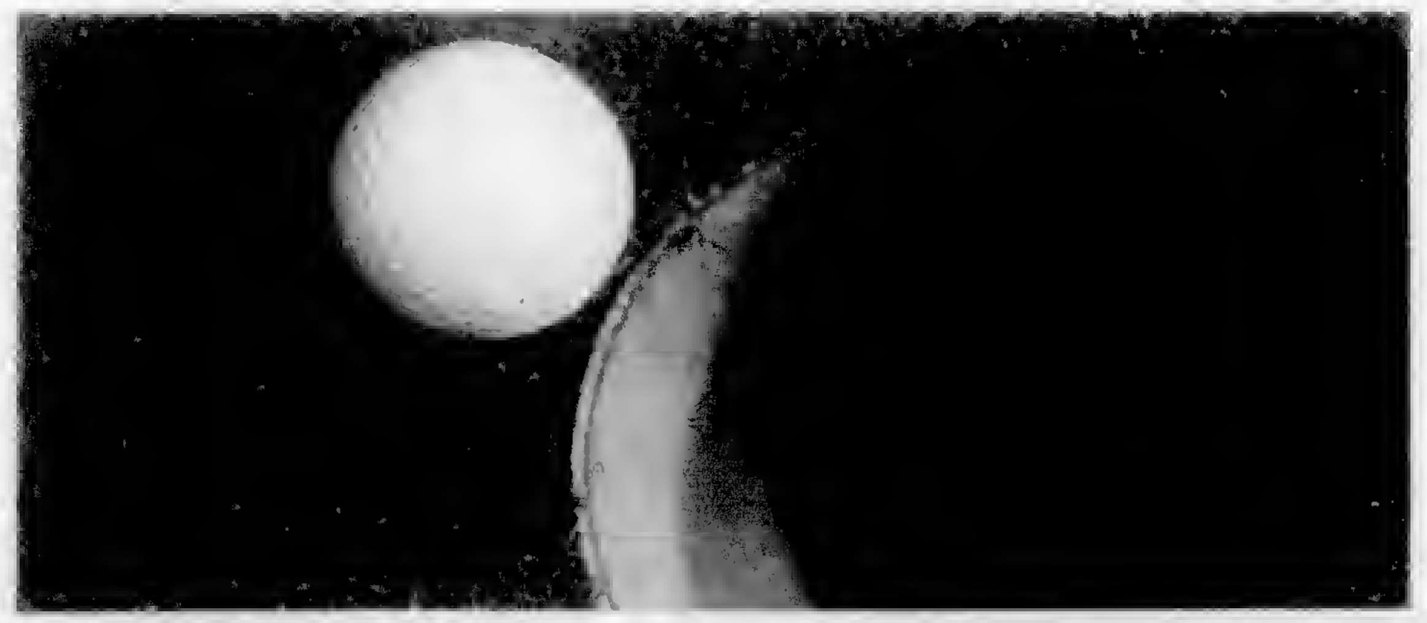

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Beach combers

(Above) Fifth and sixth-grade students from St. Mary School participated in the Sept. 14 Adopt a Beach Great Lakes cleanup initiative. Pictured here are the 19 students that helped. They discovered cigarette butts are the most common pollutant at Lake Michigan Beach. (Left) Isaiah Sladick and Justin Pearl test the water on the walk back even though it was windy and cold.

Portage woman wins Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce car raffle

Anne Stephens of Portage won the 2008 Ford Mustang raffled by the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

The car, valued at $25,700, was one of three prizes given away at the chamber fund-raiser on Sept. 13 at the Belvedere Club Casino. Violet Bristow from Royal Oak and Joyce Walter of Suttons Bay both won $250 and Jeff Pridgen of Holt won $500.

Over 700 tickets were sold.

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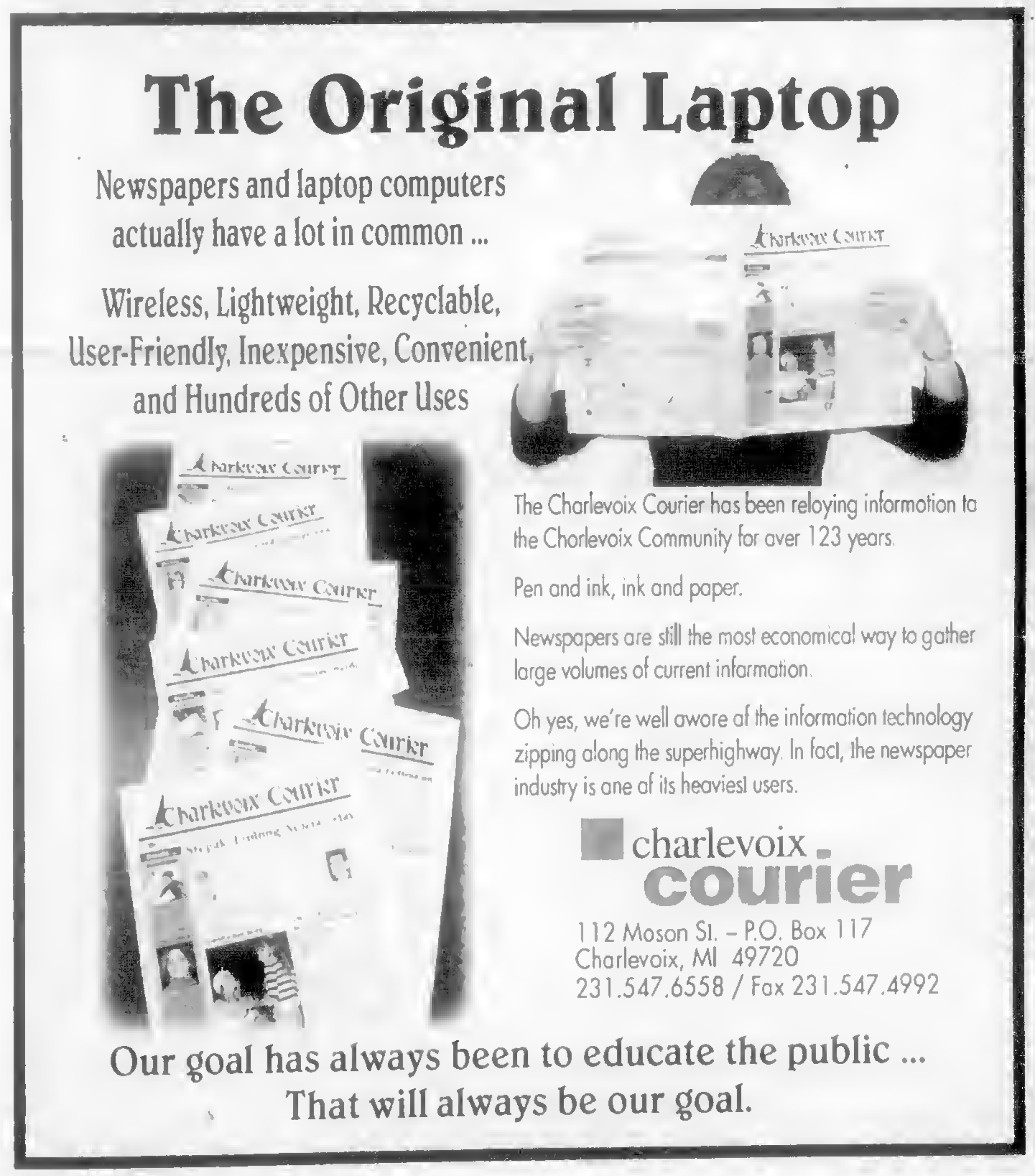
Anne Stephens of Portage won this car.



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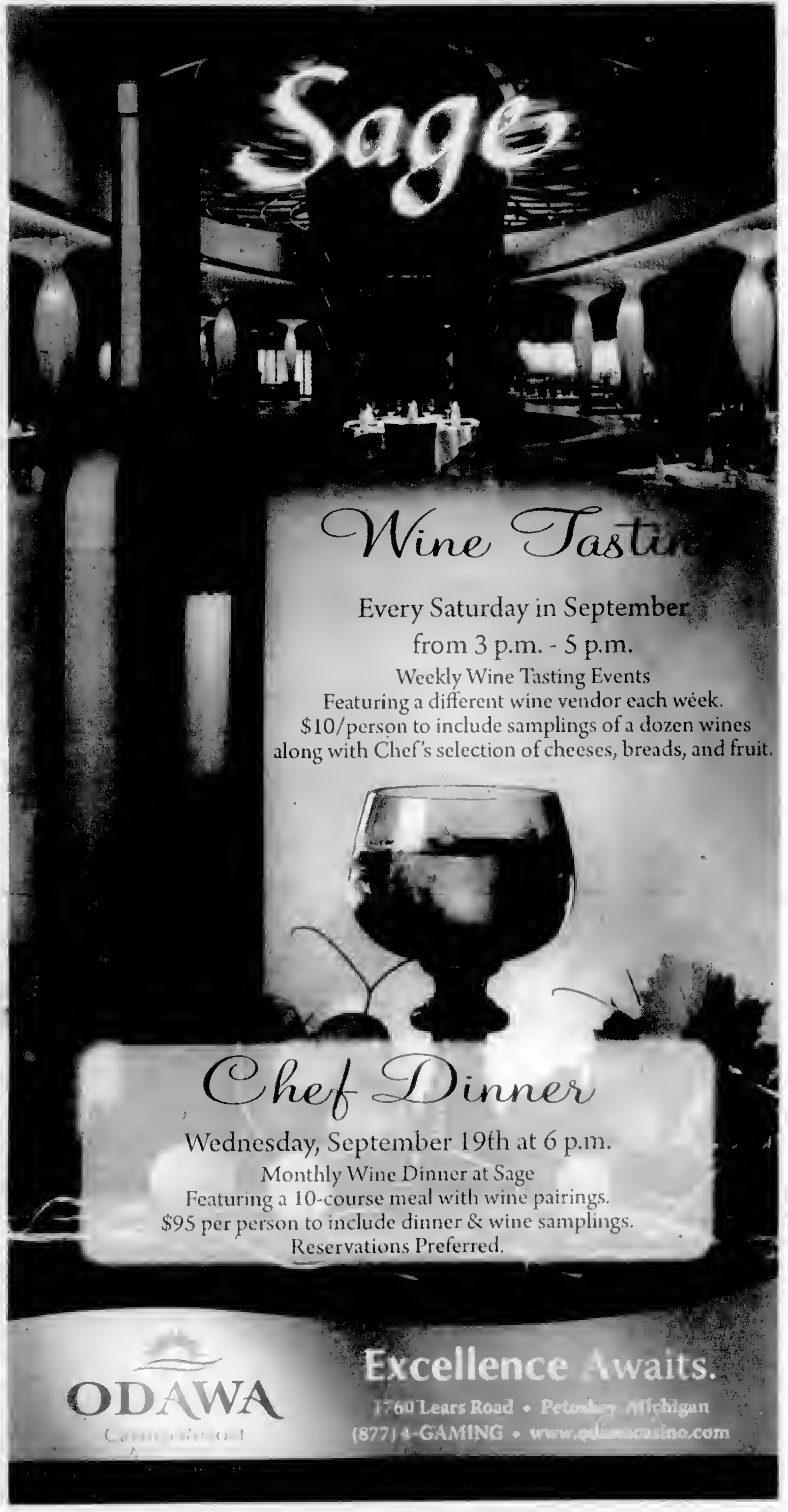

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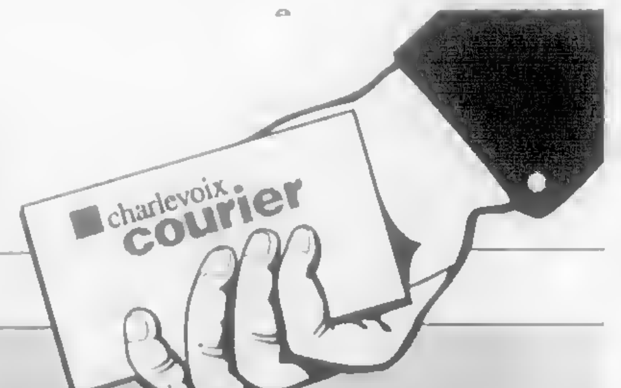

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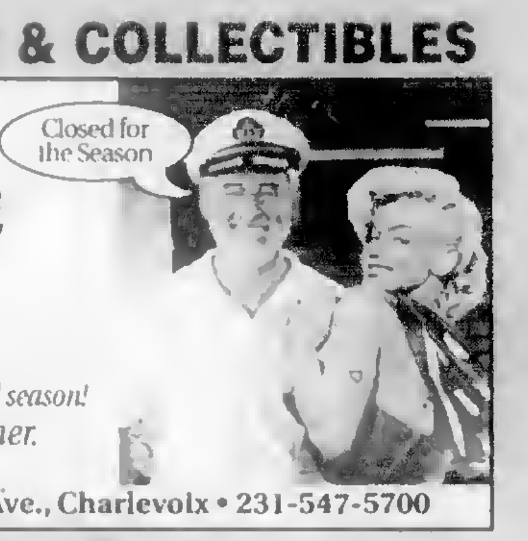

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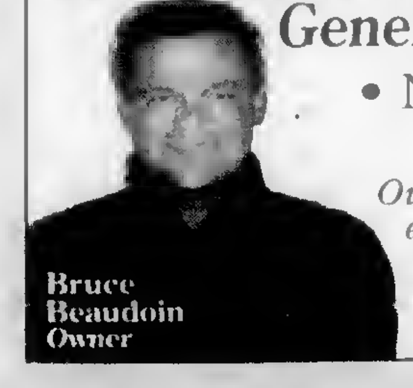

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BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

From breaking his back three times while bull riding to building choppers and hot rods from the ground up, Fred Olds Sr. of Charlevoix has done just about everything.

And while the former auto body specialist still builds a performance engine here and there, his true love is painting.

"I'm a jack of all trades and master of none as they say," Olds said. "I just started doing art when I was a kid. The first drawing I ever did was of my first dog, a cocker spaniel. A year after she died, I started drawing her at school just by memory."

He added, "I still have that picture today — that was in 1948 or '49."

Olds now makes and sells clocks from interesting looking stumps, nature paintings on saw blades from 12 inches up to nearly 5-feet across and hand carved replica aircraft from all eras using an airbrush and automotive paint.

"I haven't found anything I don't like yet, wood-wise," he said. "I don't really specialize in anything, I do a little bit of everything. If somebody says it can't be done, I'll step up to the plate."

He added, "When I used to build cars, people would say, 'You can't stick that engine in there.' The hell you can't, you haven't tried."

Olds, now in his 70s, has created professional works of art for more than 50 years.

"You gotta love your work to get along and really do it and I do love my work, it's never boring," he said. "There is always something new and it's always a challenge."

Olds also carves and paints spear fishing lures.

"If mother nature makes enough ice, cut a hole in the ice, put a shanty over the hole then try to lure them in," he said. "A lot of fisherman want to make it look like a real fish, but I always found out you want something that's flashy and real sparkly so as you make it fly in the water it attracts the fish."

The handcrafted lures also make nice mantle fixtures, Olds said.

For those interested in commissioning Olds to reproduce a military aircraft, he has schematics which go back to 1916.

"I never tried to make anything like the (Wright Flyer, flown at) Kitty Hawk, but it's worth a try," he said. "I've made between 30 and 40 planes, took one first-place and two thirds in shows. As long as you can get me a three-dimensional pattern, I can make it."

Olds' largest plane to date was a B-17 with an eight-foot wingspan.

Olds currently has an old five-foot sawmill blade and an old-time crosscut saw upon which he will paint just about anything someone wants.

"Landscape, scenery, animals, whatever you want," he said.

But, Olds said, he does not paint portraits of humans.

"The man upstairs gave me a talent, but not that much," he said.

Olds' works, some of which can be viewed at Consign Design in Charlevoix, range from $45 to more than $300.

A model of the Memphis Belle, a World War II B-17 bomber is on display at Consign Design at 211 Bridge St. Suite B in Charlevoix.

"I have a full-size cradle rocker that took me four years to build, that took four first-places at the Mason County Fair," he said. "You won't find another one like it in the world. It's a one-of-a-kind made of all spalding maple."

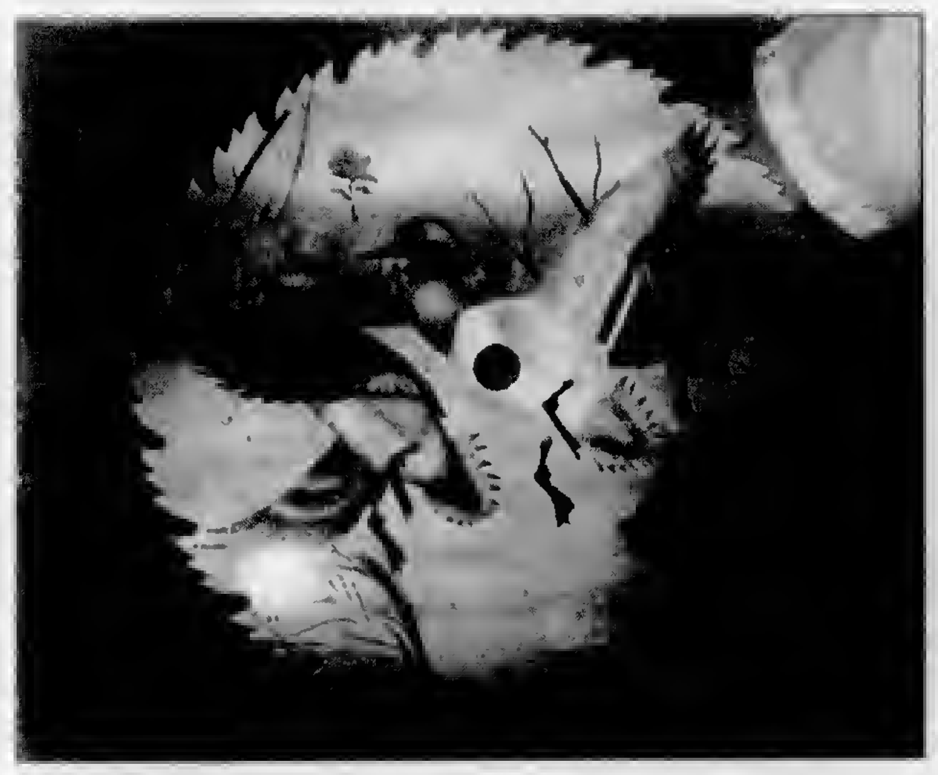
He added, "It's an heirloom to be handed down."

Aside from his award winning planes, furniture and lamps, Olds won several awards for his automotive paint jobs.

"I painted a couple of Corvettes that won awards and I painted a Pontiac Firebird that won second place," he said.

When asked if he still builds engines and works on hotrods, Olds responded, "Is there something else?"

For more information or to discuss a project, call Fred Olds at (231) 237-9072.



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(Left) Fred Olds Sr. of Charlevoix used automotive paint and an airbrush to create this scene of wood ducks taking flight from a woodland water body on a saw blade. (Above) This hand carved lamp was created by Olds out of several types of wood. Olds has been working in woodcrafts and painting since he was a child.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder volleyball win back to back tournaments

Charlevoix's first place finish at the Sept. 15 Petoskey Invitational followed a Sept. 13 win over Kalkaska.

On Saturday, Charlevoix finished second in pool play to face Petoskey in the semifinals. The Rayders' 29-27, 25-21 victory over the Northmen landed them in the finals where they faced the Boyne City Ramblers. The well matched teams played hard and Charlevoix came out with the 26-24, 25-22 win.

"It was a very exciting day for us as a team. We started out slow in the beginning of the day but still managed to win some games early in pool play. We were without our starting middle, Tammy Potter but she came back at the end of pool play and brought some great play especially in the bracket play matches," coach Liz Grunch said."

"We are playing some great volleyball and it's very exciting to see the hard work pay off. The girls definitely deserve this tournament victory," she added.

This is the Rayder volleyball team's second tournament win in a row. Last week they claimed first place at the Leland Invitational.

Murphy Gillespie was named Petoskey Tournament most valuable player. She had 49 kills, 32 digs, five blocks and four aces.

Desi Faust had 39 kills, 14 assists, 37 digs and five aces. Tammy Potter had 13 kills. Shauna Spencley had 10 kills, 13 digs and 10 aces. Aubrey Way had 103 assists, seven kills, 30 digs, 15 aces. Taylor Storm had 22 digs and three aces. Michelle Burke had 35 digs and four aces.

"Lauren Mielke came off the bench and played solid. She did an exceptional job filling in for Tammy Potter who was taking ACT's in the morning," Grunch said.

The tournament win followed the team's Sept. 13 victory over Kalkaska.

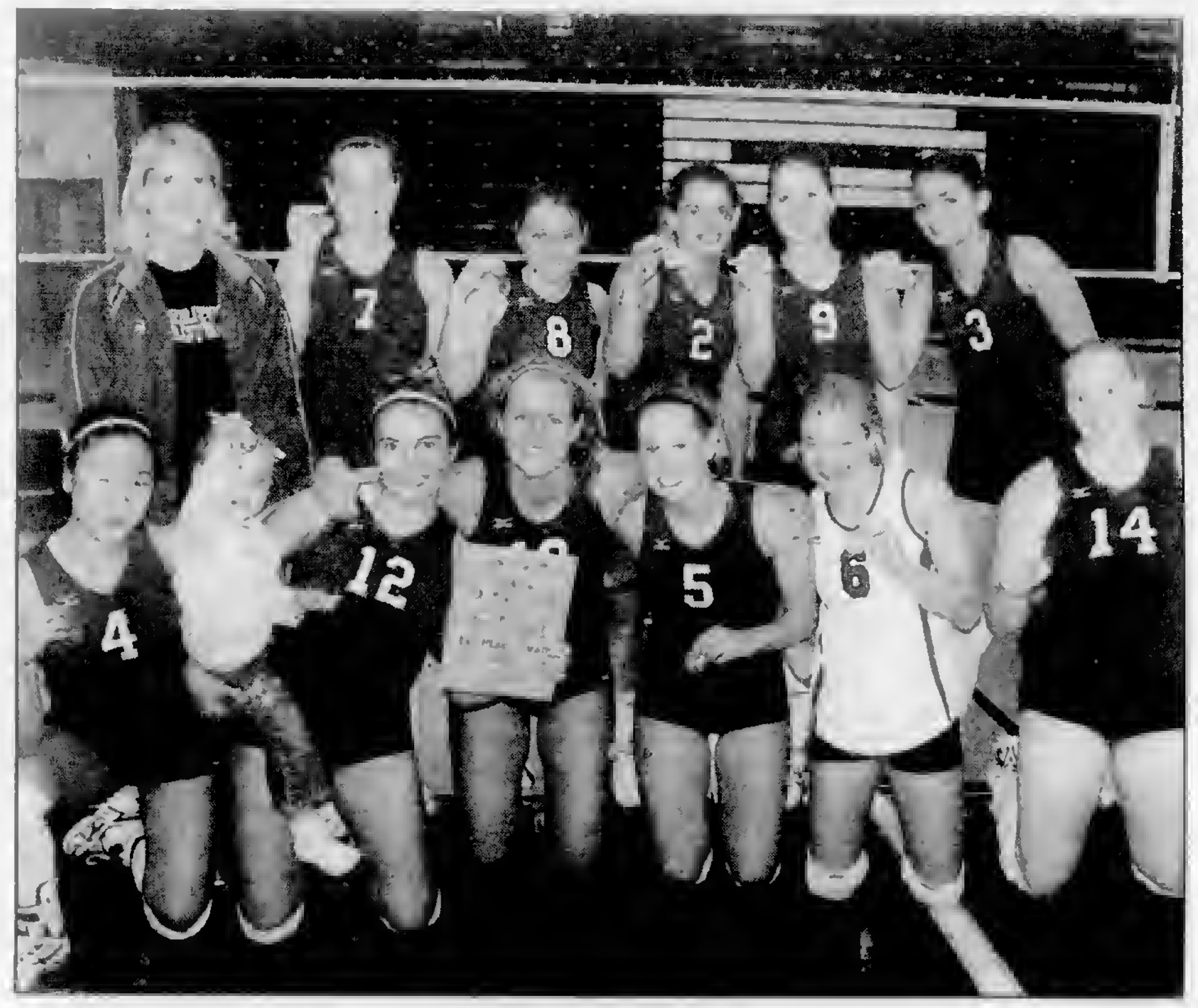
Leading Charlevoix in the Rayder volleyball team's 25-11, 25-19, 17-25, 25-21 victory over Kalkaska was Desi Faust with 20 kills, 29 digs, 20 of 21 serve receive and perfect from the serving line.

"That was a really good win for us. It was our first home contest and the girls played with a lot of heart and emotion as the girls dedicated the game to one of Charlevoix's finest and giving men, Bob Pung. The girls have been very appreciative for all the support he and his wife have given to the Charlevoix Rayder teams throughout the years. The girls love having them around," Grunch said.

Murphy Gillespie had 17 kills, 25 digs and was perfect from the serving line with one ace. Tammy Potter had 10 kills, two blocks, and Shauna Spencley six kills, 13 digs, 13 for 13 from the serving line. Setter Aubrey Way had 41 assists, 13 digs, 9 for 9 from the serving line. Michelle Burke added 14 digs, 14 for 14 from the serving line and Taylor Storm had 11 digs and was also perfect from the line with one ace.

Their next game will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20 at Charlevoix High School when they face Elk Rapids.

The wins bring the team to 19-3-5 overall and 2-0 in their league.



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The Rayder volleyball team took first place at the Petoskey Invitational on Sept. 15. The team is pictured above with their winning placque. They are (front, from left) Tanya Wynkoop, Gabrielle Knox, Desi Faust, Murphy Gillespie, Aubrey Way, Michelle Burke, Tammy Potter, (back, from left) coach Liz Grunch, Loren Mielke, Marnie Greene, Taylor Storm, Alyssa McCormack and Shauna Spencley

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Nice throw

(Above) Ivor Alcorn, of Freeland, throws the 28 pound weight for distance with one arm at the Beaver Island Celtic Games on Sept. 15. The overall winner at the games was Dale Gehman from Gaylord. There were 12 athletes total that competed. Official results are posted at www.nasgaweb.com.

Charlevoix Golf Club Men's League final results

The Charlevoix Golf Club Men's Stag Night League ended their season on Sept. 6.

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Charlevoix girl wins grand champion at state horse show

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Suzannah Simon of Charlevoix (above) and two of her fellow 4-H members competing at the 2007 Michigan State 4-H Horse Show on Aug. 12 in East Lansing won top honors. The three 4-H participants from the Horton Bay Pony Club are Simon, Hannah David, and Elise Freed. Simon brought home a grand champion in dressage.

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Over the course of the three-day event that brings together more than 580 4-H members from across the state, members competed in English and Western events, dressage, trail hunter hack, gymkhana, miniature horse and Proud Equestrian Program classes.

The 2008 Michigan State 4-H Horse Show will take place Aug. 15-17. For more information, visit www.msue.msu.edu/horsekids. For 4-H enrollment, contact the Charlevoix County Michigan State University Extension office in Boyne City at (231) 582-6232.

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Rayder football trounce East Jordan Red Devils 35-20

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STORY HIGHLIGHT
The Charlevoix Rayders varsity football team broke their three-game losing streak beating East Jordan 35-20 on Friday, Sept. 14.

What's next? The Rayders prepare to meet the Ramblers of Boyne City at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21 in Boyne City.

The Charlevoix Rayders varsity football team broke their three-game losing streak by pummeling East Jordan 35-20 on Friday, Sept. 14.

The Rayders are now 1-1 in their conference and 1-3 in the regular season.

"I thought our team responded well to adversity," said varsity coach, Don Jess. "We had a couple of key injuries and Corey Loucks and Tanner Fisher did a nice job filling in."

Charlevoix was led by Kyle Jones with 10 carries for 108 yards.

Kyle had a 71-yard touchdown run and his brother Cliff Jones ran for two touchdowns and threw two touchdowns.

Nate Golovich had two touchdown receptions, one covering nine yards and the other for 19 yards.

Charlevoix's defense was led by Corey Gotshall with 13 tackles and Corey Loucks with an interception and a forced fumble.

The Rayders prepare to meet the Ramblers of Boyne City at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21 in Boyne City.

"They have one of the best players in (the) league in Robby Jensen, who we'll have to try and contain," Jess said. "And, their defense has been playing very well. Hopefully we have a lot fan support this Friday."

He added, "Boyne is always a tough place to play."

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PROPOSAL

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The proposals will be accepted until Monday, October 8, 2007 at 2:30 PM in the Office of the City Clerk, 210 State Street, Charlevoix. Proposal packages and all inquires are to be directed to Fire Chief Paul Ivan at (231)547-3279.

The City of Charlevoix reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, to waive irregularities and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Charlevoix.

(P-09/19)

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PROPOSAL

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the condition of certain mortgago made the 1st day of May, 2003, by Shane L. Williams end Tricia M. Williams, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on May 27, 2003, In the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 542, page 383, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due end unpaid at the date of this Notice THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND TWENTY SEVEN AND 70/100 DOLLARS ($35,027.70) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 5, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon at the Charlevoix County Building, located at 301 State St., Charlevoix, MI , there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with legal costs and charges of sale, including an attorney fee of Seventy-Five ($75.00) Dollars provided by law and in said mortgage, the lands and premises in said mortgage mentioned and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 8, Block 9, NICHOLL'S FIRST ADDITION to the Village of South Lake (now City of East Jordan), according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereefter conclusively presumed to have been ebendoned pursuent to MCL 600.3241e, the epplicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in eccordance with that statute.

DATED: August 23, 2007

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgegee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
109 E. Front Street, Suite 300
Treverse City, MI 49684
(231)947-4000
(L-08/29, 09/05, 09/12, 09/19)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default heving been made in the terms end conditions of a certein mortgage made by Alvin A. Merrill end Linda K. Merrill, his wife, Mortgagor, to Ameriquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated the 20th day of August, 2004 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Cherlevoix end State of Michigan, on the 31st day of August, 2004 in Liber 634 of Charlevoix County Records, page 183, said Mortgege having been assigned to Wells Fergo Benk, NA as Trustee on which mortgage there Is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Seven & 73/100 ($94,567.73), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, end pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made end provided, notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of September, 2007 et 11:00 o'clock am Local Time, seid mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to tho highest bidder, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Chalrevoix, MI MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.990% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Nettleton's Addition to the Village of South area, now part of the City of East Jordan, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, Charlevoix County Records. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 8/29/2007

Wells Fergo Bank, NA as Trustee
Mortgagee FABRIZIO & BROOK,
P.C. Attorney for Wells Fargo
Bank, NA as Trustee 888 W. Big
Beever, Suite 1470 Troy, MI
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default having made in the terms end conditions of e certein mortgege made by Equestrian Way, LLC. A Michigen Limited Liability Company, mortgagor, to Premier Realty Group, Inc. Dated the 19 day of October, 2004 end recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Charlevoix and the State of Michigan , on the 3rd day of November, 2004 in Liber 648 of Cherlevoix County Records, Page 137, on which mortgage there is cleimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars end Ninety-Two Cents ($226, 667.92). and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or eny part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgege, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan In such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of September, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock e.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by e sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the lobby of the Charlevoix County Court House, Charlevoix Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix, Michigan loceted at building of 301 State Street Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 4.75% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attomey fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise located thereon, situated in the Township of Hayes, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at a 2 inch rod at the west 1/4 corner of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West; thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said section North 77°12'10" East 2595.18 feet to a 3/4 inch rod at the center 1/4 corner of said section; thence South 05°48'00" West 739.66 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 89°24'43" East 207.61 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 00°34'50" West 407.77 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence South 88°45'22" East 167.75 feet; thence North 50°42'30" East 392.64 feet; thence North 44°35'06" East 305.96 feet; thence North 25°33'43"East 182.33 feet to a 2 inch rod at an angle point in a Conservation Easement recorded in Liber 365, Pages 911 through 918, Charlevoix County Records, being the POINT OF BEGINNING of this description; thence along the Northwesterly line of said easement North 75°55'08" East 335.89 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence continuing along said easement line North 52°44'24" East 433.20 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence leaving said easement line South 37°33'51" East 931.95 feet to a 2 inch rod on the Northwesterly line of Highways US 31; thence continuing South 37°33'51" East 125.45 feet to the centerline of said highway; thence along said centerline South 57°18'27" West 816.50 feet; thence North 32°41'33" West 125.00 feet to a 2 inch rod on said Northwesterly highway line; thence continuing North 32°41'33" West 204.36 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 43°27'31" west 248.96 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 11°37'03" East 235.53 feet to a 2 inch rod; thence North 52°55'33" West 409.05 feet to the point of beginning; being a part of the East 2 of Section 18, Town 34 North, Range 7 West.

Parcel No. Part of 15007-118-009-50

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except thet in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241, the property maybe redeemed during 30 days immediately following sale.

Dated: 8/7/07

Premier Realty Group, Inc.
Mortgagee

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Defeult having been made In the condition of certain mortgage made the1st day of May, 2003, by Shane L. Williams and Tricia Williams, husband and wife, to Northwestern Mortgage Company, and recorded on June 13, 2003, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, at Liber 546, page 974, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this Notice FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY ONE AND 97/100 DOLLARS ($47,991.97) and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by said mortgage, and the power of sale in said mortgage contained having become operative by reason of such default.

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The East Half of Lot 1 and 2, Block B, STONE'S ADDITION to South Lake (now City of East Jordan), according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 46, Charlevoix County Records. City of East Jordan, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from date of sale; provided, however, that if the subject premises are heretofore or hereafter conclusively presumed to have been abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, the applicable period for redemption shall be thirty (30) days from said date, or otherwise shortened, in accordance with that statute.

Dated: August 23, 2007

NORTHWESTERN MORTGAGE COMPANY, Mortgagee

CALCUTT ROGERS & BOYNTON
by: Jack E. Boynton (P23137)
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For seniors the fear of falling is a constant threat.

According to Lifeline, Healthy Aging Systems, "Fall Prevention: Breaking the Cycle," they recommend converting your fear into preventive action.

Falls can be a serious problem causing serious injury — hip, wrist or vertebra fracture — or sometimes death. Falls can rob older adults of their independence, often resulting in a move to a nursing home or other supervised living situation.

The fear of falling can increase the risk of falls. Taking a "safe at any cost" approach and cutting back on physical activity leads to loss of strength, reduced muscle tone, balance problems, decline in overall health and often depression — all of which makes it more likely you will fall again. For example, you have a fall, so you then become less physically active, which reduces your energy, muscle tone and alertness, and can increases the risk of falling again.

Help is readily available and most falls are preventable. Step one is to overcome fear, and transform it into steps to avoid falls. Talk to your health care provider about your concerns, and learn the practical measures that can significantly reduce your risk.

RISK FACTORS

Common senior conditions that increase the risk of falls:

Heart disease, stroke, Parkinson's, and low blood pressure can cause dizziness, balance problems and fatigue.

Loss of sensation in the feet from diabetes can mean a reduced "sense of place."

Arthritis results in loss of flexibility, and increased difficulty maintaining balance.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and heart failure result in breathing difficulties, weakness and fatigue increasing the risk of falls with even slight exertion.

Age-related vision problems such as glaucoma and cataracts decrease visual function, increasing the risk of falling.

Medications can also be a risk factor, particularly sleeping medications, antidepressant or anti-anxiety drugs, and heart medications.

REDUCE RISK

To reduce your risk, Lifeline recommends the following:

Regular, moderate physical activity increases your muscle strength and balance. Talk to your health care provider about beginning an exercise program that's right for you.

Review with your health care provider all the medications you are taking, both prescription and "over the counter." Your health care provider can assess the benefits and risks of each drug.

Do a home safety inspection. Eliminate hazards such as poor lighting, throw rugs and clutter. Add safety modifications such as grab bars, nonslip mats and night lights.

Take extra care. Take your time, and think ahead, especially in new or unfamiliar places. When you rise from your chair, stand for a few seconds before walking. Drink plenty of fluids if you are at risk for orthostatic hypertension (dizziness related to position changes causing drop in blood pressure).

Tell your health care provider if you have experienced a fall, or if you are having dizziness, balance or vision problems. The more they know, the more they can help you. Balance classes, physical therapy or occupational therapy can be prescribed, to help you walk more safely and to get up correctly, if you do fall.

Follow a sensible, balanced diet. Good nutrition results in higher energy. And remember calcium and Vitamin D for stronger bones. Remember also that drinking alcohol can increase your risk of falling.

Wear the right shoes. Select sturdy, low-healed shoes with rubber soles for grip, and make sure they are fitted properly.

Consider a personal response service. Knowing that prompt help is available at the push of a button gives you the confidence to be as active as possible.

For more information or assistance in locating a personal response system for your home, call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103.

Sue Bergmann RN, BSN is the director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. She can be contacted by calling (231) 237-0103.

Hey Jane!

M.J. Cargill

Hey Jane!

I retired at the top of my game so to speak. I was not forced to retire but everybody was always asking me when I was going to and, frankly I felt some peer pressure to step down. I was director of a human resources department for a large corporation and I miss it. I've kept myself busy by writing the newsletter for my community association, I'm learning to play the piano and I am at last exercising and eating right. I think retirement sucks and I think I've made the biggest mistake of my life. What do you say?

Retired and hating it

Dear Retired and hating it: Get a life! I mean it! You need some real life interactions with something living. Whether that life has two legs, four legs, slithers on the floor or has roots you need something that interacts with you. Writing a newsletter or playing the piano does not allow for the loving contact necessary of healthy living. Good grief as a human resource person you helped provide a support system for hundreds of people. Of course you are going to miss this contact. Try volunteering for Crisis Hotline, holding preemie babies, delivering Meals on Wheels, walking/petting animals for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Big Brother/Big Sister, or after school tutoring. The world needs you. Get out there.

Jane

Charlevoix Courier's own senior advice columnist M.J. Cargill polled 10 local people who retired in their prime. Their responses revealed that most had a hard time for a few years. Their families had even a harder time dealing with a depressed family member who grumbled and complained.

Contact: Do you have a personal issue or experience that you could use some advice in dealing with? Jump on board and share yourself so others might benefit, anonymously of course. Contact us at "Hey Jane" P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or e-mail heyjane@heyjaneonline.com.

senior activity calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19, 26
OCT. 3, 10

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Retired school personnel meeting The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will hold their luncheon meeting at noon on Sept. 19 in the former Boyne City Middle School commercial foods room. Lunch will be prepared by the students in the foods class at a cost of $8. The program will be provided by Lyn Jenks who will talk about her trip to Africa.

Fund-raiser dinner The Charlevoix Senior Center will host a fund-raiser dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 10.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 20, 27
OCT. 4, 11, 18

Computers 9 a.m.

Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Health screenings Peripheral artery disease, stroke and bone screening will be offered on Sept. 20 at the VFW Post #1153 at 12735 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix.

Annual meeting The Charlevoix Senior Center will host its annual meeting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 18. Officers will be elected and volunteer of the year announced.

Movies on Thursdays will be offered weekly during the month of August at Charlevoix Cinema III. Matinee show times vary, call the theater for schedule. Tickets are $3 each. Popcorn and soda is $3.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21, 28
OCT. 5, 12

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 24
OCT. 1, 8, 15

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25
OCT. 2, 9, 16

Tai Chi Fall Tai Chi classes meet on Tuesdays at Charlevoix Public Library. Beginners class starts at 10 a.m. The mixed or continuing/advanced class starts at 11 a.m. The classes are taught by Meg McClorey. To register, call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103.

Alzheimer's Disease Caregivers Support Group will have a new location. At 1:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Sept. 18 and the third Tuesday of every month thereafter, the group will be meeting at the Charlevoix Senior Center, 06906 Norwood Rd., Charlevoix. Leigh Reis-Kurchinski is the facilitator. For more information, call Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103, or the Charlevoix Senior Center at (231) 547-5361.

Fund-raiser dinner The Charlevoix Senior Center will host a fund-raiser dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 25. The dinner will feature baked turkey and all the trimmings. The cost is $8 for adults and $4 for children. Children under 5 eat free.

Computers 9 a.m.

Crafts 9:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Ladies' Cards 7 p.m.

All events listed above take place at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (231) 547-5361.

Health screenings to be offered Sept. 20 at VFW

Peripheral artery disease, stroke and bone screening will be offered on Sept. 20 at the VFW Post #1153 at 12735 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix.

Residents living in and around the Charlevoix community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke, heart attack or bone fracture. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to examine the arteries in the legs and arms, carotid arteries in the neck and the abdominal aorta. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women.

All four screenings take less than an hour to complete. The cost for a wellness package of all four screenings, including free osteoporosis screening, is $129.

For more information regarding the screening or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-697-9721. Pre-registration is required.

What? Peripheral artery disease, stroke and bone screening.

When? Beginning at 9 a.m. on Sept. 20

Where? VFW Post #1153 at 12735 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix

How much? $129 for four screenings

Salmon run to peak next week

SALMON

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smaller fish, between eight and 10 pounds each.

Terry Kupovits, a fisherman from Ellsworth who fishes the Lake Michigan waters near Medusa Creek every year at this time to reel in the Chinook said, action on the lake mirrored that of the weir.

"We usually get about 100 pounds each — this year's a little slow. The water's too warm still," he said.

Anglers are restricted to three fish each per day.

But Stevens said it's still early and a strong overall harvest is anticipated.

In 2006, American Canadian harvested 16,354 fish weighing a total of 180,000 pounds from the Medusa Creek Weir. In 2005, they brought 9,936 salmon out of a total of 80,934 pounds.

The contract American Canadian has with the Department of Natural Resources has them paying one cent per pound, per fish. The state makes about $1,000 and this money goes back into the salmon tagging program.

"They (American Canadian) are responsible for labor and equipment. We couldn't do it by ourselves. It would be a phenomenal amount of money and manpower we don't have," Stevens said in a previous interview.

Stevens said some of the meat is used for animal consumption, while fish in good condition are filleted and sold to grocery stores.

"This weir turns out some of the best fish in the state," he said.

No eggs from the Medusa Creek harvest are used for hatcheries, they are sold for bait. Charlevoix gets its eggs for spring planting from the Little Manistee River in Manistee, the Boardman River in Traverse City or Swan River in Rogers City.

During the peak of the fish run, the last week in September and first week of October, up to 3,000 fish are drawn from the weir per week. There have been times during the run that Medusa Creek, located off Lake Shore Drive, has turned black with fish.

The last harvest is in late October or early November. Fish drawn later in the run are older and larger, ranging in size from 16 to 18 pounds and are 3 to 4 years old. Last year, some 30 pounders were gleaned.

The fish swim up the manmade Medusa Creek, which runs along the east side of the St Mary Cement property, into Lake Michigan. The creek is made entirely from water pumped from the cement company's quarry. They then make their way into a manmade weir, their eggs and meat are harvested by humans and then new fingerlings from hatcheries are planted in the spring.

About 300,000 fish from the Platte River Hatchery in Honor are planted in the weir in early May, where they stay for about three to four weeks before they are released into Lake Michigan. Stevens said this time is critical as the water is imprinted in the fish so they know where they will return at the end of their life cycle to reproduce.

Of those fish that are planted, about 200,000 of them are tagged in their nose so once they return, about three to five years after being planted, they can be examined. About 15 percent of the tagged fish are returned during the harvest and the local fisheries station spends the winter studying them.

"We have the highest return of any weir in the state," Stevens said while holding one of the tagged salmon. He pointed to an area on the salmon's back where its adipose fin was removed marking it as a tagged fish.

Stevens said the reasons man has intervened in a natural process are simple — the carnage of the dead fish on the shores of creeks would be disgusting and there would be a huge cost to the state to tackle the cleanup.

To see the salmon run first hand, travel down Lake Shore Drive, along the shores of Lake Michigan bordering Charlevoix Area Hospital, until it comes to a turnaround. Park and watch Mother Nature in action.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Jeff Stevens, a trades helper with the Fisheries Research Station in Charlevoix, holds one of the salmon being harvested Sept. 13 from the Medusa Creel Weir to reveal a wound inflicted by a sea lamprey. Sea lamprey are aquatic vertebrates native to the Atlantic Ocean. They resemble eel, but unlike eel, they feed on large fish. They can live in both salt and fresh water. Sea lamprey were accidentally introduced into the Great Lakes in the early 20th century through shipping canals. Today, they are found in all the Great Lakes.

Photo by

About 200,000 of the 300,000 fish the DNR plants annually in Lake Michigan are tagged like this one. About 15 percent of the tagged fish are returned during the harvest and the local fisheries station spends the winter studying them. The tagged fish like this one are missing their adipose fin which should be near the tail but It Is removed to mark them.

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) John Gillespie of Warren, Terry Kupovits of Ellsworth and Al Thompson of Lewiston get ready to fish for salmon in Lake Michigan, just off the entrance to Medusa Creek. They said they each bring home about 100 pounds of salmon by the end of the run.

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SEPT. 19
GUILD AUCTION/TEA

In addition to their annual Membership Tea from 2-4 p.m. Sept. 19, the Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is having a Silent Auction from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the large conference room of the hospital.

Auction items include a sailboat cruise, art and home décor, baby items, including high chairs and a crib, lunches in others' homes, movie tickets, hand-crafted items and a color tour.

SEPT. 19
TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

Charlevoix Public Library encourages patrons on Sept. 19 to come in and check out a pirate book, choose a prize and talk like a pirate.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 W Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7350

SEPT. 19
FRENCH CONVERSATION

The French Conversation Circle will meet at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7340.

SEPT. 19
SPANISH CONVERSATION

The Spanish Conversation Circle will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7340.

SEPT. 19
RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL MEETING

The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will hold their luncheon meeting at noon on Sept. 19 in the former Boyne City Middle School commercial foods room. Lunch will be prepared by the students in the foods class at a cost of $8. The program will be provided by Lyn Jenks who will talk about her trip to Africa.

SEPT. 20
BERGMANN SALE

The Bergmann Center will host its annual three-day rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 20-22. The Bergmann Center is located at 08855 Martin Rd. Funds raised during the sale are used for trips for those who attend the center. Call 547-2979 for more information on how to donate.

SEPT. 20
LYMPHOMA PROGRAM

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will host a program on non-Hodgkin lymphoma entitled, "The Changing Landscape", for patients, family members, friends and health professionals on Sept. 20 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The meeting takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20 in Classroom B at Charlevoix Area Hospital, located at 14700 Lake Shore Dr.

Pre-registration for this free program is required. To register, contact Carleen Hubbell, community outreach manager at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at (231) 929-2951.

SEPT. 20
FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Charlevoix Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 24.

SEPT. 20
STORY TIME

Charlevoix Public Library will host story time on Sept. 15. The Lapsit program (birth to age 3) meets at 10:05 a.m.

The Pre-k program (ages 3-5) will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

For more information, call (231) 237-7350.

SEPT. 22
HARVEST DINNER

Greensky Hill United Methodist Indian Mission Church will host a harvest dinner.

The event will take place from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the church, located off Old U.S. 31 North.

The cost is $9 per adult and $4 per child under 10 years old.

The menu will include turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, squash, corn, green beans, creamed cabbage, fresh tomatoes, beets, cranberry sauce, bread and butter pickles, rolls and pie.

For more information, call (231) 582-9262.

SEPT. 22
SINGLES FOR CHRIST

Singles for Christ members and guests will gather at a Christmas in September potluck event at 7 p.m. on Sat-

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JUKEBOX

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Ave., 6 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 21 and 22 John Perry — piano.

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 20 karaoke; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sept. 21 and 22 Charlie's Root Fusion — high energy blues.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Sept. 21 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sept. 19 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 21 and 22, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Itallan Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Sept. 21, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Sept. 21 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Sept. 22, Viper — classic and popular rock.

Scovie's Waterfront Grille, 230 Ferry Ave., Sept. 21 Sean Ryan; Sept. 22 Dave Cisco.

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urday, Sept. 22 at the home of Lee, located at 1459 Kemp Rd. in Petoskey. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass and a $10 Christmas gift to exchange. Reserve your space by calling Frieda at (231) 347-5747.

SEPT. 22
POKER NIGHT

A Texas Hold 'em Poker Tournament fundraiser to benefit the Charlevoix High School class of 2008 all night senior party will take place on Sept. 22.

Registration begins at 5 p.m. and the tournament will start at 6 p.m. at the Belvedere Casino, located at 218 Ferry Ave. A $75 donation is requested.

Tickets are available at Ace Hardware off M-66.

There will be cash prizes, free food and door prizes. Space is limited. Attendees must be 21 years of age or older.

For more information call, Shane Cole at (231) 547-4991 or Mark Greyerbiehl at (231) 675-0749.

SEPT. 24
BOOK TALKERS

At 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24 the Charlevoix Public Library's classic book discussion group will meet to talk about Jane Austen's, "Persuasion." Book Talkers: Persuasion

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 W Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7340.

SEPT. 25
TAI CHI

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging sponsored Tai Chi Classes meet on Tuesdays.

The beginner class is from 10 to 11 a.m. The intermediate and/or continuing class is from 11 a.m. to noon. The instructor for both classes is Meg McClorey.

Cost for the six-week session is $12 for those 60 years old and over. The fee is $40 for participants under 60.

Classes meet at Charlevoix Public Library.

Call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging to register, (231) 237-0103.

SEPT. 26
CANCER SCREENING

A free women's cancer screening opportunity will be offered at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office.

The screening is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 26. It will be conducted by a licensed nurse practitioner and include a clinical breast exam, pelvic exam with Pap test and free mammogram. The service is available to Charlevoix County women between the ages of 40 and 64 who are uninsured.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office is located at 220 West Garfield St.

The screening is by appointment only. Call (800) 432-4121 or 547-0295 to register.

SEPT. 29
NORTHERN LIGHTS CELEBRATION

Northern Lights Celebration, a dinner, dance and auction to benefit St. Mary School will take place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 29 in the family center at the school. The cost is $100 per person. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School.

For information, call (231) 547-6652.

SEPT. 30
CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL

Rehearsals for the 15th Annual Charlevoix Area Community Christmas Choir sponsored by Community Reformed Church will begin at 7 p.m. on Sept. 30 at the church, located at the corner of U.S. 31 and Meech Street. Presentations will take place at 6 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 9. For more information, call (231) 547-6862 or (231) 547-9482.

OCT. 6
BEAVER ISLAND FOOD FEST AND 5K

The Beaver Island Boodle 5K starts at 10 a.m. on Oct. 6. An entry form can be obtained from the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce office at (231) 448-2505 or by e-mail request at chamber@csyip.net. For more information, call Boodle organizers Gail and Mike Weede at (231) 448-3195 or (231) 448-2708.

The Bite of Beaver Island will follow at Holy Cross Church Hall. For more information, call Kathy Speck at (231) 448-2711.

OCT. 6
PRAYER WORKSHOP

The Community Reformed Church is offering a day-long workshop focusing on prayer and its impact on daily life.

The featured speaker is Karen Jorgensen who will provide practical and inspirational information to enhance prayer life and spirituality.

Registration is at 8 a.m. and the conference starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6. Registration is required by Oct. 1. Childcare is available for advanced registrants.

The cost is $15 and includes a luncheon, music and drama.

The Community Reformed Church is located at the corner of Meech Street and U.S. 31. For more information, call the church at (231) 547-9482 or Kathy Martinchek at (231) 347-4037 or (231) 675-4037.

OCT. 7
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The American Legion hosts a pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month, from September through May.

Adults are $4 and kids $2.50. The site is handicap accessible. Take out and delivery is also available. For more information, call the American Legion at (231) 547-9203.

The American Legion Hall is located at 106 East Garfield.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at (231) 547-3234.

SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark, located at 401 West Carpenter St., is open from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 4 to 9 p.m. on Fridays, from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. The park is closed during inclement weather, storm watches and home football games.

Helmets are required. The park is supervised.

The daily user fee is $3. A seven-day punch card is $15 and a season pass is $90. For more information, call the City of Charlevoix Recreation Department at 547-3253.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Wow

Organizers of the Women's Only Weekend at Castle Farms were happy with the turnout. The event which took place Sept. 13-16 offered a variety of activities for ladies including a fashion show and shopping. Here, Diane Grotwohl of Grand Rapids (left) works the Elizabeth Halsey booth featuring women's accessories and Traci Sanders of Grand Rapids works her booth, shoe fetish.

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Fifteen freshmen in Charlevoix High School Spanish teacher Pete Scholten's seminar and volunteers with Friends of the Library and Harbor Industries participated in the Fourth Annual Day of Caring on Sept. 18 by building a rain garden at Charlevoix Public Library. For more Day of Caring pictures, see page 33.

Let it rain: New garden protects Round Lake

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Students, volunteers and Mother Nature have joined forces to protect Round Lake.

The Fourth Annual Day of Caring which took place on Sept. 18 included 620 volunteers from 20 groups tackling projects that helped 50 agencies across Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

"It (Day of Caring) gets people involved in the community and realizing what the agencies need. They need financial support and a lot of man power. We find most of the time people come back (year after year for Day of Caring) and bring other people and volunteer throughout the year. So it continues on," said Jennifer Archambault, Day of Caring project coordinator and Harbor Industries human resources coordinator.

Locally, beaches and green spaces were cleaned up and the facilities of organizations like the VFW, Bergmann Center, Sunnybank and Harsha House were spruced up as was Brookside Cemetery.

One of this year's unique

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What is the Day of Caring? On Sept. 18, the local manufacturing company Harbor Industries in conjunction with CharEm United Way mobilized the business community and students in Charlevoix and Emmet counties to volunteer for the 4th Annual Community Day of Caring.

Who was involved? Over 620 volunteers from 20 businesses and schools.

How many organizations were helped? 50

How has this effort grown? In the first year (2004) 70 volunteers assisted 20 agencies.

And the winner is... Charlevoix

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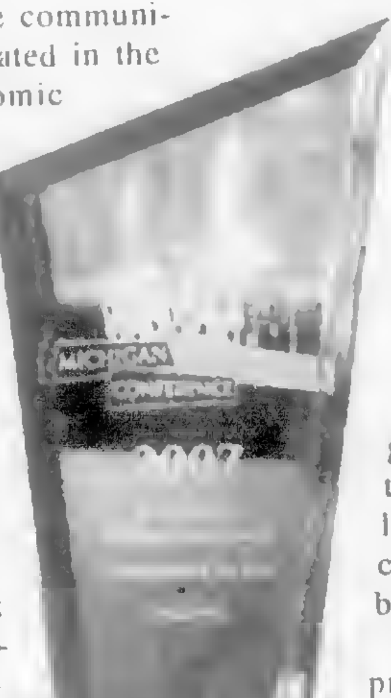

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Last week, Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority director, Keith Carey attended the Michigan Downtowns Conference in Traverse City and accepted the Blueprints for Michigan's Downtowns Community of the Year award on behalf of Charlevoix.

"This award recognizes what we are on the cusp of doing. We are geared up to be the community of the future. What we've done thus far indicates to them (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) that our future shows nothing but promise," Carey said of the award. "This is the community's award. The community has demonstrated its commitment to this project from the very beginning. Residents have said, 'We've got a great little town, we like to live here and we can make it even better.'"

Other 2007 Blueprints participants were Petoskey, Muskegon Heights, Oscoda and Tecumseh.

Carey was also selected as one of three Blueprints program presenters to speak on Sept. 18 about the process and where Charlevoix is headed with the market study and action strategy provided through the Blueprints program by consultants with the firm HyettPalma.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Donovan William Schuil, 24, Boyne City. Use of methadone; driving while license suspended, first offense. Credit for 14 days in jail, to serve 16 days in jail, 325 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,350 in fines and costs.

Deborah Louise Nearhood, 37, East Jordan. False pretenses greater than $200, but less than $1,000. Credit for one day in jail, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail, 164 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; $2,350 in fines and costs.

Kyle Stephen Nackerman, 19, Clarkston. Minor in possession of alcohol; disorderly person/drunk. Serve 10 days of community service work; $700 in fines and costs.

Karen Ann Ciccoretti, 41, Boyne Falls. Operating while under the influence of intoxicating liquors with an occupant younger than 16 (child endangerment). Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $730 in fines and costs.

James Paul Butterfield, 20, Charlevoix. Possession of marijuana. Credit for one day in jail, 169 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $500 in fines and costs.

Shawn K. Anderson, 51, Alanson. Reckless driving; littering on private property. Credit for three days in jail; $800 in fines and costs.

Scott Richard Carlston, 46, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Pay $100 in fines and costs or serve six days in jail.

Michael William Cottrell, 40, Saginaw. Domestic violence. Credit for one day in jail, 82 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; to attend substance abuse classes; no alcohol allowed in home; $600 in fines and costs.

Martin Leroy Hittle, 34, Boyne City. Attempted false pretenses, more than $200, but less than $1,000. Credit for 24 days in jail, to serve 66 days in jail; $850 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following case was recently decided in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Daniel Michael Jacobson, 43, Ocean Springs, Miss. Failure to pay child support. Sentenced to 270 days in jail, credit for 64 days in jail, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 60 months probation; $17,560.99 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

LaPco Construction, 317 North Park St., Boyne City, by Heather LaPointe

T.B. Trucking, 1483 Boyne City-East Jordan Rd., Boyne City, by Terry Wayne Bernadyn

Watson and Watson, 10246 Peebles Rd., Ellsworth, by Scott Allan Watson

Homes By Watson Cleaning Service, 02552 Mountain Rd., East Jordan, by Doreen Watson

LaCross Corporation; LaCross Enterprises; 5552 Mt. Bliss, East Jordan, by Clarence and Anne LaCross

Fall Down Classic, 13536 Stover Rd., Charlevoix Township, by John C. Fiedorek

Brent's Custom Building, 7371 Pincherry Rd., Charlevoix, by Brent Baxter

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Tyler James Eaton, 17 and Ruth Lela Follette, 20, both of Boyne City

Ryan Clifford Antaya, 29 and Bridgett Lynn Larsen, 28, both of East Jordan

Colby William Lawrence, 30 and Nicole Robyn Dawson, 27, both of Seward, Alaska

Aaron Francis Blaszczyk, 32 and Jessi Nicole Whitley, 26, both of Boyne Falls

Timothy Lee Schlappi, 25 and Candice Leigh DuBois, 28, both of Boyne Falls

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Kristopher Lifer vs. Theresa Lifer

Bernard Kondrat vs. Shelhy Kondrat

Brian Scott Vroman vs. Leslie Vroman

Douglas William Russell vs. Tiffany Russell

BIRTHS

Caitlyn Nicole Pair was born Sept. 10 to Chris and Kristin Pair of Greenville. Her grandparents are Tom and Ginny Johnson of Greenville, Scott Pair of Roseville, and Guy and Roxanne Watkins of Indian River. Great-grandparents are Kenneth Russell and Ron Pair of Charlevoix and Maxine Pope of Greenville. Great great-grandparents are Viola Pair-Sjolund of Charlevoix and Myrtle Miller of St. Clair Shores.

Beth Lynn Halladay weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce was born on Sept. 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ryan Louis and Tracy Lynn Halladay of Central Lake. Her siblings are Kayla and Sarah. Her grandparents are Rohert Halladay and Jane Halladay from Central Lake, Jesse Clark and Wanda Clarke of Farmington Hills.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

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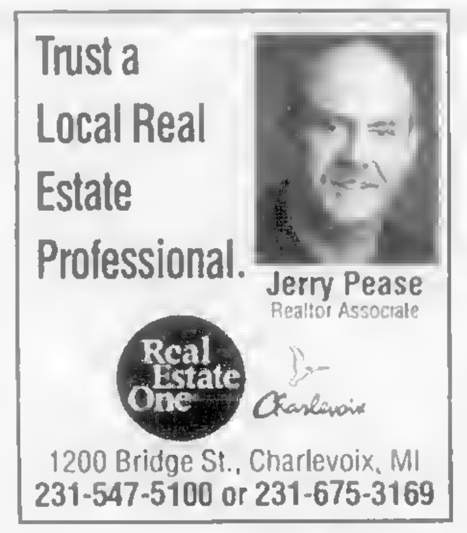
According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, most upland game birds are either stable or high in number and should yield a good crop this hunting season. Turkey season runs from Oct. 8 through Nov. 14 in designated areas with a bag limit of one bird, male or female, per day. There are nearly 40,000 fall turkey season licenses still available and began selling on Sept. 17. Visit www.michigan.gov/dnr for more information on hunting seasons and how to obtain a permit.



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Sept. 21	65	58	—
Sept. 22	85	59	.38
Sept. 23	68	51	—

Charlevoix named 2007 Community of the Year

COOL

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Blueprint first-year action plan initiatives are listed in the sidebar inset in this story.

While many expressed concern with the authority's ability to pursue these initiatives as the group funds $200,000 of the $380,000 East Park fountain project Carey said his group's hands aren't tied.

The following is a list of Cool Cities projects currently being pursued.

INSTALLATION OF A WAY FINDING SIGN SYSTEM

Carey is working on a three pronged approach to way finding. The first is investigating legislative alternatives to allow signs affixed to the corners of Bridge Street buildings to announce side street businesses. This is currently prohibited by the Highway Advertising Act.

The second is a store directory, community profile and downtown map included in a lure brochure. This marketing piece is expected to debut in spring 2008. The estimated cost is $16,000 for 25,000 brochures.

The third sign element is a monument sign similar to directories found in shopping malls. Placement of these signs and cost estimates have not been determined.

LINK DOWNTOWN WITH THE LITTLE TRAVERSE WHEELWAY

The Downtown Development Authority has proposed a bike path route in its Plan Revision. This route is shown in the graphic included with this article. Carey is also researching placement of a sign similar to the monument sign referenced above that will direct bikers at the Waller Road trail head to downtown.

PLACE BIKE RACKS THROUGHOUT DOWNTOWN

These racks have been purchased and will be installed at locations included in the bike route graphic.

Reintroduce ice rink into East Park plan

Calls have been made to artificial ice rink providers who are willing to rent the city a surface and skates to try out.

LED TREE LIGHTS

HyettPalma recommended extending the time lights are used into summer to create atmosphere. Carey has gathered estimates from vendors on the costs of replacing the existing white street side tree lights on Bridge Street with LED lights to save on energy costs and extend their life. Current incandescent lights have a life of about two years while the LED lights are touted as working for five years at a fraction of the energy cost. Estimates to replace the lights range from $40,000 to $80,000. The state has put a moratorium on grant requests including the Pollution Prevention Grant the city submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality for this project.

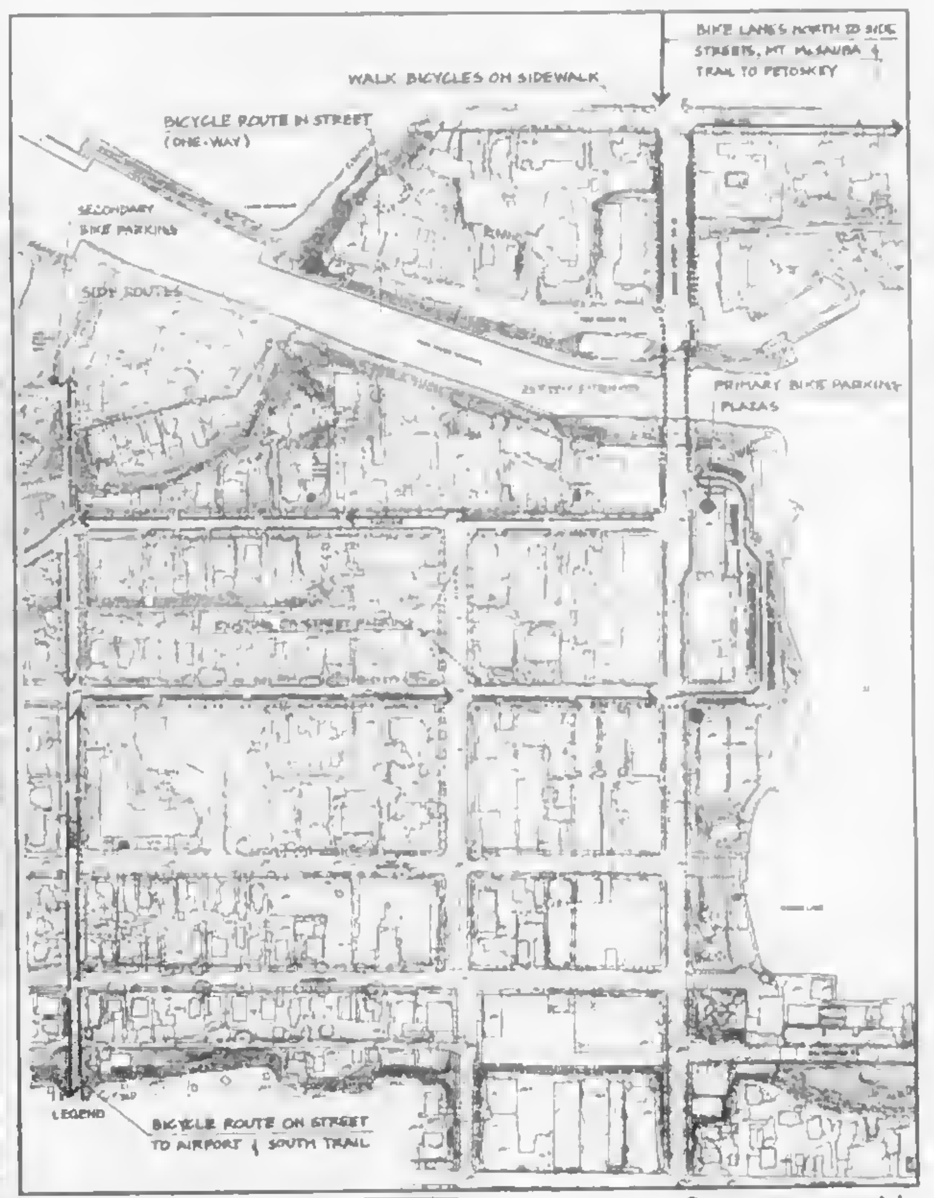
COLLABORATION

Carey has met with the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau to discuss cooperative marketing ventures.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Downtown Development Authority director Keith Carey is pictured here with the 2007 Community of the Year award he accepted last week on behalf of Charlevoix.

Blueprint first-year action plan initiatives:
- Hire a downtown coordinator
- Install way finding sign system
- Link downtown with the Little Traverse Wheelway
- Place bike racks throughout downtown
- Reintroduce ice rink into East Park plan
- Remove parking meters
- Introduce two-hour parking time limit and license tag monitoring system
- Balance transient and shopper's dock slips
- Encourage maximum amount of outdoor seating at food establishments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Courtesy graphic

Linking Little Traverse Wheelway to downtown

The Downtown Development Authority has proposed this bike path route in its Plan Revision to link the Little Traverse Wheelway to downtown Charlevoix. Authority director, Keith Carey, is also researching placement of a sign at the Waller Road trail head that will direct bikers to downtown. This was one of the recommendations made by the consulting firm HyettPalma in their five-year action strategy and marketing plan for Charlevoix.

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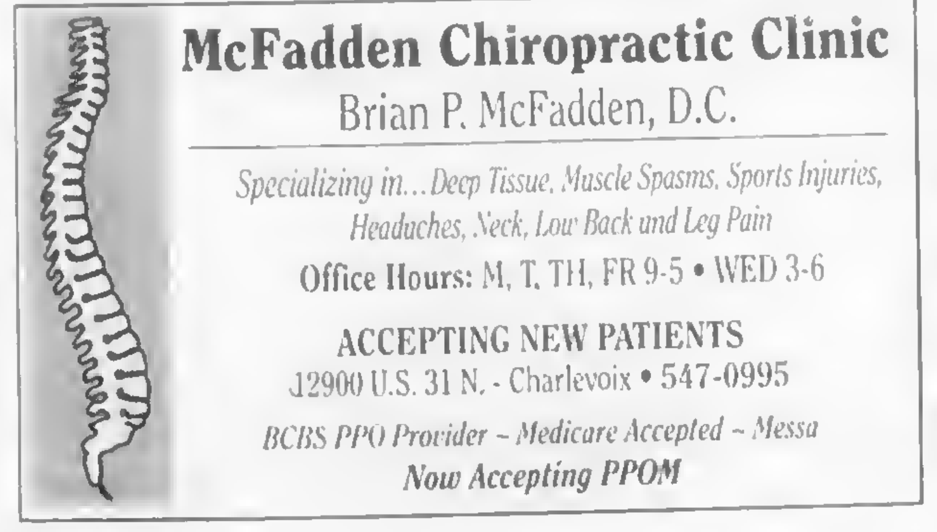

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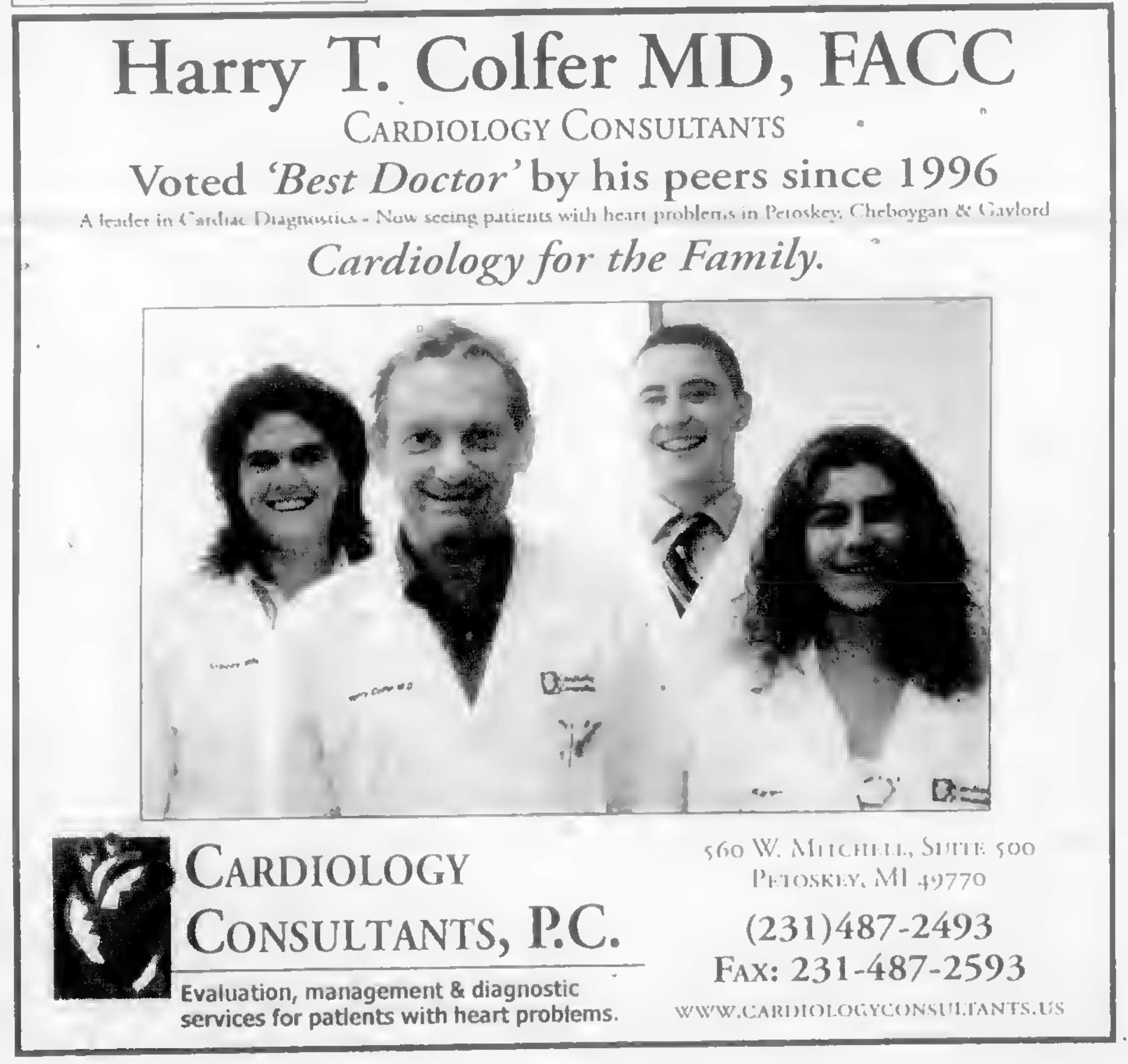

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Look around, Charlevoix is poised to redefine cool

EDITORIAL

Charlevoix's Cool Cities push has focused primarily on what the Downtown Development Authority is doing for businesses but what we've noticed are the cool things business owners are doing for themselves.

In the last year, major improvements have been made to privately owned properties in town that have gussied up the view from Bridge Street and on side streets.

The work Rik and Kathryn Lobenherz have done at Pointes North Inn at 101 Michigan Avenue just north of the bridge in downtown Charlevoix has totally rejuvenated that area. They took a time-worn building and created an inviting retreat.

A couple miles out on U.S. 31 across from the city golf course, Aaron and Rohbin Moffat transformed the tired looking exterior at Giuseppe's Italian Grille, added new siding in neutral tones accented with cheery red flower boxes and new awnings and brought fresh life to their eatery.

On Clinton Street Deb and Bob Jess Sr. built a new Harbor Health and Fitness Center that is attractive inside and out.

The 100 block of Mason Street is also noteworthy. The City of Charlevoix overhauled city hall which was beginning to look like a glorified bomb shelter. This summer Gary and Kay Anderson renovated Rose Cottage adding an inviting garden area. Birdie and Ken Whitley sided, roofed and replaced windows at the beauty shop and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce made their new home at 109 Mason St. a treat inside and out. The Courier even joined in with our building owner Bruce Bartlett redoing the building's interior and exterior.

Further south, doctors Robert and Kim Molter's new digs for Eye Health of Charlevoix in the former Michigan Officeways location is a site for sore eyes.

These improvements coupled with Charlevoix Public Library which is the nicest in the state as far as we're concerned, the new Charlevoix High School and of course the much anticipated unveiling of East Park and its fountain are setting up for an exciting future. Charlevoix is poised to not only meet the consulting firm HyettPalma's definition of cool, we're out to redefine it.

Congratulations to the community on its 2007 Community of the Year award. Your hard work has paid off.

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Editor

A community that cares

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

On Sept. 18 the "Day of Caring" spearheaded by Harbor Industries in conjunction with the Charlevoix-Emmet United Way was met with huge success by many individuals.

Giving back to the community can and does make a difference as it influences students and adults to continue to be productive citizens for a strong, caring society. Caring for others is something we are taught as a young child and it's sometimes lost during the struggles of teen years. What was once a negative connotation "community service" has become part of our natural lingo of getting involved out of care and not because it was court ordered.

This summer I was so proud of the parents of the Charlevoix High School Band Boosters headed up by Dr. Kim Molter and supported by student members as they weeded, rain or shine, to keep the petunias beautiful. Yes there was money received but it went back into the band department and not to the individuals who kept laboring even in the nick of time before hot asphalt hit the curb after Labor Day.

Gail Cherry, career preparation coordinator at Charlevoix High School, did a phenomenal job organizing close to 400 students with 23 job sites to take part in making a difference. This is such a great portfolio piece as students follow-up in writing how they helped others and how it affected them personally.

Photo by Gayle Gennett

In this installment of "A look at life" Courier columnist Gayle Gennett discusses the recent Day of Caring and Charlevoix residents' efforts yearround to reach out. Here, members of the Charlevoix Middle School Builders Club (from left) Andrew Mitchell, Lexie Barnes and Maddi Carey, hand out dictionaries.

Members of the Charlevoix Middle School Builders Club handed out dictionaries with the assistance from members of the Bergmann Center Aktion Club. The Kiwanis Club under the direction of past president Dave Garland had chosen this project, ensuring a dictionary in the hands of every third-grade student. The Builders Club and Aktion Club are both sponsored by the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club. They do wonderful things all year and added this project to go along with the community-wide efforts.

If you're wondering where 'Make a Difference Day' got its start in Charlevoix you need not look any further than two of the many hard working women of Harbor Industries Jennifer Archambault and Dee Vincent. Yet, these two women are quick to thank Martha Lancaster from United Way for her concerted efforts as well. Jennifer and Dee were aware of the community outreach efforts completed by the Grand Haven branch of their facility. After making contact with our local United Way and various organizations, interest grew and others jumped aboard.

When there is negative information in print and on television daily, it's nice to hear something positive for a change. I can remember when Big Rock and individuals involved with the Masonic Lodge would look for activities that would make a difference in young lives. While I worked at Charlevoix Elementary School it was a pleasure to see so many caring people share their day with our "Success to all Readers" program reading one-on-one with a second grader, giving them the courage and interest to read more.

All our local service clubs help in so many ways throughout the year by their generous monetary donations and their gift of time. Giving of your time and help is a virtue that passes from one to the next as one good deed does follow another.

While just this morning I was attempting to put air in my tires and becoming frustrated because I was actually taking more air out of the tires than I was putting in. When I approached a gentleman who was rushing to get to his next job site, he stopped what he was doing and gladly assisted using his own money to keep the air flowing correctly into my tires. When I mentioned I need to repay him, his reply was "Just do something kind for someone today." How refreshing and nice to see the many days of caring continue.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Weekly Poll

Do you think the Cool Cities effort will pay off for Charlevoix?

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63% of those polled said they will not use the interactive fountain in East Park.

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LETTERS to the editor

GAS GOUGING

Editor:

I am writing this letter as a concerned senior citizen. This Labor Day weekend, gasoline prices in Charlevoix were $3.099 per gallon. My brother who lives in Rhode Island told me that gasoline there was $2.599 per gallon. That is 50 cents more.

I believe that this is gouging. Our president told us last month that there was "no gouging" taking place.

When are we as citizens going to have a say with the oil companies who are making record windfall profits? It is time for the oil companies to give back some of those profits in lower gas prices.

Vaughan Black
Charlevoix

RAIN GARDEN HELPERS

Editor:

Thank you to the Charlevoix Public Library staff, Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library, business volunteers, Pat Elliott, and Pete Scholten's ninth-grade seminar class at Charlevoix High School for helping install the library's rain garden as part of the Day of Caring. It was a great day to plant over 1,000 native wildflowers, grasses and shrubs. Your efforts will help to clean storm water and protect water quality within the Lake Charlevoix Watershed.

Jennifer Gelb
Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council

HELEN'S SMILING

Editor:

On behalf of Hospice of Northwest Michigan, the board of directors and volunteers I want to thank Ron Weislik, Cheri Hoffman, Vivian Mettler and Tim Whippo for chairing the 7th Annual Helen Open. It is held each year in memory of that very special lady, Helen Weislik. This year's event was held on Aug. 19. We are very appreciative of the extremely generous donations provided by community businesses and citizens.

We do not charge for our services — volunteer, bereavement and community outreach — and this money will be put to good use helping those in our communities. I know how much work was put into this activity — those who worked, those who participated and those who donated. I know that Helen is smiling down on all of you, and joins us in saying thank you.

Patricia A. Johnson
Administrative coordinator
Hospice of Northwest Michigan

THANKS FOR CARING

Editor:

On behalf of the members and staff of the Charlevoix Senior Center, I would like to thank the volunteers for their support on Sept. 18, during the annual Day of Caring. They were a great help. They power-washed the whole building, cleaned windows inside and out, cleaned walls and doors, even did the bathrooms. They took cardboard to the recycling center and a lot of other things that just seem to never get done. Again, we want to say a big "Thank you" to all who participated and to the organizers of this wonderful event.

Earl Muma
Director
Charlevoix Senior Center

PLAYING THE NAZI CARD NOT EFFECTIVE

Editor:

I'm a Ben Gohs fan. His Libertarian views are interesting and much rarer that they should be. However, his Operation Dine-n-Dash column (entitled "It's time for Operation Dine-n-Dash which appeared on page 4 of the Sept. 19 edition of the Courier) goes over the line in much the same way as the infamous MoveOn.Org's "General Betray Us" ad. In both cases the attempt to be persuasive backfired by antagonizing interested readers. Playing the Nazi card angers many, even those who disagree with Bush, for a variety of reasons.

Gohs states, "Traditionally, if you disagree with war, no matter how arbitrary and unjust, as Nazi Herman Goering pointed out, you are less of a citizen." Clearly this is an analogy. It implies that the Bush administration uses the same propaganda techniques as the administration of Adolf Hitler. That is absurd, unfair, foolish and just plain wrong. It reflects badly on a talented writer.

Simplistic poll questions fail to identify tens of millions of Americans who believe the invasion of Iraq was a major strategic error. They want our armed forces out of Iraq. However, they would disagree with any immediate bail out plan as possibly a greater and further destabilizing mistake.

We have a 200 plus year history of electing a president every four years, unlike Germany or in fact all of Europe. Our next president will not be George Bush and at this juncture it appears possible, even likely, she will be from the other party with opposing views. If the current administration is using Herman Goering methods they are clearly failing badly. Gohs and others in opposition are being heard loud and clear.

The Nazi government that Goering was part of is responsible for the slaughter of millions. The errors of the Bush administration are not in the same league.

"Patriotism is love of country, not blind devotion to bean counters and policy writers," Gohs states. Yes indeed, most Americans would agree. However, we should all remember that our globally rare First Amendment rights are best exercised responsibly.

Steve West
Beaver Island

LETTERS POLICY

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Sunny thoughts

Jolynn Michel of Petoskey took some time out of her Monday to enjoy the sunshine and blue skies while writing her daughter a letter at Ferry Beach. Letter writers can share their thoughts in the Courier's letters to the editor page. E-mail letters to news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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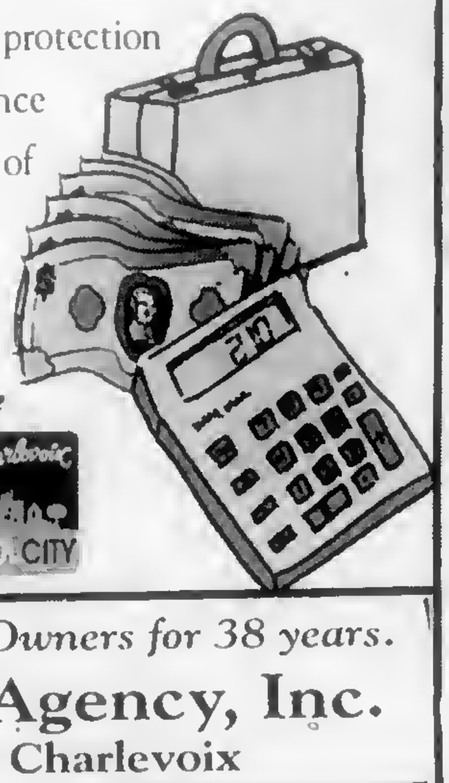

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10 things you never knew about Bonnie Staffel *Bringing you closer to your neighbors ...*

Sculptor, potter, painter, teacher and Charlevoix Courier proofreader Bonnie Staffel has seen a great many changes in her nearly nine decades on the planet. Several galleries currently offer Staffel's works of art including the Crooked Tree Arts Center, Gallery on Main in Bay Harbor and The Cycling Salamander in Norwood which also happens to be the site of the pottery shop she operated for 20 years.

Staffel, who attended the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, has studied art in numerous countries including China and Japan and she taught crafting at an adult education center called a folk school for three winters in Denmark.

1. How did art pique your interest?

"Since I was little I was always furnished with art materials: Coloring books, paint. It was my goal in life to be an artist. In 1948 I took an adult education class at the Toledo Art Museum. When I touched clay I dropped painting except for what I do on my pots."

2. What is something you still hope to accomplish?

"I would like to be able to get back to my (pottery) wheel. (Staffel recently suffered an injury for which she is currently in physical therapy and is unable to get to her basement studio.) Losing your independence is a big deal as you get older."

3. Is there anything else you would liked to have done with your life?

"I love words and editing and my job now with the paper."

4. If you could change one thing about yourself or your world what would it be?

"I would like to be thin."

5. What has been your most important accomplishment?

"Pottery is important. It's a history of life and the things people use. It's the history of past generations."

6. If you could meet anyone, living or dead, for an hour lunch, who would it be?

"Bernard Leach. I had an opportunity to go to England and I went to see the Bernard Leach Studio he is the grandfather of studio pottery (studio pottery being one or two artists as opposed to a factory full of artisans mass-producing works). He was already dead but I met his wife."

7. What is your favorite food to eat or prepare?

"I'm famous for my homemade pizza."

8. What really makes you angry?

"I rarely get angry. I try to look on the optimistic side."

9. What is something people don't know about you?

"Something I never spoke about is I worked in a small factory and I painted the eyelashes on Shmoos figurines in the late 1940s. (The Shmoos are mythical creatures which appeared in the Lil' Abner cartoon strip and are merchandised as toys, glassware and figurines among other items.)

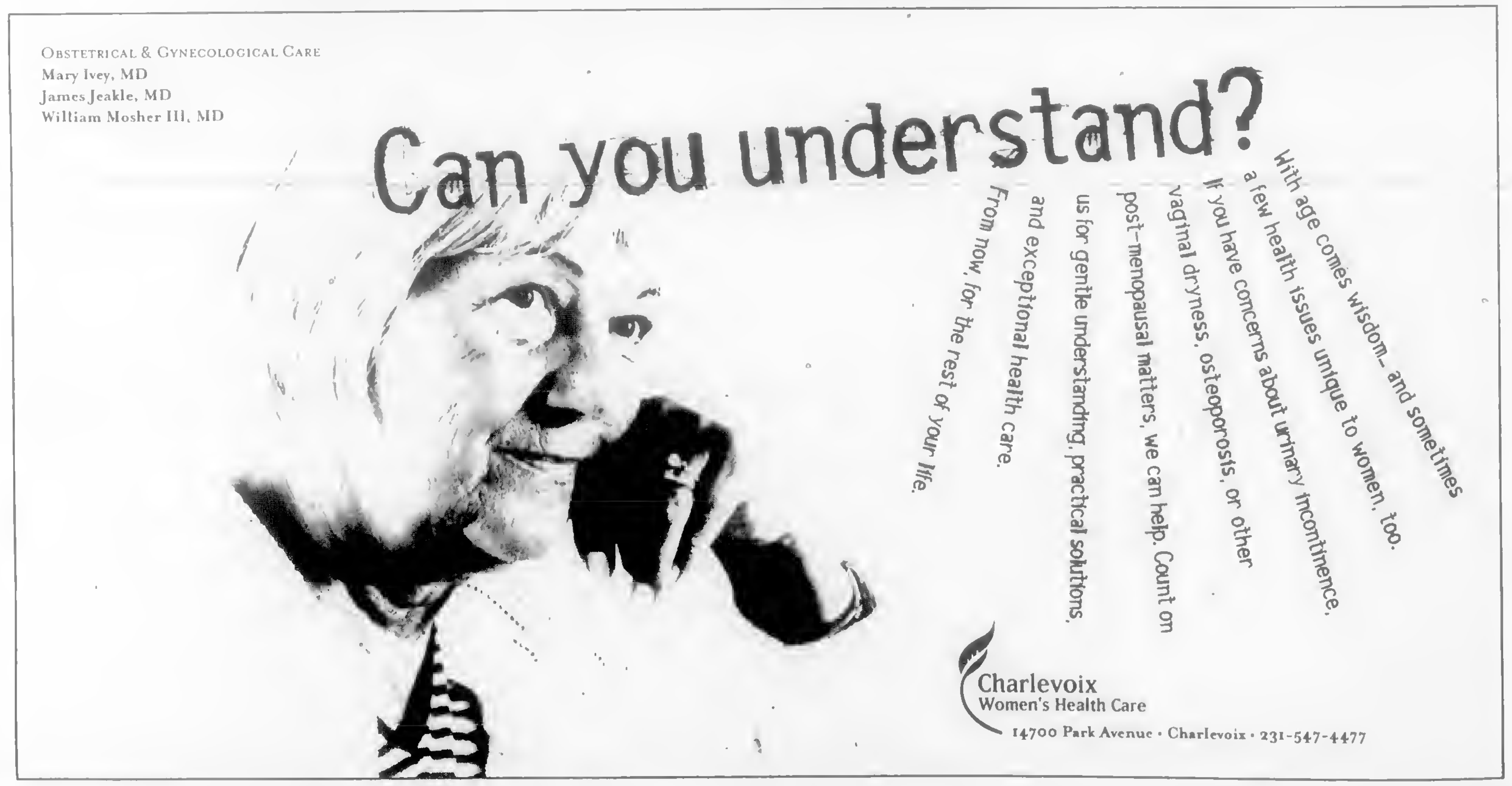
10. What is your favorite piece to create?

"I enjoy making serving trays and I make whole dish sets."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Sculptor, potter, painter, teacher and Charlevoix Courier proofreader, Bonnie Staffel gives the Courier an inside look into the world of a working artist. She is pictured here with some of her pottery by the kiln at her home.

check Staffel out on the web: http://webpages.charter.net/bstaffel/



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Island kicks off fall Oct. 6 with Boodle and Bite events

The annual Bite of Beaver Island food festival and Island Boodle have grown leaps and bounds in the last six years.

"The process of folks discovering the autumn beauty of Beaver Island is well underway. The unique combination of a 5K run and a food festival just works," said the island's Chamber of Commerce executive director, Steve West.

Both events are on Saturday, Oct. 6. The Island Boodle 5K Run/Walk starts at 10 a.m. It follows a scenic lakefront and trails course around Beaver Island's Paradise Bay. The event benefits the Beaver Island School Sports Boosters.

Medals will be provided for runners in several age groups. Each entrant will receive a T-shirt. Race day registration begins at 8 a.m. at Beaver Island's Shamrock across from the ferry dock. Advanced registration will be accepted until Sept. 28. For more information and an entry form, visit www.beaverisland.org or call the Chamber of Commerce at (231) 448-2505.

Following the 5K the Bite of Beaver Island food festival runs from 1 to 4 p.m. This year the popular "Bite" is spilling out into the street. In addition to the traditional Holy Cross Church Hall location, a main street tent has been added. Vendors offering items other than food will be added this year under the tent.

Both professional and talented amateur chefs will be offering small portions of their specialty items generally priced in the $2 to $5 range. Popular items in the past ranged from succulent lamb chops to pizza. The highly competitive local apple pie contest will also be judged at the church hall.

Some interesting items will be offered at a variety of locations along Main Street. Just a couple of examples include a moped raffle and smoked and grilled wild game by the Beaver Island Wildlife Club.

For more information about both the Bite of Beaver Island and the Island Boodle, visit the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce Web site at www.beaverisland.org or call (231) 448-2505.

Courtesy photo.

The annual Bite of Beaver Island food festival and Island Boodle will take place on Oct. 6. The Bite of Beaver Island food festival runs from 1 to 4 p.m. and will Include demonstrations like this old-fashioned cider press.

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Irving and Rose Manville

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Irving and Rose Manville of Gaylord recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Manville were married on Sept. 22, 1947, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlevoix.

Their children are Charlotte (Joe) Teho, Patty (Dennis) Hartley, Barbara (Larry) Large, Irving (Debbie) Manville and Darlene (Charles) Evans. The Manvilles also have 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

WEDDING

VanLoo — Allen

The parents of Sarah Marie VanLoo and Chadwick York Allen of Charlevoix are pleased to announce their wedding which took place at 4:30 p.m. on June 16 in an outdoor ceremony on the lawn of the Charlevoix Country Club Clubhouse, with about 120 guests attending. Arch Wright, a friend of the bride and groom officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by both her parents, Darrel and Debra VanLoo of Charlevoix. Her maid of honor was Jenna VanLoo, sister of the bride and bridesmaids were Tricia Kelly, Staci Borths and Monica Conlan. The junior bridesmaid was Leah Fairchild, cousin of the bride.

The groom's best man was Mark Jacobs with groomsmen Benjamin Allen, brother of the groom and Roger Pittman, friend of the groom.

The reception was held at the Charlevoix Country Club. They honeymooned in San Francisco, Calif.

Courtesy photo

What's happening at the Library this week?

Computer Tidbit:
Making the Most of your Library
Wednesday, September 26, 1:00 pm
Explore the library catalog, visit the online resources, and learn special features of the adult, teen and youth areas.

Storytimes
Thursday, September 27
Lapsit (birth-3), 10:05 a.m.
Pre-k (3-5)-10:30 a.m.

Premier of
"The Hollywood Librarian"
Sunday, September 30th, 2:00 pm or
Friday, October 5th, 7:00 pm
Watch this entertaining film about the history of libraries and librarians and how they have changed throughout the years. Clips of librarians from feature films are used throughout the movie. Tickets available at the door.

Monday Movie Matinees
Monday, October 1st
1:00 pm Casablanca • 3:30 pm Ant Bully
Bring your own snacks, and join us for movie time on the big screen in the community meeting room.

"Stitches"
Monday, October 1st, 6:00 pm
Join in for a work group or a lesson or both!
Chris Abramowski will be instructing beginners on "How to knit." Supplies are provided. $5 fee.

Regular Weekly Meetings:
Newcomers welcome!
French Conversation Circle: *Tuesdays @ noon*
Spanish Conversation Circle: *Tuesdays @ 6:00 p.m.*
Writer's Group: *Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.*

- Mark your calendars for Chiller's author, Jonathan Rand, who will be visiting the library on Saturday October 6th, 2:00 pm
- Please take a few moments to fill out one of our patron surveys, available in the library or on the website: www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

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OBITUARIES

Stanley Fiedorek: March 11, 1922 - Sept. 18, 2007

Stanley Paul Fiedorek, 85, died on Sept. 18 after many months of fighting a spinal cord abscess.

Stanley was born on March 11, 1922 in Kalamazoo and graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. Upon graduation he enlisted on Sept. 19, 1942, in the United States Air Force. He was stationed at Hobbs, New Mexico, and served during World War II as flight engineer on B-17's which were known as The Flying Fortress. He was honorably discharged on Feb. 16, 1946.

After the service, Stanley married Jean Katherine DeMink, a Michigan Bell Telephone supervisor, and he worked for Durmatalic, a tool and die company in Kalamazoo. Because of Stanley's passion for sports, he moved his wife and then only three young children to Charlevoix in 1960, where he built and ran Paul Bunyan Lanes, the local bowling alley. Stanley loved to bowl in the winter and golf in the summer. During this time in his life he also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Stanley retired from his business in 1989 and traveled for three years with Jean to Florida, New Mexico and California. Then Stan and Jean settled into retirement in Charlevoix, where Stan became a regular in a golf group known locally as "The Elders," that played daily at the Charlevoix Golf Club. He also enjoyed cutting trees on his wood lot, caring for his large yard and spending time with his family. Stanley took care of Jean as her health failed until she died in October 2004.

Stanley was blessed to find Kathy Garten to share the last few years of his life. Kathy and Stanley enjoyed bowling in the Young at Hearts League at Paul Bunyan Lanes, weekly family dinners in the homes of Stan's children John Fiedorek (Stacey Gaisor) and Kay (Bruce) Wasilewski, and summer visits with his other two children, Paul Fiedorek (Joy Canning) and Lynn Klug (Robert Peterson).

In addition to Stanley's four children Paul, Lynn, Kay and John, and his companion, Kathy, he is also survived by his two nieces Patricia and Barbara, and four grandchildren, John Paul Fiedorek, Daniel Klug, Rebekah (Nathan) Schuh, and Melissa Welham.

The family hosted a celebration of his life on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the VFW hall on U.S. 31. Donations may be made to the local Junior Golf Program to honor Stanley.

Lester Freidinger: Died Sept. 18, 2007

Lester M. Freidinger died Sept. 18 at age 94 in Clearwater, Fla.

He was born in Linwood and lived many years in Saginaw where he was on the board of directors of United Fund, YMCA, Saginaw General Hospital and Family Federal Savings & Loan. He worked in the brewing industry for over 40 years. He was vice-president and manager of Frankenmuth Brewing Company and in 1965 became regional vice-president of Carling Brewing Company in Cleveland. He became executive vice-president and director of Stroh Brewing Company in 1967. While residing in Bloomfield Hills, he served as director of Amerisure Insurance Company, Detroit Coca Cola and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

He retired to Naples, Fla. in 1989 where he lived with his wife, Theodora K. Freidinger until her death in 2000. He is survived by four loving sons, William H. Freidinger (Elaine) of Bloomfield Hills, Reed K. Freidinger, MD (Janet) of Charlevoix, Theodore L. Freidinger (Susan) of Dunedin, Fla., and Robert L. Freidinger of Lisle, Ill. He is survived by seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A private memorial is planned. Memorial gifts may be made to Hospice of the Suncoast, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd,, Clearwater, Fla. 33760.

Louise Houghton: Aug. 25, 1941 - Sept. 18, 2007

Louise M. Houghton, 66, of Charlevoix, went home to be with her Lord on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A funeral took place on Friday, Sept. 21, at the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church in East Jordan, Pastor Kimon Criner officiated. Burial took place at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

She was born Aug. 25, 1941, in Petoskey to Hersel and Marguerite (Kaden) Clark. Louise graduated from Charlevoix High School, and on May 14, 1960, she married Robert S. Houghton in Charlevoix. Louise was a farmer and raised cattle as well as numerous other animals. She was also very interested in family genealogy. Louise had a caring heart and was always trying to fix or help situations for all who were in need, whether it was family, friends or her animals.

She is survived by her husband, Robert S. of Charlevoix; son, Larry (Kristi) Houghton of Petoskey; daughters, Jennifer Houghton, and Trish (Bud Roof) Houghton all of East Jordan; grandchildren, Nathan, Summer and Valerie; sisters, Patricia Burke, Betty Myers and Ellen Daniel all of Petoskey, Elaine (Albert) Houghton of Bay Shore; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Harvest Barn Word of Life Church in East Jordan.

Mary Washegesic: July 19, 1917 - Sept. 21, 2007

Mary Washegesic, 90, of Charlevoix, died Friday, Sept. 21 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Mary was born in Charlevoix, on July 19, 1917, the daughter of Dan A. and Delia (Aiken) McSawby. She married Alexander Boulton, and they had four children, Richard Boulton, Deanna Belcher, Glenda Cantu and Gerald Boulton, all of who preceded Mary in death. After Alex died, she married Archie James Washegesic, and he preceded her in death in 1967.

Mary is survived by their children, Robert Washegesic of Charlevoix; daughters, Donna Washegesic of Charlevoix, Janice Newstead of Alanson. She was mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and aunt Mary to many others.

Mary's love of nature and story telling of days gone by will be missed but not forgotten. She was a member of St. Mary Church in Charlevoix, and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Visitation took place on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix followed by a procession to St. Mary Church where a Rite of Christian Burial was held. Rev. Jerry Hunko officiated. A Sacred Fire burns for Mary at her home, and all are welcome.

Nicholas Sauro: Feb. 18, 1980 - Sept. 22, 2007

Nick Sauro of St. Louis, Mo., formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, Gaylord and East Jordan, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 22 in East Jordan. The son of Mary (Norm) Vogt of East Jordan, and Frank (Adriana) Sauro of St. Louis. Nick was on his way home for a visit with his family and friends.

He was born on Feb. 18, 1980 in Sault Ste. Marie and was a carpenter for Alberici Construction Company in St. Louis.

Nick was an avid hunter, fisherman, golfer, snowboarder and wakeboarder and good friend to all who knew him. He had a smile that could warm your heart.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather; father and stepmother; brothers, Tony Madigan of St. Louis, Austin Vogt of New York City and Tyler Vogt of Boyne City; nieces, Jordan Madigan and Riley Madigan, both of St. Louis; and his best friends, Toby Prevo and Rebecca Murray, both of East Jordan. Also surviving are several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dr. Tony and Wanda Trapasso and Dennie and Lena Sauro.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 207 Nicholas St., East Jordan. Funeral services will be Saturday at noon at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated to the Friends of the Jordan River Watershed, 800 Water St., East Jordan, MI 49727.

Although he is gone from us, he will live forever in our minds and hearts. He will always be young and beautiful.

Make Time to Worship

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05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James O. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875

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Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m
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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
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Pastor: James R. Mort	547-4121

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101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

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Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
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Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill	231-347-6651

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation; Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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One year later, library reports leap in use

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix Public Library has realized many successes since opening the doors on Sept. 25, 2006 at its new location, 220 West Clinton St.

Over 18,000 people came into the building in August 2007. Foot traffic in August 2007 was up 113 percent over August 2006.

Answered 2,500 reference questions in August 2007.

The library has 5,300 active cardholders and offers 7,000 more items at its new location than before.

The library's meeting rooms are booked an average of 60 times per month.

Circulation is up about 75 percent since the move.

Technology classes are being offered.

Library programs have been added including everything from jazz musicians to lectures on art history to speaking engagements by famous authors.

Hobby group meetings

More assistance with increased staff

Library hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nearly a year since the new Charlevoix Public Library's grand opening, library director Val Meyerson sat down with the Charlevoix Courier to reflect on the new facility.

According to Meyerson, not only was foot traffic up 113 percent this August, but the number of library cardholders has increased by 29 percent.

"It has been wonderful. We have been tremendously busy," she said. "People seem to be using the facility — over 18,000 people came into the building in August."

She added, "They love it. People are finding what they came in for and they are coming in for all sorts of different things, some just to visit and look at the building and some to come for an event or a meeting."

The library's meeting rooms are booked an average of 60 times per month.

"Circulation, what we check out, has been up about 75 percent since we've moved in," Meyerson said. "And, there are lots of different things we offer, first and foremost technology, we are providing classes for people to learn basic stuff like computerizing and we are collaborating with the college (North Central Michigan College) where they come in and teach classes to the public."

She added, "The other thing we are able to provide that we were not able to provide before was programming. We've had great response to our adult programs and we've been able to offer about 15 to 20 programs a month."

The library programs have included everything from jazz musicians to lectures on art history to speaking engagements by famous authors.

"Another thing we do that we couldn't do before is the meetings with friends where we have different groups such as French, Spanish, writers, knitting," she said. "We have book discussions and these groups come in every week and discuss French or a book or writing."

She added, "And, in the fall we'll be starting our movie programs Monday movie matinees after school for kids and then afternoon movies where we're showing classics."

Another feature folks have utilized over the past year is an increase in staff.

"We are able to provide more assistance now that we have more staff," Meyerson said. "People are able to come in and they will help you find whatever you're looking for. We answered 2,500 reference questions in August and we're able to help you find whatever concerns you come in with, be it a phone number or help getting on a Web site or what's a good book to read."

She added, "And then there is just the building itself, which is just a wonderful place for people to come and enjoy themselves and enjoy the company of other people, read a magazine, drink a cup of coffee and be in a comfortable, homey atmosphere."

The Charlevoix Library's 5,300 active cardholders should also know the library has 7,000 more items at its new location than before.

While some residents voiced concerns over the expense of operating a larger facility, Meyerson said careful planning was key to avoiding problems.

"We were right on what we anticipated last winter. Are there costs that have occurred, of course when you are quadrupling the size of building the utilities go up," she said. "But, the board and I worked hard to get good numbers and with the way we budgeted, we're not shocked and we're able to accommodate that."

While the summer staff levels at the library are considerably higher than in the off season, Meyerson said she likes to have a minimum of four staff members on hand to operate the building, but that the State of Michigan's financial woes haven't had much effect on her bottom line.

"We are a district library so we are a taxing entity," she said. "The majority of our operating funds come from a local millage the taxpayers do pay but we also get some revenue from the state because a portion of penal fines go to public libraries, so when you pay your traffic ticket (some of) that money is funneled to libraries."

Upcoming events at the library include Michigan Chillers author Jonathan Rand on Oct. 6 and the premier of "Hollywood Librarians" a documentary at 2 p.m. on Sept. 30 and 7 p.m. on Oct. 5.

For more information, call the information desk at (231) 237-7340.

Library hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Photo by Julle Witthoeft

As the library prepares to celebrate its first anniversary at its new location at 220 West Clinton St. director Val Meyerson discusses the changes she's seen in its use. She told the Courier people are coming in for all sorts of different things, including children's events like these kids who went to the library on Wednesday, Sept. 19 for Talk Like a Pirate Day. They are Lauren Shepard, Grace Ward and Ondreya Veenstra of Becky's Day Care.

Friends host Sept. 30 screening of 'The Hollywood Librarian'

THE HOLLYWOOD LIBRARIAN
A LOOK AT LIBRARIANS THROUGH FILM

The Charlevoix Public Library is proud to present "The Hollywood Librarian: A Look at Librarians through Film," the first full-length documentary film to focus on the work and lives of librarians.

Screenings will take place at 2 p.m. on Sept. 30 and 7 p.m. on Oct. 5 at the library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

This American film contains hundreds of examples of librarians and libraries on screen. Dozens of interviews of real librarians will be interwoven with movie clips of cinematic librarians and serve as transitions between the themes of censorship, intellectual freedom, children and librarians, pay equity and funding issues, and the value of reading. "The Hollywood Librarian" is a blend of film clips, humor and critical analysis of the popular image of librarians.

One of only two showings in the state of Michigan, Charlevoix Library is excited to bring this first of its kind documentary to the public. The screening will take place in the library's new community meeting room and popcorn will be served.

Friends of the Library will be hosting the screening as a fund-raiser for future projects. Tickets will be sold at the door and are $8 for those 12 and up, $5 for ages 5-12 and seniors, young children and library employees are admitted free.

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Camp Daggett will host a Fall Festival from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7 in celebration of another successful summer camp and to show appreciation for the support the camp's received over the past 82 years.

Children of all ages will enjoy hay rides, history tours, color tours on the lake, face painting, pumpkin painting, crafts, caramel apple dipping and more.

The camp's climbing walls will also be open for the day. S'mores around the campfire and live entertainment will also be offered.

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When? Noon to 5 p.m. on Oct. 7

Directions from Charlevoix: Follow U.S. 31 north toward Petoskey. Turn right on Camp Daggett Road for about 2.5 miles. Turn left on Church Road (dirt road with Camp Daggett sign on corner). Follow Church Road until it ends at the bottom of a large hill

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Boy honored for saving 5-year-old from drowning

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

STORY HIGHLIGHT
On Sept. 18, East Jordan Elementary School fifth grader Johnathan Dixon, 11, was recognized with a lifesaving award by Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater for his role in saving a 5-year-old from drowning on Aug. 3 at an Eveline Township beach.

For Johnathan Dixon, keeping an eye on younger kids is nothing new.

The 11-year-old East Jordan Elementary School fifth-grader has two younger siblings — ages 6 and 7 — who, according to their grandmother, have a knack for finding their way into trouble.

It was with the same watchful eye that he looks out for his siblings that Johnathan noticed another young child in trouble while swimming in Lake Charlevoix in August.

On Aug. 3, Johnathan was swimming with his family at the Eveline Township beach on Washington Street in Ironton. Johnathan, his family and another family were swimming in a shallow area of the lake when a child in the other family, 5-year-old Chasyn Vrondran, stepped into a sink hole and went in the water over his head. Chasyn's mother noticed her son in trouble, but as she ran to his aid, she became stuck in the clay and was unable to get to Chasyn.

Seeing the situation, Johnathan ran to the area where Chasyn was struggling and pulled him to safety.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater said he believes that Chasyn might have drowned were it not for Johnathan's actions.

On Tuesday, Sept. 18 Lasater came to Johnathan's school and, in front of all his classmates, presented Johnathan with a lifesaving award for his efforts on that day.

Both Johnathan's mother, Amber Dixon, and his grandmother, Nancy Dixon, said Johnathan has shrugged off the attention he's received.

"He thinks it's no big deal," his mother said.

Appearing a little overwhelmed by the attention — which included interviews by several television and newspaper reporters — Johnathan said receiving the award was "great" and that his friends gave him "lots of high-fives" when they heard of his feat.

East Jordan Elementary School Principal Cal Prins said students and staff at the school are proud of Johnathan and he held out Johnathan's actions to the students as an example of helping others — a virtue many schools try to emphasize to students.

Photo by Steve Zucker/Petoskey News-Review

East Jordan Elementary School student, Johnathan Dixon was presented with a lifesaving award by Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater on Sept. 18.

Steve Zucker may be reached at (231) 439-9346 or szucker@petoskeynews.com.

Human services information summit set for Sept. 28

The Human Services Coordinating Body of Charlevoix and Emmet counties is facilitating the 13th Annual Human Services Information Summit from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28 at the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs.

The free Information Summit is designed to help locals become more informed of the many services offered by health and human service organizations in the two-county area. Health and human service professionals, paraprofessionals, volunteers, community leaders, community members, governmental officials, and school staff are invited to attend.

Donna Jean, grief counselor, author and public speaker will provide the keynote address, which will focus on her experiences navigating the human services system as she found and used services for her family from a variety of agencies.

For additional information, call Lorraine Manary, Human Services Coordinating Body coordinator, at North Country Community Mental Health Services at (231) 347-6701.

Over 30 agencies will be sharing information about their services and programs through breakout sessions. Concurrently throughout the morning, a resource fair will take place with community groups and organizations hosting tables with information regarding their local services.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Pre-registration isn't needed.

For more information, call Jan Mancinelli at the Women's Resource Center (231) 347-0067.

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Charlevoix Public Schools begin strategic planning

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Chet Janik

Henry Ford said, "Failing to plan is planning to fail" and to avoid doing so Charlevoix Public Schools will soon begin strategic planning.

According to new superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Chet Janik, it won't be enough to simply devise a plan, action must be taken.

"If you look at any school that's successful, they have a strategic plan in place," he said. "Especially now, with the financial situation critical, we need to come up with a plan and go forward."

The strategic planning committee will consist of, ideally, 40 to 50 people, two-thirds of whom will not be employees of Charlevoix Public Schools.

"It is critical we get as many people with different viewpoints as possible," Janik said. "We are currently mailing surveys and invitations to join the committee to every parent and guardian in the district."

Any interested party who does not receive an invitation should contact Janik at 547-3200.

Janik knows from experience how well a plan works if it is implemented correctly.

"We (while he was at Northern Michigan University in the Upper Peninsula) had a bond issue which was passed after a strategic planning committee came up with a good plan and goal," he said. "One of their major issues was to upgrade their facilities, but they needed financing."

He added, "They passed a $34.7 million bond effort in 1999 and were able to build a maritime campus, improve existing facilities and create a university center."

Janik said he and the board could propose goals and plans of action, but it will mean much more to area residents if they are in on the planning.

"One thing I've noticed in talking with people since I've been here is the people would like to have more dialogue and open communication," he said. "Everyone will have an opportunity to be on this committee if they choose and we look forward to their input."

The committee will likely discuss the sharing of employees among local school districts, an idea Janik is already looking into.

"We're going to look at ways maybe we can partner. We're looking at how we can keep our high academic standards, now I can't afford to hire a full-time curriculum director, but maybe we can split that with another district," he said. Some districts are looking into splitting bus maintenance, some are splitting food service, some are looking at (sharing) one business manager."

Janik said peak performing boards of education focus on issues and topics instead of personalities, encourage the open exchange of views and opinions, abide by majority decisions on issues and participate in the community.

"It can't be a plan we sit down and come up with and put on a shelf that's not looked upon for three years," he said. "This has to be an ongoing process."

He added, "Unfortunately, I've seen this where people come up with a plan and nine months or a year later they look at it and say, 'Have we accomplished this?' We have to be proactive here."

The planning committee may also address what Janik sees as a disparity in technological understanding between students and teachers.

"Most teachers are technology immigrants, that is their level is pretty basic, while most students are third or fourth generation technology users," he said. "I bet if I gave an Ipod to all of our teachers, most of them would not know how to download a song. I bet if I gave an Ipod to one of our fifth graders, they would know how to use it, how to download, get online, use Myspace(.com), how to instant message."

He added, "In technology, most of our students are more advanced than our teachers. It's a challenge just to get some teachers to use e-mail."

Janik pointed to some classes, like math or English, which haven't changed much, if at all, over the past few decades, as classes where teachers may not need to be technologically savvy.

But, he said, "Students are very visual because they're so used to (technology). Most of them have Ipods, cell phones, Game Boys, they'd rather be doing online research."

Janik will compile the responses from the surveys mailed and will have the information ready for the first committee meeting, the date of which has yet to be set.

"Whatever the concerns and goals are, there has to be a tangible way to measure our progress," he said. "We can say we have great students, but what does that mean? We need to track our progress whether it is by looking at test scores or graduation rates."

He added, "We can come up with all sorts of feel good things, but we need a game plan to achieve our goals."

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> SUPERINTENDENT OF CHARLEVOIX PUBLIC SCHOOLS

What? Charlevoix Public Schools is currently mailing surveys and invitations to join the Strategic Planning Committee to every parent and guardian in the district.

Any interested party who does not receive an invitation should contact superintendent Chet Janik at (231) 547-3200.

Fast Facts

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- Petoskey increased 8.7 percent from 2,792 to 3,035
- Harbor Springs increased 8.1 percent from 1,030 to 1,114
- Charlevoix decreased 6.9 percent, from 1,381 to 1,277
- East Jordan decreased .8 percent, from 1,214 to 1,204
- Boyne City decreased 9.5 percent, from 1,398 to 1,277
- Beaver Island decreased 16.9 percent, from 83 to 71

Oct. 1 safety seminar at Charlevoix High School tackles bullying and terror topics

The Region Seven Homeland Security Planning Board and the Charlevoix Cheboygan and Emmet Counties Office of Emergency Management will offer an afternoon seminar with featured speaker Michael Dorn.

Dorn is an international authority on school safety having authored and co-authored more than 20 books on the topic. The seminar will take place from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 1 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School, located at 5200 Marion Center Rd.

The seminar's target audience includes educators, counselors, administrators, school staff, and first responder agencies as well as interested citizens.

SESSIONS

School Safety Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow:

This session will provide a brief historical overview of school safety incidents followed by an examination of the most crucial and effective core strategies for school staff to focus on to improve the level of safety and emergency preparedness in the district.

Weak Fish – Bullying Through the Eyes of a Child:

This presentation uses the case study of a child who was chronically bullied in school to illustrate how adults who work with children, parents and students can make a difference in the lives of troubled youth.

Innocent Targets – When Terrorism Comes to School:

Previously presented for the United States Department of Homeland Security and at numerous state anti-terrorism conferences, this session will provide practical steps to help schools and their public safety partners.

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Northwest offers home school students music experience

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Home school students Eli Schmidt (In the red) and his older brother Aaron warm-up on their instruments in Gary Stutzman's home school music class at Northwest Academy.

For the first time since Northwest Academy opened in 1996, the beginning band will consist of all home school students.

Due to scheduling conflicts within the school, the only students that have the time in their schedule to take band are home school students.

The intermediate band is made up of sixth through eighth-grade students and the advanced band consists of grades eighth through twelfth graders.

Northwest Academy has enjoyed a long and very rewarding relationship with home school students since the school first opened.

"I find that the students that come to us as 'home school' students are more serious about their level of commitment to their instrument," said Northwest Academy director of bands, Gary Stutzman. "Many of the home school students also take other classes that they are not able to get instruction in such as, Spanish, art or technology. Some students also come to us for some of their core classes during the school day."

The Northwest band program is open to any student that has an interest in learning how to play a wind instrument. Many students that want to excel at a rapid pace will study privately with one of the many brass, woodwind, or percussion instructors in the area.

"We have been participating in the band program for the last four years and are currently participating. Our children love music and the band program at Northwest Academy has provided a great way to help our children develop and use their musical talents. Our children have had the chance to travel and compete with the band," said Gayle Kroon, a home school parent and director of Charlevoix Area Home School Group. "It's so nice to have a school system that is willing to work with the home schooling community."

Grassroots action preserves Lake Charlevoix Farm

STORY HIGHLIGHT

On Aug 1, the 75-acre Lake Charlevoix Farm property which includes more than a half mile of scenic Boyne City-Charlevoix Road frontage and a multitude of habitats was purchased for permanent protection as a nature preserve owned and managed by Little Traverse Conservancy

Perseverance, optimism, and mostly just a love of the land have paid off for a group of community grassroots fundraisers who successfully made the protection of the 75-acre Lake Charlevoix Farm permanent.

The property includes more than a half mile of scenic Boyne City-Charlevoix Road frontage and a multitude of habitats. It was the most ambitious fundraising campaign the conservancy has embarked on to date within the Lake Charlevoix Watershed.

THE HISTORY

The history of the property is as rich and colorful as its natural features. The main house, now adjacent to the preserve property, was first built by a civil war veteran. Later, the farm was the main dairy that served the City of Boyne City.

"After World War I, this property was part of a huge farm owned by a couple of professors," said Sara Gay Dammann, a neighbor to the property.

Horses were often kept on the land and legend has it that a glass section was built into the floor of a house located above a barn so that the owner's wife could look down at her prized horses. That barn/house is now owned by Gentry Peeveyhouse, who also once owned the Lake Charlevoix Farm Preserve property. According to the neighbors, Peeveyhouse was part of a long line of landowners who used to allow people to walk the land and enjoy it.

"It was more than we needed just for ourselves," Peeveyhouse said. "All I wanted was for it to be the way it is."

"Most of the previous owners of the property saw the land for what it was and encouraged others to love it for its natural splendor," Dammann said. "And then, all of a sudden, the land became merchandise."

A few years ago, the property landed in the hands of a development group based in Florida. More than 20 homes were planned for the beautiful ridges that offer views of Lake Charlevoix. This alarmed the neighbors who saw the development as a threat to the many ecosystems of the farm. So they started to put their heads together.

Bill Henne, who lives immediately to the east of the property and has protected his own farm with a conservation easement, helped spearhead the effort.

"I just couldn't stand by and see this beautiful farm become a subdivision," Henne said.

Phone calls to neighbors and to the conservancy kicked things into gear. Community meetings were held at Henne's home and some of the group started to attend township meetings regarding the proposed development. Development appeared imminent.

But last fall, a series of events changed everything and the property went back on the market. Other neighbors, Mike and Maureen Whitehead, reinvigorated the community group and together with the conservancy, got back to work.

Ty Ratliff, land protection specialist with the conservancy, noted that he had been meeting with a group along the Boyne City-Charlevoix Road corridor for several years, inspired in part by Mike and Rhea Dow's 2004 donation of the Undine Nature Preserve.

"The Lake Charlevoix Farm project really rallied the troops together. We started out thinking the fundraising goal to purchase the property was just too far out of reach, but when we let others know about the opportunity, the response was incredible," Ratliff said.

THE RESULT

On Aug. 1, the Lake Charlevoix Farm property was purchased for permanent protection as a nature preserve owned and managed by Little Traverse Conservancy.

"We could not be happier about the outcome of the Lake Charlevoix Farms project," said Paul Zardus, another member of the community group. "The time, follow-up and overall tenacity that all of the parties put into this project to make it happen was a true testament of the wonderful people who care about the land and how it is used."

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News from the desk of the new city manager

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

> *"We're here for the long-term. This is definitely not a stepping stone."*
>
> **Robert Straebel**
> CHARLEVOIX CITY MANAGER

Last week, the Courier sat down with Robert Straebel, the new Charlevoix city manager, to give readers a look at his past and what he's doing now.

Straebel was hired in July to fill the vacancy of former city manager Mike Wiesner who council fired in January.

Wiesner has since accepted the directorship of the Boyne City Department of Public Works.

Name? Robert Straebel

Age? 42

Position? Charlevoix city manager effective Sept. 4

Where are you from? Taos Ski Valley, N.M.

Family? Wife, Rose; mother, Sue Straebel of South Torch Lake; sister, Molly Straebel of Traverse City.

Prior experience? Former village administrator for Taos Ski Valley, N.M. for three-and-a-half years. Taos Ski Valley is a small skiing community in the Rocky Mountains with 56 full-time residents. Previously, Straebel was town manager of Hayden, Colo. and started his career as a manager's assistant in Commerce City, Colo.

Education? He received a master of public administration from the University of Colorado at Denver and a bachelor of arts in marketing from Ferris State University.

Salary? $79,000

Office hours? 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday on the second floor of Charlevoix City Hall, located at 210 State St.

Contact information? (231) 547-3270

Courier: What strengths do you think you bring to this job?

Straebel: "My education and over 10 years of experience in public administration have given me the skills to run a large, complex organization such as the City of Charlevoix."

C: What weaknesses will you have to overcome?

S: "Getting to know everyone will take a long time. And there will be statewide deregulation issues with the electric department I'll have to get up to speed on. And I've never worked in a community with a marina before. I'll have to work hand-in-hand with the harbormaster to learn the issues of dealing with a marina."

C: Have you ever been responsible for a project as large as the East Park and marina renovations?

S: "I have been in charge of big capital improvement projects — wastewater treatment plant construction and construction of public safety and public works buildings."

C: How long do you plan to stay here?

S: "We're here for the long-term. I have a three-year contract that will hopefully be renewed. We purchased a home on Klooster Road and are really happy with where we are living. This is definitely not a stepping stone."

C: What have you been focusing on in these first two weeks?

S: "My first responsibility so far is getting the recruiting process for a new planner/zoning administrator underway (planner Gerry Harsch retired effective Aug. 31 and zoning administrator Dianne Manore told Straebel she plans to retire before Jan. 1, 2008). That office isn't always staffed. It has been my interest to staff that office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to give better customer service to developers and residents of the community."

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix city manager Robert Straebel is pictured above seated at his new desk. Straebel started the new job on Sept. 4.

C: Has anything surprised you?

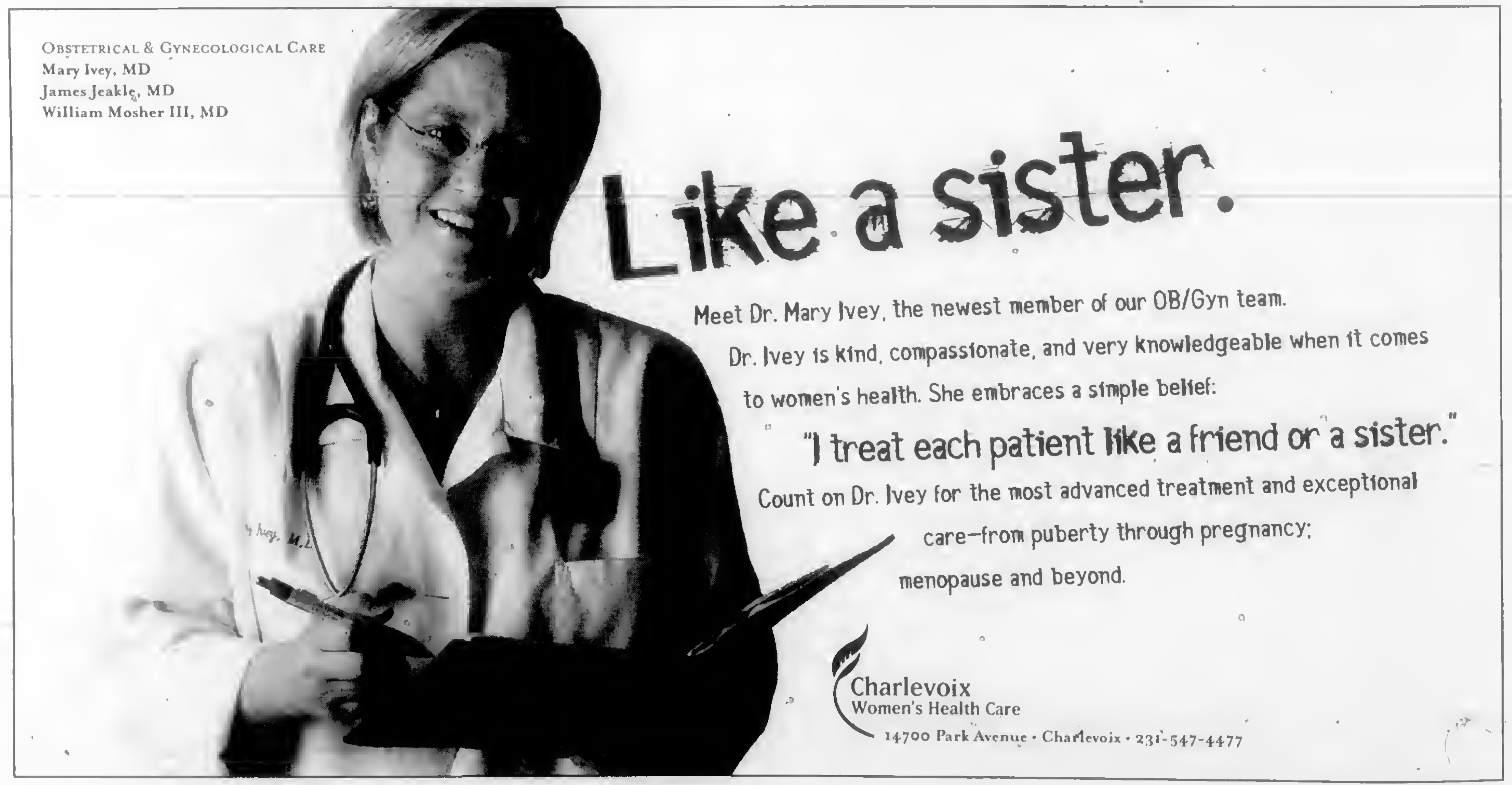
S: "Nothing really yet. Certainly the palatial office. I typically have an office half this size. This is a great facility to work in."

C: Do you plan to make any changes?

S: "The only change I've recommended so far with a sense of urgency is moving forward with the planner/zoning administrator's position. Generally, I want to get my feet underneath me."

C: What were your thoughts on the recent interactive fountain proposal for East Park?

S: "I remained neutral. I think the comments made at the meeting (Sept. 17 public hearing) regarding family and the opportunity for families to visit and enjoy such a great feature were very interesting."



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Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education

The following business was conducted by the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education during their Monday, Sept. 10 organizational meeting.

Item: JV football coach
In brief: A motion to recommend Keith Carey as the 2007-2008 junior varsity football coach.
Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: Elementary secretary
In brief: Recommendation to appoint Tabatha Simpson as a part-time secretary at Charlevoix Elementary School.
Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: Athletic director
In brief: Recommendation to officially name Doug Drenth as the Charlevoix Public Schools director of athletics for the 2007-2008 school year.
Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: Utility helper
In brief: Motion to recommend Marion DeNio as a utility helper at Charlevoix Elementary School.
Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: Band class trip
In brief: The high school band class will be taking a trip to Disney World in January 2008.
Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

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The Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Charlevoix High School.

CLIP AND SAVE

Davies and Staffel exhibit together again

The Jordan River Arts Council will exhibit the works of Charlevoix potter Bonnie Staffel and the late John Davies of Flint.

Davies and Staffel exhibited together in 1964-shortly before Davies' death at the Left Bank Gallery in Flint. This retrospective exhibit will feature examples of their lifetime works.

Davies' work began during the Depression with his first one-man show in 1929. During the Depression, Davies taught painting under the auspices of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, a forerunner of the Works Progress Administration. He also taught at the Flint Institute of Art, for the Mott Foundation, and the University of Michigan Extension Service in Flint. He was one of the charter members of the Flint Sculpture Association/Left Bank Gallery Cooperative.

He was a prolific painter and printmaker who developed a unique technique of serigraphs without using the traditional cut screen. He was well-known for landscapes and city scenes, receiving many awards. The exhibit features over 70 works of art many of which will be for sale. Especially notable are the intaglio prints from the 1930s, watercolors, and the series of limited edition portfolio serigraphs.

His work is represented in many museums including the Detroit Institute of Art, Flint Institute of Art, Albion College, Saginaw Museum and the Weisman Art Museum in Minneapolis, Minn. His work can also be found in many private collections. Davies is the grandfather of John Hubbard of Boyne City and Steve Hubbard of Central Lake.

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Staffel is a well-known potter now living in Charlevoix. She became acquainted with Davies while living in Maumee, Ohio. She has a long list of credits and is represented in many museums and private collections. She, with Bill Staffel, established Staffel Pottery in 1965, now the Cycling Salamander, south of Charlevoix. In 1985, they closed the studio doors and Bonnie ventured to North Carolina to work in the John C. Campbell Folk School and eventually became program director. She has taught in Denmark and Guatemala, Miss. and for Elder Hostel. She has also traveled to the Orient, visiting China, Japan, Thailand and Hong Kong, as well as England, Norway and Germany.

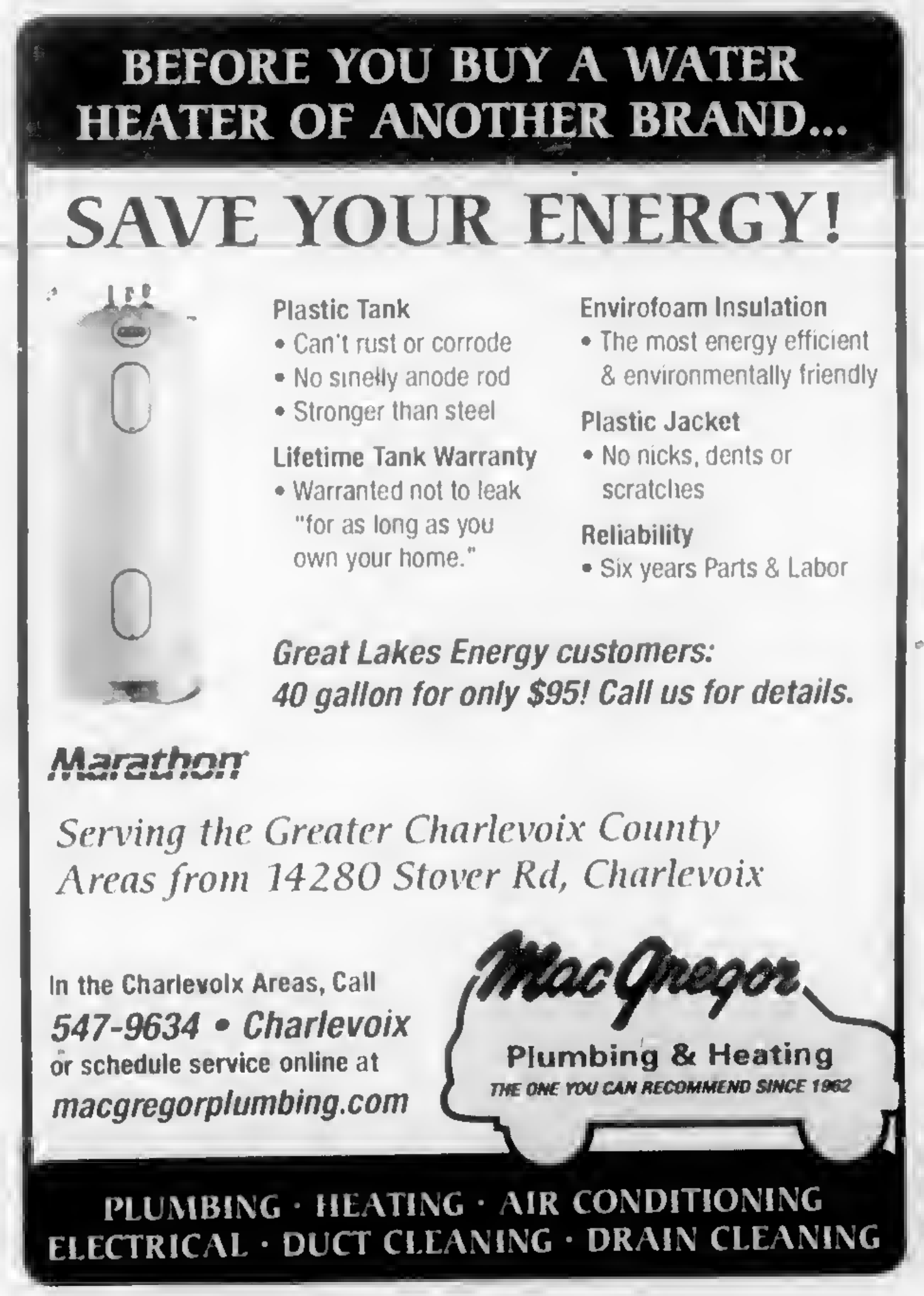
She has produced functional pottery as well as one-of-a-kind stoneware and porcelain sculptures. One signature item are her birds. Her later work includes beautiful large vessels which have been pit fired. Staffel has received many awards, participated in numerous shows and exhibits since 1949. She is a member of Jordan River Arts Council and exhibits at the center frequently.

Staffel was one of the curators of the Masters in Clay exhibit at the council and now, along with Bill Staffel, has curated the Davies' Exhibit. The exhibit opens Oct. 14 and runs through Nov. 11. The Jordan River Arts Center is open daily from 1-4 p.m. at 301 Main St. in East Jordan.

Courtesy photo

Taste Flavor fun at Fright Night

Jason Whitley was decked like famed rapper Flavor Flav at Fright Night 2006. Fright Night 2007, a costume party fund-raiser for the Charlevoix Children's House will take place on Oct. 19. The evening includes dinner, a silent auction, prizes and a DJ. Tickets are on sale at the Charlevoix Courier, 112 Mason St.



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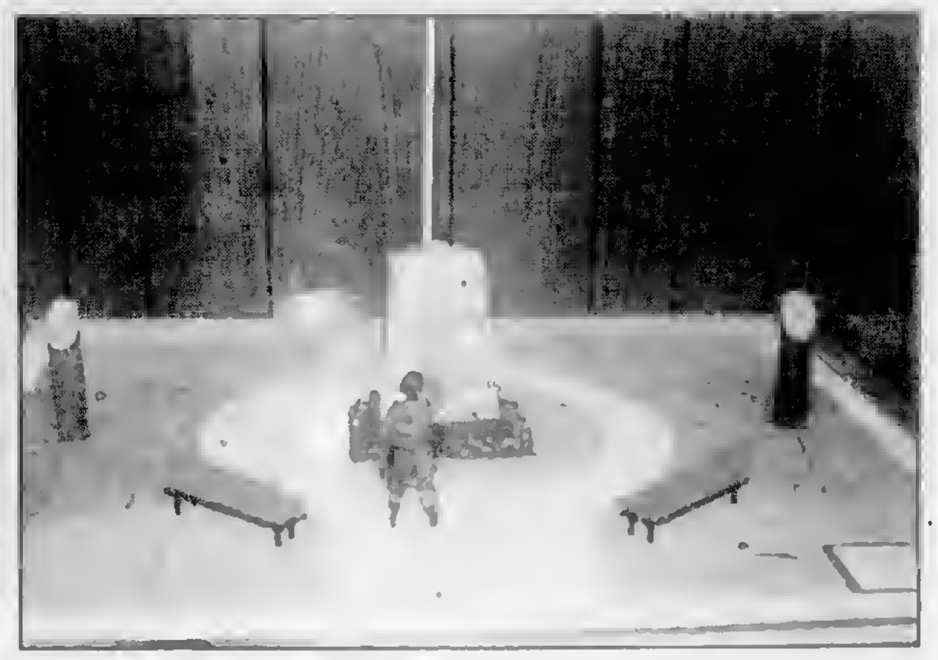
Sheriff supports new memorial

(Left) Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater presented American Legion commander Joe Seidel with a check for $1,000 for the expanded veterans' memorial designed by the late Lou Orlowski (below) to be installed in Veteran's Park in downtown Charlevoix in conjunction with the Memorial Day 2008 completion of the East Park project. The existing memorial is dedicated to eight World War I veterans. The new memorial will recognize all Charlevoix residents who died in active service. There are currently 47 names to be included. The total cost is $14,000. Sheriff Lasater's contribution is being made with proceeds from the sale of his book "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II." All of the 1,000 copies printed went on sale last fall and sold in 90 days. Lasater is currently compiling information for his second book, "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War I and Korea." To pass along information, call Sheriff Lasater at (231) 582-7001.



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Free cancer screenings offered today at health department

A free women's cancer screening opportunity will be offered at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office.

The screenings are from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 26. They will be conducted by a licensed nurse practitioner and include a clinical breast exam, pelvic exam with Pap test and free mammogram. The services are available to Charlevoix County women between the ages of 40 and 64 who are uninsured.

Two community groups, Alden High Tea for Breast Cancer and Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk donated proceeds from their events to support clinics in their local communities. The donations cover expenses for 50 new screening appointments.

Teresa Sington who coordinates the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program in a seven-county region that consists of Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Emmet, Leelanau and Otsego counties, said the screenings are important to identify cancers in the early stages, when they are easier and much less expensive to treat.

"About a quarter of the women we see are referred to specialists for further diagnostic tests," she said. "We refer to a network of physicians who graciously accept reduced payment for women screened through the program."

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office is located at 220 West Garfield St.

Screenings are by appointment only. Call (800) 432-4121 or 547-0295 to register.

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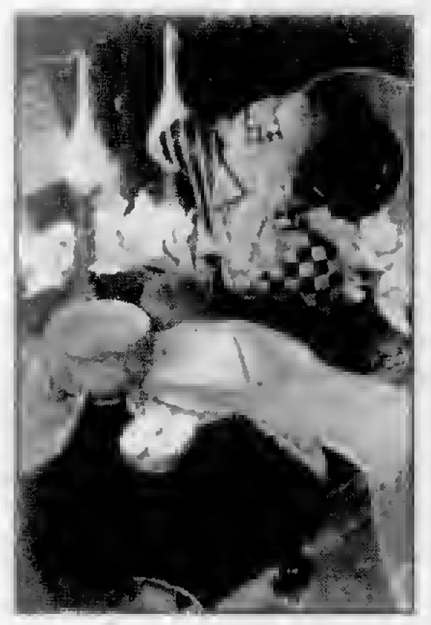
Crooked Tree opens fall still life exhibition



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(Above) "June's Samurai," a pastel painting by Bill Hosner of Petoskey is one of many still life works from Michigan artists on display at the Crooked Tree Arts Center's fall exhibition entitled "Gatherings: A Still Life Exhibition."

The Crooked Tree Arts Center recently opened the fall exhibition entitled "Gatherings: A Still Life Exhibition."

The exhibition features still life artists from across the state each displaying two to three works.

"Gatherings is not just a definition of subject matter collected and recreated in the still lifes on display in the Edith Gilbert Gallery, but also a "gathering" of artists from across the State of Michigan," said Gail Hosner, visual arts and education director at Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Artists included are: Rick Ford from Harbor Springs, Ken Freed from Kalamazoo, Margie Guyot from Farmington Hills, William Hosner from Petoskey, Honore Lee from Kalamazoo, Denise Lisiecki from Kalamazoo, Catherine Maize from South Haven, Mike McDonnell from Frankfort, Elizabeth Pollie from Harbor Springs, Darcy Scott from West Bloomfield, Donna Vogelheim from Walled Lake, William and Margaret White from Kewadin and Karen Wydra from Clarkston.

The works on display range from oil, pastel, watercolor, graphite, acrylic and mixed media.

Gatherings will be on display through Nov. 24.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 East Mitchell St. in downtown Petoskey. For more information, call the arts center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

Moms and Tots Center 7th Annual Banquet is Oct. 6

The 7th Annual Banquet for the Moms and Tots Pregnancy Resource Center will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6 at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church Hall.

The center serves the needs of pregnant girls and single mothers in southern Charlevoix and northern Antrim counties. A sumptuous feast including homemade pies will be served followed by a program including music and testimonies.

The free banquet is open to the public. A free-will offering will be received.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (231) 588-2200.

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Big boys, small trucks

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In 2005, former City of Charlevoix volunteer firefighter Gene Bridge, and his wife Ginny, of Belton, Texas, donated their model fire truck collection to the local fire department. The couple was in town last week to add to the collection which now includes over 40 trucks. (Left) Gene and City of Charlevoix Fire Department shift commander Joe Schwartzfisher place the new trucks in the display case. (Above) Ginny, Gene and Schwartzfisher stand by the display at Charlevoix Public Library. It is available for viewing through fire prevention week, Oct. 7-13. Bridge lived in Charlevoix with his parents from 1929 until 1944. He became a firefighter with the city when he was 14 years old. One of the models, a replica of the fire department's 1940 Chevrolet fire pumper, was new when Bridge became a member of the department. Bridge moved out of Charlevoix when he was 18, and retired as a Captain with the U.S. Merchant Marines.

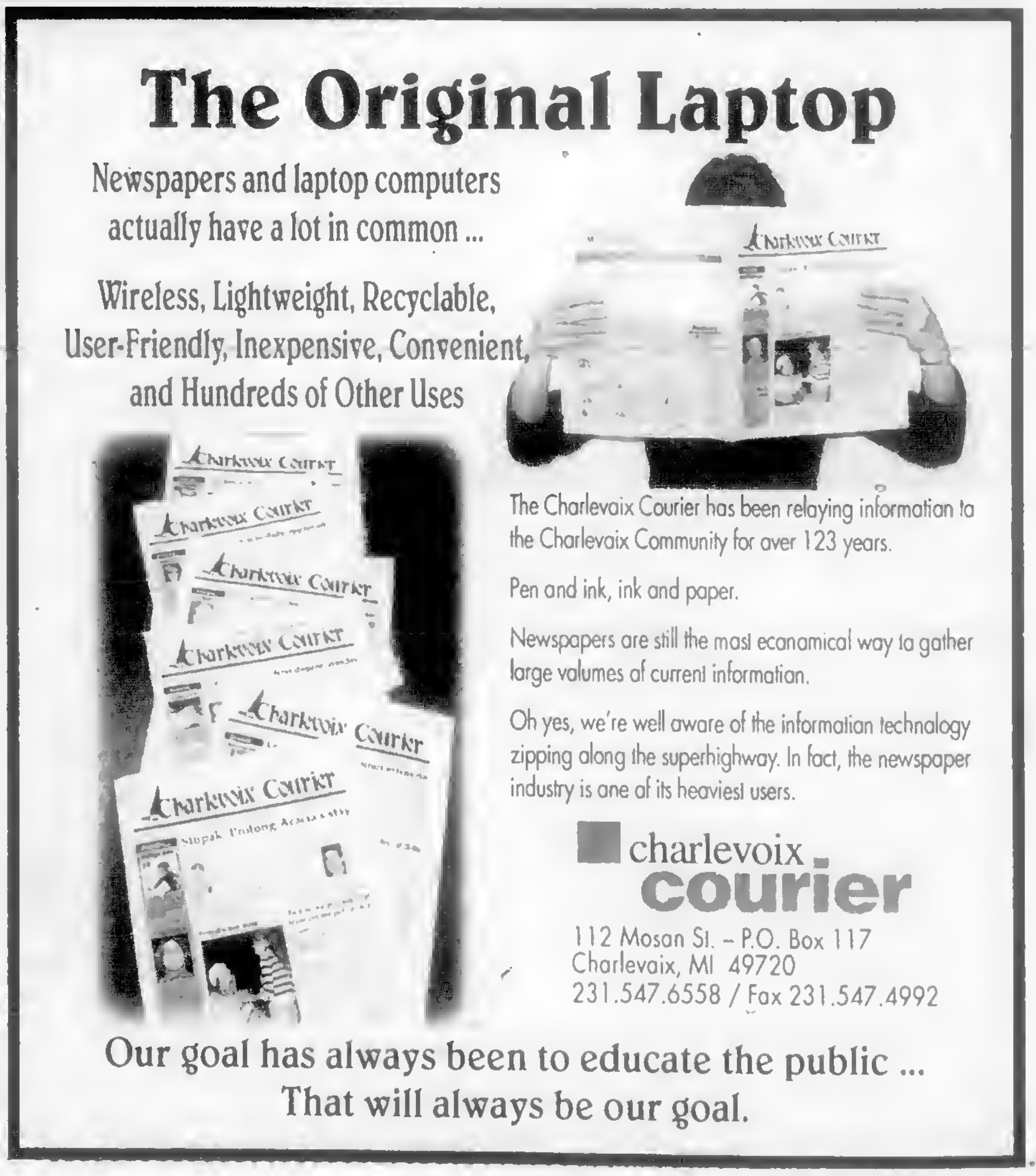
Historical society hosts Harvest Potluck

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host its Harvest Potluck at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at the Depot.

Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass, their own table service and silverware. The society provides napkins, beverages and drinking cups.

Guests are welcome.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.



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Chenille Sisters to perform Oct. 5 and 6 on Beaver Island

Who? The Chenille Sisters, a popular trio from Ann Arbor
What? Concert
When? 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6.
Where? In the auditorium of the Central Michigan University Biological Station on Beaver Island

The Chenille Sisters, a popular trio from Ann Arbor, will perform on Friday, Oct. 5 and Saturday, Oct. 6 on Beaver Island.

The group is well-known for their close harmony arrangements in a variety of musical styles including jazz, blues, country-folk and old favorites. The group includes singer Grace Morand, guitarist and songwriter Connie Huber and singer/songwriter Cheryl Dawdy.

They have produced over a dozen albums including several for children, the latest entitled, "Teaching Hippopotami to Fly."

The Chenille Sisters will meet with students of the Beaver Island Community School on Friday afternoon, and perform a family-friendly program at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6 in the auditorium of the Central Michigan University Biological Station.

The Saturday performance is open to the public. All ages are welcome. Tickets will be available at the door, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and free for children. Free van transportation will be available for those without cars, leaving at 6:15 p.m. from the Holy Cross Parish Hall.

The event is sponsored by the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

More information about the Chenille Sisters, visit www.chenillesisters.com. For questions regarding the Beaver Island concerts e-mail inquiries to dehplast@aol.com.

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The Chenille Sisters (above), a popular trio from Ann Arbor, will perform on Friday, Oct. 5 and Saturday, Oct. 6 on Beaver Island.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Homecoming events

(Left) The Charlevoix High School 2007 Homecoming Court is (back, from left) Sam Balasz, Kevin Greyerbiehl, Cliff Jones, Tyler Kenifeck, Justin Klooster, Matt Mailloux, (front, from left) Kaleigh Blanchard, Courtney Chamberlain, Desirea Faust, Emily Foster, Omega Hang and Brooke Whittaker. The king and queen will be crowned at halftime of the Rayder football game on Sept. 28 at Kipke Field. Homecoming events will start that day with a pep assembly from 1:07 to 2:40 p.m. at Charlevoix High School. The Homecoming parade is at 5:30 p.m. The parade route begins at Charlevoix Public Library continues on to State Street and then south on State Street to the north entrance of Kipke Field. The Homecoming varsity football game with the Rayders facing off against Elk Rapids, begins at 7 p.m.

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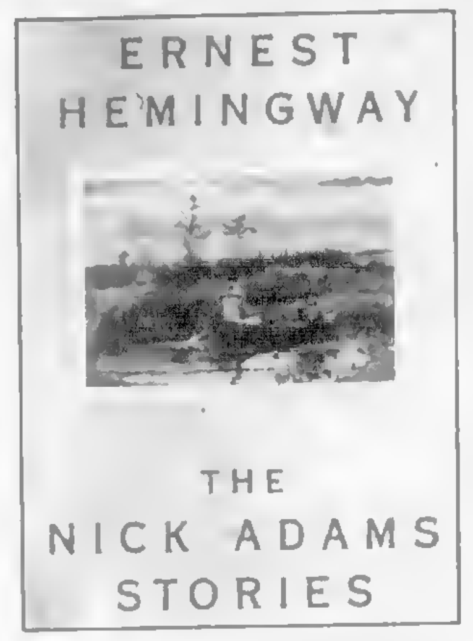
Cheers to hard work

(Above) Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild members gather for a picture at their annual Membership Tea on Sept. 19. The tea took place in conjunction with a Silent Auction that raised money for guild activities including upgrading televisions in patient rooms.

Great Michigan Read comes to Charlevoix Public Library

In conjunction with Great Michigan Read, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 22, Charlevoix Public Library will present the movie, "Up North with the Hemingways," followed by a community discussion of Ernest Hemingway's "The Nick Adams Stories," moderated by library assistant, Judith Ivan.

The Great Michigan READ promotes literary reading to create an educated and engaged society as readers are introduced or reacquainted with a classic piece of American literature. This year's selection is "The Nick Adams Stories" which chronicles a young man's coming of age in a series of linked short stories, most of which are set in Michigan.



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Free copies of the book, along with reader's guides, are available by request at the information services desk at Charlevoix Public Library.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

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The Great Michigan Read is presented by the Michigan Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

St. Mary School gears up for Northern Lights fund-raiser

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

St. Mary School of Charlevoix will host the 12th annual Northern Lights Celebration Dinner Dance Auction from 6 p.m. to midnight on Sept. 29.

Event tickets are $100. The event sold out in 2006. Event officials said nearly $70,000 was raised last year with a goal of raising $90,000 this year.

Dinner will be catered by Grey Gables with music by Class Action Productions.

What? St. Mary School of Charlevoix will host the 12th annual Northern Lights Celebration Dinner Dance Auction

When? From 6 p.m. to midnight on Sept. 29.

Where? St. Mary School family center, 1005 Bridge St. in Charlevoix.

Ticket cost? $100 each.

Where can tickets be purchased? At St. Mary School or by calling (231) 547-9441.

Raffles and the auctioning of hundreds of items, including works of art and gift baskets, will be woven through the evening.

Proceeds go to help St. Mary School.

For more information or to purchase tickets to the event, call (231) 547-9441.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Built to last

Retired landscaper Phillip Osterman repairs a rock wall on Lake Shore Drive last week. Osterman, who once operated his own landscaping business and has worked with stone for more than 35 years, does a side job like this one once in a while to keep busy in retirement.

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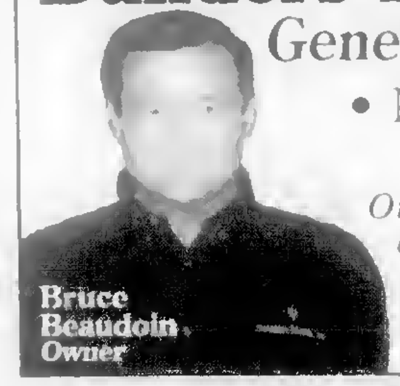

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Fall harvest items will be available including caramel apple pie, pumpkin and apple donuts, fresh squeezed apple cider, caramel apples, warm apple dumplings and caramel apple cinnamon coffee. Harvest Soup, pork BBQ and apple butter baked beans will highlight the menu.

Friske's Annual Harvest Festival Sept. 29
Schedule of events

Pancake breakfast 8 to 11 a.m.

Meet Miss Pumpkin 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wagon rides 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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New members who join between Oct. 8 and 20 will pay $25 for the service fee when they bring in a minimum $25 donation to the American Cancer Society or show proof of a current mammogram.

Current members who make a minimum $5 donation to the American Cancer Society will receive a donation certificate that will hang in the club. Each $5 donation also entitles members to put their names in a treasure chest and be eligible for weekly prize drawings throughout October.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Boyne City rams Rayders 48-8

Charlevoix falls 48-8 to Ramblers

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Charlevoix Rayders failed to maintain the momentum of their first win of the season as they were pummeled 48-8 by Boyne City last Friday.

Their only touchdown came from a five-yard pass from Cliff Jones to Corey Gotshall.

"We were able to move the ball on offense, but had too many turnovers," said coach Don Jess. "Boyne's offensive running attack overpowered us. It was very disappointing because we've played well against the run this year."

Brock Yenglin caught a two-point conversion pass from Jones.

The defense was led by Nate Golovich and Jake Rankl.

"Now we'll focus on Friday's game against an undefeated Elk Rapids team," Jess said. "It's homecoming, so we'll have to do a good job of staying focused."

The Rayders meet Elk Rapids at 7 p.m. at home on Kipke field this Friday, Sept. 28.

Photo by Scott Richards

Corey Gotshall takes a five-yard pass from Cliff Jones to score the Rayders' only touchdown in their 48-8 loss to Boyne City on Sept. 21.

STORY HIGHLIGHT
The Charlevoix Rayders varsity football team lost to Boyne City 48-8 on Friday, Sept 21

What's next? The Rayders prepare to meet the Elks of Elk Rapids at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28 at Kipke Field

Photo by Scott Richards

Charlevoix's Kyle Jones makes a good run against a very tough Rambier defense on Sept. 21.

Tennis continues to improve en route to Oct. 2 conference meet

The Rayder tennis team beat Grayling 7-1 on Sept. 18 and lost to Harbor Springs 7-1 on Sept. 19.

Coach Erik Lundteigen said, "The team is improving and working hard gearing up for the conference meet and regional meet in October."

Individual results were:

- First, singles: Alex McKenzie beat Grayling 6-0, 6-0; and lost to Harbor 7-6, 6-1.
- Second, singles: Mike Pelon beat Grayling 6-1, 6-0; and lost to Harbor 6-3, 6-3.
- Third, singles: John Hart beat Grayling 6-1, 6-3; and lost to Harbor 6-1, 6-1.
- Fourth, singles: Zach Smith lost to Grayling 6-4, 6-3 and lost to Harbor 6-2, 7-5.
- First, doubles: Scotty Silberhorn and Kevin Greyerbiehl beat Grayling 6-2, 6-0 and beat Harbor 6-2, 3-2 default.
- Second, doubles: Michael Heckendorn and John Drenth beat Grayling 6-0, 7-6; and lost to Harbor 6-3, 6-0.
- Third, doubles: Amy Pelon and Christina Miller beat Grayling 6-1, 6-1; and lost to Harhor 6-0, 6-1.
- Fifth doubles: Rohbie Rundblad and David Left beat Grayling 6-0, 6-0.
- Fourth, doubles: Matt Murray and Robbie Rundblad lost to Harbor 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.

The tennis team plays Glen Lake today, Sept. 26 on the home courts. The conference meet is Oct. 2 and 3 in Petoskey. The regional meet will follow on Oct. 10 and 11.

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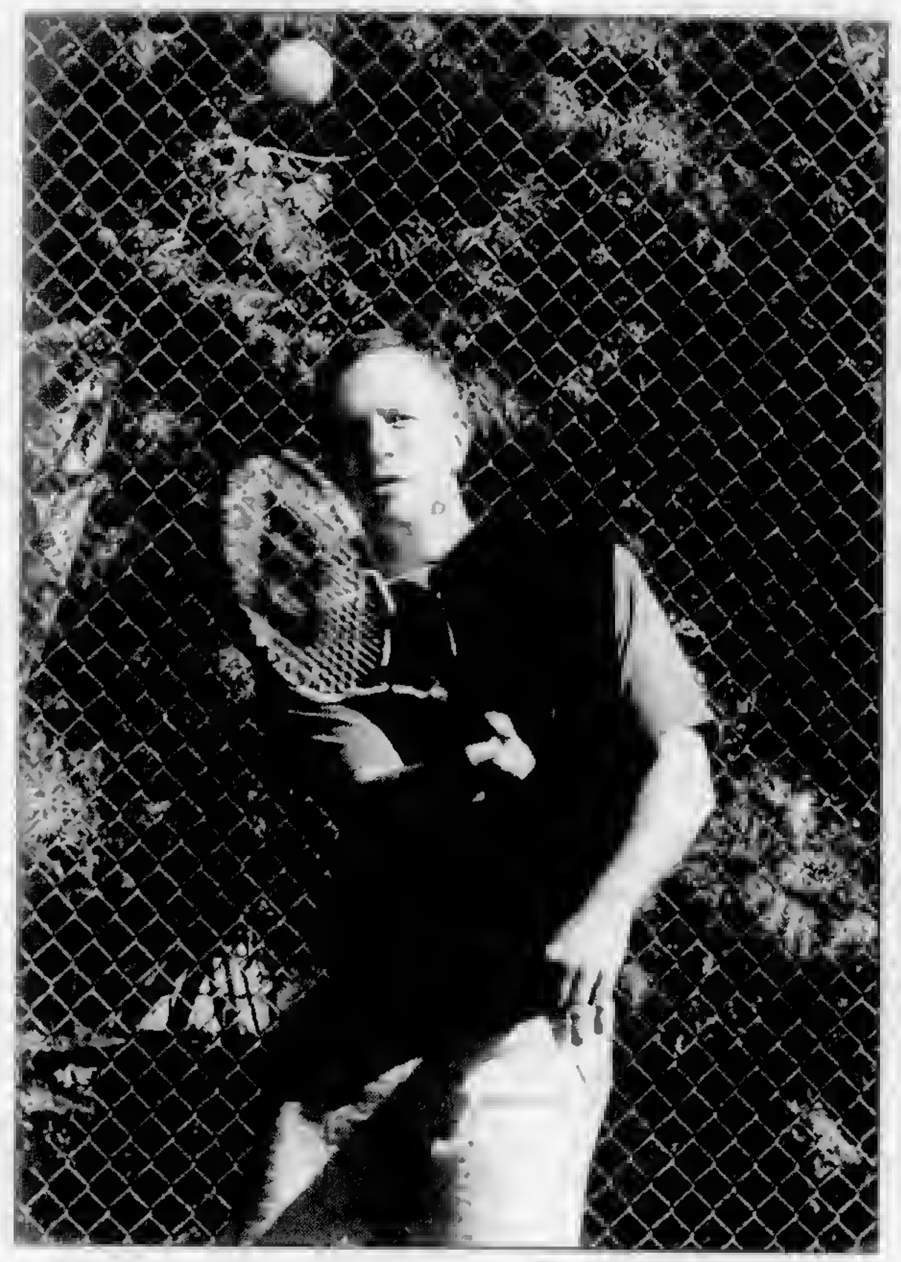
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Tennis anyone?

Jeff Tice and his wife Rebekah enjoyed the last days of sunshine and warm weather last week. The Tices have been vacationing in Charlevoix for the last five years. The warm and sunny weather enjoyed by area residents is expected to come to an end as meteorologists expect isolated thunderstorms and scattered showers to begin today and last through Friday.

Rayder soccer team lock with Rams in conference play

STORY HIGHLIGHT
The Charlevoix Rayders soccer team tied Harbor Springs 1-1 on Sept. 18.

What's next? The Rayders prepare to meet Grayling at 5 p.m. today, Wednesday at Charlevoix High School

Grant Walstrom scored in the second half Tuesday, Sept. 18 as Charlevoix forged a Lake Michigan Conference boys' soccer tie with Harbor Springs.

"We only had one sub, but everyone played hard," Harbor coach Hagen Manker said. "We had chances but couldn't finish, and Charlevoix had chances and couldn't finish, either. It was a defensive game. We'll see what happens next time."

"It's always a tough game in Harbor Springs, regardless of which team has talent and which doesn't, and it was again tonight," Charlevoix coach Josh Block said.

Wyatt Drost scored to give the Rayders a 1-0 halftime lead.

Manker praised his goalie, Sean McCarty.

"He did an excellent job in goal. He made some good saves and got up to take the ball out of the air," Manker said.

"We'll get where we need to be," Block said. "We're playing six freshmen, and they're learning to adjust to very competitive, fast-paced varsity soccer."

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Volleyball win streak broken at Charlevoix Invitational

STORY HIGHLIGHT
The Charlevoix Rayders volleyball team took second place at the Charlevoix Invitational on Sept. 22.

What's next? The Rayders prepare to meet Grayling and Harbor Springs at 5 p.m. Sept. 27 at Charlevoix High School.

Suttons Bay defeated Charlevoix, 25-22, 25-22, in the championship match Saturday, Sept. 22 to win the eight-team Charlevoix Volleyball Invitational.

It was the third time this season the Norse and Rayders have met in a tournament championship match, and Suttons Bay has won twice.

Charlevoix opened with a 21-8, 21-4 win over Elk Rapids, then split with Harbor Light Christian, 20-22, 21-17; then beat Kingsley, 21-18, 21-15. In a quarterfinal match, Charlevoix topped Rudyard, 21-10, 21-16, then downed Rogers City, 21-18, 21-17, in a semifinal.

Murphy Gillespie led the Rayders with 43 kills, 55 digs and eight aces; Desi Faust had 30 kills, 43 digs, seven aces; Tammy Potter had 31 kills, six blocks; Shauna Spencley had eight kills; Michelle Burke finished with 44 digs and nine aces; Taylor Storm had 26 digs; and setter Aubrey Way had 99 assists, six kills and 22 digs.

This loss broke a Rayder winning streak that included two big tournament victories in Leland and Petoskey and another triumph over Elk Rapids.

"Thursday's game against Elk Rapids was an exceptional team win. The girls played with heart and every player got to see court time. It was an exceptional day for me to see everyone having fun and enjoying themselves on the court. That's what makes it fun for me as a coach," head coach, Liz Grunch said.

Charlevoix won the Sept. 20 home game against Elk Rapids 25-8, 25-17 and 25-17.

Gillespie had nine kills, five digs; Faust had seven kills, five digs; Potter had seven kills, three blocks; Spencley had seven kills, five digs; Way had 24 assists, eight aces; Marnie Greene had four digs; Tanya Wynkoop had three digs and was four for four serve/receive.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Fall lessons available at Charlevoix Area Community Pool

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool will host a number of fall programs including lessons and a swim team.

GROUP LESSONS

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A new 60 minute Toddler/Pre-School Swim and Lesson class combines basic swimming skills and games to introduce 1 to 5 year olds to the water. Skills include acclimatization to the water, breath control, rotary breathing, kicking, arm strokes, jumping into the water, pushing off the wall. Teachers will introduce child water safety. Part of the 60 minute time will be used as free time so parents and swimmers can enjoy playing in the water together. A parent must be in the water with the child. Sessions will meet from 10 to 11 a.m. on Fridays from Nov. 2 through Dec. 14. The cost for these lessons is $42 per person per session in district and $45 per session for those living outside the district.

SEMIPRIVATE LESSONS

Semiprivate Learn to Swim Classes with a four swimmer maximum for students ages 3 and up will be offered. Lessons will take place on Thursdays during one of three class times determined based on skill level. Classes will meet from 3:30 to 4 p.m., 4 to 4:30 p.m. or 4:30 to 5 p.m. from Nov. 1 through Dec. 6. The cost for these lessons is $66 per person per session in district and $70 per session for those living outside the district.

To register for these programs or for more information, contact the pool at (231) 547-0982.

Petoskey outpaces Charlevoix cross country teams at Petoskey Invitational

The Petoskey High School cross country teams flexed their muscles Saturday, Sept. 22 at the 33rd Annual Petoskey-McDonald's-Optimist Invitational at Camp Petosega.

The Northmen took three of the top four spots in winning the 11th-12th grade boys' race, and the Northmen put four runners in the top six in taking the 11th-12th girls event.

Five Harbor Springs runners placed in the top 10 as the Rams won the 9th-10th girls' race, while West Branch Ogemaw Heights won the boys 9th-10th event.

11TH-12TH BOYS

Blaise Henning won the race in 16 minutes, 28 seconds to lead the Northmen. Petoskey's Derek Henning placed third, edging teammate Dan Kerr. Both posted official times of 17:05. Tec Adams of Harbor Springs placed second in 16:51.

Charlevoix, East Jordan and Inland Lakes were among the seven schools that did not field complete teams.

Charlevoix's Alex Buday placed eighth in 17:26 and teammate Nick Wimmer was 10th in 17:30. Harbor Springs' Alan McCarty placed 13th, 18:09; Petoskey's Travis Howard was 14th in 18:12; Harbor's Jake Brubaker was 15th in 18:13; and Petoskey's Robbie Pemberton placed 17th in 18:30 in the 118-runner field.

11TH-12TH GIRLS

Molly Touran of Petoskey won the race in 20:27, holding off course-record-holder Alina Dhaseleer of Charlevoix. Dhaseleer was second in 20:32, while Petoskey's Tia Penfold placed third in 20:55. For Charlevoix, KC McCary was 14th in 22:52, Katie Withrow placed 22nd, Shelby Goss was 47th: and Elizabeth Kur was 49th in the 79-runner race.

The Northmen finished with 40 points, 18 better than runner-up T.C. West. Charlevoix, 134, was third, followed by Cheboygan, 174; Kalkaska, 192; Westland John Glenn, 196; and St. Ignace, 276. Harbor Springs, East Jordan and Inland Lakes were among the six schools that did not have enough runners to field a complete team.

9TH-10TH BOYS

Martin Nelkie placed first in 17:51, leading Ogemaw Heights to the victory. The Falcons finished with 39 points, followed by South Lyon, 67; T.C. West, 79; Petoskey, 148; T.C. Central, 153; South Lyon East, 163; Charlevoix, 178; Alpena, 245; and White Pines (Ont.), 285.

Eric Buday of Charlevoix was the top finisher among area runners as he placed fifth in 18:23. Charlevoix's Neil Salisburg was 21st.

9TH-10TH GIRLS

Rachael Brushaber placed second in 21:31, leading a strong showing by the Harbor girls.

Charlevoix's top finisher was Krista Pischner, 25th.

7TH-8TH BOYS

Harbor's Ben Kloss won the boys' 7th-8th grade race in 9:24, while Charlevoix's Andrew Plude was second. Other area runners in the top 20: Vincent VonLau, Charlevoix, fourth; Jack Touran, Petoskey, sixth; Kirk Acharya, Charlevoix, 11th; Logan Hensley, Petoskey, 13th; Alex Gooch, Charlevoix, 14th; Luke Robbins, Petoskey, 17th.

7TH-8TH GIRLS

Harbor Springs' Rhi Cullip won the girls' 7th-8th grade race in 11:03. For Charlevoix, Hillary Way placed seventh and Annie Dipert was 18th.

6TH CO-ED

Justin Pearl of Charlevoix won the co-ed 6th grade race in 10:55, and teammate Nick Plude was second. Also for Charlevoix, Amber Way placed fourth, Jackson Buday was sixth, Lexie Barnes was seventh, and Anna Voci was ninth.

Courtesy photo

First place at Porker

Pictured above is the team that finished in first place at the Charlevoix Rotary Club's Porker Golf Tournament which took place on Sept. 8 at the Charlevoix Golf Club. They are (from left) Stan Harwood, Joe Potter, Pat Potter and Mike Potter, who finished with a score of minus 8.

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Students will see a demonstration of the string instruments that are offered in class, as well as learn the history and workings of the instruments.

For more information, call Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337.

Classes will begin during the first two weeks in October.

It's time to start caroling

Rehearsals for the 15th Annual Charlevoix Area Community Christmas Choir sponsored by Community Reformed Church will begin at 7 p.m. on Sept. 30 at the church, located at the corner of U.S. 31 and Meech Street.

Presentations will take place at 6 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 9. For more information, call (231) 547-6862 or (231) 547-9482.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, September 17, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving $17,020 for the grinding and repaving of the downtown US-31 parking lanes.
- A joint public hearing was held on:
    1. Whether to Amend the Downtown Development Plan & Tax Increment Financing Plan – Interactive Water Fountain
    2. Whether to Adopt a Proposed Ordinance to Amend Downtown Development Plan & Tax Increment Financing Plan – Interactive Water Fountain
- Motion passed approving the purchase of a transformer for Mt. McSauba for $13,495.
- Motion passed awarding the bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant chemical storage tank enclosure for $100,879 to North Country Construction, LLC.
- Motion passed authorizing the City Manager to move forward with the recruitment of a full time City Planner/Zoning Administrator joint position.
- Motion passed confirming the Mayor's appointment of Larry Boog to the Planning Commission.
- Ordinance 724 of 2007 adopted, an Ordinance to Amend the Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan – Interactive Water Fountain.

Council adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
Ordinance No. 724 of 2007

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE CHARLEVOIX DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTERACTIVE WATER FEATURE IN EAST PARK AND WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE FINANCING OF THAT PROJECT AND TO ADD SECTION 1.305 TO TITLE I, CHAPTER 7 OF THE CITY CODE

THE CITY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDAINS:

Section 1. Addition of Section 1.305 - Adoption of the Sixth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan.

The Sixth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan is approved, as described below, and Section 1.305 is added to Title I, Chapter 7 of the City Code which shall be entitled "Sixth Amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan" and shall read as provided in Exhibit 1 to this ordinance. This approval is intended to allow for the planning for the project described in Exhibit 1.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment.

ADOPTED, this 17th day of September, 2007.

Ordinance Certification

Ordinance No. 724 of 2007 was hereby adopted on the 17th day of September, 2007 by the Charlevoix City Council as follows:

Motion by: Sherm Chamberlain
Seconded by: Greg Stevens
Yeas: Chamberlain, Gennett, Gibson, Stevens, Timms
Nays: Beer
Absent: None

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Exhibit 1
Project List for the Sixth Amendment to the DDA Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan

1. **Descriptive Name – Interactive Water Feature.**

Location – The Interactive Water Feature will be located in the Harbormaster Plaza near the Trout Stream in Charlevoix's East Park.

Description of Project – Jets of water will leap out of the plaza and disappear back into the plaza surface. Children of all ages will be able to splash and play in the fountains while the less adventurous can view the water display from the roof gardens of the Harbormaster Building, the Trout Stream path and the Harbormaster Plaza. The Fountain will be an attraction to a wide range of audiences and located at the north end of the park. The fountain will not interfere with performances taking place at the Pavilion.

Description of Stages – There is only one stage of the project anticipated. Construction is planned to start in the Fall/Winter of 2007 and be completed in the Spring/Summer of 2008.

Description of Parts of the Development That Are to Be Left as Open Space and the Use Contemplated and Use Contemplated for the Space – The project consists of an interactive water feature. The water feature will be at ground level and will not affect the park's open space.

Project Financing – It is anticipated that the project will be financed in part by tax increment financing and the Marina Fund.

Project Cost Estimate – The estimated cost of the Interactive Water Feature is not to exceed $380,000, of which $280,000 will come from the Marina and DDA Funds, and at least 25% of the final cost to come from private donations or grants.

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Jacqueline MacGillivray, Grantor of The Jacqueline MacGillivray Living Trust.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Grantor, Jacqueline MacGillivray (date of birth 05/13/1926), who lived at 14581 Park Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan died May 4, 2007.

There is no personal representative of the Grantor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that ell claims against The Jacqueline MacGillivray Living Trust or egainst Jacqueline MacGillivray will be forever berred unless presented to Roger MacGillivray, Trustee, c/o Graham, Wendling & Kazim, P.C., 203 Mason Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 within 4 months after the date of publication of this Noticce.

NOTICE is further given that the Trust will thereefter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

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Trends in the newspaper industry as reported by the Newspaper Association of America and Pew Research Center for the People and the Press News show that now more than ever newspaper readers are getting their news from nontraditional sources, like Web sites.

Readership at online news sites continues to steadily climb while that of the print edition declines. One way the Courier staff is reacting is by offering an e-edition.

An e-edition is a an electronic representation of what appeared in print and can be accessed at the Courier Web site.

Peter Comings, online media manager for Northern Michigan Review Inc. under which the Courier operates, said the e-edition breaks traditional barriers the print edition faces.

"Portability is a benefit. It's not dependent on physical transportation. If you are in Florida, you don't have to wait two weeks and get four papers at once," Comings said.

He added that with the e-edition as northern Michigan's seasonal residents or "snow birds" move south they can still have their news on the day it's published.

"It's available at any point," he said.

While the news of the week is at your virtual fingertips right away, the e-dition also helps readers access yesterday's news.

"You can go back into the archive without going to a physical office to go through the bound volume," Comings said.

Once you click on the e-edition option at the Courier's Web site you have a choice to preview the paper allowing you to quickly cruise headlines or look at the complete edition where you can zoom in on stories, do an archive search and search the ads.

This is a service that was introduced in May as a limited time free service. Beginning Oct. 1 the Courier will charge $52.80 for one-year, $26.40 for six months and $13.20 for a three-month e-edition subscription. Subscribers will be able to access their subscription at www.charlevoixcourier.com. A complete electronic edition of the paper will be posted on-line each Wednesday.

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Over 600 volunteer at Day of Caring

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projects aims to improve Round Lake water quality, provide an outdoor education opportunity and beautify the grounds at Charlevoix Public Library.

Fifteen freshmen in Charlevoix High School Spanish teacher Pete Scholten's seminar and volunteers with Friends of the Library and Harbor Industries worked under the direction of Jennifer Gelb, a restoration ecologist with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, to plant a rain garden at the library.

The 3,000 square foot garden located near the recently built city parking lot includes over 1,000 native grasses, plants and shrubs that will filter runoff from nearby parking lots before it and the pollutants that travel with it are discharged into Round Lake.

"As the water moves through the rain garden it infiltrates into the soil and the plants absorb nutrients and filter sediments," Gelb explained. "It's designed around a catch basin. Without the garden, the flow would go directly to the catch basin (and into Round Lake)."

Funding for the project which was done in conjunction with Tip of the Mitt's Treasure Lake Charlevoix initiative was provided by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority. The garden will be maintained by library volunteers.

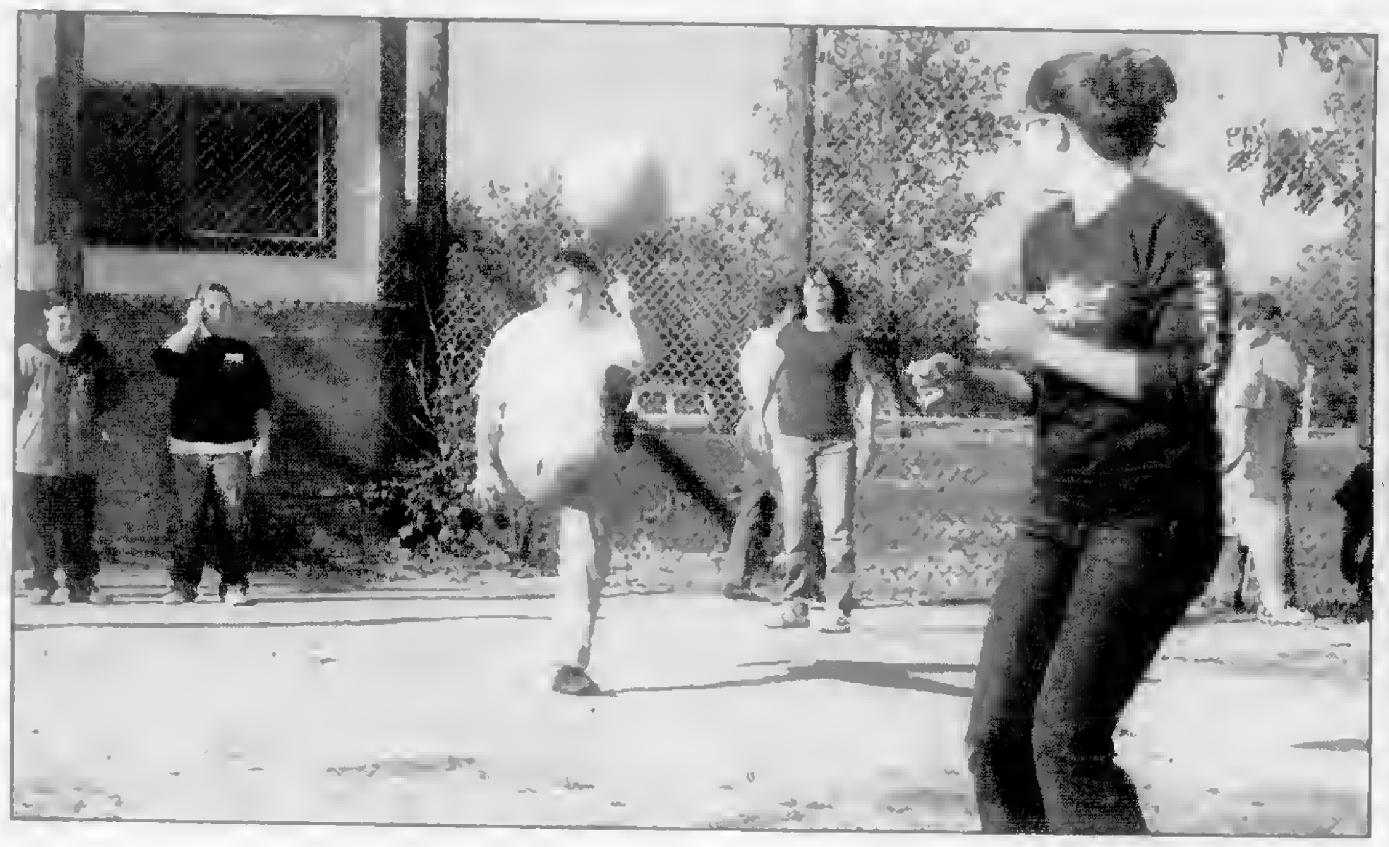
Phase two of the project will include placement of an educational sign explaining how the garden works.

The benefits don't stop at water quality. Scholten said this is the third year in a row Charlevoix High School students have reaped the benefits of volunteerism.

"They get a real sense of ownership in doing something like this. This is really great," he said.

And according to Jake Lemanski, a Charlevoix High School freshman and Day of Caring rain garden volunteer, that sense of ownership has already taken root.

"Look at how good it looks. I can come back next year and be like, 'Me and my classmates planted that,'" he said.



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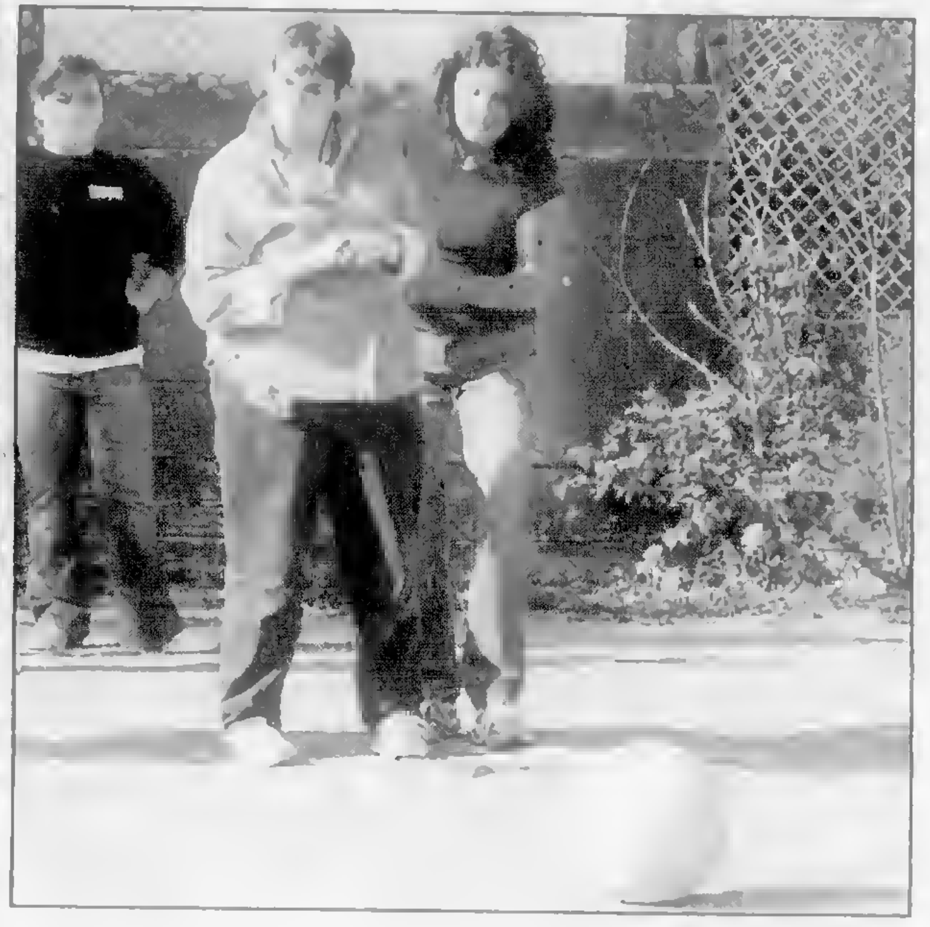
Charlevoix High School junior Jordan McCarthy pitches to Bergmann Center attendee Tom during a kickball game on Tuesday, Sept. 18 as a part of the United Way's Day of Caring.



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Jordan McCarthy (right) was one of dozens of Charlevoix High School students to participate in the United Way's annual Day of Caring. McCarthy rolls a kickball to Bergmann Center client Beth and Bergmann Center worker Nila Woods.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix High School students Jake Lemanski and Michael Berry said they will remember the work they did at the rain garden each time they return to Charlevoix Public Library. They were among over 600 volunteers in Charlevoix and Emmet counties that participated in the 4th Annual Day of Caring on Sept. 18

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Ashley Marsh and Katie Mays work together to plant some of the over 1,000 plants included in the Charlevoix Public Library rain garden.

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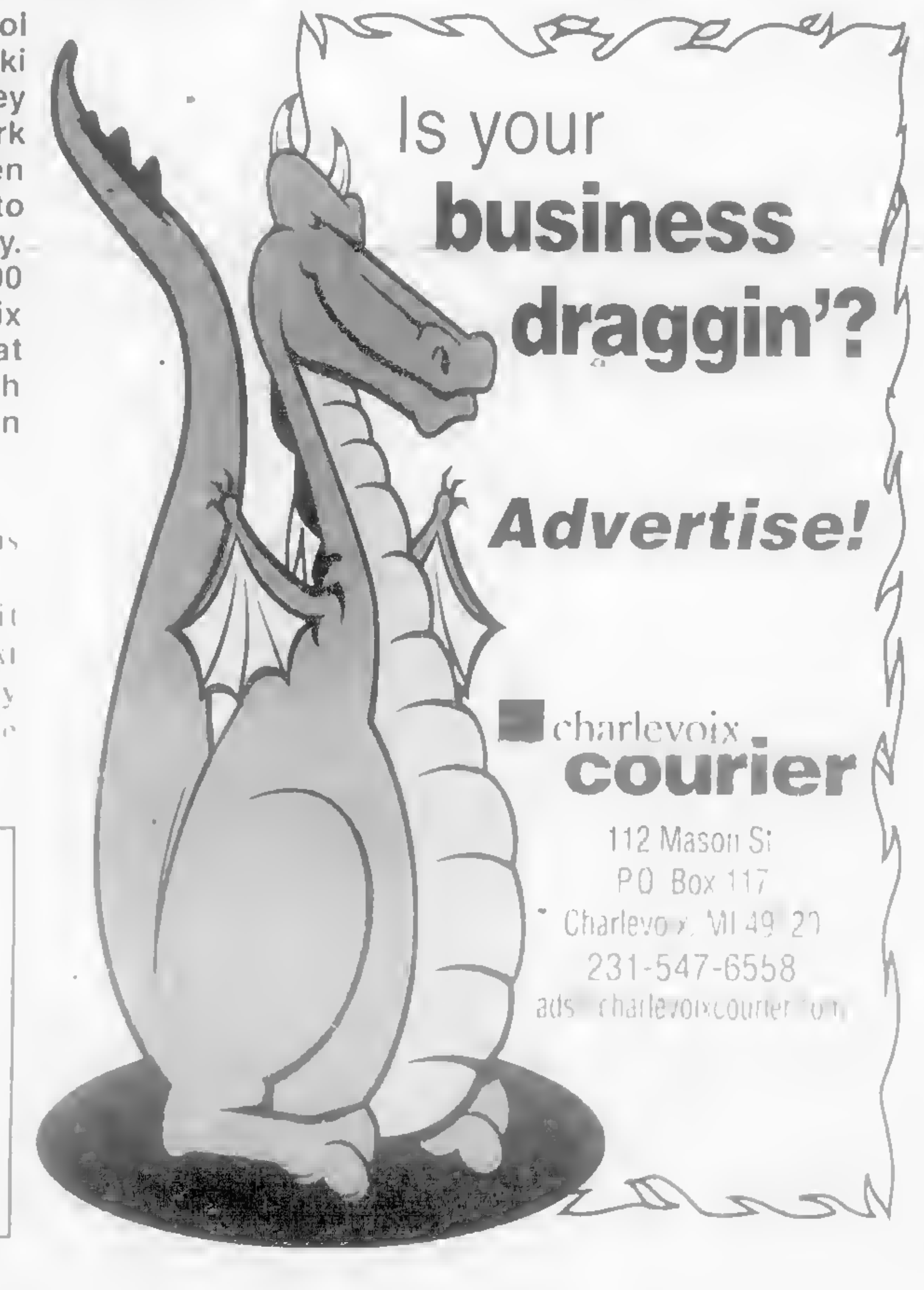

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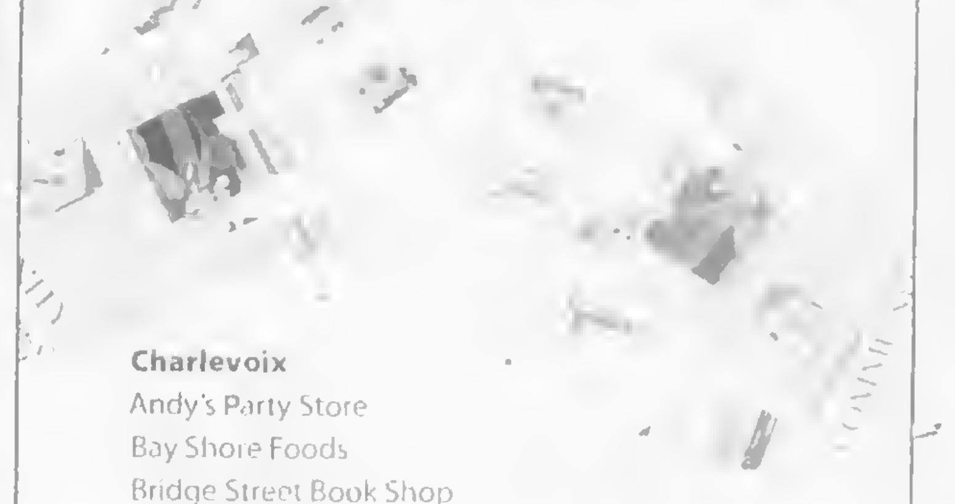

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SEPT. 27
FARMER'S MARKET

The Downtown Charlevoix Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday until Sept. 27.

SEPT. 27
STORY TIME

Charlevoix Public Library will host story time on Sept. 27. The Lapsit program (birth to age 3) meets at 10:05 a.m. The Pre-k program (ages 3-5) will meet at 10:30 a.m. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7350.

SEPT. 26
CANCER SCREENING

A free women's cancer screening opportunity will be offered at the Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office.

The screening is from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 26. It will be conducted by a licensed nurse practitioner and include a clinical breast exam, pelvic exam with Pap test and free mammogram. The service is available to Charlevoix County women between the ages of 40 and 64 who are uninsured.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's Charlevoix office is located at 220 West Garfield St.

The screening is by appointment only. Call (800) 432-4121 or 547-0295 to register.

SEPT. 29
NORTHERN LIGHTS CELEBRATION

Northern Lights Celebration, a dinner, dance and auction to benefit St. Mary School will take place at 6 p.m. on Sept. 29 in the family center at the school. The cost is $100 per person. All proceeds benefit St. Mary School.

For information, call (231) 547-6652.

SEPT. 30
CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL

Rehearsals for the 15th Annual Charlevoix Area Community Christmas Choir sponsored by Community Reformed Church will begin at 7 p.m. on Sept. 30 at the church, located at the corner of U.S. 31 and Meech Street. Presentations will take place at 6 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 9. For more information, call (231) 547-6862 or (231) 547-9482.

SEPT. 30
HOLLYWOOD LIBRARIAN

Charlevoix Public Library will offer a viewing of "The Hollywood Librarian" an entertaining film about the history of libraries and librarians and how they have changed throughout the years at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30. Clips of librarians from feature films are used throughout the movie. Tickets available at the door.

OCT. 1
MONDAY MOVIE

Charlevoix Public Library will host Monday Movie Matinees featuring "Casablanca" at 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 1 and "Ant Bully" at 3:30 p.m. Attendees may bring snacks. The screening will be on the big screen in the community meeting room. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

OCT. 1
STITCHES

Chris Abramowski will present a program on "How to knit" at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 1. Supplies are provided. There is a $5 fee. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

OCT. 2
HARVEST POTLUCK

The Charlevoix Historical Society will host its Harvest Potluck at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at the Depot. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass, their own table service and silverware. The society provides napkins, beverages and drinking cups.

Guests are welcome.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373.

OCT. 2
CARDS AT VFW

The VFW Hall will be open to the public from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays, for card playing. Players are asked to bring their own beverage. This hall is non smoking.

The VFW is located at 12735 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix.

For more information, call Ed Holm at (231) 547-7220.

OCT. 2
TAI CHI

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging sponsored Tai Chi Classes meet on Tuesdays.

The beginner class is from 10 to 11 a.m. The intermediate and/or continuing class is from 11 a.m. to noon. The instructor for both classes is Meg McClorey.

Cost for the six-week session is $12 for those 60 years old and over. The fee is $40 for participants under 60.

Classes meet at Charlevoix Public Library.

Call the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging to register, (231) 237-0103.

OCT. 2
HOME BUYER WORKSHOP

Northwest Michigan Human Services Agency (NMHSA) is offering a free pre-purchase home buyer education workshop in two parts from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 2 and Thursday, Oct. 4 at the agency office located at 2202 Mitchell Park Dr. Suite #4 in Petoskey. This class is designed for anyone thinking of buying a home and wants to learn the basics of the home buying process. For more information or to sign up for the workshop, call (231) 347-9070.

OCT. 4
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY POTLUCK

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will host their annual Christmas in October Potluck at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4 in the lower level conference room at the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main St., Boyne City. Those interested in meeting members and learning more about the group's upcoming programs and activities are invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring a dish-to-pass, table service and a white-elephant gift to participate in the evening's silent auction event. For further information, call Patrick at (231) 348-8255.

OCT. 6
BEAVER ISLAND FOOD FEST AND 5K

The Beaver Island Boodle 5K starts at 10 a.m. on Oct. 6. An entry form can be obtained from the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce office at (231) 448-2505 or by e-mail request at chamber@csyip.net. For more information, call Boodle organizers Gail and Mike Weede at (231) 448-3195 or (231) 448-2708.

The Bite of Beaver Island will follow at Holy Cross Church Hall. For more information, call Kathy Speck at (231) 448-2711.

OCT. 6
PRAYER WORKSHOP

The Community Reformed Church is offering a day-long workshop focusing on prayer and its impact on daily life.

The featured speaker is Karen Jorgensen who will provide practical and inspirational information to enhance prayer life and spirituality.

Registration is at 8 a.m. and the conference starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6. Registration is required by Oct. 1. Childcare is available for advanced registrants.

The cost is $15 and includes a luncheon, music and drama.

The Community Reformed Church is located at the corner of Meech Street and U.S. 31. For more information, call the church at (231) 547-9482 or Kathy Martinchek at (231) 347-4037 or (231) 675-4037.

OCT. 7
CAMP DAGGETT HARVEST FESTIVAL

Camp Daggett will host a Fall Festival from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7 in celebration of another successful summer camp and to show appreciation for the support the camp's received over the past 82 years.

Children of all ages will enjoy hay rides, history tours, color tours on the lake, face painting, pumpkin painting, crafts, caramel apple dipping and more.

The camp's climbing walls will also be open for the day. S'mores around the campfire and live entertainment will also be offered.

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For more information, call (231) 347-9742 or visit www.campdaggett.com.

OCT. 7
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The American Legion hosts a pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month, from September through May.

Adults are $4 and kids $2.50. The site is handicap accessible. Take out and delivery is also available. For more information, call the American Legion at (231) 547-9203.

The American Legion Hall is located at 106 East Garfield.

OCT. 13
HORTON CREEK BENEFIT

On Oct. 13 at the Harvest Barn Church in East Jordan Horton Creek will be playing a benefit concert for Northwest Academy. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 each in advance or $20 at the door. There is no reserve seating. To buy tickets, call Northwest Academy at (231) 547-7958

OCT. 15
CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS ALUMNI

There will be an organizational meeting of the Charlevoix High School Performing Arts Alumni Association at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15 at the Charlevoix Public Library in the Armstrong Conference Room. A few goals of the group will be officially naming the auditorium, planning a tribute to Connie Ford, developing resources to help the current and future students of this program.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at (231) 547-3234.

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SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark, located at 401 West Carpenter St., is open from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 4 to 9 p.m. on Fridays, from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and from noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. The park is closed during inclement weather, storm watches and home football games.

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BABY BLANKET PROJECT

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BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

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CLASS OF 1977

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DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" at the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

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FOOD PANTRIES

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The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

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Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

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The Knights of Columbus meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in St. Mary's parish center, 1003 Bridge St. Call 547-4526 for more information.

MEDUSA RETIREES

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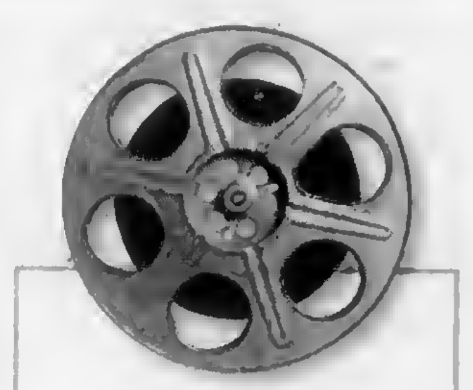

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Rayder royalty

Cliff Jones and Desi Faust were named the 2007 Charlevoix High School homecoming king and queen at halftime of the Rayder football game on Sept. 28. For more homecoming week photos, see page 16.

The end of an era

VIP closes after 32 years

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Those of you who dined on Village Inn Pizza fare last week may have been unaware that you partook in the last food to be offered by the local eatery of more than three decades.

Known around town as VIP, the establishment unceremoniously closed its doors as Village Inn Pizza for the last time on Saturday, Sept. 30 with plans by owner Cindy Warner to reopen the building as Village Inn Trattoria an Italian-style sit-down restaurant.

"It will be a wonderful transformation but will take us nearly five months to complete," Warner wrote in e-mailed responses to questions. "We will reopen in the spring."

Warner, who has been in the restaurant business for three-and-a-half years stated a, "Per-

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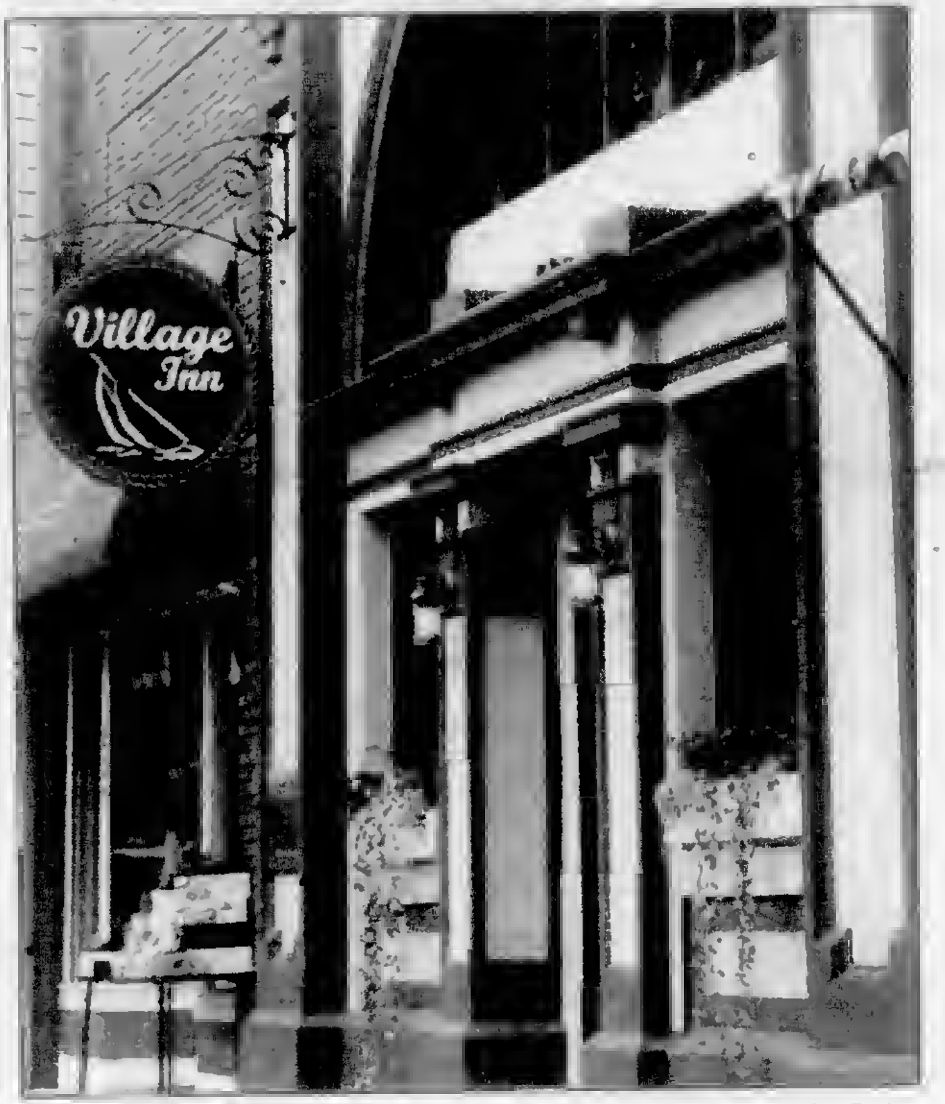

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Village Inn Pizza closed for good on Saturday, Oct. 1 with plans by owner Cindy Warner to reopen the building as Village Inn Trattoria, an Italian-style sit-down restaurant.

A father's life ends, two begin

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix resident Eric Perrine's twin daughters Shaye and Skylar (above) recently returned home following five weeks at Munson Medical Center to face life without their father. Eric was killed in a motorcycle accident on Aug. 18. The girls are pictured here with their mother, Kristen Harthorn, of Charlevoix.

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Eric Perrine's twin baby girls born prematurely came home Sept. 17 but the 31-year-old father wasn't there to welcome them.

On Aug. 18 while Eric's newborn daughters fought for their lives at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, he took his last breath.

At around midnight that day Eric, a Charlevoix resident, was killed while riding his motorcycle one mile north of Bellaire, leaving behind twins he never had the privilege to meet.

Just nine days earlier, on Aug. 9, Eric's girlfriend, 24-year-old Kristin Harthorn of Charlevoix, from whom he was estranged, gave birth to twins following 32 weeks of pregnancy. The identical girls, Skylar and Shaye Perrine weighed just over three pounds each. Both struggled with respiratory issues following delivery by scheduled cesarean section.

"After they delivered the babies they showed them to me and quickly took them away. When they wheeled me into the NIC (neonatal intensive care) unit, I lost it. Seeing IVs and tubes coming out of everywhere possible is so hard," Harthorn said.

The girls have since graduated from tube to bottle feedings, were released from incubators, removed from oxygen and brought home. Their beds are decorated with pictures of the father they'll never know.

"He has a big family to tell them stories about him," Harthorn said.

While Harthorn has stood by her daughters, she has struggled with the loss of their father.

She said during the days prior to Eric's death he visited the hospital five times, sitting in the parking lot but never working up the courage to come in.

"He was scared. He was getting ready to (see them). He would have came around," she said.

The morning of Aug. 18, after receiving a call from Eric's cousin, Harthorn learned time

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Agencies prep for disaster at Operation Cement Slip Knot

St. Marys Cement Company in conjunction with the Charlevoix-Cheboygan-Emmet Counties (CCE) Office of Emergency Management is conducting a full scale, mass casualty emergency exercise, to include elevated Maritime Security (MARSEC) levels.

The exercise will begin early in the morning on Oct. 10 and will run for approximately four hours.

Many St. Marys employees and family members are scheduled to role play various emergency situations and injuries.

"This is a chance to test our emergency action plans in partnership with our local emergency response teams," Sharon Regan-Brown, safety manager of St. Marys Cement said.

Local emergency first responder agencies will be activated for this exercise in the same manner as a real event. Responding agencies will be paged out by CCE 911 and use their normal radio channels to communicate with one another during the exercise. All communications related to the exercise will be prefaced with "Operation Cement Slip Knot."

Participating organizations/agencies are: the CCE Emergency Operations Center (EOC); Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Dive Team, Marine Division, and road deputies; Charlevoix City Police Department; Charlevoix Township Fire Department; Charlevoix, East Jordan and Boyne City EMS agencies; Charlevoix Area Hospital; Milwaukee, Grand Haven and Charlevoix U.S. Coast Guard Stations; Northern Lower Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross; Salvation Army; Charlevoix City Ministerial Association; CCE Counties Public Service Communication Organization (HAM radios); Charlevoix Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW); and the Great Lakes Freighter Crews.

"Since St. Marys is dedicated to the safety and security of our employees it made good sense to partner with the area agencies to simulate a mass casualty exercise," commented Shawn Hall, St. Marys Human Resources Manager. "We are happy to host the event at our facility. It is good for both our employees and the community."

Randall Zipp, Local D-480 president agrees with Hall and said, "As a local we are proud to be involved in this venture. We are happy to put our emergency procedures to the test which includes our local emergency response agencies."

What? St. Marys Cement Company in conjunction with the Charlevoix-Cheboygan-Emmet Counties (CCE) Office of Emergency Management is conducting a full scale, mass casualty emergency exercise.

When? The exercise will begin early in the morning on Oct. 10 and will run for approximately four hours.

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Jared Ethan Church, 19, Adrian. Driving while license suspended. Credit for two days in jail, to serve 38 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs. Minor in possession of alcohol. Fines and costs totaling $200.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

B, K, S & H Services, 1353 Laurie Rd., Boyne City, by Kristie Christensen

Mason Creek Quilting, 01380 West Mason Creek Dr., Marion, by Leslie A. and Rodger S. Knoop

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Thomas James McLeod, 28, and Elizabeth Muir Hess, 27, both of Braceville, Ill.

Andrew Joseph Mason, 34 and Renee Mae Kuzmik, 37, both of Boyne City

Gabriel Allen Dull, 52 and Patricia Evelyn Dull, 62, both of Petoskey

Christopher W. Georgi, 56 and Ann Marie Mary Westfall, 52, both of Charlevoix

Joshua Marc Scott, 22 and Krystal Anne Meredith, 22, both of Charlevoix

Scott Douglas Philp, 25 and Karlee Ann Barnard, 23, both of Charlevoix

Robert John Hayden, 48 and Wendy Sue Hosmer, 36, both of Boyne City

BIRTHS

Katelyn Pearl Dittmar weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces was born on Sept. 18 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to John and Julie Dittmar. Her siblings are Riley and Carson. Her grandparents are Lou and Marilyn Russo of Macomb Township and Violet Dittmar of Livonia. Her great-grandparent is Pearl Rowe of Charlevoix.

Courtney Marie Vrondran weighing 8 pounds was born on Sept. 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Carolyn Vrondran of East Jordan. Her siblings are Candace and Cory Kauska. Her grandparents are Jerry and Juli Vrondran of East Jordan.

Jayden Clark May weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces was born on Sept. 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Eric and Rebecca May of Alanson. His grandparents are Glen and Ronda Thorman of East Jordan, Sue Bowers of East Jordan and Dennis and Linda May of Alanson. His great-grandparents are Don and Shirley Bowers and Thelma Thorman of East Jordan and Ernie and Elberta May of Pellston and Lorraine White of Petoskey.

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error the agency that awarded the Community of the Year Award to Charlevoix was misidentified in a story entitled "And the winner is...Charlevoix" that appeared on page one of the Sept. 26 edition of the Courier. It was the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, not the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

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Charges pending in death of local man

PERRINE

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had run out for Eric.

"It (learning of Eric's death) was unreal. It's still unreal. I still expect to see his yellow motorcycle go by," she said.

Harthorn has spent quality time with Eric's parents, Joanie and Bryan Perrine of Charlevoix and continues to draw strength from her father, Wayne Harthorn, also of Charlevoix.

While handling of the infants was initially restricted to Harthorn, two days after Eric's death she asked that Joanie be allowed to hold them.

"They are the joy in my life right now. They are my one constant," Joanie said. "He (Eric) was a very caring young man. He would have been a wonderful father."

Perrine died when his motorcycle was hit by a truck driven by Russell Steven Mitchell, 19, of Bellaire.

"It was hard to go to the crash site and put flowers there. Hopefully it's a reminder to the young boy (Mitchell) to drive by every day. Hopefully, it's a reminder to everyone who drives by," Harthorn said.

According to Antrim County Sheriff's Department undersheriff Daniel Bean, Eric was traveling north on South Derenzy Road at West Eddy School Road, one mile north of Bellaire, when Mitchell who was traveling west on West Eddy School Road, allegedly failed to yield the right of way to Eric's motorcycle.

Mitchell had stopped for a stop sign before attempting to make a turn onto South Derenzy Road, then proceeded into the intersection and into the path of Eric's motorcycle.

Mitchell was not injured. Eric died at the scene. Bean said alcohol is believed to be a factor. Results of blood tests sent to the Michigan State Police lab in Lansing have not been returned. The delay is reportedly related to software changes at the lab resulting in a backlog.

Bean said these results will determine the charges Mitchell will face. He said the charge could range from negligent homicide, a two-year felony, to manslaughter, a felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

Joanie said she and Bryan are focused on their twin granddaughters and have put the accident in God's hands.

"God takes care of us all. He will be the ultimate judge. I believe that," she said.

Antrim County prosecutor Charlie Koop has stepped down in the case on Sept. 27 due to his relationship with Russell Mitchell's father, Darell Mitchell, who he described as a long-term acquaintance. Al Schneider, the Grand Traverse County prosecutor, has taken the assignment.

"They're going to prosecute him and I'll be there. But it doesn't bring Eric back," Harthorn said.

Harthorn also has a 6-year-old daughter, Alex Anderson, a first-grader at Charlevoix Elementary School. While she is on leave from her job at Harbor View Cafe, the single mother of three said her number one concern right now isn't money, it's being there for her children.

"It's important for me to be here. They (the twins) know I'm here," she said. "Before I know it they'll be in kindergarten."

While the infants' medical expenses are covered by Medicaid, the costs of supporting the family continue to build. Those interested in assisting the family may direct contributions to 11788 Doctors Rd. Charlevoix, MI 49720 c/o Bryan Perrine.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

The twin daughters of Charlevoix resident Eric Perrine who was killed on Aug. 18 in a motorcycle accident outside of Bellaire were released from Munson Medical Center on Sept. 17.

Who was Eric Perrine?
Eric was the 31-year-old son of Joan and Bryan Perrine of Charlevoix. At the time of his death he worked at the Shell Gas Station in Charlevoix. He was a 1995 graduate of Ellsworth High School who enjoyed fishing, motorcycles and being with family.

Village Inn Trattoria to replace longtime pizza parlor

VIP

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ceived need in the market and the synergy with our store, Zaccaro's Market," for the impending change.

Warner would not say how many employees were laid off due to the closing or what renovation would cost, but did indicate the new Trattoria, Italian for a family-owned and operated casual restaurant, will offer pasta, salad, specialty pizza and antipasto.

Doug Kosch, the Traverse City restaurant owner who operated VIP for Warner for nearly a year after she purchased the business from Pat Heinke in April 2006, left the business to focus on his restaurant, the Boathouse, and will have no affiliation with Village Inn Trattoria.

Recently laid off general manager, Kim Jones said, "It's sad because VIP has been around for 32 years. I've worked through every owner, on and off for probably a total of 15 years."

Jones, who has worked in food service most of her life said she has to think about what she will do with her newfound time.

"I love food service, it's never the same thing and I love the different people," she said. "Right now I'll touch up my resume and sign up for unemployment and look around for something else, but I don't really know of anybody that's hiring. If you want to drive to Traverse City or Gaylord, your chances are better, but then you're spending most of what you make in gas."

She added, "I'm not going to starve. My husband has a good job. It's the kids (younger VIP workers) I'm worried about. They (Warner) said employees would be the first called back and that the positions would be the same, so we'll have to just wait and see. Only time will tell."

Jones wished Warner luck in her new venture.

"I've always been a firm believer in that everything happens for a reason and hopefully everything will come out for the best," she said.

Assistant manager Matt Kondrat is one of those younger workers who has a family to feed.

"I plan on taking the layoff for now and see if anything comes up," he said. "Hopefully I can still have a job when they come back."

He added, "It's difficult. I've talked with people who have been looking for a new job and, besides 7-Eleven, you're not going to find anything."

Kondrat said, after managing a restaurant, he cannot bring himself to work part-time as a cashier somewhere.

"Charlevoix is a very seasonal town," he said. "There's nothing out there, especially between seasons."

Village Inn Pizza was located at 227 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.

Look for an update on Village Inn Trattoria in spring 2008.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Village Inn Pizza, located at 227 Bridge St in downtown Charlevoix closed its doors on Saturday, Oct. 1 after 32 years in town. Owner Cindy Warner plans to reopen the building as Village Inn Trattoria, an Italian-style sit-down restaurant in spring 2008.

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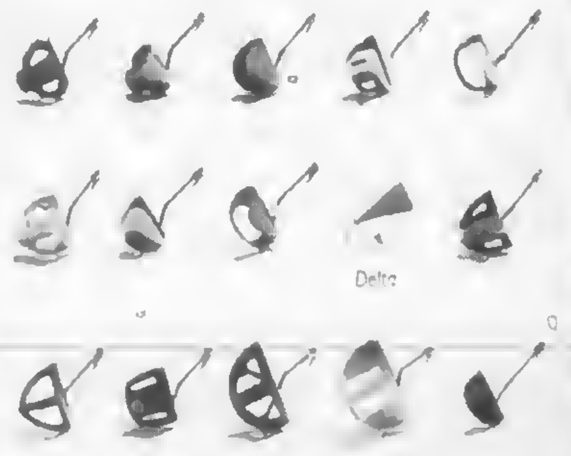

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Tax hikes won't bring prosperity

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Michigan government didn't come to a bloody, screeching halt last week, and the Democrats just can't stop patting themselves on the back because of it.

"With a government shutdown only hours away, we did what was best for the people of Michigan," said House Speaker Andy Dillon (D-Redford).

A quick glance at Governor Jennifer Granholm's budget, which contains phrases like, "invest in our future" and "Our moment; our choice," might convince some she can avoid a future of fiscal folly, but look closer at her 114 sheets of executive toilet paper you may wonder if by being "blown away" in year five, she meant it in a 1920s, dust bowl sort of way.

Granted, the state is failing in large part due to a withering auto industry thanks to cheap foreign labor and our unquenchable thirst for low-cost goods, a sure sign capitalism is destined to devour itself, but our legislators, who once shifted the fiscal year in lieu of real solutions, exacerbate the problem by refusing to cut wasteful spending.

Granholm pleaded her case that simply cutting $3 billion from this and next year's budgets is, in essence, statutory suicide.

"Would that be responsible?" she asked. "Would we want to live in Michigan, or do business in Michigan, if we had to cut spending by $3 billion?"

You heard right, the person in charge of keeping us in the black wonders if spending less in times of monetary melee is a good idea.

Jen's list-o-scare tactics includes cutting: $1.5 billion from Michigan's universities; $280 million from community colleges; $454 million by releasing 15,000 prisoners; $162 million for day care service; $80 million by laying off 1,000 state police; $390 in Medicaid; $105 million in college scholarships; end food safety inspections to save $7 million; and closing veteran homes which serve 900 to save $22 million.

Perhaps only the stingiest of Michiganders would argue the merit of such cuts, though paying for other people's child care and imprisoning thousands guilty of little more than exercising personal freedom sounds like neither capitalism nor liberty.

Not mentioned in the Guv's insidious inventory is that we currently spend $7.5 billion-a-year on Medicaid, a 20 percent reduction of which would make Michigan flush instantaneously, or that you and I will lose our hard-earned cash via corporate welfare and increased income tax.

Few things grind my gizzards like spending more on medicine for the elderly than on education of our young, and giving $7 million in handouts so gas stations can install biofuel pumps—after all, if we educated our children better, they wouldn't have to rely on welfare when they grow old.

What we can look forward to is paying more to roll our own cigarettes and drink a glass of scotch in addition to a two-cent tax on services including pedicures, golfing, attorneys and consultants.

Her, "common sense cuts and reforms" means eight cents on the dollar we'll be paying for some things. I'm starting to think when Jen said she was moving Michigan to the future she meant expediting our demise.

It is times like this I wish Moe Howard was alive so he could go to Lansing, knock politician heads together and tell these porcupines to spread out.

And what will come of the Great Gran's plans? $230 million will be dumped into the No Worker Left Behind initiative. Let's hope it works out better than the educational mandate of a similar name, and don't forget the $200 million to expand pre-school—We can't afford K-12, but we can pay for glorified childcare?

Last, and certainly not best, the government will spend $30 million on an ad campaign to convince the country we're not really choked with turmoil.

Expect slogans like, "We may be dead last but, wait, what was the question?" or "Michigan: Better than Baghdad," and even, "Did we mention Jeff Daniels used to live here?"

Granholm said "We cannot cut our way to prosperity," which makes me wonder why she is trying to tax us to death.

These career politicians look more like Keystone Cops than guardians of governance when they continually throw good money after bad on bloated social programs and failed attempts to revive the economy via corporate welfare.

The time for doing the easy thing is over. Instead of swabbing the deck on this sinking ship, let's fix the leak before our mitten becomes the fingerless glove on a hobo's frostbitten hand.

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Spider population hits its high for the year

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

I am conflicted about spiders. On the one hand they are among the most fascinating of the earth's creatures, with characteristics and behavior that are remarkable. On the other hand, the unexpected appearance of a spider of almost any size is reason for a surge of adrenaline and sudden movement in another direction.

I suspect that many people are similarly conflicted.

Current concern with spiders stems from an episode of scrubbing and washing some of the siding on our home. Every nook and cranny, when washed, flushed out one spider. There are very few exceptions to the solitary spider. All spiders are predators who feed on other living creatures. Such behavior usually means that spiders don't have a lot of close friends or associates. The risk of being a meal means that spiders have few friends that haven't already been a meal. In addition, fall is the season for spiders. All summer, the populations of insects have been increasing. The increase in spider populations lags behind a bit, but by September our north temperate world has a maximum number of spiders.

We don't usually think of spiders and their insect and arthropod relatives as being smart, but it is a general rule in the biological world that predators have to be smarter than their potential food, and spiders fill the bill as, if not the smartest, at least the most complex. There are two general major categories of spiders — those that build webs and wait for smaller creatures to come along and get entangled, and those that hunt for their prey. The web-builders have advanced architectural skills, but do not see well. The hunters have superior eyesight and advanced stalking skills.

Even given my near phobia about spiders, as a teacher I was often called upon to point out their presence and uniqueness to students while trying not to shudder uncontrollably. An annual field trip was the visit to a 200 acre patch of native prairie in Iowa. By the count of other biologists, there were more than 80 different kinds of spiders living there. After I mentioned that amazing biological fact, one of my students closed her eyes and had to be led by others for the duration of our visit.

A usual prairie resident was a close relative of the common large yellow and black garden spider, an outstanding web builder. But where to build a web in the tall, thick grass of the prairie? The spider's solution was to use its strong silk strands to pull the brass blades away from an area about two-feet across, and then build an insect-capturing web in the middle of that open space. It certainly looked like an intelligent solution to the problem, not only a web, but the cleared space for it to function.

The October issue of Natural History magazine has a brief illustrated article about a hunting spider, commonly called a jumping spider. This one used blood-filled mosquitoes as its chosen prey, capturing them when they land on a surface. I was reminded of the small jumping spider that lived on the tiled floor of my college office for a summer, where it ambushed and consumed the few wandering ants. It was like watching a lion stalking a gazelle. Jumping spiders see almost as well as we do, able to distinguish size and color and movement as any predator must.

During their season of abundance, give spiders a second look. Try not to shudder. Thank them for helping to keep the insects under control.

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LETTERS to the editor

BLOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

Editor:

I want to thank everyone who helped to make the community blood drive on Sept. 13 in Charlevoix a success.

The Charlevoix Water and Electric Department hung the banners. The businesses and churches exhibited posters. Volunteers made reminder phone calls to donors. Some volunteers baked wonderful canteen treats, others worked the shifts at the blood drive.

The Community Reformed Church opened their door once again. The Charlevoix Lions Club members arrived to set up the equipment and returned to work again after the last donor left.

I feel very fortunate to have so many friends of the American Red Cross in Charlevoix who place such importance on giving a newborn, child, mother, father, brother or sister another chance at life. The Red Cross collected 93 pints of blood. That blood could help over 275 patients. Thank you so very much.

The next community blood drive at the Reformed Church is on Nov. 15. I really hope I see you there

Ellen Breining
Charlevoix Coordinator
American Red Cross

BLOOMS BENEFIT

Editor:

Charlevoix, you've made our day. This year's fund-raiser to support the purchase and upkeep of the petunias that line our streets, was a great success.

Keep Charlevoix Beautiful wants to thank all of the donors, including merchants and private citizens who think that it is important to uphold the Charlevoix area's reputation of being a truly attractive and lovely community.

As a relative newcomer to Charlevoix, I am very impressed by how this particular small town supports on a daily basis, through both volunteers and donations, the many valuable projects which make Charlevoix such a beautiful and viable place to live.

If you donated time, food, money or an article for the silent auction at "Bids for Blooms," give yourself a mental pat on the back and say "Well done! Good job!" You are the people who make Charlevoix function. You are the people who make Charlevoix beautiful.

Nancy Kline
Keep Charlevoix Beautiful
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ISLAND PICNIC

Editor:

Thank you! On behalf of Beaver Island Senior Citizens and the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, I would like to thank the volunteers, individuals and businesses for their generous contributions of support, gifts of door prizes and volunteerism at our 3rd Annual Picnic.

This celebration of our seniors was held on Aug. 20 on Beaver Island. It was a tremendous community effort to put on such a special event and celebrate our Beaver Island senior citizens.

Susan Bergmann
Director
Charlevoix County Commission on Aging

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Editor:

Without much more than determination and a desire to help, the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan (WRC) was founded in 1977. The first priority was to provide relief for survivors of domestic abuse. By 1978, crisis services were in place and volunteer homes were being used to house survivors. Thanks to the support of the community, Women's Resource Center services have continued to expand throughout the last 30 years. Our Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Program remains focused on our goal of ending violence against women.

In addition to celebrating our 30th anniversary, the Women's Resource Center recognizes October as Domestic Violence Awareness month. In honor of survivors of domestic abuse, we would like to take a moment to share our commitment and rally support around our mission to work for equality, justice and opportunity for all women.

The Women's Resource Center is working on many fronts to end abuse and to transform the culture of violence in our community. Our agency works to prevent violence against women through education, awareness and outreach programs. Prevention programs are offered in area high schools to help students explore gender roles and stereotypes. We routinely present training on the dynamics of domestic abuse for law enforcement, school personnel, emergency responders and medical professionals. Our newest venture, "A Call to Men," aims to reach out to the men of our community to help the Women's Resource Center in the work to end violence against women.

The Women's Resource Center provides free and confidential services to domestic abuse survivors in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. Services include a 24-hour crisis and information hotline, counseling, advocacy, shelter, support groups and referrals to community resources. Call (231) 347-0082 or toll-free at 800-275-1995 for support.

We ask for your continued support and also thank those involved in advancing our message of hope for a community free of violence.

Here's to another 30 years!

Chris Krajewski
Domestic Abuse/Sexual Assault Program Director
Women's Resource Center
Petoskey

KNOW THE NUMBERS

Editor:

Almost all important documents begin with a preamble, or introduction explaining its purpose, as does our Constitution that says, "We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessing of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America."

All public servants who are required to take an oath of office before assuming their office or position, swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America. An oath is a formal declaration or promise to fulfill a pledge, often calling upon God as a witness.

The above being said, we expect our elected or employed public servants to do their jobs, be truthful, be accountable and have probity or integrity. Many public servants fall short of that mark as evidenced by the "Official budget of the United States" that is published and reported to "we the people" as true and factual, but the fact is that it is a deception and misstates our national economic condition. The federal government has a separate, unpublished audited federal budget that unlike the official budget, follows the rules of accounting that govern all businesses, nonprofit institutions and state and local governments with over $1 million in annual revenue.

According to the audited federal budget, the true 2005 deficit (the amount by which a sum of money is less than what is expected) was not the $318 billion cited by Congress and the president, but rather $760 billion. Recently the audited budgets since 1979 showed deficits totaling $2.9 trillion, not the $729 billion that has been officially reported. The $559 billion in surpluses during the Clinton administration in truth were a deficit of $484 billion and if corporate executives used the accounting practices that are followed in preparing the official budget, they would go to jail. "We the people" have a right to know the damage being done by Washington's overspending and must call for the immediate adoption of the audited federal budget by contacting your elected representatives.

Jerry Evans
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Voters with picture identification: Voters can satisfy the picture identification requirement by showing a Michigan driver's license or a Michigan personal identification card.

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- Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education.
- Tribal identification card with photo.

Voters without picture identification: Michigan election law anticipates that not all voters will have picture identification. Voters who do not bring picture identification to the polls or do not possess picture identification can vote like any other voter by signing an affidavit.

Questions regarding the picture identification requirement can be directed to your local city or township clerk's office.

For more election related information, visit www.michigan.gov/vote.

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Chillers author comes to Charlevoix Public Library

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, Jonathan Rand, author of the Michigan and American Chillers series will be at Charlevoix Public Library.

Fans are encouraged to come early or stay after his presentation for a book signing opportunity. Books will be available for purchase as well.

"He is a little wild, crazy and a bit scary — but that's why we love him," stated youth assistant, Jolene Fowler.

Rand is the popular children's book author who jumped into the writer's world at age seven and has been writing ever since.

He says he loves to write scary books because "We all like to be frightened for the thrill of it, but also, at the same time, we want to know that we're safe. Books allow you to do that."

For more information, contact the youth services desk at (231) 237-7350.

Who? Jonathan Rand, author of the Michigan and American Chillers series

What? Author presentation and book signing

When? 2 p.m. on Oct 6

Where? Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

Charlevoix Children's House welcomes new staff

Two new faces are leading the first taste of education for some of Charlevoix's smallest students.

Charlevoix native Molly Arnold and Linda Smietana of Torch Lake are new classroom assistants at the Charlevoix Children's House, the local Montessori preschool and kindergarten.

Arnold, 25, is a 2001 graduate of Charlevoix High School and a 2006 graduate of Grand Valley State University with a bachelor of arts degree in English language arts and elementary education. She completed her student teaching requirement in a fourth-grade classroom in Comstock Park and her student assisting in a kindergarten classroom in Kenowa Hills.

She said her family which includes her parents, Bob and Betsy Schoonover and siblings Seth and Shay Arnold and Annie and Clyde Schoonover and her love of the outdoors brought her home after college.

Arnold said her experience so far with the Montessori program has been amazing.

"It's hard to leave here and say you had a bad day. There are a million things that make you smile. This is a really good group of kids," she added.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix native Molly Arnold and Linda Smietana of Torch Lake are new classroom assistants at the Charlevoix Children's House. They join school director Barb Godwin-Chulick and classroom assistant, Carole Coen. Pictured above are Godwin-Chulick, Arnold, Coen and Smietana.

Smietana, who is filling a part-time teaching assistant's position, agreed and after 29 years working in education, said the Montessori classroom is a breath of fresh air.

"Their independence is the most remarkable thing I've seen. I find it very refreshing," she said.

Smietana is a 1986 graduate of the University of Northern Colorado with a bachelor of arts degree in elementary and early childhood education. She has lived in Torch Lake for nine years and has a son, 8-year-old Tristan Smietana.

School director Barb Godwin-Chulick, took over the director's position six years ago. A third classroom assistant, Carole Coen who has been with the school for two years and like Arnold is a full-time staff member.

Founded in 1978, Charlevoix Children's House serves students ages 2-and-a-half to 6. The one-room classroom located at 08700 Mercer Boulevard in Charlevoix is state licensed to serve 31 students and currently has 17 enrolled.

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4 GENERATIONS

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Three-month-old Edmund Kerker Burke V completes this four-generation photograph with (from left) his grandfather, Edmund Kerker Burke Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.; his father, Edmund Kerker Burke IV of Boulder, Colo.; and his great-grandfather, Edmund Kerker Burke of Charlevoix, who retired in 1990 as sergeant with the Michigan State Police, Petoskey Post. He served 34 years on the force. The baby's grandfather retired as captain of the Lansing Post, Michigan State Police, after 27 years on the force.

Booth signup open for 8th Annual Mom to Mom Sale

Kids and teens grow like weeds and bills for new duds and toys can grow just as quickly.

Moms who are tired of paying full price for children's gear, can find relief at the upcoming 8th Annual Mom to Mom Sale.

This year the sale will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 17 in the family center at St. Mary School located at 1005 Bridge St.

The event will feature over 40 moms and teens selling oodles of "gently used" infant, children's and teen clothing, toys, books furniture, bikes and more.

Adults who are 18 and over and wish to attend will be charged a $2 entrance fee.

For moms or teens looking to unload some gear, event coordinator Beth Martin still has booth space available. There is a charge of $25 per space.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit St. Mary School.

Volunteers to help set up and run the event are also still needed.

The opportunity to shop from 8 to 9 a.m., before the doors open to everyone else, is offered as an incentive to vendors and volunteers.

To volunteer or set up a booth space call Martin at (231) 547-1768.

What? 8th Annual Mom to Mom Sale

When? 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 17

Where? St. Mary School located at 1005 Bridge St.

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Lydia Weiso named Commended Student

Lydia Weiso, a senior at Northwest Academy, has been named a Commended Student in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Director of Academics, Cindy Romero, of Northwest Academy will present a letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, to Weiso.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2008 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top 5 percent of more than 1.4 million students who entered the 2008 competition by taking the 2006 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

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Breast health program Oct. 8 at the library

Charlevoix Area Hospital and Charlevoix Area Zonta Club will host The Big Squeeze, a free breast health program from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 8 at Charlevoix Public Library.

The theme for this event is "Early detection is the best prevention," which coincides with Breast Cancer Awareness month in October. Educational information in the areas of nutrition, the importance of breast self exams, screening and diagnostic testing, current prevention guidelines and financial options will be presented by area professionals and breast cancer survivors.

For more information, call (231) 547-8906.

oh BOY!

A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people

MADONNA UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Sabrina Nichelle Bennett of Charlevoix, who is studying social work at Madonna University in Livonia, was named to the dean's list in recognition of her superior academic achievement during the past term.

POOL AUCTION NETS $46,900

The 18th Annual Charlevoix Area Community Pool Auction, which took place on Aug. 12, raised $46,900 for operational and program expenses at the pool.

CALVIN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Emily J. Westenbroek, daughter of Michael and Denise Westenbroek of Charlevoix was a recent recipient of the Vander Wall, Gerald and Jessica Scholarship from Calvin College in Grand Rapids where she is a student.

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Crop Walk event fights hunger locally and globally

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

STORY HIGHLIGHT
Charlevoix resident Lucy Witthoeft has raised nearly $9,000 in her 10 years of walking to fight hunger.
What? 24th Annual Church World Service Crop Walk
When? 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6
Where? The walk begins at the Charlevoix Middle School and ends in Ironton.

With the upcoming 24th Annual Church World Service Crop Walk, one local walker will mark more than a decade of service.

Charlevoix resident Lucy Witthoeft has raised nearly $9,000 in her 10 years of walking to fight hunger from as close as Charlevoix to as far away as Kenya.

"Twenty-five percent of the money raised out of the Crop Walk stays right here and goes to our church food pantry," Witthoeft said. "The same amount goes to Charlevoix, East Jordan and Boyne City... for needy families in the area, and I really like that part. There are a lot of families that use it. If someone has lost their job and they have no income for a period of time, they can get food until they get back on their feet."

In 2006, the Charlevoix Food Pantry was given $1,212 from Crop Walk and served 92 households per month.

She added, "It's a good thing, this Crop Walk. We have so much here that sometimes we take it for granted. So much food gets wasted and there are other countries where people are starving."

While dozens of locals attend the Crop Walk each year, Witthoeft said the event could always use more people.

"We need more walkers. It would be great if all the churches would take part in this," she said. "The money goes to help so many. $150 can buy 100 chick(ens) and two wired chicken coops to provide two families with a reliable source of protein and income and $500 can provide small startup loans that enable women to jump-start businesses such as making school uniforms."

Funds raised by Crop Walk walkers in 2006 topped $14,000 in this area with 91 walkers attending.

People may register right up until the walk at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix resident Lucy Witthoeft has raised nearly $9,000 in her 10 years of walking to fight hunger with Crop Walk from as close as Charlevoix to as far away as Kenya. The 24th Annual Church World Service Crop Walk will take place on Saturday, Oct. 6.

The walk begins at the Charlevoix Middle School and ends in Ironton where the Kiwanis Club will supply a luncheon.

The Crop Walk is one of Church World Service's main fundraising efforts.

Church World Service is an ecumenical Christian Relief organization which gives aid in times of emergencies both nationally and internationally.

For more information, call Young at (231) 547-2042.

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Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.

Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

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05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

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104 State Street

Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11.00 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

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Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.

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Church Office	547-6322

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Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	588-2112
or Missionaries	547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
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ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

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M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort	547-4121

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US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

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Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	547-9122

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12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

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Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

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Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill	231-347-6651

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

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OBITUARIES

Simeon Perron: Aug. 28, 1909 - Sept. 26, 2007

Simeon Charles Perron, 98, of Charlevoix, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 26 at Boulder Park Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Born Aug. 28, 1909, on Beaver Island, the son of Charles and Annie (Christian) Perron, he moved to Charlevoix when he was 9 years old. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1943-1945, with the Central Europe Company C Armored Division. Si worked for the Charlevoix County Road Commission for 30 years, and after retirement spent five years helping on the Ironton Ferry. He also had worked for Hotchkiss and Douma in Petoskey.

Always in his prime, Simeon and his wife of 70 years, Hilda May (VanZant), had 10 children; Eva (James) DeJonge of Mancelona; Si Jr. (Linda) of Belding, Leon (Celeste), David (Sandy), Sherri (Wayne) Harthorn, and John all of Charlevoix, and preceding him in death, their beloved Anna Marie, Shirley, Edward and Judy Ann Kujawski.

He is survived by Hilda and his grandchildren, Louie DeJonge, Lynette Heintzelman, Angela Kent, Nichelle Ciesielczyk, Simeon, Renee Plumm, Nichol, Nathan, Noah, and Neahl; great-grandchildren, Louie DeJonge III, Sarah Beth, Harley, Amber, Daniel Lee III, and Josephine.

Visitation was from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The funeral was at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the funeral home. Pastor Michael Arp of the Family of Faith Ministries officiated. Interment took place in Brookside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix County Humane Society.

Gregory Revoir: March 26, 1957 - Sept. 26, 2007

Gregory Revoir

Gregory L. Revoir, 50, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, Sept. 26 at his sister's home in Swartz Creek.

He was born March 26, 1957, in Pontiac, the son of Melvin H. and Shirley A. (Fitzpatrick) Revoir. Greg's family moved from Flint to Charlevoix in 1967, where he graduated from high school in 1975. He loved the outdoors, boating, hiking and mushrooming, but Greg's love was golf, and he had played courses throughout the U.S. A tool and die machinist, Greg was employed by Michigan Scientific in Charlevoix.

He is survived by his parents, Mel and Shirley of Cedar Springs; sisters, Vicki A. (Doug) Coffield of Swartz Creek, Rhonda S. (Don) Doutre of Punta Gorda, Fla., Gail L. (Tim) Blair of Grand Rapids, Bethany G. Revoir of Boyne City; nieces and nephews, Jonathan Coffield, Sarah (Derek) Lacey, Steven and Karen Doutre, Sydney and Colton Blair; maternal grandmother, Jewel Fitzpatrick of Grand Rapids; all of his special aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation took place from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. The funeral took place at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 1 at the funeral home, with Greg's uncle, Rev. Glen Fitzpatrick officiating. Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Memorial contributions may be made to the Northern Michigan Cancer Crusaders, 5501 U.S. 31 South, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Enrollment in Charlevoix schools dips

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

STORY HIGHLIGHT
Northwest Academy has 73 students as of last week's count day. This is down by 12 from the 2006-2007 school year.
Charlevoix Elementary School has 428 students; Charlevoix Middle School has 363; and Charlevoix High School has 425 students. Down nearly 10 students from the 2006-2007 school year.

The number of students attending Charlevoix Public Schools is down once again and they are joined by Northwest Academy as another of several area schools losing students to other districts.

Charlevoix is down nearly 10 students while Northwest Academy is down by 12 and worse yet, according to school officials, the state has given them no indication what they can expect to receive in the amount of per pupil funding. Furthermore, last week there was talk by Gov. Jennifer Granholm of the potential for a partial governmental shutdown which, if the department of education does not get state aid payments out to schools in time, could force some schools to shutdown.

"We have summer tax collection (revenue), so from a cash flow perspective, we're in OK shape for awhile," said Charlevoix Public Schools business manager, Shawn Biddle. "But, for districts that rely on the state more, there is a real potential that some of these districts may have to close their doors."

While Michigan House Democrats claimed to have staved off the shutdown with a new budget proposal, the plan awaits senate approval.

The administrator and chief financial officer of Northwest Academy, Gary Stutzman, said he felt the school could retain the 85 students they had last year, but only have 73 as of last week's count day.

"We will have to realign things and make some adjustments to maintain," he said. "We were able to carry a fund balance from last year and that is saving us as we speak."

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

The potential shutdown could affect Northwest Academy directly if state aid payments are not made on time.

"That is always something that weighs on your mind. You wonder what ripple effect it may have on other schools and programs, not just ours," Stutzman said. "That payment on the twentieth of every month is what we run the school on. I wish we had a great big pad, but we don't because things are out of balance at the state level."

Thursday, Sept. 27, Gov. Granholm announced an executive directive to instruct some departments to shutdown all nonessential operations this Sunday at midnight if a budget agreement cannot be made.

"The state constitution (Michigan) is clear, without a balanced budget in place, state government cannot write a single check," Granholm said during her speech and added that she is hopeful productive negotiations will yield a solution.

"While I'm doing all that I can to achieve a budget agreement, however, there is one thing that I will not do, I will not accept a budget that makes massive cuts to education, health care and public safety," she said. "Until legislation is passed that protects people and the priorities that are critical to making Michigan competitive, the possibility of a government shutdown remains real."

She added, "If a shutdown occurs, operations that protect the public's health and safety from immediate danger will continue."

While prisons and other vital services including police forces will continue to operate, construction, secretary of state and other nonessential services would have ceased.

Nonetheless, school officials must go forward as long as they can.

STUDENT COUNT

While the student count numbers are yet to be made official, the unofficial counts for Charlevoix Public Schools are as follows:

Charlevoix Elementary School has 428 students; Charlevoix Middle School has 363; and Charlevoix High School has 425 students.

The numbers, Biddle said, are unofficial because some students were out sick or absent for other reasons when the count was performed on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

"If they had been in the building and attending and were simply out of the building, we included them in the count," she said.

"We budgeted for 432 in the elementary, 357 in the middle school and 411 in the high school," Biddle said. "It's a positive thing for us because, even if we don't get an increase in the foundation allowance amount, it means an increase in revenue if we have more students than we budgeted for."

Charlevoix Public Schools are up 16 students from what they projected when they completed their budget last June.

"We had to make a choice by June 30 and we decided to budget for no increase in foundation allowance," Biddle said.

The foundation allowance or per pupil funding is doled in 11 payments from October to August, but schools must budget months ahead of knowing how much funding they will receive, a frustration for administrators and staff, according to Biddle.

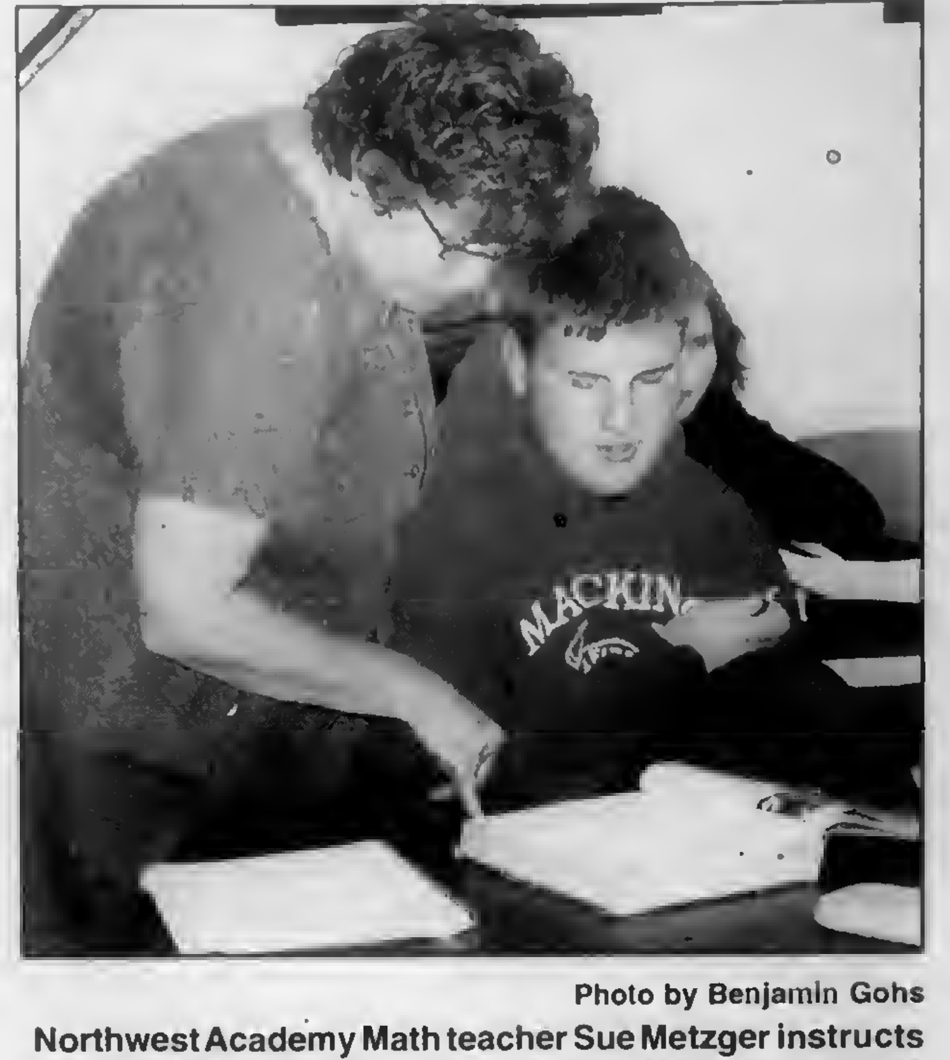


Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Northwest Academy Math teacher Sue Metzger instructs her algebra II class of juniors and seniors. Schools across the state continue to experience decreases in the number of students as citizens flee Michigan in search of better economic conditions.

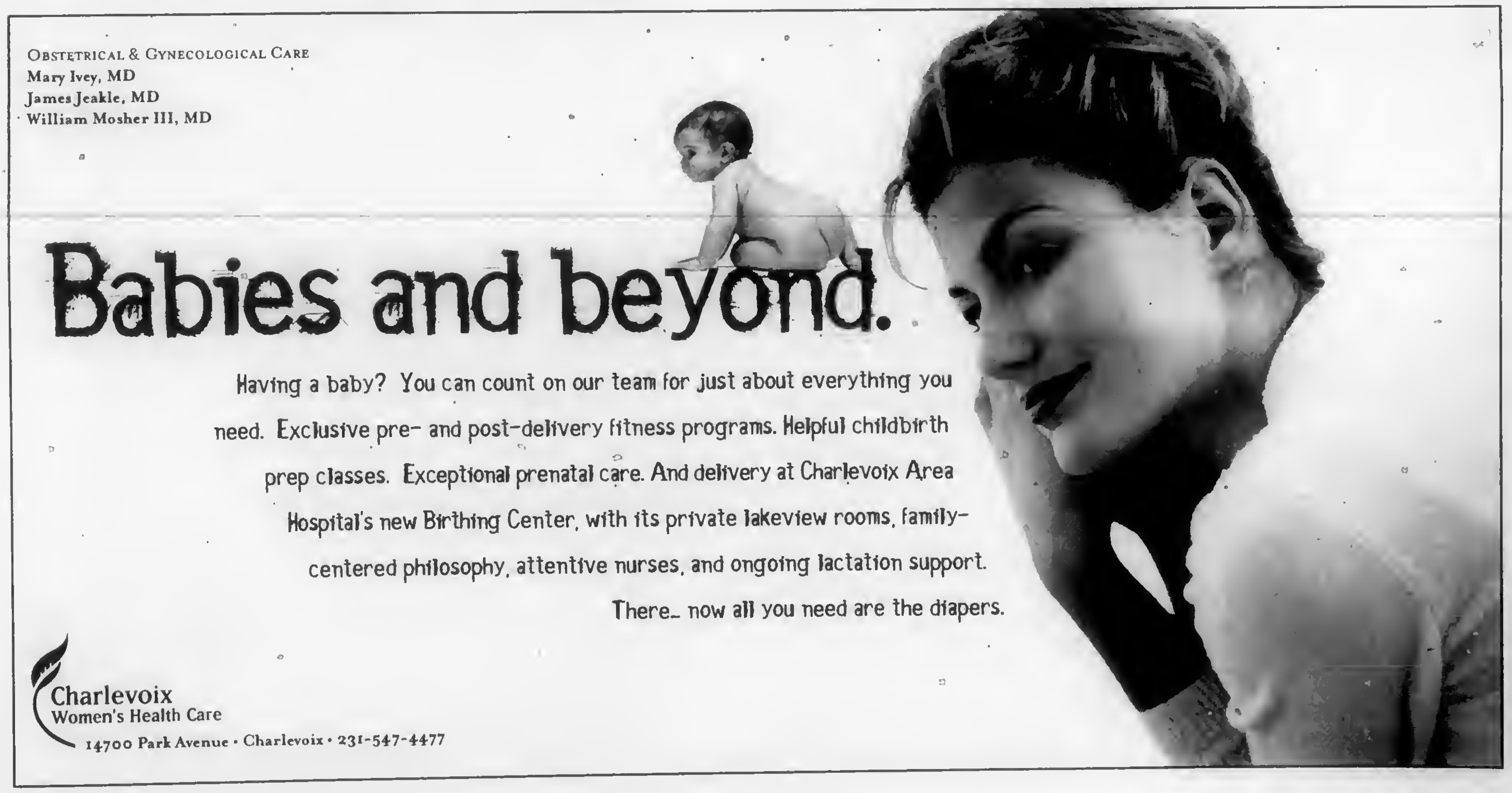
Biddle said she is unsure what is causing the downturn in student enrollment, but she said, "This district has lost students in the last five to six years and statewide schools are losing students."

She added, "I guess we just wait and see what the legislature does."

Stutzman reaffirmed a sentiment from previous interviews when he said the issue of school funding must be solved at the state level.

"Our youth are the most important thing in our country. If the kids are not educated properly, what's going to happen?" he said. "But, education seems to be one of their (government's) least concerns."

He added, "I think one of the problems is people think, since the schools have been around forever, that everything will just work itself out."



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Local growers: 'Plenty of pumpkins to go around'

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

According to local pumpkin growers, in spite of reports last week that the state's pumpkin crop is down about 50 percent, there's no reason to cancel Halloween

"Bolt's has plenty of pumpkins. There's not as many large ones as last year, but we have a lot of pumpkins," Cindy Bolt, co-owner of Bolt Farm, said.

Other local growers and supermarkets also report carrying plenty of pumpkins. These include Charlevoix Glen's, Charlevoix Oleson's, Friske's, Marvin's Gardens and Royal Farms.

Growers said hot weather and drought this summer did have an impact on pumpkin production in northern Michigan but didn't decimate the harvest.

Joe Seidel, Farm Bureau, promotion and education representative for Charlevoix County, recently attended a Farm Bureau meeting and said, "It (pumpkin crop) has a lot to do with the lay of the land and when they planted. I've heard good and bad reports. But overall, the general outlook for the state is rather bad."

Cindy said the result of the dry weather is fewer large pumpkins but areas she and her husband Russ Bolt irrigated are producing plenty of plump pumpkins.

Russ and Cindy are also reaping the benefits of having planted their almost 40 acres of pumpkins late this year, in mid-June.

"That worked to our advantage, they aren't overripe," she said. "We have thousands of pumpkins."

Bolts sell their pumpkins to area grocery stores including Meijers in Traverse City as well as at their farm.

Cindy said due to the reported statewide decline in pumpkin production the price at the stores is up a bit over last year but the prices at the farm are consistent.

PRICE CHECK ON CARVING PUMPKINS

Charlevoix Glen's $3 99 per pumpkin

Charlevoix Oleson's $3.50 per pumpkin

Bolt Farm $1 to $10

Friske's $2 lo $3

Marvin's Gardens $4 lo $6

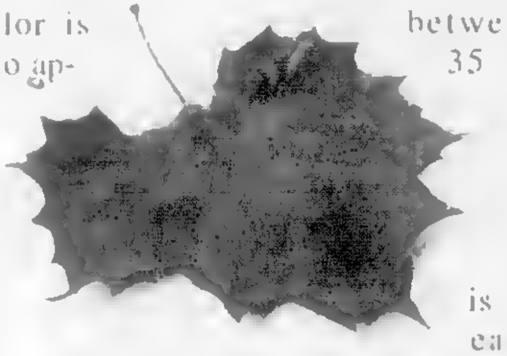
Royal Farms $3 to $6

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Farm market closes for season

Carol Mack, co-owner of Ya Ya's Bakery and Garden, an organic bakery and garden, said the Charlevoix Farm Market was the perfect place to retail her goods this summer and she will return next year. She is pictured above at the final market of the season on Sept. 27. The market will reopen in June.

Fall color is filling out in Charlevoix



AAA Michigan reports that in the Northern Lower Peninsula, color is just beginning to appear.

At Mackinaw's Wilderness State Park, color development is reported at 25 percent – at Hoeft State Park in Rogers City, mostly red hues predominate at 30 percent color development.

Color watchers in Alpena, Traverse City and Charlevoix report color levels at between 25 and 35 percent. In Gaylord, it's 45 percent with "great colors" reported. Peak is expected in early to mid-October.

For color updates, call Travel Michigan at 888-784-7328. Updates are also posted at AAA.com.

29th Annual Apple Fest is Oct. 12 and 13

Next weekend downtown Charlevoix will transform into a harvest farm market and craft fair.

The town will host the 29th Annual Apple Festival from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12 and 13 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14.

East Park construction has moved the festival venue to the 100 block of Mason Street and behind the Bridge Street storefronts between Clinton and Mason streets.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.

A complete Apple Festival story including a look at this year's apple crop, will be in next week's Courier.

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Survey says: Seniors aren't happy with service

BY FRED GRAY
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

An independent assessment of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, based on a survey of 1,570 of the more than 6,000 seniors in the county, finds the agency is seriously understaffed, poorly trained and unresponsive to the people it is intended to serve

Summaries of the report, prepared by Community Services Network of Michigan, were presented to the county board of commissioners at the end of the Sept. 26 meeting. Board Chairman Shirley Roloff told the board that if they had questions about the report they could raise them at a future meeting with the Commission on Aging board.

Connie Saltonstall, the only Commission on Aging board member to attend last Wednesday's meeting, cautioned the county board that they had not received the complete report.

The new report, undertaken at the request of the Commission on Aging board by the Community Services Network of Michigan, finds that the agency is seriously short-staffed in both administrative and direct care areas, and that staff needs more training and better supervision.

In a list of key findings, the report also said there are only seven or eight full-time equivalent direct care workers to serve the county's 6,000 seniors, which comprise 21 percent of the county's population.

"Of the 6,000 seniors, 2,174 are older than 75 and 632 are over the age of 85. The Alzheimer's Association reports that 18 percent of people between 75 and 84, and 50 percent of those over 85, have some type of dementia, which means they and their caregivers need services and assistance," the report states.

It also concludes that the senior population and general public do not know about Commission on Aging services.

"Too few homebound seniors receive services due to short staffing, poor intake process, an inability to meet eligibility requirements and lack of transportation," it states.

It states that although there were "shining stars" of good work done by the Commission on Aging, "For the most part there was knowledge by the board of directors about these areas of concern, in particular, the large fund balance, the strained relationship with one of the senior centers and the idea there might be need for more service."

And, it said, "There was minimal pre-discussion by staff or board about dissatisfaction with the level and quality of services. Therefore, the very poor rating of client satisfaction report was distressing news."

"The Commission on Aging has an opportunity to increase the level of service, implement new programs and services, or realign the way in which services are delivered after considering the voices of the seniors and other service providers who participated in this important project.

"This document will service as a planning tool so the Commission on Aging board of directors will be able to make informed decisions about the program they offer."

In a press release, Commission on Aging director Sue Bergmann briefly restated the findings of the assessment and said short-term and long-term "action plans" to respond to the findings are being developed and will be made public when they are completed.

"The results have yielded significant opportunities for improving the COA's current services and for adding to COA offerings," the release states.

The county voted to establish a senior citizen millage in 2000, which was renewed in 2004 and will be up for renewal in 2008. County equalization director Tom Wolf said county taxpayers will be assessed .3853 mills this winter for the millage, which is expected to raise $765,482.

The Commission on Aging board of directors, which is responsible to the county board of commissioners, has been the fiduciary of senior millage funds since 2000. It is responsible for

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis - September 14, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved minutes of the August 22, 2007 meeting as corrected.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-051, Gosling Czubak Contract and authorized the Chairman to sign said contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-052, Community Corrections Coordinator/Case Manager Contract and authorized the Chairman to sign said contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-053, Community Corrections Case Manager Contract and authorized the Chairman to sign said contract.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-054, 2007/08 P.A. 416 Grant Application and authorized the Chairman to sign said application.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-055, Agreement between Charlevoix County and the Charlevoix Senior Center and authorized the Chairman to sign said agreement.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-056, 2007/08 September Subsidiary Fund Budgets.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-057 Section 6311 Revised Operating Project Authorization and authorized the Chairman to execute.
- Motion approved the lease agreement between Charlevoix County and the City of East Jordan for the East Jordan Senior Center.
- Molion adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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Commission on Aging developing action plan to address concerns

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the Boyne Area Senior Center, the East Jordan Senior Center, the Charlevoix County Adult Day Care Center and services on Beaver Island.

The Commission on Aging also provides services for dementia, congregate and home-delivered meals, home-making services, medication management, personal care, foot care, respite care, lawn care and snow removal.

The Commission on Aging acts as the fiduciary only for the Charlevoix Senior Center, which has a separate contract for $158,000 in services for 2007-2008 year with the agency.

The Commission on Aging budget for the 2006-2007 year ending Sept. 30 has projected revenues of $1,082,238. As of Sept. 7, $273,437 had not been spent. As of Aug. 31, the Commission on Aging fund balance was $2.31 million, which includes $1.58 million in the investment accounts.

Fred Gray can be contacted at (231) 439-9374 or fgray@petoskeynews.com.

(Right) Charlevoix residents Alice Harvey, Bunnie Goss and Carol Tunison do the Electric Slide in conjunction with the Thursday morning line dancing group that meets at the Charlevoix Senior Centers. Senior services provided by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging were the focus of a survey, the results of which were recently tabulated.

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New state law changes driver's ed curriculum

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land recently announced that new driver education curriculum, testing and instructor-training requirements are being implemented to better prepare teens for the road.

The number of 16 and 17-year-old Michigan drivers involved in fatal crashes dropped from 80 in 2004 to 51 in 2006, yet they are disproportionately involved in crashes compared to other age groups. Young drivers are at higher risk primarily due to their failure to appropriately recognize hazards, control the vehicle and manage speed or spacing on the road.

"The most dangerous time for 16 and 17 year olds is the first six months that they drive unsupervised," Land said. "Michigan is the only state in the nation to offer two segments of driver education with a three-tiered graduated licensing system to help teens become more comfortable behind the wheel. Research has shown that Michigan's Graduated Driver Licensing system has had a significant impact on reducing crash rates among young teen drivers.

"We're continuing to build upon those successes with these latest changes, which will ensure that our driver education teachers are prepared with the most up-to-date curriculum and testing strategies available. By placing more emphasis on the development of critical driving skills, we are helping our children become safer, more responsible drivers."

A coalition of driver education stakeholders, under the direction of the Department of State, met in 2005 to review and evaluate Michigan's driver education program. The 94 recommendations that resulted from the Driver Education Advisory Committee's work formed the foundation of the Driver Education Provider and Instructor Act, which took effect Oct. 1, 2006.

The new law stipulates that the state use a model curriculum. The American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association's nationally recognized curriculum was chosen as Michigan's prescribed curriculum which focuses on developing skills most critical to safe driving in situations where young drivers are at highest risk. AAA Michigan provided the $50,000 needed to purchase the curriculum, which is now ready for distribution to each of the state's driver education providers.

To ensure that driver education courses are taught consistently throughout the state, about 2,000 certified instructors must be trained in how to use the new curriculum. Half-day workshops will be presented around the state beginning this month.

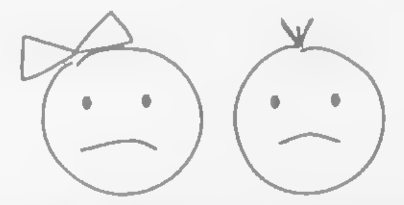
The new law also requires students to pass a knowledge test during Segment 2 of driver education. Currently, a knowledge test is only required in Segment 1. The knowledge tests for both segments will be computer generated to improve the integrity of the testing system.

Michigan has about 420 certified driver education providers that offer driver education for teens under age 18, with public schools comprising about half of them. More than 100,000 students enroll each year in Segments 1 and 2.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Driver Education Provider and Instructor Act, took effect Oct. 1, 2006. The new law stipulates that the state use a nationally recognized curriculum and also requires students to pass a knowledge test during Segment 2 of driver education. Currently, a knowledge test is only required in Segment 1. The knowledge tests for both segments will be computer generated to improve the integrity of the testing system.

Land stressed that even with the improvements to driver education, the most potent force for safety in a young driver's life remains his or her parents. To assist parents, the department provides a sample driving contract on its Web site at www.Michigan.gov/sos that may be used to define a teen's responsibilities and privileges when driving.



Bad Parents!

PROBLEM: Teen drivers

Being the parent of a teenage driver can be stressful, here are some tips for steering teens in the right direction.

As parents, the last place we want to be is riding shotgun the first time our children are behind the wheel but that might be the best place for us.

A Young Drivers Study released in spring 2006 by the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation indicates that car crashes involving young drivers can be reduced by up to one-third when parents take an active role in their teenager's driving education.

Lead by example, if parents don't want teens to speed they should back off the accelerator themselves and if drinking and driving is a concern, the beverage cup shouldn't ever hold brew.

Aside from the importance of being a positive role model, parents should also consider setting some guidelines.

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And if all else fails, there's always the invisible fence. GPS technology like Skyguard is becoming widely available to allow parents to remotely track their driving age children's movements. These services allow parents to get electronic notices via their wireless phones or over e-mail if their teen has driven out of a prescribed area or exceeded the speed limit — and parents can use the technology to automatically disable a vehicle's ignition or unlock doors.

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Parenting month library events and book picks

EVENTS

October is parenting month at the Charlevoix Public Library.

The annual parenting series will be held at 6:30 p.m. on three consecutive Tuesdays beginning Oct. 9. The first session will be "Learn how to scrapbook," just in time for the upcoming holiday photos. Erica Stuck, Creative Memories consultant, will demonstrate how to turn loose photos into a beautiful scrapbook.

On Oct. 16, Shannon Smith, Char-Em Intermediate School District, will be teaching the importance of using finger plays and rhymes with your baby at "What happened to Mother Goose?"

On Oct. 23 "Healthy snacks & child nutrition" will be the topic de jour. Diane Rellinger, Michigan State University Extension Office, will teach parents about creating healthy, kid friendly snacks, dealing with fussy eaters, and how tao ensure your children are receiving the proper nutrition.

The library is also providing a venue for car seat safety checks. Safety technicians from AAA will be on hand at the library to check the safety of your car seats and how they are installed as well as the safe securing of your child. The safety clinic will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6. To make an appointment, call (231) 237-7350.

All parenting programs are free and will be held in the Youth Activity Center of the Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix.

For more information, call the youth services desk at the library (231) 237-7350.

BOOK PICKS

Elizabeth Pantley, "The No-Cry Discipline Solution"

Parents

The author is a parent of four and knows the challenges, frustrations and joys of child rearing. The discipline strategy presented is based on the idea that parents know their children best. The book gives parents the communication tools they need to stop bad behavior in its tracks and ways to figure out what triggers the child to act out. The focus is on love and nurturing, rather than more punitive discipline strategies.

Candice M. Kelsey, "Generation MySpace: Helping Your Teen Survive Online Adolescence"

If you have a teen at home that spends time online, you may be wondering what they are doing and why it is so important to them. This book explains "social networking" and gives an excellent description of the most popular sites. You'll learn what draws teens to the sites, how they set up profiles, and some of the pros and cons. Parents will get information on how to avoid cyber-bullying and other dangers. But most importantly, the author gives tips on how to talk to teens about their online activity and ways to help them play it safe.

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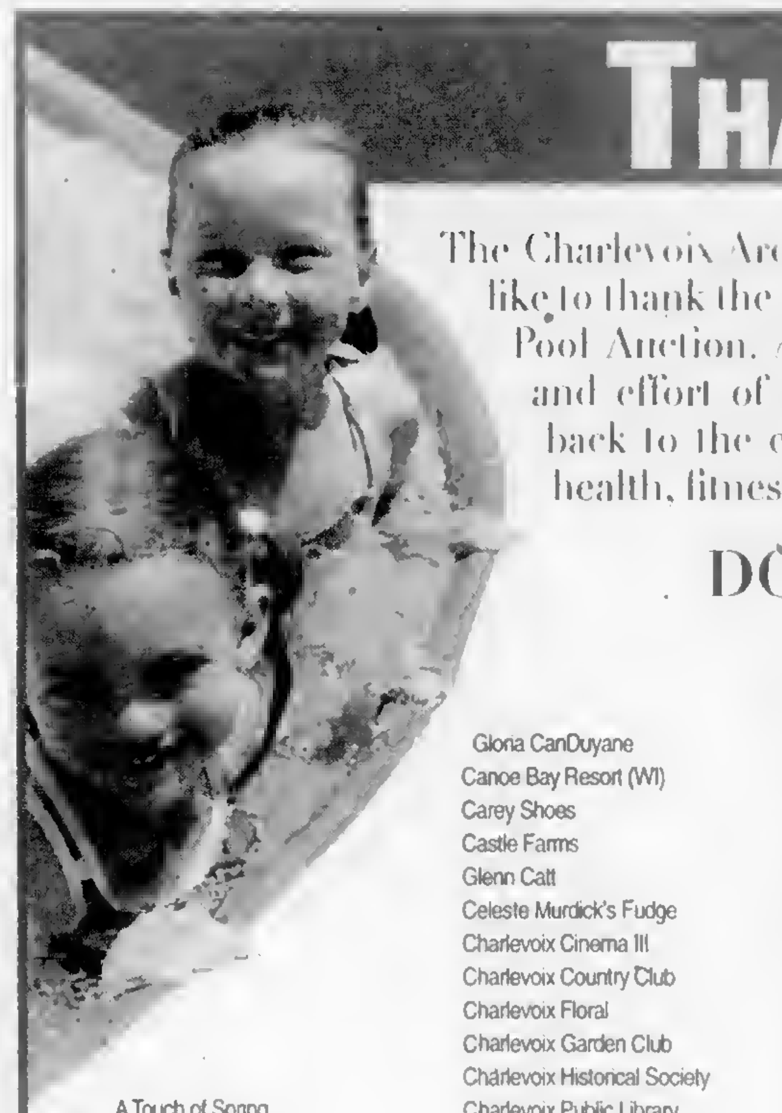

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City Council denies street name change

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Charlevoix City Council members unanimously shot down a request from residents to change the name of East Hurlbut Avenue to Belvedere Bluff Avenue.

At a public hearing on Monday, Oct. 1, council heard arguments from East Hurlbut Avenue resident Bob Heath who cited delivery problems and a safety concern related to house numbers on both sides of East Hurlbut being identical.

The majority of the homes on the north side of the street currently have Belvedere Avenue addresses while three have East Hurlbut addresses. All of the homes have driveways on East Hurlbut.

Heath said his proposal to renumber the homes and change the street name would be a compromise to a unique circumstance.

"An anomaly needs a common sense approach. I think it's achievable and I would love the opportunity to do this," Heath told council.

But Heath's argument was trumped by city fire chief Paul Ivan who told council that after meeting for two hours with a safety committee made up of city staff, area emergency responders and representatives from Cheboygan-Charlevoix-Emmet counties Central Dispatch, the situation is better left alone.

Ivan said if the name change was approved it would be a two-block exception to the city's grid numbering system.

"Could we teach first responders to do that? Yeah. But from a public safety standpoint it's not in the best interest of the community," Ivan said. "It's making an anomaly that we know and making it even bigger."

First Ward councilman Lyle Gennett further argued that a decision like this could set a precedent and other city homeowners would likely petition council for a street name change.

"If we do it for one, what about the rest of us," he said. "I'm sorry, I know you've (Heath) gone through a lot of work. But I'm looking at what's best for this community."

Other street residents, including Walt Hufford, Ann Gorney, Jill Picha, Ron Bindi and Leslie Cunningham spoke in opposition to the change.

"I really don't want to have to change my address. It's a big problem and there's no good reason for it," Hufford said.

Council ultimately agreed and while a change to Belvedere Bluff Avenue was quashed, residents of that street may still see an address change.

After council returned from a closed session discussion regarding a property acquisition, Gennett said the right thing to do in this situation is to have property owners on the north side of the street with Belvedere Avenue addresses transferred to East Hurlbut addresses. He requested this be on a future city council agenda.

"It will come back again because we are not dealing with the real issue which is the north side of East Hurlbut," Third Ward council member, Shirley Gibson, said.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

A request to change the street name, East Hurlbut Avenue to Belvedere Bluff Avenue was denied by Charlevoix City Council following an Oct. 1 public hearing. But residents may still see an address change. First Ward councilman Lyle Gennett said the right thing to do in this situation is to have property owners on the north side of the street with Belvedere Avenue addresses transferred to East Hurlbut addresses. He requested this be on a future city council agenda.

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Charlevoix City Council members unanimously denied a request from residents to change the name of East Hurlbut Avenue to Belvedere Bluff Avenue.

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Lady Rayders
Lady Rayders

Input sought to plan regional trail system

The Northwest Michigan Council of Governments is implementing the Northwest Michigan Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy.

This project is creating a comprehensive, regional non-motorized transportation strategy for Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Osceola and Wexford counties. The development of a comprehensive plan and the identification of priority projects within this area will help guide the Michigan Department of Transportation's investment in the region's non-motorized transportation system.

Staff have completed exploratory meetings with local elected and appointed officials from the governmental units in the 13-county area on proposed trails in their counties. Meetings were held regionally with non-profit organizations and many others who manage or have an interest in regional non-motorized transportation and recreation infrastructure to review the proposed trails and make any suggestions.

The public is invited to give their input on the compiled, proposed trails at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at the City of Boyne City Hall meeting room. The county maps with the proposed trails will be available for review.

For more information, call Patty O'Donnell, regional planner with the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments at (231) 929-5039.

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Young hunters bag big bucks at youth hunt

Hunters ages 10 to 16 participated in a statewide special youth hunt Sept. 22-23.

A properly licensed youth was allowed to take one deer during this two-day hunt.

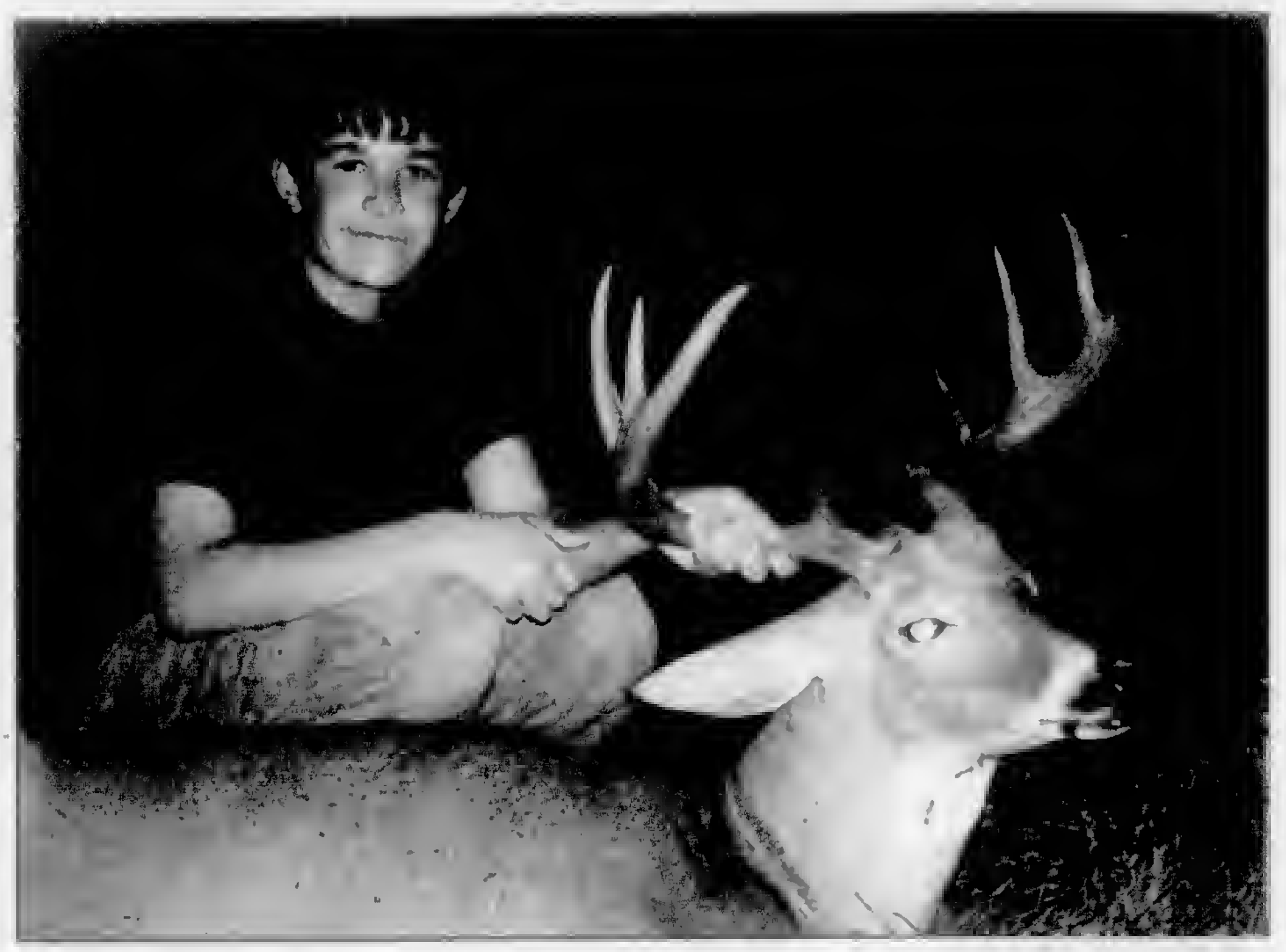
This is the eighth year for the youth-only hunt in Michigan. During the first youth hunt in 2000 an estimated 14,000 youths participated. Last year approximately 30,000 youngsters participated in the youth firearm deer season, harvesting over 9,500 deer, which is about two percent of the total 2006 white-tailed deer harvest.

Youth-only hunts have been established across the U.S. in recent years in response to concerns about the declining trend nationally in licensed hunters. Such hunts are an opportunity to provide beginning hunters with training and mentoring, helping them develop interest, skills and firearm safety awareness.

"Mentoring is a vital component of the youth hunting program," said Department of Natural Resources director Rebecca Humphries. "This special weekend hunt provides mentors the opportunity to teach, share experiences, and help them instill in our young people a respect for animals and their habitat."

Hunters age 12 to 16 are required to possess a firearm or combination license and may use a firearm or archery equipment to take a deer. Youths age 12 and 13 are restricted to firearm hunting on private land only. Young hunters, age 10 and 11, are restricted to using archery equipment and must possess a combination license to take a buck in the weekend hunt.

All young hunters participating in this special hunt are required to be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age. The accompanying adult does not need a deer hunting license and is prohibited from carrying a firearm or bow during the special youth firearm deer season. Hunters may not use bait during this season.



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Fisher Kiteley, the 13-year-old son of Mike and Sue Kiteley of Charlevoix shot this 10-point buck on Saturday, Sept. 22.

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Charlie Blacker and Austin Themm of Charlevoix are pictured here with the black bear shot during a dog run on Sept. 22 near Petoskey. The bear weighed 400 pounds and stretched over six feet in length.

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Andrew Robarge, the 12-year-old son of Jay and Angie Robarge of Charlevoix shot this six-point deer on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 22.

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Charlevoix hunters see success at Youth Hunt

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(Above) Dylan Sladek, 14, the son of Lisa and Jerry Sladek and Margie and Peter Tamminga of Charlevoix, shot this eight-point buck on Saturday morning, Sept. 22. (Below) Cameron Canupp, the 14-year-old son of Denny and Jeanne Way, shot this six-point buck at 6:50 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22.

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(Above) Matthew Murray, son of John and Barb Murray of Charlevoix shot this eight-point buck on Sept. 22. (Below) Josh Hogan, the son of Kim Hogan of Charlevoix shot this eight-point buck on Sunday morning, Sept. 23.

Courtesy photos

(Above) Clyde Schoonover, 13, the son of Bob and Betsy Schoonover of Charlevoix, is pictured here with the six-point buck he shot on opening day, Saturday, Sept. 22. (Below) Emma Julier-Hough, the 12-year-old daughter of Lyle and Marlo Kleiber shot her first deer on Sept. 22 at the youth hunt.

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The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra (GLCO) will open its 2007-2008 season with its October Strings concerts featuring the Symphony #88 in G major, by Franz Joseph Haydn and the Symphony in C, by Georges Bizet.

Paul Sonner is the concert master of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. He and 40 other Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra musicians from across northern Michigan will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6 at the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs and again at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7 in the performing arts center at Boyne City High School.

"This is a happy concert," said maestro Matthew Hazelwood, the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra's newly appointed music director and conductor. "The music is beautiful, spiritual and wonderfully uplifting."

Hazelwood is music director emeritus at the Battle Creek Symphony Orchestra. He currently conducts the Interlochen Arts Academy's Youth Orchestra and serves as a frequent guest conductor with symphony orchestras in Columbia, South America and at Oxford, England.

Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra concert master, Paul Sonner, is also on staff at Interlochen. He serves as the concert master of the Traverse Symphony Orchestra as well.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $8 for students and will be available at the door or in advance at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

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(Right) The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6 at the First Presbyterian Church of Harbor Springs and again at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7 in the performing arts center at Boyne City High School.

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The Charlevoix Public Library is proud to present "The Hollywood Librarian: A Look at Librarians through Film," the first full-length documentary film to focus on the work and lives of librarians.

A screening will take place at 7 p.m. on Oct. 5 at the library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

This American film contains hundreds of examples of librarians and libraries on screen. Dozens of interviews of real librarians will be interwoven with movie clips of cinematic librarians and serve as transitions between the themes of censorship, intellectual freedom, children and librarians, pay equity and funding issues, and the value of reading. "The Hollywood Librarian" is a blend of film clips, humor and critical analysis of the popular image of librarians.

One of only two showings in the state of Michigan, Charlevoix Library is excited to bring this first of its kind documentary to the public. The screening will take place in the library's new community meeting room and popcorn will be served.

Friends of the Library will be hosting the screening as a fund-raiser for future projects. Tickets will be sold at the door and are $8 for those 12 and up, $5 for ages 5-12 and seniors, young children and library employees are admitted free.

For more information, call (231) 237-7340.

What? Friends of the Charlevoix Public Library will present a screening of "The Hollywood Librarian: A Look at Librarians through Film."

When? 2 p.m. on Sept. 30 and 7 p.m. on Oct. 5

Where? In the library's community meeting room, 220 West Clinton St.

How much? Tickets will be sold at the door and are $8 for those 12 and up, $5 for ages 5-12 and seniors, young children and library employees are admitted free.

Beaver Island Boodle and Bite events are on Oct. 6

The Beaver Island Boodle 5K starts at 10 a.m. on Oct. 6. An entry form can be obtained from the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce office at (231) 448-2505 or by e-mail request at chamber@esyip.net. For more information, call Boodle organizers Gail and Mike Weede at (231) 448-3195 or (231) 448-2708.

The Bite of Beaver Island will follow at Holy Cross Church Hall. For more information, call Kathy Speck at (231) 448-2711.

Costume fund-raiser to benefit Charlevoix Children's House

Ghosts, goblins and ghouls will come together for a frightening fundraiser.

Fright Night at the Castle, a fundraiser for adults which will benefit Charlevoix Children's House, the local Montessori preschool and kindergarten, will take place from 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 at Castle Farms.

The costume party will include a buffet dinner catered by Grey Gables, a cash bar and music provided by A+ Digital DJ. A silent auction will be offered featuring gift certificates, candles, overnight stays and more.

Costumes are encouraged but not required. Best dressed prizes will be awarded.

Tickets are $30 per person or $50 per couple and are available at the Charlevoix Courier, located at 112 Mason St.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (231) 547-6558.

What? Tickets are on sale now for Fright Night at the Castle, a costume party, dinner and fund-raiser to benefit Charlevoix Children's House, the local Montessori preschool and kindergarten

When? 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19

Where? Castle Farms, 5052 M-66 North

Ticket cost? $30 per person or $50 per couple. Available at the Charlevoix Courier, 112 Mason St.

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The 2nd Annual Fright Night will take place on Oct. 19 at Castle Farms. Fright Night is a fundraiser for adults which will benefit Charlevoix Children's House, the local Montessori preschool and kindergarten.

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LexaLite sells to ALP Lighting Components

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
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According to William Brown, president and CEO of ALP Lighting Components Inc., the uncertainty felt by LexaLite employees will soon be a thing of the past.

After two changes in ownership in the past 10 years, Brown said the third will stick. On June 18, Brown purchased LexaLite, the Charlevoix-based plastic injection molding manufacturer and its sisters Genesta and Plastics Specialties Inc. (PSI) the three of which fall under the umbrella of Spectrus Inc. from Habasit Holding AG, a privately held Swiss company.

He said the sign that will soon be placed outside the 13-acre LexaLite manufacturing plant off U.S. 31 will say it all, "Room for further expansion."

"We will put that there so people will know we are here to stay. We didn't buy it to bury it we bought it to grow it," Brown said.

He said the only jobs that will be eliminated are those that overlap including some accounting positions. However, he said plant workers are not expected to be let go.

"I only speak for myself with regard to morale: I have unbounded enthusiasm for the new ownership. This is dramatically better for LexaLite than being part of a public company," said Tom Barnes, vice-president and business manager of plastic optical products for Spectrus Inc. "Being part of a public company, you have different priorities. In a public company you respond to the whims of the marketplace."

"We've got people dedicated to lighting and people who are going to make decisions for the long-term interests of their customers and employees," Barnes said. "In a public company, you may do what is in the best interest of shareholders."

LexaLite operates two manufacturing facilities in town, the first is the aforementioned site on the highway, the second is on Taylor Road in the city's industrial park where Genesta's product line was moved to from Guelph, Ontario, Canada in 2006. The move brought 20 new jobs to Charlevoix.

The acquisition brings ALP's total employee roster to 1,300 people.

"With any integration we hope to avoid duplication. We are lucky in this acquisition. Unlike others in the past, we didn't purchase bricks and mortar, we got real value from the human capital Spectrus brought to the picture. We value that very much," Brown said. "There's uncertainty whenever you have a new owner. People feel they've been taken advantage of for the last two years. But we own the property and the buildings, we have a commitment to Charlevoix. We are hoping to rejuvenate the entire operation."

"There's a lot of work to be done. And we have the resources to put the company back on the map."

Aside from the existing human capital, Brown is bringing back Charlevoix resident Josh Barnes, a LexaLite founder who faded out of the picture once Summa Industries purchased the company in 1996.

"Josh Barnes is one of the foremost optical engineers in the country and he had been disengaged. We are bringing him back as a consultant to the company and I'm so thrilled about it," Brown said.

Barnes is thrilled as well and said the purchase by ALP is just what the doctor ordered for Charlevoix.

"I don't think it's any secret I wasn't happy after we were acquired by Summa. They (ALP) are lighting people, they know lighting," Barnes said. "We'll be expanding rather than eliminating."

ALP is a lighting components company that supplies to indoor and outdoor lighting original equipment manufacturers worldwide.

"This (the Spectrus purchase) adds a new dimension to us. We were mostly fluorescent. This gives us HID and compact fluorescent access. Its an interesting marriage," Brown said.

According to an ALP press release aside from increasing the company's product-line, the addition of Spectrus also brings on board engineering and design capabilities as well as manufacturing capacity in injection molding, thermoforming, vacuum forning and other plastics operations.

Spectrus currently operates plants in Charlevoix, Olive Branch, Miss., and Dickson, Tenn.

For more information, visit www.alplighting.com or www.spectrusinc.com.

What does Spectrus do? LexaLite is best known for its precision injection molded refractors and reflectors for indoor and outdoor area and roadway applications, in addition to being a trusted source of high quality proprietary molding The PSI and Genesta product ranges are derived from extrusion and thermoforming operations, consisting of prismatic sheet, profiles, puffs, dishes and squares

What does ALP do? From the industry s most comprehensive line of plastic and metal parabolic louvers, baffles and reflectors, to a broad range of wiring devices, vapor-proof enclosures and unwired fixture bodies, ALP is committed to providing quality and creative lighting products ALP which has its headquarters in Niles Ill has manufacturing plants in the U S and Mexico, and distribution center's strategically located throughout the U S , Europe, Latin America and South America.

LexaLite's ownership history

1959 Original trade name, LexaLite, established by Josh Barnes and Stan Lundsten.

1963 The Oak Park-based company incorporated and later moved to Southfield

1965 Built Charlevoix plant with five owners of St. Clair Plastics, Barnes and Lundsten. Several plant expansions followed.

1996 Summa Industries buys LexaLite. Shortly thereafter, Summa purchased Plastics Specialties Inc. (PSI) and Genesta, two companies also involved in the plastics lighting industry.

2001 LexaLite, PSI and Genesta merge into Spectrus Inc.

2006 Habasit Holding AG, a privately held Swiss company, buys Summa Industries

2007 ALP buys Spectrus Inc.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

On June 18, ALP Lighting Components Inc. purchased LexaLite and its sisters Genesta and Plastics Specialties Inc. (PSI) the three of which fall under the umbrella of Spectrus Inc. from Habasit Holding AG. ALP executives have said this purchase will bring an end to ownership shifts that have caused uncertainty among employees. This sign has been placed outside the 13-acre LexaLite manufacturing plant off U.S. 31.

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John Blouch and his son Cody Blouch, 3, both of Interlochen were two of hundreds of people who attended Friske's Harvest Festival on Saturday, Sept. 29. The event featured you-pick opportunities, tractor rides, clowns, treats and more. Friske's is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix in Atwood.

Bier Art Gallery hosts Oct. 13 working artists program

Bier Art Gallery will host an art demonstration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13.

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Bolt Farm opens its corn maze

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The maze is open from 11 a.m. until after dark for those with flashlights. The Bolt Farm market is open from 9 a.m. to dark daily.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayders trounced by Elks at homecoming game

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
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Despite a strong start on Friday, Sept. 28, the Charlevoix Rayders lost to Elk Rapids 48-15.

Charlevoix made the first touchdown of the game with a five-yard pass from quarterback Cliff Jones to Jon Putman, but the Elks made too many big plays leaving the score at 28-7 at half-time.

"We weren't able to shut down their passing game," said Rayder varsity coach, Don Jess. "I thought our defense improved this week against the run, but their long pass plays hurt us."

Charlevoix's second touchdown came on a four-yard run by Nate Golovich and Jones passed to Putman for the two point conversion.

Jones was 15 for 27 yards passing for 138 yards.

Drew Largent and Golovich led the defense with six tackles each.

The Rayders are now 1-5 overall and 1-3 in the regular season.

"Now we'll focus on Kalkaska," Jess said. "We expect a tough game out of them this Friday."

The Rayders will meet Kalkaska at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 in Kalkaska.

STORY HIGHLIGHT
The Charlevoix Rayders varsity football team lost to Elk Rapids 48-15 on Friday Sept. 28.
What's next? The Rayders prepare to meet Kalkaska at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 at Kalkaska High School.

Photo by Scott Richards

Nate Golovich of Charlevoix breaks away from Peter Shugart of Elk Rapids for a good gain in the third quarter of the Rayder homecoming loss.

Photo by Scott Richards

(Left) Charlevoix's Kyle Jones breaks a tackle from Elk Rapids' Andy Camp (#44) In the Rayder homecoming 48-15 loss. The Rayders, now 1-5 overall and 1-3 in the regular season, face Kalkaska this Friday, Oct. 5.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayders take third at Suttons Bay Invitational

Charlevoix took third place at the Suttons Bay Invitational on Sept. 29 following wins against Harbor Springs and Grayling.

Charlevoix came out strong in the Suttons Bay Tournament taking first place in pool play with a 5-1 record. They went into power pool play where they placed third to move on to the quarterfinals where they beat Mesick 21-9, 21-11. They earned a spot in the semi-finals but were unable to pull out the win, finishing third overall.

"The girls played well — our main focus is going to be staying consistent. Right now that is our main struggle. We are not playing our best at key and critical moments. We will get it worked out," head coach, Liz Grunch said.

Tammy Potter earned team MVP and Murphy Gillespie earned tournament MVP. Gillespie had 55 kills, 47 digs, was 90 percent serve receive, with six aces. Potter had 38 kills, six blocks. Desi Faust had 34 kills, nine aces, 38 digs, 91 percent serve receive; Aubrey Way had six kills, 26 digs, six aces, 112 assists; Shauna Spencley had 13 digs, 11 kills; Michelle Burke had 44 digs; and Lauren Mielke had 33 digs.

This third place finish followed a Rayder victory in a tri match-up with Grayling and Harbor Springs.

Charlevoix beat Grayling 25-18, 25-10 and 25-13. The Rayders also beat the Rams with scores of 25-13, 25-15 and 25-22.

Rayder volleyball team's overall record is 32-7-8. Their next game is at 6 p.m. on Oct. 4 against Traverse City St. Francis at Charlevoix High School.

STORY HIGHLIGHT
Charlevoix took third place at the Suttons Bay Invitational on Sept. 29 following wins against Harbor Springs and Grayling.
What's next? The Rayders prepare to compete at 6 p.m. on Oct. 4 against Traverse City St. Francis at Charlevoix High School.

Rayder soccer posts shutout against Traverse City Christian

Charlevoix improved to 6-4-2 with the non-league shutout on Tuesday, Sept. 25. The final score was 7-0 with the Rayders defeating Traverse City Christian.

Thomas Rich, Boog Nitchman and Brian Whitley scored two goals apiece, while Ben Meyers had a goal and an assist to lead the Rayders. Rich, Weston Bryan and Matt Klooster each had an assist.

Nick Brandi earned the shutout in goal.

Rayder tennis team gears up for conference meet

The Rayder tennis team lost to Traverse City St. Francis 7-1 on Sept. 25 and beat Glen Lake 8-0 on Sept. 26.

Coach Erik Lundteigen said, "We will play our conference meet in Petoskey on Thursday, Oct. 4."

Individual results were:

- First, singles: Alex McKenzie lost to St. Francis 6-2, 6-1; and beat Glen Lake 6-4, 6-2.
- Second, singles: Mike Pelon lost to St. Francis 6-4, 6-1; and beat Glen Lake 6-0, 6-0.
- Third, singles: John Hart lost to St. Francis 6-0, 6-0; and beat Glen Lake 6-2, 6-4.
- Fourth, singles: Alex Meyers lost to St. Francis 6-0, 6-0; and beat Glen Lake 6-4, 6-2.
- First, doubles: Scotty Silherhorn and Kevin Greyerbiehl beat St. Francis 2-6, 6-4.

6-3; and beat Glen Lake 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.

- Second, doubles: Michael Heckendorn and John Drenth lost to St. Francis 6-2, 6-1; and beat Glen Lake 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.
- Third, doubles: Amy Pelon and Christina Miller lost to St. Francis 6-0, 6-0 and beat Glen Lake 6-1, 6-1.
- Fourth, doubles: Matt Murray and Robbie Rundblad lost to St. Francis 6-3, 6-1; and beat Glen Lake 6-0, 6-0.

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Bill Taylor named to CMU Hall of Fame

Bill Taylor

Charlevoix High School graduate Bill Taylor will be inducted into the Central Michigan University Athletics Hall of Fame at a banquet to take place at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 at the Comfort Inn Conference Center in Mount Pleasant.

Six new members will be inducted including Bill Taylor who competed in men's track and field and cross country from 1987-1989. He was an All-American in the 5000 meter and still holds the school record in the event with a time of 13.48.50. Taylor was the MAC cross country individual champion in 1988 and won the MAC 5000 meter title in 1989. He won every cross country meet he competed in during the 1988 season except for the national meet.

Other inductees are Leonard Drake (men's basketball, 1974-77); Brock Gutierrez (football, 1993-95); Angie (Henderson) Montroy (volleyball, 1982-85), Dick Kirchner (wrestling coach, 1957-64); and Betsy Yonkman (women's basketball, 1983-86).

The inductees will also be honored at halftime of the Central Michigan University-Army football game on Saturday, Oct. 13. Kickoff is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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FILE NO. 07-011114-DE

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Date of birth: 06/26/1918

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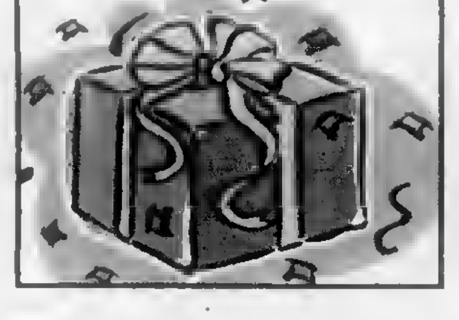

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Celebrate the fall harvest Oct. 7 at Camp Daggett

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Camp Daggett's Fall Festival on Oct. 7 will include tons of festive events like pumpkin painting.

What? Camp Daggett Fall Festival will feature hay rides, history tours, color tours on the lake, face painting, pumpkin painting, crafts, caramel apple dipping and more.

When? Noon to 5 p.m. on Oct. 7

Directions from Charlevoix: Follow U.S. 31 north toward Petoskey. Turn right on Camp Daggett Road for about 2.5 miles. Turn left on Church Road (dirt road with Camp Daggett sign on corner). Follow Church Road until it ends at the bottom of a large hill.

Camp Daggett will host a Fall Festival from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7 in celebration of another successful summer camp and to show appreciation for the support the camp's received over the past 82 years.

Children of all ages will enjoy hay rides, history tours, color tours on the lake, face painting, pumpkin painting, crafts, caramel apple dipping and more.

The camp's climbing walls will also be open for the day. S'mores around the campfire and live entertainment will also be offered.

From the days of tent camping with outhouses and no electricity, Camp Daggett has now come to encompass a lakefront winterized lodge with 12 camper cabins, a nature study building, recreation hall, showers, a commercial kitchen, a state-of-the-art indoor adventure education center and year-round programs.

For more information, call (231) 347-9742 or visit www.campdaggett.com.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

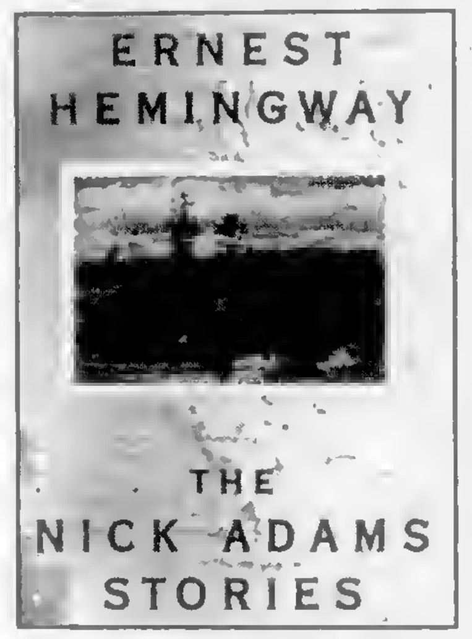
Fabulous fall weather

Warm fall weather has made for perfect outdoor recreation opportunities. Here husband and wife cyclists Chris and Joan Carson suit up in the parking lot of Shanahan field for an afternoon ride down the Little Traverse Wheelway which runs from Charlevoix to Petoskey. Tomorrow, Thursday, is expected to be sunny and in the low 70s with rain forecast for the weekend.

Great Michigan Read comes to Charlevoix Public Library

In conjunction with Great Michigan Read, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 22, Charlevoix Public Library will present the movie, "Up North with the Hemingways," followed by a community discussion of Ernest Hemingway's "The Nick Adams Stories," moderated by library assistant, Judith Ivan.

The Great Michigan READ promotes literary reading to create an educated and engaged society as readers are introduced or reacquainted with a classic piece of American literature. This year's selection is "The Nick Adams Stories" which chronicles a young man's coming of age in a series of linked short stories, most of which are set in Michigan.



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Free copies of the book, along with reader's guides, are available by request at the information services desk at Charlevoix Public Library.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

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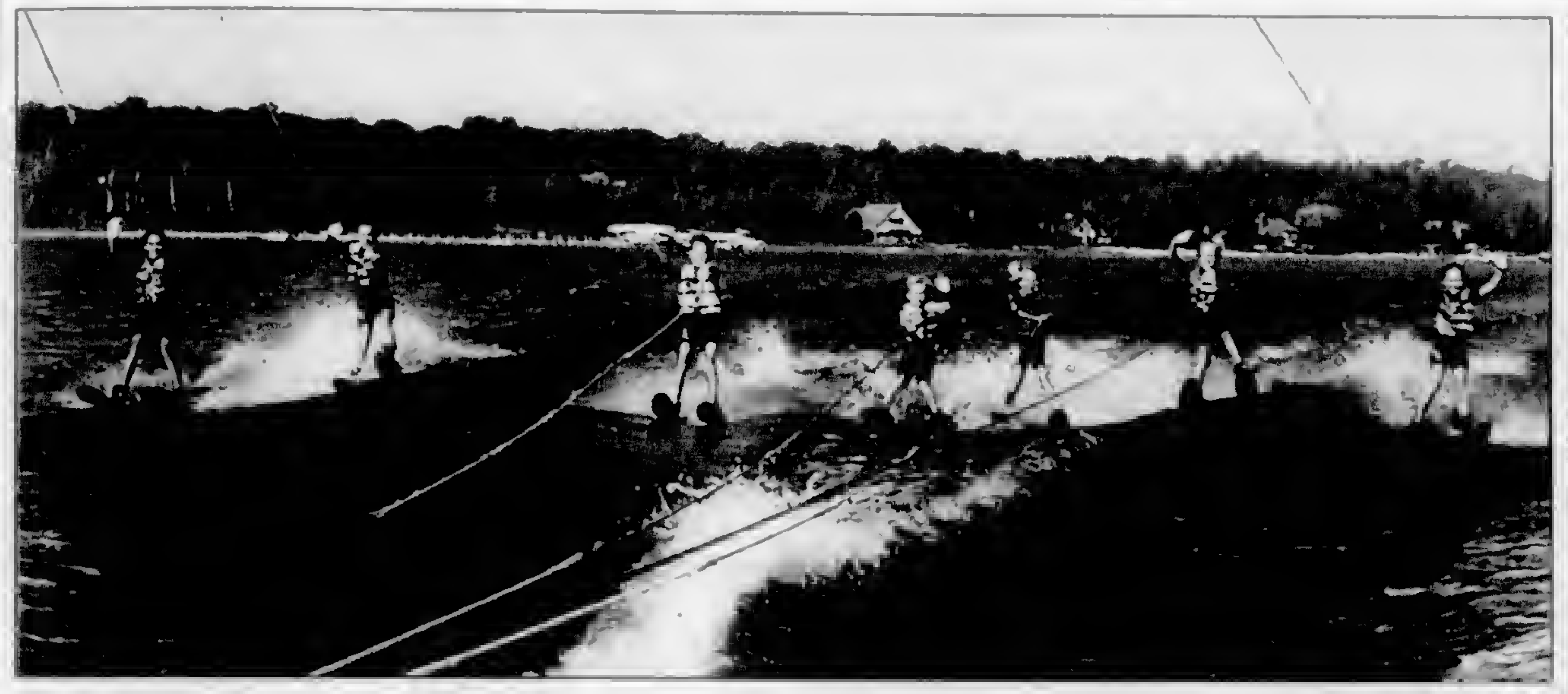


Photo by Bill Schultz

Seven cousins continued a waterskiing family tradition on Friday, Aug. 31 when they skied together on Lake Charlevoix. They had their own waterskiing show as their families gathered for Labor Day. Water skiing has long been an important sport for this family. A father of one of the children used to ski barefoot for the Star of Charlevoix at age 12. A grandfather skied in state competition as well as instructed skiing as a college student. The cousins are Alexandra Lee 12, Heather Lee 11, Chase Lee 8, Kelsy Schultz 11, Will Schultz 10, Carlee McCardel 10 and Dylan McCardel 6.

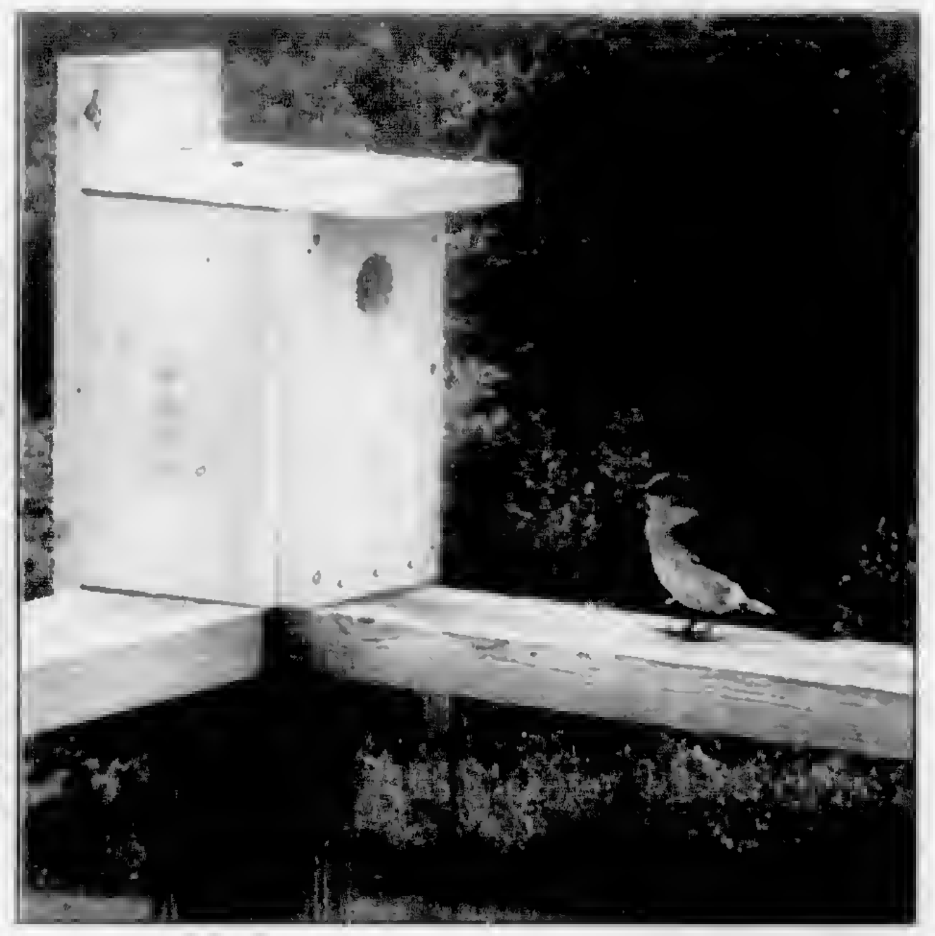


Photo by Ann Willis

Ann Willis of Charlevoix put this bluebird house on her deck this summer and the bluebirds came the next day.

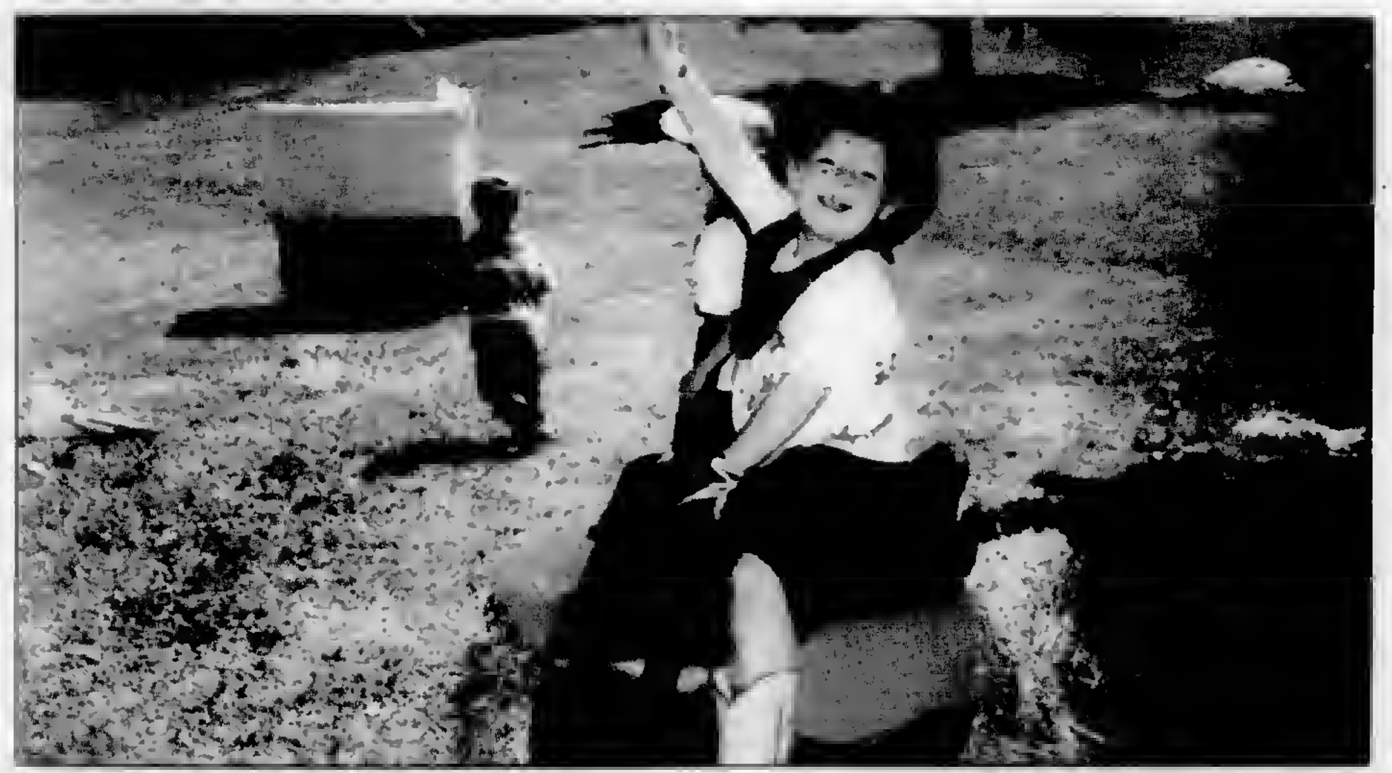
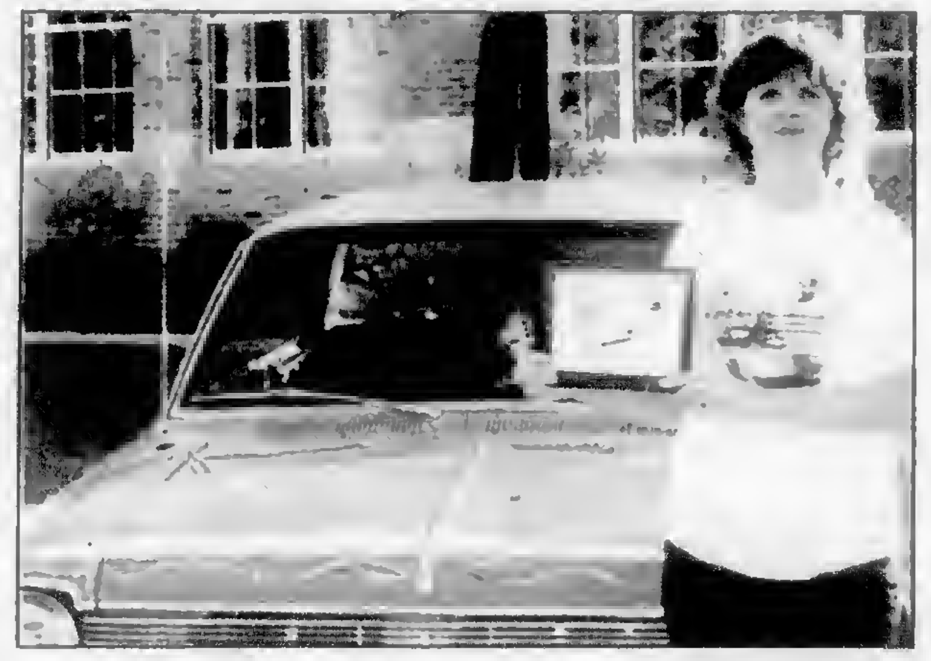


Photo by Jennifer Pittman

(Left) The children of the Care-A-Lot House on Barnard Road in Charlevoix enjoyed their 4th Annual Rodeo this summer. Pictured here is Caleb Pittman saddling up a bale of hay. (Right) Al Grams of Charlevoix took this shot of his wife Lynette Grams with the award they won at the AMCRC National Convention Car Show which took place on June 23 in Garret, Ind. The couple took second place in the Rambler 1958-1969 category. Over 100 Ramblers were registered from across the U.S. and Canada.



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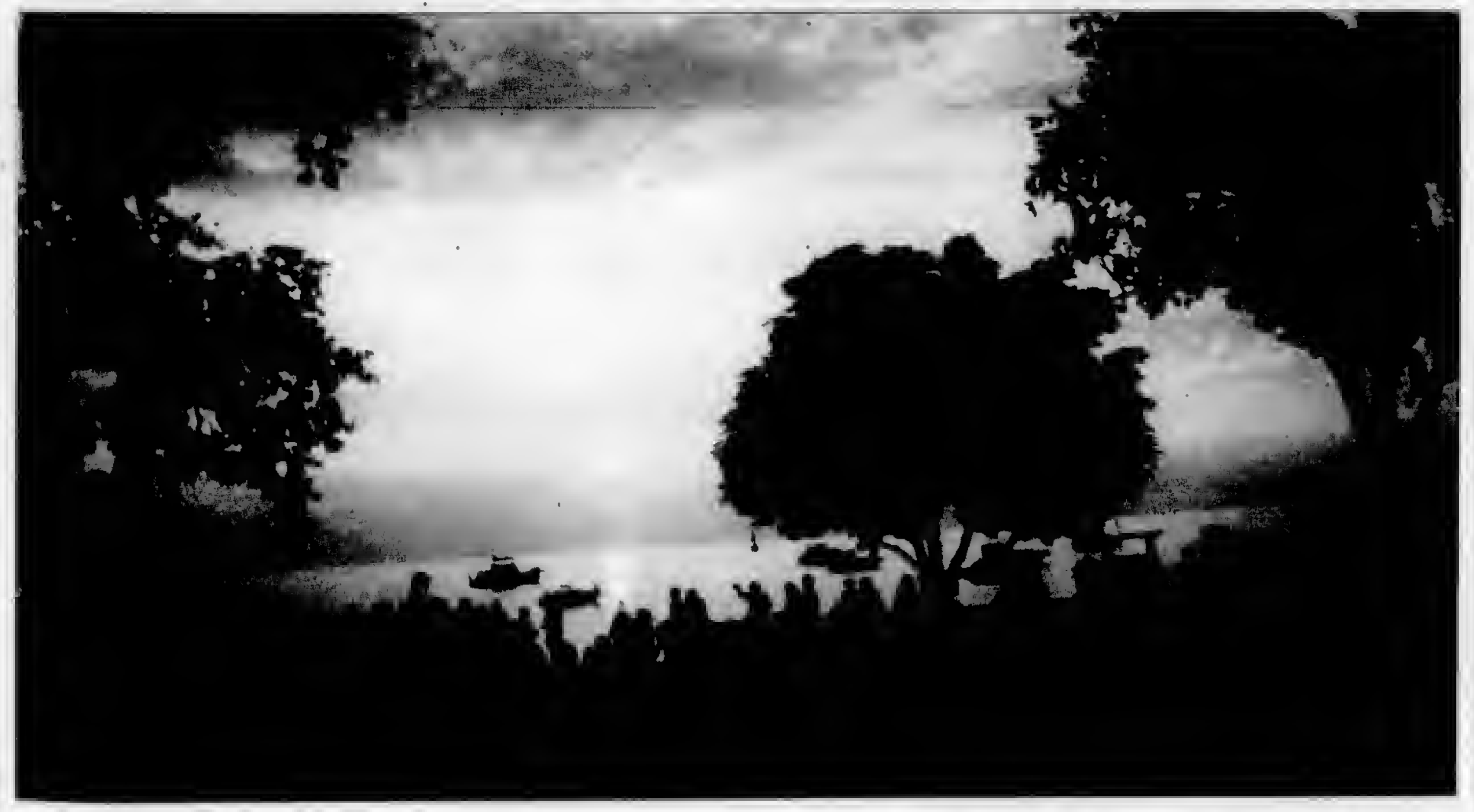

Photo by Joe Murdick

Joe Murdick of Charlevoix captured a fabulous Venetian Festival sunset on July 26 from Lake Michigan Beach.

That's my photograph!

Photo by Mike Schlitt

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OCT. 4 GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY POTLUCK

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will host their annual Christmas in October Potluck at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4 in the lower level conference room at the Boyne District Library, 201 E. Main St., Boyne City. Those interested in meeting members and learning more about the group's upcoming programs and activities are invited and encouraged to attend. Please bring a dish-to-pass, table service and a white-elephant gift to participate in the evening's silent auction event. For further information, call Patrick at (231) 348-8255.

OCT. 4 STORY TIME

Charlevoix Public Library will host story time on Oct. 4. The Lapsit program (birth to age 3) meets at 10:05 a.m. The Pre-k program (ages 3-5) will meet at 10:30 a.m. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7350.

OCT. 5 HOLLYWOOD LIBRARIAN

Charlevoix Public Library will offer a viewing of "The Hollywood Librarian" an entertaining film about the history of libraries and librarians and how they have changed throughout the years at 7 p.m. on Oct. 5. Clips of librarians from feature films are used throughout the movie. Tickets available at the door.

OCT. 5 RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE

The Atwood Christian Reformed Church is hosting a huge rummage/bake sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6. Household items, furniture, clothes, baked goods and more. The church is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix on U.S. 31.

OCT. 6 MOMS AND TOTS BANQUET

The 7th Annual Banquet for the Moms and Tots Pregnancy Resource Center will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6 at the Ellsworth Wesleyan Church Hall.

The center serves the needs of pregnant girls and single mothers in southern Charlevoix and northern Antrim counties. A sumptuous feast including homemade pies will be served followed by a program including music and testimonies.

The free banquet is open to the public. A free-will offering will be received.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (231) 588-2200.

Moms and Tots Center is a ministry of Good Samaritan Family Services of Ellsworth. Good Samaritan Family Services has been providing for the basic needs of families since 1990.

OCT. 6 BEAVER ISLAND FOOD FEST AND 5K

The Beaver Island Boodle 5K starts at 10 a.m. on Oct. 6. An entry form can be obtained from the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce office at (231) 448-2505 or by e-mail request at chamber@csyip.net. For more information, call Boodle organizers Gail and Mike Weede at (231) 448-3195 or (231) 448-2708.

The Bite of Beaver Island will follow at Holy Cross Church Hall. For more information, call Kathy Speck at (231) 448-2711.

OCT. 6 PRAYER WORKSHOP

The Community Reformed Church is offering a day-long workshop focusing on prayer and its impact on daily life.

The featured speaker is Karen Jorgensen who will provide practical and inspirational information to enhance prayer life and spirituality.

See EVENTS, page 35

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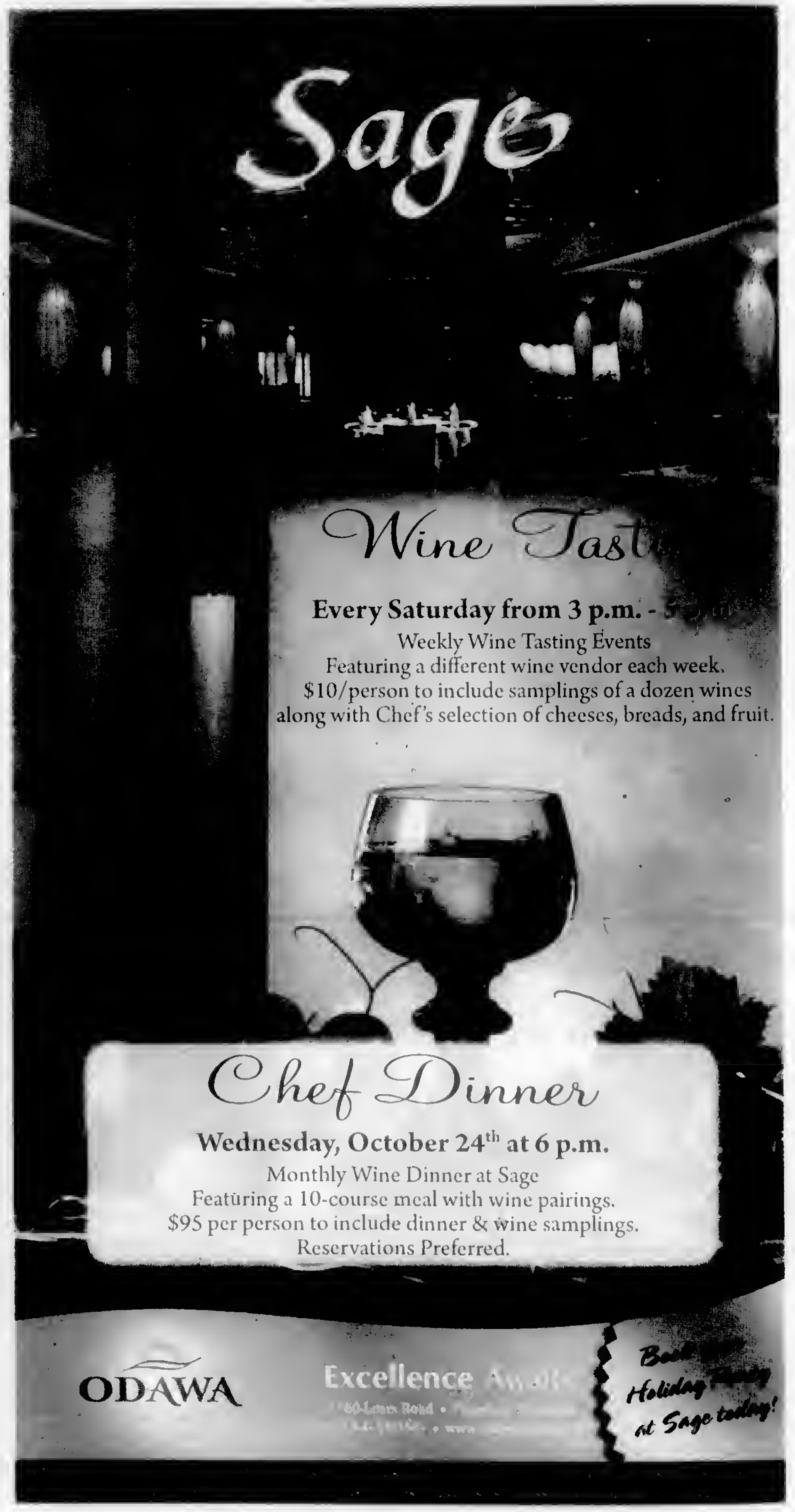

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Registration is at 8 a.m. and the conference starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6. Registration is required by Oct. 1. Childcare is available for advanced registrants.

The cost is $15 and includes a luncheon, music and drama.

The Community Reformed Church is located at the corner of Meech Street and U.S. 31. For more information, call the church at (231) 547-9482 or Kathy Martinchek at (231) 347-4037 or (231) 675-4037.

OCT. 6 JONATHAN RAND: CHILLERS AUTHOR

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6, Jonathan Rand, author of the Michigan and American Chillers series will be at Charlevoix Public Library.

Fans are encouraged to come early or stay after his presentation for a book signing opportunity. Books will be available for purchase as well.

"He is a little wild, crazy and a bit scary — but that's why we love him," stated youth assistant, Jolene Fowler.

Rand is the popular children's book author who jumped into the writer's world at age seven and has been writing ever since.

He says he loves to write scary books because "We all like to be frightened for the thrill of it, but also, at the same time, we want to know that we're safe. Books allow you to do that."

For more information, contact the youth services desk at (231) 237-7350.

OCT. 6 CAR SEAT SAFETY CLINIC

Safety technicians from AAA will check the installation of car seats from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. The clinic is free. To schedule an appointment, call (231) 237-7350.

OCT. 7 CAMP DAGGETT HARVEST FESTIVAL

Camp Daggett will host a Fall Festival from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7 in celebration of another successful summer camp and to show appreciation for the support the camp's received over the past 82 years.

Children of all ages will enjoy hay rides, history tours, color tours on the lake, face painting, pumpkin painting, crafts, caramel apple dipping and more.

The camp's climbing walls will also be open for the day. S'mores around the campfire and live entertainment will also be offered.

From the days of tent camping with outhouses and no electricity, Camp Daggett has now come to encompass a lakefront winterized lodge with 12 camper cabins, a nature study building, recreation hall, showers, a commercial kitchen, a state-of-the-art indoor adventure education center and year-round programs.

For more information, call (231) 347-9742 or visit www.campdaggett.com.

OCT. 7 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The American Legion hosts a pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month, from September through May.

Adults are $4 and kids $2.50. The site is handicap accessible. Take out and delivery is also available. For more information, call the American Legion at (231) 547-9203.

The American Legion Hall is located at 106 East Garfield.

OCT. 8 BREAST HEALTH PROGRAM

Charlevoix Area Hospital and Charlevoix Area Zonta Club will host The Big Squeeze, a breast health program from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 8 at Charlevoix Public Library.

The theme for this event is "Early detection is the best prevention," which coincides with Breast Cancer Awareness month in October. Educational information in the areas of nutrition, the importance of breast self exams, screening and diagnostic testing, current prevention guidelines and financial options will be presented by area professionals and breast cancer survivors.

This is a free event and healthy snacks will be provided.

For more information, call Charlevoix Area Hospital's Community Health Education Coordinator at (231) 547-8906.

OCT. 9 ADULT BAND

An adult band called Pine Lake Winds will meet at 7 p.m. on Oct. 9 in the band room at Charlevoix Middle School, located at 108 East Garfield St. New members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call (231) 547-6376.

OCT. 9 BLACK GOLD SCREENING

One man's mission to save 74,000 poor Ethiopian coffee farmers from bankruptcy is told in the documentary, "Black Gold" to be shown at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at Charlevoix Public Library.

Ethiopia is the birthplace of coffee and some of the highest quality coffee beans grow there. The coffee industry is worth over $80 billion, making coffee the most valuable trading product in the world after oil. Coffee producers, however, are paid so little that many have been forced to abandon their fields.

The program is sponsored by Little Traverse for Peace and Freedom. It is free and open to the public.

Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

OCT. 9 CARDS AT VFW

The VFW Hall will be open to the public from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays, for card playing. Players are asked to bring their own beverage. This hall is non smoking.

The VFW is located at 12735 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix.

For more information, call Ed Holm at (231) 547-7220.

OCT. 10 BUDDHIST STUDY GROUP

Jewel Heart Northern Michigan will begin an eight-session course entitled "The Art of Living" beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 10 in Boyne City. The course will use Gelek Rimpoche's best-selling book "Good Life Good Death" as the basis for reading and discussion. The course is open to the public and will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. weekly on Wednesdays at 109 Water St. in Boyne City (above Harbor Wear Sportswear). The fee is $80 for non-members which includes reading materials. Jewel Heart sustaining members are free. For more information, call (231) 881-6711 or visit jewelheart.org.

OCT. 11 HUNTER SAFETY

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will host a three-day Hunter Safety class starting on Thursday, Oct. 11. The class will meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The second day is an all day class on Saturday, Oct. 13. The hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.

The third class is from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Pre-registration is required but there is no cost. Class size is limited to the first 40 people who register.

To register or for more information, call (231) 547-2785 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will be closed to all shooting except for Hunter Safety on Saturday, Oct. 13.

OCT. 13 ART DEMO

Bier Art Gallery will host an art demonstration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13.

It's a day to meet and talk with working artists. Refreshments will be available.

The gallery is located six miles south of Charlevoix at the red and white schoolhouse.

OCT. 13 HORTON CREEK BENEFIT

On Oct. 13 at the Harvest Barn Church in East Jordan Horton Creek will be playing a benefit concert for Northwest Academy. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 each in advance or $20 at the door. There is no reserve seating. To buy tickets, call Northwest Academy at (231) 547-7958

OCT. 15 CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS ALUMNI

There will be an organizational meeting of the Charlevoix High School Performing Arts Alumni Association at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15 in the Armstrong Conference Room at Charlevoix Public Library. A few goals of the group will be officially naming the auditorium, planning a tribute to Connie Ford, developing resources to help the current and future students of this program.

SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark, located at 401 West Carpenter St., is open from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The park is closed during inclement weather, storm watches and home football games.

Helmets are required. The park is supervised.

The daily user fee is $3. For more information, call 675-4505.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights.

The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free.

For more information call 547-5190.

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JUKEBOX

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Ave., 6 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 5 and 6 John Perry — piano.

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Oct. 4 karaoke; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Oct. 7 Big Ben's Open Mic Night.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 5 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Oct. 3 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 5 and 6, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Oct. 5, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Oct. 5 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Oct. 6, The Sun Dogs — classic and popular rock and blues.

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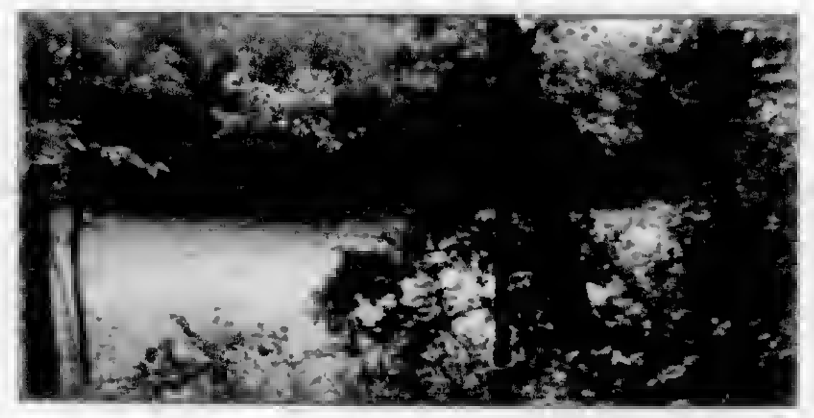

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Photo by Julie Christiansen

Wings of Wonder founder and director Rebecca Lessard wore heavy-duty leather gloves in releasing Mary, a 12-week-old bald eagle on Oct. 7 at St Marys Cement in Charlevoix. Mary flew out over the crowd of several hundred and into the blue sky. The bald or American eagle can exert up to 1,000 pounds per square inch of force per foot.

Fly home free bird

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Since 1872 the Bald or American Eagle has been the symbol of America, but regardless of its stature it was hunted, poisoned and forced out of its habitat at a rate which nearly wiped the creature off the planet.

However, efforts to replenish the American Eagle population in recent decades, like the Sunday, Oct. 7 release of two birds at St Marys Cement, who were nursed back to health by Wings of Wonder in Empire, are having a positive effect.

"They deserve to be free and there is no reason to keep them captive since neither birds were harmed in any way that would prevent them from being freed," said Wings of Wonder founder and director Rebecca Lessard.

The 2007 hatchlings consisted of Mary, a female named after St Marys Cement and Mr. Hobbs, a male named by St Marys employees.

"We have eight veterinary clinics which donate their services and we take in about 50 birds of prey each year," Lessard said. "We release an average of 65 percent of those birds."

When found, both birds were weak from starvation before being admitted to Wings of Wonder in July.

"They were seen flying sporadically," Lessard said. "They were newly out of the nest."

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Pumpkin
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Apple Festival, this weekend in Charlevoix, will be packed with fun for all ages.

What? 29th Annual Apple Festival and craft show.

When? From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m on Oct. 12 and 13 and from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. on Oct. 14.

Where? The 100 block of Mason Street and behind the Bridge Street storefronts between Clinton and Mason streets.

Vendors will sell apples, cakes, pies and dumplings, cider, organic herbs, honey, syrup, jams, fresh donuts, plants, tomatoes, squash, pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn and more.

Experience the harvest this weekend at Apple Festival

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

This weekend downtown Charlevoix will transform into a harvest farm market and craft fair.

The town will host the 29th Annual Apple Festival from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12 and 13 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14.

East Park construction has moved the festival venue to the 100 block of Mason Street and behind the Bridge Street storefronts between Clinton and Mason streets.

"The location is new and different. But everybody's been in a wonderful frame of mind to take all the construction in stride and be flexible with the new location. Its been really refreshing that people have made the best of all of it," Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce President, Jacqueline Merta, said.

According to Merta, tens of thousands of area residents and visitors are expected to filter into town to soak in the flavor and character of autumn in northern Michigan — sipping golden apple cider and munching 30 varieties of crunchy apples.

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Oct. 6	79	59	.46
Oct. 7	78	67	.02

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Gregory William Nelson, 34, East Jordan. Fireworks possession. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Brooke Caitlin Hoffman, 19, St. Joseph. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Sheehan David Bier, 38, Charlevoix. Use of marijuana. Credit for five days in jail, 85 days held in abeyance; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $750 in fines and costs.

Robert James Green II, 19, East Jordan. Larceny - - more than $200, but less than $1,000. Credit for one day in jail, to serve four days in jail, 70 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $1,300 in fines and costs.

Roger Henry Houghton, 36, Charlevoix. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling $100.

Eric John David, 44, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $930 in fines and costs.

Kevin Mac Hersha, 22, Ellsworth. Motor vehicle operator without security; fines and costs totaling $350.

Brenda Jane David, 48, Charlevoix. Operating an off road vehicle (ORV) while impaired. To serve six days in jail, 82 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend Impact weekend within 90 days; ORV privileges suspended for six months; $705 in fines and costs.

David Kevin McFalls, 46, Charlevoix. Reckless driving. Credit for one day, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $750 in fines and costs.

Justin Warren Jeannette, 25, Prudenville. Controlled substance; Possession of marijuana. To serve 15 days in jail, 155 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess controlled substances; $1,000 in fines and costs.

Nehal Ann Elramly, 27, Ellsworth. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,180 in fines and costs.

Jamie Kimberly Kelly, 34, East Jordan. Disorderly person. Credit for five days in jail, 75 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; no contact with the victim.

Harry Joseph Leipsitz, 23, East Lansing. No operator license on person. Pay $750 in fines and costs or serve six days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Kelly Media Works, 515 Meadow Lane, Charlevoix, by John F. Rathjens II

SpenJen, 05407 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, by Dean J. Spencley and Kirk A. Jensen

Schneider Drywall, 09259 Flagg Rd., East Jordan, by Jean M. and Leonard J. Schneider

Cal Gillespie Electrician, 00635 North Advance Rd., Boyne City, by Calvin Gillespie Jr.

F.L. Bondie Services, 01252 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, by Farron Bondie

BIRTHS

Darrick James Sutton weighing 4 pounds, 13 ounces was born Sept. 26 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Darrin Lee and Jane Oliver Sutton of East Jordan. His siblings are Thomas Jay and Maureen Vallance Sutton. His grandparents are Art and Pat Sutton of Charlevoix and Brian and Bertha Oliver of East Jordan.

Hayden Joseph Robert weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces was born Sept. 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jamie Cook and Vernon Robert II of Central Lake. His sibling is Sienna Lynn. His grandparents are Jim and Nancy Cook of Boyne City, Vernon Robert of Bellaire. His great grandparents are Ray and Gloria Vernon of Boyne City, Frank and Collette Cook of Butte, Mont. and Joe and Lorraine Robert of Lakeland, Fla.

Xavier Kane Walden weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces was born Oct. 1 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Carleen Burks of Annapolis, Md. and Daryl R. Walden of Mancelona. His sibling is Kegan S. Walden. His grandparents are Dale and Daryl Walden of Mancelona and Donaleen and Kenny Millard of Maryland. His great-grandparents are Janet and Ernie Walden of East Jordan and Kathleen and Kenny Millard Sr. from Maryland.

Genesis Marie Giles weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces was born on Oct. 1 to Jessica Osredkar and Corbin Giles in Hawaii. Her grandparents are Peggy Melke and Chris Bacon of Charlevoix and Leann Carthel and Darby Schell of Fort Worth, Texas. Her great-grandparents are Mile and Carolyh Cherwinski of Vanderbilt.

Don't fall for Social Security 'gift' scam

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater advises that a county resident informed him of a recent scam where alleged representatives of the Social Security Administration want to send senior citizens $500 for three months as an unexpected gift.

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The alleged representative has an Asian or Jamaican accent.

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"This is one of Charlevoix's signature events. It recognizes the agriculture industry which is near and dear to everyone's heart in northern Michigan with the apples and fall harvest," Merta said.

The first festival took place in 1979 and was hosted by current sponsors, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

"It's an event the chamber started to bring the harvest to the people instead of having to go to farms," Merta said.

Northern Michigan is known for its crop production and four area orchards, Kings Orchard of Central Lake, Friske Orchards of Charlevoix, Royal Farms of Ellsworth and Cherryview Orchards of Kewadin will be showing off this year's crunchy, sweet products in bright reds, yellows and greens.

"There's great crowds. It's amazing to see the number of people who come from all over the country. And it's great for those people to be exposed to our farm and see what we have," Sara McGuire, co-owner of Royal Farms, said.

Festival goers may notice the bushels aren't as packed with the mature apples they are used to buying. McGuire, said, the dry summer had an impact on the crop.

"The drought impacted the apples that weren't irrigated. They still taste great but are a little smaller. We have both so we can see the difference. The apples we irrigated look and taste great," McGuire said.

In spite of the drought, all the participating orchards promise to have plenty of perfect apples including the popular honeycrisp.

"The (honeycrisp) flavor is spectacular but what really makes it special is its crispness. It has almost a watermelon crunch — it's so juicy but it's crisp at the same time," McGuire said.

Friske's sells an estimated 200 bushels of apples every year at the festival

Aside from the many varieties of fresh apples that will be on site, other commodities will also be for sale including apple cake, pie and dumplings, cider, organic herbs, honey, syrup and jams, fresh donuts, plants and bulbs, tomatoes, squash, pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn and more.

In all, 15 food vendors will be ready to tantalize customers with delectable harvest treats.

File photo

Friske's Orchards sells about 200 bushels of apples every year at the Charlevoix Apple Festival. The event will take place this weekend in downtown Charlevoix.

After shopping for fresh produce and baked goods, festival participants can travel through the craft courtyard packed with 100 vendors showcasing multiple handmade goods.

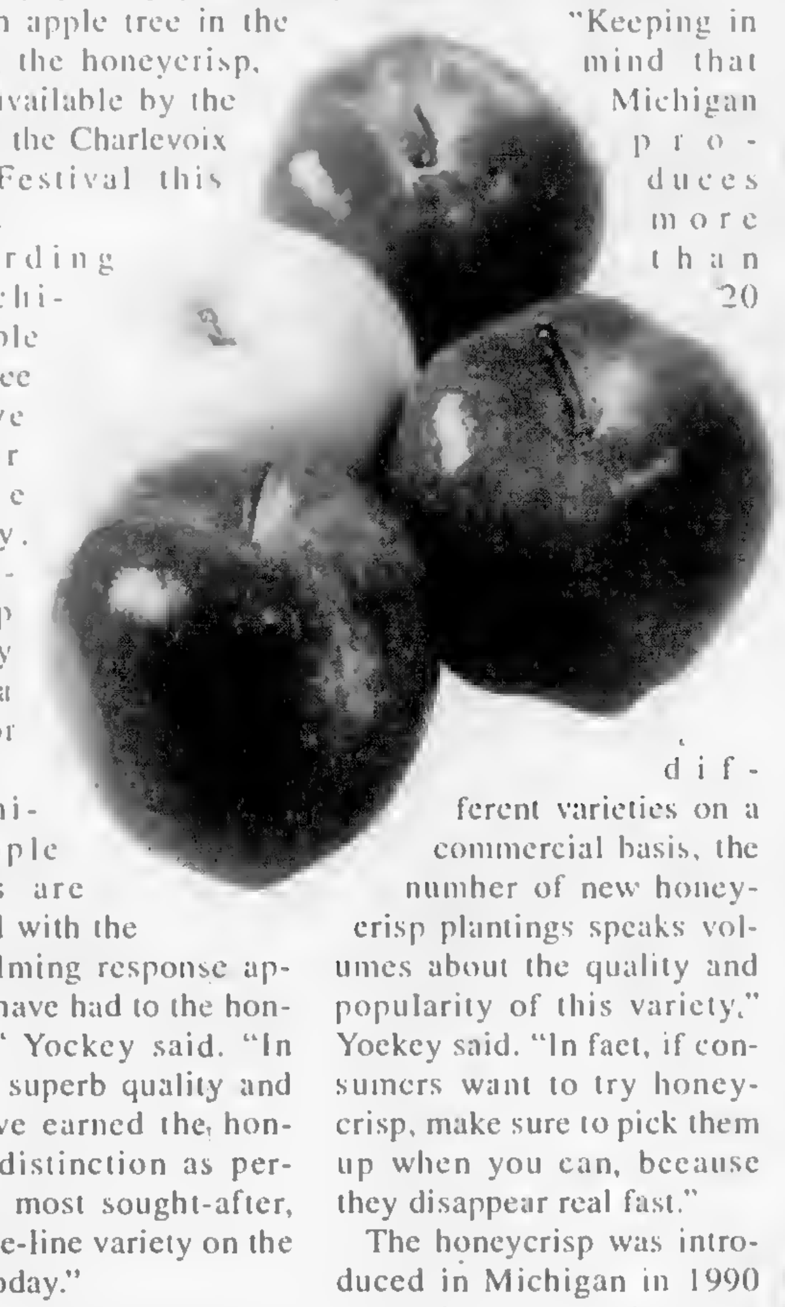
The younger crowd will be entertained with pony rides, a petting farm, apple bobbing and face painting.

All this activity provides a fall economic boost to local businesses.

"It has a very positive impact on Charlevoix's economy," Merta said.

Apple Festival vendors offer the most popular honeycrisp

The fruit from the newest and most popularly planted Michigan apple tree in the industry, the honeycrisp, will be available by the bushel at the Charlevoix Apple Festival this weekend.



According to Michigan Apple Committee executive director Denise Yockey, the honeycrisp has really made a name for itself.

"Michigan apple growers are delighted with the overwhelming response apple fans have had to the honeycrisp," Yockey said. "In fact, the superb quality and taste have earned the honeycrisp distinction as perhaps the most sought-after, top-of-the-line variety on the market today."

Since its introduction to Michigan a little more than 15 years ago, the honeycrisp has created a buzz unlike any before it. Growers have taken notice of its popularity with consumers and responded accordingly. Last year alone, honeycrisp apples accounted for a third of all the new apple acres planted across the state.

"Keeping in mind that Michigan produces more than 20 different varieties on a commercial basis, the number of new honeycrisp plantings speaks volumes about the quality and popularity of this variety," Yockey said. "In fact, if consumers want to try honeycrisp, make sure to pick them up when you can, because they disappear real fast."

The honeycrisp was introduced in Michigan in 1990 when just a couple acres were planted. Since then, growers have continued to invest in honeycrisp, planting a total of 1,200 acres. Last year alone there were 240 new acres of honeycrisp planted, far surpassing the next most planted tree — gala — with 135 new acres.

Known as perhaps the best fresh-eating apple on the market, honeycrisp has a sweet honey-like taste and superior crispness. They are an excellent choice for fresh slices, as well as for serving on sandwiches and in salads.

FAST FACTS

The Michigan apple harvest got underway in early August with the arrival of the Paula Reds, followed closely by the Ginger Gold and Gala. There are about 950 apple farms in the state, spanning some 37,000 acres.

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Time to say goodbye to old friends

Weekly Poll

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JUST A THOUGHT

Julie Witthoeft

I feel like I'm saying good-bye to an old friend.

After seven years with the Charlevoix Courier I've taken a convergence editor's position with the Petoskey News-Review and on Nov. 1 am expected to leave my newspaper behind.

This decision was a tough one — the Courier and I are old friends, we've grown up together. Since I started with the paper in April 2000 Courier subscriptions have grown dramatically, the page count has steadily increased, the paper has been redesigned and we've launched a Web site.

As the paper grew, so did I. Personally, I've gotten married, had two children and suffered the loss of both my grandmother and father-in-law. Professionally, I moved from staff writer to editor. I'd like to say I learned to play the hard nosed editor's role but time hasn't desensitized me. I still haven't mastered death stories and every year I cry when I meet the first baby of the new year. I cried all the way through my first death interview when Nancy and Denny LaCroix lost Gabby and in writing the story just last week on Eric Perrine my keyboard was soaked.

During this same time the community has grown leaps and bounds. Looking back at headlines from my earliest editions it's clear where most of my time was spent — Marion Township. The community had just endured a school board recall election and was battling about the new Charlevoix High School and I had a front row seat where I sat for hours on old wooden school chairs at the Marion Township Hall. Thank God for a fresh out of college rear end that could handle it.

Then it was time to sit through the lengthy marina meetings and library planning sessions. I've had a front row seat to all of these amazing moments — construction of a new high school, library, city hall and now the marina and East Park projects.

With each project and event there have been new faces I've come to know and many of you have come to know me. I budget at least 15 minutes extra for trips to the grocery store so I can stop in the aisles and talk politics or jot a quick note about an upcoming event or meeting change. And while I've embraced Charlevoix, Charlevoix's welcomed me right back.

I'll never forget this summer on a Sunday when I was downtown with my girls and a tractor in East Park was washed away during a deluge. I stood there with the chitlins hoping my zoom lens would catch the action while ensuring their safety when Mary Ann Chew and Rebecca Berg said, "Give those girls to us." I ran in, got the shot and turned around to see my daughters safely standing by. I feel so honored to live here with people I know, respect and trust.

I'm a person that thrives on challenge, so change isn't the scary part of becoming the News-Review convergence editor — a fancy name for the person who will manage the news in the virtual world — its leaving my old friends behind — the Courier and the residents of Charlevoix.

Thank you for sharing your most exciting, most painful and most embarrassing moments with me. I feel privileged to have been given a front row seat to "Charlevoix up close and personal 2000-2007."

Please continue to share the good, the bad and the ugly with me as I join the Petoskey News-Review. Your insight is invaluable.

Julie Witthoeft is editor of the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

LETTERS to the editor

EVERYONE'S TO BLAME FOR THE BUDGET

Editor:

Mr. Gohs speaks like a true Republican (in his column entitled "Tax hikes won't bring prosperity" that appeared on page 4 of the Oct. 3 edition of the Courier). Everything these days boils down to "politics," doesn't it? Rarely is anything accomplished in our governments (local, state or federal) for the good of the people, only for the good of the party.

Mr. Gohs blames Gov. Granholm for the recent budget plan (his politics). If he were more far-sighted, he would realize everybody has blame in the development and passage of the new budget. The legislature spent several hours batting out this budget and it is flawed. Had they been willing to work harder, earlier and been more willing to compromise, a better bill could have been possible. Instead, they chose to throw a hodgepodge together in the late hours. The governor extended several considerations for a new budget, over a year ago, to deaf ears on the Republican side of the aisle. That is a Republican error. The Democrats wouldn't listen to the Republicans — that's their fault. Gov. Granholm may not always have the greatest of ideas but she at least proposes them in the hopes that the, up to now, Republican legislature, would work with.

Mr. Gohs, the Republicans are the side that insisted on cuts in spending. The Democrats wanted an increase in taxes. We must have both. They did finally compromise, didn't they? You cannot spend, spend, spend, without a source of income. If you're living that way, I pity you because soon you will be broke, just like Michigan. The arrangement settled on is terribly flawed as far as the sales tax on certain businesses and not others. It is further flawed by planning on reducing the income tax in three years. Costs go up, rarely down. If we don't leave the income tax at at least the new level, we will have another short fall after it's reduced.

Wake up, Mr. Gohs. Taxes are a fact of life, a necessary evil, if you wish, but if you want funding for schools, Medicare, road repair, etc., we have to have money for that. Note our federal government is in financial straits also because the Republican Congress wants to spend without increasing taxes. Again, it's strictly politics. With increased tax money, we won't have to cut vital services. Gee, we might even be able to provide some non-vital ones.

Dr. Marshall H. Cossman
Charlevoix

BERGMANN CENTER SAYS 'THANKS'

Editor:

The Bergmann Center would like to thank all 29 Charlevoix High School students and their teacher, Tom Shultz, for spending a "Day of Caring" with our organization on Sept. 18. The great time was had by all who participated in one-on-one teaming up during a game of kickball at Shanahan Field and the additional help with setting up our annual garage sale was greatly appreciated.

We also would like to thank Molly, Sarah, Leslie and Kathy for completing the much-needed painting of our snack bar and Greg for trimming the hedges during a "Day of Caring." Everything looks great. Last but not least we would like to thank all those individuals responsible for helping coordinate this annual event in conjunction with Char-Em United Way.

Suzanne A. Muma
Executive director
Bergmann Center

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WORD on the street

How do you feel proposed tax increases will affect the state?

Al Pedwaydon
"I don't appreciate any tax increase. Why is there a crisis all of the sudden? Why did they not foresee this two years ago?"

Pat Papineau
"We have to do something. Hopefully it's a positive."

Karl Keinath
"I think we need an increase in taxes. Of course, nobody wants an increase, but you can only cut so much and at some point you can't do that any more."

Don Lessard
"I think it's great for the state. It's high time for a tax increase after all these years of tax cuts and nobody willing to step up to the plate and pay for services."

Budget proposal burns business owners

STORY HIGHLIGHT

With less than three weeks left of a 30-day extension to balance the budget, Michigan legislators have proposed a six percent tax on dozens of services in addition to the 11.5 percent jump in state income tax legislators approved last week.

What does it mean?

If approved, Charlevoix citizens will see a jump in their state personal income tax from 3.9 to 4.35 percent, an 11.5 percent jump, in addition to a tax of six cents on the dollar for services including carpet and upholstery cleaning; consultants; investment advice; janitorial; landscaping; office administration, travel and reservation; scenic transportation; skiing; tours; warehousing; transit and ground passenger transport and personal care, excluding hair care, among others.

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

With less than three weeks left of a 30-day extension to balance the budget, Michigan legislators have proposed a six percent tax on dozens of services in addition to the 11.5 percent jump in state income tax legislators approved last week.

While income tax was increased from 3.9 to 4.35 percent, the services tax includes businesses from carpet and upholstery cleaning; consultants; investment advice and janitorial to landscaping; office administration; travel and reservation; scenic transportation; skiing; tours; warehousing; transit and ground passenger transport and personal care, excluding hair care, among others.

"I don't think it's a good thing for Michigan. I'm sad they are doing this (proposing to raise taxes) when we have such an issue to begin with. Our economy is not healthy," said Glenda Wilhelm, owner of Shabby Girls Salon and Day Spa, one of several businesses who will pay the six percent services tax should it pass.

Wilhelm said she has never before had to pass a tax increase on to the customer and she doesn't wish to begin now.

"I think we need a brand new look at what we're doing in this state. There has got to be some reason our state has the issues it has."

She added, "What they need to do instead of putting (state employees) out of work is to send the representatives home without pay and make sure everyone else has a job."

John Campbell, owner of Site Planning Development, said he's not sure how the tax increases would affect him.

"Is it strictly labor or strictly equipment? We (believe) materials we sell will not have a double tax on them, but we're not positive," he said.

The combined service and income taxes are projected to produce nearly $1.365 billion in revenue for the state.

Samantha Harris, owner of Preferred Cleaning, said the additional taxes will be a hardship for small businesses like hers.

"I think if we go up higher on the customers, we're going to be losing our jobs," she said.

Harris said perhaps legislators should lower their own pay before they go raising taxes on the people they serve.

"They need to find a smarter way to balance the budget instead of taking away from people," she said. "We already pay high enough tax on land and gas."

She added, "I balanced my household budget my whole life and have not deprived my family of clothing or food. Why can't the state do it?

Sharing feelings of frustration with citizens like Harris and Wilhelm, the nonprofit citizen education group Taxpayers United Michigan Foundation, chaired by Bill McMaster, one of the men integral in implementing the Headlee Amendment back in the 1970s, seeks to raise $50,000 in order to file suit against Gov. Jennifer Granholm to stop the tax increases.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Glenda Wilhelm, owner of Shabby Girls Salon and Day Spa, works on Charlevoix resident Vicky Schafer's hair on Friday, Oct. 5. Neither Wilhelm nor Schafer are pleased to hear the state has increased income tax and is proposing to instate a six percent tax on many services including hair care.

Headlee is a tax limitation measure designed, among other things, to prevent Michigan taxpayers from paying too much local and state tax.

"Grassroots taxpayers believe we have a good court case," McMaster stated in an Oct. 2 press release. "Further troubling grassroots taxpayers is how Granholm is able to get away with not accounting for $12 billion to $15 billion in total state revenues missing from her Comprehensive Annual Financial Report every year."

Terry Stanton, a public information officer for the Michigan Department of Treasury declined to comment and said of McMaster's allegations, "The inference is absurd."

Leslie Fritz, communications director for the state's budget offices, said "We would strongly disagree with him (McMaster) on his position and we will disagree with him on the accounting practices too."

David Littmann, a 40-year practitioner of economics and former chief economist for Comerica Bank of 35 years, said the state's action or inaction on the budget is nonsense.

"Small businesses definitely consider this a new tax and it definitely requires a vote of the people," he said. "You tax something, you get less of it. And the state will be here again asking for another handout in a year or two."

Littmann added, "Little by little, people and businesses are voting with their feet by leaving the state."

However, Fritz said she spoke to lawyers for the state who assured her the voter requirements under Headlee do not apply to this situation, "As long as the state taxation is below the limit that Headlee set.

To contribute to the Taxpayers United effort mail checks to: Rick Adams, Treasurer (Volunteer), Taxpayers United Michigan Foundation 38541 Rhonswood Dr. Northville, MI 48167, call him at (248) 880-8408 or e-mail info@nafgllc.com.

McMaster said he is available day or night, seven days a week to explain how the money will be spent. Call him at (248) 798-8501.

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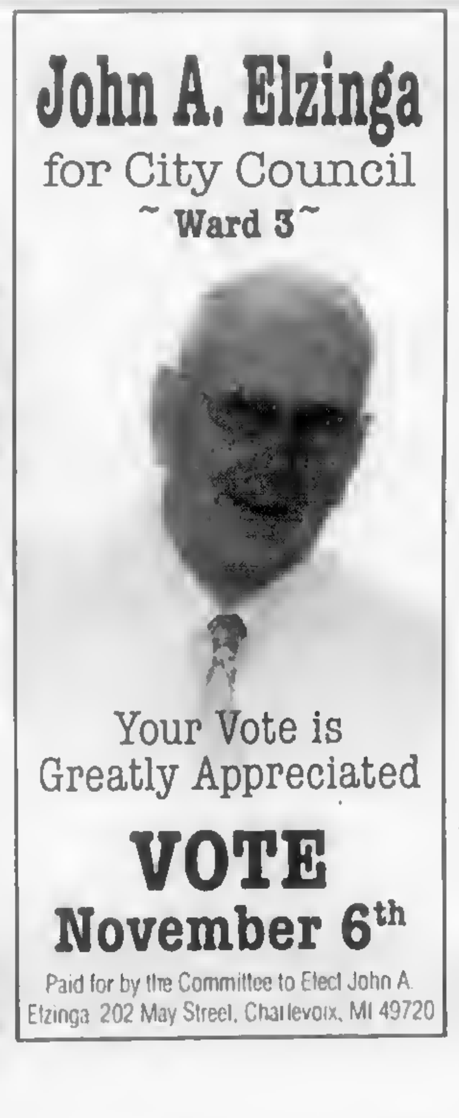
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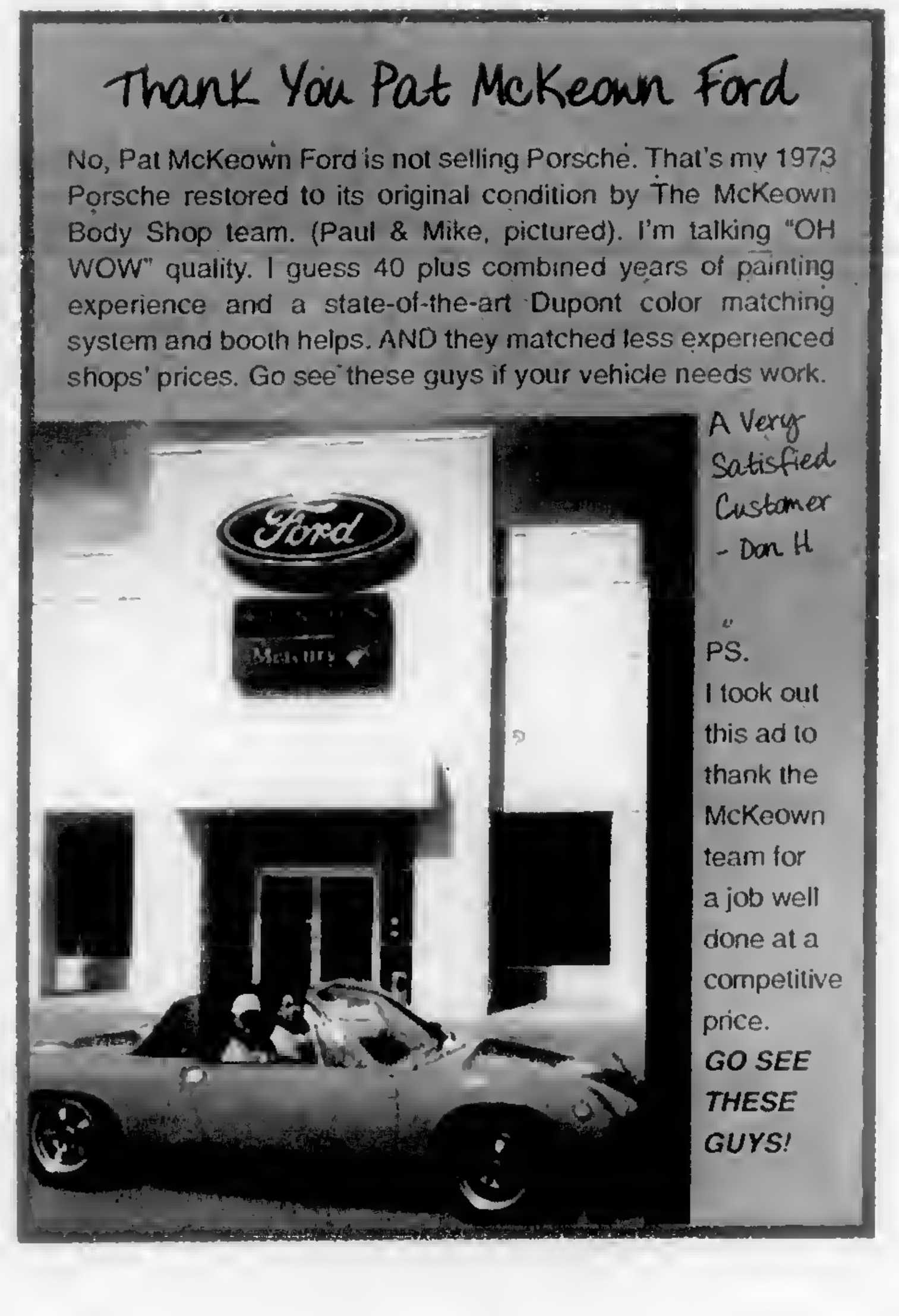
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Mary Ann Chew named Duvall Award recipient

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Charlevoix resident Mary Ann Chew, president of the Charlevoix Public Library board of directors and a library volunteer, has been honored with the Duvall Award from the Northland Library Cooperative.

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The Northland Library Cooperative is an agency serving the tip of the mitt libraries from Alcona up to Cheboygan. Each year the cooperative selects from a pool of nominees who adhere to excellent customer service tactics within or for a library to bestow the Duvall Award.

As quoted from the nomination letter, "Mary Ann Chew is an extraordinary person, and is well deserving of the Jane Duvall Award for her commitment to high quality public library service. She has devoted herself to the Charlevoix Public Library and puts more hours and energy into the library than any other volunteer. Mrs. Chew spends close to 12 hours per week at the library, each and every week of the year. Whenever asked, Mary Ann is there to help. As (Charlevoix Public Library) board president, she leads the trustees down a productive, cohesive path. She volunteers at most large events hosted by the library or the Friends (of the Library) as well as helping out wherever and whenever asked."

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Donna and Thomas Morrison Jr.

1957

2007

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morrison Jr. will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Monday Oct. 8.

Thomas Morrison Jr. and Donna Armstrong, both of Charlevoix, were married on Oct 8, 1957 in Charlevoix.

Thomas retired from the United States Coast Guard after many years of service and Donna was a homemaker raising four sons.

Their children are Thomas (Lyddy) Morrison, Gene (Melanie) Morrison, Phillip Morrison and Kevin (Lisa) Morrison all of Charlevoix.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison also have three grandchildren. They are Tasha (Justin) Furgerson, Cody Morrison and Christian Morrison, all of Charlevoix.

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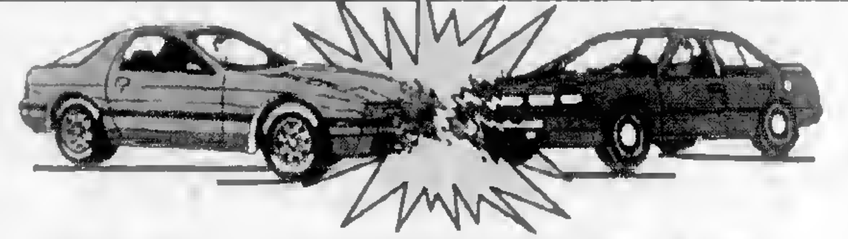

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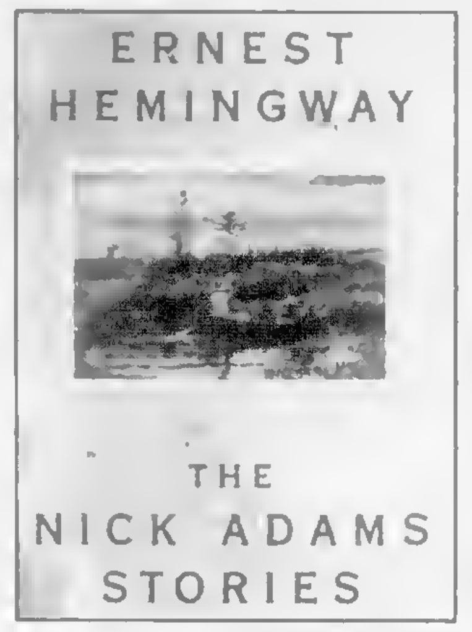
Four generations of the Wallace family recently gathered and took this picture to remember the moment. They are (above, from left) great-grandfather, Bill Wallace of Baldwin, mother, Jaime Soulliere of East Jordan, her son Charlie Soulliere of East Jordan and grandmother, Jeannie Stebe of Charlevoix.

Great Michigan Read comes to Charlevoix Public Library



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In conjunction with Great Michigan Read, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 22, Charlevoix Public Library will present the movie, "Up North with the Hemingways," followed by a community discussion of Ernest Hemingway's "The Nick Adams Stories," moderated by library assistant, Judith Ivan.

The Great Michigan READ promotes literary reading to create an educated and engaged society as readers are introduced or reacquainted with a classic piece of American literature. This year's selection is "The Nick Adams Stories" which chronicles a young man's coming of age in a series of linked short stories, most of which are set in Michigan.

Free copies of the book, along with reader's guides, are available by request at the information services desk at Charlevoix Public Library.

For more information call, (231) 237-7340.

The Great Michigan Read is presented by the Michigan Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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Gone but not forgotten

Oct. 15 Remembrance Day recognizes infant death

The Safe Crossings Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support program of Hospice of Little Traverse Bay is offering a "Remembrance Day" on Monday, Oct. 15.

A candle lighting service will be held at 7 p.m. at the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1400 East Mitchell St. in Petoskey.

Candles will be lit in remembrance and honor of all pregnancy and infant losses. Prayer, poetry, music and refreshments will be included in the evening event.

The Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Program mission is to assist families who are suffering the loss of an infant as a result of miscarriage, premature birth or stillbirth.

For more information, contact Hospice of Little Traverse Bay at (231) 487-4825 or visit hospiceltb.org.

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Where? At the Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1400 East Mitchell St. in Petoskey.

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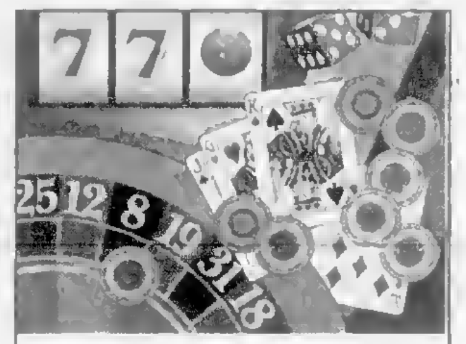
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Synopsis –September 26, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved minutes of the September 14, 2007 meeting as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-058, Whiting Park Grant and authorized the Chairman to sign the Grant Application Supplement.
- Motion adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk



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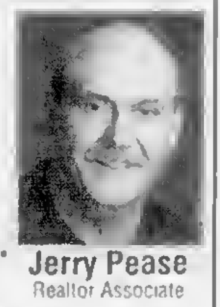

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Lapsit (birth-3), *10:05 a.m.*
Pre-k (3-5), *10:30 a.m.*

What happened to Mother Goose?
Tuesday, October 16th, 6:30 pm
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Quilter's and Friends
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OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Pressprich: Died on Sept. 6, 2007

Elizabeth Jane Pressprich, "Betty," passed away Sept. 6 at the age of 81.

Betty was an avid gardener, a member of First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw and a wonderful and devoted mother, wife and grandmother. Betty leaves behind her beloved husband of 58 years, Bill Pressprich, her loving children, Susan E. (Dr. Frank J.) Mace of Oakville, Ontario, Canada, Dr. Robert O. (Melissa Pistono) of Eugene, Ore., and John W. (Cindy A.) of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and her precious grandchildren, Jennifer P. and Christianne E. Mace, Elena A. and Nicole E. Pressprich and Samuel R. and Elise A. Pressprich; and her dear brother, Edwin N. Kurth of Dallas, Texas. She was predeceased by her parents, Robert and Martha Kurth, Chicago, Ill. The family would also like to thank the outstanding caregivers of HealthPark Care Center and especially nurse Valerie Perron-Slote.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Sept. 15 at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd. Memorial contributions may be made to HealthPark Care Center, in memory of Elizabeth Jane Pressprich, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Rev. G. Robert Buttrick: Died on Sept. 22, 2007

G. Robert Buttrick

Rev. G. Robert Buttrick of Tulsa, Okla., a retired Presbyterian minister, died on Sept. 22 after a long illness. He was 84.

Buttrick was born in Buffalo, N.Y., the son of Agnes Gardner and George A. Buttrick. He grew up in New York City, and attended the Darlington School in Rome, Ga. He graduated from Middlebury College in 1949 and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1952.

Bob Buttrick's professional life was dedicated to the parish ministry. He served as the pastor of Presbyterian churches in Sayreville, N.J.; Mason City, Iowa; Monmouth, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; and San Antonio, Texas. While in St. Louis, he also taught at Lindenwood College. He was a devout champion of world peace, a strong supporter of hunger relief, and a faithful advocate of local, national and international missions.

Fully retired since 1990, Bob vacationed on Lake Charlevoix in northern Michigan. In his leisure time, he enjoyed sailing, trout fishing, sports and music.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Edith Hendrickson Buttrick; two daughters, Karen Cluck (Neil) of Tulsa, Okla., and Jeanne Oechsner (Jerry) of St. Louis, Mo.; a son, Stephen Buttrick (Kelly) of Traverse City; a brother, David G. Buttrick of Nashville, Tenn.; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 3 in St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, Texas, where Buttrick was pastor emeritus.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 8231 Callaghan Rd., San Antonio, TX 78230, and Church World Service, P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515.

Laneer Liston: Oct. 9, 1923 - Sept. 24, 2007

Laneer Liston, 83, of Charlevoix, died Monday, Sept. 24 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

Laneer was born on Oct. 9, 1923, in Pendleton, Ore., the daughter of Gertrude Jacklin (Baker) and Emory Tague. She married Patrick Flanagan and he preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter Colleen (Michael) Bartz of Charlevoix; grandchildren Patrick (Lori) Mitchell of Charlevoix, and Holly (Vinay) Bhasin of Wixom. She will be greatly missed by her great-grandchildren Caitlin, Clayton, Andrew and Jacob Mitchell of Charlevoix and Priya and Maya Bhasin of Wixom.

She loved cardinals and flowers. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home Fund for the bird sanctuary. A private service will be held at a later date. Interment will take place in the Dayton City Cemetery in Dayton, Wash. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix handled arrangements.

Jane Sarasin: Sept. 14, 1927 - Sept. 29, 2007

Jane Sarasin, 80, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Sept. 29 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

She was born Sept. 14, 1927, in Delaware County, Ind., the daughter of Luke and Ida Rarick. Jane worked as a licensed practical nurse at Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey. On May 23, 1969, she married William F. "Bill" Sarasin and they made their home in Charlevoix. Jane was a member of the Community Church of God in Charlevoix, was involved in Children's Ministries, and taught Sunday school for many years. In 1994, she was named the Kiwanis Club Layperson of the Year. Bill preceded her in death on June 18, 2007.

Jane is survived by her nieces and nephews, Rick, James, and Thomas Rarick, Marcia Adams, Carla Gazley, Julia Wilson, Lois Gholson, Michael Smith and Jane Holmer; many great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service took place on Sunday, Oct. 7 at Community Church of God in Charlevoix. Rev. Neil Turner officiated. Memorial donations may be made to the church. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Patty Muma: Dec. 10, 1941 - Sept. 30, 2007

Patty Sue Muma, 65, of Charlevoix, died Sunday, Sept. 30 at the Select Specialty Hospital in Muskegon.

She was born on Dec. 10, 1941, in Lenoir, N.C., to H. Burton and Addie L. (Justice) Suddreth. Patty graduated from Hudson High School in Lenoir, and then continued in school to become an accountant. She worked in accounting, with much of her career spent in banking. Her skills also helped the several northern Michigan organizations she volunteered in. Patty was an avid birder and loved nature. On Sept. 25, 1975, she married Gerald "Jerry" L. Muma and they made their home in Charlevoix.

Jerry survives, as does her son, Phillip McDade Muma of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Courtney and Grace Muma; sisters and brothers, Helen Mahaffey of Hickory, N.C., Bob (Joann) Suddreth of Lenoir, N.C., Wilma Vedok of La-Grange, Ill., Shirley (Bill) Roloff of Charlevoix, Charlie (Judy) Suddreth of Lenoir, N.C.; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation took place on Oct. 3 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Services followed on Thursday, Oct. 4, at the funeral home, with burial following at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Robert Pung: June 20, 1945 - Oct. 7, 2007

Robert L. Pung, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Lansing died peacefully on Oct. 7 at his home in Charlevoix.

He was born June 20, 1945, in Lansing, the son of Earl F. and Barbara D. (Look) Pung. Bob graduated from Everett High School in Lansing in 1963.

On Aug. 19, 1972, he married the former Gay L. Budd in West Branch. Bob was employed by GM/UAW for 34 years, retiring as an Industrial Hygiene Technician in 1999, when he and Gay moved to Charlevoix. He was a member of the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix, Charlevoix Lion's Club, Charlevoix Snowmobile Club, Lake Charlevoix Association, Charlevoix Yacht Club and was president of the board of directors of Northwest Marine Yacht Basin. Bob was a super Rayder fan, Dozer fan, and Normal Community High School Band fan.

He is survived by his wife, Gay L. of Charlevoix; daughters, Lisa (Dave) Jones of Bloomington, Ill., Jodi (Chris) Hoag of Williamston; grandchildren, Daniel, Jacob and Thomas Jones, Alysse and Alexandria Hoag; sisters, Dawn Foster, and Cheryl (Jeff) Hath all of Lansing; nieces, Rachel (Peter) Holt of Ada, Christine Foster of Lansing.

Friends may meet the family at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10. A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Community Reformed Church in Charlevoix. Rev. Chip Sauer will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Reformed Church Youth Scholarship.

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Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m
Worship	10:30 a.m
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	**547-6430**

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8013 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m
Pastor: Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -5168**

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	**547-6322**

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room - Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12021 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	**547-2875**

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH of Charlevoix
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Sunday Services 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m	
Church Office	547-9482

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9323 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth

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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	588-7805

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4221**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort	**547-4121**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9122**

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**237-0800**

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	**582-9262**

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-3008**
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	**599-2321**

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m
Worship Service	11:00 a.m
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill	**231-347-6651**

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	**547-6283**

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation, Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Father Jerry Hunko	**547-6652**

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Petoskey

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Courier takes home 10 awards in state contest

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

STORY HIGHLIGHT

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Eight honors for advertising and two awards for editorial content were bestowed on the staff of four.

"It's fantastic," said Courier advertising manager, Kim Taylor. "It shows the high quality of our composition department, specifically graphic designer Jessie Healy (of the Petoskey News-Review). It shows our advertising department is topnotch, along with the editorial content, and we have made great strides in past years to get bigger and better."

Taylor also commended classified manager Lisa Sladek on her award for best classified section.

She added, "Our circulation is up. Our page count is up. We definitely have a very strong feel for the area and the market."

Taylor said she will continue helping her advertising clients grow their businesses.

"They (customers) are the most important part of the business," she said.

Following are the advertising honors and judges' comments:

- First place — Best classified or real estate ad for a Vacation Properties spot

"Good use of color, good flow from box to box. Well tied together."

- Second place — Best ad idea for Frontier Classics

"Like idea for putting all the info on the boat. The ad jumps out too because it's not contained in a box. It pops right out!"

- Second place — Best spot color ad for Scovies

"I like the use of the blue for 'blue plate specials.' Nice balance of blue and black. The spot color is not overpowering the ad."

- First and second place — Best multi color ad for Harbor Health & Fitness and Charlevoix Children's House

"The color was true. Picture stood out at the top," and "Nice Halloween colors."

- First and third place — Best newspaper promotion for "How to kill a business" and "Is your business draggin'?"

"Very creative - made me read each one. Loved it!" and "Cute play on words, nice use of small ad to grab attention."

- Second place — Best classified ad section

"I like the index on the first page. Nice layout."

Editorial honors:

Honorable mention — Special section for Fall Sports Guide

"Special sections are all about the cover!"

Second place — Local columnist, Benjamin Gohs

"Humorous and informative columns. All had good headlines. Nice work covering national and local subjects."

Courier editor Julie Withoeft was pleased with her department's two awards, but said the goal of obtaining excellence is a never-ending one.

"The Charlevoix Courier is a strong community newspaper packed with quality advertising and local news making it a perfect outlet for advertisers," she said. "And, it's nice to see Ben (Gohs, staff writer) recognized for all of his hard work."

She added, "He succeeds at making readers laugh, cry and cringe."

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

Beautiful bench

(Left, above) All those instrumental in putting a large, handcrafted bench in the children's garden at the Charlevoix Public Library are the first to take a load off. Here are John Campbell of Site Planning Development who helped put the bench into place, artist and bench creator Bruce Carpenter, Rhea Dow, who donated the bench and library director Val Meyerson. Carpenter put more than 100 hours of work into the bench which he created using a chainsaw and chisels. (Left, below) This 400 to 500 pound, 17-foot-long cedar trunk bench called "Bump on a Log," comes complete with two gnomes on one end and a turtle, seen here, at the other. The bench, though completed, has been removed to make alterations to its base and will be ready for use sometime next week.

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on the JOB with Nina Rylant

Courier editor Julie Witthoeft tries her hand at waiting tables ...

Name: Nina Rylant

Age: 46

Occupation: Waitress at Judy's Family Restaurant 117 Antrim St

Family: Husband, Dennis Rylant and son, Jonathan Rylant, 23

Work history: Started waiting tables at 16 and has done so on and off for 30 years. Recently she was also a licensed insurance sales agent. She moved to Ellsworth from southern Michigan almost a year ago to help her sister Sonia Cetnarowski, Judy's owner and cook, with the restaurant.

"I plan to eventually go back into insurance sales. But right now, I'm having so much fun."

Judy's hours of operation: 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily

What do you love about your job?

"I love everything about it. Being able to joke with customers, knowing them by name, knowing what they want to eat. And in the summer having fun with new people I don't know, making them happy and having them come back the next day."

If you could change one thing about your job what would it be?

"These cement floors. They're hard on my legs."

Unique aspect of the job?

"You can be yourself as opposed to having a professional office attitude. You can play around a little more."

What's the most embarrassing thing that's happened to you while waiting tables?

"I overflowed the coffee pot, cleaned up the mess and turned around and did the same thing right over again."

What's the hardest part of your job?

"Opening the restaurant at 5 a.m. My alarm goes off at 3:30 a.m. and I fight it for 20 minutes."

What is the one thing you could not do your job without?

"I couldn't do it without my apron and pens."

Reporter's experience:

I started my shift at Judy's about 10 minutes late and was relieved when Sonia didn't hand me my walking papers.

Instead, she and Nina were all smiles and showed me the ropes. I learned what the breakfast sandwich special of the day was, how they make coffee and the super secret space they stow the sugar free syrup.

I served the restaurant's top selling items pancakes and Judy's Mess (a mix of potatoes, ham, sautéed onions and green peppers, topped with scrambled eggs and cheese) and topped off enough coffees to keep Charlevoix buzzing through lunch.

The coolest part about the breakfast rush was meeting some of the regulars (one of whom even asked me out — a much needed boost for a new mom). I followed in Jane and Bob Hoffman, seasonal residents from Indiana who took a rectangular table close to the kitchen. Later, Charlevoix's own Charlie and Neva Kehrer came in. Even though the two couples hadn't planned to dine together, they did. Jane said what brings her back every day for breakfast is "Good food and good friends."

I love the restaurant business for the same reason I love the news business. It never stops — there's never a dull moment. I spent summers in college waiting tables at City Park Grill (the full service and all). It felt great to put the apron back on at Judy's where the staff is friendly and the made-to-order, fresh eats keep customers happy.

Charlevoix Courier editor Julie Witthoeft tries new occupations and writes about her findings in "On the job" which features Charlevoix residents working in Charlevoix. This feature appears the second Wednesday of the month in the Charlevoix Courier. E-mail "On the job" ideas and comments to news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) Nick Shrift, the 3-year-old son of Pete and Maria Shrift of Charlevoix, polished off breakfast with a candy corn, a smile and a spin on a Judy's bar stool.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(Above, from left) Nina Rylant, a waitress at Judy's Restaurant in Charlevoix takes a break with her regulars, Jane and Bob Hoffman and Charlie and Neva Kehrer. Rylant was in charge of showing Courier editor Julie Witthoeft the ins and outs of waiting tables at the local diner. (Left) Witthoeft refills coffee for Richard Putman of Charlevoix. He and many other locals have made Judy's their destination for breakfast and lunch. To suggest Witthoeft's next "On the job" experience, e-mail news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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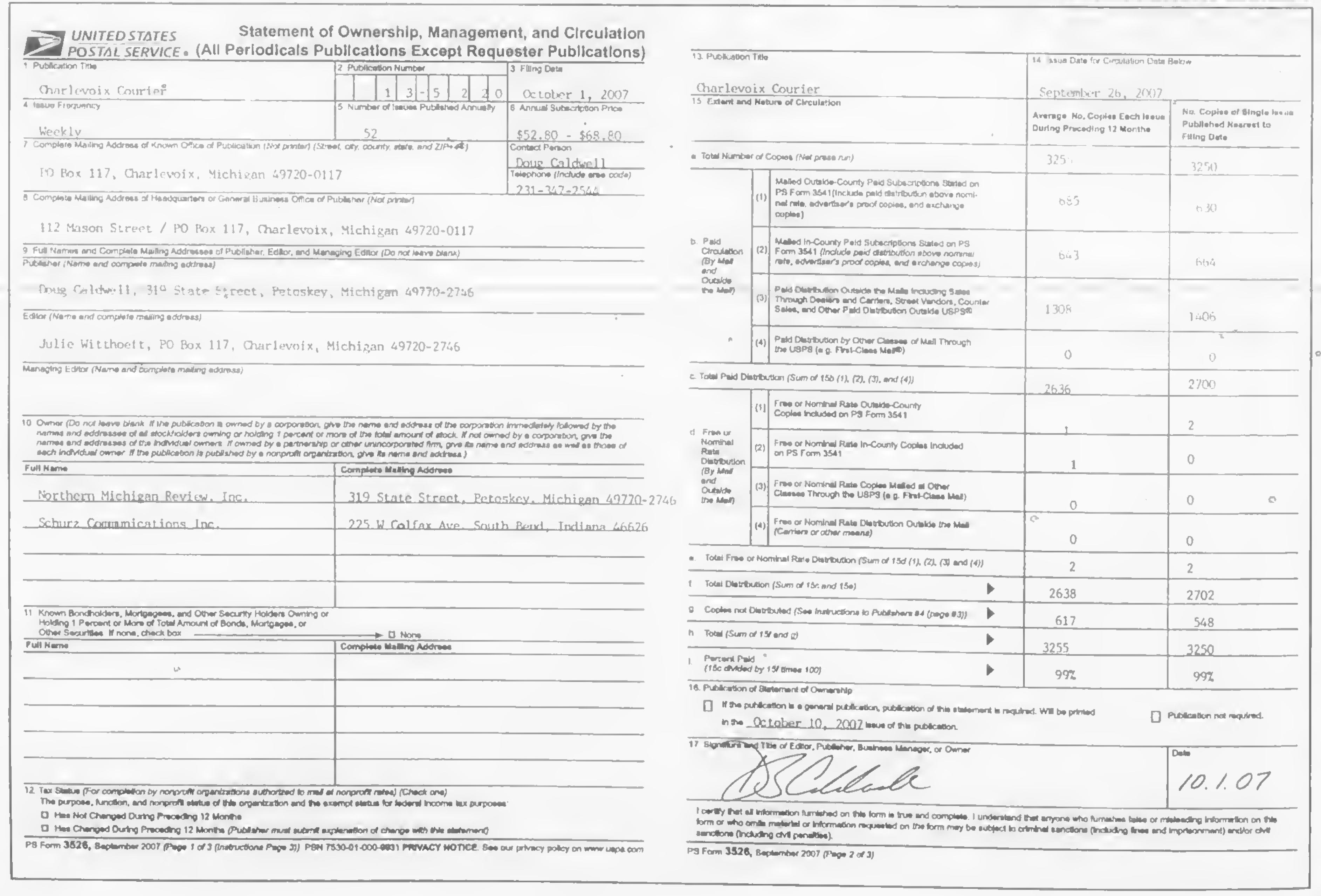

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Charlevoix native authors wine book

Sharon Kegerreis hosts book siging this weekend

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

When people think of wine country, they may automatically have visions of cities in California and regions in France, but a Charlevoix native's new book on vineyards may surprise you.

Sharon Kegerreis, a 1986 graduate of Charlevoix High School and co-author of "From the Vine: Exploring Michigan Wineries," highlights more than 50 Michigan vineyards from southern Michigan to the Upper Peninsula.

"Michigan wineries are a fast growing industry," she said.

A fast growing industry, indeed. According to the Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council, Michigan's wine grape acreage grew 12 percent from 2003 to 2006 and has increased 60 percent in the last decade.

"By far the largest recent vineyard plantings have been Riesling; but pinot grigio, pinot noir, cabernet franc and vidal have also shown substantial increases," the council stated in the release. "Traditional European varieties now account for two-thirds of Michigan's wine grape acreage. The balance is mainly comprised of hybrid varieties (which are) crosses between European and native North American varieties."

One of the wineries featured in the book is located in Suttons Bay and owned by Silvio Ciccone, father of pop star Madonna.

"I think there are three key markets for this book. You have those that like wine and maybe even have discovered some Michigan wines and then you have those who love to travel in Michigan and this is a great book for them," said Kegerreis, whose background is in marketing and communications. "This is also a neat book for those who wish to support local agriculture because these grapes are grown in Michigan soil by Michigan farmers."

Kegerreis' co-author Lorri Hathaway was even married in a vineyard.

"We both grew up in northern Michigan and I grew up in Charlevoix and Lori grew up in Leelanau Peninsula, so when we came back to do the book, we fell in love with Michigan all over again," said Kegerreis. "We had the opportunity to travel all over the world and when we came back, we said, 'Wow, this place is really beautiful.'"

Added the Chelsea resident, "Someday I hope to move back up north."

While "From the Vine" won't be a how-to guide for novice wine enthusiasts, also known as oenophiles, the book does detail the stories of generations of family wine makers and the types of wine they grow.

"These people are hardworking and passionate about wine making," Kegerreis said. "People will learn each winery offers a unique experience. If you don't find a wine you like at one vineyard, keep looking. I'm sure you'll find one you love."

And Michigan's vineyards offer more than wine as some create their own vodka, brandy and cider.

Due to the region's harsh winters, Michigan wine makers can only use certain

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Courtesy photo

Sharon Kegerreis, (above, right) a 1986 graduate of Charlevoix High School and co-author of "From the Vine: Exploring Michigan Wineries," highlights more than 50 Michigan vineyards from southern Michigan to the Upper Peninsula. She is pictured here with fellow author, Lorri Hathaway.

Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections

Notice to Voters: New Voter Identification Requirement in Effect

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Voters with picture identification: Voters can satisfy the picture identification requirement by showing a Michigan driver's license or a Michigan personal identification card.

Voters who do not possess either document may show any of the following forms of picture identification as long as they are current:

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- Tribal identification card with photo.

Voters without picture identification: Michigan election law anticipates that not all voters will have picture identification. Voters who do not bring picture identification to the polls or do not possess picture identification can vote like any other voter by signing an affidavit.

Questions regarding the picture identification requirement can be directed to your local city or township clerk's office.

For more election related information, visit www.michigan.gov/vote.

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Walkers with the 24th Annual Church World Service Crop Walk trekked from Charlevoix Middle School to Ironton to fight hunger locally and globally. Of the money raised by local walkers, 25 percent stays in town. Funds raised by Crop walkers in 2006 topped $14,000 in this area with 91 walkers attending. The amount raised this year was not available by press time. (Above, from left) Todd Thompson, Gail Seidel, Laura Borths, Katie Young and Carly Thompson walk on M-66. (Left) They were joined by Jill Washburn and Betty Barton.

Charlevoix High School grad signs wine book during Apple Festival

WINE

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grapes.

"This made them (farmers) be careful about what they planted, but over the years they discovered some European varieties like chardonay, pinot grigio, noirs could survive here," Kegerreis said. "Since the wine tastes like the soil, a southwestern (Michigan) wine will have a different flavor than one from the U.P. (Upper Peninsula)."

The oldest winery Kegerreis found in Michigan is St. Julian, a vineyard moved in 1936 to Paw Paw so the family business could be closer to the Lake Michigan shore, an area renowned for its healthy grapes.

A book signing scheduled from 1 to 6 p.m. and a wine tasting from 6 to 9 p.m. on Apple Fest Saturday, Oct. 13 will be held at Zaccaro's Market in Charlevoix.

Tickets are $5 with half the proceeds donated to the Charlevoix Public Library.

Kegerreis' and Hathaway's 192-page hardcover book featuring stories and photographs on 51 wineries, with a foreword written by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, will be available at Zaccaro's Market and online at www.michiganvine.com.

What? Sharon Kegerreis, a 1986 graduate of Charlevoix High School and co-author of "From the Vine. Exploring Michigan Wineries," will be in town to sign copies of her book.

When? 1 to 6 p.m. and a wine tasting from 6 to 9 p.m. on Apple Fest Saturday, Oct. 13.

Where? Zaccaro's Market, 221 Bridge St. in Charlevoix.

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Sharon Keggerreis will sign her book "From the Vine: Exploring Michigan Wineries," on Oct. 13 at Zaccaro's Market.

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Courier advertising manager tries to kick the habit

Kim
commits to quit

Charlevoix resident and Courier advertising manager Kim Taylor has joined millions of others in attempting to free herself from nicotine's death grip.

Her method of attack is a new prescription pill from Pfizer called Chantix. According to the official Chantix Web site (www.chantix.com) the pill contains no nicotine and helps reduce the urge to smoke by keeping nicotine from reaching key receptors in the brain.

The Courier will follow Kim's progression weekly as she attempts to kick the habit.

THE PROGRAM

When did you start?

Sept. 24. Quit smoking entirely on Sept. 30.

How does it work?

Kim takes one .5 milligram pill the first three days; two .5 milligram pills on days 4-7; day eight and each day after, she takes two one milligram pills. Chantix literature recommends continuing to take the pill for 12 weeks. During the first seven days Chantix literature states users don't have to worry about quitting entirely and encourages users to let the drug get into their system first.

KIM'S BACKGROUND

Name: Kim Taylor

Age: 41

Family: Husband, John; children Cora, 11 and Keon, 7

When did you smoke your first cigarette?

Third-grade. Started smoking regularly at 14.

How many cigarettes did you smoke a day before starting this new program?

A pack (20 cigarettes)

Have you tried to quit before?

Three times, twice with pregnancy and a third time "just because" and did it cold turkey.

Why did you fail?

"I didn't really want to."

What prompted you to try to quit this time?

"My daughter was getting a sports physical and saw Jim Stewart. When he got done with the physical he said, 'I told a friend of yours the next time I saw you I was going to write you one of these' and handed me the prescription.

I'm spending $50 a week on cigarettes and other people I know have quit on it."

Why Chantix?

"If I have a cigarette it hasn't stopped all the progress I've made. But it does make cigarettes taste yucky."

How sure are you that you will succeed this time?

"I really want to smoke but I'd say I'm 75 percent sure I won't."

THE TRUTH

How many cigarettes have you smoked since starting?

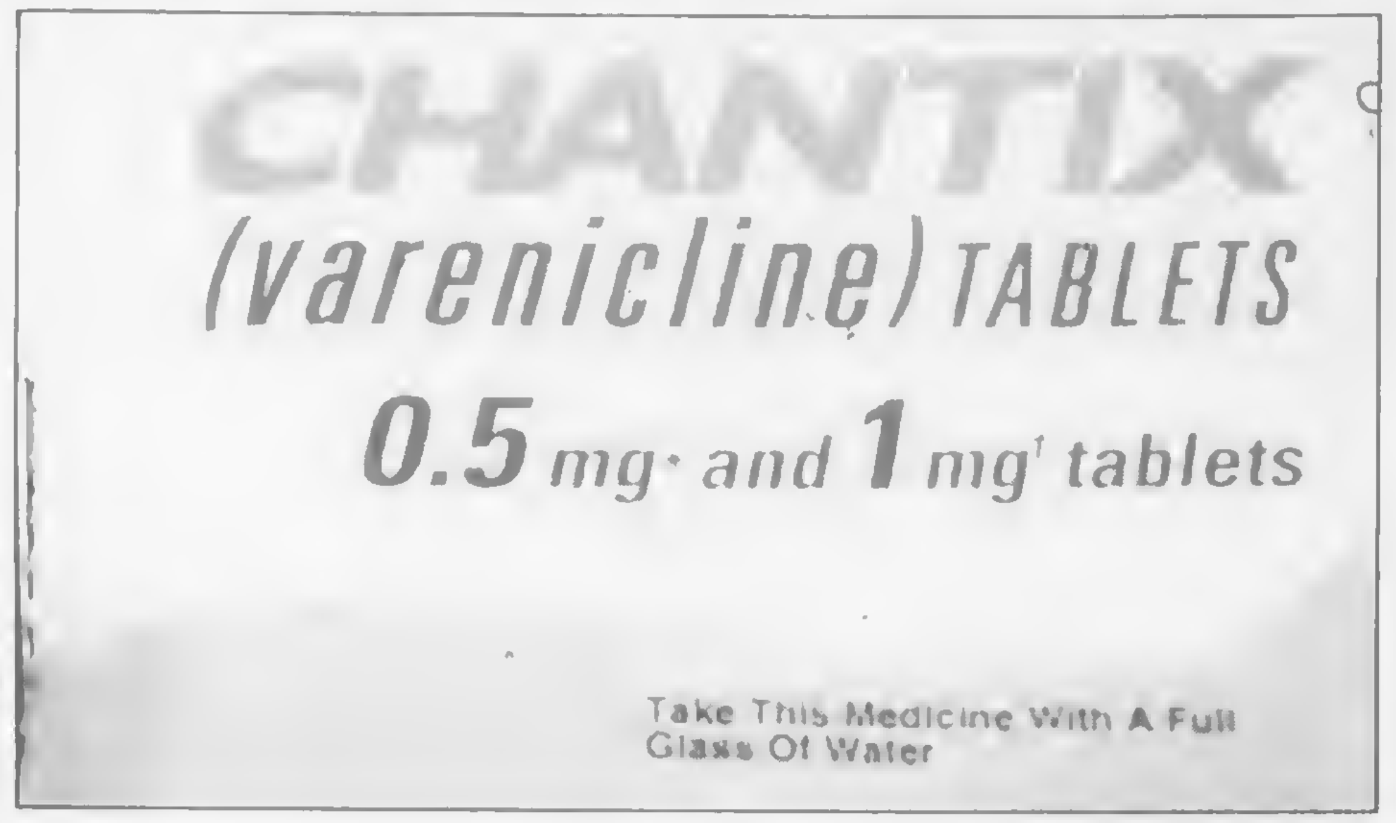
Three

When did you smoke your last cigarette?

Oct. 1

What has surprised you?

"I'm not a b*#!h. It's not effecting me the way it has before. Before when I quit smoking, I'd get extremely emotional — angry or crying. I had huge mood swings and I haven't with this.



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Courier advertising manager Kim Taylor is trying to quit smoking using this new prescription drug, Chantix. The Courier will follow her progress weekly for one month.

What do you like about this verses other methods of quitting?

"Nicorette was nasty and cold turkey didn't take care of the urge and the physical side effects."

What has been the most difficult?

"Associations like that cup of coffee in the morning on the way to work or having a beer."

Any side effects?

"During the first week I had some really interesting dreams. And I've been drinking a lot of water."

THE PHARMACIST'S PERSPECTIVE

John Ochs, pharmacist and owner of Central Drug Store in Charlevoix provided the following information regarding Chantix.

How popular has this been in terms of sale?

"A fair amount of people are on the program. Most people have done pretty well on it. Taking it for about three months. It's recommended for use up to six months."

What caution do you give buyers?

"It causes nausea in most people so take it after a meal."

Are there any other popular prescription medications that claim to assist smokers in kicking the habit?

There are others like Zyban. This is more effective, according to trials it's by far the most effective, one that's come out yet. This is a combination nicotine agonist which gives effects of nicotine and blocks the nicotine if you smoke."

Cost?

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Appellate court upholds Goldstick's conviction

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

David Goldstick

The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld the 2005 first-degree murder conviction of a Charlevoix man who shot and killed his long-time friend and fellow VFW member.

In an unpublished opinion released Thursday, Oct. 4 the three-member appellate panel found no merit in the issues raised by David Edward Goldstick, 59.

On Dec. 9, 2005 a jury convicted Goldstick on the first-degree murder charge following a five-day trial. He was sentenced to serve life in prison, the mandatory sentence for a first-degree murder conviction.

The conviction stemmed from events that took place on April 20, 2005. On that day Goldstick used a handgun muffled by a home-made silencer to shoot and kill Bill Brady, 79. The killing took place in a temporary office for the Charlevoix VFW organization in the back of the Brady family's storage shed next-door to the VFW property off U.S. 31 in Charlevoix.

Goldstick made repeated statements to police in which he admitted to the shooting. Testimony at the trial indicated that Goldstick was afraid that Brady was about to discover that Goldstick had taken money from the VFW's account.

Appeals are automatically filed on behalf of defendants convicted of first degree murder.

In the appeal, Goldstick's attorney asked the court to overturn the conviction on the grounds that:

— Goldstick's admissions to police should not have been admitted to evidence because he did not fully understand the implications of waiving his right to remain silent.

— Goldstick was denied a fair trial because of the pre-trial news media coverage of the case and that his defense attorney should have asked for a change of venue.

— Demonstration and other evidence shown to the jury was unfairly admitted.

The court found no merit in the arguments.

The court did find that photographs of Brady taken after the shooting were likely more prejudicial than probative (explanatory), but found the error "was harmless because of the overwhelming evidence against the defendant."

Goldstick is currently lodged at the Macomb Correctional Facility in New Haven.

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STORY HIGHLIGHT
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Sheriff begins research for second book

Lasater writes book of World War I, Korea vets

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

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George T. Lasater
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY SHERIFF AND AUTHOR

After every copy of his first book flew off store shelves in less than 90 days, Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater is now in the research stages of his second book.

Lasater took some time from his work as sheriff and local author to give the Courier a sneak preview of his newest book.

"My ultimate goal is to cover all of Charlevoix's contributions to every engagement the United States has been involved with," he said. "The World War II book went very well. I probably get an inquiry about once or twice a week, so I thought I would take on World War I and Korea and combine them in one publication."

Lasater said due to all the World War I veterans being deceased, that portion of the book will likely be smaller since there are fewer people around to tell their stories.

"It will be shorter, but it's going to be a harder project to come up with," he said.

Writing these books is of utmost importance, Lasater said, because the stories of soldiers, of community and American pride are the fabric which is Charlevoix County.

"We had a lot of participation in this county and I'll try to interview as many people as I can," he said. "Just like in the World War II book, I'm sure there will be so many stories from people who I've known, but that I had no idea (of) the things they've done."

A story Lasater has already heard is of a young East Jordan soldier.

"This young man, 18 or so, was headed over to Europe on a transport ship and the seas were rough and he was in the bowels of the transport ship where he got so seasick he couldn't even get out of his bunk," he said. "He was actually turning green. His best friend from East Jordan came down to check on him, he hadn't eaten for days, and he was terribly sick. The young man told his best friend, 'When you get back to East Jordan, would you please tell my mother I died a horrible death?'"

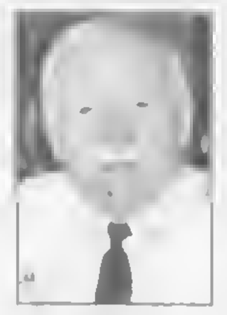
Lasater added, "Well, he didn't. He survived and went through the campaign in Europe and came back to East Jordan and lived a nice life."

Readying himself to be a second time author, Lasater said he won't make the same mistake twice.

"When I did the World War II book, I thought I would interview 100 people and have it done in a year, but that was unrealistic," he said. "I interviewed over 200 people and it took me four years. I was so naiive."

In spite of weeks and years of research and some emotional interviews Lasater said he is lucky to have been so well received in his project.

"When I started the World War II book I had people say, 'They're (veterans) not going to want to talk to you about what they've gone through and surprisingly that was not true. Out of all the people I interviewed, I only had two who were reluctant," Lasater said. "The rest said, 'Sheriff, we know we're greeting our twilight years and we want our families to know what we did."


George T. Lasater

He added, "It was wonderful. I felt so honored to listen to those stories. There is satisfaction in saying I did something that was really good for the community."

Anyone with stories or photos of loved ones who served in any capacity during World War I or the Korean conflict may contact Lasater at his home by calling 582-7001.

"I just let them tell me their story as they would like to have it published and remembered," he said. "This is their story, not mine."

Lasater has already donated over a $1,000 to veterans groups from proceeds from the sale of his first book so they may purchase memorial plaques for soldiers passed.

While he was too young to have served in either World War I or II or Korea, Lasater does have some memories of the era.

"World War II was a topic of conversation. It was on everybody's mind. Every family had contributions and almost every family had someone serving somehow," he said. "Korea, being a smaller engagement, was not talked about as much. They knew it was going on and they knew people were sacrificing."

He added, "We had a German prisoner of war camp not too far from my hometown of Arkansas and I remember us driving through there close to Christmas, I was like 5 or 6, and you could hear them singing Christmas carols in German."

Lasater, who hopes only to give back to the county which has been so good to him over the years, said he has always been inquisitive, which may be what led him to these projects.

"I just enjoy interviewing and compiling and I've always been kind of a history buff," he said. "When I was growing up in the south, I would go around to all of my elderly relatives and take notes and ask, 'What was it like in the old days?'"

In addition to preserving the histories of area servicemen, Lasater said he has had the chance to make some new friends.

"I got the opportunity to meet people I would never (otherwise) had the opportunity to meet and make friends with — some wonderful friends," he said. "Some nights I would go home and (lie) in bed and go to sleep thinking about the person I just interviewed, what they went through and how it changed their lives."

Lasater thanked all those who helped him with his first book and urges anyone who would like to tell their story to contact him.

"I can't do this by myself. I didn't do the World War II book by myself," he said. "I had a lot of help and I already have had a tremendous amount of help...on this project. This isn't a George Lasater project, this is a project of many people."

Lasater may soon revise and add information to his World War II book for another press run. If he does, the Courier will have information as it is received.

Winter weather training seminar offered

The National Weather Service in Gaylord will present a weather training seminar at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 15 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

This free seminar will last approximately two hours and is open to the public. As an added bonus this year, the seminar will have a drawing for an official National Weather Service snow measuring stick.

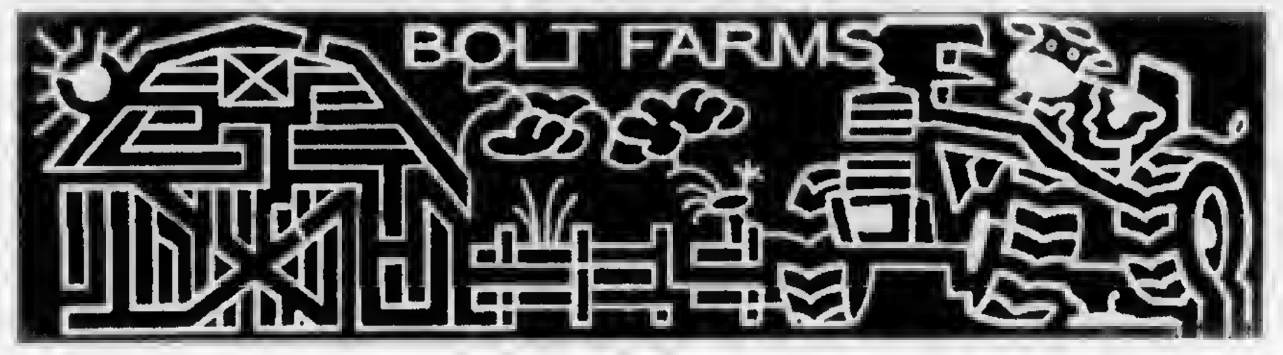
Those interested in learning more about winter weather in northern Michigan and what the forecast holds for this upcoming year, are encouraged to attend.

Topics that will be covered include: The science behind snowstorms and lake effect snow events in the Great Lakes; how to make an accurate snow measurement; looking back at some of the biggest winter events in northern Michigan in the last 30 years; winter weather folklore: separating fact from fiction; and how La Nina will impact the long-range forecast for the upcoming winter.

What? The National Weather Service in Gaylord will present a weather training seminar.
When? At 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 15.
Where? Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

Share the news!

The Courier welcomes submissions for the Community Calendar for non-profit groups or events. Items are run at no charge on a space-available basis. Deadline is noon Friday for the following Wednesday's paper.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Class of 1957 reunited

The Charlevoix High School graduating class of 1957 held their 50th Class Reunion on Sept. 8 at Grey Gables for dinner and an evening of reminiscing. Those attending are (front row, from left) Clair Gibelyou, Carolyn Farmer Clifton, Clarice Gregory Thorland, DeeAnn Geniet Rothenberger, Beth Lewis Mulac, Linda Frye Webster, Ivan Parsons, (second row, from left) David Arnold, Robert Bearss, Angie Schoeder Sergeant, Sue Gill Breidenstein, Donna Guild Russell, Bobby Mayne Albright, Ruth Ann Smith Campbell, Margon Lewis Kane, Marilyn Neff Gibbons, Terry Davis, (third row, from left) Ellen Towsley Ewing, Tracy Curtis, Janice Cunningham Farmer, Vera Towsley Edison, Carol Duerr Venema, Judy Reynolds Woods, (fourth row, from left) Bob Hilton, Dan Farmer, Deanna Left VanDerveer, Donna Marmie Robinson, Joyce Nielsen Rhoades, Kate Fessenden Smith, (fifth row, from left) Gene Holms, Ken Whitley, Bob Geer, Dick Way, Lawrence Bergmann, Barry Pishner, Janet Allison Harris, Jean Allison Stowe. Charles Beeman is missing from the picture.

Holly Daze tickets are on sale now

The 15th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration "Sparkle" to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place on Nov. 29 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The committee is busily planning a spectacular evening to kick off the 2007 holiday season. Guests will once again be treated to free valet parking as they arrive, entering to the sounds of Tom Kaufman and will be encouraged to participate in the silent auction during cocktails. Guests will receive a special full color photograph to commemorate the evening.

The live auction will have items that include once in a lifetime experiences and other special and sparkling items for the holiday season. Participants will also have a chance to purchase special items, called "gifts of love," for patients of the hospital.

This year's event is raising money to purchase a digital mammography machine for the hospital. The cost of this technology is $400,000.

Although there is no evidence that this form of mammography results in better diagnosis of the disease, it does result in efficiencies for the provider and for the patient. Some patients claim quicker imaging and less discomfort during the examination.

At Charlevoix Area Hospital, the goal is to have digital mammography up and running by the end of 2008.

Holly Daze tickets are $100 per person ($60 of which is fully tax-deductible) and include cocktails and dinner. The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 29. Tickets are now available by calling (231) 547-8685.

Hunter Safety class starts this Thursday

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will host a three-day Hunter Safety class starting on Thursday, Oct. 11. The class will meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The second day is an all day class on Saturday, Oct. 13. The hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.

The third class is from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Pre-registration is required but there is no cost. Class size is limited to the first 40 people who register.

To register or for more information, call (231) 547-2785 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will be closed to all shooting except for Hunter Safety on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Friends to host city council candidate forum

A public opportunity to meet and question the candidates for Charlevoix City Council will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

An election for candidates will take place on Nov. 6.

Council candidates are as follows:

First Ward — Dennis Kusina and Mary Eveleigh

Second Ward — Kim VanMeter and D.J. Way

Third Ward — Jill Picha and John Elzinga

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Where? Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St

When's the election? Nov 6

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, October 1, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- A public hearing was held on a request to rename East Hurlbut Avenue.
- Motion failed to approve a request for the Mayor to endorse the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement.
- Motion passed awarding the bid for rubbish pickup to American Waste.
- Motion passed approving the execution of a hold harmless agreement with Colonial Fireworks Company for a display at Castle Farms.
- Resolution failed, a resolution to rename East Hurlbut Avenue.
- Resolution 2007-10-01 adopted authorizing execution of MDOT Contract No 2007-0841, a grant agreement for land acquisition and airport layout plan updates for the Charlevoix Municipal Airport.
- Motion passed to move into closed session to consider the purchase of real property, pursuant to Section 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCL 15.268(d).
- Council entered closed session at 9:19 p.m.
- Council reconvened in open session at 9:29 p.m.
- Motion passed directing staff to obtain additional information regarding the item discussed in closed session.
- Council adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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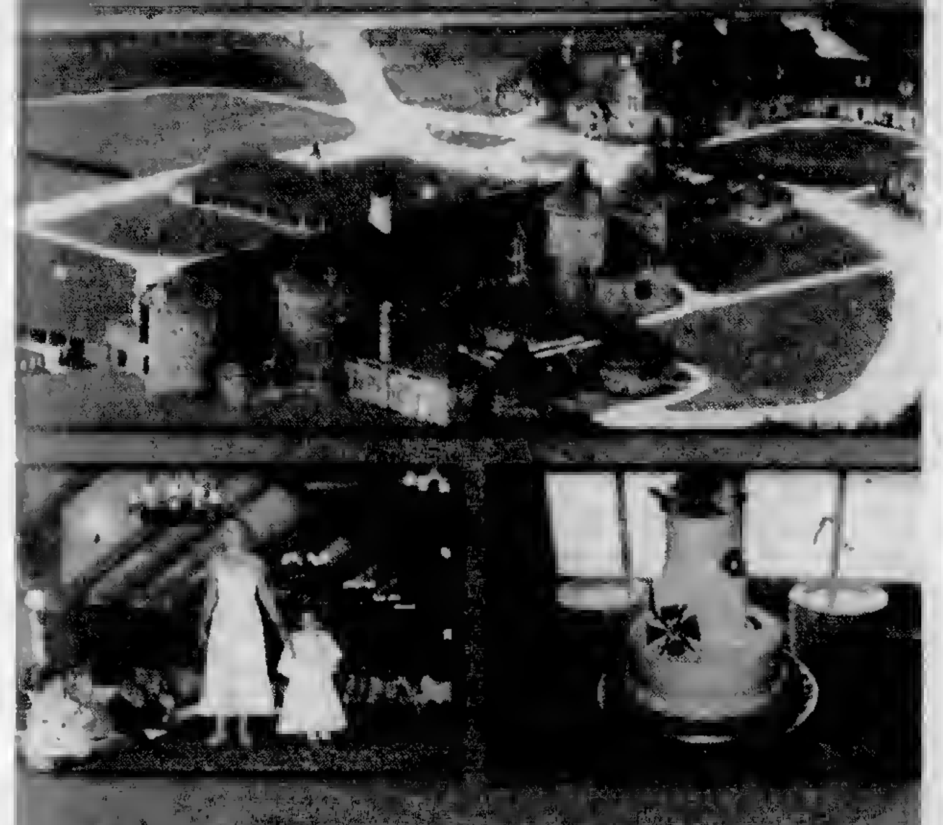

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AAA reminds motorists: Don't veer for deer

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October and November are two of the most dangerous months in Michigan for car-deer crashes. The Michigan Deer Crash Coalition, an organization dedicated to reducing car-deer crashes, reminds drivers that they should not swerve to avoid hitting a deer.

With the arrival of fall, motorists should be more aware of deer while traveling on Michigan roadways. October and November are two of the most dangerous months in Michigan for car-deer crashes.

"Car-deer crashes in Michigan cause at least $130 million in damage annually, with an average cost of $2,135 per vehicle," said Michigan Deer Crash Coalition (MDCC) chairman Jack Peet.

Recognizing this fact, Gov. Jennifer Granholm has proclaimed October as "Michigan Car-Deer Crash Safety Awareness Month."

In 2006, Michigan experienced a 4 percent increase in the number of total car-deer crashes. According to the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center, there were 60,875 deer-vehicle crashes in 2006, up from 58,741 crashes reported in 2005. However, officials note that many crashes also go unreported, so actual crash numbers are much higher. Last year, 12 people lost their lives in deer crashes and another 1,477 were injured.

"To reduce the number of car-deer deaths and injuries, motorists are encouraged to stay aware, awake, alert and sober," said Michigan Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. "Motorists should remember to always fasten their safety belts. Safety belts often make the difference in surviving a serious crash."

Kent County once again topped the state's counties in number of car-deer crashes at 2,208. The remaining top 10 were Jackson (2,017); Oakland (1,866); Calhoun (1,817); Montcalm (1,576); Ingham (1,530); Eaton (1,420); Lapeer (1,373); Kalamazoo (1,354); and Clinton (1,265).

Although motorists should be aware of deer at all times, 80 percent of all car-deer crashes occur on two-lane roads between dusk and dawn.

Deer are herd animals and frequently travel in single file. If you see one deer cross the road, chances are there are more waiting, noted Penney Melchoir, Department of Natural Resources field coordinator.

The Michigan Deer Crash Coalition, an organization dedicated to reducing car-deer crashes, reminds drivers that they should not swerve to avoid hitting a deer. Police statistics show that most motorist deaths and injuries occur when drivers swerve to avoid hitting the deer and strike a fixed object, such as a tree or another vehicle. No one wants to see the deer destroyed, Peet said, but striking the animal is often the safest action.

FAST FACTS

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If a crash with a deer is unavoidable, the Michigan Deer Crash Coalition recommends drivers:

Don't swerve.
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Hold onto the steering wheel with both hands.
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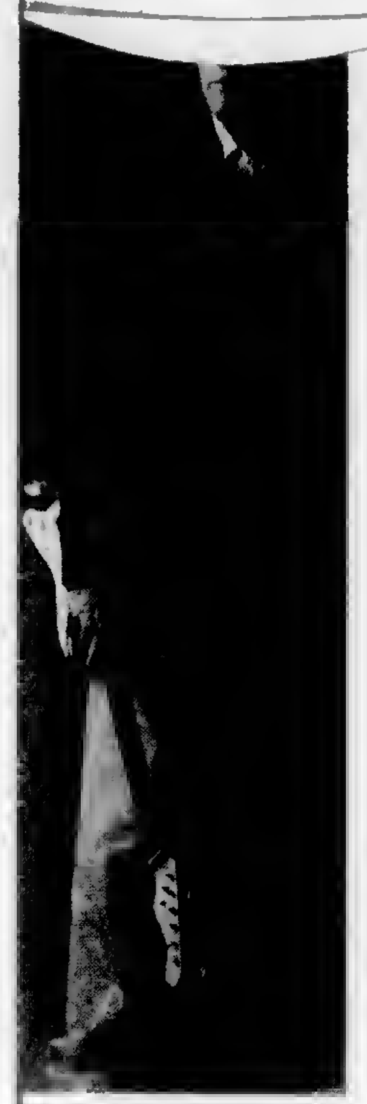

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Davies and Staffel exhibit together again

Bonnie Staffel

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The Jordan River Arts Council will exhibit the works of Charlevoix potter Bonnie Staffel and the late John Davies (left) of Flint. Davies and Staffel exhibited together in 1964, shortly before Davies' death, at the Left Bank Gallery in Flint. The exhibit opens Oct. 14 and runs through Nov. 11. The Jordan River Arts Center is open daily from 1-4 p.m. at 301 Main St. in East Jordan.

The Jordan River Arts Council will exhibit the works of Charlevoix potter Bonnie Staffel and the late John Davies of Flint.

Davies and Staffel exhibited together in 1964 shortly before Davies' death at the Left Bank Gallery in Flint. This retrospective exhibit will feature examples of their lifetime works.

Davies' work began during the Depression with his first one-man show in 1929. During the Depression, Davies taught painting under the auspices of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, a forerunner of the Works Progress Administration. He also taught at the Flint Institute of Art, for the Mott Foundation, and the University of Michigan Extension Service in Flint. He was one of the charter members of the Flint Sculpture Association/Left Bank Gallery Cooperative.

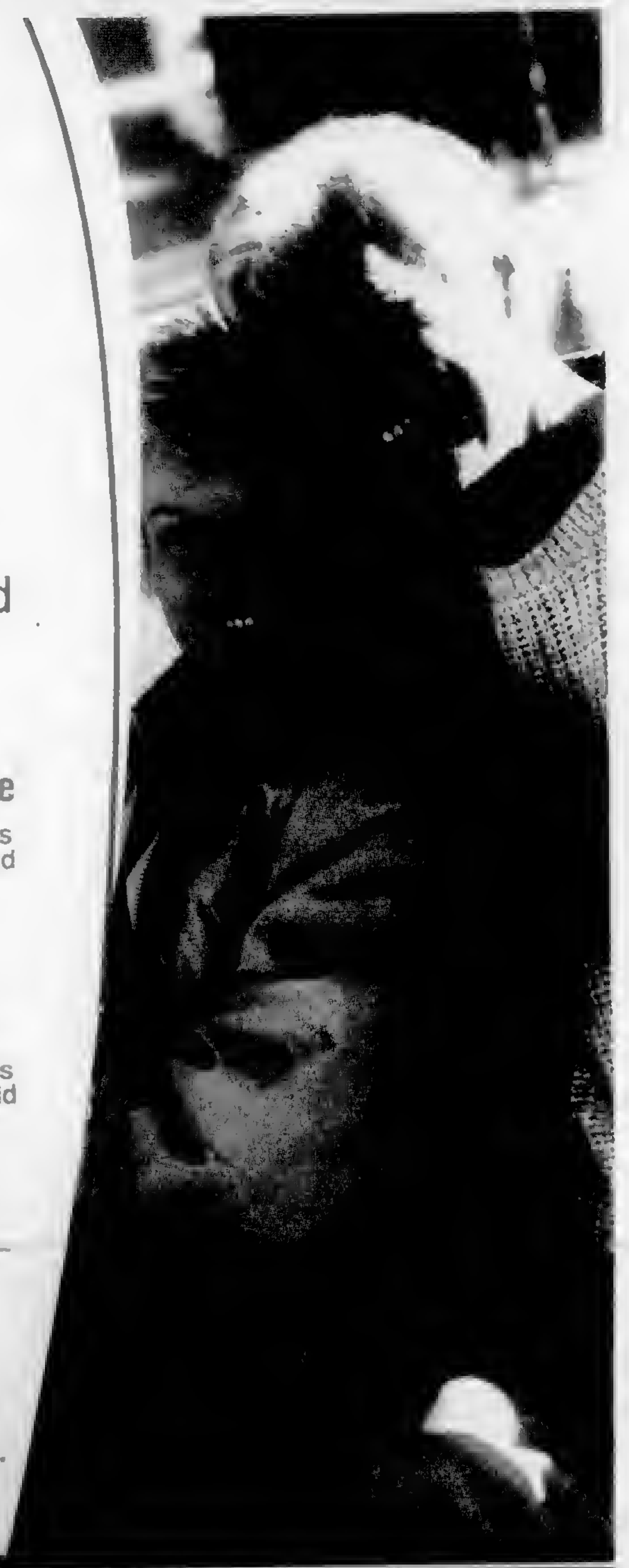
He was a prolific painter and printmaker who developed a unique technique of serigraphs without using the traditional cut screen. He was well-known for landscapes and city scenes, receiving many awards. The exhibit features over 70 works of art many of which will be for sale. Especially notable are the intaglio prints from the 1930s, watercolors, and the series of limited edition portfolio serigraphs.

His work is represented in many museums including the Detroit Institute of Art, Flint Institute of Art, Albion College, Saginaw Museum and the Weisman Art Museum in Minneapolis, Minn. His work can also be found in many private collections. Davies is the grandfather of John Hubbard of Boyne City and Steve Hubbard of Central Lake.

Staffel is a well-known potter now living in Charlevoix. She became acquainted with Davies while living in Maumee, Ohio. She has a long list of credits and is represented in many museums and private collections. She, with Bill Staffel, established Staffel Pottery in 1965, now the Cycling Salamander, south of Charlevoix. In 1985, they closed the studio doors and Bonnie ventured to North Carolina to work in the John C. Campbell Folk School and eventually became program director. She has taught in Denmark and Guatemala, Miss. and for Elder Hostel. She has also traveled to the Orient, visiting China, Japan, Thailand and Hong Kong, as well as England, Norway and Germany.

She has produced functional pottery as well as one-of-a-kind stoneware and porcelain sculptures. One signature item are her birds. Her later work includes beautiful large vessels which have been pit fired. Staffel has received many awards, participated in numerous shows and exhibits since 1949. She is a member of Jordan River Arts Council and exhibits at the center frequently.

Staffel was one of the curators of the Masters in Clay exhibit at the council and now, along with Bill Staffel, has curated the Davies' Exhibit. The exhibit opens Oct. 14 and runs through Nov. 11. The Jordan River Arts Center is open daily from 1-4 p.m. at 301 Main St. in East Jordan.



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Back on the water

Deb Saur-MacKenzie, director of Boulder Park Terrace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, is pictured here with center resident, Gail Leibold and Ward Brothers captain, Bernie Ward on Oct. 4 before the three and four other center residents enjoyed an afternoon cruise on lakes Charlevoix and Michigan. This was one of the center's weekly outings that was suggested by Leibold. She said she spent almost every day on the water before her stroke three years ago. She said since being wheelchair bound she hasn't been out on a boat.

Booth sign up underway for Nov. 17 Mom to Mom sale at St. Mary School

Kids and teens grow like weeds and bills for new duds and toys can grow just as quickly.

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This year the sale will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 17 in the family center at St. Mary School located at 1005 Bridge St.

The event will feature over 40 moms and teens selling oodles of "gently used" infant, children's and teen clothing, toys, books furniture, bikes and more.

Adults who are 18 and over and wish to attend will be charged a $2 entrance fee.

For moms or teens looking to unload some gear, event co-ordinator Beth Martin still has booth space available. There is a charge of $25 per space.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit St. Mary School.

Volunteers to help set up and run the event are also still needed

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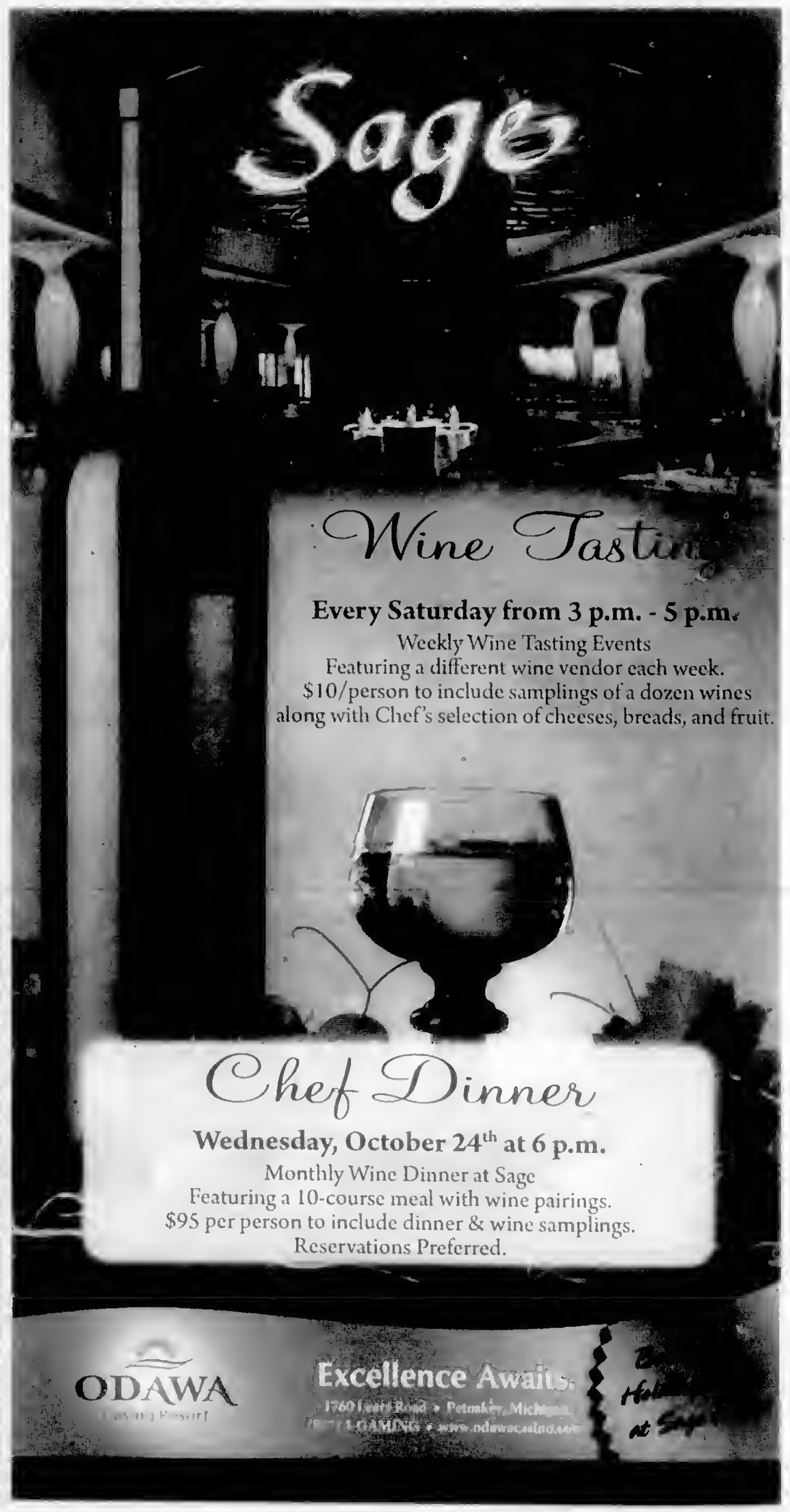
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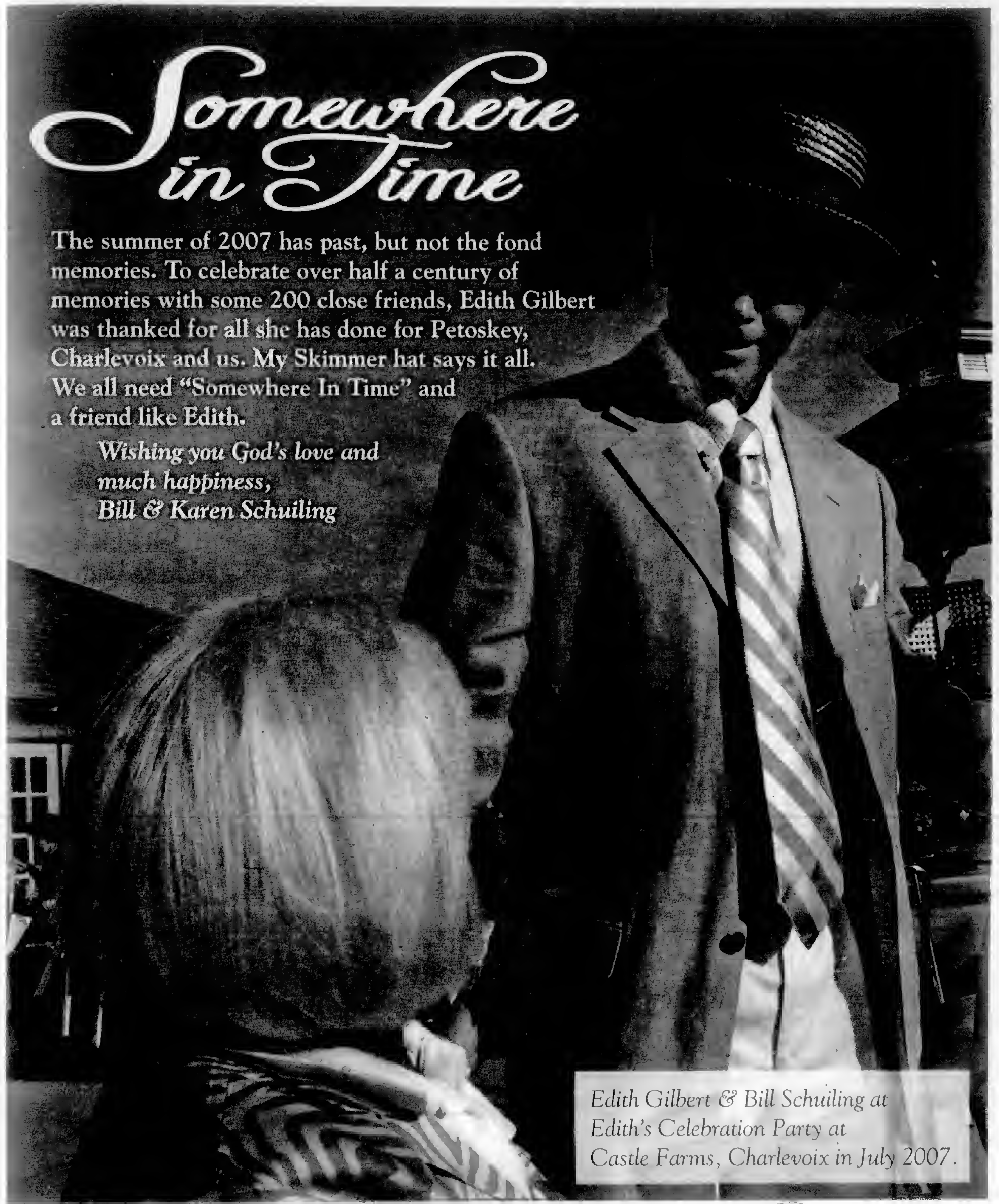
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Edith Gilbert & Bill Schuiling at Edith's Celebration Party at Castle Farms, Charlevoix in July 2007.

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Photos by Benjamin Gohs

If you build it they will play

(Above) Students and staff of Northwest Academy of Charlevoix worked together last week to erect the school's new playground. (From left) Ninth-grader Christian Morrison, chief financial officer Gary Stutzman and 10th-grader Jon Way bolt together one of several new play pieces which include a geo dome of monkey bars, a tire swing and teeter-totter. (Below) Alicia Whennen (foreground), a first-grader in Phoebe Gohs' early elementary class at Northwest Academy, enjoys the giant tire swing on the school's newly built playground.

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The six-session workshop is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and will be led by Joanne F. Townsend. The cost of the workshop is $50 per person and $55 per couple. Materials are included.

The dates of the sessions are Oct. 22, 29 and Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

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Secretary of State launches Harvest Gathering food drive

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"Harvest Gathering allows more fortunate Michigan residents to share their blessings with friends and neighbors who struggle to make ends meet," Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said. "With 1 million Michigan residents expected to use a food bank this year, each donation helps one more family put an adequate meal on the table."

Donors are asked to give items such as peanut butter, canned tuna and other meat, and canned fruits, vegetables and soups, although all nonperishable food items are welcome. Because of safety concerns, canned stews won't be accepted. Cash donations also are accepted and will be used to cover the cost of collecting and distributing the food.

In 2006, the Michigan Harvest Gathering collected more than $300,000 and 350,000 pounds of food. The 2007 goal is $350,000 and 500,000 pounds of food. The campaign helps supply the state's regional food banks through donations of food and money. The regional food banks serve food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in every Michigan county.

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Chamber says 'Thanks for DeKorne stalks'

(Right) On Oct. 1, Mark DeKorne, owner of DeKorne's Farm in Atwood, delivered corn stalks to decorate downtown Charlevoix. About 20 students from Charlevoix High School were downtown on Oct. 2 to affix the stalks to street side trees. Then, on Oct. 5 DeKorne brought a few extra to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce to decorate their sign. Here DeKorne is pictured with Jackie Merta, president of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and Judy Corley, a chamber volunteer. DeKorne's offers a market garden, honey and maple syrup.

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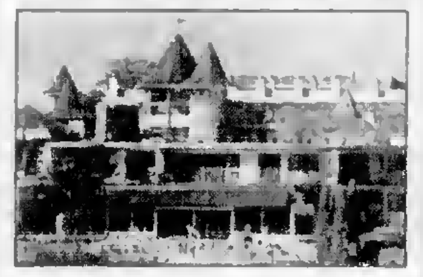

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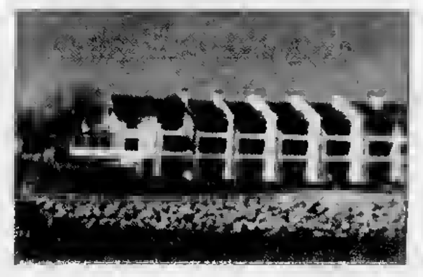

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Record breaking Northern Lights

St. Mary School hosted the most successful Northern Lights event to date on Sept. 29. Organizers credit the success in part to the early raffle sales, the early auction item sales and the support of the community. The Children's Art Gallery showcasing student art had proceeds of over $2,000. One of the big sales was a Sue Bolt original called "Summertime" which was purchased for $975. A fly fishing trip to the Idaho Club went for $1,000. Angel Gifts proceeds which funded technology upgrades, tuition and enrichment for the school generated over $18,000. A final tabulation is still taking place and a formal press release is forthcoming.

Courtesy photos

(Above) Two of the Children's Art auction items, custom painted adirondack chairs, were purchased by Castle Farms owners, Linda and Richard Mueller, at the St. Mary School Northern Lights fund-raiser. (Below, from left) Kelly and Darren Romano, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mayer, Chris and Maura Snabes and Casey and Hope House enjoy the evening after Darren and Kelly, owners of Grey Gables, prepared the meal.

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Amy Dixon, Kelly Kwapisz and Sonia Drost looking over auction items at Northern Lights.

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Men get involved in ending violence against women

STORY HIGHLIGHT
Ted Bunch, co-founder of "A Call To Men," will educate area professionals and community members on working toward a violence-free community at his presentations from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 25 at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey.

There is exciting work being done in our communities around the issue of men playing an active role in ending violence against women.

Ted Bunch, co-founder of "A Call To Men," will educate area professionals and community members on working toward a violence-free community at his presentations from 1 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 25 at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey. Bunch is a nationally recognized leader in organizing and educating men in the effort to end violence against women. The Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan, Inc. (WRC) has made this issue a priority in its social-change work to end domestic violence and is pleased to coordinate Bunch's visit to northern Michigan.

The Women's Resource Center serves survivors of domestic abuse in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties.

For more information, contact Sara Ward at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan by e-mail at safe@wrcnm.org or by calling (231) 347-1572.

Sign up for senior outing to Friske's underway

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging has organized a fall trip to Friske Orchard Market for senior citizens on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

To sign up, call (231) 237-0103. Sign-up sheets are also available at all senior centers in Charlevoix County.

Carpooling is available at the Charlevoix Senior Center. For details, call (231) 547-5361.

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Tickets are purchased at the door for $6, which allows guests to speak with over 50 wedding service providers, a chance to win door prizes, and access to the fashion show at 2:30 p.m.

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Berlage cites the downturn of the Michigan economy; several years of losses; a 60 percent drop in sales this year; as well as the opening of the new Charlevoix Public Library, which is experiencing great success in its new showcase facility, as contributing factors in making his decision to close.

Berlage said, "I want to thank my loyal customers who have supported me through the years. I will miss them and the many conversations and relationships built, as well as selling books."

Store hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Inventory is discounted to sell and store fixtures are also for sale. Booksense gift cards may be redeemed until closing, and anytime thereafter at any participating Booksense book stores across the country.

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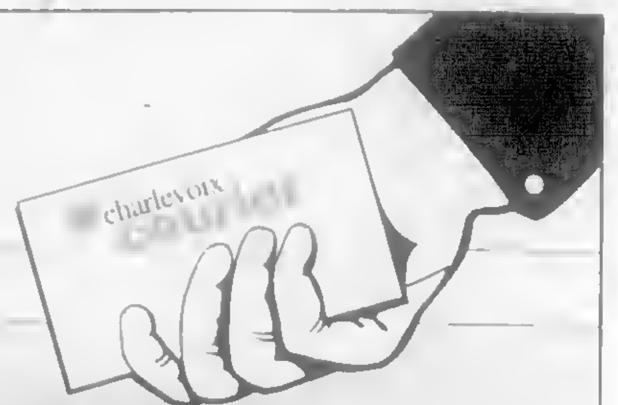

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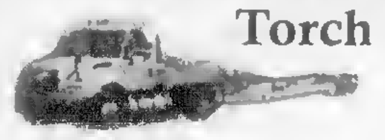

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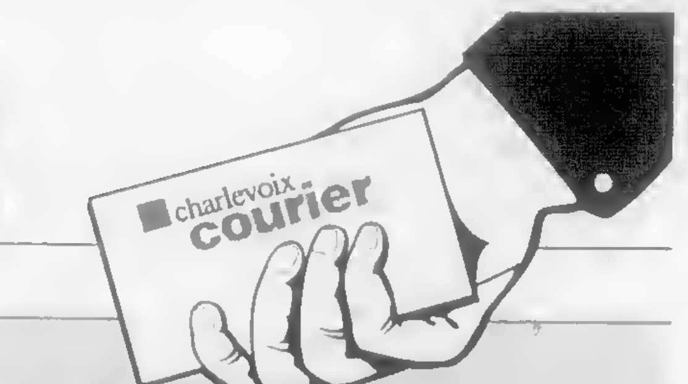

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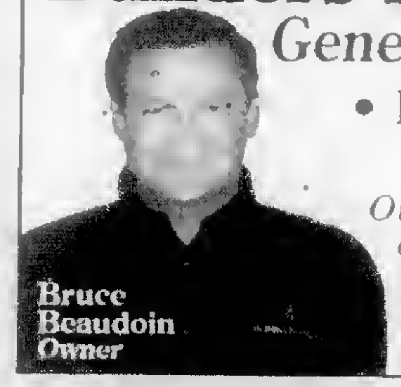

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Scott Kelly inducted into Ferris hall of fame

Scott Kelly of Charlevoix was inducted into the Ferris State University 2007 Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame on Friday, Sept. 28 in Big Rapids.

This year's inductees included: Kelly of Charlevoix, baseball (1982-86); Mike Brooks of Livonia, football (1992-95); Joe Charles of Naples, Fla., men's swimming (1987-90); Lewis Garner of Grand Rapids, men's basketball (1971-75); John Gruden of Rochester, men's ice hockey (1990-94); Karen (Volkers) Keller of Hudsonville, women's volleyball (1987-90); Danielle (Smith) Walker of Norton Shores, women's basketball (1987-91); and coach Ron English of Charlotte, men's and women's golf (1979-97).

A 15-member selection committee of faculty, staff, alumni and community members chose the inductees from among 34 nominees. The class spans three decades and includes representation from nine different sports.

The eight new inductees join 74 honorees already enshrined. The Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame, which inducted its charter class in 2000, was established to honor those student-athletes and coaches who have distinguished themselves in their sport or honorary members who made truly exceptional contributions to athletics.

(Right) Scott Kelly of Charlevoix was inducted into the Ferris State University 2007 Bulldog Athletics Hall of Fame on Friday, Sept. 28 in Big Rapids. The entire group of 2007 inductees pictured here includes (front row, from left) Danielle Walker, Karen Keller, (back, from left) Mike Brooks, Joe Charles, Ron English, Lewis Garner, Kelly and John Gruden.

Courtesy photo

Rayder football team shut out Kalkaska 34-0

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Following several tough losses for Charlevoix varsity football, the Rayders obliterated Kalkaska 34-0.

Charlevoix was 27-0 at halftime, but that didn't stop them from scoring once more in the second half.

"This was a nice win for us," said varsity coach Don Jess. "These kids have been working hard in practice everyday and they never give up."

He added, "Everyone played a lot and we got a win at their (Kalkaska's) homecoming."

Charlevoix was led by Nate Golovich, who had three touchdowns.

Josh Wolletz and Corey Gotshall also scored touchdowns for the Rayders and Cliff Jones had a big night of passing for 129 yards and rushing for 123 yards.

Jones also kicked three extra points while Trevor Cole kicked one extra point.

Jon Putman had three receptions for 101 yards and completed a pass for 51 yards.

Justin Klooster had an interception and Gotshall had eight tackles to lead the defense.

"This Friday we'll have to be ready for Harbor Springs," Jess said. "This will be the seniors' last home game and parents night."

Rayder football action begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 on Kipke Field.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

The Charlevoix Rayders varsity football team beat Kalkaska 34-0 on Friday, Oct. 5.

What's next? The Rayders prepare to meet Harbor Springs at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 on Kipke Field.

Volleyball team beats St. Francis en route to facing Ramblers

The Charlevoix volleyball team beat Traverse City St. Francis 25-12, 25-18, 25-17 on Oct. 4.

"It was a nice team win. Everything was clicking verses Traverse City St. Francis — the girls played very hard and are focused," head coach, Liz Grunch, said.

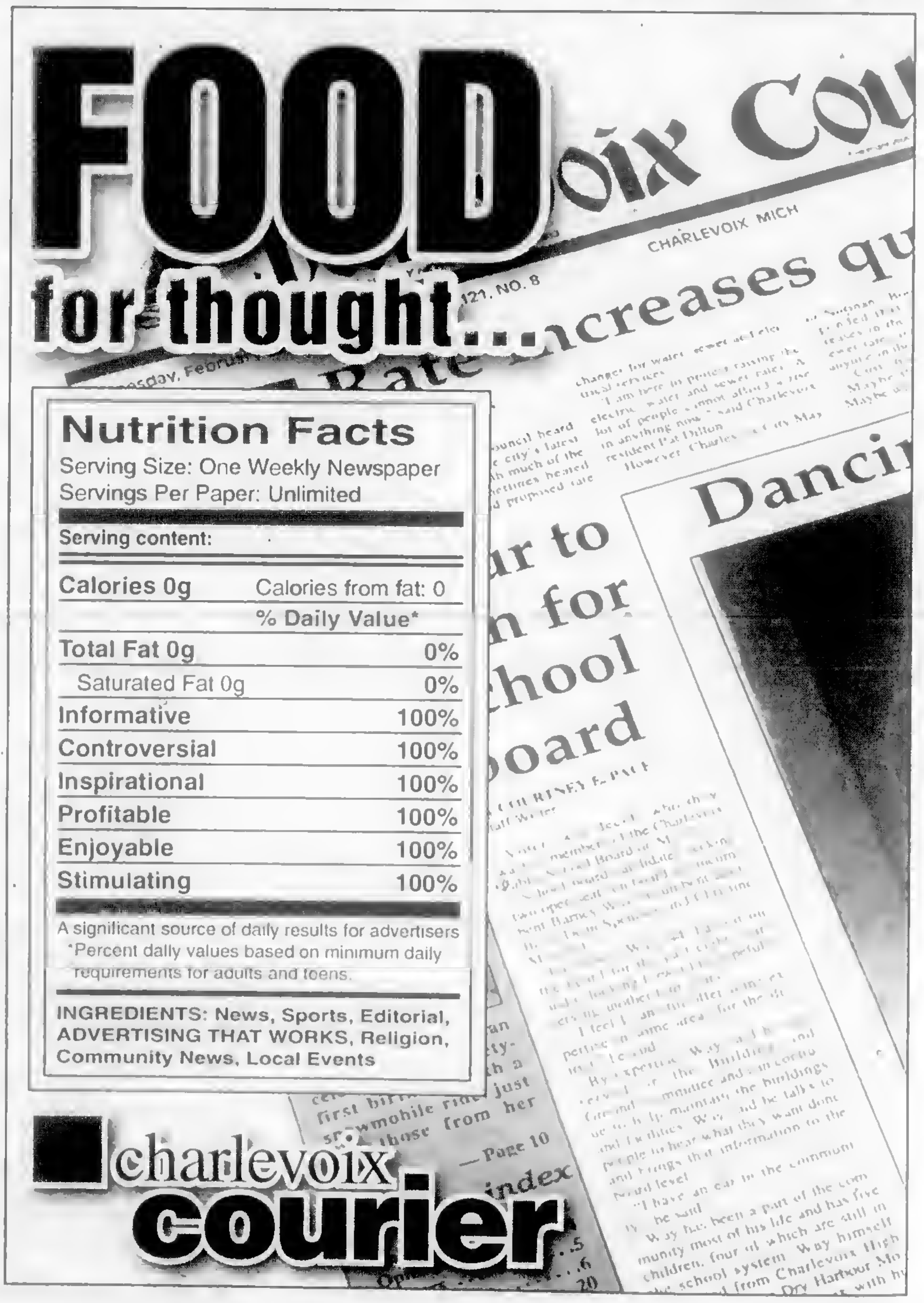
For the Rayders, Tammy Potter had 11 kills, three blocks; Murphy Gillespie had eight kills, 14 digs, two aces; Desi Faust had 10 kills, six digs, three aces and was 93 percent serve/receive; Aubrey Way had 27 assists, six aces, five digs; Michelle Burke 10 digs; Taylor Storm had six digs; Lauren Mielke had three digs and went 10 for 10 serving.

"It's a good win bringing us into two big games this week verses Kalkaska on Tuesday and Boyne City on Thursday (Oct. 11). Those are going to be the biggest games of the season thus far. We are looking forward to the tough competition," Grunch said.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

The Charlevoix volleyball team beat Traverse City St. Francis 25-12, 25-18, 25-17 on Oct. 4

They face Boyne City at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 11 at Charlevoix High School



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(Above, from left) Harbor Industries wellness winners Guy Swanson, Tracy Brooks and Dave Soto.

Harbor gets fit

Harbor Industries Inc. launched a corporation-wide wellness program this year. Each month Harbor invites its employees to do something different to promote good health. In September, they held their first-ever fall Olympics, with employees competing in bocce ball, croquet and ladder golf. Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded. (Above) Croquet winners shown with their medals are Kim Swidorski, Mark Musser and Gary Hammond.

Korfball World Championships await Charlevoix's Kate Madison

What started as a Hope College professor's idea to introduce a coed sport unique to America has turned into a dream come true for several Hope students who will be part of the USA team in the Korfball World Championship when they are held in Brno, The Czech Republic, in late October and early November. Kate Madison, a senior at Hope College, of Charlevoix has been included as a member on the USA team.

Korfball is the world's only coed team sport and resembles the game of basketball. Korf is a Dutch word for basket. There are baskets at each end of the court, but no backboards. There is no dribbling, only passing. A team consists of four players, two men and two women. Each successful shot is worth one point.

Longtime Hope physical educator and softball coach Karla Wolters introduced Korfball to the west Michigan sports scene in 2005 when she began teaching a class in it. In the fall of 2005 Hope entertained a Korfball team from Europe. The next summer a team comprised of Hope students and recent alumni traveled to Europe for a series of games. Last fall Hope hosted the tryouts for the USA team that will compete in the World Championships. Wolters serves on the governing board of USA Korfball.

"Our Hope Korfball players are thrilled to be part of the USA Korfball team that will be competing in Brno," said Wolters. "It is a dream come true to be able to compete with the world's best Korfball teams for the World Cup. We are also looking forward to learning about Brno and the surrounding area as none of us have ever been in the Czech Republic before. We aspire to play with passion, enjoy the entire experience and represent Hope College and the USA well in our travels."

File photo

Kate Madison (above, left), a senior at Hope College, of Charlevoix has been included as a member on the USA team to compete in the Korfball World Championship in Brno, The Czech Republic, in late October and early November. She is pictured here with her sister Becca Madison.

The World Championships will bring together players from 16 countries for games between Oct. 30 and Nov. 10. The USA team will embark on Oct. 27.

Countries represented in the championships are Australia, Belgium, Catalonia, China, Chinese Taipei, Czech Republic, England, Germany, Hungary, India, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Russia, South Africa and USA.

The tournament will begin with pool play. The USA squad will be matched against teams from Chinese Taipei, Germany and Russia. Play will continue in a championship and consolation bracket. Some of the games will be televised by Czech Television.

The first Korfball World Championships were held in 1978 in the Netherlands. They are held every four years. The Netherlands has won six of the previous seven World Championships, including 2003. The International Korfball Federation is headquartered in The Netherlands.

The USA will be competing in the World Championships for the first time since 1991 when the team ended seventh.

Tennis team moves on to regionals this Thursday

The Rayder tennis team took fourth place at the Oct. 4 conference meet in Traverse City to move on the regional finals this Thursday, Oct. 11 in Traverse City.

Coach Erik Lundteigen said his first doubles team, Scott Silberhorn and Kevin Greyerbiehl, were named honorable mention, all-conference.

- First, singles: Alex McKenzie beat Boyne City 6-3, 6-1; and lost to Elk Rapids 6-1, 6-0.
- Second, singles: Mike Pelon beat Boyne City 6-0, 6-0; and lost to Harbor 6-1, 6-4.
- Third, singles: John Hart beat Grayling 6-1, 6-4; and lost to Harbor 6-2, 6-1.
- Fourth, singles: Alex Meyers beat Boyne City 6-1, 6-0 and lost to Harbor 6-2, 6-1.
- First, doubles: Scott Silberhorn and Kevin Greyerbiehl beat Boyne City 6-3, 6-1; and lost in the finals to Traverse City St. Francis 7-5, 6-3.
- Second, doubles: Michael Heckendorn and John Drenth beat Grayling 6-3, 6-1; and lost to Traverse City St. Francis 6-3, 6-1.
- Third, doubles: Amy Pelon and Christina Miller lost to Elk Rapids 7-5, 6-4.
- Fourth, doubles: Matt Murray and Robbie Rundblad lost to Elk Rapids 6-2, 6-3.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

The Charlevoix Rayder tennis team took fourth at the Oct. 4 conference meet to move on to regionals on Oct. 11 in Traverse City.

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TEEN SCENE inside the halls

Teen band kicks out death metal sound

Photo by Caitlin Donnelly

Members of the local teen band, Death Eternal, are (above, from left) Ray Fuller, Derek Tuncap, Corey Winters and Jason Martin. To hear Death Eternal, visit http://www.myspace.com/truedeatheternal.

CAITLIN DONNELLY
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Death Eternal, sounds kind of final, right? Wrong, it's not at all final. It's a big start for four small town boys.

This death metal grind core band started in 1999. Corey Winters, a 17-year-old Northwest Academy student is the band's lead vocals and guitar. He said he loves to play for audiences because it gives him an adrenaline rush.

Death Eternal has played four shows, sharing the stage with area teen bands like Fail to Order, Carving Jennifer and Kama Kari Black.

Death Eternal, where does one come up with a name like that?

"It actually comes from the Mayhem song 'Life Eternal,'" Winters said.

This self-managed band gained inspiration from bands they grew up listening to, such as, Black Sabbath, Led Zeppelin and Metallica. They practice their melodic tunes during the weekend in Winters' basement. The three older boys, Ray Fuller (guitar and back-up vocals), Jason Martin (bass) and Derek Tuncap (drums), are all currently out of school. Winters is in his junior year. They hope to get signed and tour when he graduates.

To hear Death Eternal, visit http://www.myspace.com/truedeatheternal.

Caitlin Donnelly is a Teen Scene writer for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted at when_it_rains13@yahoo.com.

Donnelly, Way to steer Courier's Teen Scene content

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Included in this week's edition of the Charlevoix Courier is Teen Scene — a page dedicated to and written by two local teenagers.

This page will appear the second Wednesday of each month during the school year in the Courier.

Steering the content are Aubrey Way, a Charlevoix High School senior and Caitlin Donnelly, a junior at Northwest Academy. Way is the 17-year-old daughter of Mike and Chris Way of Charlevoix and Donnelly is the 16-year-old daughter of Alexis Antinossi and Thomas Donnelly of Charlevoix.

Donnelly is kicking the section off this month with a feature on a local teen band called Death Eternal.

Caitlin Donnelly

"I think I'm a great fit for Teen Scene because I have a lot of friends in different schools and towns. I can bring more than sports to the public's focus," she said.

Topics Way and Donnelly will tackle will vary from coverage of teen events to an in-depth look at issues teens are facing.

Donnelly's writing experience includes poetry submissions to the Charlevoix High School poetry book as well as essay writing for school. Way is in her second year as a writer for both the Charlevoix High School yearbook and newspaper.

Aubrey Way

"I enjoy writing because it's a way for me to interact with people in my community. It's a way for me to express myself in ways I wouldn't normally," Way said.

Way's a sports fan and has been a member of the Charlevoix High School volleyball team for two years. Donnelly's interests include music and poetry.

In the spring, Way and Donnelly will pass the torch to the next Teen Scene content leaders.

E-mail Teen Scene ideas to Way at 08wayaub@rayder.org or Donnelly at when_it_rains13@yahoo.com.

Halloween hot spots for teens

Charlevoix and Boyne Falls offer three haunting experiences.

HOSPITAL OF HORROR

Charlevoix High School performing arts students will present "Hospital of Horror," a haunted house, on Oct. 26 and 27 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School.

Hospital of Horror will be open from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 and from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27.

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 07-011090-DE

Estate of Terry A. Adams
Date of Birth: 01/30/53

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Terry A. Adams, who lived at 188 Kaden Lane, Boyne City, Michigan died September 23, 2006.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Janet K. Adams, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: September 27, 2007

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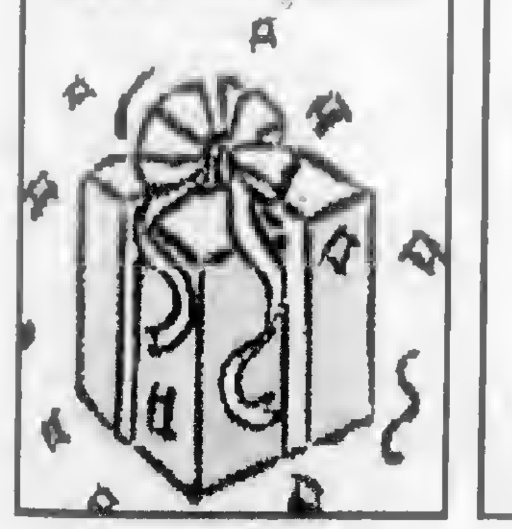

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGES FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made November 1, 2005 by Arthur P. Poineau, as mortgagor, to St. Francis X. Federal Credit Union, as Mortgagee, and recorded on November 7, 2005, in Liber 714 and page 977, Emmet County Records and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable by reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the note secured thereby, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice principal and interest *in the amount of One Hundred Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Five and 55/100 [$107,465.55]*, and no other legal or equitable proceeding have been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgages; and the power of sale contained in the mortgages having become operative by reason of the default.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate File No. 7-011142-DE

Estate of Earl A. Bissonette
Date of Birth: 04/25/1914

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Earl A Bissonette, who lived at 00391 Crosby Drive, East Jordan, Michigan died August 9, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Marcia L. Forster, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

DATED: September 24, 2007

Marcia L. Forster
00391 Crosby Drive
East Jordan, MI 49727
(231)536-0858
(L-10/10)

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 07-011121-DE

Estate of Madelon Sue Johnson
Date of Birth: October 25, 1942

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Madelon Sue Johnson, who lived at 1209 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720 died June 1, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cynthia Whitley, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: October 10, 2007

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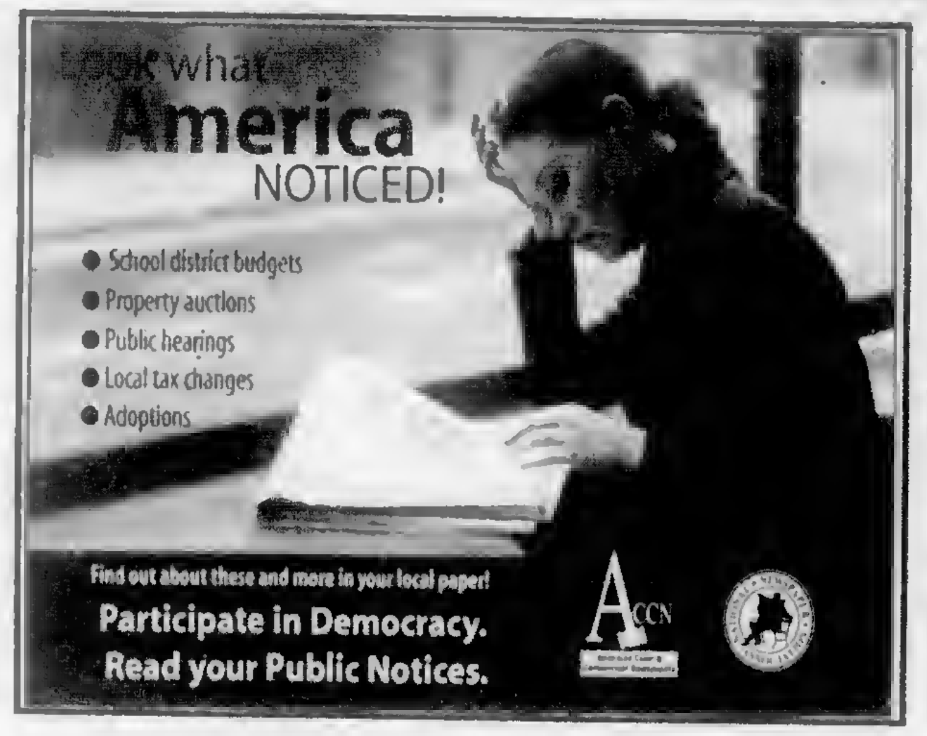

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Two eagles released Sunday at St Mary Cement

EAGLE

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She added, "At 12 weeks of age they are full-size, but they are clueless."

While the male was brought to her from another rescue center, Lessard found the female and, after throwing Mary a dead rat, was able to snatch her.

"She was so flabbergasted at this food falling from the sky I just grabbed her out of the wild," she said.

Lessard said Mr. Hobbs was most likely weakened by eating something poisonous.

"Over the past several months these youngsters have had a chance to gain some weight and grow up a bit more," Lessard stated in a press release. "They are now very healthy, are feather perfect and are fully aerobically conditioned. It is time to give them back their freedom."

Founded 21 years ago as a way to educate people on wildlife conservation as well as to rehabilitate injured and orphaned raptors, the nonprofit organization, Wings of Wonder, offers more than 100 programs a year and serves nearly 9,000 people annually.

A rehabilitation specialist for more than 17 years, Lessard holds permits from the Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife Services to perform her work and has received awards from the Audubon society and was honored as 2007 Northern Michigan Environmentalist of the Year in education.

"We've developed a relationship with Wings of Wonder and we've also built two eagle nests (on the St Marys Cement property)," she said. "With any luck, this group will decide to stay here."

Hall said the release is just another way St Marys gives back to the community.

"This is the community we work in and it's also the community we live in and Medusa Creek is a good food source and there are a lot of pigeons, which are a good food source for raptors," she said. "This is one of those things the community can feel good about."

Following a short presentation, Lessard's husband Don released Mary, who flew out over the crowd of several hundred and out into the blue sky.

"It is a total joy to give these raptors back their freedom," Lessard said. "They totally would have died in the wild."

While Lessard said she adores her work with the birds of prey, doing so is costly.

"It's about $35 a day for an intensive care patient," she said. "We constantly have our hand out."

To donate money to build new bird enclosures or gift cards, call (231) 326-4663. For more information on Wings of Wonder, to adopt a raptor or book Lessard for a program, visit wow@wingsofwonder.org.

In addition to hosting the eagle release and building nesting platforms, St Mary cement has mounted nest boxes for kestrels, planted native flora and made some ponds, all of which can only encourage eagle repopulating efforts.

FAST FACTS

Bald Eagles:

- do not get their white head until they are 4 or 5 years old
- are 29 to 42 inches long, seven to 15 pounds and may have a wingspan of six to eight feet when full-grown
- can live up to 40 years in the wild
- feed on ducks, turtles, rabbits, fish and snakes among other things
- can exert up to 1,000 pounds of pressure per square inch with their feet
- fly about 44 mph and can dive at up to 100 mph
- can fly higher than 10,000 feet up

(Courtesy of www.eagles.org)

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

(Above) Mr. Hobbs, a 2007 Bald Eagle hatchling released into the wild on Oct. 7 near a pond on St Mary cement property, spreads his wings for the first time since he fell ill and was sent to the Wings of Wonder raptor rehabilitation center in Empire. (Below) Rebecca Lessard, founder and director of Wings of Wonder holds Mr. Hobbs, so named by St Marys Cement employees after Carol Hobbs, a St Mary employee who was instrumental in making St Marys Cement the release site for two eagles.

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Rebecca Lessard and her husband Don walk bald eagle Mr. Hobbs out to the release site during the Sunday, Oct. 7 event. More than 300 people turned out to watch the two young eagles get released into the wild.

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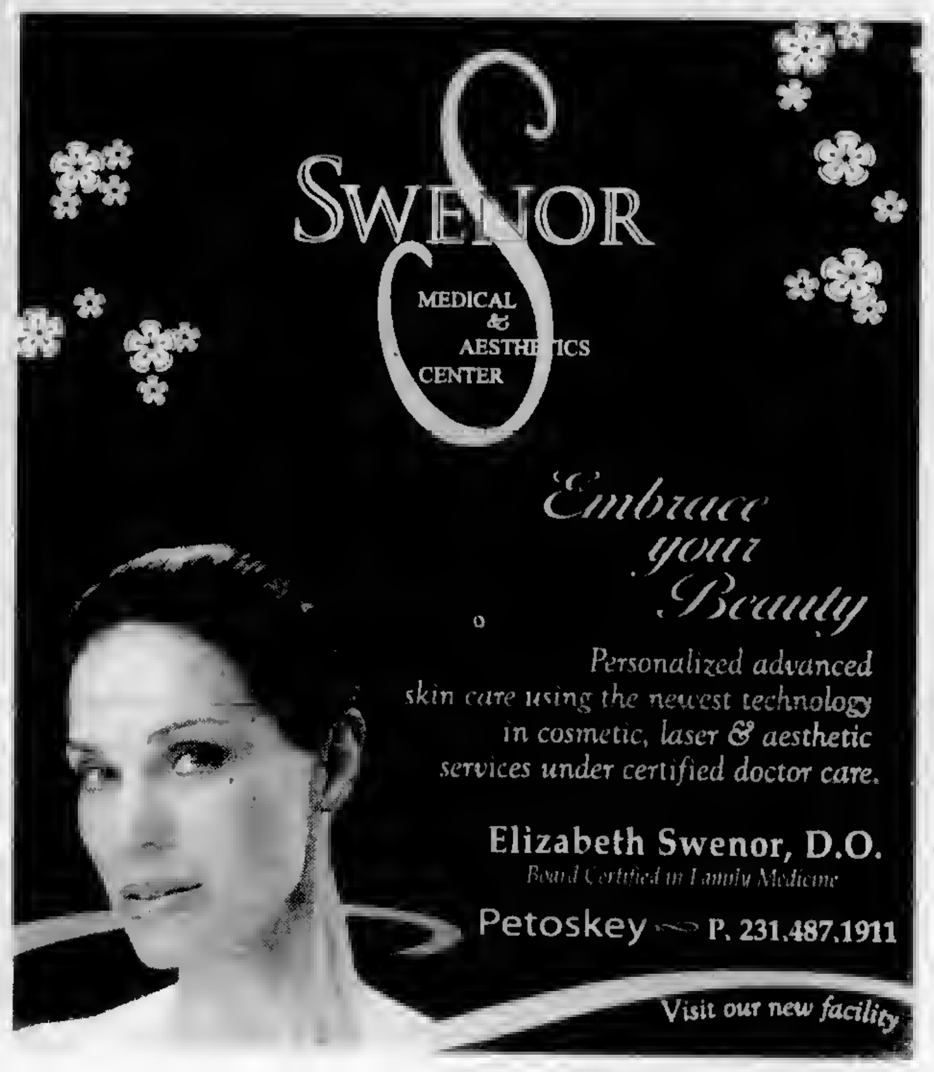

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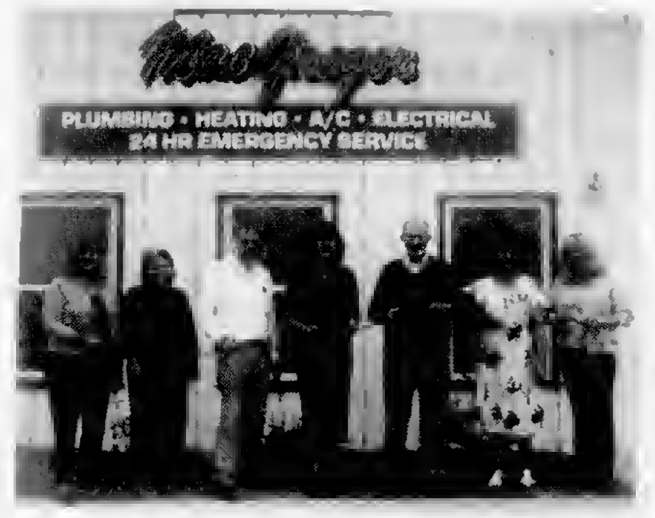
Chamber Action & Business Briefs

MacGregor Plumbing & Heating Opens

MacGregor Plumbing & Heating opened its doors at its new Charlevoix service location during their Grand Opening event on September 15. MacGregor Plumbing & Heating is located at 14280 Stover Road, Charlevoix. For more information call 547-9634 or visit www.macgregorplumbing.com.



Pictured left to right: Jacquie Merta, Chamber President; Janie Burdick, Manager; Mike Wieman, HVAC Manager, Julie Wieman, General Manager; John MacGregor, Owner; Anita Pentecost, Michigan Officeways; Linda Bradley, Chamber Ambassador Chair.

Hearts to Holly Grand Opening October 12 & 13

Hearts to Holly Quilt & Gift Shop invites you to their Grand Opening event on Friday & Saturday, October 12 & 13 from 9:30am to 6:00pm. Enjoy door prizes throughout the day as well as fabric, notions, classes, gifts and smiles! Longarm quilting services available. Hearts to Holly is located at 107 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix. For more information call 547-2729.

Apple Festival October 12, 13, & 14

Fri & Sat 10:00am – 6:00pm
Sun 10:00am 4:00pm

Celebrate autumn in northern Michigan at the 29th Annual Apple Festival & Craft Show held yearly to honor local orchards and growers who, in the spirit of the season gather in Downtown Charlevoix to bring the fall harvest to you. Fall Harvest Items Include: Apples, pumpkins, squash, pears, plums, salsa, jam, honey, maple syrup, donuts, cider and more. Don't miss the Holiday Craft Show! Children's Activities Include: Face Painting, Pony & Horse Rides, and a Petting Zoo. So, bundle up and bring the family to our fall harvest bonanza! Join the festivities and show your support for local orchards, farm markets, and nonprofit organizations while celebrating the season in downtown Charlevoix.

Apple Fest Days at Friske Orchards October 12 & 13

Drop by Friske Orchards and enjoy wagon rides, u- pick apples, Miss Apple, family entertainment by Johnny Appleseed & everything apples at the market: Apple pie, apple donuts, caramel apples, and apple brats on October 12 & 13 from 11:00am – 4:00pm.

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Art Demonstration at Bier Gallery – October 13

Bier Art Gallery will hold an art demonstration event on Saturday October 13th from 10am to 5pm; six miles south of Charlevoix at the red and white schoolhouse. It's a day to meet and talk with working artists, refreshments will also be available. For more information call 547-2288 or visit www.biergallery.com.

Grand Bridal Expo October 14

Castle Farms is proud to host the 3rd Annual Grand Bridal Expo on October 14 from 10:00am to 4:00pm, featuring a fashion show and numerous wedding resources from Northern Michigan. Learn the latest styles and trends for this year's wedding décor, gowns and dresses. For more information call 237-0884 or visit www.castlefarms.com.

Fright Night at the Castle October 19

Charlevoix Children's House invites you to Fright Night at Castle Farms on October 19 from 6:30 to 11:00pm. Costumes are encouraged. The evening will include a silent auction, music by A+ Digital DJ, a cash bar and costume prizes. Tickets are $30 per person / $50 per couple. Adults only. For more information call Charlevoix Screen Masters at 547-5111 or visit www.charlevoixchildrenshouse.org.

2007 Car Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Anne Stephens from Portage, Michigan who won the 2007 Ford Mustang Convertible at the Chamber Raffle on September 13. Congratulations Anne! And a heartfelt thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket!

Andrew Ingraham, general manager of Pat McKeown Ford congratulates Anne when she picks up her car.

Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

The Regional Business After Hours is Thursday, October 25 from 5:30 – 7:30pm at Boyne Mountain. Sponsored by: Blue Green Vacation Club, Boyne Mountain/Boyne USA Resorts, Castle Farms, Great Lakes Orchestra, Korthase Flinn Insurance & Financial Services, North Central Michigan College, Northern Michigan Hospital, Pat O'Brien & Associates.

The next Retail Meeting is at 8:45am on Thursday, October 18 at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce.

November 2 is the next First Friday Biz Breakfast at 7:30am at Grey Gables. The guest speaker is Mike Way, President of Pine River, Inc. (e-log).

For further information on community programs and events visit www.charlevoix.org or call 231-547-2101.

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OCT. 10
WRITER'S GROUP

Join other writer's to share experiences and personal writings at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at, 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

OCT. 10
SPAGHETTI DINNER

The St. Mary Church parish will host a spaghetti dinner from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10 in the church family center. Attendees can eat for a donation. For more information, call Kelli at (231) 675-5005 or Sonia at (231) 675-6385

OCT. 10
BUDDHIST STUDY GROUP

Jewel Heart Northern Michigan will begin an eight-session course entitled "The Art of Living" beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 10 in Boyne City. The course will use Gelek Rimpoche's best-selling book "Good Life Good Death" as the basis for reading and discussion. The course is open to the public and will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. weekly on Wednesdays at 109 Water St. in Boyne City (above Harbor Wear Sportswear). The fee is $80 for non-members which includes reading materials. Jewel Heart sustaining members are free. For more information, call (231) 881-6711 or visit jewelheart.org.

OCT. 11
STORY TIME

Charlevoix Public Library will host story time on Oct. 4. The Lapsit program (birth to age 3) meets at 10:05 a.m. The Pre-k program (ages 3-5) will meet at 10:30 a.m. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7350.

OCT. 11
HUNTER SAFETY

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will host a three day Hunter Safety class starting on Thursday, Oct. 11. The class will meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The second day is an all day class on Saturday, Oct. 13. The hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.

The third class is from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Pre-registration is required but there is no cost. Class size is limited to the first 40 people who register.

To register or for more information, call (231) 547-2785 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.

The Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club will be closed to all shooting except for Hunter Safety on Saturday, Oct. 13.

OCT. 12
BNI

Up North Network of Business Network International which consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Visitors are welcome.

For information or a reservation, call Sam Bingham at (231) 547-4062.

OCT. 13
ART DEMO

Bier Art Gallery will host an art demonstration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13.

It's a day to meet and talk with working artists. Refreshments will be available.

The gallery is located six miles south of Charlevoix at the red and white schoolhouse.

OCT. 13
HORTON CREEK BENEFIT

On Oct. 13 at the Harvest Barn Church in East Jordan Horton Creek will be playing a benefit concert for Northwest Academy. The doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 each in advance or $20 at the door. There is no reserve seating. To buy tickets, call Northwest Academy at (231) 547-7958.

OCT. 14
BRIDAL EXPO

Castle Farms, northern Michigan's premiere wedding venue, is proud to present the Third Annual Grand Bridal Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 14.

Vendors featuring northern Michigan's finest wedding resources, will gather at Castle Farms. A fashion show will begin at 2:30 p.m. and feature this year's hottest fashions for the entire wedding party.

Tickets are purchased at the door for $6, which allows guests to speak with over 50 wedding service providers, a chance to win door prizes, and access to the fashion show at 2:30 p.m.

Castle Farms is located at 5052 M-66 North in Charlevoix. For more information, call (231) 237-0884.

OCT. 15
CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS ALUMNI

There will be an organizational meeting of the Charlevoix High School Performing Arts Alumni Association at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15 in the Armstrong Conference Room at Charlevoix Public Library. A few goals of the group will be officially naming the auditorium, planning a tribute to Connie Ford, developing resources to help the current and future students of this program.

OCT. 16
FRENCH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Join Francophiles for an hour of lively discussion at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at, 220 West Clinton St. Bring your lunch. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

OCT. 16
SPANISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Join others for a lively hour of conversation in Spanish at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

OCT. 16
CARDS AT VFW

The VFW Hall will be open to the public from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays, for card playing. Players are asked to bring their own beverage. This hall is non smoking.

The VFW is located at 12735 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix.

For more information, call Ed Holm at (231) 547-7220.

OCT. 16
SENIOR OUTING

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging has organized a fall trip to Friske Orchard Market for senior citizens on Tuesday, Oct. 16.

To sign up, call (231) 237-0103. Sign-up sheets are also available at all senior centers in Charlevoix County.

Carpooling is available at the Charlevoix Senior Center. For details, call (231) 547-5361.

OCT. 16
RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEE MEETING

The local chapter of the National Active & Retired Federal Employees will meet at noon on Tuesday, October 16 at the Emmet County Friendship Center. All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome to attend.

OCT. 19
FRIGHT NIGHT

Ghosts, goblins and ghouls will come together for a frightening fundraiser.

Fright Night at the Castle, a fundraiser for adults which will benefit Charlevoix Children's House, the local Montessori preschool and kindergarten, will take place from 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 at Castle Farms.

The costume party will include a buffet dinner catered by Grey Gables, a cash bar and music provided by A+ Digital DJ. A silent auction will be offered featuring gift certificates, candles, overnight stays and more.

Costumes are encouraged but not required. Best dressed prizes will be awarded.

Tickets are $30 per person or $50 per couple and are available at the Charlevoix Courier, located at 112 Mason St.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (231) 547-6558.

OCT. 21
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The St. Mary Church parish will host a fellowship breakfast with an omelet bar from 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Oct. 21 in the parish family center. Attendees can eat for a donation.

OCT. 27
OKTOBERFEST

The St. Mary Church parish will host Oktoberfest from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 in the parish family center. There will be German food and live entertainment by da Li'l Oom-Pah Band out of the Petoskey area. The group plays imported old-world German music in the "blasmusi" and "tanzlmusi" styles.

NOV. 4
CANDIDATE FORUM

A public opportunity to meet and question the candidates for Charlevoix City Council will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

An election for candidates will take place on Nov. 6.

Council candidates are as follows:

First Ward — Dennis Kusina and Mary Eveleigh

Second Ward — Kim Van-Meter and D.J. Way

Third Ward — Jill Picha and John Elzinga

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at (231) 547-3234.

SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark, located at 401 West Carpenter St., is open from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The park is closed during inclement weather, storm watches and home football games.

Helmets are required. The park is supervised.

The daily user fee is $3. A seven-day punch card is $15 and a season pass is $90. For more information, call 675-4505.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-

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Beaver bite and boodle

(Above) Beaver Island resident Joe Moore took this shot of at the Oct. 6 Bite of Beaver event at the Holy Cross Hall on Beaver Island. Here hundreds of people are seen enjoying the many different foods available on the island. There were stops along the way from the Holy Cross Hall all the way up to the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce office with a tent with other items like blankets and jewelry for sale besides food. (Below) This shot of the Beaver Island Boodle 5k race was taken close to the start of the race with the canon smoke in the background. Runners finishing in first place were Alex Cannon in 20 minutes 4 seconds, Linda Freisinger in 26 minutes 52 seconds; second place Bill VonMatt and Amy Grondin; third place Mathew Hohn and Megan Heller. The Boodle organized by Gail and Mike Weede raised nearly $4,000 for the Island Sports Boosters.

JUKEBOX

Grey Gables, 308 Belvedere Ave., 6 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 12 and 13 John Perry — piano.

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Oct. 11 karaoke; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Oct. 12 Charlie's Root Fusion — high energy blues; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Oct. 14 Big Ben's Open Mic Night.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Oct. 12 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Oct. 10 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 12 and 13, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Oct. 12, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Oct. 12 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Oct. 13, Common Sense — classic and rock.

Scovie's Waterfront Grille, 230 Ferry Ave., Oct. 12 Sean Ryan; Oct. 13 Dave Cisco.

Hospital of Horror comes to Charlevoix High School

Charlevoix High School performing arts students will present "Hospital of Horror," a haunted house, on Oct. 26 and 27 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School.

Hospital of Horror will be open from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 and from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27.

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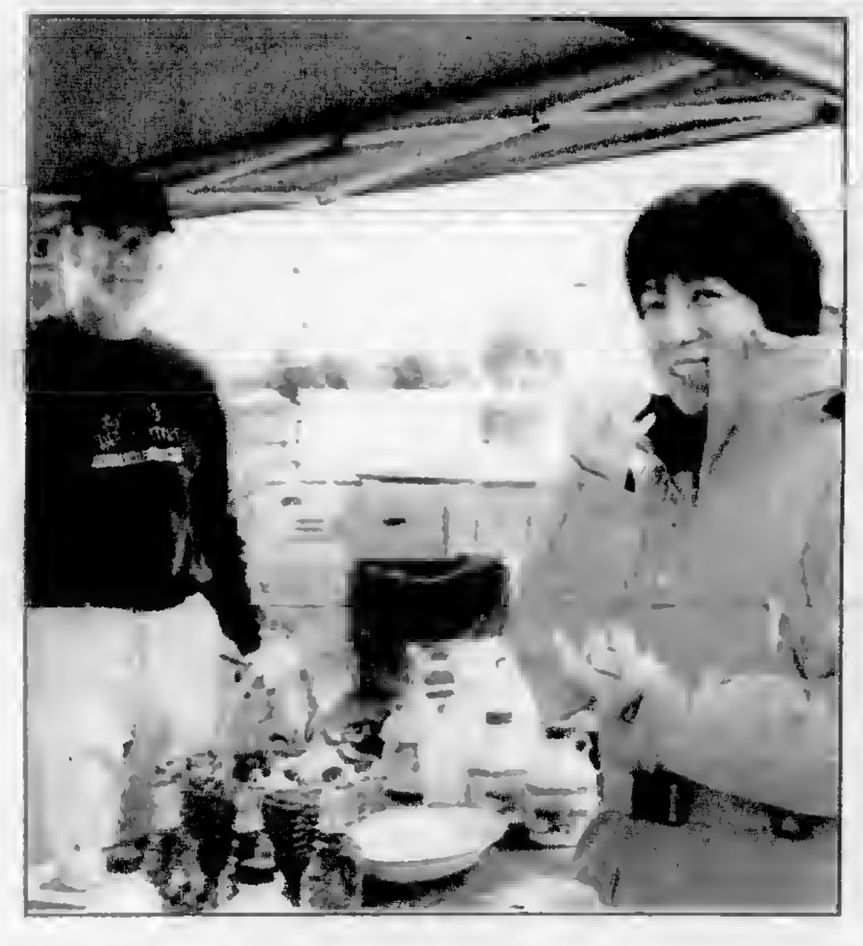

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Tasty treats

(Above) Anne Boohar and Carol Hooks of Bellaire and Kay Mann of Saginaw crunched into some sticky, nutty caramel apples on Oct. 13 at the 29th Annual Apple Festival. According to organizers it was the biggest crowd the event has ever drawn. Friday and Sunday drew large numbers of people but the peak was Saturday, when thousands flocked to downtown. (Left) Furukaw Keiko of Japan traveled far to taste the sweet syrup made locally by Art and Jan Currey, owners of Currey Farms Pure Maple Syrup.

School board approves $1.3 million project

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix Public Schools may have new administration and bus garage facilities by as early as next spring.

The $1.3 million combined project shows plans for a 3,000 square foot administration building on the northwest corner of the Charlevoix Middle School property and a new bus garage and wash facility on the current bus barn property located at 1021 May St.

"The board approved the project just this week," said Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Chet Janik. "Right now we're having the property surveyed and are finalizing bid documents."

He added, "They (school board) have looked at various options over the past several years and made the decision that an administration building would best serve the public in a central location and on property the district owns."

The school board members voted unanimously during their Monday, Oct. 8 meeting to approve the project.

Janik reminds taxpayers the sinking funds, .8675 mill approved in 1998 and renewed in 2003, can only lawfully be used for building and improvement projects.

"We cannot use a penny of that for operational costs," he said.

BETA Design, the same firm which worked on the Charlevoix High School, is in charge of the administration and bus garage project.

"Our goal is to have it out for bids in the month of November," Janik said. "The current administration building was put on the market this week. It is appraised at $199,000."

He added, "Our goal with the bus barn facility is to tear it

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What? New Charlevoix Public Schools administration and bus garage facilities

When? Ready for occupancy as early as spring 2008.

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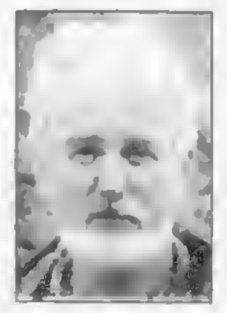
Citizen group takes Norwood mining operation back to court

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Three months after Norwood Township planners certified the 6-1 vote granting him a special use permit, mine operator and township supervisor Wayne Wynkoop is again under the judicial gun.

After twice granted the right to surface-mine limestone from his property at 01195 Norwood Rd. and twice fending off attempts by opponents to stop him, Wynkoop and over a dozen codefendants, including planning commission and board of trustees members, now face two new lawsuits — a motion for preliminary injunction and/or stay and an appeal of the planning commission's June 9 decision to grant Wynkoop the special use permit.



Wayne Wynkoop

"The next scheduled court date with Judge Powers is Nov. 7," Wynkoop said.

According to documents filed by Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety's attorney, Karen L. Ferguson, operations have recommenced, "but at a far higher level of industrial intensity and with far more severe impacts than previous to the injunction."

The citizen group members claim several special use stipulations have not been followed: stabilized construction access to prevent mud from being tracked onto Norwood Road; a gate limiting access to the mine; noise limit not to exceed 60 decibels and a limit of 30 truck trips a day; trucks prohibited from entering

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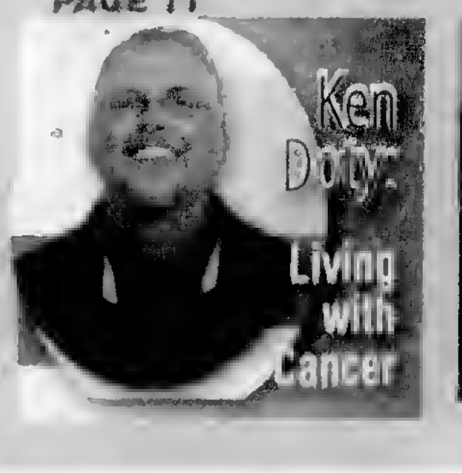

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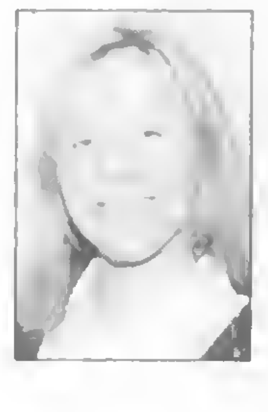

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Kenneth Wayne Dailey, 49, East Jordan. Trespassing. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Samuel Alexander McVannel, 21, Boyne City. No operator license -- suspended/revoked/denied/allow; no insurance. Pay $575 in fines and costs or serve 20 days in jail.

Nicholas Paul Young, 20, Harbor Springs. Violation of restricted license. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Robert P. Marsh, 38, Beaver Island. Failure to report an accident. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Shane Lee Keyes, 23, Vanderbilt. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Michael Wayne Stockman Jr., 31, Gaylord. Failure to report an accident. Pay $650 in fines and costs or serve four days in jail.

Robert Wayne Person, 51, Ellsworth. Operating while intoxicated — second offense. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 60 days in jail, 90 days on an electronic monitoring device, 184 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,730 in fines and costs.

Kyle Leslie Sutton, 18, East Jordan. Minor in possession — third or subsequent offense. To serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; obtain GED and employment; $500 in fines and costs.

Cammy Jo Neusbaum, 30, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $400.

Cynthia Marrie Taylor, 39, Petoskey. Larceny by conversion — less than $200. Pay $350 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

Sabrina Kathleen Davidson, 31, Kalkaska. Driving while license suspended — first offense. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

John Anthoney Derkatch, 33, Dearborn Heights. Controlled substance — possession of marijuana. Pay $1,000 or serve 90 days in jail.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Ronald Benjamin Mosley, 24, Boyne Falls. Controlled substance — delivery/manufacture of narcotics/cocaine, less than 50 grams. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 90 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $920 in fines and costs.

Cody Michael Anderson, 18, Boyne City. Attempted home invasion — third degree. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $2,520 in fines and costs.

James Desy Marsh III, 23, Charlevoix. Controlled substances — possession of narcotic/cocaine, less than 25 grams. Sentenced to a minimum of 18 months to a maximum of four years in prison with credit for one day in jail; $120 in fines and costs. Counts two and three: Habitual offender — second offense notice; controlled substance — delivery/manufacture narcotic/cocaine less than 50 grams. Sentenced to a minimum of 18 months to a maximum of 20 years in prison with credit for one day; $120 in fines and costs.

Christine Rochelle Dulong, 42, Petoskey. Probation violation — embezzlement by an agent or trustee of $1,000 or more, but less than $20,000. To serve 180 days in jail; probation extended for 12 months from Sept. 15.

Teresa Marie Matela, 22, Boyne City. Controlled substance — delivery/manufacture narcotic/cocaine, less than 50 grams; controlled substance — obtain by fraud. Sentenced to 360 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 270 days in jail; serve 36 months probation; $590 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Plum Tree Interiors, 2536 Eagle Island Rd., Boyne City, by Laura J. Gray

Northern Cottage Care, 03850 Camp Ten Rd., Elmira, by Jason Monitt

Island Treasures Resale Shop, 26551 Donegal Bay Rd., Beaver island, by Beaver Island Fire Department Auxiliary and Carol LaFreniere

Custom Foods, 181 North Advance Rd., East Jordan, by Andrew Colyer

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

David William Boal, 45 and Amy Elizabeth Jason, 35, both of Charlevoix

Steven Michael Carland, 29 and Jada Michelle Smith, 24, both of Charlevoix

Richard Mark Compton, 43 and Debra Kay Butcher, 39, both of Menasha, Wis.

BIRTHS

Reagan Marguerite Kye Kelley weighing 7 pounds was born on Oct. 2 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Robert A. Kelley and Maelyn K. Heise of Boyne City. Her siblings are Alyssa Kelley, Clay Heise, Jane Heise and Chloe Heise. Her grandparents are Barb Kelley of Boyne City, John Kelley of Florida, Celette Deak and Richard Joyce both of Grayling.

Alysa Mae Potter weighing 9 pounds was born on Oct. 4 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to William Potter and Cindy Lundy of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are Darrell and Cathey Lundy of East Jordan and Ron Potter of Charlevoix. Her great-grandparent is Theda Lundy of East Jordan.

Jozlyn Elizabeth Turnbull weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces was born on Oct. 5 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mary Cooper and Mark Turnbull Jr. of Boyne City. Her sibling is Tyler James. Her grandparents are Tamra Peck of Boyne Falls, Adam Cooper of Boyne City, Patricia Leisl of Petoskey, Mark Turnbull Sr. of Boyne City. Her great-grandparents are Floyd and Norma Jonnecheck and Bruce and Elsie Cooper both of Boyne City, Roy Bruneal and Diane Olsen of Boyne City and Dearborn Heights, and George and Jean Turnbull of Boyne City.

Hannah Marie Doctor weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces was born on Oct. 5 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Randy and Pamela Doctor of Kewadin. Her sibling is Joshua.

Claire Elizabeth Jones weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces was born on Oct. 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Danielle Johnson and Chris Jones of Boyne City. Her grandparents are Dan and Dawn Johnson of East Jordan and Larry and Cathy Jones of Boyne City.

Isaiah Jeffrey Cornett weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces was born on Oct. 6 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Brian and Heather Cornett of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Jeff and Laurie Cornett of Charlevoix, Gary and Juli Fryczynski of Petoskey and K. and Debbie Danforth of Harbor Springs. His great-grandparents are Phyllis Pidek of Charlevoix, Doug and Lorrie Way, Jim Harris and Pat Harris, all of Charlevoix.

Norwood Township man survives tractor accident

A Norwood Township man was fortunate to survive a tractor accident that left him hanging upside down for four hours in heavy rain.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater reported the accident which occurred on Oct. 9 in Norwood Township involving 75-year-old Richard Bartosik.

The accident occurred in the woods on Bartosik's farm at approximately 4:30 p.m. The front left tire of the tractor blew out and Bartosik lost control causing it to go over a small embankment and tip over.

Bartosik's leg was wedged between the tractor and he was stuck hanging upside down for over four hours in heavy rains and cold temperatures until he was located around 9 p.m.

Bartosik was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital where he was treated for his injuries and is reported in stable condition at this time.

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office deputies were assisted on the scene by Charlevoix City EMS and Charlevoix City Fire Department.

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Wynkoop vows to sell if resident fight continues

MINE

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the village unless delivering gravel there; obtain all necessary permits for access road and pay half the cost of signage.

"The Wynkoop defendants are blatantly conducting their operations in violation of these minimalist conditions," Ferguson stated.

However, Wynkoop said, all of the citizen group's aforementioned claims are false and he has proof.

"Per county requirements I am putting curbing and asphalt in at the end of my driveway to prevent mud and stone from being tracked onto the (Norwood) road; there is a gate to the mine entrance, but people can't see it from (Norwood) road, so they think it isn't there," he said.

Wynkoop explained that the average of 30 trips per day was exceeded by county road crews removing material for local roads.

"30 trips a day was for super gravel trains which can haul 35 yards of material. The county has dump trucks which can only haul six or seven yards at time," he said. "And I don't really have any control on which direction the trucks go after they leave the pit. I tell everyone the rules — unless they are going to deliver in the village, don't go through the village, but there's not much I can do except maybe refuse to load them the next time they come in."

The reason half of the signage has not been paid for, Wynkoop said, is because he has not received a bill.

"The county will bill the township and the township will bill me," he said. "As soon as they do that, I'll be writing a check."

Norwood resident Bill Gnodtke, one of two individuals named in the citizen group's articles of incorporation, could not be reached by press time.

Marion Shea-Light, the only other person listed as a member of Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety, deferred comment to Ferguson, who could not be reached for comment by press time.

The official handling the complaints, which range from noise to truck traffic, is Norwood Township Zoning Administrator Jonathan Scheel.

"I went out with a decibel meter and measured at (Wynkoop's) property line four times last month," he said. "The Special Use Permit allows 60 dB at the property line and each time it fell within 60 dB. It was 58 or lower."

To put that into perspective, Scheel said, "Background noise of a light wind is 60 dB or close to it. On days when there is no activity at the site, I was reading from 56 to 59 dB and days when he was working the reading was 56 to 59 dB. 130 decibels hurts your ears — that's like a rock concert — traffic going by will bounce up to 90, but most of it's 75 to 80 dB and normal conversations are going to be 60 to 65 dB."

He added, "I have looked into all complaints and I feel that the mining operation is in compliance with the Special Use Permit at this time."

Norwood Township officials have spent nearly $50,000 to defend the township from Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety's first lawsuit.

"The bottom line is I'm a one-man-band against a handful of citizens who have a lot of money and some influence. It's no secret they think they can wear me down until I go broke," he said. "You might make me go broke, but I'll only be broke for a day because I'll sign my name on that dotted line with a big mining operation and we'll pack our bags and move on."

He added, "It isn't what I want to do, but I will if I'm forced."

Who? Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety

What? They have filed two new lawsuits against Norwood Limestone Quarry's owner Wayne Wynkoop, the Norwood board of trustees, planning commission and zoning administrator among others in an attempt to shut down Wynkoop's mine

What's next? Opponents and proponents of the mine will be heard by Judge Thomas G. Power on Wednesday, Nov. 7 in Charlevoix's 33rd Circuit Court.

New bus barn, administrative office may open this spring

SCHOOL

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down along with the Quonset hut."

The bus barn, which is currently in the design stage, will house 15 buses.

Approximately $1.4 million of the original $3.1 million sinking fund coffer is left, Janik said, "So we are within budget."

Re/Max realty is handling the sale of the current administration building located at 208 West Clinton St.

"It was purchased in the early '70s as a temporary home for the school district administration," Janik said. "It has structural issues. It does not meet current Americans with Disabilities codes and it needs some major renovations."

He added, "It just didn't seem prudent to invest money in a building in (such) disrepair. And, we're not purchasing property so that is saving the district money."

Janik said proceeds from the current administration building sale will be funneled to future, unspecified, sinking fund projects.

"The new building will offer office space, conference rooms, work areas, storage space and room for our computer server," he said. "We're trying to be as financially conservative as possible but still meet the long-term needs of the district."

He added, "A new bus garage facility will offer lifts for the mechanics and a place to wash buses — studies show just washing buses can increase their life by seven years because of rust."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

This northwest corner lot of the Charlevoix Middle School's property will not remain vacant much longer as school officials plan to erect the district's new administration building there. The Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved the next phase in the project, sending the job out for bids, during their Monday, Oct. 8 meeting.

Other projects completed with sinking funds include carpeting, roofing, landscaping, soffits, a gym floor and updates to the science rooms among others.

The current sinking fund millage is set to expire in June 2008.

"A renewal of that millage would have to go to a vote of the people, but the board has not made a decision to ask the voters for that," Janik said.

Charlevoix Public Schools at one time considered using the old library property located at 109 Clinton St. for their administration, but could not reach an agreement with the Charlevoix Public Library Board.

The 109 Clinton St. property will soon be available for lease as a cost cutting measure until the property is sold.

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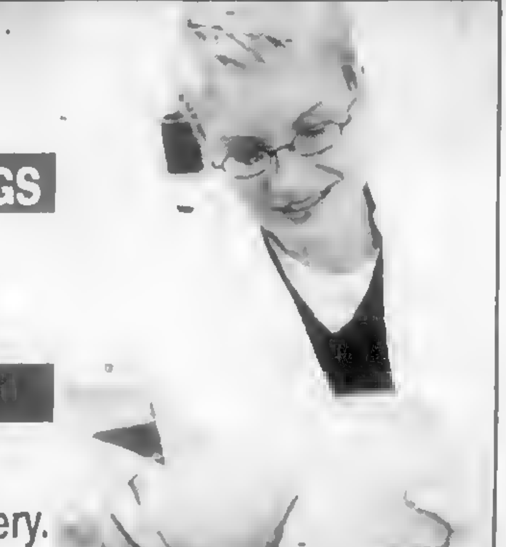

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Buying your way to freedom?

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Just when you thought it was safe to buy back a scintilla of sanity, a fleck of freedom, reality sets in.

So, I'm reading how state Rep. Barbara Farrah (D-Wayne) introduced this bill, approved 69-39 in the House, to allow motorcycle riders to cruise without a helmet.

"What!?" Gohs shrieked with amazement and confusion — OK, so it was more of a bitter exclamation than a shriek. Could it be true Lansing has undergone a legislative lobotomy? Are the tides turning for freedom's sake? Will this finally be the year the Lions go all the way?

Then I read the not-so-fine print: Riders and passengers, must purchase the "H" permit for $100 per year ($200 for three years); undertake safety classes; buy $20,000 in insurance, though out-of-state riders would be exempt from paying to ride without headgear.

Paying for the privilege to enjoy a freedom legislators had no right to take in the first place seemed too good to be true, and it was, because that diva of Democrats, that sexiest of socialists, that Gov. Jennifer Granholm has sworn on her first edition hardcover of "Das Kapital" that she will veto anything that even hints of decriminalizing personal choice.

Don't get me wrong, I think anyone who rides without a helmet is gambling with their life.

It was the early 1980s when dad was cruising down an Alaskan highway on his motorcycle when someone cut him off, sending bike and rider end for end.

When he tells the story, he always holds up three fingers to show me the number and depth of the grooves cut into the helmet by the road, and stares at me with that look of someone who knows they narrowly escaped having their brain scraped off the street with a dustpan and squeegee.

The most confusing part of this whole legislative move toward faux freedom isn't that it won't pass, but why people are supporting it.

A governmental press release claims the bill will boost safety, law enforcement and tourism dollars.

"Michigan motorcyclists applauded the House of Representatives for uniting in support of a plan that modernizes Michigan's helmet law, restores common sense on the road and rolls out the welcome mat for motorcycle tourists," officials stated in the Oct. 11 release. "The bipartisan proposal is attracting a growing coalition of supporters, including the Michigan State Police Troopers Association, the Deputy Sheriffs Association of Michigan and a group of top business leaders."

The release goes on, "Allowing motorcyclists to ride helmet-free could generate more than $1.2 billion in direct and indirect revenue, according to a 2004 Michigan Consultants economic study. The plan will also give Michigan officials time to study the impacts of the change."

You hear that? The government needs to study the affects of having your noggin smashed against concrete at 60 mph.

And all this while Michiganders are bombarded with tax funded TV and radio commercials, harassed by law enforcement officials and force-fed studies in attempts to increase seatbelt usage.

But the contradictions get better as stated by Michael Moorman, president of the Michigan State Police Troopers Association, "This legislation puts in place appropriate protections for Michigan's citizens while generating much needed revenue which will support the services provided by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) and the Michigan Department of State Police."

How much does it cost to get police and politicians to recant previous propaganda? Well, H permits could generate $20 million for the general fund and as much as $15 million of that going to law enforcement.

Whether or not we join 30 other states who allow bare-skulled bikers is insignificant when you consider the dozens of other personal choices currently out of your grasp.

Those who wield the power say engaging in potentially dangerous activities will only further the number of deaths, and I agree. When you crash without a helmet or seatbelt you may die unnecessarily, but I'm with Uncle Scrooge who said, "If they would rather die, they had better do it, and decrease the surplus population."

Weekly Poll

Should Wayne Wynkoop be allowed to operate his mine off Norwood Road?

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80% of those polled said the new state service taxes will hit their pocketbooks!

Here's an idea, let's stop worrying about voluntary activities which harm ourselves and start focusing on voluntary activities which harm others — say oppression and extortion for example.

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Writer's year of personal challenge and growth

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

What a difference a year can make.

Last year at this time I was in Dearborn driving dad to his usual doctor's appointments checking to see if he was well enough to travel to San Francisco, Calif.

His anxiety got the best of him because real or imagined he felt he wasn't ready to take the trip. Little did any of us know his health was soon to spiral downward. By Thanksgiving last year, dad arrived via my sister's car and he came with a cough that got our attention. It made for an interesting holiday as we took him to the ER at Charlevoix Area Hospital Thanksgiving morning. He was quickly admitted having pneumonia in both lungs. My sister and I took turns calling home from the hospital giving specific instructions on how to prepare an entire Thanksgiving feast. Everyone said it was our best meal yet.

Hmmm... we weren't there to cook and add the extras we thought were necessary to give each dish its extra flavor. Turns out, family members prefer plain, unadorned, unaltered cooked food all along. Who knew, and we never asked. No time will be spent zesting oranges for the cranberries or soaking the brown rice for the stuffing this year.

Also during this year I've learned to cope with a loss of a dear friend to that infamous "C" word. Not a day passes where I don't talk to her as if she were standing in my kitchen. Her photos and notes cling by magnets collected from friends from over the years. I've made a point of taking photos of those brief and infrequent occasions when friends and family get together. I've covered the fridge with them to jog my memory of fun times I had during this very short summer caretaking dad.

I've learned a lot this year about diseases, health care, priorities, clearing out clutter and appreciating everyday as it comes, rain or shine. The fact remains that life is constant. You go to bed and think what did I accomplish today? Even if only one small task was completed that you had set out to do, so be it, mission accomplished, tomorrow will be another day.

Within this year we experienced the emptiness from the loss of our daughter's baby due to a miscarriage. We are now blessed with the pending arrival of twins who have been aptly named "baby A and baby B." With their pending arrival we are hopeful their names will change to something more feminine or masculine.

What I've learned this year helped me gain a better perspective about life and what it's all about. We are here but a brief moment in time and need to make the best of each day as it races by. Hold no grudges as someone once said, "A grudge is like taking poison with hopes someone else get sick." Don't fret the small stuff. If your elderly parent thinks it's Christmas so be it and put up a small tree.

Most of us do not need half the things we own, including all the spices I thought I needed to make the perfect holiday dinner. The health system can work with you when you ask the right questions so make a list of things you have questions about before seeing your health care professional. Take time to have a hobby. My latest venture includes painting the walls bright and unusual colors while listening to my favorite tunes from the 60s. Immersing yourself in something you like to do, can help you face the daily challenges in your life.

I've also learned this year that caregiving can bring depression and depression leads to an unhealthy immune system. Guilt and anger are soon to follow. Never let it consume you. The best book I've read this year is "The Caregiver's Survival Handbook" by Alexis Abramson. It's my additional bible that I can't do without. I strongly recommend it to anyone caring for a spouse, parent or friend who may be afflicted with a broken hip, failing eyesight, dementia, Alzheimer's

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LETTERS to the editor

BUSINESS DECISION UNWORTHY OF POLL

Editor:

I find it interesting that you have decided to conduct a "poll" to see if my decision to close VIP and remodel it was appropriate. (Poll question, "Was it time for VIP to close its doors?" appeared on page 4 of the Oct. 3 edition of the Courier.) Since you know nothing of the economics of this restaurant, nor would you or your readers want to cover my mortgage payment, it is really not a decision that should be placed in the hands of the public.

When a business owner runs a business, it is not a democracy, it is all my responsibility. I would like you to conduct a poll asking your readers if they are willing to help pay my overhead if the existing volume at VIP did not cover our expenses. The fact that I am investing in remodeling an old tired building and rekindling an old tired business should be appreciated, not put up to vote or scrutiny. Considering that I have now invested well over $1 million in downtown Charlevoix businesses in the past 18 months, I would have expected more professionalism in your reporting, not a poll to determine, absent any facts, whether I closed too soon or not. Such is life in your business, if you are not attempting to make someone out to be a fool, liar or poor business person you are assuming your story will not sell. Let me know when you or your readers want to share some of the burden of running a seasonal business in downtown Charlevoix (let alone two). Until that time your voices are immaterial.

Cindy Warner
Owner of Zaccaro's Market and Village Inn Pizza
Traverse City

SOLDIER'S SON SAYS 'THANKS'

Editor:

Dylan Sloan, son of Doug Sloan, would like to thank the people who donated to the children's college fund after his fathers death in Afghanistan. No words can express how much your generosity means to him.

He and his family are very appreciative of the community's support.

Thank you again.
Amy Vought
Dylan Sloan
Battle Creek

CELEBRATE UNITED NATIONS DAY

Editor:

In 1945, 50 nations gathered to organize an institution to maintain peace and security after the dreadful war and terrible devastation from it. I was a keen supporter and observer at that time.

Oct. 21 is a United Nations Day. It should be observed to examine its many accomplishments and need for continuing to support such an institution where a forum is provided for discussing the many problems our world needs to improve and hopefully try to find solutions that can be agreed upon by the whole international community. There must be a forum with some authority to tackle opinion differences between peoples and nations. This forum should have much support and necessary funding at all times.

On the Internet look up "United Nations history" and you will learn the vast amount of good this organization has helped, far too many to be listed in this simple letter.

Jeanne Heininger
Charlevoix

'THANKS' SUPPORTERS

Editor:

I would like to thank the many businesses that have answered our recent letters requesting support for the Charlevoix area senior needs. The donations received so far will help the Charlevoix Senior Center with the $12,644.67 budget shortfall for the fiscal year 2006-2007 which ended on Sept. 30. Again, a great big thank you to all who have answered these letters so far and to those who will.

Earl Muma
Charlevoix Senior Center
Director

Life's short, live in the moment

LIFE

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or cancer.

And just when I thought I'd learn everything I knew about Martha Stewart I see that she has opened a Martha Stewart Center for Living which is affiliated with Mt. Sinai Hospital. Its aim is to assist seniors through education and providing activities significant with increasing an active and healthy life span. If you care to see into the future she has presented information on her Web site from Dr. Thomas Perls, guru on Centurion studies. By clicking on www.marthastewart.com and searching for the television show that was aired Wednesday, Oct. 10 regarding Dr. Perls, you can calculate your life expectancy by answering 40 questions. After registering onto their site they will provide you with your life expectancy barring any unforeseen mishaps. They also suggest lifestyle changes you may need to make. It's aimed for individuals over 50 years of age. By registering you will also continue to receive health tips, trivia questions and information to assist you in reaching a healthy 100 years of age.

So in one year I've learned about aging, caretaking, health issues and a little more about myself. As Martha would say, "It's a good thing."

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Second Floor, One MacDonald Drive, Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

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This meeting is open to all members of the public under Michigan's Open Meetings Act.

HILARY WILL U MARRY ME-LOVE SETH

Photos by Julie Witthoeft

Love is in the air

(Below) Seth Golden and Hilary Snitz of Birmingham clebrate their engagment on Bridge Street Saturday afternoon, Oct. 13 after Golden proposed by sky message (above).

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Documentary on the Middle East screened Oct. 23 at library

What? Filmmaker to present film on Middle East
When? 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23
Where? Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

Local filmmaker, Rebecca Glotfelty, will introduce her feature-length documentary "Sucha Normal Thing: A Simple Journey into the Israeli-Occupied West Bank," at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at the Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

"Sucha Normal Thing" captures the uncertainty of a "normal" day for farmers, children, doctors and other Palestinians living in, and six Americans traveling through occupied Palestine. The documentary, which was released in 2004, has been widely praised and has been shown at universities throughout the United States, England and Poland.

Glotfelty has a degree in broadcast communications — video productions and a bachelor of arts in social science — international relations from Michigan State University with cognates in French and Arabic.

Since 2003, Glotfelty has spent nine weeks filming Palestinian life throughout the West Bank. In December 2005, Glotfelty exhibited her photography exhibit, "What I'm Thinking: American Thoughts on the Middle East" at An Najah National University in Nablus, Palestine.

Glotfelty will lead a discussion following the film with Palestinian peace activist, Raad Amer.

The program is sponsored by the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom. For more information visit http://ltlpf.blogspot.com or call (231) 547-2333. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments by donation.

Historical society names Patti Aikin volunteer of the year

Aikin

Charlevoix Historical Society member and patron, Patti Aikin, was recognized as volunteer of the year at the recent annual ice cream social held at the Depot.

Aikin contributed many hours establishing a new accounting system on the Harsha House business computer to coordinate everyday operations with the office of the society treasurer, established a museum store inventory system and built an accounts payable and receivable system. She was presented with a framed, signed copy of the Jim Annis Depot print, "A Summer Morning," in appreciation for her months of work.

Hospital to host New Parent Expo

Courtesy photo
Charlevoix Women's Health Care physicians, Dr. William E. Mosher III, Dr. James Jeakle, and Dr. Mary Ivey will be some of the many faces at the 8th Annual New Parent Expo from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Charlevoix Area Hospital will be hosting their 8th Annual New Parent Expo from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25.

Parents to be, new parents and parents of infants and toddlers will enjoy this very informative display of services and activities. Education will be provided by hospital physicians, nurses and other health care professionals. Health, safety tips and child development information will be available. A variety of displays including books, educational toys and other fun children's activities will be provided throughout the evening.

Come meet the Charlevoix Women's Health Care physicians, Dr. William E. Mosher III, Dr. James Jeakle, and Dr. Mary Ivey from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

This event, including healthy snacks and photos of each child, are provided at no cost.

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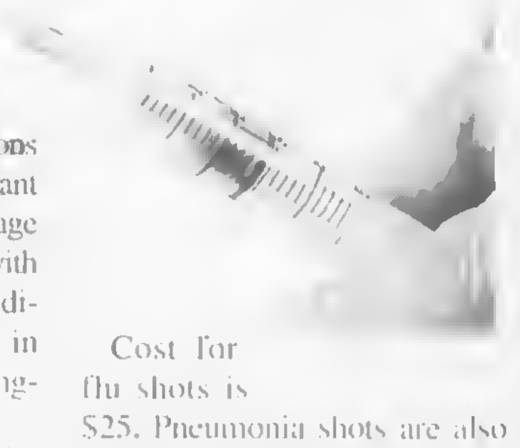
Flu shot clinics scheduled



Public health officials are urging parents to schedule flu shots for their children.

Infants and children six months to five years old should be vaccinated, along with children's household contacts and caregivers. This is especially important for parents, grandparents, siblings, daycare providers and baby-sitters, according to Joshua Meyerson, MD, medical director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan.

"It is vital for parents and caregivers to realize that children experience the highest rates of influenza," Meyerson said. "About one in three children contract the virus every year. Infants and children can develop severe complications, such as pneumonia, seizures and ear or sinus infections. Last year, 68 children in the U.S. died of flu and related complications."

According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), 220 million people, or 73 percent, of the U.S. population are recommended for an annual flu vaccine, though fewer than 100 million actually get vaccinated.

In general, anyone who wants to reduce their chances of getting the flu can get vaccinated. However, certain people should get vaccinated each year. They are either people who are at high risk of having serious flu complications or people who live with or care for those at high risk for serious complications.

In addition to children, people who should get vaccinated each year are:

- At high risk for complications from the flu, including pregnant women, people 50 years of age and older, people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions, and people who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.
- Living with or caring for those at high risk for complications from flu, including household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu, household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children less than six months of age (these children are too young to be vaccinated), and health care workers.

According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, every year in the U.S., an average of 5 to 20 percent of the population gets the flu. More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications and about 36,000 people die from flu.

"The single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each year," Meyerson said. "There is plenty of vaccine available this flu season. With no vaccine shortages this year, everyone who wants a flu shot should be able to get one."

Cost for flu shots is $25. Pneumonia shots are also available for $30. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. Appointments are required for all clinics. Call 800-432-4121 during business hours to schedule a flu shot appointment.

The following is a list of flu clinics in Charlevoix:

Oct. 22 at the health department Charlevoix office (adults only), 220 West Garfield St

Nov. 5 at the health department Charlevoix office, 220 West Garfield St.

Nov. 12 at the Charlevoix Middle School, 108 East Garfield St.

Nov. 27 at the health department Charlevoix office, 220 West Garfield St.

For additional information about seasonal flu vaccination, contact the health department at 800-432-4121 or visit www.nwhealth.org.

Courtesy photo

New leadership

(Above) Newly elected president, Ted Dumbauld of the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club receives the gavel from outgoing president, Dave Garland. Dumbauld was inducted by Lieutenant Governor Robert W. Kickel representing the Kiwanis Michigan District of Division #22. Dumbauld will continue to support and encourage the membership's main mission which is service to the community, the Michigan district and international projects. The local Kiwanis Club supports, with time and funds, youth from preschool to high school ages and adults living with special challenges. To join the Kiwanis Club, call president Ted Dumbauld at (231) 547-9373. The group meets every at noon on Tuesdays at the Weathervane.

Scott Ranger earns Eagle Scout

Scott Ranger

An Eagle Court of Honor was held on Thursday, Oct. 4 for Scott Ranger at the First Baptist Church in Midland.

The Eagle Award is the highest honor of the Boy Scouts of America and less than 5 percent of Scouts achieve this rank.

Scott is the son of Robert and Lisa Ranger and the grandson of Al and Patsy Ranger of Charlevoix and Earl and Elise Mast of Bay City. Scott's Eagle Scout Service Project included the design, construction and placement of five wood duck houses along the Wellness Trail by the river at the Mid-Michigan Medical Center. Scott received official congratulations from President and Mrs. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, former presidents; George Bush and his wife, Barbara, and Jimmy Carter, Michigan Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin and Governor Granholm of the State of Michigan.

A flag flew in his honor over the Capital in Washington D.C. and was presented to him by Jim La Rose, Assistant Scoutmaster.

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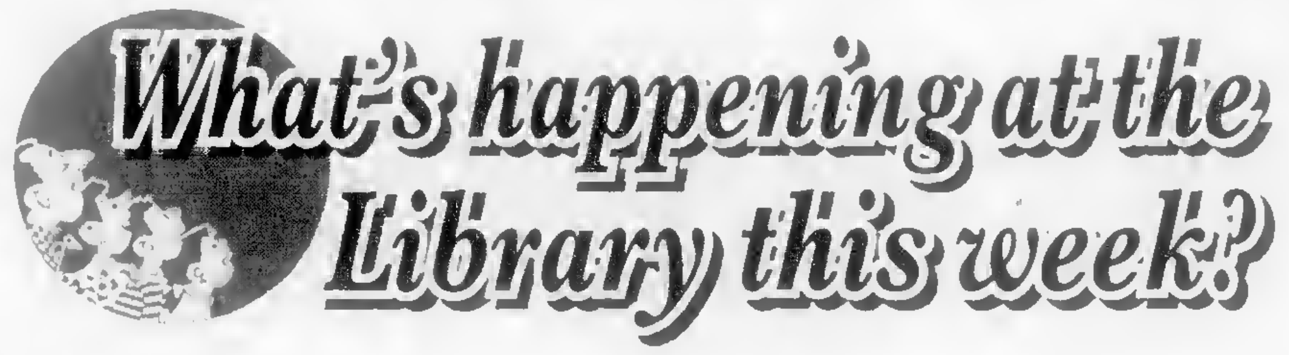
Charlevoix County has openings on several County Committees for the year beginning January 1, 2008. If you are interested in either being appointed or being reappointed to any one of the following committees please respond in writing to the Charlevoix County Clerk, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The Committees with openings are: Parks Committee, Workforce Development Board, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Board, Brownfield Development Authority and the Fair Board. Please submit your response in writing NO LATER THAN October 23, 2007.



What's happening at the Library this week?

Storytimes
Thursday, October 18
Lapsit (birth-3), *10:05 a.m.*
Pre-k (3-5), *10:30 a.m.*

Guitar Hero!
Thursday, October 18, 6:00 pm
Join other teens for night of Guitar Hero on the big screen in the library's community room. Teens only, 13-19.

Great Michigan Read
Monday, October 22, 6:00 pm
This year's Great Michigan READ features Ernest Hemingway's Nick Adams Stories. The program will feature the DVD, Up North with the Hemingways and a chance to discuss the author and his book. Sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council.

Healthy Snacks and Nutrition
Tuesday, October 23, 6:30 pm
Diane Reflinger, MSU Extension Office, will create healthy (kid friendly) snacks, discuss fussy eaters, and guide parents towards getting their children proper nutrition.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)
Wednesday, October 24, 4:00 pm
High school age teens interested in the library and willing to commit to 2 meetings per school year. TAG members choose library materials and services (CD's, games, books and programs), have volunteer opportunities.

Regular Weekly Meetings: Newcomers welcome!
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Church of the Nazarene to observe 40th anniversary

The Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene will observe its 40th anniversary this month.

The milestone will be marked by a number of events on Oct. 27 and 28.

On Saturday, Oct. 27 the church parish will host a harvest picnic at the church beginning at 4:30 p.m. A bonfire praise and testimony service will conclude the evening.

The worship service on Sunday, Oct. 28 will begin at 9:30 a.m. with keynote speaker, Dr. Wayne Brown (Northern Michigan District Superintendent). Service events will include the dedication of the new addition to the sanctuary, testimonials, a photographic presentation and special music.

A celebration luncheon will be served following the Sunday morning worship service.

For more information, call pastor Dan Gilmore at (231) 547-5711.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Pastor Dan Gilmore and his wife Jackie (above) are happy to announce a Harvest Party to observe the church's 40th anniversary. Church of the Nazarene located at 12023 Waller Rd. in Charlevoix.

Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene 40th anniversary events lineup:

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OBITUARIES

Thelma Skeel: April 5, 1917 - Oct. 10, 2007

Thelma W. Skeel, 90, of Charlevoix, died Wednesday, Oct. 10 at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

She was born in East Jordan on April 5, 1917, to Thomas and Emma (Guerin) Whiteford, and she's made her home in Charlevoix for the past 50 years. On May 26, 1956, she married Hubert E. Skeel in Flint. Hubert was Thelma's true love and they had a beautiful marriage. He preceded her in death on Oct. 28, 1967. Thelma was employed at the Ellsworth canning factory. She was a member of the Bible Baptist Church of Charlevoix, Charlevoix Senior Center, and the VFW Post #1153 Auxiliary in Charlevoix. Thelma loved her dogs as if they were her kids. She is sadly missed by her nephew, Gary A. Whiteford of Flushing; niece, Dessie Whiteford of Mt. Morris; and lifelong friend, Marjorie Bos of East Jordan.

Thelma's brothers Harold and Elmer Whiteford preceded her in death.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at the Bible Baptist Church in Charlevoix. Pastor James Green will officiate. Interment will take place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

James Thomas: June 8, 1934 - Oct. 11, 2007

James Leroy Thomas, 73, died on Thursday, Oct. 11 after a two-year battle with Primary CNS lymphoma.

He was born on June 8, 1934 in Runnels, Iowa, the son of Cecil James and June (Green) Thomas both of whom preceded him in death. He graduated from high school in Lamoni, Iowa in 1952 and enlisted in the navy where he served three years during the Korean conflict. Upon his discharge and return to the U.S., he attended Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa from 1955-1957 and was a graduate of Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa with a bachelor of arts in business administration. He also served as student union director of Cornell College following graduation. In 1962 he married Paula Lamoreux of Lanark, Ill.

He received his master's degree in recreation from the University of Illinois in 1963 and began his career in managing student unions as the assistant social director of the Illini Union. He held positions as student center director at North Dakota State University, Georgia Tech and Wayne State University, as well as business administrator at Wayne State before moving to Santa Fe, New Mexico. It was in Santa Fe that he began what would be a lifetime career in real estate sales. In 1973, Jim moved to Charlevoix where he continued in real estate sales (Jerry Lesher Real Estate, Charlevoix Properties, Thomas Real Estate, Century 21), and most recently with Vacation Properties Network.

He was a member of the Antrim-Charlevoix Board of Realtors and the Sierra Club. Jim was a vocal and staunch Democrat and strong supporter of many social and environmental causes. Most importantly, his love for the University of Michigan was only surpassed by his love of family.

Jim is survived by his companion of 17 years, Judi Lozo and his two daughters, Lara (Jean Steppe) Thomas and Elka (Adam) Francisco and three grandchildren, Grace Steppe and Oliver Steppe Thomas and Sophia Marie Francisco. Survivors also include his sister Norma Thomas Small (Richard) of Tulsa, Okla. and Robert Thomas (Virginia) of Los Angeles, Calif. He was preceded in death by his youngest sister, Sharon Thomas.

Jim requested to not have a memorial service. Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, P.O. Box 233, Boyne City, MI 49712.

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Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North
Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher 547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green 547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street
Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Pastor:
Todd Thompson........ 547-2654 or -5168

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Sunday Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.
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Church Office 547-6322
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205 Clinton Street
Sunday Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday Sacraments 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 11:25 a.m.
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Wed. Young Men/Women 7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins............ 588-2112
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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)
Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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Church Office 547-9482

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9323 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth
Sunday School 11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman 588-7805

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace............ 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp............ 547-4221

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Worship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort............ 547-4121

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US 31 North
Worship & Children's Worship 9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office............ 547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen............ 347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright............ 582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
June, July & August 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith............ 547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse 599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer............ 536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street
Sabbath School 9:20 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill............ 231-347-6651

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday Evening Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson............ 547-6283

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street
Saturday Night Mass 5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
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Locals brace for heating fuel cost hikes

Many look for relief in alternatives

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Last week, just as cold weather rolled in and Charlevoix residents were turning up their thermostats, the Department of Energy released a sobering report on hikes in heating fuel costs.

The Oct. 9 report announced heating oil prices are projected to jump 22 percent and natural gas costs are estimated to climb 10 percent between now and March.

Then residents were hit with a long-range forecast from the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) projecting this winter to be 4 percent colder compared with last winter.

"Because of expected colder weather, U.S. heating fuel consumption is projected to increase compared with last winter," the report states.

More consumption at a higher cost means larger bills. This reality has many locals considering their alternatives.

"I have the ultimate solution to the heating problem. I move to Florida for the winter," said Ed Crook, a Charlevoix resident and math teacher who retired from Charlevoix High School in 1995.

While many snowbirds like Crook heat their homes to avoid damage from harsh temperatures, Crook said in the over a decade he's made the move he has drained the pipes at his home and walked away with minimal problems.

Crook said when he used to stick the winter out here, he battled fuel oil heating costs in a number of ways including using a wood burning stove.

"That was a lot of work. When you heat with wood, you warm yourself three times over," he said. "We couldn't survive on wood heat alone. It required someone to be home. We found it was hard to bring the house back up to temperature if someone wasn't home."

The answer Crook discovered is a combination approach using both wood and a "clock thermostat" that can be programmed to automatically reduce the temperature at night and bring it back up in the morning.

"It really does save money not keeping the house at 70 degrees when you're not there. It's rather sophisticated (allowing weekday and weekend programming options) and inexpensive ($30 to $40 at Charlevoix Ace Hardware)," Crook said.

Charlevoix resident Margo Kane is a wood heat believer and said she had her fuel oil tank filled last year. It's now half full.

"We use the fuel oil as a backup," she said.

Other key tools in fighting the heating cost war at the Crook home are insulation and heavy drapes his wife Judy made to hang over drafty windows.

Charlevoix resident Mary Lou Holecheck said she isn't alarmed by the cost hike. She said at her small modular home she and her husband Erwin keep most of the rooms closed off and unheated and like the Crook family, draw the blinds on cold, windy days.

For those looking for a wood burning option, Bob Herrmann, owner of Reh Acres Home Heating in Boyne City said a new stove from his store will run you $1,000 to $3,000 and is well worth the cost.

"A good wood stove will pay you back in three years. The fourth year you are heating for the cost of wood," he said.

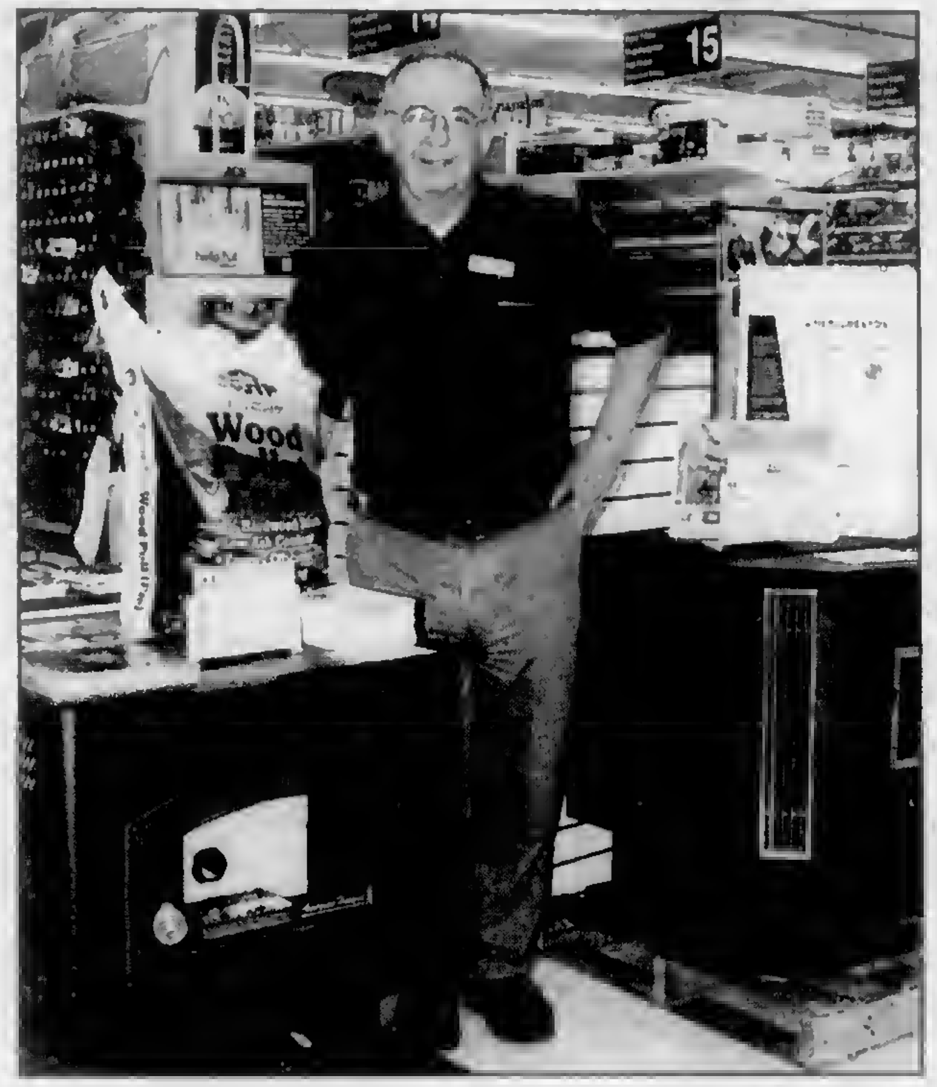
He said a 2,400 square foot two level home can be heated with a mid-size wood stove (50,000 BTU) on five to six face cords of wood per year. A face cord of wood runs about $50.

At Charlevoix Ace Hardware pellet stoves ($1,200 to $2,600 at Ace) are replacing wood stoves in terms of popularity among consumers. Bags of pellets sell from $3.99 to $5.50 per bag at Ace and Bosman's Mercantile offers a ton of pellets for $148.

"They're (pellet stoves) cleaner, there's less ash and no smell," Jason Corwin, assistant manager of Ace Hardware, said.

Bosman's is also seeing the pellet stove trend, sales associate, Tim Baker, said pellet stoves are efficient and easy to use with higher end automatic models offered. Herrmann added that whether customers choose pellet or wood stoves, they will realize a savings.

To view the complete Department of Energy fuel costs analysis visit http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/steo/pub/contents.html



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(Above) Bob Bellairs, a sales associate at Charlevoix Ace Hardware, said many local residents are turning to pellet stoves like this American Harvest corn or wood pellet stove to heat their homes as fuel costs continue to climb.

COST, CONSUMPTION COMPARISON

Natural gas user

Sample of a family of three living in a 3,000 square foot home in Charlevoix moved from heating with natural gas in 2005-2006 to heating using a wood stove in 2006-2007.

Monthly gas bill comparison

Winter 2005-2006 (heating with natural gas)
November 2005 $472.93
December 2005 $483.38
January 2006 $429.57
February 2006 $426.45
March 2006 $224.33
Total= $2,036.66

Winter 2006-2007 (heating with wood)
November 2006 $95.92
December 2006 $269.92
January 2007 $239.04
February 2007 $95.92
March 2007 $199.60
Total= $900.40

Fuel oil user

Well insulated house 2,000 square foot home

Heating with wood exclusively used 15 gallons of fuel oil for the winter.

Used wood and a clock thermostat used 100-150 gallons of fuel oil for the winter.

Used clock thermostat exclusively 330-350 gallons of fuel oil for the winter.

Department of Energy fuel projections

Average winter-season (October 1 to March 31) prices and expenditures for all space-heating fuels are projected to be higher than winter 2006-2007. Residential natural gas prices are expected to average $13.14 per thousand cubic feet (mcf) this winter compared with $12.36 per mcf last winter, heating oil prices are expected to average $2.88 per gallon compared with $2.48 per gallon last winter, and

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Energy costs on the rise: close the curtains, turn down thermostat

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propane prices are expected to average $2.28 per gallon compared with $2.02 per gallon last winter. Residential electricity prices are expected to average 10.3 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) compared with 10.1 cents per kWh last winter.

Projected Winter Fuel Expenditures

Households heating primarily with natural gas are expected to spend an average of $78 (10 percent) more this winter in fuel expenditures. Households heating primarily with heating oil can expect to pay an average of $319 (22 percent) more this winter. Households heating primarily with propane can expect to pay an average of $221 (16 percent) more this winter. Households heating primarily with electricity can expect to pay an average of $32 (4 percent) more.

Natural gas

Nationwide, about 58 percent of all households depend on natural gas as their primary heating fuel. In the Midwest, where 79 percent of all households rely on natural gas, a projected 11-percent increase in average household expenditures results from an 8-percent increase in prices and 3-percent consumption growth.

Heating oil

7 percent of U.S. households depend on heating oil for winter fuel. Most of these households are in the northeast, where 32 percent of households use heating oil as their primary heating fuel. In that region, the average household is projected to pay 22 percent more than last winter as a result of a 16-percent increase in prices and a 5-percent increase in consumption.

Propane

Propane-consuming households, which account for 5 percent of the U.S. total, are projected to see an average increase of 16 percent in propane expenditures this winter, but that increase varies widely by region. Western households are projected to see an average increase of 10 percent, while Northeastern homes are expected to experience an average increase of 21 percent.

Electricity

30 percent of all U.S. households rely on electricity as their primary heating fuel, with electricity serving as the primary heating fuel for 11 percent of households in the Midwest. On average, electricity expenditures during the winter are projected to rise by 4 percent due to increased consumption and prices.

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Darren Closson, a manager at Bosman's Mercantile, said he's seen a recent increase in sales of wood and pellet stoves as energy costs continue to increase.

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The following business was conducted by the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education during their Monday, Oct. 8 organizational meeting:

Item: JV basketball coach

In brief: Motion to appoint Leslie Hoffman as the new girls' junior varsity basketball coach

Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: Pay increases for the first time in more than seven years

In brief: Motion to increase substitute janitorial and food service workers. Custodial pay rates increased from $9.30 to $9.80 per hour; food service pay rates increased from $7.50 to $8 per hour

Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Item: Administration and, bus garage projects

In brief: Motion to approve Beta Design to move forward with the proposed bid process for the new administration building and continue the design phase for the new bus barn and garage facility

Board action: Unanimously approved, 7-0

Agenda items not requiring board action:

Resignation letter from Liz Grunch as the junior varsity girls' basketball coach.

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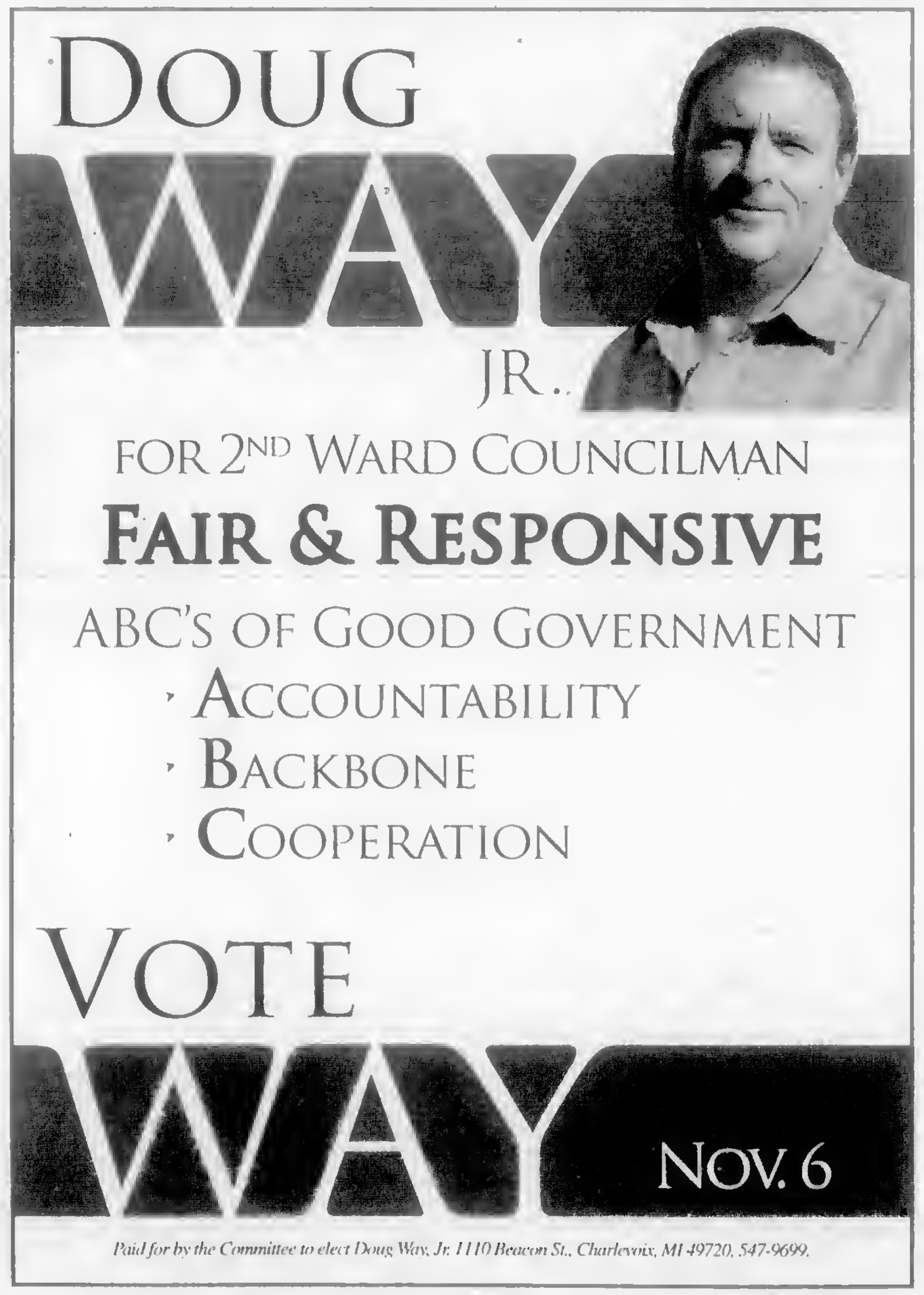

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Doty experiences setback with bone cancer diagnosis

Ken Doty:
Living with Cancer

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

In the last installment of "Ken Doty: Living with Cancer," Ken's prostate specific antigen (PSA) tests looked good and he was ready for a summer of recovery as his stage-four prostate cancer seemed to have all but disappeared.

In this, the fourth installment in the series, Doty updates readers on his condition and what he will do next.

Following a spring filled with dozens of doctor visits, radiation therapy and positive news on his PSA tests, Ken Doty spent a summer of guarded optimism even taking time to get married.

But, when he went in for his September checkup, the doctors had anything but good news.

"It has metastasized (moved) again," Doty said. "It spread from my lymph nodes to my bones and lesions are starting to form on my bones."

Doty's PSA test, which last spring was 0.1, spiked to 0.19.

"That's (0.19) normal for everybody else, but because mine was at less than 0.1 originally, it shouldn't be registering that high," he said. "The bone scan showed what they call 'hot spots' or what light up on CT scans."

Doty has these hot spots on his pelvic bone, right femur and right ninth rib cage bone:

"Chemo(therapy) is the next step, but I've got a call into the doctors and they're going to have to decide what form of chemo' to go with," he said. "Surgery is no longer an option at this point because it has spread to the bone."

He added, "They have to treat the whole body now."

Doty, who said he felt a few more aches than usual this summer, said he was surprised when the doctors told him the cancer returned.

"They actually told me all this stuff Sept. 24. I wasn't expecting this at all because the PSA had been way down and I've been feeling good. I put the weight back on and there has been some achiness, but I figured that's just because I'm 49 and I'm carrying an extra 50 pounds. But, that wasn't the case," he said.

Regardless of his battle, Doty added, "I'm still refereeing and trying to play basketball with my kids and working on projects and living life."

While doctors decide the next course of action, Doty has been given a bone hardening drug called Zometa.

"I received an infusion last Thursday, (Oct. 4). It's a drug being used in the treatment of osteoporosis," he said. "What it does for cancer patients is harden the bones, making it harder for cancer to attack it. And, it has also been shown to kill some cancer tumors on the bone in certain cases, but they can't come out and say that."

He added, "But, I know of several people taking the drug for a few years now and it's keeping them in remission."

Doty is allowed to maintain his busy schedule for now.

"Their big concern (doctors) is they don't want me playing tackle football. They don't want me to chance breaking a bone," he said.

The biggest pain Doty faces right now is the increase in aches due to the Zometa injections.

"With the weather change coming through, my body aches all the time," he said. "But, when I start the chemo' I will be more susceptible to colds because it knocks your immune system way down."

As with previous interviews, Doty vowed not to let his disease dictate the way he lives his life.

"Right now I'm still trying to figure out what direction I'm going," he said. "But I'm going to beat this and I plan on being a pain in the ass for quite some time."

He added, "It's all about attitude. If I want to have a bad day and I want to be 'woe is me' I can, but I don't plan on it. I'm too busy living."

Look for part five in the series in upcoming months as the Charlevoix Courier follows Doty through the fight of his life.

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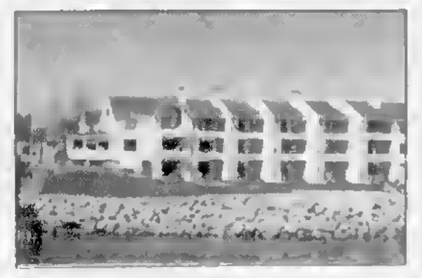
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Council rejects Climate Protection Agreement

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

A 4-2 vote on Oct. 1 by Charlevoix City Council rejecting a request to sign the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement disappointed local environmentalists.

"I think they (city council members) are dedicated to keeping Charlevoix beautiful. They are sensitive to the environment but they don't want it to go too far. I just don't think they're that worried (about global warming). They don't see it as that much of an emergency," said Bruce MacArthur, a Charlevoix resident and member of the local environmental groups WATCH and CARE that presented the protection agreement to city council.

Charlevoix mayor Norman Carlson Jr. said the four city council members who voted against signing the agreement, First Ward councilman Bob Timms, Second Ward councilmen Gene Beer and Greg Stevens and Third Ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain, weren't making an anti-green statement.

"They weren't against green at all. We do a lot of that already. There are a few things in that agreement that committed the city that they didn't feel comfortable with," Carlson said.

One such concern is the agreement's discussion of recapturing gas at the city's wastewater treatment plant. Carlson said council members didn't want to agree to this and then be chastised for not following through with a gas recapturing plan.

He said the city has looked into using the plant's methane gas to create energy to heat with but they found there isn't enough volume to justify the cost.

"It's expensive and council didn't know if the agreement obligated them to do those types of things," he said. "By all means, personally I wouldn't have a problem writing a letter to support but we didn't feel comfortable committing the city to do that."

Third Ward council member Shirley Gibson, who along with First Ward councilman Lyle Gennett voted to adopt the agreement, said she's disappointed with her fellow council members.

"To me it was an endorsement to protect the environment. What was wrong with that? What are they telling the younger generation? They don't give a rat's ass. Is that OK? I guess it is," she said.

"We should be doing everything we can to protect our natural resources. Our local economy relies on it. When are we going to wake up around here?"

According to www.seattle.gov/mayor/climate, under the agreement, participating cities commit to take the following three actions:

1. Strive to meet or beat the Kyoto Protocol targets in their own communities, through actions ranging from anti-sprawl land-use policies to urban forest restoration projects to public information campaigns.

2. Urge their state governments, and the federal government, to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the greenhouse gas emission reduction target suggested for the United States in the Kyoto Protocol — 7 percent reduction from 1990 lev-

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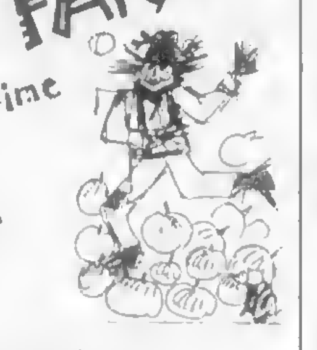

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City council members debate city's green status

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3. Urge the U.S. Congress to pass the bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation, which would establish a national emission trading system.

While Charlevoix City Council was gun-shy to commit to these three actions, MacArthur said the city should establish environmental goals.

"They don't want to have goals set that they have to meet. It's good management practice to set goals. They should establish a baseline in emissions, Traverse City has done this. And the City of Charlevoix should do this with department heads — turn the lights off when they leave the room, require city employees to turn their vehicles off at the bridge," MacArthur said. "I don't think it was a political move. They just didn't want to commit to it right now."

Carlson said the city is currently doing a number of environmentally friendly things including use of fluorescent lights in its facilities and energy efficient computers and appliances at city hall. Street superintendent Pat Elliott is currently researching use of a fuel additive to save on consumption.

The city staff is also working hard to promote being an idle free community, continues implementing ways for people to recreate, is researching LED lighting to save energy and assisted in installing a rain garden at the library to clean storm water before it makes its way into Round Lake.

Council members can reconsider this agreement at a later date.

What Is the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement?

On Feb. 16, 2005 the Kyoto Protocol, the international agreement to address climate disruption, became law for the 141 countries that have ratified it to date. On that day, Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels launched the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement to advance the goals of the Kyoto Protocol through leadership and action. Two years later in anticipation of over 500 signatories to the agreement, the U.S. Conference of Mayors launched its Climate Protection Center in February to administer and track the agreement. To date, more than 600 mayors have accepted the challenge.

While 162 countries have ratified the Kyoto Protocol to address global warming, The United States has not. To date, 663 mayors representing all 50 states and over 67 million Americans have joined with Mayor Nickels.

How they voted

How the City Council voted on the Climate Protection Agreement at the Oct. 1 meeting.

Request to endorse the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement: Charlevoix City Council voted 4-2 against endorsing the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

Lyle Gennett	Bob Timms	Gene Beer	Greg Stevens	Shirley Gibson	Sherm Chambertain
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Crafters flock to Hearts to Holly quilting store

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

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"Our goal is for people to have a smile when they come in and a smile when they come out. We want people to do something that makes them feel good. Quilting is a very satisfying craft," Susan said. "We have a true enthusiasm for what we are doing. We want to help develop the art of quilting in Charlevoix."

She said for decades she's dreamed of opening a store in town and her creative family ultimately determined that the shop would be for quilters.

"My daughters prompted me to do it. They all love quilting and got me into it several years ago," Susan said. "Their enthusiasm spilled over."

Susan and her husband Mike Miller have lived in Charlevoix for 33 years.

Two of their daughters, Leslie Kanoop, Hearts to Holly store manager and Emily Lee, who works at Bullfrog Light Company Candle Factory, live in Charlevoix. The other two, Valerie Krueger and Shelly Miller live in Las Vegas, Nev.

They also have five grandchildren who Susan said she loves to quilt for, marking milestones like graduations and big birthdays with quilts.

While Susan's hobby of choice has long been quilting, this is the first time she has pursued it professionally. Her background is in health care. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in nursing and went on to work for the local health department for 15 years as a clinic nurse and assistant manager and at Charlevoix Area Hospital in nursing. She currently holds the title of administrative director for MIS User Group, a software user group.

The new store carries quality threads and fabrics including Civil War reproduction prints, soft flannels and adorable baby prints as well as supplies including quilting and stitchery kits, Bohin needles, patterns, scissors and more.

"If people don't want to quilt, we can also make a quilt for them," Susan said.

Services will soon expand to include classes like a beginner' group, specialty classes for Christmas tree skirts and more and the Wash Tub Club the members of which will tackle small monthly projects. Sign-up is underway for the beginner's class taught by Kanoop.

Susan encourages those with an interest in learning the craft to sign up.

"If I can do it, anyone can do it. It's really just sewing a straight line," she said.

Hearts to Holly is open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and will be open until 9 p.m. on Wednesdays.

For more information, call Hearts to Holly at (231) 547-2729 or e-mail heartstoholly@yahoo.com.

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Hearts to Holly owner Susan Miller (center) said her daughters who she is pictured with above are the reason she got into quilting. They are (from left) Leslie Kanoop, Emily Lee, Valerie Krueger and Shelly Miller. Hearts to Holly opened its doors on Oct. 10. Sign-up for quilting classes is currently underway.

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Taylor notes odd dreams with Chantix

Kim
commits to quit

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Last week the Courier introduced readers to the newspaper's 41-year-old advertising manager Kim Taylor who on Sept. 24 started a new prescription pill from Pfizer called Chantix to quit smoking

The pill contains no nicotine and helps reduce the urge to smoke by keeping nicotine from reaching key receptors in the brain.

This second installment of "Kim commits to quit" will focus on any side effects she's experienced and how she fell off the wagon.

THE PROGRAM

When did you start?

Sept. 24. Quit smoking entirely on Sept. 30.

How does it work?

Kim takes two one milligram pills daily. Chantix literature recommends continuing to take the pill for 12 weeks. She just finished her first four week box and plans to buy another.

How are you feeling?

"Good. I don't know if I'm crotchety because I quit or other things in my life. I'm a little short (tempered) but not as bad as I would be if I wasn't on anything."

Any side effects?

"I haven't had any hallucinations. But my dreams are getting more real. Last night, (Oct. 11) I went shopping in my dream. I was worried about heating the house this winter so I bought warm clothes I couldn't afford to buy. I haven't had any nausea."

How sure are you that you will succeed?

"I'm planning on succeeding even if I cheat now and then. But cheating is hard now that the whole town knows I've quit."

THE TRUTH

How many cigarettes have you smoked since Oct. 10?

19

When did you smoke your last cigarette?

Oct. 7. "I bought a pack and on my way home I threw the last four away."

What has surprised you?

"It took until the article came out (Oct. 3) for my husband to comment. He's proud of me. He thought I might have quit but didn't want to say anything to jinx it. My 7-year-old son found out and looked at me like I was God. He hugged me and said, 'I love you mom.'"

What has been the most difficult?

"Associations are still hard."

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City council candidates face off at Nov. 4 forum

What? City council candidate forum
When? 2 p.m., Nov. 4.
Where? Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

A public opportunity to meet and question the candidates for Charlevoix City Council will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

An election for candidates will take place on Nov. 6.

Council candidates are as follows:

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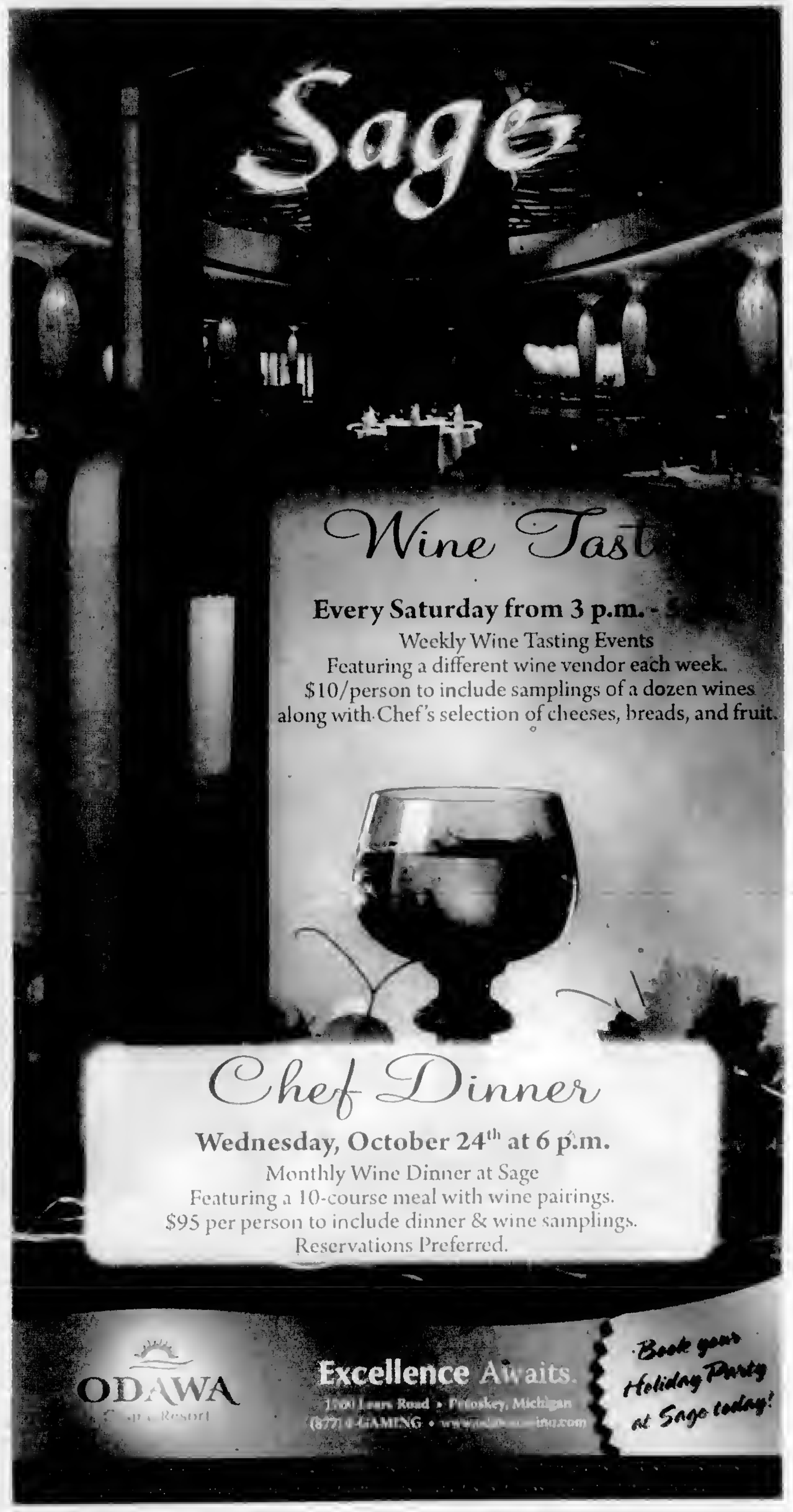
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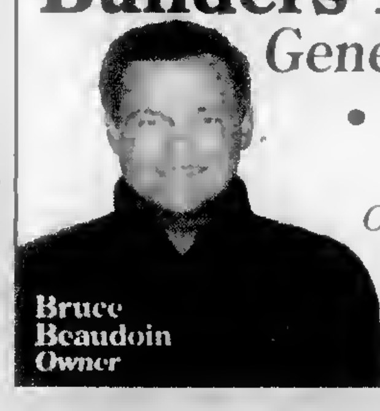

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SPORTS reviewing the action

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The Charlevoix High School girls' cross country team finished in third place and the boys' team in fourth at the Northern Lower Peninsula Invitational on Oct. 13 in West Branch.

Petoskey won the 10-team event, finishing with 40 points. Ogemaw Heights was second with 68, followed by Cadillac, 76; Charlevoix, 80; Bay City John Glenn, 121; Manistee, 169; East Jordan, 209; Alpena, 214, Tawas, 237; and Roscommon, 260.

In the girls' race, Cadillac finished first with 47 points, while Petoskey was second, 66, and Charlevoix third, 92. Tawas was fourth with 106, followed by Ogemaw Heights, 114; Manistee, 166; Alpena, 171; East Jordan, 198; Au Gres Sims, 223; and Roscommon, 267.

Charlevoix senior Alina Dhaseleer placed second in 19:36.49. Other Charlevoix girls: 13-Katie Withrow; 14-KC McCary; 28-Krista Pischner; 38-Ellise Smolenyak; 39-Caroline Dupuis; 47-Elizabeth Kur; 48-Madeline Jeakle.

Alex Buday had the best individual Charlevoix boys finish as he was fourth in 17:07.52, while Nick Wimmer was fifth in 17:11.95. Other Charlevoix boys: 13-Eric Buday; 28-Doug Reynolds; 35-Neil Salisbury; 67-Jonathon Kelly; 71-Sam Balasz; 96-Michael McDonough.

Andrew Plude of Charlevoix won the middle school boys race in 11:48, while Charlevoix's Kirk Acharya was third, Alex Gooch fifth and Will Jeakle, 10th.

Also, Charlevoix St. Mary's won the elementary school race as Nicholas Plude finished first overall and Justin Pearl was second.

The teams compete next at 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 20 at the Elk Rapids Invitational.

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Charlevoix's Alex Buday (left) and Nick Wimmer run to top 10 finishes Saturday in West Branch.

Tennis team misses state finals qualifier

The Charlevoix High School tennis team finished fifth out of 11 teams at the regional tournament on Oct. 11, falling short of qualifying for the state tournament.

"I would like to thank Niel Turner for helping out this year, and all the parents who supported us throughout the season," coach Erik Lundteigen said.

- First, singles: Alex McKenzie beat Grayling 6-0, 6-0; and lost to Elk Rapids 6-1, 6-0.
- Second, singles: Mike Pelon beat Grayling 6-0, 6-0; and lost to Traverse City St. Francis 6-1, 6-1.
- Third, singles: John Hart lost to Manistee 6-2, 6-1.
- Fourth, singles: Alex Meyers lost to Leeland 6-1, 6-2.
- First, doubles: Scott Silberhorn and Kevin Greyerbiehl beat Traverse City St. Francis 6-3, 6-2; and lost to Glen Lake 5-7, 6-0, 7-6.
- Second, doubles: Michael Heckendorn and John Drenth lost to Leeland 6-3, 6-1.
- Third, doubles: Amy Pelon and Christina Miller beat Boyne City 1-6, 6-1, 6-2.
- Fourth, doubles: Matt Murray and Robbie Rundblad beat Manistee 6-2, 5-7, 6-1; and lost to Harbor Springs 6-1, 6-3.

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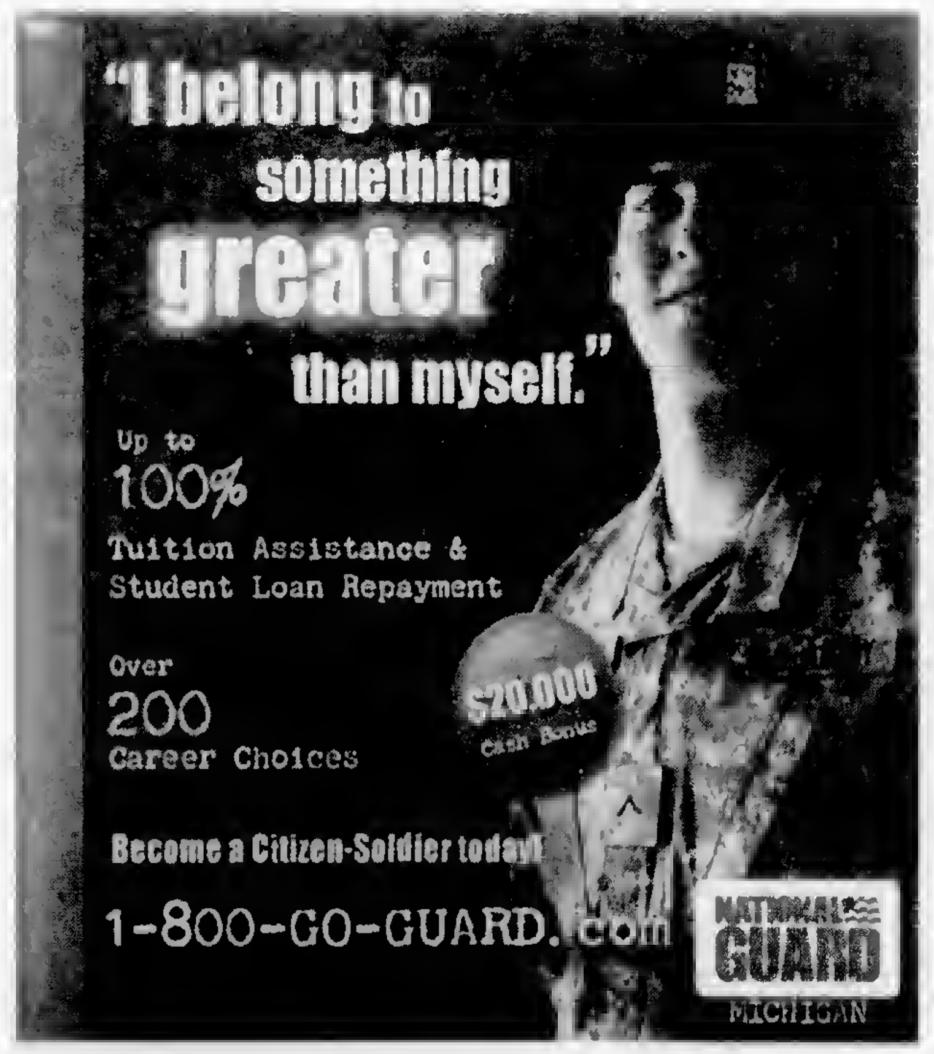

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SPORTS reviewing the action

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Sunday school soccer

Josh Morgan of the Charlevoix Eagles and Drew Rogers of the Rogers City Royals battle for the ball during the third week of church league soccer play last week.

Volleyball beats Boyne City to remain undefeated in conference

Five games, plenty of drama.

And Charlevoix emerged from it still unbeaten in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Murphy Gillespie had 24 kills, 21 digs and finished at 93 percent on serve reception as the Rayders took a crucial Lake Michigan Conference volleyball match from visiting Boyne City on Thursday, Oct. 11.

The Rayders won the first two games, 25-18, 25-27; dropped the next two, 14-25, 25-19; then won the decisive fifth and final game, 15-8.

The Rayders improved to 35-7-8 overall, 10-0 in the league. Boyne is 23-7-3, 7-2.

"We have a two-game lead now in the conference and it was a huge game for us," Charlevoix coach Liz Grunch said. "The girls played with a lot of guts and heart. We had great senior leadership.

"After we lost the second and third games, losing was not an option for the seniors. They didn't want to lose their last home game. It was a fun game to watch."

Amber Kotalik had 15 kills, nine blocks and 19 digs to lead Boyne City, while Jessica Knysz added 12 kills.

"It was the battle of the century," Boyne coach Casie Parker said. "We had them, we were up 2-1 and started losing enthusiasm. Charlevoix always finds ways to win and they never give up.

"Despite the loss, I thought we played well tonight. We made some key errors at important times that could have changed the outcome and did change the momentom."

Setter Aubrey Way added 50 assists, eight digs and three aces for Charlevoix, while Desi Faust had 17 kills, three aces and 14 digs; Shauna Spenceley had 10 digs and seven aces; Tammy Potter had 10 kills, six blocks; Taylor Storm had 16 digs; and Michelle Burke had 15 digs.

"Boyne City hits the ball pretty hard," Grunch said. "But we just had a great day, especially at the end. We just pulled it all together."

Also for Boyne, Trisha Tomkins had 11 kills, 25 digs; Heidi Olson had 10 digs, seven kills; Stacey Spaniak had 21 digs; and setter Lindsay Clemens finished with 42 assists.

"For us, I thought Trisha Tomkins had an outstanding game," Parker said. "She made some great passes that made it easier to set the ball up.

"The most important thing tonight is that I still saw us improving in some areas."

This win brought the volleyball team's overall record to 35-7-8. They are 10-0 in the Lake Michigan Conference.

Charlevoix won the JV match, 20-25, 25-11, 25-16. For the Rayders, Bobbie Molter had five kills, three aces and three digs; Isis Hang had four aces, four assists, four digs; Lacey Greene had five digs; and Katie Mays added two kills and three digs.

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Charlevoix's Tammy Potter (14) and Aubry Way (5) lead a celebration after the Rayders won a point in their big Lake Michigan Conference victory over Boyne City last week.

Soccer team beats Harbor 1-0 en route to districts

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They face Grayling for the district title at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 at Charlevoix High School.

This was the team's second win over the Rams in less than a week.

Andy Ennis, Ben Meyers, Alex Molter and Thomas Rich each scored a goal as Charlevoix improved to 9-7-2 with a 4-2 Lake Michigan Conference win over Harbor Springs Thursday, Oct. 11.

Weston Bryan had two assists, while Matt Klooster and John Shea each had one assist for the Rayders.

"We want to have a respectable showing in our district," Charlevoix coach Josh Block said.

Block also lauded the efforts of senior Scott Haselschwardt, Molter and Shea as well as winning goalkeeper Collin McDonough.

"Collin did a good job," Block said. "He made some really nice saves and knocked down some tough shots.

"We played well. We've struggled the past few games with defensive issues, but we played a lot better."

Football team wins two in a row

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

What's next? The Rayders will play their last game of the season at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 in Grayling.

For the second week in a row, the Charlevoix Rayders trounced their opponent.

On Friday, Oct. 12, Charlevoix defeated Harbor Springs by a score of 47-6 during their last home game of the season.

"It was a nice win," said coach Don Jess. "I was real happy with the way we came out and took care of business right away."

Nate Golovich led scoring with three touchdowns for a total of six touchdowns in the last two games.

Cliff Jones threw three touchdown passes during Friday's game — one each to Justin Klooster, Brock Yenglin, and Corey Gotshall.

Jones also kicked three extra points and Yenglin threw a two-point conversion to Golovich.

Jones was 6-9 passing for 192 yards while Golovich carried 18 times for 115 yards.

The Rayder defense was led by Gotshall with eight tackles and Trevor Cole with six.

Golovich also had an interception.

The Rayders prepare for away action during their last game of the season at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 in Grayling.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGES FORECLOSURE SALE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made November 1, 2005 by Arthur P. Poineau, as mortgagor, to St. Francis X. Federal Credit Union, as Mortgagee, and recorded on November 7, 2005, in Liber 714 and page 977, Emmet County Records and the entire balance secured by said mortgage having become due and payable to reason of the acceleration provisions contained in said mortgage and the note secured thereby; and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due and unpaid at the date of this notice principal and interest *in the amount of One Hundred Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Five and 55/100 [$107,465.55]*, and no other legal or equitable proceeding have been instituted to recover the debt or any part of the debt secured by the mortgages; and the power of sale contained in the mortgages having become operative by reason of the default.

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, November 9, 2007 at 11 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgages, situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan and described as follows:

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This sale is for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid on the mortgages, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgages, and any sums subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interest in the premises. The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale.
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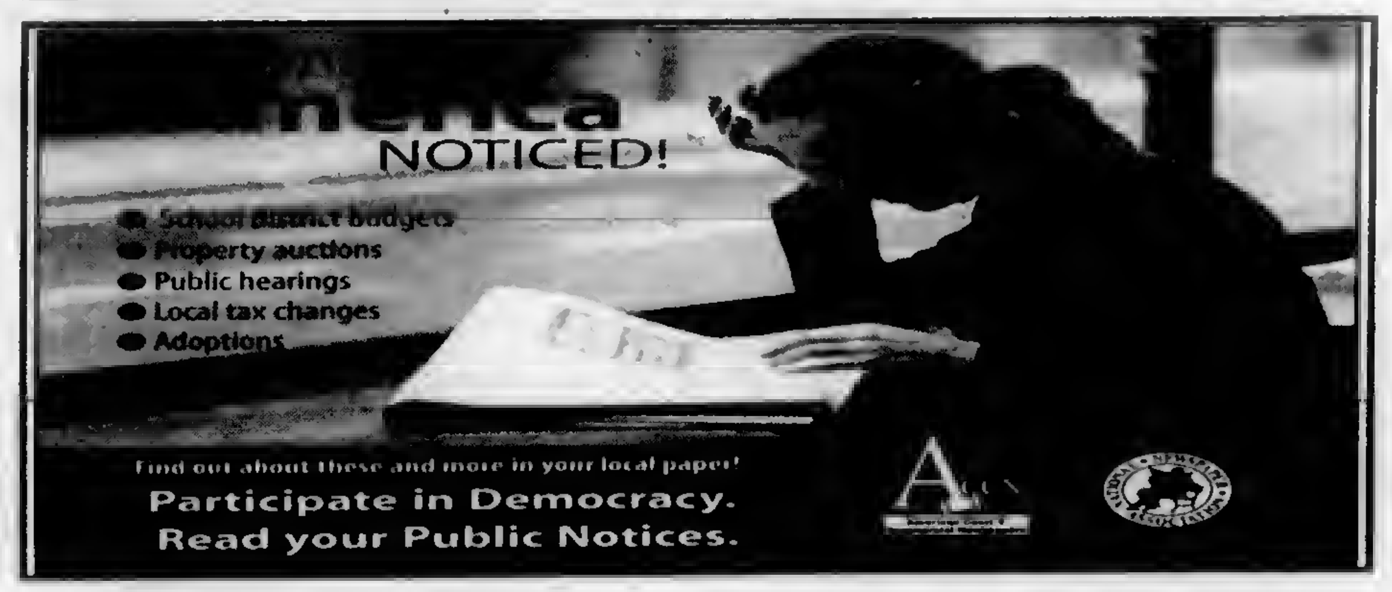
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Disaster training tests skills of emergency responders

(Above) Charlevoix County Sheriff Deputy Rex Behling and deputy chief of Charlevoix City Police Scott Hankins work the police checkpoint during the Charlevoix Cheboygan Emmet's annual emergency response drill, this year entitled "Operation Cement Slipknot." This year's training event, which simulated an intentional boat explosion with casualties, occurred at St. Marys Cement.

PHOTOS BY
BENJAMIN GOHS

(Right) This Injured gentleman was one of dozens of area folks who volunteered their time to play victims and victim family members during the four-hour mass casualty exercise implemented by the Charlevoix-Cheboygan-Emmet Counties (CCE) Office of Emergency Management on Oct. 10. Not only did emergency services personnel gain the opportunity to test their skills in search, rescue and treatment, but area agencies had the chance to hone their skills of mutual aid In times of crisis.

(Above) Fire and rescue workers lined the docks at St. Marys Cement during the CCE's emergency training drill. The annual exercise is intended to ensure emergency personnel are ready in the event of a terrorist attack, natural disaster or any other event causing mass casualties and threats to safety.

(Right) Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater and St. Marys human resources manager and drill spokesperson Shawn Hall gave a press conference at the sheriff's office shortly after the mock mass casualty exercise last week. Hall and Lasater told reporters that police and FBI officials were searching for at least one suspect in connection with the fire which occurred on a boat hauling cement to and from the plant. According to the drill's story line, a fire was reported to 911 by the ship's captain in the early morning hours of Wednesday, Oct. 10.

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Tips to avoid Alzheimer's

People once accepted that Alzheimer's was one of those inevitable diseases they had no control over.

Research has identified many risk factors that can be controlled to prevent Alzheimer's Disease.

According to "Staying Sharp: How to Avoid Brain Damage as You Age," Nutrition Action Health 2007, people can lower their chance of developing Alzheimer's by lowering their risks and following the steps listed below.

Consuming two to three servings of fatty fish that contains the Omega-3 fish oils every week. The omega-3 fats seem to protect both the heart and brain. Supplements can be taken if you don't like fish.

Limit bad fats including saturated and trans fats. A link between consuming these bad fats and cognitive decline has been indicated by research.

Sue Bergmann

Eat plenty of leafy greens, such as lettuce and spinach these help maintain verbal and working memory intact.

Choose foods rich in vitamin-E, including oils, nuts and seeds, leafy greens and whole grains.

Lower your blood sugar. High blood sugar can cause diabetes, which has been linked to memory impairment.

Maintain a healthy weight. Being overweight may lead to diabetes, as well as a large waist is particularly linked with higher rates of cognitive decline.

Exercise is beneficial for the brain because it keeps arteries healthier and blood pressure lower, 30 minutes of brisk walking each day to achieve this.

Reduce high blood pressure, those with the highest blood pressure had twice the risk of dementia.

Maintain your brain. Research has shown that those with higher education tend to have a lower risk, even just reading books, puzzles, or playing games can help.

Seek help for depression. Many older adults are less likely to be diagnosed and treated. Common symptoms include feeling worthless, helpless, bored, fearful, hopeless and empty.

For more information about Alzheimer's or services to help caregivers of Alzheimer's' contact the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103 or the Alzheimer's Association of Northwest Michigan at 1-800-272-3900.

Sue Bergmann RN, BSN is the director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. She can be contacted by calling (231) 237-0103.

senior activity calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17, 24, 31
NOV. 7, 14, 21

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Fund-raiser dinner The Charlevoix Historical Society will present the 10th Annual Fund-raising Dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the Villager Pub, located at 427 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18, 25
NOV. 1, 8, 15

Computers 9 a.m.

Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Movies on Thursdays will be offered weekly during the month of October at Charlevoix Cinema III. Matinee show times vary, call the theater for schedule. Tickets are $3 each. Popcorn and soda is $3.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19, 26
NOV. 2, 9, 16

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 22, 29
NOV. 4, 12, 19

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 23, 30
NOV. 6, 13, 20

Tai Chi The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging will sponsor beginning and advanced Tai Chi Classes on Tuesdays, beginning Oct. 23. The beginners class is from 10 to 11 a.m. The advanced class or continuing class is from 11 a.m. to noon. The cost for a six-week session is $12 for seniors 60 years and over. Classes are at Charlevoix Public Library. To pre-register, call (231) 237-0103.

Fund-raiser dinner The Charlevoix Senior Center will host a roast pork fund-raiser dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 23. The cost is $8 for adults and $4 for children. Children under 5 eat free.

Alzheimer's Disease Caregivers Support Group At 1:30 p.m.on the third Tuesday of every month thereafter, the group will be meeting at the Charlevoix Senior Center, 06906 Norwood Rd., Charlevoix. Leigh Reis-Kurchinski is the facilitator. For more information, call Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103, or the Charlevoix Senior Center at (231) 547-5361.

Computers 9 a.m.

Crafts 9:30 a.m.

Lunch 11:30 a.m.

Ladies' Cards 7 p.m.

All events listed above take place at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (231) 547-5361.

Hey Jane!

M.J. Cargill

Hey Jane!

I came home on the day I retired to my wife announcing that she was retiring also...from the kitchen! She no longer cooks. She'll bring home take-out or buy deli stuff but her first choice is to eat out. If I want a square, home cooked meal, I need to cook it myself. I've accepted this challenge and I think I've developed into a passable cook. But, to be frank, It is sometimes embarrassing to be Invited to someone's house for dinner and my wife announces that they should not expect a return invitation unless they want to "put up" with my cooking. What do you think, Jane, should I go to cooking classes to get better or just take our friends out for dinner when It Is our turn to return the favor?

Not Confident.

Dear Not Confident: Let's be clear here, your problem is not menu choices or cooking classes! You've got a communication issue between you and your wife you need to quit ignoring. It is not a good sign when one partner announces out-of-the-blue that there is going to be a big change in the family so like it or lump it. It is also tough to take public criticism from a loved one. In your letter, you sound accommodating and willing to change while making your wife sound petty, bitter and jealous. If this is a true state of affairs you both are stewing in misery. You need to begin seeing things as they really are and seek help if you can't fix it. Good luck.

Jane

Charlevoix Courier's own senior advice columnist M.J. Cargill polled 15 local people about getting together with friends for a meal. Their responses revealed fellowship is the focus, not food. Contact: Do you have a personal issue or experience that you could use some advice in dealing with? Jump on board and share yourself so others might benefit, anonymously of course. Contact us at "Hey Jane" P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or e-mail heyjane@heyjaneonline.com.

Flu shot clinics scheduled

The following is a list of flu clinics in Charlevoix:

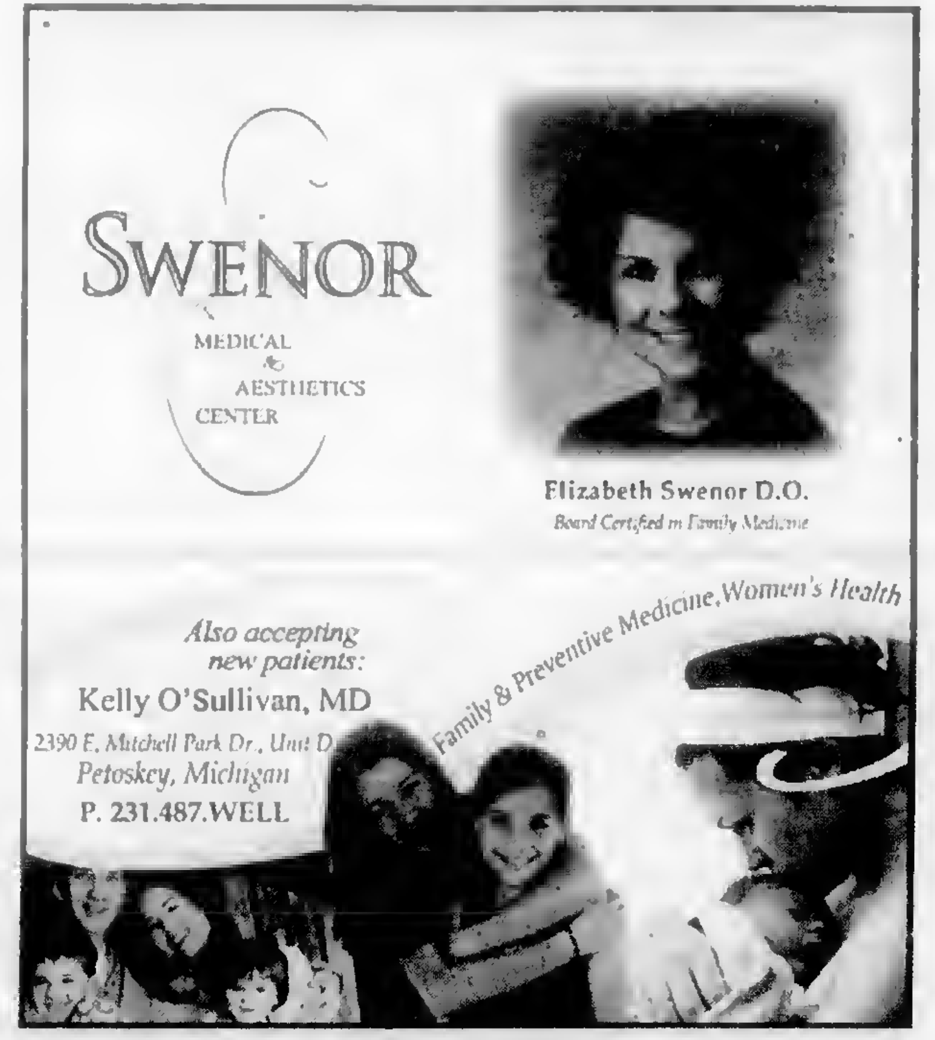
Oct. 22 at the health department Charlevoix office (adults only), 220 West Garfield St.

Nov. 5 at the health department Charlevoix office.

Nov. 12 at the Charlevoix Middle School, 108 East Garfield St.

Nov. 27 at the health department Charlevoix office.

Cost for flu shots is $25. Pneumonia shots are also available for $30. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. Appointments are required for all clinics. Call 800-432-4121 during business hours to schedule a flu shot appointment.



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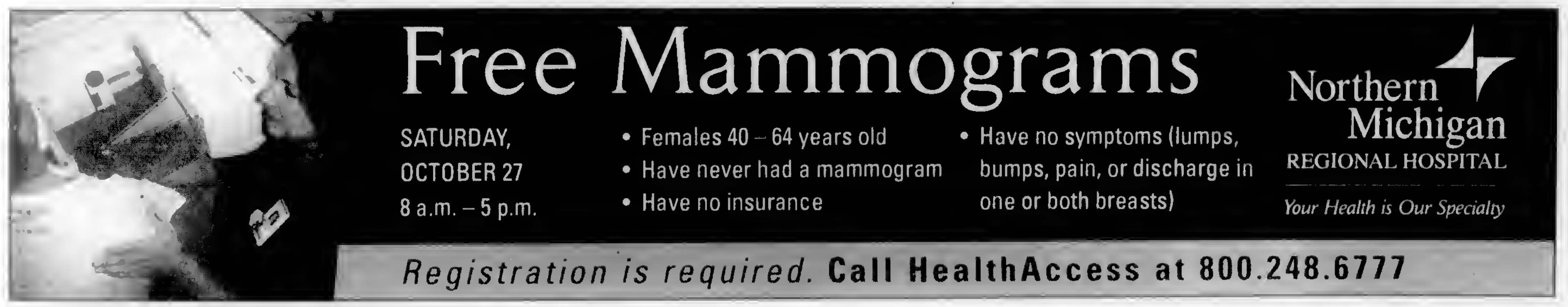

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OCT. 18
GUITAR HERO

Join other teens for a screening of "Guitar Hero" at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 18 on the big screen in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. Teens only will be admitted (ages 13-19). For more information, call (231) 237-7350.

OCT. 18
STORY TIME

Charlevoix Public Library will host story time on Oct. 18. The Lapsit program (birth to age 3) meets at 10:05 a.m. The Pre-k program (ages 3-5) will meet at 10:30 a.m. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7350.

OCT. 19
BNI

Up North Network of Business Network International which consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation, call Sam Bingham at (231) 547-4062.

OCT. 19
FRIGHT NIGHT

Ghosts, goblins and ghouls will come together for a frightening fundraiser.

Fright Night at the Castle, a fundraiser for adults which will benefit Charlevoix Children's House, the local Montessori preschool and kindergarten, will take place from 6:30 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 19 at Castle Farms.

The costume party will include a buffet dinner catered by Grey Gables, a cash bar and music provided by A+ Digital DJ. A silent auction will be offered featuring gift certificates, candles, overnight stays and more.

Costumes are encouraged but not required. Best dressed prizes will be awarded.

Tickets are $30 per person or $50 per couple and are available at the Charlevoix Courier, located at 112 Mason St.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (231) 547-6558.

OCT. 20
RUMMAGE SALE

The parish of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene has organized a rummage sale and fund-raiser to benefit the Nazarene Youth International Work and Witness Missions Trip.

The trip is planned for spring 2008 to Nicaragua. The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene, located at 12023 Waller Rd.

Donations of furniture, knick-knacks, toys, clothes, baked goods and more are welcome.

For more information or to schedule a drop-off or pick-up of donated items, calls Dianna Shull at (231) 547-7299.

OCT. 20
SINGLES FOR CHRIST

"Singles for Christ" of Zion Lutheran Church in Petoskey, invites all singles 40 and over, from all area churches to its monthly dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Pearl's New Orleans Restaurant, located at 617 Ames St. in Elk Rapids. Please call in or e-mail your reservation as soon as possible by calling Frieda at (231) 347-5747 or e-mail frieda@compnor.com.

OCT. 21
FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The St. Mary Church parish will host a fellowship breakfast with an omelet bar from 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Oct. 21 in the parish family center. Attendees can eat for a donation.

OCT. 22
PARENTING CLASS

A workshop for parents of children from birth to age 2 will take place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 22 at the Women's Resource Center, located at 23 Porter St. in Petoskey.

The six-session workshop is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center and will be led by Joanne F. Townsend. The cost of the workshop is $50 per person and $55 per couple. Materials are included.

The dates of the sessions are Oct. 22, 29 and Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

To register, call the Women's Resource Center at (231) 347-0067 or for more information visit www.wrcnm.org.

Prepayment and pre-registration is required. Space is limited.

OCT. 22
GREAT MICHIGAN READ

This year's Great Michigan READ features Ernest Hemingway's Nick Adams Stories. The program at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 22 at Charlevoix Public Library will feature the DVD, "Up North with the Hemingways" and a chance to discuss the author and his book. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7350.

OCT. 23
GATHERINGS PRESENTATION

Artist William White will give a Coffee at Ten presentation on "Gatherings: A Still Life Exhibition" at 10 a.m. on Oct. 23 at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

During his presentation, Bill will discuss his journey, his philosophy and why he has chosen to dedicate his life to the arts. There will also be discussion on perspective in paintings and on his palette and materials. Several new representations of Bill's work will be on display during the presentation.

This event is free and open to the public.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 East Mitchell St. in downtown Petoskey. For more information, call the arts center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

OCT. 23
HEALTHY SNACKS AND NUTRITION

At 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at Charlevoix Public Library, Diane Rellinger, Michigan State University Extension Office, will create healthy (kid friendly) snacks, discuss fussy eaters and guide parents towards getting their children proper nutrition. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7350.

OCT. 24
TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

The Teen Advisory Group will meet at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Charlevoix Public Library. High school age teens interested in the library and willing to commit to two meetings per school year are invited to join the group. TAG members choose library materials and services (CD's, games, books and programs) and have volunteer opportunities. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7350.

OCT. 25
PARENT EXPO

Charlevoix Area Hospital will be hosting their 8th Annual New Parent Expo from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25.

This event, including healthy snacks and photos of each child, are provided at no cost.

For more information, call (231) 547-4024.

OCT. 26
HOSPITAL OF HORROR

Charlevoix High School performing arts students will present "Hospital of Horror," a haunted house, on Oct. 26 and 27 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School.

Hospital of Horror will be open from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 and from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The cost is $2 per person with entrants 5 and under admitted free.

Popcorn, cider and coffee will be available.

OCT. 27
OKTOBERFEST

The St. Mary Church parish will host Oktoberfest from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 in the parish family center. There will be German food and live entertainment by da Li'l Oom-Pah Band out of the Petoskey area. The group plays imported old-world German music in the "blasmusi" and "tanzlmusi" styles.

OCT. 28
COSTUME PARTY

The Board of Christian Education of First Congregational Church will host a Halloween dinner and costume parade beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28. Youth will meet to cook dinner and decorate cupcakes at 4 p.m. The Halloween parade will follow at 5:30 p.m.

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Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections

Notice to Voters: New Voter Identification Requirement in Effect

Due to a recent court ruling, every Michigan voter who offers to vote in the polls must comply with the requirement by showing picture identification or signing and affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification.

Voters with picture identification: Voters can satisfy the picture identification requirement by showing a Michigan driver's license or a Michigan personal identification card.

Voters who do not possess either document may show any of the following forms of picture identification as long as they are current:

- Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state.
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification.
- U.S. passport.
- Military identification card with photo.
- Student identification with photo from a high school or an accredited institution of higher education.
- Tribal identification card with photo.

Voters without picture identification: Michigan election law anticipates that not all voters will have picture identification. Voters who do not bring picture identification to the polls or do not possess picture identification can vote like any other voter by signing an affidavit.

Questions regarding the picture identification requirement can be directed to your local city or township clerk's office.

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and a goulash dinner will be served at 6 p.m. After dinner the group will break a piñata and bob for apples. Attendees are asked to come in costume.

NOV. 4
CANDIDATE FORUM

A public opportunity to meet and question the candidates for Charlevoix City Council will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

An election for candidates will take place on Nov. 6.

Council candidates are as follows:

First Ward — Dennis Kusina and Mary Eveleigh

Second Ward — Kim VanMeter and D.J. Way

Third Ward — Jill Picha and John Elzinga

NOV. 29
HOLLY DAZE

The 15th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration "Sparkle" to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place on Nov. 29 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Holly Daze tickets are $100 per person ($60 of which is fully tax-deductible) and include cocktails and dinner. The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 29. Tickets are now available by calling (231) 547-8685.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT DONATIONS

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project committee is preparing for another holiday season.

Last year, the project committee helped 175 families including 352 children and 254 adults with a budget of approximately $6,500.

The committee's stated goal is the same as when the program started in the early 1980s. "Every child in the Charlevoix School District will have a good Christmas and receive a new article of clothing, a toy or a fun gift along with new mittens, hats and socks."

The project group has also found many needy senior citizens who live alone and would not have a good Christmas dinner without their help.

To donate, send checks made payable to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project to our treasurer Carolyn Batdorf, 04903 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, MI, 49720.

For more information, call Bev Boss, chairman of the Community Christmas Project at (231) 547-2078.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Hospital of Horror

Hospital of Horror, Charlevoix High School's second annual haunted house production put on by the performing arts students will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on both Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27. in the high school auditorium. Admission fee is $2 and free for kids 5 and younger. Popcorn, cider and coffee will be offered. (Above, from left) Nurse Olga, played by 12th-grader Autumn Atkins, demented patient, played by 11th-grader Melissa Shepard and the Nurse from Hell, played by junior Jennie Withers practice their murder and mayhem for the upcoming haunted house.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at (231) 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark, located at 401 West Carpenter St., is closed for the season. The park will reopen in May 2008. For more information, call 675-4505.

BURN PERMITS

Michigan averages 8,000 to 10,000 wildfires a year. More than 90% of Michigan's wildfires are caused by humans, and over one-third of those fires are started by burning yard waste or brush.

A burning permit is required any time the ground is not snow covered for open burning. Free burning permits are available online at www.michigan.gov/burnpermit, or by calling (866) 922-BURN (2876).

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

The Harsha House Museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, call 547-0373.

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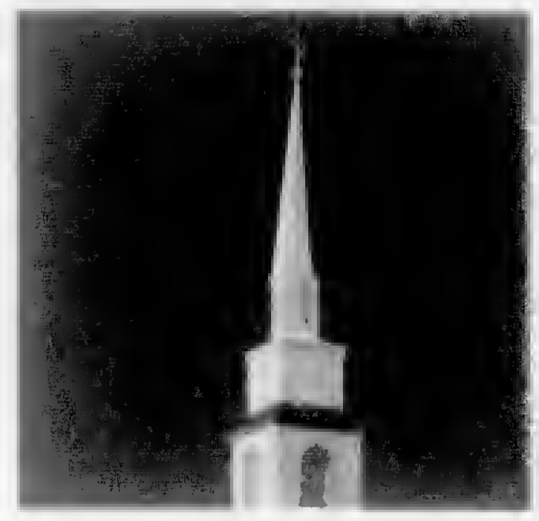

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Top of the pumpkin pile

Kyleen Smith, 7, Gabe Smith, 3, and Melody Smith, 5, of Traverse City enjoyed the fabulous fall sunshine on Sunday, Oct. 22 while shopping with their parents, Kelly and Tom Smith, for the perfect Halloween pumpkin at Bolt's Farm off Atwood Road. For pumpkin carving and Halloween safety tips as well as a Halloween events listing, see page 16 of this week's Courier.

What's next for the local Chamber of Commerce?

Longtime president announces resignation

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Jacqueline Merta

Last week, following almost three decades of service to the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, president Jacqueline Merta announced her resignation.

"The end of 2007 is good timing to bring my career with the Charlevoix Chamber to an end. This will make it possible for the next half-century to be started under new management. It's been a wonderful experience working for the Chamber for all these years. It has been personally rewarding to watch Charlevoix grow and know that I've been instrumental in helping it do so. I'll miss the challenges presented by my position but I look forward to my future opportunities," Merta, who began her career as the executive director of the Chamber in 1976, stated in a press release.

Merta was on vacation and unavailable for comment when her resignation was announced and chamber board president Tom Conlan declined to comment as to why her decision to leave is being dubbed a resignation and not a retire-

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Alumni association looks to recognize Connie Ford

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The mother of performing arts in Charlevoix, Connie Ford, lost her battle with breast cancer on Friday, Oct. 19.

A teacher of 40 years, Ford had been staying at Boulder Park nursing facility during her last days, had a memorial scholarship created in her name, and now a local group of alumni is working to honor her further.

"It's a huge loss," said alumni member Maureen Themm. "You don't find people like that anymore. In this day and age it's hard to find people who are going to dedicate everything for their passion."

She added, "The program will go on, but she will be sadly missed."

Themm and her fellow alumni are currently working on a way to honor Ford in addition to the performing arts scholarship which has been set up at the school.

"She gave her life to the program and she gave everything to the kids because they were her main focus," she said. "She was always about the kids.

Themm said Ford should be honored in another way, perhaps an evening held in her honor or naming the performing arts center after her, for her contribution to her thousands of former students.

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STORY HIGHLIGHT

On Friday, Oct. 19, Connie Ford lost her fight with breast cancer which had spread to the bone. Ford started the Charlevoix High School performing arts program in 1969. She resigned from her post at the school in September due to her declining health. No services are planned at this time.

A bright idea for tree lighting

On Oct. 15, Charlevoix City Council supported partnering with the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to usher in a new era of downtown tree lighting.

The 6-0 council vote means the Charlevoix Electric Fund and DDA will split the costs of acquiring 107,000 new energy efficient light emitting diode, or LED, tree lights for the 71 trees located on both sides of Bridge Street between Dixon Avenue and Hurlbut Street.

The move towards LED tree lights was prompted by suggestions from Charlevoix residents Mary Adams and Paul Weston. Downtown development consulting firm HyettPalma advocated expanding the downtown tree lighting program in its Charlevoix Downtown Blueprint 2007, the downtown revitalization strategy adopted by the DDA and the City Council this past spring.

Several benefits associated with the switch to LED tree lighting technology include:

LED tree lights are rated for 100,000 hours of use while standard incandescent lights typically last for a maximum of 3,000 hours. Charlevoix's current lighting program requires the replacement of incandescent light strings every two years.

LED tree lights are eco-

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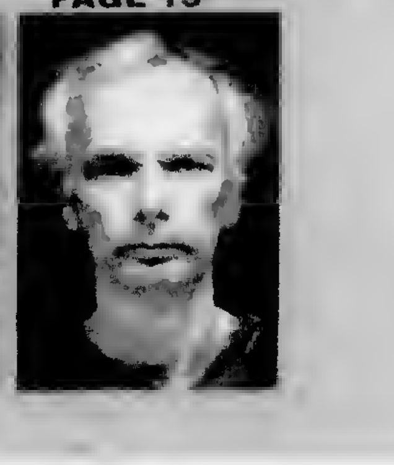

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Oct. 17	56	52	.85
Oct. 18	61	53	.57
Oct. 19	75	57	.63
Oct. 20	61	53	.23
Oct. 21	62	55	—

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Shandon Earl Williams, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Fines and costs totaling $100.

Arthur James Halloran, 50, Midland. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; $750 in fines and costs.

Michael Richard Todd, 28, Petoskey. Open intoxicant, motor vehicle driver. Fines and costs totaling $250.

Ashlyn Marie Forman, 17, Boyne Falls. Minor in possess of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Joseph J. Holland, 43, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Kalvin Shawn Cronn, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

(Amended) James Desy Marsh III, 23, Charlevoix. Controlled substance delivery/manufacture (narcotic or cocaine), less than 50 grams. Sentenced to a minimum of 18 months to a maximum of 20 years in prison with credit for one day in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Carol Ann Sheperd, 49, Boyne City. Embezzlement by an agent or trustee of $20,000 or more. Sentenced to a minimum of 18 months to a maximum of 10 years in prison; $518,902.33 in fines and costs.

Angela Grace Alsept, 34, Charlevoix. Operating while intoxicated — third offense. Sentenced to 360 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 180 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $1,220 in fines and costs.

Michael Owen Bradford, 20, East Jordan. Criminal sexual conduct — fourth degree, victim between the ages of 13 and 16. Sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for 65 days in jail, to serve 120 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Gary Allen Matsen, 65, Grand Blanc. False pretenses $1,000 or more, but less than $20,000. Sentenced to a minimum of 23 months to a maximum of 60 months in prison with credit for 93 days in jail; $10,605 in fines and costs.

Jason Clinton Miner, 29, Boyne Falls. Two counts of controlled substance — delivery/manufacture (narcotic or cocaine), less than 50 grams. Sentenced to 300 days in jail with credit for 85 days, to serve 300 days in jail; $530 in fines and costs.

James Michael Rose, 34, Conway. Health care fraud conspiracy; conduct criminal enterprises (attempted); controlled substance obtain by fraud; habitual offender — second offense. Sentenced to 360 days in jail with credit for 161 days, to serve 360 days; $17,695.10 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

James C. Pearson Construction, 5708 North M-66, Charlevoix, by James C. Pearson

Plum Tree Interiors, 2536 Eagle Island Road, Boyne City, by Laura J. Gray

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Scott Alan Campbell, 32 and Brandy Lynn Brookins, 27, both of East Jordan

Brian Robert Meiners, 30 and Molly Beth Millerwise, 28, both of Washington, DC

Jerry Steven Roman, 27 and Christian Ann Dunckley, 26, both of Charlevoix

Ryan Lee Jones, 27 and Julie Rae Thomas, 24, both of Boyne City

Timothy Neal Fonger, 24 and Morgan Christine Reynolds, 24, both of Charlevoix

Jason Edward McCollum, 26 and Karyn Rochelle Hren, 24, both of Charlevoix

Local woman escapes injury in rollover

At around 5:10 p.m. on Oct. 18 Alicia Marie Liberty, 23, of Charlevoix was involved in a rollover accident on Marion Center Road, less than a quarter mile north of Ferry Road.

Liberty was driving a 1989 Jeep northbound when she lost control of her vehicle. The vehicle rolled several times coming to rest on its hood in a corn field about 25 meters off the roadway to the east. Liberty was en route to Charlevoix and was wearing her seat belt. She was transported to Charlevoix Area Hospital and after evaluation was found to have no apparent injuries.

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Casey Powers vs. Mary Jo Powers

Ann Teresa Wilson vs. Dean Alan Wilson

Jennifer J. Poole vs. Donald D. Poole

Lauren Ashlee Vrondran vs. Justin W. Vrondran

BIRTH

Landon Allan Premo weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces was born Oct. 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Elizabeth Marie Page and Blake Whittney Premo of Petoskey. His grandparents are Roy Allan Page Jr., Sherry Lynn Schrage, Katherine Louise Premo and Joseph John Premo. His great-grandparents are Bill and Easter Premo and Cathy Hollow. His great-great grandparents are Ellis and Dorthy Premo, all of Petoskey.

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Chamber of Commerce aims to hire new director by Dec. 1

CHAMBER

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ment.

He said her resignation was a decision she discussed with the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors over the past few months but she wasn't pressured by the board to step down. When asked whether the decision came about as a result of prodding from disgruntled chamber members Conlan said a few respondents to a survey the chamber disseminated a year ago did express interest in replacing Merta but "Not a huge number. Not a majority.

"I think we received over 100 survey responses from the membership. The number responding fully in support of Jacquie's leadership was overwhelming," he said. "I think that Jacquie has done a wonderful job over the years and should be recognized for her service to Charlevoix."

Kirby Dipert, owner of Charlevoix Wear and Color Wear who has been a Chamber member for 21 years and is on the search committee for a new Chamber director, said, "There's been dissension back and forth for a number of years. I think she (Merta) just realized it was time to make a change."

One disgruntled Chamber member, owner of Charlevoix Cinema III, Bill Supernaw, spoke at a recent Charlevoix City Council public hearing to discuss the East Park fountain project. At the meeting, he said, "The Chamber has failed us."

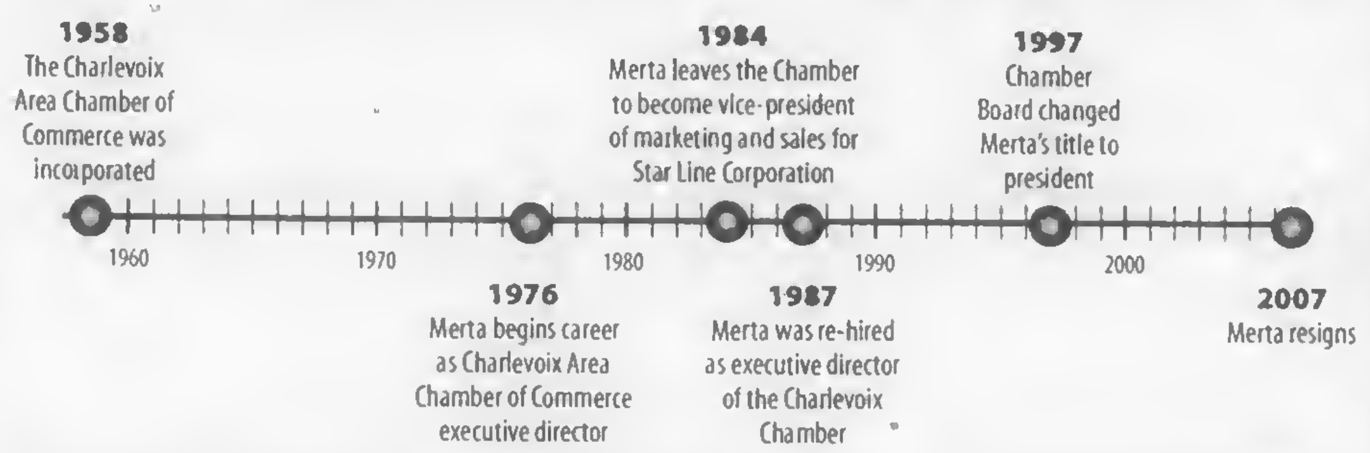
Last week when Supernaw was asked if he felt the change in leadership would address the "failure" he said, "Jackie has been there a long, long time. The very fact that she's been there 30 years is a testament to her capabilities. But someone new in there might have some fresh ideas."

According to Conlan, Merta's resignation is effective Dec. 31. Her replacement will have the executive director's title as opposed to that of president and is expected to be hired by Dec. 1. The executive director search committee is made up of Dipert and four Chamber board members including Conlan, Jay Bingham, Patt Blanchard and Linda Bradley.

"We are looking for someone to carry on the same traditional events and bring new ideas to the table. We don't need to reinvent the wheel but sometimes it's good to shake things up," Dipert said.

Merta's list of accomplishments includes several programs she started including industrial development initiatives. This is one area Supernaw hopes her replacement will excel.

"There's a lack of permanent stuff in town. Apple Fest, art fairs — these types of things are OK but they come and go. I'm looking for something more stable," he said.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1976
Merta begins career as Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce executive director
1987
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2007
Merta resigns

Highlights from Jacqueline Merta's tenure as president of the Chamber of Commerce

Under Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, president Jacqueline Merta's leadership, the following events were initiated: Apple Festival, Car Raffle fundraiser, Downtown Easter Egg Hunt, Indoor Sidewalk Sales, Chamber Golf Outing, Women's Winter Tour, Shop for Charlevoix Charities, Taste of Charlevoix, Summer Solstice Art Show and Downtown Farmer's Market.

The following programs were started: First Friday Biz Breakfast, Ambassadors, Step-on tour guides, Gifts for Grads, Michigan Scholars in conjunction with Charlevoix Public Schools and Creating Entrepreneurial Communities.

Under her direction, chamber member benefits were enacted including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan health care plans and Auto Owners Insurance discount programs. The Charlevoix Chamber was the first Chamber in the United States to offer Chamber Checks by Certifichecks, which are gift certificates redeemable at member businesses to keep dollars in our community.

Merta was instrumental in the creation of the Charlevoix Convention and Visitor's Bureau and served on its board until 2004. She encouraged the Chamber to make Venetian Festival an independent organization to give the Chamber more time to sponsor off-season events. Merta worked with the Beaver Island business community to help establish the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce and served as its executive director in the first years of its operation. During her tenure, the Charlevoix Chamber and City of Charlevoix in cooperation with Boyne City and East Jordan chambers of commerce and municipalities formed the Charlevoix County Business and Industry Task Force, the precursor to present day Northern Lakes Economic Alliance. In exchanging ideas at a state Chamber meeting, Merta came away with the idea of the Chamber and the Downtown Development Authority working together to strengthen the downtown. The decision was made to hire a part-time downtown coordinator in September 1991. The position was financed by the authority. She also coordinated the Chamber's relocation to its new office space at 109 Mason St.

Performing arts founder dies at 67

File photo

Members of the Charlevoix High School Performing Arts Alumni Association are discussing ways to honor Connie Ford, the program's founder who passed away on Oct. 19. Possibilities being considered include an evening held in her honor or naming the performing arts center after her.

FORD

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"My son is currently in the (performing arts) program and it made a world of difference for him," she said. "He went from being an apathetic student to a student who is incredibly involved in both performing arts and his academic role."

She added, "Certain kids need that outlet."

Ford was 67. There are no services planned at this time.

Donations to the performing arts program should be made out to the Connie Ford Memorial Scholarship C/O Shawn Biddle, Charlevoix Public Schools, P.O. Box 67, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Ford's children, friends and former students will discuss Ford's accomplishments, contributions and character in the Oct. 31 edition of the Charlevoix Courier entitled "Drama Queen: Life of a performing arts teacher."

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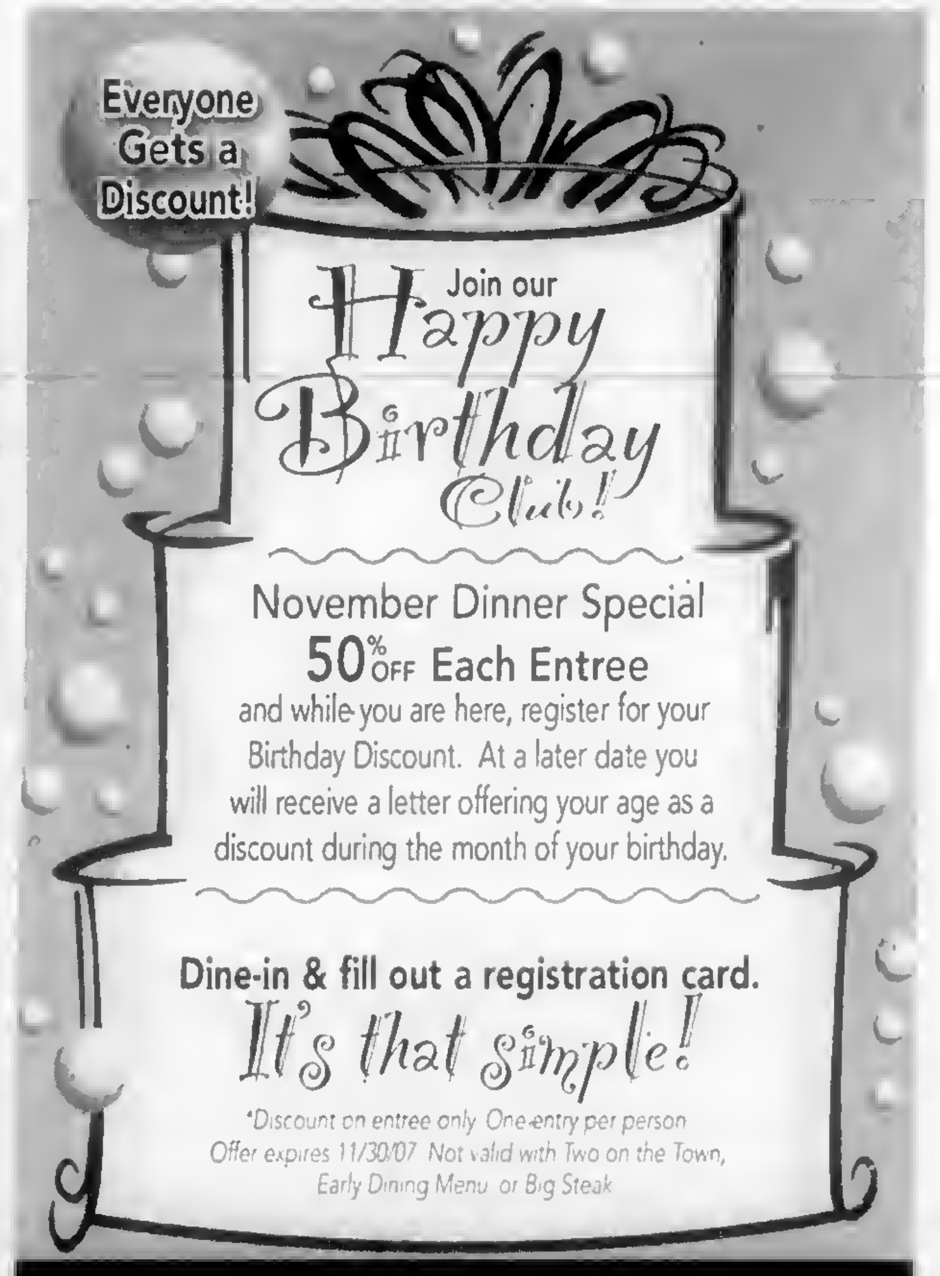
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Stop the bleeding with frivolous lawsuits

EDITORIAL

It's time for residents to stop bleeding their local municipalities of needed funds with frivolous litigation.

We've watched time and time again as residents angry with how their neighbor has chosen to use his or her property drag out costly legal battles.

Most recently a resident group in Norwood Township called Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety has fought Wayne Wynkoop's right to mine his property.

In spite of the fact that the Norwood Township Planning Commission spent countless hours debating Wynkoop's special use permit request to surface-mine limestone from his property at 01195 Norwood Rd, before approving it, the resident group continues to duke it out with Wynkoop and the township.

In the most recent lawsuit they filed, the citizen group members claim several special use stipulations have not been followed: stabilized construction access to prevent mud from being tracked onto Norwood Road; a gate limiting access to the mine; noise limit not to exceed 60 decibels and a limit of 30 truck trips a day; trucks prohibited from entering the village unless delivering gravel there; obtain all necessary permits for access road and pay half the cost of signage.

However, the man these same residents pay good money to police the operation, Norwood Township Zoning Administrator Jonathan Scheel, told the Courier he's looked into all complaints and feels the mining operation is in compliance with the Special Use Permit.

Residents need to allow local zoning to govern as it is intended to do and not try to manipulate the system to suit their own needs. If the zoning is broken, then amend it. But don't cut off your nose to spite your face.

Norwood Township officials have spent nearly $50,000 to defend the township from Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety's first lawsuit. How much will this continued battle cost taxpayers before they realize they've bled the township of the money it needs to make improvements.

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Share your memories and preserve history

BEHIND THE NEWS

Edith Gilbert

You or someone you know may be called on one of these days to be interviewed by Judith Ivan for the Charlevoix Public Library.

The project is two fold. One is to make DVD recordings of "veterans' stories," which will be sent to the Library of Congress in Washington DC for their Veterans History Project, and the other is to preserve precious Charlevoix memories of old time residents, in our own library, but more about those later.

Believe me, this is going to be a high quality project because professional videographer, Ric Pierpont, has been hired to record what is officially entitled, "Charlevoix's Oral Traditions." He tells me how enthusiastic he is because the video interviews will be made in high definition, which means that these interviews will be enjoyed by both young and old for many years to come.

We can thank Julie and Peter Cummings, longtime summer residents and library affectionaros, for underwriting this sentimental and wonderful addition to our new Charlevoix library. Veterans' Stories and their personal memories will be a valuable resource for both young people and adults alike.

Then there are the Charlevoix memories! You bet many of us can think of a number of interesting Charlevoix memories, the kind you tell around the dinner table on Thanksgiving, or around the TV at the Town House bar. Remember the time a bunch of our young bucks threw the juke box into the channel down at the Weathervane? Remember skinny dipping at night at Lake Michigan beach? Remember riding horses across the bridge, or jumping off the bridge into the channel? We're not allowed to do the latter anymore!

I lovingly remember the live telephone operators who said, "Number please?" They were more helpful then than today's 911! You could ask her the score of Friday night's basketball game or what was playing at the movie. She could track you down if you were visiting a neighbor and got a long distance call. And we only had four telephone numbers then. Ours was 6443. I remember what a drag it was when we had to dial 547-6443. Now we need to dial (231) 547-6443 on our cell phones.

Of course I remember Koch's fabulous Gambling Casino, which I wrote about in my book, "Summer Resort Life: Tango Teas and All." There stood the doorman, Frank Poole, who knew everyone. He knew who was allowed in — only summer people, like Ernest Hemingway — and who was not allowed in, townies, like the mayor. The reason behind this rule was that Mr. Koch didn't want local people to lose their money, but he didn't mind the summer trade dropping thousands at the roulette table on an afternoon. Townies had mixed feelings about the gambling casino. On the one hand they were disappointed that the liquor and gambling laws were not enforced, and on the other hand, they were pleased that it attracted such a wealthy clientele, people who spent a bundle in town, which meant jobs. Koch's stayed in business for 27 years, until Gov. Sigler declared war on all gambling casinos and it was finally raided in 1947. As a result Charlevoix fell into a mild depression because people with deep pockets stopped coming for a number of years. Not until the ski hills were developed did the area begin to recover.

Now hear this all veterans and locals — memory is a complicated thing and we don't want to have your precious memories lost, so please sharpen your pencils and start making your list of memories for the Charlevoix Oral Traditions program at Charlevoix Public Library. For more information, call (231) 547-2651 or e-mail jivan@charlevoixlibrary.org. Future generations will be grateful!

Edith Gilbert is a guest columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Weekly Poll

Would you like to see the performing arts center named after Connie Ford?

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67% of those polled said Wayne Wynkoop should be able to operate his mine off Norwood Road!

LETTERS to the editor

IS MY VOICE IMMATERIAL?

Editor:

I would like to respond to the new business owner who criticized the Courier for a poll about the closing of VIP (a letter entitled "Business decision unworthy of poll" written by Cindy Warner which appeared on page 5 of the Oct. 17 edition of the Charlevoix Courier). She stated how readers have no right to express their opinions about the way she operates her business unless we are willing to help pay her mortgage. Isn't the money customers spend at your restaurant and market used to pay that mortgage? I know I'm just poor local riff-raff, but as a former customer, I thought I was helping a little bit.

I don't understand why you would come into a small, resort town and alienate the very people who actually do share some of the burden of running a seasonal business. You also stated that until we are willing to help pay your mortgage, our voices are "immaterial." As a local resident, I get asked 15 times a summer "Where is a good place to eat in town?" Do you think those tourists or the restaurants they eat at would say my voice is immaterial?

Listen, we all want the downtown businesses to be successful and invest money into Charlevoix, but people also want to spend their money where they feel appreciated.

Luke LaBlance
Charlevoix

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS

Editor:

Fortunately, for all concerned in the Wynkoop mine issue, the law is not a public opinion poll. Facts are judged on their merits not on popularity or the lack thereof. Polls would be better held on more trivial matters or not held at all.

Marion Shea-Light
Norwood

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A SUITABLE NAME FOR THE PARK

Editor:

I am writing in regards to discussions about renaming East Park, (incidentally just where is "West" Park?) I would like to offer the suggestion that perhaps a simple mathematical solution might work as follows:

A equals beautiful marina. B equals beautiful park. Therefore A (marina) plus B (park) equals Marina Park, or maybe Harbor Park.

Only a suggestion from a loyal (displaced) Charlevoixian.

Gene Bridge
Belton, Texas

COVERAGE CLARIFICATION

Editor:

The Courier reported in its Oct. 17 edition a total of 663 mayors had signed the Climate Protection Agreement. However, the latest report states 691 mayors have now signed on as of Oct. 12, increasing at the rate of one a day according to the Web site http://USmayors.org/climateprotection. Eighteen cities in Michigan, including Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, Traverse City, Sutton's Bay and Marquette are on the list.

Although our council did not adopt the agreement, it is more important that we attempt to meet all 12 "green goals" listed in the agreement. The conversion of the tree lights to LED lights, agreed to unanimously at the last council meeting, is a giant step to achieve the green goal number five, "energy efficient lighting." LED lights will use one-tenth the electricity of the existing tree lights.

Bruce MacArthur
Conservation and Renewable Energy committee
Member
Charlevoix

GRANDFRIEND'S DAY

Editor:

The Charlevoix Elementary School PTO wishes to express our thanks to all those involved on Friday, Oct. 12, who helped make "Grandfriend Day" such a wonderful event this year. This is such an enormously exciting day for the elementary students and we are so appreciative to those who volunteered and gave their time to help ensure that the students would enjoy a nice lunch with their "grandfriends."

A sincere thank you to our business donors, our parent volunteers and to the kitchen staff who provided a really lovely meal and desserts and community volunteers who gave so generously of their time.

Thank you all for the outpouring of community support that made "Grandfriend Day" such a wonderful day for all.

Kimberly Sanger
Heather Sape
Lori Ivester
Charlevoix

IF NOT NOW, MEN... WHEN?

Editor:

Look around you. The leaves are just beginning to change the palette of our landscape from shades of green to one of reds and gold. Such a soft transition of seasons reminds us that we live tucked within a beautiful corner of the world. At night many of us leave the doors unlocked as we contentedly go to sleep beneath a quiet, dark sky — feeling safe within our homes and our little corner of the world. Many of us enjoy such peacefulness and safety, but not all. In too many of the homes of our neighbors the dark sky nights are filled with violence and fear.

Every so often the damage of such domestic violence rips the quiet night apart and becomes tragic enough to become a story in our local papers. The headlines read something like, "Woman raped after party" or "Woman killed by ex-husband." The headlines are impersonal, and I know for my part, in the past, I have read them with a similar lack of personal urgency. My thoughts would be something along the lines of, "What a senseless tragedy," or "Why would a woman be in a relationship with that kind of guy?" Rarely, did I take the internal dialogue to the next step and ask, "What can I do to prevent such violence?" Never did I, as a man, deeply analyze the fact that the vast majority of domestic violence and discrimination of women is acted out by my fellow men. Never that is until now.

This past spring, as our seasons transition from ice to blossoms, I along with Bill Wilson, MA, LPC, was honored to facilitate group conversations with other men in our community about men's perceptions of domestic violence. The group conversations were part of the recent Women's Resource Center's "A call to the men in our community" effort. The purpose of the focus groups was to hear well-meaning men's current perceptions of discrimination and violence against women by men. It was powerful to sit in a room full of men and discuss such an important and emotional topic. What I heard changed me.

After my conversations with the men in our community, I am confident that my fellow well-meaning men do not condone violence and discrimination against women. But I do believe that as men in this culture we have been buffered by the entitlement of our gender from the true extent of the damage of physical and mental violence that occurs daily at the hands and mouths of our fellow men — and so have not been forced to become part of the solution. For more than 30 years women have been leading the effort to stop the violence against women and children perpetrated mostly by our fellow men. It is time for the well-meaning men in our community to take the time to honestly reflect upon our attitudes about such violence and then take action along side women to stop such discrimination and violence in our community.

To this end, I urge all the men in our community to consider joining the effort to stop the violence by attending one of the Women's Resource Center's "A call to our community" sessions either from 1 to 4 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25 in the library at North Central Michigan College. Ted Bunch, a co-founder of the national "A Call to Men" effort, will facilitate the sessions. I have heard Mr. Bunch speak, and his message is compelling and important.

It is time for each of us to look around our community and to look within ourselves to determine what we can do to end violence and discrimination against women and children. It is time for a transition of men and women working together to ensure all of us who live in this beautiful corner of the world enjoy quiet nights beneath dark skies. If not now, men when?

Erik Larson
Petoskey

OBAMA'S PRIMARY DECISION

Editor:

Michiganders for Obama would like to clarify a troubling situation regarding the Michigan Democratic presidential primary election. We can understand why everyone is saddened by this, however, this has been a confusing and a distressing situation for all Michigan voters and we hope voters will understand what prompted Senator Obama, along with most major Democratic candidates to remove his name from the Jan. 15 primary ballot.

Senator Obama removed his name from the January 15th Michigan Democratic Primary because he, like all the candidates, had made a pledge to respect the primary calendar that was established by the Democratic National Committee (DNC). This is why three other Democratic presidential candidates also removed their names from the Michigan Democratic Primary ballot.

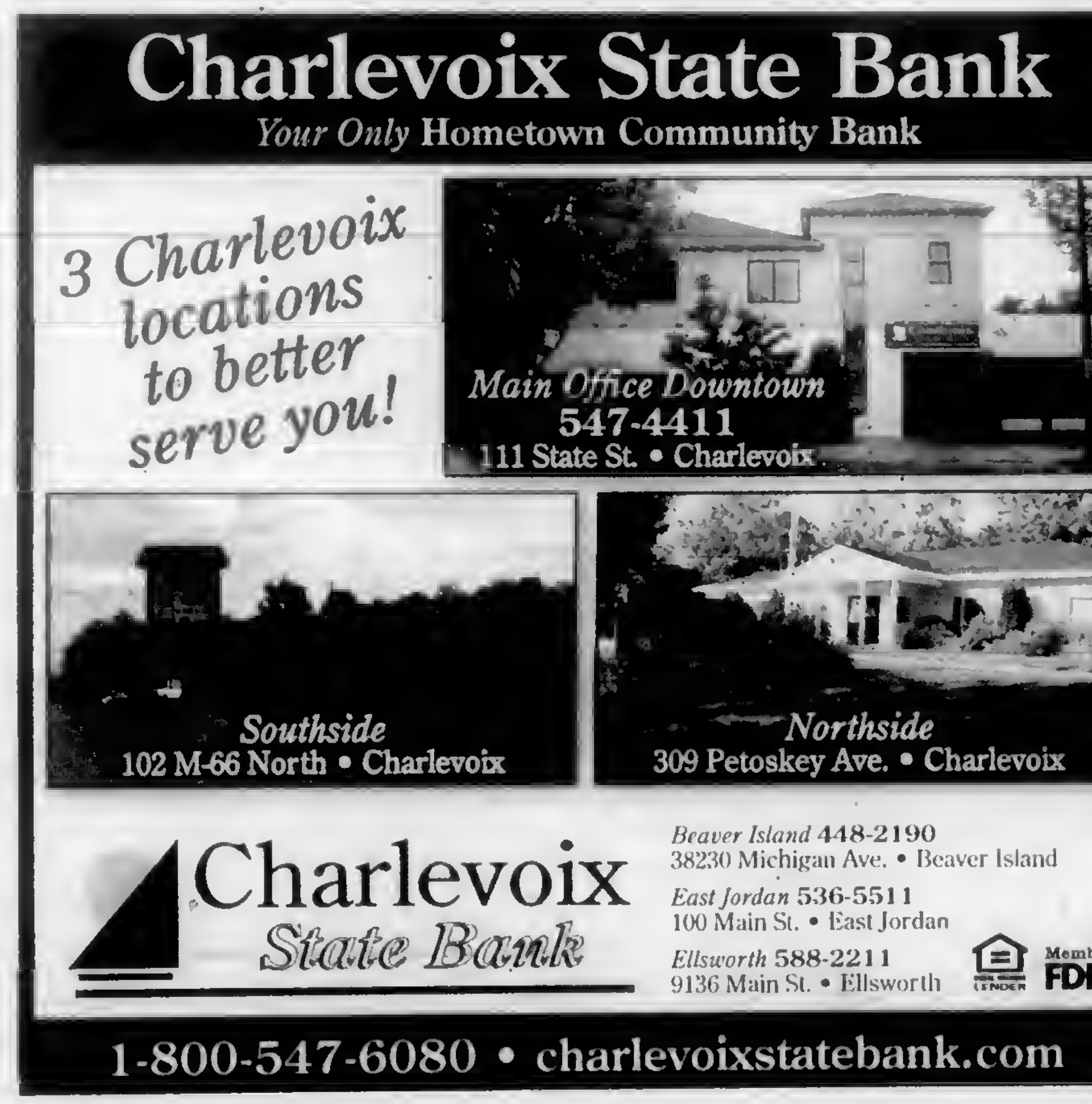
Senator Barack Obama is a man of character and integrity, a man of his word. This is why we are convinced he is the person to elect the 44th President of the United States. When Senator Obama makes a pledge, Senator Obama keeps it. Voters in Iowa have become convinced of this, which is why polls are showing Senator Obama ahead or running a very close second depending on the poll.

Unfortunately, Senator Obama was placed in a position where he felt it necessary to remove his name from the Michigan Democratic Primary ballot because of the current problems with Michigan's presidential nomination process.

All Democratic presidential candidates signed the pledge to follow the rules of the Democratic National Committee. It has been reported in the media that Iowa and New Hampshire put additional pressure on the Democratic candidates to remove their names from Michigan Primary ballot. Only two candidates kept their names on the ballot, despite having originally pledged to honor the Democratic National Committee rules.

Senator Obama respects the voters of Michigan and Michiganders for Obama hopes that the Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) will set aside personal interests and get Michigan's nominating process back on track. We stand by Senator Obama. We believe he presents our best opportunity for change. Therefore, Michiganders for Obama will remain focused on our goal — which is to get Senator Obama elected as the 44th President of the United States. We will be ready to move forward, once a decision is made by state Democratic leadership and the Michigan Democratic Party.

Sara Gay Dammann
Charlevoix



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Commitment honored

(Above) Roger Postmus receives the George F. Hickson award from Gayle Gennett for his outstanding contribution to the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club. Postmus was honored with membership in the George F. Hixson Fellowship. A contribution of $1,000 has been made in his name to the Kiwanis International Foundation Endowment. The International Foundation established the Hixson Fellowship in 1983 to honor George F. Hixson, the first president of Kiwanis International, and to build your Kiwanis International Foundation's endowment, which earnings support the needs of children and the Kiwanis family.

Sheriff's office offers fall cleanup to seniors

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office will once again offer fall cleanup services to senior citizens.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater will assign county jail prisoners, supervised by a sheriff's officer, to assist senior citizens with raking and general cleanup of their yards.

This program also includes townships in Charlevoix County where prisoners may be assigned, under supervision, to clean cemeteries, parks, etc.

Sheriff Lasater advises only prisoners who are not a security risk to the community will be assigned to this detail.

Senior citizens must call the Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103 to sign up for the yard cleanup program.

PAWS reading sessions on Saturdays at the library

Courtesy photo

Mabel Carson and Lady share a book before the PAWS program begins. The PAWS reading program meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays at Charlevoix Public Library.

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Fifteen to twenty minute reading time slots are available. Call the Youth Information Desk at (231) 237-7350 to sign up.

When the children arrive for their reading session, they get to choose a book to share, and then curl up and read aloud to an adoring listener — a dog. The owner is there at all times but is usually silent. The goal of PAWS is for the child to be able to practice reading aloud in front of a non-judgmental, happy audience, gaining confidence. Reading practice like this has shown an increase in both reading scores and a willingness to read.

The READ. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) program began out west and programs are spreading throughout the country. The Charlevoix Public Library began their READ program in the new library, last fall. Children are excited to visit and read to "their" dog.

"They love having a furry friend to listen to them tell a story," said youth services assistant, Sandi DiSante.

Dog owners interested in learning more about the program and how to be a certified PAWS team, can contact the youth information desk at the library, (231) 237-7350.

Classifieds pay off!

Robin Lee Berry

Kristin Glasgow

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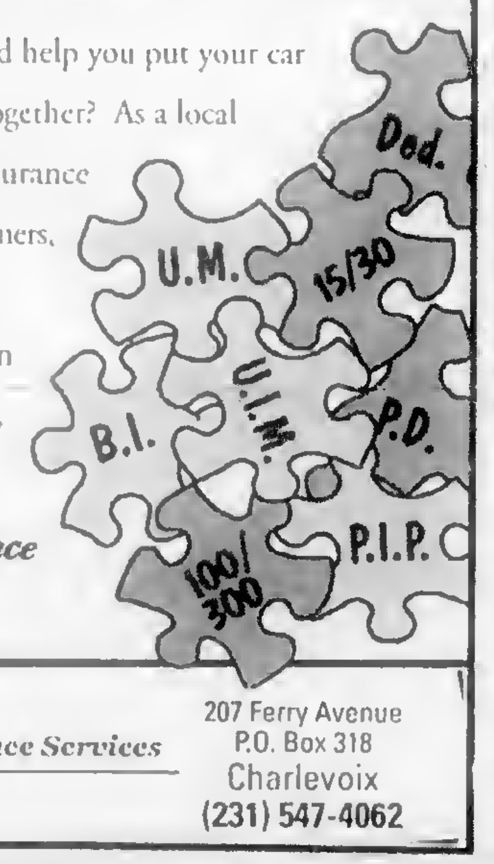

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Catch Monday Movie Matinees at the library

STORY HIGHLIGHT

The next movies to be featured at the Charlevoix Public Library fall movie series are "In Harm's Way" at 1 p.m. on Nov. 5 and "Dreamer" at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 5.

The Charlevoix Public Library is beginning their new fall movie series.

Monday Movie Matinees will be hosted on the big screen in the library's community meeting on the first Monday of each month. There are two different series being offered. The Classic Movie Matinees will be shown at 1 p.m. and the Youth Movie Matinees will be after school at 3:30 p.m. The movies are free. Attendees may bring a snack to enjoy.

The Classic series will feature "In Harm's Way" on Nov. 5 with John Wayne and Kirk Douglas, 1965 and "High Society" on Dec. 3 starring Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and Frank Sinatra, 1956.

The Youth series will feature "Dreamer" on Nov. 5 with Kurt Russell and Dakota Fanning, 2006 and the Christmas masterpiece, "Polar Express" on Dec. 3, featuring Tom Hanks and Leslie Harter Zemeckis, 2005.

The Charlevoix Library is hoping to offer old-time songs before the Classic movie, if there is a volunteer willing to add the ambiance to this series, contact the information services desk at (231) 237-7340.

Teens invited to free ballroom dance class

Charlevoix Public Library will host a ballroom dance class exclusively for teens (13-19) at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25 where teens will learn the basic steps to the fox-trot and swing.

Pierre Dulaine, dance instructor, stated, "What we are really teaching the students is respect, teamwork and transferable skills. Our students learn that the most important thing is to be able to work with another human being. And what they learn stays with them for life."

To register, call (231) 237-7340.

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Area Garden Club members Patti Aikin and Ruth Augustine teach Charlevoix Elementary School students about Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl while introducing them to the 2007-2008 garden club poster contests.

Area students gear up for garden club poster contest

Members of the Youth Education Committee of the Charlevoix Area Garden Club visited the art classrooms of Mary Beth McGraw at Charlevoix Elementary School and Lori Bolt at St. Mary School early this month to introduce students to the 2007-2008 garden club poster contests.

Students in first through fifth-grades will create original artwork for the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl poster contest sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs Inc. In a separate contest kindergarteners and sixth-graders will highlight native plants to illustrate the theme "Where The Wild Things Grow."

The Youth Education Committee will meet in December to judge the posters. First place posters in the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl contest will go on to compete at the state level. The winning student artists from each grade will be recognized for posters awarded first, second and third place and honorable mention in May at a tea to be held at Charlevoix Elementary School.

Registration underway for Sights on Success

Laurie Stewart

What? 3rd Annual Sights on Success free event for area sixth through ninth-grade girls led by nationally known public speaker Laurie Stewart.

When? 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10.

Where? Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

The Charlevoix Zonta Club and Charlevoix Area Hospital will present the 3rd Annual Sights on Success on Saturday, Nov. 10 at Charlevoix Public Library.

Sights on Success is a free event for area sixth through ninth-grade girls who will be part of an interactive experience lead by nationally known public speaker Laurie Stewart. Stewart will lead the girls through activities featuring topics of self-esteem, goal setting, confidence building and other topics related to the attendees.

Registration is at 9:30 a.m. The event begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Lunch is provided at no cost. Early registration is encouraged and the first 75 to register will receive a T-shirt.

For more information on Stewart, visit www.lasterwart.com.

Sights on Success is sponsored by the Charlevoix Zonta Club and the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

To register, call Helen at (231) 547-2955 or Betsy at (231) 547-5930. Mail registration forms to Charlevoix Area Zonta Club SOS – Sights on Success c/o Helen Emmons, 102 Alice St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 or fax them to (231) 547-1754.

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What's happening at the Library this week?

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)
Wednesday, October 24, 4:00 pm
High school age teens interested in the library & willing to commit to 2 meetings per school year. TAG members choose library materials & services (CD's, games, books and programs) and have volunteer opportunities. Call Linda for more information: 237-7340.

Storytimes Thursday, October 25
Lapsit (birth-3), 10:05 a.m.
Pre-k (3-5), 10:30 a.m.

Ballroom Dance Class for Teens
Thursday, October 25, 6:00 pm
Free instruction of two ballroom dances the waltz and swing. For teens only. Registration is encouraged: 237-7340.

Book Talkers!
Monday, October 29, 6:00 pm
Join library staff and other book enthusiasts in a rousing discussion of I Capture the Castle, by Dodie Smith, a story of 17-year-old Cassandra and her family who live in not-so genteel poverty in the crumbling ruin of an English castle.

Scary Stories (for the not fainthearted)
Tuesday, October 30, 7:00 pm
Stop by the library before your walk through the haunted house to be really scared in the garden! Suggested age grades 4 and up.

Regular Weekly Meetings: Newcomers welcome!
French Conversation Circle: Tuesdays @ noon
Spanish Conversation Circle: Tuesdays @ 6:00 p.m.
Writer's Group: Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.

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DEATH NOTICE

Constance Ford: Died Oct. 19, 2007

Constance Grace Ford, 67, of Charlevoix died Friday, Oct. 19 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

No services are scheduled at this time. A complete obituary will follow. Arrangements are being handled by the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

OBITUARIES

Eugene Saenger: March 5, 1917 - Sept. 30, 2007

Eugene Saenger

Eugene L. Saenger, M.D., a lifelong resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, Professor Emeritus of Radiology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, and philanthropist died of natural causes on Sunday, Sept. 30 at the age of 90.

Dr. Saenger was an internationally renowned physician, scientist, investigator and teacher who made fundamental contributions to medicine and the specialty of nuclear medicine, yet described himself as "just a simple country doctor."

Devoted to his family and to his community, Dr. Saenger was also a noted admirer and supporter of the arts and education in Cincinnati. He was always proud of his multi-year direction of the successful countywide tax levy campaigns to support indigent patient care at both university and children's hospitals. He was a board member of the Cincinnati Ballet and the Cincinnati May Festival, an early contributor to WGUC and WCET, and a contributor to and involved for decades with the United Way, its predecessor, and many other local eleemosynary institutions and arts organizations too numerous to mention.

Dr. Saenger was born on March 5, 1917 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the son of Therese and Eugene Saenger. His maternal uncle, Sidney Lange, M.D. was Professor of Radiology and the first chairman of the Department of Radiology at the University of Cincinnati and was Dr. Saenger's mentor and partner in their medical practice. Dr. Saenger attended Walnut Hills High School, was accepted to college after his junior year, and received an AB degree Cum Laude from Harvard University in 1938 and his MD degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 1942. He completed his internship and residency at the Cincinnati General Hospital and was certified by the American Board of Radiology in 1946. A pioneer in the field of nuclear medicine, he was in 1972 among the first persons in this field to be certified by the American Board of Nuclear Medicine.

Dr. Saenger devoted the bulk of his professional career to the University of Cincinnati. He rose through the academic ranks to Professor of Radiology (1962), the same year he left private practice. He served as vice-chairman, Department of Radiology, from 1975 to 1987. Dr. Saenger established the Hospital's Radioisotope Laboratory in 1948 and it was named in his honor in 1979. He was its director until his retirement in 1987, at which time he was appointed Professor Emeritus, and the Eugene L. and Sue R. Saenger Professorship in Radiological Sciences was established.

Dr. Saenger was an avid outdoorsman and fly fisherman and a member of the Zanesfield Rod and Gun Club. In Cincinnati he was a member of the Queen City Club, the Optimists Club, the Literary Club and the University of Cincinnati's McMicken Society. He was also a member of Washington D.C.'s Cosmos Club and the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, Fla.

The entire family loved summering in Charlevoix, boating, fishing, playing golf and tennis and visiting with friends from all across the country who gathered in Charlevoix each summer. The Reis and Saenger families expressed their gratitude to the Charlevoix community through regular gifts to Charlevoix Area Hospital.

His wife of 54 years, Sue Reis Saenger, and a daughter, Katherine Soodek, preceded Dr. Saenger in death. Also preceding him in death were his father-in-law James J. Reis, stepmother Suzanne Grate Reis of Charlevoix, and brothers-in-law James Reis Jr. and John Reis.

Survivors include his son, Eugene L. (Ellen) Saenger Jr. of Cincinnati, four grandchildren, Eugene L. Saenger III and Nicholas J. Saenger of Cincinnati; Caroline Soodek of Chicago, Ill.; Andrew (Rika) Soodek and two great-grandchildren, Spencer and Ella Soodek, of Evanston, Ill.

Virginia Petero: Feb. 15, 1919 - Oct. 17, 2007

Virginia E. (Inglis) Petero, 88, of Charlevoix, and formerly of Largo, Fla., died Wednesday, Oct. 17 at her son's home in Charlevoix.

She was born on Feb. 15, 1919, in Flint, the daughter of Horace D. and Jane (Kern) Taylor. She was secretary/treasurer of Inglis Ford-Mercury in Tawas and West Branch until her retirement. Virginia spent her summer months boating on the Great Lakes with family.

Virginia is preceded in death by her husbands, William B. Inglis, and Harry Petero. She is survived by her son, William B. (Tori Fisher) Inglis Jr. of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Suzanne Beth Inglis, Carrie Inglis, Jenelle Buchanan; stepgrandchildren, Sloan Fisher, Taylor Fisher, Tanner Fisher. Virginia's daughter Jane Beth, and brothers Kenneth and Fred Taylor also preceded her in death.

There are no funeral services planned. A memorial service will be held at a future date. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Michigan, P.O. Box 233 Boyne City, MI 49712.

Frank Zednicek: Nov. 12, 1913 - Oct. 22, 2007

Frank Zednicek, 93, of Charlevoix died Friday, Oct. 19 at Bortz Health Care in Petoskey.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Oct. 22 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix. Pastor Michael Teuscher officiated. Entombment will be in Oakwood Memorial Mausoleum in Saginaw.

He was born on Nov. 12, 1913 in Allentown, Pa., the son of Michael and Anna (Bencurik) Zednicek. On May 2, 1936 in Saginaw, he married Emma Weitz. She preceded him in death in 2000.

He graduated from Arthur Hill Trade School. Frank was a pro boxer from 1930 until 1938 and was the Michigan State Lightweight Champion. He was ranked 18th in the United States. He then entered wrestling from 1939 to 1951 and was ranked 11th in the nation.

Frank worked at the Jackson-Church Company in Saginaw from 1932 to 1942. From 1942 until 1951, he worked law enforcement for Saginaw County Sheriff Department. In 1952, he worked as a certified welder for Consumer's Power. He moved to Charlevoix to work at Big Rock Nuclear Power Plant. He retired in 1975.

Frank had been a member of the Peace Lutheran Church in Saginaw and Bethany Lutheran Church in Charlevoix.

He is survived by son, Ronald Frank (Judy Louise) Zednicek of Charlevoix; two grandchildren, Michael Zednicek of Sault St. Marie and Jeffery (Depika "Dee") Zednicek of Petoskey; three great-grandchildren, Savanah, Jessica and Jennifer Zednicek.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Bethany Lutheran Church, 11906 U.S. 31 North, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Arrangements are being handled by Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix.

Lois Kallie: Aug. 9, 1928 - Oct. 14, 2007

Lois E. Shapton Kallie, 79, of Ironton and Zephyrhills, Fla., passed away Sunday, Oct. 14 in Farmington Hills, after a long illness.

She was born Aug. 9, 1928 in Marion Township, and was preceded in death by her parents Earl J. and Nola Byers-Shapton; brothers, Warren Shapton and Stanley Shapton; and husband, Amon Kallie.

Lois enjoyed playing cards, swimming, fishing, golf and playing the piano.

Mrs. Kallie is survived by her brother, Leslie (Unadel) Shapton of California; son, Larry (Jeanne) Anderson of Redford; four grandchildren, Jamie and Patty Anderson and Jennifer and Kevin O'Donnell; and companion, Dick Burns of Zephyrhills, Fla.

Private family arrangements were made.

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m
Worship	10:30 a.m
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

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104 State Street

Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

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Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	547-6322

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	588-2112
or Missionaries	547-6159

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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875

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Church Office	547-9482

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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort	547-4121

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US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

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Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

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Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321

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Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

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1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
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Pastor Duane O'Ffill	231-347-6651

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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

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Nazarene church parishoners raise funds for mission

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Who knew soda bottles and rummage sales could save lives?

Parishioners of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene know and that's why they are raising funds any way they can to pay for a mission trip to Nicaragua next spring.

"So far we have five teens and three adult chaperones including myself going," said Nazarene pastor Dan Gilmore. "We may build a new trip or new building or renovations when we get there."

One of the teens attending next spring's trip is Nazarene parishioner and Charlevoix High School junior Veronica Shull, who said mission work has had a profound affect on her life.

"You get to see how other people live," she said. "It really changes your perspective on what you have."

According to fellow student Ashley DeVries, helping others live better through Christ is personally rewarding.

"People should definitely do it (missionary work). If they're not, they're missing out on the best thing that could happen to them," she said. "I hope to accomplish a lot of things. I definitely want to bring somebody to Christ and I hope we get as much done on the construction site as they hope we do and as much as we need to do."

Gilmore said this, "work and witness" mission trip serves several purposes.

"It gives people awareness of the mission work and it certainly gives direction to young people, especially in seeking where the Lord might be leading them. It's also a good avenue for personal investment in the mission field," he said.

Gilmore, who has traveled to destitute regions of the world in years past said, "It's a life changing experience and it's amazing to see the simple joys and peace, but also the destitution they're dealing with.

"What often grieves me is the corruption at the government level in many of these countries. It's sad to see the ineffectiveness of governments," he said. "I think Americans should travel abroad. I think they would have a far greater appreciation of our government at all levels."

Gilmore added, "It's amazing how many of these government agencies are operating under the assumption that bribes will come and that everything is done by bribes. That is a great obstacle for churches because we don't participate in that, so many times there are delays because the proper people weren't paid off."

However, Gilmore said, he doesn't want to dwell on the negative aspects.

"It's amazing in many respects to see the work of the Lord going on," he said. "Often times in these areas the church is blossoming and exploding under hardship and that is always refreshing."

The cost to send one volunteer on the mission trip to begin over Easter break is $1,200, not including the cost of the project.

Past mission trips have included helping people in the Bahamas, Honduras, Costa Rica and Belize.

Anyone who wishes to help send Gilmore and his fellow missionaries may send a check or money order made out to the Nazarene Youth International Mission Trip, 12023 Waller Rd, Charlevoix or call pastor Gilmore at (231) 547-5711.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Parishioners of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene are raising funds to pay for a mission trip to Nicaragua next spring.

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Charlevoix High School juniors Ashley DeVries and Veronica Shull are working to raise funds for the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene's upcoming spring mission trip. The girls are among several parishioners planning to head off to Nicaragua during spring break to help work on building projects while spreading the word of Christ.

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Voters with picture identification: Voters can satisfy the picture identification requirement by showing a Michigan driver's license or a Michigan personal identification card.

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- Tribal identification card with photo.

Voters without picture identification: Michigan election law anticipates that not all voters will have picture identification. Voters who do not bring picture identification to the polls or do not possess picture identification can vote like any other voter by signing an affidavit.

Questions regarding the picture identification requirement can be directed to your local city or township clerk's office.

For more election related information, visit www.michigan.gov/vote.

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Four weeks on Chantix and no new vices

Kim
commits to quit

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Last week the Courier gave readers a glimpse into the life of our 41-year-old advertising manager Kim Taylor after three weeks on a new prescription pill from Pfizer called Chantix.

The pill, which she started taking on Sept 24 to quit smoking, contains no nicotine and helps reduce the urge to smoke by keeping nicotine from reaching key receptors in the brain.

This third installment of "Kim commits to quit" will focus on life changes she's noticed since dropping her pack a day habit and what she needs to do to stay with the program

THE PROGRAM

When did you start?

Sept 24 Quit smoking entirely on Sept 30.

How does it work?

Kim takes two one milligram pills daily. Chantix literature recommends continuing to take the pill for 12 weeks.

How are you feeling?

"Good. I haven't had any noticeable increase in my sense of taste or smell."

Have you gained any weight?

"I haven't weighed myself I was overweight to begin with so I don't do that "

Any new vices?

"No. I'm not eating any more. I'm not keeping my mouth or hands busy by munching."

How sure are you that you will succeed?

"It's going to be hard not to, especially in this town. Everyone knows. Strangers are walking up to me and saying, 'Are you Kim?' It's been neat how the community's rallied behind me."

Do you think you will have to change your life long-term to make it work?

"I don't think so. I'll probably have to diet soon. But I needed to do that anyway."

THE TRUTH

How many cigarettes have you smoked since Oct. 17?

"I haven't smoked a full cigarette, but I've bummed a lot of hits "

The community had a chance to hang with you at Fright Night on Oct. 19 at Castle Farms, did you come away smoke free?

"No. I had to sell raffle tickets in the smoking section. Smokers never get things like that (a chance to buy raffle tickets). People don't think about them. I was out there bumming hits."

How do you feel when you smoke with Chantix in your system?

"I would have to try (smoking) without drinking to know for sure But I don't want one then."

What has surprised you at this stage?

"A difference in perception. After leaving the Flight Deck Friday night (Oct. 19) my clothes smelled bad I wouldn't have noticed that before. I was still smoking."

For more information, visit www.chantix.com.

Flu shot clinics scheduled in Charlevoix

Anyone who wants to reduce their chances of getting the flu can get vaccinated.

Cost for flu shots is $25. Pneumonia shots are also available for $30. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. Appointments are required for all clinics. Call 800-432-4121 during business hours to schedule a flu shot appointment.

The following is a list of flu clinics in Charlevoix:

Nov. 5 at the health department Charlevoix office, 220 West Garfield St.

Nov. 12 at the Charlevoix Middle School, 108 East Garfield St.

Nov. 27 at the health department Charlevoix office, 220 West Garfield St.

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Battling breast cancer one cookie at a time

BY KRISTINA HUGHES
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

The aroma of fresh baked sugar cookies permeates the kitchen.

Bags of flour, cartons of eggs and containers of pink icing line the counters. Karen Kirschner of Petoskey smiles as she packs cookies made with love during the cookie drive for breast cancer.

"I feel normal again," Kirschner, a breast cancer survivor, said as she laughs and shares memories with friends.

Last year her friends helped her cope after her mastectomy surgery. Looking back, she remembers the afternoons spent in radiation, her friends who stood by her side when her hair fell out in clumps, and their acts of kindness.

"My friends would say, 'We love you just the way your are,'" Kirschner said.

Marla Kay Houghteling stirs the batter and remembers their efforts to lift Karen's spirits. She would bring meals over and helped with house chores.

"We would do normal life activities that took her away from the medical regiment. So much of her life revolved around chemo," Houghteling said.

Nearly two years after her diagnosis, Kirschner's eyes dance and her hair has grown back in curly waves. She is optimistic about the future and her efforts to increase awareness about the realities of breast cancer.

"There are no doom and gloom days," Kirschner said. "I'm hopeful and strong."

Kirschner is ready to start giving back to area breast cancer support groups. Instead of donating cash, she hopes to raise awareness about breast cancer and funds by baking cancer cookies.

The idea was sparked by her friend Jim Simonsen, who did a similar fundraiser in Naples, Fla.

On a recent afternoon, Jim and his mom, Elaine Simonsen, were busy making dozens of sugar cookies at the Truffles Bakery and Deli. The old-fashioned sugar cookies decorated with a pink breast cancer emblem will be sold at the Truffles Bakery and Deli in Charlevoix. Jim, the owner of the bakery, is donating all the ingredients.

Jim, a close friend of Kirschner's, is proud of her positive attitude and desire to give back.

"We knew she'd be better," Jim said. "We stayed focused on getting better and helping people."

All the proceeds from the sales will benefit Just for Us, a support group for breast cancer survivors, and the Circle of Strength, a cancer support group's cancer library project at the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Kirschner a member of both the groups said the support played an instrumental role in her own recovery.

"They gave me hope and something to look forward to," Kirschner said. "I didn't feel alone."

Kristina Hughes can be reached at (231) 439-9348, or khughes@petoskeynews.com.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Truffles Bakery and Deli in Charlevoix is selling Cookies for Cancer The cookies are $2. All the proceeds will be donated to area breast cancer support groups The cookies will be available through Sunday, Oct. 28, at the bakery located at 208 Bridge St in Charlevoix.

Photo by Kristina Hughes/Petoskey News-Review

Marla Kay Houghteling (from left), Karen Kirschner, a breast cancer survivor, and Elaine Simonsen are baking dozens of breast cancer fundraising cookies.

Courier to publish late to include election results

The Charlevoix Courier will delay printing of the Nov. 7 edition of the paper to allow for inclusion of Nov. 6 election results.

Newspapers will be mailed on Nov. 7.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause readers and advertisers.

For more information, call Julie Witthoeft at (231) 547-6558 or e-mail news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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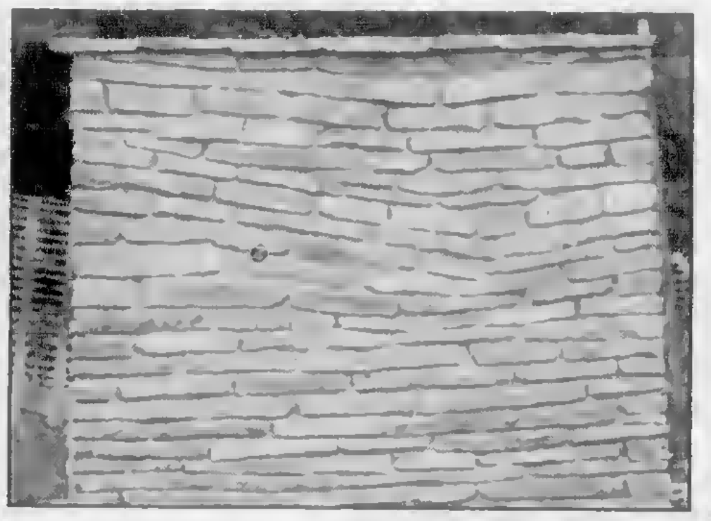
East Park project begins to take shape

The $7 million overhaul of East Park is beginning to take shape. Work on the park project started in late February 2007 with demolition of the former Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce building, the Odmark Pavilion commonly called the "bandshell," the portable bathroom trailer and the fish pond. These photos were taken recently and depict work currently underway including construction of the new performance pavilion and harbormaster's facility as well as site work and underground excavation. The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority is paying for $5.2 million of this project, the Michigan Waterways Commission is funding the balance. The complete project which is about two weeks behind schedule is expected to be unveiled on May 26, 2008.



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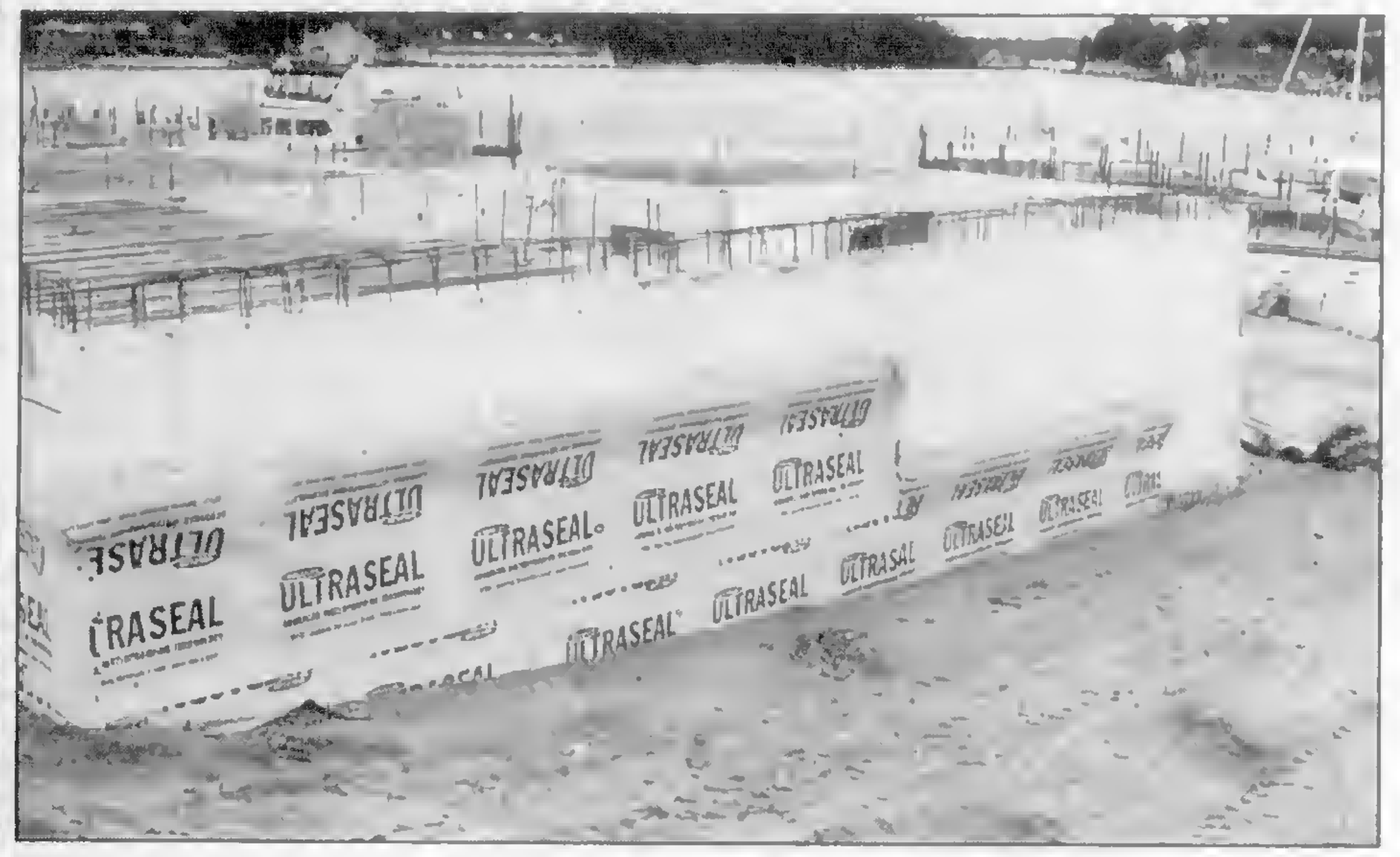
(Above) This stone facade on display in East Park which aims to replicate the Earl Young stone work in Charlevoix will be used as the exterior finish on both the harbormaster's building and the performance pavilion. The stone came from a quarry in Onaway. (Left) Cones placed along the marina promenade mark where light poles will be installed. Each light pole will have a speaker mounted on it to pipe concerts through the park.



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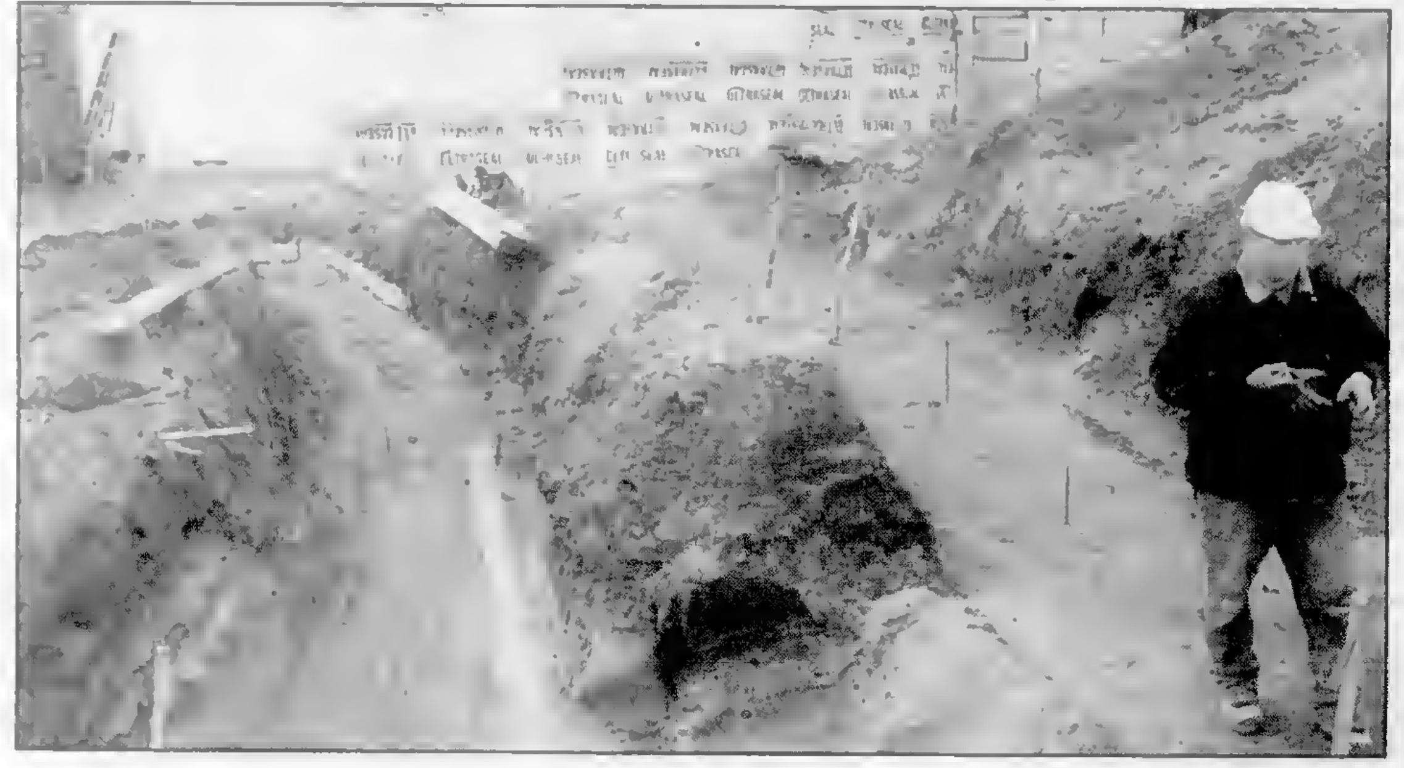
This is a view of the harbormaster's building under construction. The footings were poured in mid-July and last week, a 16 inch concrete roof was poured over the protruding aluminum joists. The roof will be covered in grass and will have bench seating and viewing opportunities of the interactive fountain and the trout pond which will run along the south side of the building, shown above at right.



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Excavation is underway for tiered seating at the performance pavilion. The seating will be a combination of grass and concrete. In digging out the four tiers, workers with Hallmark construction, the project's general contractor, were surprised to find the foundation from the Parkside, a restaurant that used to sit at the site. The pavilion is seen here under construction in the background.

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Charles Merriman charged in brother's murder

BY STEVE ZUCKER
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An East Jordan man accused of killing his brother who has been missing for more than a year was bound over to face trial on a charge of open murder following a marathon preliminary examination Thursday, Oct. 18.

Charles "Chuck" Merriman Jr., 58, is accused of killing his brother William Merriman, then-54, on or about June 15, 2006, at their parents' home near East Jordan.

Despite the fact that William Merriman's body has never been found, the day before Merriman was arrested in late August, the 7th Probate Court granted a motion by Charlevoix County Prosecutor John Jarema to have William Merriman legally declared dead.

The most lengthy testimony Thursday came from Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Det./Lt. Michael Wheat, who was in charge of the year-long investigation.

Wheat explained he first learned of William Merriman's disappearance on Sept. 5, 2006, when he received a message from a concerned friend.

According to Wheat's testimony, William Merriman had lived in Hudsonville for some time where he worked as a graphic design artist. William had traveled to his parents' home on Phelps Road (where the defendant has lived for many years) around the time their mother died around June 11 or 12. Their father had recently been admitted to a Charlevoix nursing home and William had been making arrangements for his father to come home.

Charles Merriman

The last evidence of William being alive is a debit card transaction at the Charlevoix Glen's at about 8 p.m. on June 15, 2006.

Wheat said there has been no trace of William since. There has been no activity in any of his bank accounts or his Internet service. He abandoned his apartment and all of its contents. He has had no contact with any family, friends or co-workers. Checks of hospitals and clinics in northern Michigan and the Grand Rapids area and alerts on police information networks have all turned up empty.

Wheat said when he went to the Phelps Road home, Charles Merriman Jr. said he last saw his brother on the night of June 15, 2006, when he left with a man named "Ed" to travel to Indiana to answer a call for help from his ex-wife.

But, Wheat said Merriman's story kept changing.

When police executed a search warrant at the house and found blood inside. Wheat said Merriman explained that when he and his brother were removing carpet from the house in anticipation of their father coming home, William had cut his hand and bled extensively.

Police said they found William Merriman's blood in numerous locations throughout the first floor of the house. Wheat said Merriman explained that the blood was spread around the house both by his brother as he moved around following the injury and by the blood-soaked carpet when he removed it from the house.

Wheat said deputies later made several trips to a landfill near Pinconning when they learned that a garbage company had hauled away a six yard load of items from

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STORY HIGHLIGHT

An East Jordan man accused of killing his brother, who has been missing for more than a year, was bound over to face trial on a charge of open murder following a 12-hour preliminary examination on Thursday, Oct. 18.

The case will be set for a scheduling conference in the coming weeks. Merriman has been denied bond.

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Merriman hearing wraps after 12 hours of testimony

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the Phelps Road home in early July. During one of those visits police recovered a sofa cushion that Charles Merriman Jr. later identified as having come from the house and having a large spot of his brother's blood.

Wheat said police did a foot search of the area around the Merriman home, searched a pond nearby and did an aerial search by helicopter using infrared scanners but did not find William Merriman's body. Wheat also said Chuck Merriman admitted that shortly before William's disappearance "there had been a lot of friction between William and Chuck regarding Chuck's inability to hold up his end of the family finances in getting a job."

Thursday's hearing, which included testimony from more than a dozen witnesses, began at 9 a.m. and wrapped up around 9 p.m.

Others who testified Thursday included William's landlord and business associates, all of whom described William as very dependable, responsible and organized. His landlord said he had never been late on a rent payment in 10 years.

William's ex-wife testified that she hasn't had any contact with William since their divorce in 1982.

A orthopedic surgeon testified that the injury to his brother's hand the defendant described to police would be very unlikely to cause the amount blood loss as indicated by evidence collected at the scene.

Preliminary examinations are hearings held in district court in felony cases. At such hearings the prosecutor must convince a judge that probable cause exists to show that a crime was committed and that the defendant committed the crime before the case can be sent on to circuit court for trial. "Probable cause" is a much lower standard of proof than the "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard at trial.

Because William Merriman's body has not been found, Jarema's biggest hurdle at trial may be proving to a jury that William died and that he died as a result of criminal activity.

The case will be set for a scheduling conference in the coming weeks. Merriman has been denied bond.

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Merriman requests a new attorney

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STORY HIGHLIGHT

At the beginning of his preliminary examination Thursday, Oct. 18 Charles Merriman Jr. asked 90th District Court Judge Richard W. May for a different court-appointed attorney saying that he was not satisfied with the work his current defense attorney Kerry Zahner had done to-date on his case. The request was denied.

At the beginning of his preliminary examination Thursday, Oct. 18 Charles Merriman Jr. did something unusual.

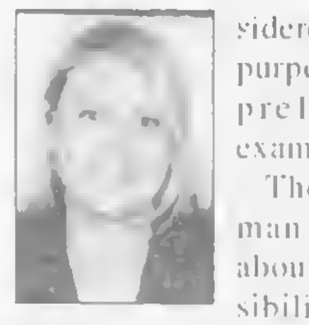
He asked 90th District Court Judge Richard W. May for a different court-appointed attorney saying that he was not satisfied with the work his current defense attorney Kerry Zahner had done to-date on his case.

Merriman said he felt like the court proceedings were being treated as just a formality on the path to spending the rest of his life in prison.

Following what appeared to be her client's unexpected request of the judge, Zahner detailed the work she had done to prepare for Thursday's hearing.

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema came to Zahner's defense saying that he knew Zahner to be a competent attorney and that he had already had several meetings with her on the case that of which Merriman was likely not aware.

Judge May denied Merriman's request saying that he, too, knew Zahner to be a competent attorney. He added many of the things Merriman was complaining that Zahner had not done were things that she was not permitted to do under the rules of ethics or were not matters to be considered for the purpose of the preliminary examination.



Kerry Zahner

Then Merriman inquired about the possibility of being allowed to represent himself. Judge May also denied that request, pointing to Merriman's own in-court statement that he had little understanding of legal proceedings.

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Events planned to mark National Hospice Month

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Handling the Holidays, a program that will give suggestions on how to cope with the holiday season, will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov 1 in the large classroom in the lower level of the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

Annual Memorial Service to remember those hospice has served this year will take place At 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, located at 104 State St. Charlevoix.

Hospice activities planned for November is National Hospice Month and Hospice of Northwest Michigan and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan have two special events planned.

Nov. 1 — Handling the Holidays

Hospice of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, is offering a program that will give suggestions on how to "Handle the Holidays" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1 in the large classroom in the lower level of the Charlevoix Area Hospital. This program is open to anyone who feels a need for help to get through the holidays.

Whether your loss has occurred in the past few months, or in the past, the holidays can bring about feelings of loss and sadness. Rev. Nancy Rhode, hospice spiritual advisor, and Margaret Lasater, bereavement coordinator, will talk about the "Griever's Holiday Bill of Rights" and will offer a simple plan for handling some of the stresses associated with the holidays. Participants will receive a booklet that contains a holiday planner and other useful tools.

Following the program there will be a time for sharing and refreshments. There is no charge for this program. For more information, call the hospice office at (231) 582-8800 or health department of Northwest Michigan at (231) 547-6092.

Nov. 4 — Annual Memorial Service

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, located at 104 State St. Charlevoix. Hospice of Northwest Michigan in partnership with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, will host a Memorial Service to remember the patients they have served this past year. Anyone who has experienced a death is encouraged to attend the service.

For more information, call Margaret Lasater, bereavement coordinator at Hospice of Northwest Michigan (231) 582-8800.

Artist Gathering exhibit at the Jordan River Arts Center

Area artists who participated in this summers' Artist's Gathering paint outs, sponsored by the Jordan River Arts Council now have their works exhibited at the Jordan River Art Center in the lower gallery during the Davies—Staffel Exhibit.

The Artist's Gathering began two years ago when barn painting works were needed for the Barn and Folk Art Exhibit. Several arts council member painters were contacted and a schedule was set up for the summer with different sites with an artist hostess at each site. The project was so successful that it was continued during the winter at the art center with still life and life drawing as the focus.

This summer the focus was on water landscape. Artists participating this summer were Juli Rumberg, Pat Tinney, Cayla Tinney, Howard Ellis, Jane Diller, John Stevens, Richard Cunningham, Prudy Barber, Joan Tebo, Susan Sheets, Trish Morgan, Rosie Evans, Carol Johnson, Phyllis Childs, Lynn Carson, Mary Ann Polchlopek, Raechel Alberts, Pat Terry, Karen Kimmel, Diane Strezlinski, and Gail Innes. Those having works on display are Barber, Tebo, Sheets, Alberts, Diller, Evans, Strezlinski and Stevens. All works are for sale.

Courtesy photo

Prudy Barber, who was an artist hostess at Wilson Lake, showing her watercolor, "This Old Boat" painted on the shore of Lake Charlevoix.

The exhibit runs through Nov. 11 at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan and is open daily from 1-4 p.m. The Center will be closed Nov. 10.

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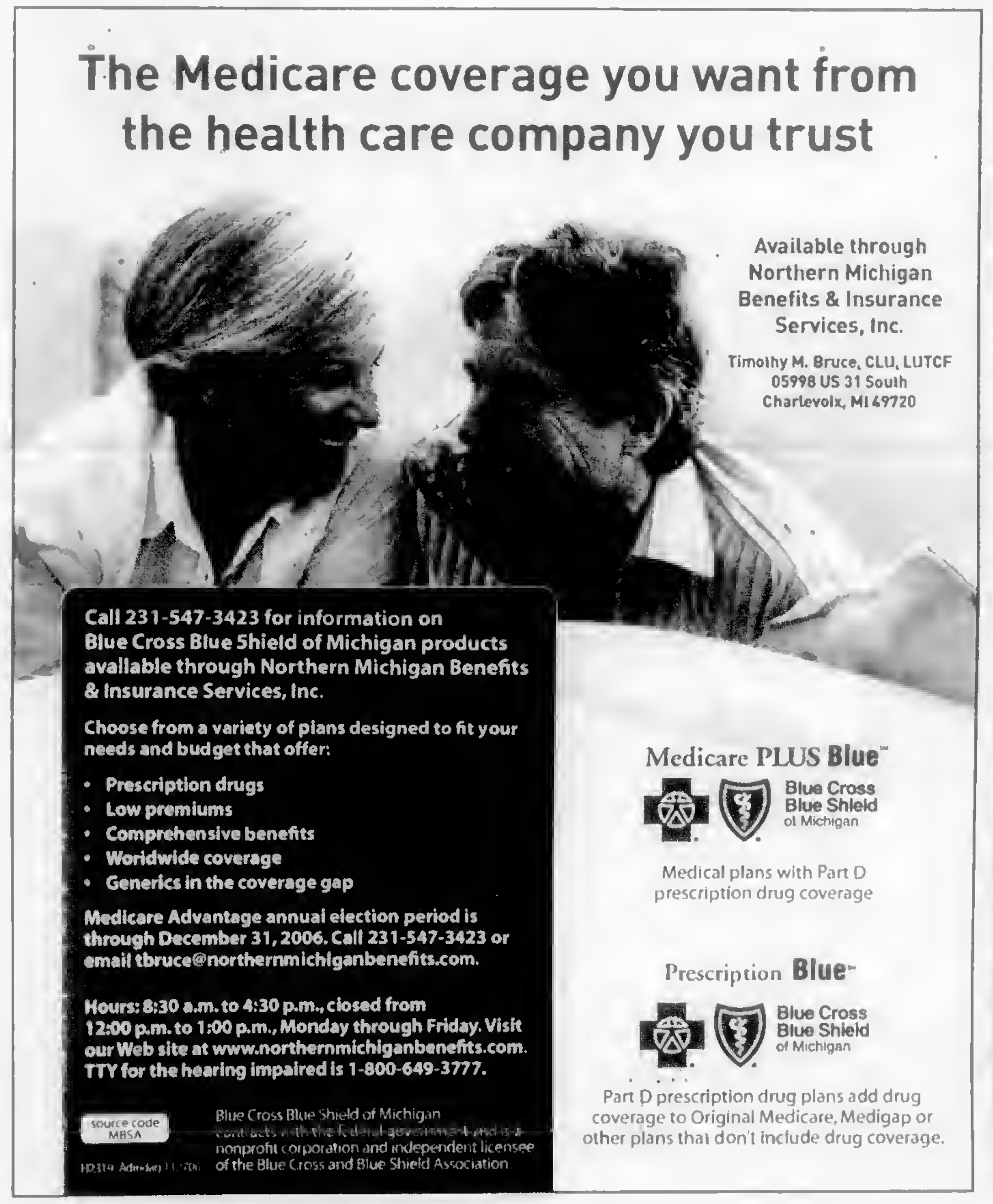

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Werewolf notes, trick-or-treating safety and more

10 things you never knew about Werewolf Bob

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The Charlevoix Courier recently caught up with Werewolf Bob while he was doing some last-minute Halloween shopping. Bob became a werewolf while traveling along the West Coast during the summer of 1969.

The Charlevoix Courier recently caught up with Werewolf Bob as he was preparing for Halloween

1. How did you become a werewolf?

"It was the summer of '69." Me and some friends were cycling down the West Coast, camping each night, when one evening we were attacked by what we though was a large dog. I've been hairy and scary ever since."

2. What do you do for fun?

"Chase livestock, bark at the moon, scare small children, anything that involves a howling good time."

3. Is there anything else you would liked to have done with your life?

"I always wanted to try interpretive dance, but look at me, I'm a werewolf."

4. If you could change one thing about yourself or your world what would it be?

"I wish I had a better dental plan. My canines are killing me from all this biting and snarling."

5. What do you do when you're not out terrorizing the countryside?

"My training is in political science, but with the economy the way it is I've been making ends meet with odd jobs. I do roofing, lawn care, no job is too small. Call me."

6. If you could meet anyone, living or dead, for an hour lunch, who would it be?

"Lon Chaney Jr. who played Larry Talbot in the 1941 classic, The Wolfman. I just love his work."

7. What is your favorite food to eat or prepare?

"Goats, sheep, horses, cows, people, but they have to be alive because they taste better when they're scared."

8. What really makes you angry?

"Guys with silver bullets. They think they're so smart."

9. What is something people do not know about you?

"Every time I hear the song 'Wind Beneath My Wings' I break down and cry."

10. What is your favorite time of the year?

"Oh, definitely fall. I love Halloween. It's the one time of the year when I can leave the house and no one freaks out."

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Frightful fun

Lindsey Carland and Brian Hater dressed as Dog the Bounty Hunter and his wife Beth, won best dressed couple at Fright Night on Oct. 19 at Castle Farms, a costume party and fund-raiser attended by about 150 people to benefit the Charlevoix Children's House. While official numbers have not been calculated, initial numbers show about $7,000 was raised.

Halloween safety tips and times

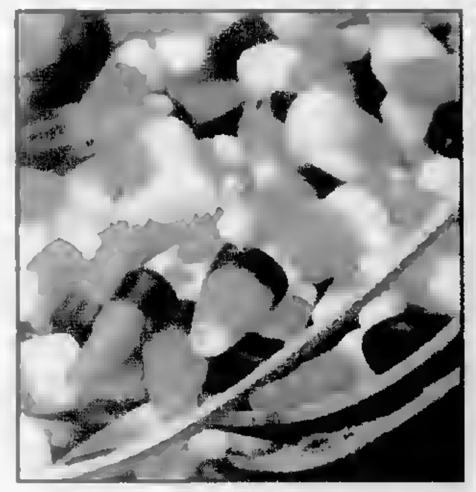
Here are some Halloween safety tips:

Choosing your costume:

- Make sure you can breathe inside your mask – If the eye and nose holes are not big enough, make them bigger. a
- Make up is generally a safe alternative to masks
- Costumes should fit loosely to allow for free movement and warm clothes under it, but not so loose that the child might trip over it.
- Avoid using weapons or sharp objects with costumes — plastic props or weapons made from cardboard and tinfoil are a safe alternative
- Make sure costumes are flame-retardant as lit jack-0-lanterns may ignite fabric
- Be seen — if your costume is dark in color, apply reflective tape to it and carry a flashlight

Know where you are going:

- Discuss route to be taken
- Travel in groups
- Chaperone younger children
- Only visit homes which are well-lit
- Never enter a home
- Young children should carry a paper containing their address and phone number in the event they are lost



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Trick-or-treaters should check each piece of candy before eating it.

Other tips:

- Walk, don't run from house to house
- Obey traffic signals
- Trick-or-treat in familiar areas
- Avoid strange pets
- Remind kids not to eat any candy before they get home
- Check each piece of candy before allowing kids to eat it
- Eating a small meal before heading out will help reduce the temptation to snack on treats while out and about
- Discard any treats you suspect were tampered with

Official trick-or-treating hours in the City of Charlevoix:

6 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 31

File photo

At around 12:30 p.m. on Oct. 31 Northwest Academy students will trick-or-treat down Bridge Street, to the Charlevoix Public Library and up Park Avenue before heading back to school. Charlevoix Elementary School students will follow at 1:15 p.m.

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Looking for Halloween hot spots? Try these haunted houses and parties

The following is a list of Halloween related events in and around Charlevoix.

Oct. 26 and 27
Hospital of Horror

Charlevoix High School performing arts students will present "Hospital of Horror," a haunted house, on Oct. 26 and 27 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School.

Hospital of Horror will be open from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 and from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The cost is $2 per person with entrants 5 and under admitted free.

Popcorn, cider and coffee will be available.

Oct. 27
Fright Night

The Ellsworth Senior Class will present "Fright Night," a haunted house, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 in the gym at Ellsworth High School. The cost is $3. Chaperones will be present.

Oct. 27
Open swim

1st Annual Halloween Open Swim from 3 to 6 p.m. (treats and more) at Charlevoix Area Community Pool.

Oct. 28
Costume party

The Board of Christian Education of First Congregational Church will host a Halloween dinner and costume parade beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28. Youth will meet to cook dinner and decorate cupcakes at 4 p.m. The Halloween parade will follow at 5:30 p.m. and a goulash dinner will be served at 6 p.m. After dinner the group will break a piñata and bob for apples. Attendees are asked to come in costume.

Oct. 29 and 30
Haunted Station

Coast Guard Station Charlevoix will present "Haunted Station," a haunted house from 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 29 and 30, at the local Coast Guard Station, located at 101 Coast Guard Drive in Charlevoix. Admission is one non-perishable food item to be donated to the Charlevoix Food Bank.

Oct. 30
Scary stories

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30 stop by Charlevoix Public Library to listen to scary stories before walking through the haunted house and spooky garden. Suggested ages — fourth-grade and up. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Housemaster Mac Ernst, a Charlevoix High School junior, handcrafted the props which will be used for Hospital of Horror, the school's second annual haunted house production put on by the performing arts students. The event is scheduled for 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on both Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27, in the high school auditorium. Admission fee is $2 and free for kids 5 and younger. Popcorn, cider and coffee will be offered.

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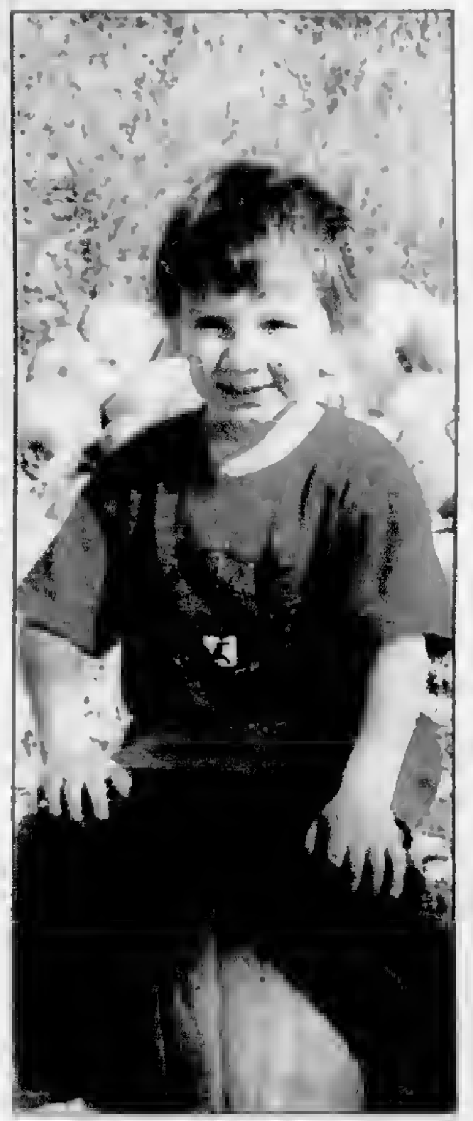

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Careful carving

Paige Bradley and Rylynn Sladek of Charlevoix carve pumpkins on Oct. 19. Pumpkin safety tips include using artificial lights instead of candles, supervising the use of cutting tools as it's hard for little hands to cut through the tough flesh of a pumpkin. Choose pumpkins which are firm, not dried out, and carve them two to three days before Halloween for the best look. (Below) Aidan Webb, 4, of East Jordan picked out this fresh pumpkin at Bolt's Farm on Sunday, Oct. 22.

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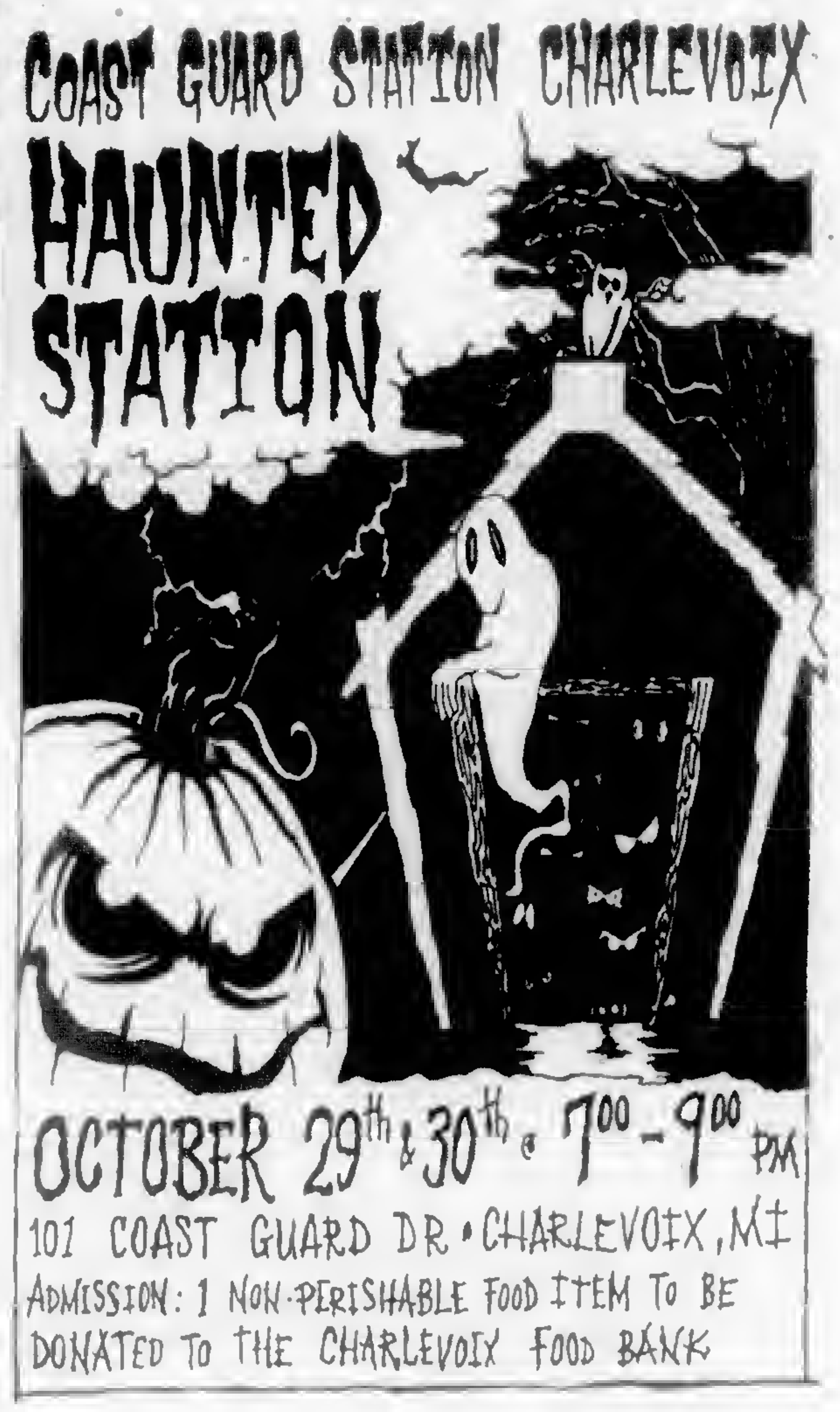
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BUSINESS What's new?

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Chamber to host business startup class

What? The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the next "How To Start Your Own Business" orientation class.

When? 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

Where? In the conference room at the chamber office located at 109 Mason St. in Charlevoix.

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the next "How To Start Your Own Business" orientation class scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24 in the conference room at the chamber office located at 109 Mason St. in Charlevoix.

To register for the free class, call the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101 or e-mail info@charlevoix.org. You can also contact the NLEA office (231-582-6482) or e-mail info@northernlakes.net

Participants will meet with Wendy Wieland, the NLEA Business Counseling Specialist and certified business counselor. This simple 90 minute session will help those who are considering starting a new business learn the basics.

In addition to learning the basics about how to develop a business plan, participants will receive workbooks and other resources important in helping think through and research the various aspects of starting a business.

County-wide Business After Hours Oct. 25 at Mountain Grand Lodge

The Boyne, Charlevoix and East Jordan Chambers of Commerce will host this Business After Hours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25 at Mountain Grand Lodge in Boyne Falls.

Admission is $5 for Chamber members and $10 for non-members.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.

Greg Bryan named Realtor of the Year

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STORY HIGHLIGHT
Greg Bryan a Realtor with ReMax of Charlevoix was named 2007 Realtor® of the Year by the The Antrim Charlevoix Kalkaska Association of Realtors®

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Charity shopping event Nov. 3

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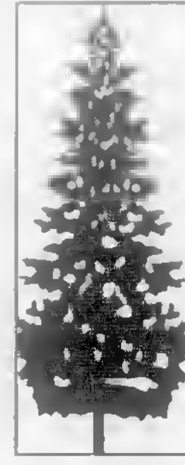

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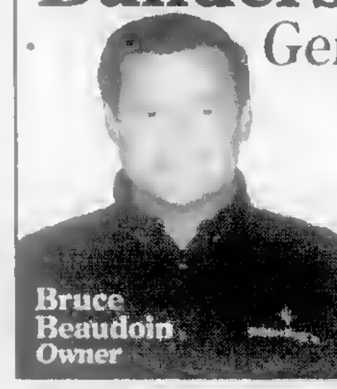

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Rayder football ends season with a loss

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The Rayders ended their last game of the season the same way they began, with a loss.

Charlevoix's varsity football team was beaten 28-7 by Grayling on Friday, Oct. 19.

"The Rayders led the game 7-0 at half-time," said Rayder coach Don Jess. "Cliff Jones scored Charlevoix's only touchdown on a four-yard run."

He added, "Our kids gave it everything they had. They never gave up. Grayling was just more physical than us."

Cliff Jones kicked the extra point.

Kyle Jones led the defense with eight tackles and Justin Klooster had two interceptions.

Jess said he will miss his senior players debarking for bigger and better things next spring.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for them because, even though they didn't win a lot of games, they kept trying," he said. "I think that is the reason they'll be successful in life."

Jess added, "As for next season, our weightlifting has already started at 6:20 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday."

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Gotta Regatta

Charlevoix Cub Scouts Pack 11 competed in the 2nd Annual Raingutter Regatta at Depot Beach. The event drew 30 Cub Scouts and adults. Participants were required to assemble and decorate a pinewood sailboat. Using straws, participants blew against the sail, propelling the sailboats from one end of the raingutter to the other. Pictured above are the regatta champions. They are (from left) Tiger Cub Caleb Pitman, Wolf Cub J. T. VanMeter, Bear Cub Danny Nesburg and Webelos Scout Mik Nesburg. The overall grand champion Is Danny Nesburg. Adult Division winner is Allison Filizetti. Any boy from first through fifth grades can join Cub Scouts. Adults can volunteer to be leaders by calling Cubmaster Christopher Snabes at (231) 547-7327.

Rayder volleyball clinches Lake Michigan Conference tie

Charlevoix claimed at least a tie for the Lake Michigan Conference title with a 25-22, 25-22, 25-17 win over East Jordan Thursday.

The Rayders are 37-7-8 and 12-0 in the league, with two matches remaining.

For Charlevoix, Tammy Potter had 12 kills; Murphy Gillespie, 11 kills, nine digs; Desi Faust, nine kills, 13 digs; Aubrey Way, 32 assists; Michelle Burke, 11 digs; Shauna Speneley, three aces; Lauren Mielke, two aces.

East Jordan won the JV match. 25-19, 25-20, 15-12.

Maribeth Poindexter had seven aces and three kills for the Red Devils, while Michelle Finley had three assists.

What's next? The volleyball team will open district play facing Glen Lake at 6 p.m. on Oct. 30 at Glen Lake. If they win they will face East Jordan at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 3 at Glen Lake.

Volleyball rec league to meet Oct. 29 at city hall

An organizational meeting for men's, women's and coed volleyball take place at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 29 in the basement at Charlevoix City Hall, located at 210 State St.

Interested players and teams should attend. Games begin after Thanksgiving. For more information, call (231) 547-3253.

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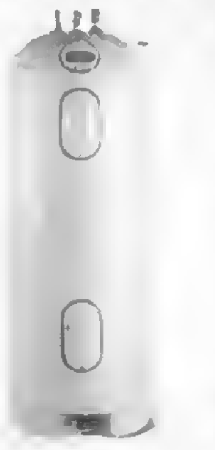

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, October 15, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed to accept the resignation of Dan Nuttle from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Motion passed to accept the resignation of Louis Hollow from the Compensation Commission.
- Motion passed to appoint June Cross to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Motion passed approving the Mayor's appointment of Tracy Sell to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).
- Motion passed accepting the fiscal year 2006-2007 annual audit.
- Motion passed awarding Mama T's the City Hall/Electric Department cleaning contract for 2007-2008 for the amount of $31,824.00.
- Motion passed awarding Cardinal Carpet Cleaning the City Hall/Electric Department carpet cleaning contract for 2007-2008 for the amount of $6,900.00.
- Motion passed awarding Cleaner One the City Hall/Electric Department window cleaning contract for 2007-2008 for the amount of $1,440.00.
- Motion passed approving $16,480.00 for the purchase of LED lights from Michigan Decorations, LLC, for downtown trees, as the City's portion of a 50/50 cost split with the DDA.
- Motion passed approving the renewal of the Michigan Municipal League Liability & Property Insurance for the year beginning November 1, 2007 for $118,305.00.
- Motion passed appointing Rick Brandi as delegate and Paul Ivan as alternate to the MERS Premier Health Annual Board Meeting October 23, 2007.
- Motion failed to set a public hearing for the November 5, 2007 Council meeting to receive public input on Belvedere/Hurlbut address conflicts.

Council adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk   Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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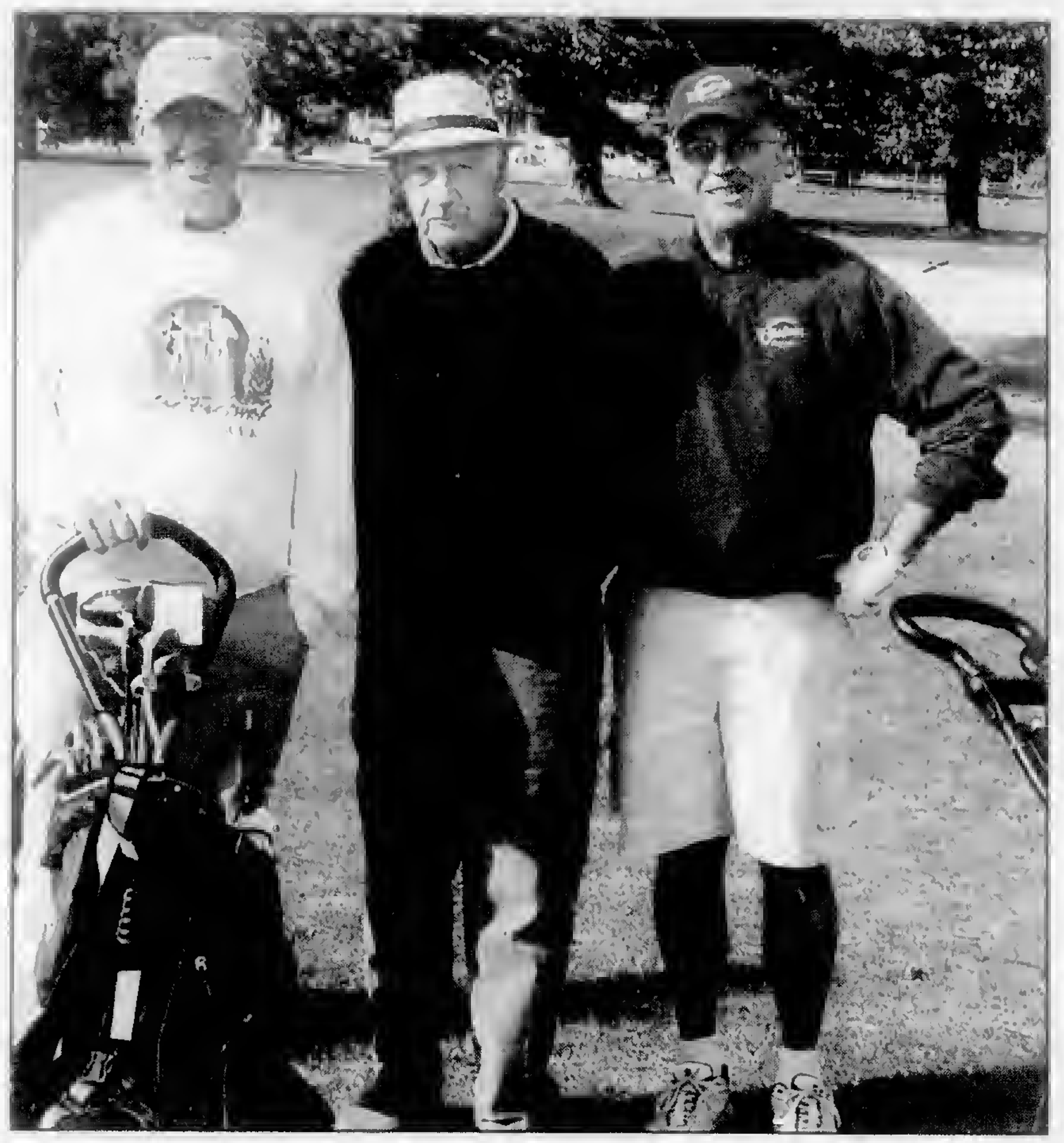

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Golf knows no season

Glen Taylor, Athan (Ace) Zographos, Bill Ward pause during their golf outing at Charlevoix's municipal golf course. The three friends play golf together every day.

Upcoming schedule changes at Charlevoix Community Pool

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool is announcing a few temporary schedule changes over the next few weeks:

Saturday, Oct. 27

Make up swim lessons will take place from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.

A Charlevoix Stingray home swim meet will take place from noon to 2:30 p.m. The noon to 1 p.m. lap swim has been canceled for the day.

1st Annual Halloween Open Swim from 3 to 6 p.m. (treats and more). The 1 to 4 p.m. open swim has been canceled for the day.

Mondays from Oct. 29 through Dec. 3

In order to offer swimming lessons to second graders from Charlevoix Elementary School the following schedule changes have been made.

Twinges in the Hinges class will meet from 11 a.m. to noon.

Senior Swim has been canceled.

On Your Own will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Charlevoix Area Hospital will have access to the pool from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

For more information about group lessons, semi private lessons, private lessons, swim team and the rest of the recreational or lap schedule, call (231) 547-0982.

Program for heart attack survivors offered at Harbor Health and Fitness

What? Harbor Health & Fitness Center will host a free seminar to launch the first-of-its-kind fitness program designed by world-renowned cardiologist, Dr. Mehmet Oz, and celebrity fitness trainer Bob Greene, specifically for heart attack survivors.
When? From 7 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 8.
Where? At the Harbor Health and Fitness Center, 110 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix.

Harbor Health & Fitness Center will host a seminar to launch the first-of-its-kind fitness program designed specifically for heart attack survivors.

Heart attack patients as well as those who suffer from certain heart-related conditions, may be hesitant to exercise for fear of worsening their condition.

Research shows that exercising — along with not smoking and controlling your blood pressure — can cut the risk of having another heart attack by 15 percent. However, before beginning any program heart patients should talk to their health care provider about developing a full treatment plan designed specifically for their individual needs, including proper exercises, appropriate medications and a healthy diet.

The "Heartfelt for Life: Strengthening Your Heart" programs offer fitness focused activities and lifestyle choices that can help those at-risk patients learn how to achieve and maintain heart health. The program was designed by a world-renowned cardiologist, Dr. Mehmet Oz, and celebrity fitness trainer Bob Greene, along with experts from Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles.

The Heartfelt for Life seminar and fitness program will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 8 at the Harbor Health and Fitness Center, 110 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix. This free educational fitness program provides real-life routines from a person's own home or office. During the seminar, attendees will receive a free copy of the program instructional video along with a list of questions they can ask their health care provider to determine if this program is right for their individual heart-health needs. Attendees will also be provided information about the signs, symptoms and causes of heart problems. In addition, heart attack survivors can get tips to help them live a heart-healthier lifestyle.

For more information and to reserve a spot for the upcoming seminar, call (231) 547-8000. To learn more about the Heartfelt for Life program, visit www.Heartfeltforlife.com.

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What You Will Gain:
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- *Sexism and its role in violence against women*
- *Men's roles in ending violence against women*

Thursday, October 25, 2007
North Central Michigan College Library Conference Room
1515 Howard Street, Petoskey

1 pm—4 pm: Program structured for professionals including social service organizations, criminal justice system, schools, and faith-based organization personnel. Community members are also welcome.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGES FORECLOSURE SALE

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Notice is hereby given that on Friday, November 9, 2007 at 11 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgages, situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan and described as follows:

Unit 4, PARK PLACE OF BOYNE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 590, Page 30, Charlevoix County Records, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Plan No. 145, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978 as amended.
Commonly known as 826 Park St., Unit 4, Boyne City, MI 49712

This sale is for the purpose of satisfying tho amount due and unpaid on the mortgages, together with the legal costs and charges of sale, including the attorney fees allowed by law and in the mortgages, and any sums subsequent to the date of this notice to protect its interest in the premises. The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale.
Dated: October 2, 2007

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Decedent's Estate
File No. 07-011136-DE

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Date of Birth: 04/03/1912

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Olive Louisa VerWys, who lived 108 West Hurlbut, Charlevoix, Michigan died August 10, 2007.

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Making a mural

Karl Redmer, a social studies and art teacher at Northwest Academy of Charlevoix, shows off his students' handiwork. Each art student was required to create a portion of the larger canvas with the theme of what art symbolizes for them.

The Swirl returns to Crooked Tree Arts Center

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The following is a list of Swirl dates:

Oct. 25, "Harvest Moon. Fall Flavors"

Jan. 10, "Chill Factor: Warm Winter Reds"

Feb. 7, "Pure Love: Wine and Chocolate"

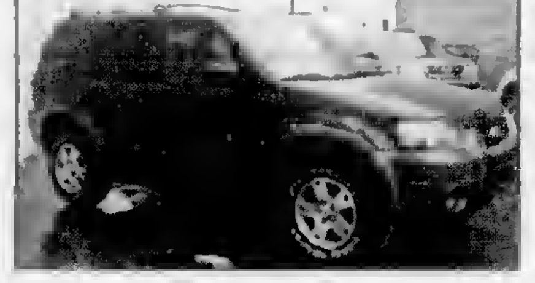
March 6, "Early Thaw. Wines of the Southern Hemisphere"

April 10, "In Bloom: New Wine Horizons"

May 1, "Garden Party Summer Entertaining"

Tickets are $10 in advance and $12.50 per person at the door. Galleries open at 6 p.m. and the refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center, (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org. For more information about Esperance, call (231) 237-9300 or visit www.esperancewine.com.



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Nov. 12 Paths to Peace precursor to upcoming Peace Conference

The Northern Michigan People for Peace and Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom is announcing their conference from 7 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 12 at Charlevoix Public Library.

As the world gears up this fall for the U.S.-sponsored Peace Conference with Israel, Palestine and other nations of the Middle East, activists in northwest Michigan come together, sharing visions and ideas in frank discussion of the issues.

The speakers include Chave Bahle, rabbi and story-teller, Suttons Bay; Gina Aranki, a Palestinian-American activist, Traverse City; Raad Amer, a peace activist, from Petoskey and Masha, West Bank; and Pam Ovshinsky, a sociologist and civil rights activist from Petoskey.

A social time with a sampling of ethnic foods will follow the program.

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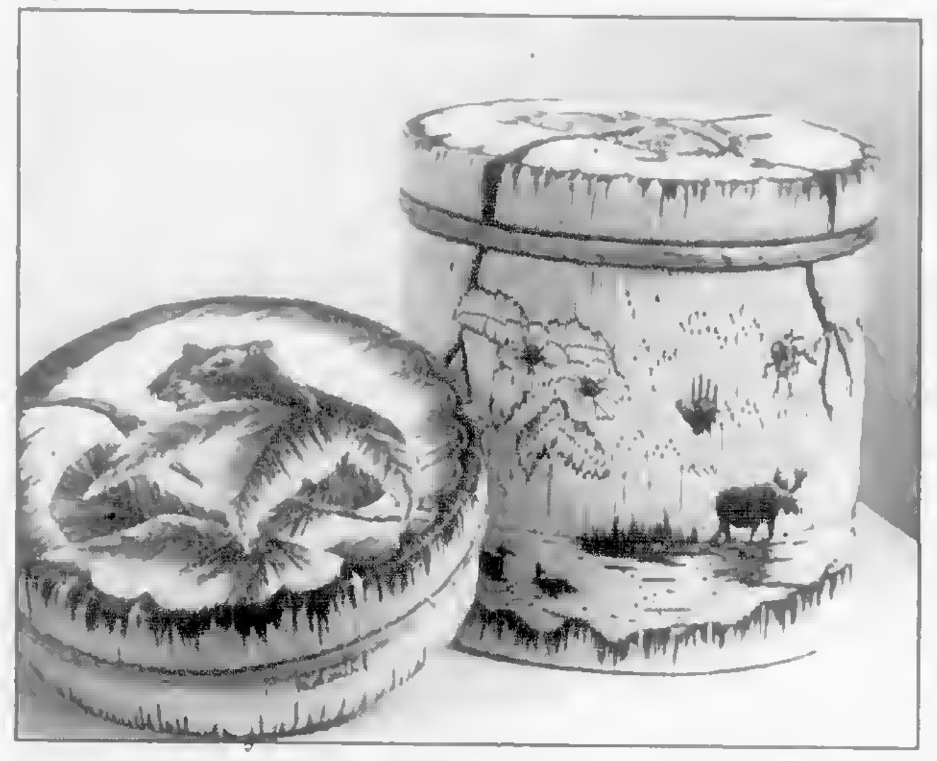
'Four Directions' Native American exhibit opens at Crooked Tree Arts Center

The 2008 Native American exhibition at the Crooked Tree Arts Center is entitled "The Four Directions" and is based on the different parts of the calendar year represented on the Native American medicine wheel.

The medicine wheel represents the life of the Anishnaabe. The West Gallery at Crooked Tree Arts Center is separated into the Four Directions with each direction representing one of the four seasons, the four stages of life, the four medicines and the four elements.

"In this exhibition one can learn more about the Native American culture that is so rich in northern Michigan," said Gail Hosner, visual arts/education director at Crooked Tree Arts Center. "The calendar year is divided in four parts, east (waabinong) representing birth, south (zhaawonong) representing youth, west (epangishmok) also representing adulthood and north (giiwedinong) representing the elders. The four parts of the calendar year are also coupled with the four medicines, elements and seasons. For the Odawa, winter (biboon) faces north and is a time when the elders (kikaa) of the tribe teach and tell stories so that traditions can be passed on to the youth" Hosner continues. "It is a sublime and beautiful way to honor and welcome the different seasons of the year, as well as life from birth to old age and "walking on."



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A Quill Box created by Yvonne Walker-Keshick. It is on display in conjunction with the 2008 Native American exhibition at the Crooked Tree Arts Center entitled "The Four Directions."

During the run of the exhibition a DVD created by the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians entitled: The Four Directions and the Waganakising Odawa will be playing in the gallery. The video was created with such excellence that it has been selected as the Official Selection Bell South Native American Film Festival 2006. Different items from local Odawa collections will be on display in the gallery to bring the traditions of the culture to life; baskets, house wares, plants, hides, carvings will all be part of the Four Directions experience.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 East Mitchell St. in Petoskey. For more information, call (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org.

Plan for the future at open space workshop

A workshop entitled "Farmland and open space protection: options for Charlevoix County communities" will take place from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at Charlevoix Public Library.

The program is sponsored by Michigan State University Extension and the Charlevoix County Planning Department, Conservation District and County Farm Bureau.

"Many leaders recognize that our beautiful water, forests and farmland are keys to our economic future. Deciding just how to protect those resources is complicated and sometimes controversial," said Dean Solomon, Charlevoix County Extension Director."

The goal of the workshop, according to Solomon, is to step back and explore the full range of policy options available to townships and counties for farmland and open space protection. It is specially designed for elected officials, planning commission members, professional planners and interested citizens.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Patricia Norris, Michigan State University professor and Guyer-Seevers chair in Natural Resources Conservation. She is a highly-regarded natural resources and local land use policy expert, and an engaging speaker.

Although the focus will be on Charlevoix County issues, Solomon indicated that participants are welcome from anywhere.

The workshop fee is $15 per person and the registration deadline is Nov. 2. For more information, contact the Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 582-6232 or www.msue.msu.edu/charlevoix.

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City goes green with $48,000 LED tree lighting project

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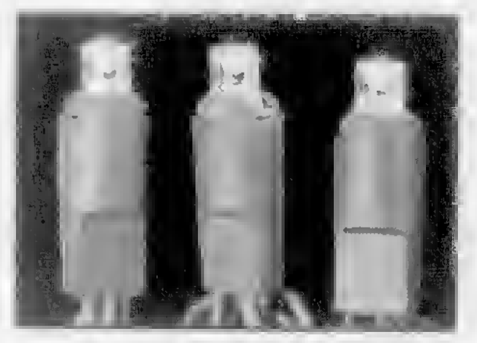
LED tree lights always remain cool to the touch. Because tree lighting is often used in close proximately to combustible materials this feature can greatly reduce the risk of fires.

"Not only will we be using a cool, new tree lighting technology, but we'll be saving money while doing it," said Keith Carey, executive director of the Charlevoix DDA. "LED lights cost more to purchase, but we'll realize savings on our overall lighting program in just three years. And this includes extending our lighting season to the summer months."

The purchase bid of the LED tree lights was awarded to low bidder Michigan Decorations LLC of Traverse City for the amount of $32,960. This cost will be split evenly by the Charlevoix Electric Fund and the DDA. Michigan Decorations LLC was also the low bidder on the installation of the lights, submitting an installation bid in the amount of $15,200. The DDA will pay for the removal of the old incandescent lights and the installation of the new LED strings. Michigan Decorations LLC anticipates having the new lights installed and operational by the end of November, weather permitting.

What? The Charlevoix Electric Fund and Downtown Development Authority will split the costs of acquiring 107,000 new energy efficient light emitting diode, or LED, tree lights for the 71 trees located on both sides of Bridge Street between Dixon Avenue and Hurlbut Street

How much? $32,960 to replace the lights with LED strands and $15,200 to install them.



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The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority has partnered with the City of Charlevoix Electric Department to relight the streetside trees with LED light strands to save money and energy.

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OCT. 24
TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

The Teen Advisory Group will meet at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Charlevoix Public Library. High school age teens interested in the library and willing to commit to two meetings per school year are invited to join the group. TAG members choose library materials and services (CD's, games, books and programs) and have volunteer opportunities. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7350.

OCT. 24
WRITER'S GROUP

A Writer's Group meets weekly at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

OCT. 25
BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

The Boyne, Charlevoix and East Jordan Chambers of Commerce are inviting friends and colleagues to this fall's major business and social event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25 at Mountain Grand Lodge.

Admission is $5 for Chamber members and $10 for non-members.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.

OCT. 25
STORY TIME

Charlevoix Public Library will host story time on Oct. 25. The Lapsit program (birth to age 3) meets at 10:05 a.m. The Pre-k program (ages 3-5) will meet at 10:30 a.m. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St. For more information, call (231) 237-7350.

OCT. 25
BALLROOM DANCE FOR TEENS

A ballroom dance class for teens providing free instruction of two dances, the waltz and swing, will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

Register by calling (231) 237-7340.

OCT. 25
HUNTER'S BANQUET

The Knights of Columbus will host the 5th Annual Hunter's Banquet on Thursday, Oct. 25 at the VFW Post #1153 located at 12735 U.S. 31 North in Charlevoix. The feast will feature a pig roast by Gregg Whitley and the event will include speakers Don Voisin who will discuss hunting and Marilynn Smith who will discuss mushrooming. The doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The cost is $15 per person. Tickets are available at the door or by calling Gabe Campbell at (231) 547-9739.

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OCT. 25
PARENT EXPO

Charlevoix Area Hospital will be hosting their 8th Annual New Parent Expo from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25.

This event, including healthy snacks and photos of each child, are provided at no cost.

For more information, call (231) 547-4024.

OCT. 26
SENIOR CENTER RUMMAGE SALE

The Charlevoix Senior Center will host its annual fall rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26 and 27. The center is located at 06906 Norwood Rd. Funds raised during the sale are used for assisting with projects for seniors at the center. Donations are welcome. Clothing will not be accepted. For more information, call (231) 547-5361.

OCT. 26
BNI

Up North Network of Business Network International which consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation, call Sam Bingham at (231) 547-4062.

OCT. 26
HOSPITAL OF HORROR

Charlevoix High School performing arts students will present "Hospital of Horror," a haunted house, on Oct. 26 and 27 in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School.

Hospital of Horror will be open from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26 and from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27.

The cost is $2 per person with entrants 5 and under admitted free.

Popcorn, cider and coffee will be available.

OCT. 27
FALL FUN SATURDAYS

Friske's has packed every Saturday in October with loads of fall fun.

Activities start at 11 a.m. and run through 4 p.m. and include wagon rides, a petting farm, live music, family entertainment, u-pick apples and pumpkins and food sampling

Friske's is located 10 miles south of Charlevoix off U.S. 31 in Atwood. For more information, call (231) 599-2604 or visit www.friske.com.

OCT. 27
FRIGHT NIGHT

The Ellsworth Senior Class will present "Fright Night," a haunted house, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 in the gym at Ellsworth High School. The cost is $3. Chaperones will be present.

OCT. 27
OES OFFICER INSTALLATION

Evangeline Chapter No. 95, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold its open installation of officers at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Boyne City Lodge on North Lake Street in Boyne City. The public is welcome.

For more information, call Suzanne Frisk at (231) 347-4679.

OCT. 27
OKTOBERFEST

The St. Mary Church parish will host Oktoberfest from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27 in the parish family center. There will be German food and live entertainment by da Li'l Oom-Pah Band out of the Petoskey area. The group plays imported old-world German music in the "blasmusi" and "tanzlmusi" styles.

OCT. 28
COSTUME PARTY

The Board of Christian Education of First Congregational Church will host a Halloween dinner and costume parade beginning at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 28. Youth will meet to cook dinner and decorate cupcakes at 4 p.m. The Halloween parade will follow at 5:30 p.m. and a goulash dinner will be served at 6 p.m. After dinner the group will break a piñata and bob for apples. Attendees are asked to come in costume.

OCT. 29
BOOK TALKERS

Join Charlevoix Public Library staff and other book enthusiasts in a rousing discussion of "I Capture the Castle," by Dodie Smith, a story of 17-year-old Cassandra and her family who live in not-so genteel poverty in the crumbling ruin of an English castle. Book Talkers will meet at 6 p.m. on Oct. 29 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

OCT. 29
HAUNTED STATION

Coast Guard Station Charlevoix will present "Haunted Station," a haunted house from 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 29 and 30, at the local Coast Guard Station, located at 101 Coast Guard Drive in Charlevoix. Admission is one non-perishable food item to be donated to the Charlevoix Food Bank.

OCT. 30
FRENCH, SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUPS

A French conversation circle meets at noon on Tuesdays and a Spanish conversation circle meets at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

OCT. 30
SCARY STORIES

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30 stop by Charlevoix Public Library to listen to scary stories before walking through the haunted house and spooky garden. Suggested ages — fourth-grade and up. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 1
HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS

Hospice of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, is offering a program that will give suggestions on how to "Handle the Holidays" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1 in the large classroom in the lower level of the Charlevoix Area Hospital. This program is open to anyone who feels a need for help to get through the holidays.

Whether your loss has occurred in the past few months, or in the past, the holidays can bring about feelings of loss and sadness. Rev. Nancy Rhode, hospice spiritual advisor, and Margaret Lasater, bereavement coordinator, will talk

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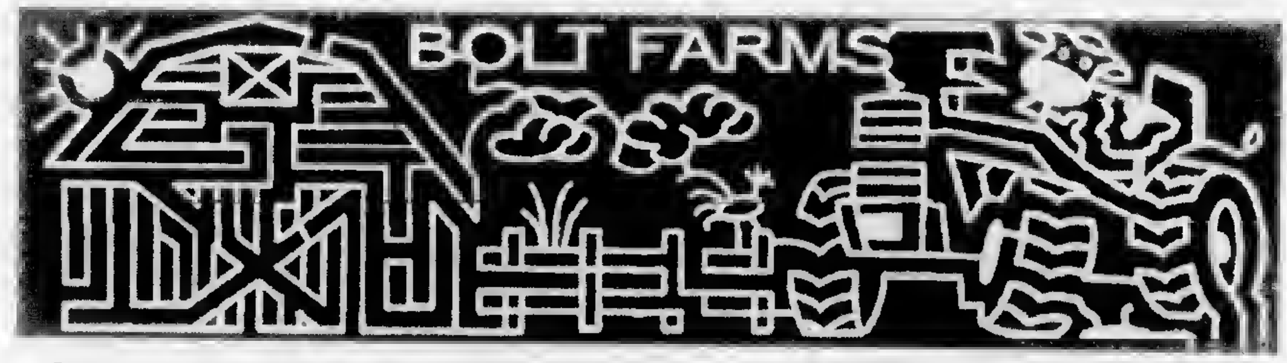

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about the "Griever's Holiday Bill of Rights" and will offer a simple plan for handling some of the stresses associated with the holidays. Participants will receive a booklet that contains a holiday planner and other useful tools.

Following the program there will be a time for sharing and refreshments. There is no charge for this program. For more information, call the hospice office at (231) 582-8800 or health department of Northwest Michigan at (231) 547-6092.

NOV. 3
CHARITY SHOP

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has organized the 3rd Annual Shop for Charlevoix Charities shopping event.

On Nov. 3, participating merchants will donate 10 percent of each designated sale to the participating non-profit or charity of your choice.

For more information, call the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

NOV. 4
CANDIDATE FORUM

A public opportunity to meet and question the candidates for Charlevoix City Council will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

An election for candidates will take place on Nov. 6.

Council candidates are as follows:

First Ward — Dennis Kusina and Mary Eveleigh

Second Ward — Kim Van-Meter and D.J. Way

Third Ward — Jill Picha and John Elzinga

NOV. 4
ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, located at 104 State St. Charlevoix, Hospice of Northwest Michigan in partnership with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, will host a Memorial Service to remember the patients they have served this past year. Anyone who has experienced a death is encouraged to attend the service.

For more information, call Margaret Lasater, bereavement coordinator at Hospice of Northwest Michigan (231) 582-8800.

NOV. 5
FLU SHOT CLINIC

Cost for flu shots is $25. Pneumonia shots are also available for $30. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. Appointments are required for all clinics. Call 800-432-4121 during business hours to schedule a flu shot appointment.

The following is a list of flu clinics in Charlevoix:

Nov. 5 at the health department Charlevoix office, 220 West Garfield St.

Nov. 12 at the Charlevoix Middle School, 108 East Garfield St.

Nov. 27 at the health department Charlevoix office, 220 West Garfield St.

For additional information about seasonal flu vaccination, contact the health department at 800-432-4121 or visit www.nwhealth.org.

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OPEN SPACE PROTECTION

A workshop entitled "Farmland and open space protection: options for Charlevoix County communities" will take place from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at Charlevoix Public Library.

The workshop fee is $15 per person and the registration deadline is Nov. 2. For more information, contact the Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 582-6232 or www.msue.msu.edu/charlevoix.

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PATHS TO PEACE

The Northern Michigan People for Peace and Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom is announcing their conference from 7 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 12 at Charlevoix Public Library.

As the world gears up this fall for the U.S. sponsored Peace Conference with Israel, Palestine and other nations of the Middle East, activists in northwest Michigan come together, sharing visions and ideas in frank discussion of the issues.

The speakers include Chave Bahle, rabbi and story-teller, Suttons Bay; Gina Aranki, a Palestinian-American activist, Traverse City; Raad Amer, a peace activist, from Petoskey and Masha, West Bank; and Pam Ovshinsky, a sociologist and civil rights activist from Petoskey.

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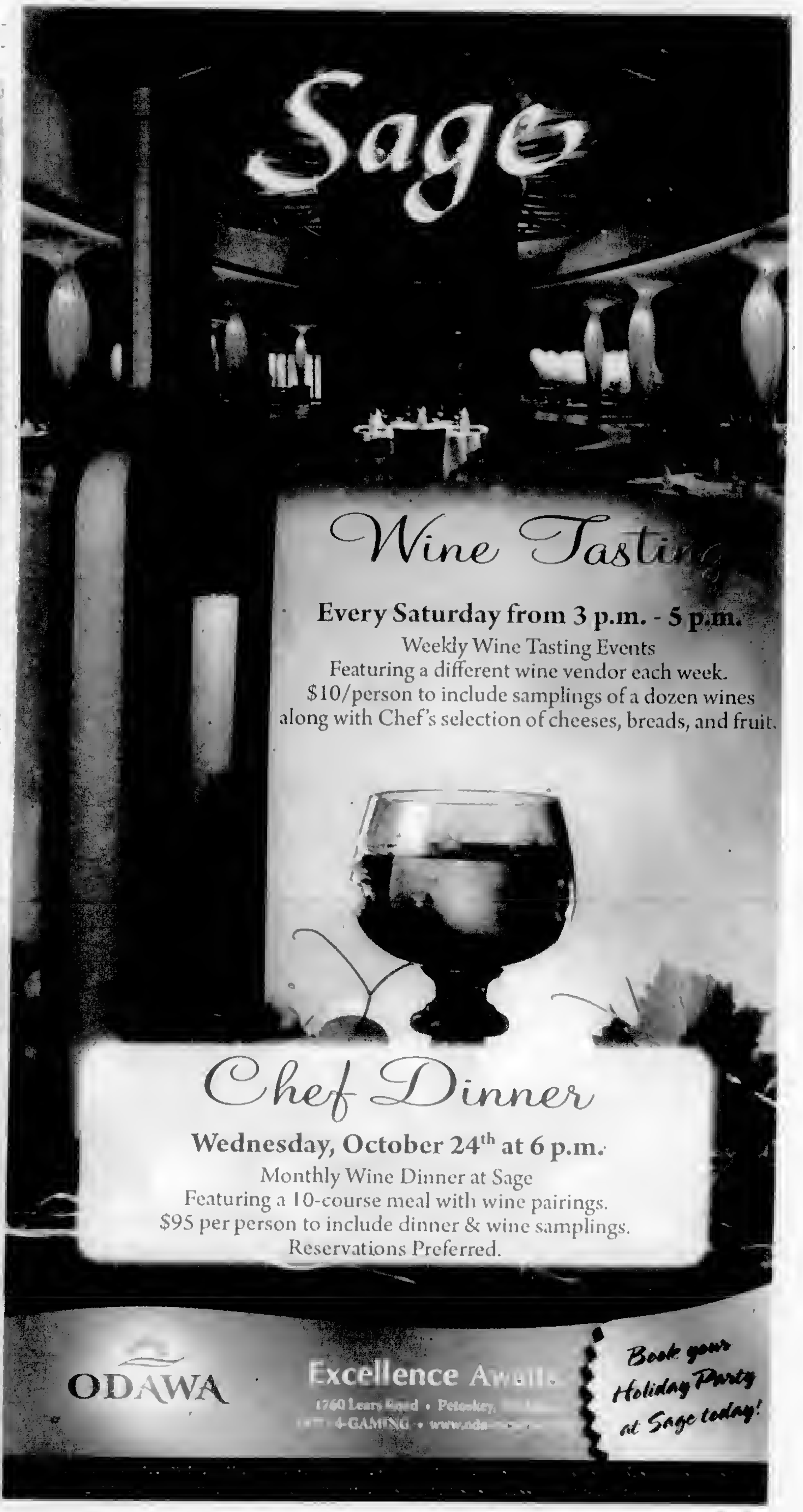

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Scary Coasties

BM3 Seth Thorson, as Leatherface, warms up his chainsaw during the Charlevoix Coast Guard Station's first annual haunted boathouse on Monday, Oct. 29. The cost of admission is a nonperishable food item and the boathouse is again open from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30. All proceeds will benefit the Charlevoix food pantry.

Saltonstall calls for new Commission on Aging director

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

> *"Responsibilities and the client base has gotten larger and I don't think she (Commission on Aging director Sue Bergmann) has taken steps to provide the proper organization that will provide the services needed."*
>
> **Connie Saltonstall**
> COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD MEMBER

Connie Saltonstall

In the wake of an unfavorable assessment of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging's ability to provide services for area seniors, a former county commissioner said she is working to make things right.

Former First District county commissioner and current Commission on Aging board member, Connie Saltonstall attempted to request Margo Johnson, a two-term Commission on Aging board member who serves on several senior citizen committees, not be re-appointed during the board of commissioners' Wednesday, Oct. 24 meeting

Saltonstall was told by Shirley Roloff, chairman of the board of commissioners that her comments were inappropriate.

"I think it was wrong of her to deny me the right to speak," Saltonstall said. "The agenda said we could speak for three minutes on any agenda item and that is what I was doing."

Roloff said Saltonstall had every opportunity to make her displeasure known at Commission on Aging meetings.

"At the beginning of the year, I said no one is going to come in and attack someone else if they were not present and when she started criticizing and attacking Margo and Joan (Blanchard, also a Commission on Aging member) I was not having that," Roloff said. "If she wanted to come in and state her position,

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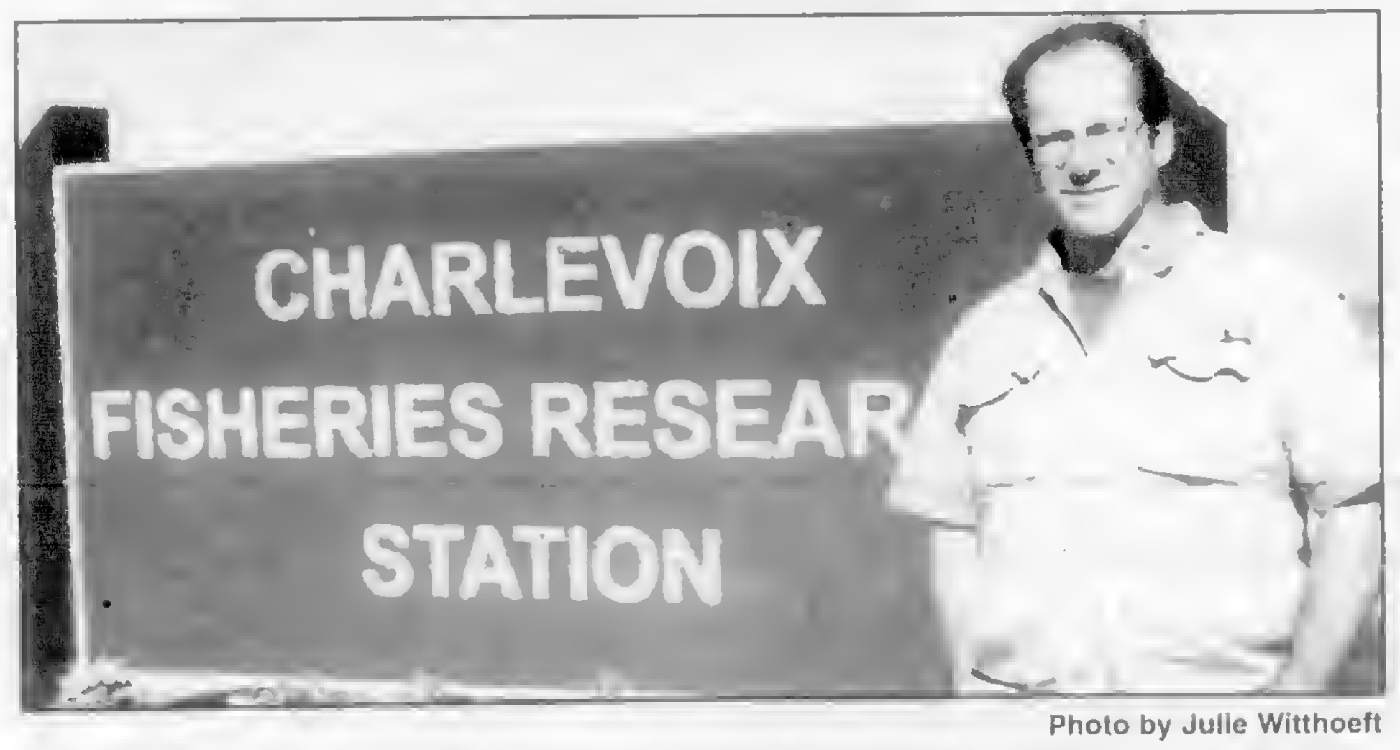

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Dave Clapp, manager of the Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station, stands outside the station at Lake Michigan Beach. Two such stations may close this year if proposed fee and license increases aren't approved by the legislature.

Is the DNR doomed?

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Will Fisherman's Island State Park and the Department of Natural Resources Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station dodge the budget cut bullet?

Dave Clapp, manager of the Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station, said he thinks so. At least for now.

"At this point I feel pretty confident we'll be around," he said.

But if the Department of Natural Resources doesn't find a way to address its budget woes, the future looks bleak.

For the fiscal year 2008 which started on Oct. 1, the department is staring down a $2.5 million deficit in its Game and Fish Fund which is used exclusively for game and fish management and has forecasted a $13 million deficit for the fiscal year 2009 in that fund. The Game and Fish Fund accounts for 25 percent of the Department of Natural Resources budget.

According to Mary Dettloff, a public information officer for the DNR, the department has been living off the Game and Fish Fund's balance since 2000 when budget cuts happened and that surplus is now gone.

According to a press release disseminated last week, the deficit in this fund will lead to the closing of two of the state's six fish hatcheries,

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court of Michigan:

Jonathan Lee Snively, 25, Boyne Falls. Disorderly person. Credit for 11 days in jail, to serve 30 days, 52 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; to attend substance abuse classes; $750 in fines and costs.

Mark Anthony Bjerk, 27, Westland. Driving while license suspended — first offense. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Garry Russell Simons, 54, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; to attend substance abuse classes; $880 in fines and costs.

James David Thomason, 20, Boyne City. Larceny, less than $200. Credit for 21 days in jail; 72 days held in abeyance; serve 24 months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; not to enter premises; $3,978.16 in fines and costs.

Thomas Paul Dunkin, 50, Cedar. Operating while intoxicated. To serve 15 days in jail, 63 days held in abeyance, serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; serve one year probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; to attend Impact weekend.

Amber Rose Smith, 21, Charlevoix. Count one: Checking account — insufficient funds, less than $100. Credit for 34 days in jail, 59 days held in abeyance; $398.18 in fines and costs. Count two: Larceny greater than $200, but less than $1,000. Credit for 14 days in jail, serve 340 days on an electronic monitoring device, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve 18 months probation; to write a letter of apology; not to have a checking account; not to enter Sunburst Tanning; $2,114.10 in fines and costs.

Philip Raymond Morrison, 46, Charlevoix. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Charlene Ann Berlin, 45, Millington. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve six months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Kevin James Weaver, address unknown, 39. Checking account — insufficient funds, less than $100. Pay $420 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

Marie Diana Reece, 64, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Robert James Cronk, 19, East Jordan. Minor in possession — third offense. Serve nine months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; to obtain employment; $500 in fines and costs.

Richard Lynn Decker, 61, Saginaw. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve six months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; to attend substance abuse classes; $880 in fines and costs.

Douglas Scott Kauthen, 47, Charlevoix. Checking account — insufficient funds, less than $100. Pay $510 in fines and costs or serve 20 days in jail.

Megan Marie Luck, 22, Petoskey. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; submit to PBT/urine test; to attend substance abuse classes; $900 in fines and costs.

Nicholas Peponis, 40, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Shandon Earl Williams, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol. Totaling $100 in fines and costs.

Michael Richard Todd, 28, Petoskey. Open intoxicant, motor vehicle driver. Totaling $250 in fines and costs.

Ashlyn Marie Forman, 17, Boyne Falls. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve 60 hours of community service work; $100 in fines and costs.

Joseph J. Holland, 43, Charlevoix. Disturbing the peace. $200 in fines and costs.

BIRTH

Ella Audrey Kleiber weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces was born on Oct. 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Lyle and Marlo Kleiber of Charlevoix. Her siblings are Casaundra, Emma, Jesse, Shantel, Paxton, Austin, Hanna and Kendra. Her grandparents are Merle Kleiber of Charlevoix and Mike and Peg Hough of Craig, Colo. Her great-grandparent is Johanna Belfy of Charlevoix.

CORRECTION

In a photo caption that appeared on page 16 of the Oct. 10 edition of the Courier for a Charlevoix High School class of 1957 reunion photo the name of Margot Kane was misspelled.

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The Charlevoix Courier will delay printing of the Nov. 7 edition of the paper to allow for inclusion of Nov. 6 election results.

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State budget cuts could close local DNR fisheries station and state park

DNR

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the elimination of creel clerks who conduct fish surveys and the closure of a research station, among others.

When asked if the Charlevoix station was one of the two proposed to close, Dettloff said, "I don't know. We still have to do analysis on which should close."

Clapp said if the local station was to close, the impact would be felt in Charlevoix.

"The community loss as well as the loss to the Great Lakes would be tremendous. We employ 20 people, do education work for the schools and help run the (Medusa Creek) weir. There are a lot of local benefits and educational benefits to having the station here. The state of Michigan is critical in assessing the health of the Great Lakes," he said.

While the station's role may be critical, Dettloff said the department was told on Monday, Oct. 22 their state general fund allowance will be cut and now fisheries stations aren't the only program under the gun.

Funding from the general fund, the state's primary checkbook, accounts for about 4.5 percent of the department's total budget which for the 2008 fiscal year is proposed at $280 million. Their revenue target from the general fund for 2008 is $23.7 million, down from the $24 million allocation they received in the fiscal year 2007 which ended on Oct. 1.

"But we have to reduce it (the $23.7 million proposed for 2008) by $1.05 million," Dettloff said.

The Department of Natural Resources uses the general fund allocation in three areas: state forest recreation, i.e. campgrounds; wildlife surveillance, including bovine tuberculosis testing; and to pay for conservation officers to assist with non natural resources related incidents, like car accidents.

The answer to the general fund allocation shortfall is closure of two more of the state's 97 campgrounds, a reduction in disease surveillance for bovine tuberculosis and elimination of general conservation law by conservation officers. This news follows the closure of 20 state campgrounds in July that resulted from general fund reductions in the fourth quarter of the 2007 fiscal year.

"If you close parks in northern Michigan, it's an economic loss for northern Michigan. A lot of people come up here for that. State park users contribute over $500 million to the state's economy. That's money they're spending outside the park," Dettloff said.

While the fallout is complex and potentially devastating, Dettloff said the department's solution to the budget crisis is simple, increase revenue at the source of the department's primary income — licenses and fees for activities — which account for 75 percent of the department's budget. But as it turns out this "simple" approach is being met with resistance from the legislature.

"The legislature isn't interested right now in increasing license fees and if they don't, we'll experience these deficits in the Game and Fish Fund," Dettloff said. "What we're hearing is the state just increased taxes on people and doesn't want to increase licenses too."

She said the last time a comprehensive fee package passed was 1996.

STORY HIGHLIGHT
The Department of Natural Resources has proposed license and fee increases to offset major deficits in its 2008 budget. But these increases are being frowned on by the legislature. If the increases aren't approved major cuts to DNR services across the board will be initiated included closing of two state campgrounds and two of the state's six fish hatcheries, one of which is in Charlevoix. Official decisions as to where cuts will happen will be announced after Nov. 1 when the state budget is decided.

The most popular license applied for is "firearm deer." The cost is $15 and according to Dettloff is one of the lowest of its kind the country. The last time it was increased was 2003 when it went up $1. A "restricted fishing" license (which does not include salmon and trout) is also currently $15. The proposal is to increase both to $18.75.

Also proposed is an increase in motor vehicle permit fees at state parks.

Official decisions as to where cuts will happen will be announced after Nov. 1 when the state budget is decided.

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Commission on Aging sets goals to improve service to local seniors

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that would have been fine, but I think she just stepped out of bounds and crossed the line."

While Saltonstall hoped Johnson would not remain a board member, she also has issues with two others at the top of the commission's pecking order — Blanchard and director, Sue Bergmann.

"They've had that (senior) millage money for nearly seven years now and they haven't provided services, proper training or proper supervision," Saltonstall said. "I don't know why they haven't done what was needed in the past, but these people were in charge when the problems were created."

In response to Saltonstall's concerns with the Commission on Aging and lack of faith in its leadership, Johnson said Saltonstall is focusing only on the negative.

"When we got the assessment back, it was pretty shocking," Johnson said. "Some of it we expected, but the degree of dissatisfaction was not expected."

She added, "But, I stand by the fact that we now have information to work with and thank god we know what the issues are so we can address them."

But Saltonstall isn't buying it.

"The survey completed in 2000 had the same results and nothing was done to fix the problems," she said. "We need a new administrator who, number one, has the interests of the seniors and number two, is trained as an administrator. Responsibilities and the client base has gotten larger and I don't think she (Bergmann) has taken steps to provide the proper organization that will provide the services needed."

Saltonstall said she feels it was dishonest of some Commission on Aging board members to say at public meetings that the fund balance was in the red while there was actually more than $1 million in the commission's investment fund.

"She is speaking of the investment fund, not the operating fund, and that's what was in the red at the time," Johnson said. "I don't believe taxpayer money should be given or spent to the first entity that walks in and asks for it. It needs to be spent where the information says the needs are."

She added, "I think we are at very different philosophies."

Saltonstall said she fears things, such as Bergmann receiving a glowing evaluation last year in the face of so many unhappy clients, will not change unless those at the top are replaced.

"Information is control, which is why they are upset with me, because I have made information available not only to the committee (Commission on Aging board) but also to the public," she said. "Just recently the COA board voted on a motion to add an 11th member. The vote was 4-3 in favor and Joan Blanchard then said an absent member was voting against it which made it 4-4. There is nothing in county policy which allows for proxy voting. Joan Blanchard then said she was voting to break the tie so it was defeated 5-4. I think that is a perfect example of the attitude that they can control what the COA does."

Johnson said she isn't in the business of bragging, but claims it was her idea to establish the senior services committee and to perform the assessment.

"If someone wants to say because the (assessment) came out that I don't care about seniors, that is ridiculous," she said.

Johnson added that, on Oct. 22, the commission and selected stakeholders including members from local housing commissions, agency on aging, medical facilities, sheriff's department and transit authority participated in a meeting to prioritize potential actions to address concerns made clear in the senior services assessment.

The 25 commission members and stakeholders voted on which issues they thought were the most pressing to resolve.

The top issues included changes and additions to programs, transportation, adult day services, marketing and outreach.

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Neither Bergmann nor Blanchard could be reached for comment by press time.

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Growing up Gohs: The spook house

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Yes I made them cry and, given the chance, I'd do it all over again.

My younger five brothers and sister to this day won't forgive or forget the torment I delivered during their formative years. Whether I was jumping out of closets clad in rubber horror masks or locking them in the unlit rooms of our musty basement at 618 West Midland Road, their cries of terror were equaled only by my squeals of delight.

While Halloween was always a good excuse for my malicious endeavors, our unique dwelling made every day a scary day. After all, you stick seven bored kids in a rundown mansion straight out of Amityville Horror and the script pretty much writes itself.

The 100-year-old, two-story farmhouse's dilapidated exterior with crumbling siding and overgrown shrubbery was enough to make Van Helsing walk on the opposite sidewalk, but it was the depths of the wooden beast where the evil lived.

The large stone basement was divided into three rooms, one large and two small. It was dimly lit, dank and filled with cobwebs. One wall was covered with cupboards large enough to hide human bodies and there was a small doorway under the basement steps which I never opened for fear of what I might find.

The small, dust covered windows allowed just enough light to see abstract shapes from the archaic furnace, coal chute and homemade work bench.

Even as a teenager I found myself avoiding the basement except when necessary. If I was forced to descend for laundry or a tool, I did so with apprehension and palpitations, praying I would not feel an icy hand touch my shoulder, before shooting back up the stairs fast as my legs would carry me.

I'd like to say I have outgrown my cowardice, but knowing a zombie, ax murderer or Vincent Price is down there still, perhaps lurking just beyond the washing machine or in one of those back rooms with the Texas Chainsaw Massacre decor, is enough to turn me yellow.

My hypersensitivity to all things horrific probably began when I was 6 and I begged mom to let me watch "Poltergeist." This, of course, only slightly worse an idea than her making me stay up to watch "The Fog" shortly after my parents divorce the following year.

Blend my addiction of horror flicks with the house's appearance and a stepfather who claims to have heard noises and voices coming from the basement at night and his account of a strange little girl peering from an upstairs window while we worked in the yard one summer day, I was one anxiety riddled child.

Granted, knowing dad's colorful childhood and propensity for psychoses, these episodes could have been self-induced hallucinations of the Heineken variety, but having firsthand experience with Hell House, he may have been on to something.

Legend has it that the man who built the house died of a heart attack while watching the city forcibly remove an outhouse from his property. I cannot be sure about the alleged ghosts residing there, but I have witnessed several aberrations including unexplained noises, exorbitant numbers of flies and frogs in the basement. And by frogs I do not mean one or two, I'm talking can't step without hitting one, Old Testament, "We're all going die" type stuff.

Perhaps it was merely coincidence, but the house's presence seemed to be known even around Christmas when carolers would place luminary bags on the sidewalk of every home except ours.

I remember one morning, after my sib's and I overheard our parents talking about the latest extraordinary episode, we spent the day ghost hunting in the basement.

It has been years since I spent a night at the house in Auburn. But, despite some sleepless and sweaty evenings, I kind of miss the excitement of the old place.

To my chagrin, the Halloween season these days garners little more excitement than watching some Alfred Hitchcock or John Carpenter flicks and helping the kids choose just the right pumpkin.

The house today has been pretty much reclaimed by the earth and only my parents and three brothers, two of whom soon plan to move, live there.

The hedges are now as tall as the roof of the porch, which collapsed from old age a few years ago, and climbing ivy covers most of the walls.

If you ever find yourself passing through Auburn, slow down and have a look for yourself. You may not believe in ghosts and goblins, but the that old house is enough to induce goose bumps and shake even the stoutest skeptic.

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Weekly Poll

Should the county commission approve the Charlevoix Senior Center's $188,000 budget proposal?

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83% of those polled said they would like to see the Charlevoix High School performing arts center named after Connie Ford!

Last curtain call for a special lady, Connie Ford

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

It was the fall of 1974 and I was the brand new kid on the block at Charlevoix High School.

I was fresh out of graduate school, attired in my plaid bell bottoms that complimented my air of authority on everything and nothing at the same time. The man at the helm of my new job took great pride displaying the well polished hallways of the high school, talking endlessly without taking a breath. Vane Smith was going to show me the ropes of what I was expected to do in this building that housed approximately 640 of Charlevoix's finest youth.

After explaining the history of the Carey family and looking over the various trophies on display he took me by the arm and led me directly into her classroom.

"Now, this woman knows how to teach, compete and get the job done," he boasted.

I stared in awe at the altar of trophies and plaques that lined the entire wall of a classroom. This case was at least three times larger than the one I had just viewed moments before in the hallway.

While gazing at the bronze and gold ornaments glistening in the afternoon sunlight, I felt a bit overwhelmed. I knew without a doubt that I had arrived at a school that took sports and performing arts seriously. My new boss was pleased with how this woman, who usually kept to herself and her students, had made arrangements with parents and anyone who would listen and transport them to places that many of us had never heard of. She instilled in her future protégé's confidence and stimulated their ability to think on their feet. Mrs. Ford or "M.F." as she was often referred to, let them know that they could compete with the "big guys."

In all the years I worked at Charlevoix High School, Connie Ford was a force to be reckoned with. She rarely spent time in the lounge or even in the school lunch room. Her life was dedicated to her students and the next performance she'd take on the road. Many a student can claim that they were brought out of their shell and could feel comfortable speaking to a group with conviction after spending time in her class.

I remember her classes were some of the larger ones at the high school. Students might have conjectured that her speech class was going to be easy. On the contrary — she put you to work the moment you entered. She reminded me of a grilled cheese sandwich-crusty on the outside and soft in the middle. She had a heart of gold for the student who was willing to work hard but if you slacked off she was quick to let you know who was boss.

I remember her excitement over the new auditorium. It was like manna from heaven. The sound booth was sacred and only students who were dedicated to taking care of it were given the chance to give it a spin. She expected nothing less than the best and her students gave it their all.

Connie Ford never complained about pain — work needed to be done. With the assistance of her daughter, Beth, things continued on course and the program didn't miss a beat. I spent time with her in the hospital and at Sunnybank Assisted Living. Nurses would turn to me and say, "Doesn't she know she is dying?" Her cancer began to spread and she needed the special nursing care that Boulder Park could offer. Her former students who visited those last few days saw a woman who continued to think of ideas of what to do next and rarely spoke about the disease that was ravaging her body. She had a high tolerance for pain and was not afraid to meet her maker.

There will be a presence missed at Charlevoix High School but believe me when I say, her spirit lives on in all the lives she has touched, including mine.

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LETTERS to the editor

MEDIATE DON'T LITIGATE

Editor:

I strongly support your editorial entitled, "Stop the bleeding with frivolous lawsuits" which appeared on page 4 of the Oct. 24 edition of the Charlevoix Courier. In addition to the, so far, $50,000 that the Norwood property owners have had to pay in response to the lawsuit against Wayne Wynkoop and his mining operation and the untold amount of money the defendant, Wayne Wynkoop, and the plaintiff's, the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety, have had to spend, the litigation has brought significant disharmony and divisiveness to our village and community.

I, publicly, at two township meetings, and in private telephone conversations with both parties encouraged them to use mediation as a means to resolve the dispute. It has been my experience and knowledge that using a mediation process, such as Northern Community Mediation, where two parties and a trained mediator(s) get together and discuss the issues is frequently a very successful way of resolving differences without an adverse lawsuit process where, generally, one party "wins" and the other "loses."

Instead of mediation, a lawsuit was filed and a circuit court decision rendered to require that Mr. Wynkoop obtain a special use permit from the Norwood Township Planning Commission. That process was followed, and with some personal knowledge, I am aware that the planning commissioners spent many hours and diligently applied special use restrictions to the mining operations in accordance with the township ordinances and facts presented to them. At the October township meeting, the zoning administrator made his report that he had received complaints on noncompliance with the special use permit, however, his investigation indicated that all restrictions were met.

Now, I understand, the plaintiffs have filed another suit and included one or more planning commissioners in it. My fellow friends and neighbors in Norwood Township, I encourage all of us to accept the initial court decision and the subsequent planning commission findings, and for Mr. Wynkoop to restrict his mining operations in accordance to the Special Use Permit. To do otherwise, in addition to the legal expenses that we can not afford, it will build more disharmony and it will discourage, if not eliminate candidates to voluntarily serve on Norwood Township boards and committees, including yours truly.

Bill Lovett
Norwood Township

SUPPORT JOHN ELZINGA FOR CITY COUNCIL

Editor:

Running our city is managing a sizable business with a $25 million budget. John Elzinga has had over 40 years experience successfully running his own business which he sold and is now Friske Orchards and Farm Market. In that time he has served on numerous boards, both business and nonprofit.

I have found John to be a consensus builder and always professional even if disagreeing on a subject. John realizes change can be good when done properly. There is a saying that change and development are like cholesterol. There is good and bad and it is dangerous to not know the difference. John's opponent led the charge against rebuilding the park but was in favor of the marina. In retrospect, can you imagine doing one without the other? It would be like putting new siding on your house when you have huge holes in the roof.

John and his wife, Phyllis (Williams) have spent their entire lives here. They understand the heritage, the history and what it takes to keep our community vibrant in tough economic times.

John Elzinga's business experience, positive attitude and desire to be involved make him an ideal candidate for City Council.

Please vote for John Elzinga for Third Ward City Council.

John Winn
Charlevoix

SURVEY SURPRISE

Editor:

We have just returned to Florida and received our Oct. 3 issue of the Courier. We were very surprised by the article on the preliminary appraisal of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Seniors Survey. I have no idea of the total scope of the Commission on Aging and can only relate our personal experience. It has been totally opposite to the survey results.

My wife, Ellen, has a moderate level of Alzheimer's disease and can no longer comprehend many things. As such, boredom is her biggest problem.

All summer long she attended the commission's activity program in East Jordan three full days a week. I cannot say enough good things about the people operating this program. They were kind, caring and innovative. We left on Oct. 5 with many hugs and good wishes.

Without these people, we never could have spent an enjoyable summer in Charlevoix.

Don Jesmore
Orlando, Fla.

SAD TO SEE MERTA GO

Editor:

As someone who has worked on various festivals and events in our area for many years, I am sad to see Jacqui Merta leave as Chamber director. Jacqui was always open to consider an event or activity that would drive tourism for Charlevoix. Her suggestions and input were always constructive, and made for a better event. She could be counted on to do whatever was necessary to make things a success. I hope you replace her with someone as knowledgeable and cooperative.

Joe Breidenstein
Walloon Lake

CARE ABOUT CLIMATE

Editor:

As the Executive Director of CARE (Conservation and Renewable Energy) Committee, the Executive Administrator for WATCH (Water and Air Team for Charlevoix), a member of the Charlevoix County Recycling Committee, an educator, a mom and an outdoor enthusiast who enjoys and recreates in our beautiful northern Michigan area with my family, I was involved directly in the written presentation to our Charlevoix City Council regarding the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

Of the 12 goals outlined and presented to the City Council, CARE cited eight of those goals currently being worked towards in the City of Charlevoix.

I would like to briefly address goal eight, "To increase average fuel efficiency, reduce the number of vehicles; launch an employee education program including anti-idling messages; and convert diesel vehicles to bio diesel."

As we have been told, Pat Elliott, city street superintendent, is researching the use of a fuel additive to save on gas consumption. WATCH and CARE would like to applaud these efforts and will be anxious to hear what information, plan for implementation and cost savings Pat comes up with for the city.

Dealing with the issue of anti-idling messages, WATCH began an effort 10 years ago to promote the SOS campaign (Save OUR Shoppers). We encouraged idle cars at the bridge to turn off their engines, and lessen the impact of air pollution on our downtown shoppers. We would be happy to assist in an employee education program regarding the anti-idling message and encourage the conversion of diesel vehicles to bio-diesel.

As previously stated, the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement has been adapted by over 691 mayors including our northern neighbors, Traverse City, Suttons Bay and Marquette. If we are truly going to call ourselves a "Cool City," let's be a "Cool Green City," leading the way for our other neighboring communities, showing our children we care about keeping Charlevoix Beautiful and adopting this agreement. It just makes sense economically, environmentally and (eco)logically.

I'd like to encourage the citizens of Charlevoix to contact your city council members and encourage their adoption of this agreement. Change won't happen overnight, but we can start today to keep our area healthy for our children and grandchildren. For a review of the 12 steps in the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, visit www.seattle.gov/mayor/climate.

Michelle Rick-Biddick
Charlevoix

'THANKS' FROM THE BERGMANN CENTER

Editor:

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix would like to extend a huge thank you to the community for their continued support making our annual garage sale fundraiser a huge success. The sale is held the fourth week in September each year. This year was our best year to date, raising over $2,550. Again, thank you for your donations, financial support and many volunteer hours that help Bergmann Center make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

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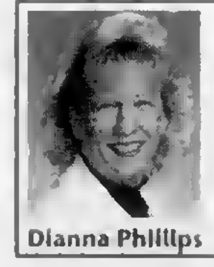

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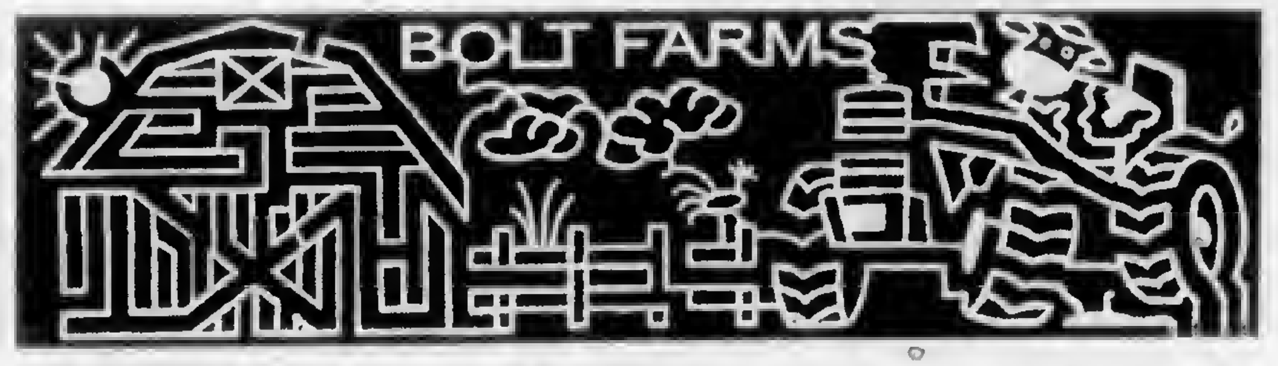

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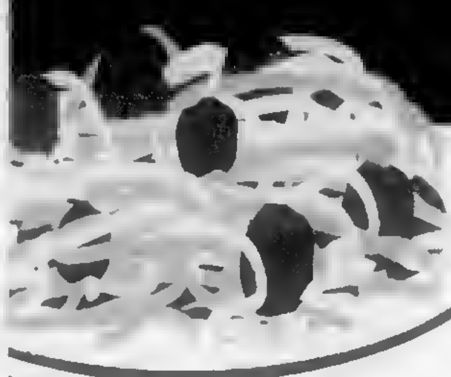

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ANNIVERSARY

William and Shirley Ormsby

Courtesy photo

A 40th anniversary surprise party was held on Oct. 27 for William (Bill) Ormsby and Shirley (Pahl) Ormsby of 104 West Hurlbut St., at the Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant. The hosts were their children, Terry (Ellen) Ormsby, Carol (Thomas) Ochs, and Linda (James) Willis, for the private family event.

The couple was married on Nov. 1, 1947 in Buckley and they lived in the Charlevoix area for 40 years and before that lived in Traverse City. The couple has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bill relocated his family to Charlevoix to manage the Kroger store. He worked as manager for several other area stores. Currently he is semi-retired, working the early morning shift at the Next-door Store for over 10 years.

Shirley retired from Hoskins Manufacturing after over 20 years of employment.

City Council candidate forum is Nov. 4

A public opportunity to meet and question the candidates for Charlevoix City Council will take place at 2 p.m on Sunday, Nov. 4 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

An election for candidates will take place on Nov. 6.

Council candidates are:

First Ward – Dennis Kusina, Mary Eveleigh, Bob Timms

Second Ward — Kim VanMeter, D.J. Way, Gabe Campbell

Third Ward — Jill Picha and John Elzinga

Each candidate will offer his or her reasons for seeking office and then answer two prepared questions.

Additional questions will come from the audience and be organized with the assistance of Charlevoix High School government students.

Orchestra to perform Nov. 3 at First Congregational

Courtesy photo

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will perform a concert on Nov. 3 at First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. The orchestra is pictured above at a prior performance at the church.

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will perform a concert entitled "Seasonal Differences," at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix.

The 40-piece orchestra under the direction of Maestro Matthew Hazelwood will open with Tchaikovsky's Andante cantabile and will end with Schubert's Symphony #3 in D major.

Tchaikovsky's Andante cantabile, though composed specifically and originally for a quartet, is more often played today by a full orchestra as it will be played as the opening piece in this concert of the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. The final piece is Symphony #3 in D major, by Franz Schubert, another extraordinary teacher of music.

The body of the concert will feature the exciting virtuosity of violinist Paul Sonner, soloist in two of Vivaldi's violin concertos, "Autumn and Winter from the Four Seasons."

Sonner is a staff member at Interlochen Arts Academy where he mixes teaching the violin with his professional life as an artist, serving as concert master for both the Traverse Symphony Orchestra and Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $8 for students. Tickets will be available at the door but advance tickets are available now at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 109 Mason St.

Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections

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Teacher taught more than theater

Locals learned life lessons from Connie Ford

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Like the chance encounter in a Hollywood picture, she was headed through the area on her way to a new job in another city.

But, Connie Ford never made it to Boyne City. Instead, the matron of Charlevoix's performing arts programs spent the next 38 years living and teaching in the land of petunias.

"She was on her way to sign a contract in Boyne City when she drove through Charlevoix and saw the drawbridge. She went down to the central school office and went to see if they had a job opening," said Beth Sherman, Ford's daughter. "By the end of the day she had a job."

Sherman, who was inspired by her mother to become a performing arts instructor, said Ford's students were her life.

"She didn't feel it was necessary to want to be an actor or to go into the profession, she thought performing arts was something that would make you a better communicator," she said. "It was not just about teaching her students the knowledge of the class, but how people need to accept themselves for who they were."

And, judging by the outpouring of kind words from former students and friends, Ford's career will be a hard act to follow.

"She impressed me from day one with her dedication and drive for success," said former student Mike Czerkes of four years, now an OB/GYN resident in Portland, Maine. "It was truly an incredible experience, and I owe it all to her amazing direction. She instilled a sense of confidence in all of us that is difficult to put into words."

He added, "Somehow she managed to help us believe that we could get up on stage and be our best. She will be missed by so many people, but she lives on in all of her students' accomplishments."

Former student Troy Bonar said he was just a kid with low self-esteem when he first got involved in Ford's program.

"Performing arts was my only real happiness in school. It was a safe haven," Bonar said. "The life skills and the growth that she helped develop led me down a very successful path. When times were hard for me I always remembered how she would point out that we needed to share the lead, it was not always our time to be in the spotlight. This has helped significantly in my leadership skills."

Bonar said, thanks to the debate team, he is now a master at negotiations.

"My political party has nominated me to represent them in the Texas House of Representatives in the 2008 election. I can get up in front of any group of individuals and speak without hesitation," he said. "These skills I would not have if it were not from the encouragement of Mrs. Ford. I have taught martial arts for 14 years and I try to implement some of the same psychology she used on us helping us to discover ourselves and be proud of our abilities."

Bonar added, "She made all of us stars for a day so that we would shine throughout our lives. May her influence on our lives continue to touch generations."

Former student Kyle Bremmeyr said Ford helped him on both a scholastic and personal level.

"She always put her students first. If I ever had a problem she would sit down and talk with you," he said. "She was the type of person you wished could live forever."

Connie Ford (1982)

Sherman said she will miss the simple act of talking to her mother most of all.

"She was my best friend, and I think I finally realized that when I was on the airplane yesterday and wanted to call mom to find out what to do and I couldn't," she said.

Sherman recalls a time when she and her mother were in a dorm during a musical event when their almost sister-like relationship was made obvious.

"My favorite color is purple. It always has been ever since I was born and we were wrestling around on the floor over some ankle socks because she was teasing me saying, 'I want the purple ones, I want the purple ones,'" Sherman said. "Someone walked in and saw what was happening and started yelling, 'Mother-daughter fight! Mother-daughter fight!' We just started rolling on the floor laughing."

Sherman said her mother who lost her battle with breast cancer and passed away on Friday Oct. 19 at Boulder Park Terrace nursing facility at 67 probably could have survived had she had regular checkups.

"Breast cancer is so curable and so treatable that I encourage people to get checked out so this does not happen to you," she said. "Make it an open discussion because this is a discussion I never had with my mom."

A celebration of life in honor of Ford is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 in the Charlevoix High School auditorium.

A group of Charlevoix Public Schools alumni is currently considering several ideas to further pay tribute to Ford.

The Connie Ford Memorial Scholarship, designed to reward gifted performing arts students, has been created. A dinner theater designed to raise funds for the scholarship is being planned for February 2008.

Donations to the scholarship should be made out to the Connie Ford Memorial Scholarship c/o Shawn Biddle, Charlevoix Public Schools, P.O. Box 67, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Connie Ford, founder of the Charlevoix High School performing arts program, succumbed to breast cancer on Oct. 19. She was 67. A celebration of life in honor of Ford is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 in the Charlevoix High School auditorium.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Sleepy puppy

Michelle Johnson of Charlevoix holds her three-month-old son, Andrew Johnson at the 8th Annual New Parent Expo on Oct. 25 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Parents were introduced to an array of locally available services while children, many of who came in costume, enjoyed activities.

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Safety at home and in the woods

The City of Charlevoix Fire Department coordinated fire safety training for approximately 650 students from Charlevoix and Emmet counties last week. The training included Department of Natural Resources wildfire prevention information, American Red Cross disaster kits and escape planning with the local fire department. (Above) On Oct. 26, students from St. Mary School take a minute to meet the face of wildfire prevention, Smokey Bear.

OBITUARIES

Lois Kallie: Aug. 9, 1928 - Oct. 14, 2007

Lois E. Shapton Kallie, 79, of Ironton and Zephyrhills, Fla., passed away Sunday, Oct. 14 in Farmington Hills after a long illness.

She was born on Aug. 9, 1928 in Marion Township, and was preceded in death by her parents Earl J. and Nola Byers-Shapton, brothers Warren Shapton and Stanley Shapton and husband Amon Kallie.

Lois enjoyed playing cards, swimming, fishing, golf and playing the piano.

Mrs. Kallie is survived by her brother, Leslie (Unadel) Shapton of California, son Larry (Jeanne) Anderson of Redford, daughter, Karen (Dan) O'Donnell of Escanaba; four grandchildren, Jamie and Patty Anderson and Jennifer and Kevin O'Donnell; and companion, Dick Burns of Zephyrhills, Fla.

Private family arrangements were made.

Connie Ford: Nov. 23, 1939 - Oct. 19, 2007

Connie Ford

Connie Grace Gould Ford, 67, of Charlevoix, died Friday, Oct. 19 in Charlevoix after her battle with breast cancer.

She was born Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 1939 in Colfax, Wash. She was the only child of Wayne Dallas and Constance Amy (Scott) Gould. Connie grew up in Kellogg, Idaho and moved to Midland her senior year where she graduated from Midland High School. She then graduated from Michigan State University.

Connie moved to Colorado where she taught speech and began her coaching career in forensics and many of her students competed at the state level. In 1968, she was on her way to Boyne City to sign a teaching contract and never made it there. She saw the Charlevoix bridge go up and immediately went to the school to apply for a job. She signed a contract with Charlevoix Public Schools that very day and never left. Over her 38-year career, she taught journalism, yearbook, English, speech (later to be known as performing arts) and world history and geography. Her goal was to guide her students into being better communicators and to be the best person they could. She taught them through the arts. She helped many discover themselves and be confident individuals. She truly believed that each student was our future — a future of communicators in whatever professions they choose.

She was an active member of the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association and was on committees for debate, theater and individual events. She made sure that the small northern schools were represented as well as the big schools. She made Charlevoix a powerhouse in forensics. There was never a year that Charlevoix didn't go to the state finals. She received the Theatre Coach of the Year award, was inducted into the Speech Coaches Hall of Fame as well as other recognitions. She has had the Charlevoix High School yearbook dedicated to her, and just recently received the eddi Award for Arts in Education. Connie also spent summers working for the Young Americans and the American Musical Theatre.

She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth (Chuck) Sherman; son, Michael (Brenda) Ford; grandchildren, Charlie, Dallas and Ashlynn Sherman, and Brendyn Ford.

A celebration of her life will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, in the auditorium at Charlevoix High School. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Connie Ford Performing Arts Scholarship at Charlevoix High School, attention: Shaun Biddle, 05200 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Sally Bennett: Aug. 13, 1930 - Oct. 27, 2007

Sally A. Bennett, 77, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Oct. 27 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

She was born Aug. 13, 1930, in Charlevoix, to Samuel A. and Eva (Davy) King. Sally graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1949. She worked in banking, having begun her career in Charlevoix. On March 21, 1953, she married Alvin B. Bennett of Charlevoix and he preceded her in death on Aug. 5, 1983. She was a member of the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix.

Sally was a loving mother, grandmother and devoted wife, and is survived by her sons, Tom Bennett, Lee Bennett and Evan Bennett, all of Charlevoix, Lyle (Charman) Bennett of Oak Ridge, Tenn., Chris (Barbara) Bennett of Topsham, Maine; grandchildren, Sydney Bennett, Stephanie Bennett Pridemore, Robert Bennett; brother, Lyle (Marilyn) King of Charlevoix; sister, Janet Hardy of Colorado Springs, Colo. Sally's brother, Robert King also preceded her in death.

Friends may meet the family at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30. A private service will take place on Wednesday and burial will follow at Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

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Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

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11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

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State Street at Clinton

Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	547-6322

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	588-2112
or Missionaries	547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

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Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
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Rev. Carl Afman	588-7805

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Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

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Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

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Worship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort	547-4121

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Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

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Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	547-9122

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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

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Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

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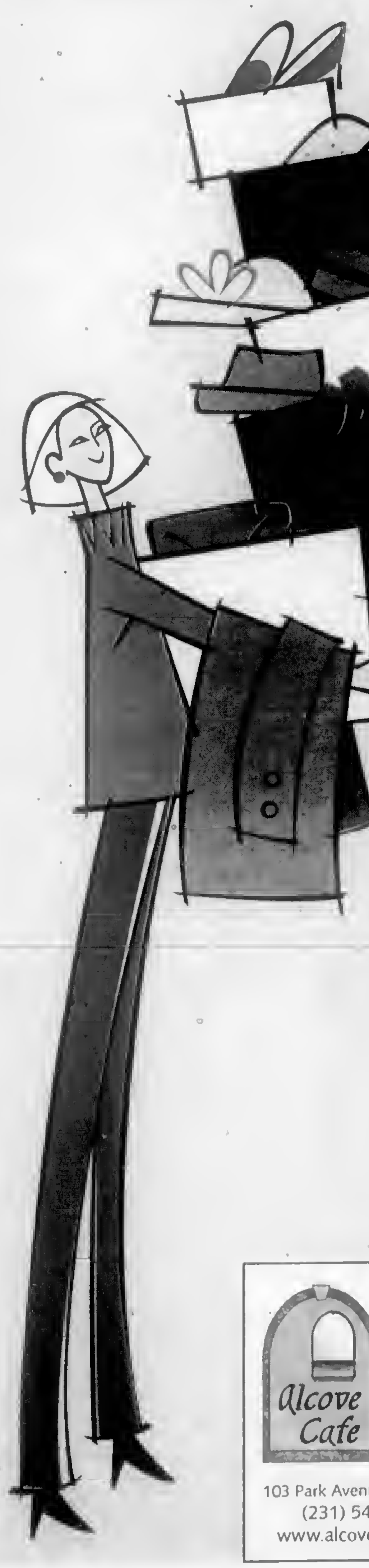

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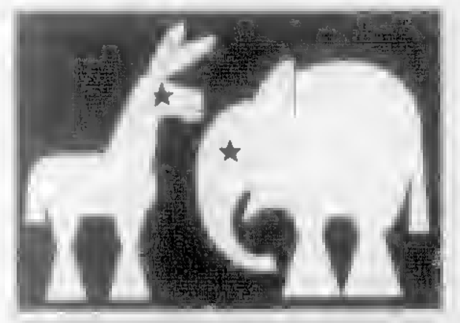
Two file as write-ins for City Council seats



ELECTION 2007

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Gabe Campbell

Bob Timms

Two men who said they planned a hiatus from politics have thrown their hats in the ring for Charlevoix City Council seats.

Former Second Ward councilman Gabe Campbell and current First Ward councilman Bob Timms filed to run as write-in candidates at the Nov. 6 general election. The deadline to file as a write-in was Oct. 26.

In November 2006 Campbell, 74, who has spent 10 years as a councilman and two as mayor, said he would end his political career after losing by nine votes to newcomer on the political scene, Greg Stevens.

"I was content where I was, but I go to the meetings anyway," Campbell said. "And I had people approach me and ask that I run. They weren't happy with their choices."

Second Ward candidates whose names will appear on the ballot are Douglas "D.J." Way Jr. and Kim VanMeter.

"I like both candidates running in the Second Ward. I worked with Kim (VanMeter) on the Board of Review and D.J. (Way) has taken an interest. I have nothing personal against either one of them," he added.

In May, Timms who is currently ending his second consecutive term, announced he didn't plan to run for reelection telling the Courier, "I've been on 23 years off and on. I think I'll let it slide this time. I'll let someone else try it."

He said his write-in campaign is more of a political statement than a run for office.

"I'm not really looking to run. What it is, is the legislature in all their wisdom requires write-ins to sign up. I think everyone should sign up for write-in to show the legislature this is baloney. At one time you could write anyone's name in and if there were enough you got the seat. You shouldn't have to file to run as a write-in. It's bull crap. I feel it's ridiculous," Timms said.

Aside from the political statement he's making Timms said he takes his role as a councilman seriously and if elected would serve First Ward residents to the best of his ability.

This isn't the first time Timms has traveled the bumpy write-in road. About 10 years ago he was elected on a write-in campaign.

"It's a tough road," he said.

Timms is up against fellow First Ward candidates Mary Eveleigh and Dennis Kusina.

First Ward voters who would like to cast a ballot for Timms are instructed to write "Bob Timms" in the blank space below other candidates' names and fill in the circle beside it.

Second Ward voters who would like to cast a ballot for Campbell are instructed to write "Gabe Campbell" in the blank space below other candidates' names and fill in the circle beside it.

City clerk Carol Ochs said those who don't understand the write-in procedure should ask an election official on election day.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Bob Timms has filed to run as a write-in for the First Ward City Council seat and Gabe Campbell has filed to run as a write-in for the Second Ward in the upcoming Nov 6 general election To vote for a write-in, voters must write the candidate's name in the blank space below other candidates' names on the ballot and fill in the circle beside it.

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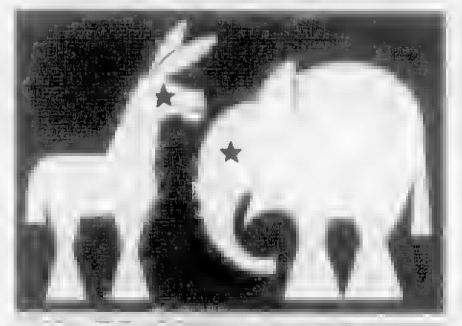

ELECTION 2007

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

It's all about choices for City of Charlevoix voters at the Nov. 6 general election.

All three ward seats are contested and voters in the first and second wards will have three choices as write-in candidates have filed in both.

First Ward candidates whose names will appear on the ballot are Dennis Kusina and Mary Eveleigh. Robert Timms, who currently holds the seat, has also filed as a write-in candidate. (See related story on page 10).

Second Ward candidates whose names will appear on the ballot are Douglas (D.J.) Way Jr. and Kim VanMeter. Former Second Ward councilman Gabe Campbell has filed as a write-in candidate. (See related story on page 10). Current Second Ward councilman Gene Beer who in November 2005 unseated former councilman Bill Bellows is not running for a second term.

Vying for outgoing Third Ward council member Shirley Gibson's seat are Jill Picha and John Elzinga. Gibson, who was first elected in 2001, said her leave from council isn't a permanent one and she may run for mayor in 2008.

City clerk Carol Ochs, who was first elected in November 2004, is compensated $34,000 a year for her full-time position and is running unopposed.

FIRST WARD

Mary Eveleigh

Mary Eveleigh

Age: 54

City of Charlevoix resident since 1986.

Occupation: Bookkeeper for Eveleigh Tile and Stone

Past political experience: Member of the City of Charlevoix Zoning Board of Appeals since 2004.

What do you think is the number one issue facing the City of Charlevoix?

Eveleigh: "The park is an issue but I believe we have that under control we've been assured it will be done in May.

"I feel getting a planner hired is really important to deal with our zoning issues and planning as a whole. I see a lot of good changes going on. Our city manager is excellent. He's very in tune with what the community wants.

"And we need businesses to stay in town and that's our number one goal — that's jobs for people."

How can you as a member of City Council address that?

Eveleigh: "Being on the Zoning Board of Appeals, what I want to present to city council is my knowledge — knowing what it takes to follow the laws according to the Michigan Enabling Act. We need to be in line with our ordinances to make sure everyone is protected. Our ordinances need to be in line with state laws.

"And going green is really important too. I would support green initiatives."

Dennis Kusina

Dennis Kusina

Age: 58

City of Charlevoix resident since 1964.

Occupation: Head of Kusina Farm Bureau Insurance Agency

Past political experience: Presently on the City of Charlevoix Planning Commission, has also served on the Downtown Development Authority.

What do you think is the number one issue facing the City of Charlevoix?

Kusina: "Right now it's to get the park done and make sure that when Memorial Day rolls around next year the city is all done and looking great. It was torn up all this past summer. People knew what was going on and understood you have to go through the pains to get to the end. The summer people and boaters knew when they come back, it's supposed to be ready."

How can you as a member of City Council address that?

Kusina: "By making sure that the city manager and the people on the committee are staying on top of everything."

Robert Timms (write-in)

Age: 73

City of Charlevoix resident since 1957

Occupation: Appliance service.

Past political experience: Currently finishing his second consecutive term as a First Ward Charlevoix City Councilman and has been on and off council for the past 23 years.

What do you think the number one issue facing the City of Charlevoix is?

"Probably the budget and being able to pay for everything the people want. We were debating the other night about trash pickup. It's four times the price it was in previous years. The trash hauler was bought out by someone else. (The refuse millage will continue to cover trash pickup)."

How can you as a member of City Council address that?

"I threw it out to discontinue it (trash pickup) and people were up in arms. I wasn't saying we should but that was a possibility. We have to trim back some of the spending. It's really difficult but with parks and recreation being the big slice that it is, that's one place that can be cut back. The parks are wonderful and beautiful and people enjoy them but they cost money and we don't have any income from them."

SECOND WARD

Kim VanMeter

Kim VanMeter

Age: 42

City of Charlevoix resident since birth

Occupation: Realtor for Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors

Past political experience: Served on the City of Charlevoix Board of Review

VanMeter was unavailable to comment.

Douglas Way Jr. (D.J. Way)

Douglas Way Jr.

Age: 45

City of Charlevoix resident since 1994.

Occupation: Chief Financial Officer of Way Transportation

Past political experience: Way ran for the Second Ward city council seat two other times. In 2002, he lost to Karen Campbell by 10 votes and in 2000 he lost to Bill Bellows. Way is currently a member of the City of Charlevoix Planning Commission and the Northwest Academy School Board. He is a former member of the Jordan Valley Trails Council.

What do you think is the number one issue facing the City of Charlevoix?

Way: "Businesses closing and leaving downtown. People are being driven out. The economy is bad, taxes are high. Perfect examples — the coffee shop and book store. We have a few landlords that own the buildings and they are charging high rents."

How can you as a member of City Council address that?

Way: "I would like to find a way to give a tax credit to businesses that stay open 12 months out of the year. There

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ELECTION REMINDER

Polling times

Polls for the City of Charlevoix election will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 6 in City Council chambers located on the second floor of city hall at 210 State St.

Bring identification

Beginning with the Nov. 6 election, Michigan residents will be requested to show photo identification when they vote at the polls. However, that does not mean they cannot vote if they show up without it.

- Voters are reminded it is state law for all Michigan voters to produce a Michigan driver's license, Michigan personal identification card or other acceptable form of picture identification before voting.
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Choices abound for city voters at upcoming election

ELECTION

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has to be a way to entice people to stay in Charlevoix and stay open in Charlevoix. We just have to find it. People are leaving in droves."

Gabe Campbell (write-In)

Age: 74

City of Charlevoix resident since 1967.

Occupation: Truck driver for 15 years and former employee of the Medusa Cement Plant where he worked for 20 years in production repair, labor and the electric shop.

Past political experience 10 years as a Second Ward councilman and two years as mayor; currently a member of the City of Charlevoix Board of Review; a member of the city's Historic District Committee; former president of the local D480 cement division of Boilermakers; Bay Winds Federal Credit Union board member for 12 years.

What do you think is the number one issue facing the City of Charlevoix?

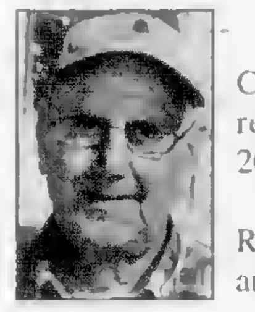
Campbell: "Living within our means. With the property being devaluated its going to be a real challenge coming up. The tax base is coming down."

How can you as a member of City Council address that?

Campbell: "I think the projects we're currently doing are good and good for the town. But we are going to have to stop and take a breather. When you have projects they should be sold on their merit and all major projects should be decided by a vote of the people."

THIRD WARD

John Elzinga



John Elzinga

Age: 75

City of Charlevoix resident since 2000

Occupation: Retired farmer and fruit grower. Owner and operator of Elzinga's Centennial Farm, a 200 acre farm market that he sold to Friske's seven years ago.

Past political experience: Spent 20 years as the Banks Township treasurer in Antrim County. He ran in a primary election for a Sixth District Charlevoix County Commissioner's seat in August 2002 against current commissioner Shirley Roloff and Richard Gillespie, a former commissioner. He took 141 votes, Roloff took 286 and Gillespie took 276. Treasurer for Bay Winds Federal Credit Union Board of Directors.

What do you think is the number one issue facing the City of Charlevoix?

Elzinga: "Planned growth for the city. To plan it so the growth will be reasonable and there's still green space for the park and everything else. It's going to be an exciting year next year with the marina and park opening."

How can you as a member of City Council address that?

Elzinga: "Get the job done with a common sense approach so it benefits everyone in town. Things have been going smoothly lately. We are pretty well built out in town and we have to know where we're putting different buildings."

Jill Picha

Jill Picha

Age: 68

City of Charlevoix resident since birth.

Occupation: Housewife

Past political experience: Ran for Third Ward seat in 1995 against A.J. Witthoeft and lost by 11 votes.

What do you think is the number one issue facing the City of Charlevoix?

Picha: "I would like to see Charlevoix move forward to getting the one position for planning and zoning filled so we can work on development. And I'd like to see us be proactive in getting new business in Charlevoix."

How can you as a member of City Council address that?

Picha: "By encouraging council and Cool Cities to move in that direction."

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Commission on Aging question's Charlevoix Senior Center's budget

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Earl Muma on behalf of the Charlevoix Senior Center Inc asked the county board of commissioners during their Wednesday, Oct. 24 meeting for $12,519.99 to amend a shortfall from his 2006-2007 budget and to accept next year's budget of over $180,000.

"Based on our contract with the County of Charlevoix, we feel that the COA should not be able to dictate the number of hours our employees work, although we have been following the county guidelines so far, how much we pay our employees, or who we can or cannot hire. They should not be trying to micro manage our center. Their main role is to oversee that we are spending the millage monies appropriately and within the law."

Though $154,670 was approved by the board of commissioners, Muma will likely ask for nearly $188,000 at the county's next Personnel/Internal Government Committee meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 7 in the commissioners' meeting room.

The senior center's 2006-2007 approved budget was $145,945.40. The shortfall Muma claims is $12,519.99.

In previous years, the senior center predominantly funded itself through grants and fundraisers and Muma said there was no way for him to know how much money the senior center would need.

"Everything was done, prior to that, on the spur of the moment," he said. "Before receiving monies from the (Commission on Aging) I had to rely on month-to-month donations."

The jump from around $145,000 to a request for nearly $190,000, is due to increases in salary for Muma (40 hours per week), a secretary/bookkeeper (25 hours per week) and a nutritionist (over 60 hours per week).

The Commission on Aging also has a staff nutritionist who Muma said he is unwilling to use because of concerns as to "the quality of meals" he would get.

"It wouldn't really be a $50,000 increase if you add the $12,519.99 shortfall. It would be somewhere around $30,000," he said. "Most of that is wages. One is a $6,000 raise in my pay — I've only been paid for the last four years I've been in the position. And, I added Tony Swann, our nutrition coordinator, at $17,000 and our bookkeeper and secretary, she jumped from $14,500 to $16,500."

Earl Muma

Muma said even if the county commissioners do not OK the budget amendment, the senior center will live on.

"We're going to go ahead and keep going the way we're going, but why should I take the seniors' money and apply it to a deficit when that should be paid out of COA funds?" Muma said.

However, according to Commission on Aging board member Margo Johnson, the Charlevoix Senior Center's budget was established through an agreement between the center and the commission.

What happened? Earl Muma director of the Charlevoix Senior Center Inc asked the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners during their Wednesday Oct 24 meeting for $12,519.99 to amend a shortfall from his 2006-2007 budget and to accept next year's budget of nearly $188,000.

What's next? Muma will likely ask for nearly $188 000 at the county's next Personnel/Internal Government Committee meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Nov. 7 in the commissioners' meeting room

"We said we'll go ahead with the increase last year, but that they (Charlevoix Senior Center) have to live within their budget, and when it's gone, it's gone," she said.

Fifth District County Commissioner Bob Drebenstedt, said he's willing to hear Muma's requests, but that an increase is in no way a done deal.

"If Earl (Muma) can show us he's this $12,000 short, we need to go back and re-negotiate his budget, but when they pounded out that budget last year he said OK and then came back a few days later saying he shouldn't have agreed to it," Drebenstedt said.

Muma said he thought he could raise the funds to cover any shortfalls in last year's budget, but was unable to. He also noted a desire to know what the operating budgets of the Boyne City and East Jordan Senior Centers.

When asked for the numbers, Johnson said they are unavailable because the centers' budgets are combined, until next year when they'll appear as separate entities on paper.

She added that the 53.3 percent budget increase requested by Charlevoix Senior Center Inc. is a not-so-subtle warning sign.

"Once it was clear they (Charlevoix Senior Center Inc.) were going to be fully funded by the taxpayers, they increased their salaries and wages significantly," she said.

Muma countered by saying the commission needs to stop boarding millage money.

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Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education

The following business was conducted by the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education during their Wednesday, Oct 24 special meeting

Item: Media specialist

In brief: Discussions were held on whether to combine the need for a media specialist with a curriculum director at the behest of the administration The board decided not to change the original posting for a media specialist/English teacher.

Board action: Approved unanimously, 5-0, board members Diane Kilkenny and Jeff Stevens were absent from the meeting

Item: JV basketball coach

In brief: Resolution to appoint Bryan Hawkins as the boys' junior varsity basketball coach

Board action: Approved unanimously, 5-0

Actions not requiring board approval:

Charlevoix Schools' business manager Shawn Biddle updated the board on the schools budget situation. Biddle said the district is in better shape financially than was earlier forecasted due to increases in student enrollment.

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Bellaire man charged in death of local motorcyclist

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

STORY HIGHLIGHT
Russell Steven Mitchell, 19, of Bellaire, was charged with driving while intoxicated causing death, a 15-year felony, for his role in the death of Charlevoix motorcyclist Eric Deane Perrine, Mitchell was arraigned on Thursday, Oct. 25 in Antrim County's 86th District Court.

What's next? Mitchell remains free on bond. His preliminary exam has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 20 in Antrim County District Court.

Russell Steven Mitchell, 19, the Bellaire man charged with a 15-year felony for his role in the death of Charlevoix motorcyclist Eric Deane Perrine, was arraigned on Thursday, Oct. 25 in Antrim County's 86th District Court.

According to police reports, the Aug. 18 incident occurred shortly after midnight when, heading down Derenzy Road in Kearney Township, the 31-year-old Perrine collided with Mitchell's pickup truck as Mitchell exited Eddy School Road.

Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney, Alan Schneider, who was appointed to this case after Antrim County Prosecutor Charles Koop recused himself citing a possible conflict of interest as an acquaintance of the father of Mitchell, would not comment on specifics in the case, but said, "We are still investigating it."

According to Antrim County Sheriff Department records, Mitchell was given a breathalyzer test at 12:35 a.m. which registered .09 and again at 12:37 a.m. which registered .078.

Schneider said he is not aware of the presence of any other drugs in either man's system.

Perrine's autopsy report, prepared by medical examiner Dr. Stephen D. Cohle: showed a blood alcohol level of .166.

The crash was witnessed by at least three people including Bellaire Police officer William R. Drollinger, who recorded the accident via the dashboard camera in his squad car.

An investigation by Antrim County Sheriff Detective Edward P. Smith shows Perrine had been drinking at the Bellaire Bar & Restaurant in the hours prior to the crash.

However, while both men had been drinking, according to Drollinger, Perrine did not appear to have done anything to lend to the crash.

"I observed this (Perrine's) cycle turn north on Derenzy Road and observed the driver of the cycle traveling at what appeared to be normal speed," he stated. "I noticed a vehicle in the distance traveling west on (Eddy School Road) and observed this vehicle approach the intersection of Eddy School Road and Derenzy Road. It appeared the vehicle on Eddy School Road stopped. I then noticed the vehicle on Eddy School Road pull forward into the path of the motorcycle."

Mitchell remains free on bond. He faces a charge of driving while intoxicated causing death. This charge carries a possible 15-year prison sentence. His preliminary exam has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 20 in Antrim County District Court.

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County commissioners pass $12.3 million budget

No wage increase for county employees

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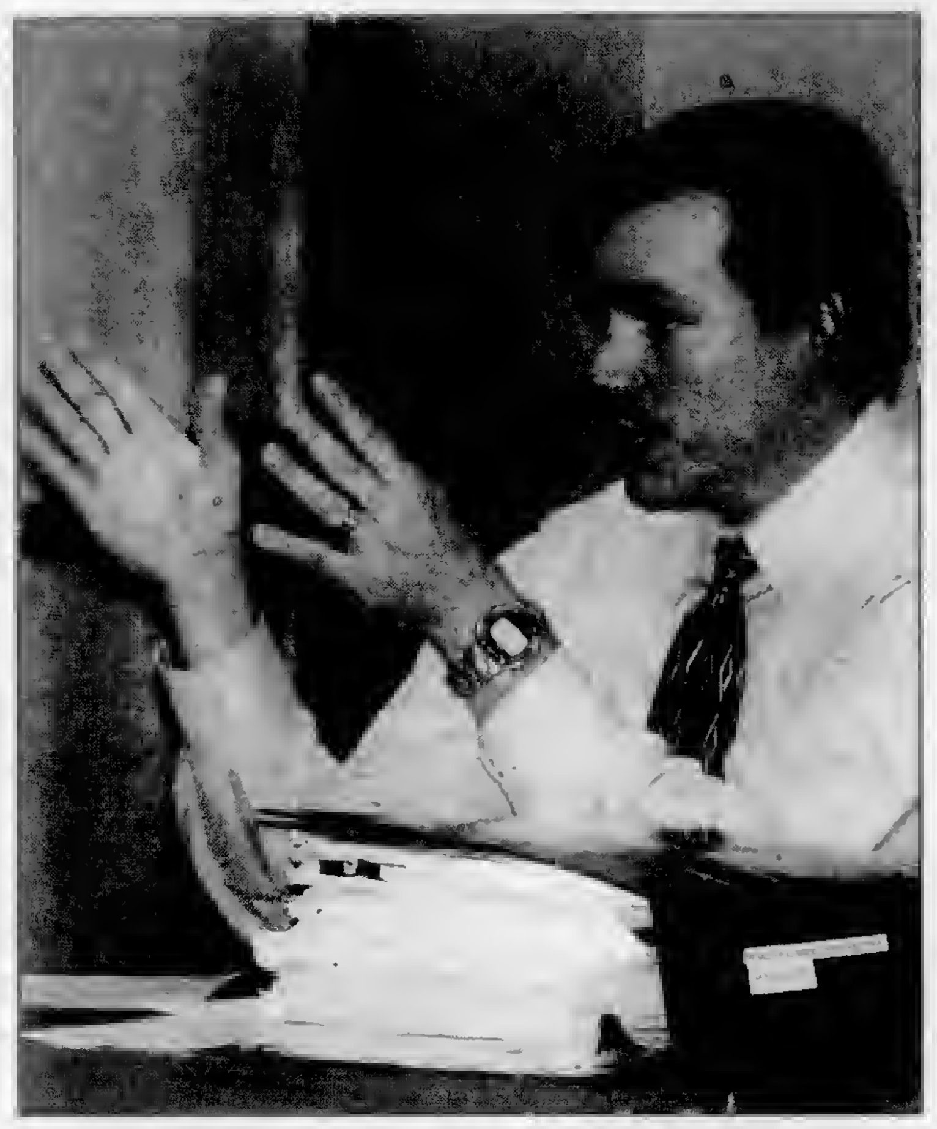

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Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney and board of commissioners' civil counsel John Jarema advises the board on a technical matter before their vote to approve the county's $12,277,470 budget for fiscal year 2007-2008. The wages of county employees were not increased due to rising health care costs except for those whose contracts were previously negotiated and some law enforcement employees whose contract is in negotiations.

Elected and appointed salary schedule for Charlevoix County employees for 2008:

Circuit judge	$45,724
District judge	$19,661
Probate judge	$139,919
Friend of the court	$50,880
County clerk	$49,414
Equalization	$52,936
Prosecuting attorney	$84,000
Register of deeds	$44,730
Treasurer	$44,422
Maintenance	$38,822
Sheriff	$55,581
Drain commissioner	$2,400
Planning director	$47,741
GIS coordinator	$45,942
Veteran's affairs	$24,403
Building official	$47,513

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners passed the $12.2 million 2007-2008 budget — an increase of 1.13 percent from last year.

According to Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon, keeping the budget within reach took compromise and careful planning.

"We were able to keep the health care we have because we've had no raises this year," she said.

While the fiscal year for the county's health care begins in February, she is generally able to ballpark what the increase will be.

"Ten percent is kind of an average. Some years it's slightly higher than anticipated and some years it's lower," she said.

Brannon has previously expressed gratitude that Charlevoix County, unlike other governmental bodies in the state, has escaped layoffs and wage reductions.

Increases in the budget include a jump in the Veterans Affairs office from $39,497 in 2006-2007 to $56,354 in 2007-2008.

"The amount of people requesting payment to drive to the VA hospitals has increased," Brannon said. "In the past, they really haven't done that, but with gas so expensive, and many of these people are on limited incomes, they do need the help."

She added, "The increase in deaths of World War II veterans has also affected the numbers."

Veterans Affairs pays $300 toward funeral costs for each World War II veteran who passes.

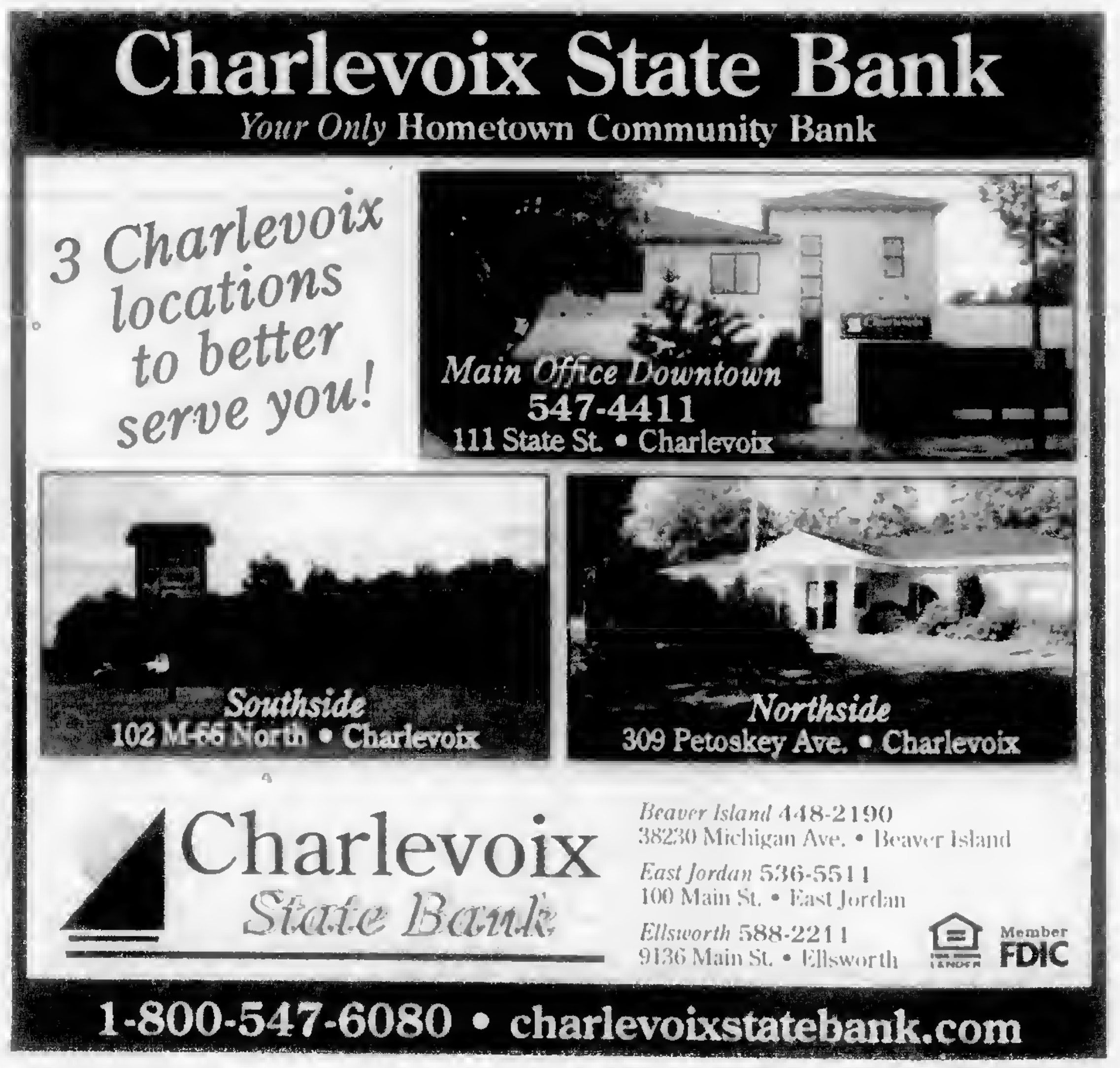
Outlay for retirement increased from $750,000 to $815,000.

"That is a pretty hefty amount in retirement they pay for us," Brannon said.

Social Security went from $343,000 to $375,000; Contingency funds were reduced from $62,808 to $33,200 to cover shortfalls elsewhere; election monies were increased from $21,800 to $70,000 as this is a major election year.

All in all, Brannon said, "A 1.13 increase is not a big increase in a $12 million budget."

A complete copy of the approved budget can be acquired from the clerk's office located at 203 Antrim St. in Charlevoix.



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Health department chief receives Manty Distinguished Service Award

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Gerry Chase (above, right), health officer for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, recently received the Roy R. Manty Distinguished Service Award. He is pictured above with Linda Yaroch, deputy health officer, who has worked with Chase since 1977.

Gerry Chase, health officer for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, recently received the Roy R. Manty Distinguished Service Award.

Named for his early mentor, the award is presented to an individual who exemplifies the values, dedication, and spirit that Roy Manty brought to public health. According to the Michigan Association of Local Public Health, Manty's philosophy was "helping the helpless, correcting the correctable, and assisting all people to fulfillment through service."

"Having known Roy Manty personally, this award is a great honor for me," Chase said.

Over 30 years ago, Chase came to northern Michigan for what was supposed to be a temporary position. He had been working in the Michigan Department of Civil Service, assessing local health department organizational structures across the state with a man named Roy Manty from the state public health department. Manty encouraged him to take a two-year position leading the district health department for Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties.

Chase took the job, moved his young family to Charlevoix, and except for a one-year leave of absence to earn a master of public health degree at the University of Michigan, has been at the helm of the health department ever since.

"We are so proud of Gerry," said Linda Yaroch, deputy health officer, who has worked with Chase since 1977. "He really deserves recognition for all of the good work he's done — not just in our four counties, but for public health across the state. Early on, in his work with Roy Manty, he literally laid the foundation for public health in Michigan. Since those days, he's been a key participant in preventing disease and promoting health, particularly access to health care. These public health initiatives save both dollars and unnecessary illness and pain.

He's implemented and evaluated programs for maternal and child health, adolescent health, communicable disease prevention, and home care and hospice. With our board of health and county boards of commissioners, he's developed regulations to assure safe food and water supplies and to protect lakes and streams from septic waste. He just keeps working at public health problems."

Colleagues who nominated Chase noted his accomplishments in improving access to preventive, medical, and dental care and lauded his efforts spearheading a workplace tobacco regulation, leading sanitary code revisions, and advocating for environmental protection at Bay Harbor in Petoskey, Wicks TCE plume in Antrim County, and Tar Lake EPA Superfund site in Mancelona.

For more information about health department activities, visit www.nwhealth.org.

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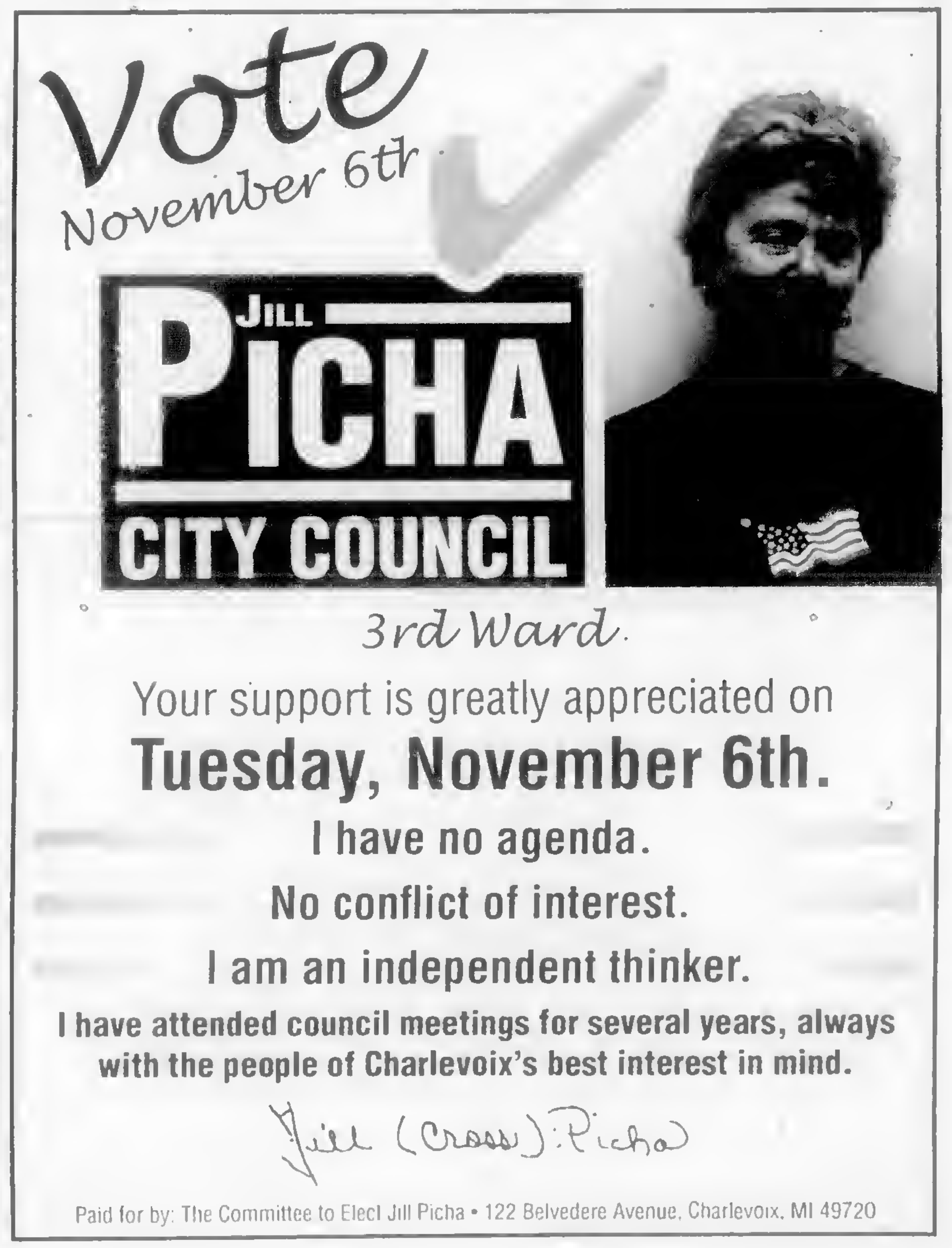

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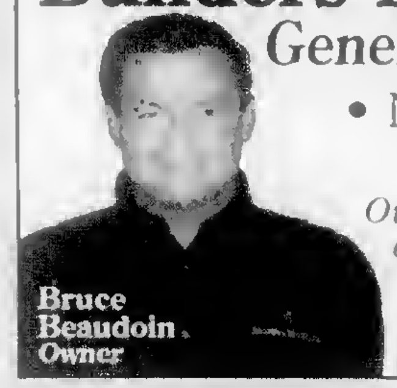

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Rayder volleyball heads into districts flawless in conference

BY ANDY SNEDDON
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> *"One of our goals was to be undefeated in the league and we accomplished that goal. The other team goal is to win districts."*
>
> **Liz Grunch**
> HEAD COACH CHARLEVOIX HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Charlevoix repeated the right kind of history.

Now, it wants to change a trend.

The Rayder volleyball team topped Harbor Springs and Grayling last week to complete its second straight perfect Lake Michigan Conference season.

Charlevoix finished 14-0 in the league, and is riding a 35-match win streak dating to the 2005-06 season. It was the Rayders' four league championship in five years under seventh-year coach Liz Grunch.

"One of our goals was to he undefeated in the league and we accomplished that goal," Grunch said. "The other team goal is to win districts."

And that hrings us to the trend part of the equation. In order to win the district, the Rayders will probably have to beat Suttons Bay, and the Norse have been a thorn in their side this year, and in the recent past.

The Rayders' Class C district is Saturday, Nov. 3, at Maple City Glen Lake High School.

Charlevoix is 1-6-1 against Suttons Bay this season. The Rayders are 39-7-8 overall, so all hut one of their losses have come to the Norse.

"Most of the games we've played with them, we've lost by two or three points," Grunch said. "They've been hattles every time. I think we're at the point where we know we can beat them ... it keeps fueling the fire."

Grunch isn't looking past anybody — "Anything can happen in districts," she said — hut if all goes according to Hoyle, the Rayders and Norse should end up in the final. Charlevoix opens with the host Lakers, then would play East Jordan in a semifinal match. Suttons Bay opens with Traverse City St. Francis, when would play Mancelona in a semi.

The Rayders and Norse have a history, not only in the 2007 season, hut in district tournaments. Charlevoix beat Suttons Bay to win its last district title, in 2004, and in the ensuing two years, lost to the Norse in district title matches.

Three times this season, the teams have met in a tournament championship match, and the Norse have won twice.

"So it's our turn now," Grunch said.

Charlevoix closed its regular season last week hy sweeping hoth Grayling and Harbor at Harbor Springs. The Rayders downed the Vikings, 25-11, 25-3, 25-16; and beat Harbor, 25-10, 25-19, 25-18.

Lauren Mielke had eight aces and 13 digs for Charlevoix in the two matches, and served 21 consecutive points in the game-two victory over Grayling.

Also for the Rayders, Murphy Gillespie finished the night with 25 kills and 92 percent in serve reception. Desi Faust added 24 kills, eight digs and three aces; Tammy Potter had 14 kills, three aces; Michelle Burke had 13 digs; and Shauna Speneley added six kills.

Setter Aubrey Way finished with 60 assists in the two matches, and enters the district tournament with 1,110 on the season, believed to be a school record.

Gillespie has been Charlevoix's most productive offensive player this season with 491 kills and a .409 kill percentage. Faust had 395 kills and a team-high 80 aces, and Potter has compiled 61 blocks.

Charlevoix's JV team beat Grayling, 25-11, 25-22, 15-12; and lost to Harbor, 25-12, 25-17, 8-15. For the Rayders, Nikki Spiegl had eight aces, 10 digs, three kills; Bobbie Molter had five kills, three aces; Katie Mays had four kills; and Bailey Chamberlain added eight digs.

If Charlevoix wins the district, it advances to the regional at Kingsley on either Friday, Nov. 9, or Saturday, Nov. 10.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

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What's next? The Rayders' Class C district is Saturday, Nov. 3, at Maple City Glen Lake High School.

Soccer team ends season with a conference win

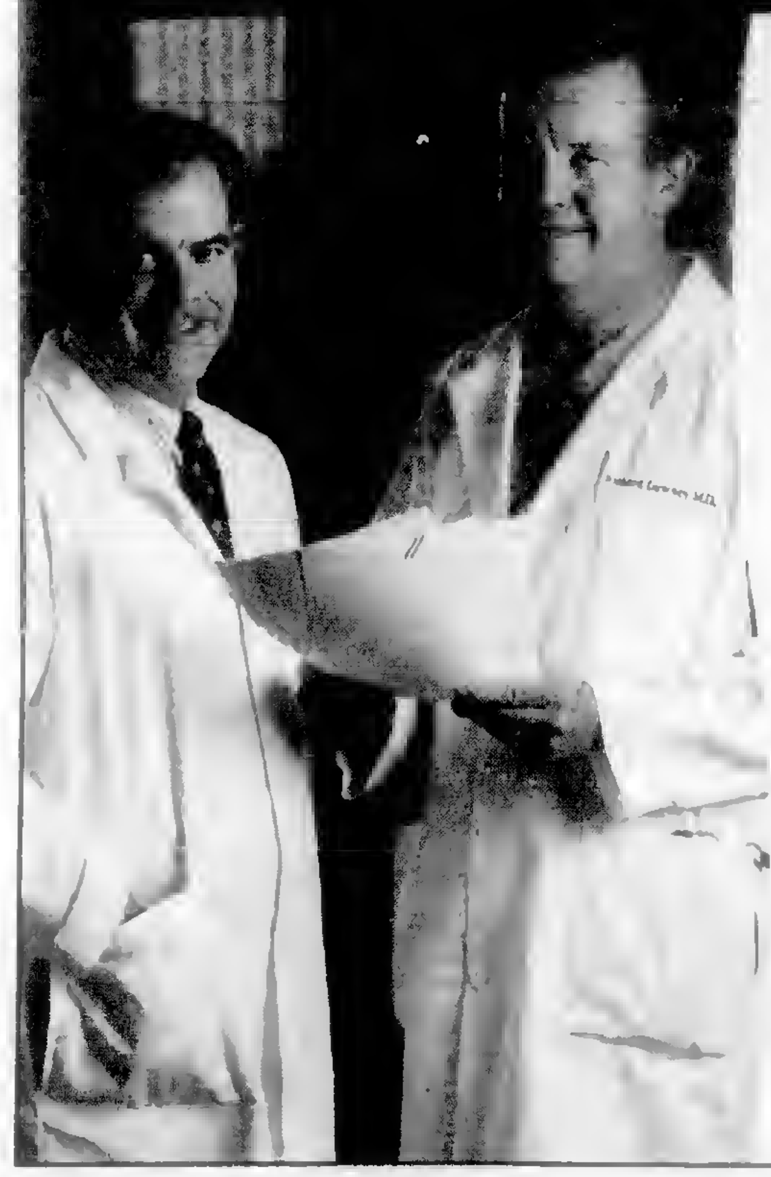
Matt Klooster and Brian Whitley scored the goals Monday, Oct. 22 as Charlevoix closed an 11-8-1 season with a 2-0 Lake Michigan Conference makeup victory over Kalkaska.

Boog Nitchman had an assist from the Rayders, and Colin McDonough posted the shutout in goal.

"I've been coaching for 14 years now and this is the first time now that we've had one more shot to play at home after the state tournament started, and end with a victory for the seniors," Charlevoix coach Josh Block said. "That really helps end the season on a good note."

The team lost to Grayling 6-4 in the district semi-finals on Oct. 24.

They finished second in the Lake Michigan Conference with a record of 7-4-1.



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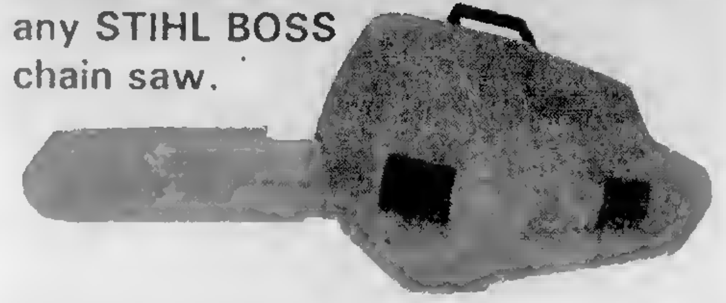

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Three Rayder runners qualify for Nov. 3 state cross country finals

Charlevoix's Alex Buday, Nick Wimmer and Alina Dhaseleer are headed to the Division III state cross country meet after strong finishes Saturday, Oct. 27 in the regional at Benzie Central.

Dhaseleer, a senior, qualified for the state meet for the fourth time in her career as she placed eighth in the girls' race in 19 minutes, 40 seconds.

Buday finished ninth and Wimmer was 10th in the boys' race. Buday finished in 16:59, while Wimmer came in at 17:00. It is the first time either has qualified for the state meet.

Leroy Pine River had five runners place in the top 10 to win the 14-team girls' meet with 34 points, while Benzie Central was second with 46, and Kingsley, 94, was third. All three qualified for the state meet. The Rayders finished sixth with 154, while Boyne City was 13th with 307.

Devyn Ramsey of Benzie won the girls' race in 18:42.2, while teammate Michaela Carnegie was second.

Also for Charlevoix, KC McCary placed 27th, Katie Withrow was 34th, Elise Smolenyak was 40th, Krista Pischner was 45th, Caroline Dupuis was 55th, Elizabeth Kur placed 57th, and Patty Kurtz was 81st.

Benzie Central won the boys' meet with 63 points, followed hy Elk Rapids, 70; and Harrison, 81; Mason County Central, 113; and Charlevoix, 115. Boyne City placed 13th with 336.

Alex Vanias of Pine River won the race in 16:14.5, nine seconds ahead of runner-up Blake Allison of Harrison.

Also for Charlevoix, Neil Salisbury was 27th, Doug Reynolds placed 33rd, Eric Buday was 36th, Jonathon Kelly was 65th, and Sam Balasz was 68th.

The state meet will take place Saturday morning, Nov. 3 at the Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

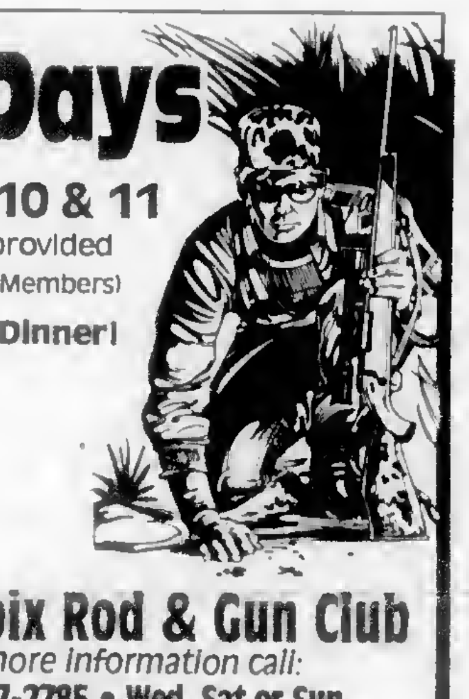
Photo courtesy of Petoskey News-Review

Charlevoix's Nick Wimmer (left) and Alex Buday run during the Division III regional Saturday at Benzie Central. Buday finished ninth and Wimmer was 10th as both qualified for the state meet on Saturday, Nov. 3, at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

Photo courtesy of Beaver Island News on the 'Net

Islanders win back-to-back shoot outs

The Beaver Island soccer team (Islanders) won the Northern Lights League soccer tournament Oct. 20 in Sault St. Marie by winning back-to-back shoot-outs against Paradise and Mackinac Island. (Left) Muddy, but happy Islanders celebrate the tournament win.



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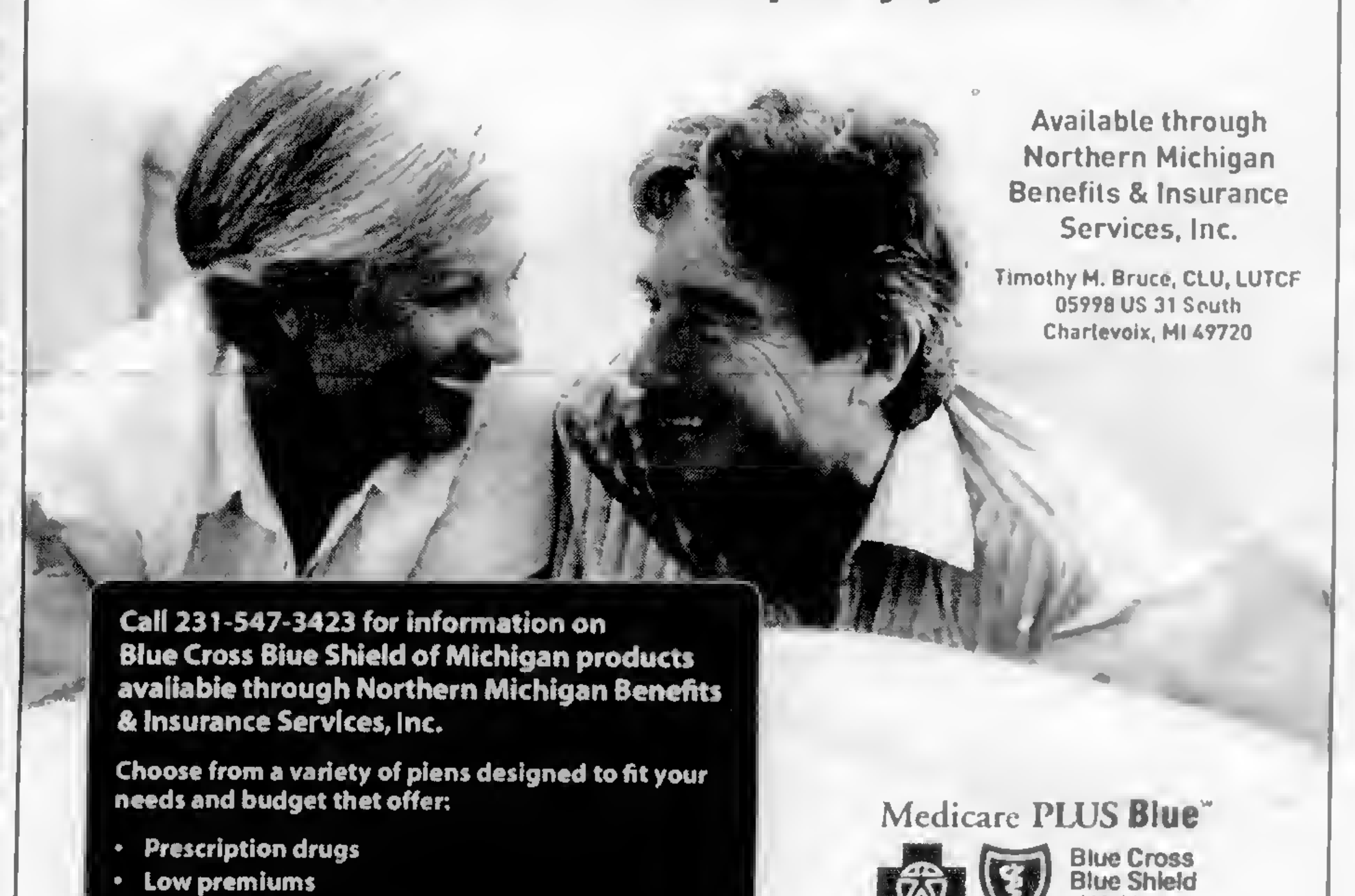

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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO. 07-011145-DE

Estate of Patricia J. Harrison
Date of Birth: March 30, 1935

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Patricia J. Harrison, who lived at 982 Townline Road, Bay Shore, Michigan, died July 14, 2007.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Bradley Clodfelter, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: October 23, 2007

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Decedent's Estate
FILE NO.

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TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Wilfred Rasmussen, who lived at 06685 M-66 North, Number 82, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720 died February 1, 2007.

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Date: October 24, 2007

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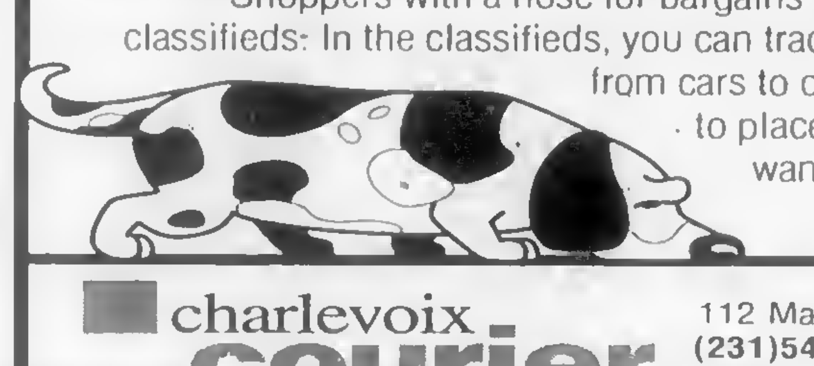

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Notice is hereby given that on Friday, November 9, 2007 at 11 o'clock a.m., in the main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, the premises described in the mortgages, situated in City of Boyne City, Charlevoix County, Michigan and described as follows:

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OCT 2007

Local restaurants compete for 'Best chili in town' title

What? Charlevoix's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off
When? 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3
Where? Charlevoix United Methodist Church at State and Clinton streets

Charlevoix's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off is ready to warm up your Saturday, Nov. 3.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Charlevoix United Methodist Church at State and Clinton streets will host the event featuring some of Charlevoix's best chefs.

For $5, attendees get a voting ballot, chili, onion and cheese toppings, crackers, corn bread muffins, ice cream and a beverage. Homemade pies by the slice are also available. There will also be macaroni and cheese for those who might be less adventurous.

Children under 10 eat free.

Handmade items made by members of United Methodist Women's Bazaar will be on sale.

The restaurant that won last year's cook off was Scovies Gourmet with their Southwest Black Bean and Sausage Chili. The winner of the first annual event was Whitney's featuring their Holey Moley Chili.

The winning restaurant will receive an engraved wooden plaque.

Registration underway for Sights on Success

Laurie Stewart

The Charlevoix Zonta Club and Charlevoix Area Hospital will present the 3rd Annual Sights on Success on Saturday, Nov. 10 at Charlevoix Public Library.

Sights on Success is a free event for area sixth through ninth-grade girls who will be part of an interactive experience lead by nationally known public speaker Laurie Stewart. Stewart will lead the girls through activities featuring topics of self-esteem, goal setting, confidence building and other topics related to the attendees.

Registration is at 9:30 a.m. The event begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Lunch is provided at no cost. Early registration is encouraged and the first 75 to register will receive a T-shirt.

For more information on Stewart, visit www.lasterwart.com.

Sights on Success is sponsored by the Charlevoix Zonta Club and the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

To register, call Helen at (231) 547-2955 or Betsy at (231) 547-5930. Mail registration forms to Charlevoix Area Zonta Club SOS – Sights on Success c/o Helen Emmons, 102 Alice St., Charlevoix, MI 49720 or fax them to (231) 547-1754.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Sweet spirit

(From left) Colin Pearson, Hailey Crockett, Alicia Whennen and Michael Whennen II, of Phoebe Gohs' elementary program at Northwest Academy, man the cupcake and cookie station during the school's annual Spirit Week. Students dressed in pajamas and sold treats on Wednesday, Oct. 24 to raise funds for classroom projects.

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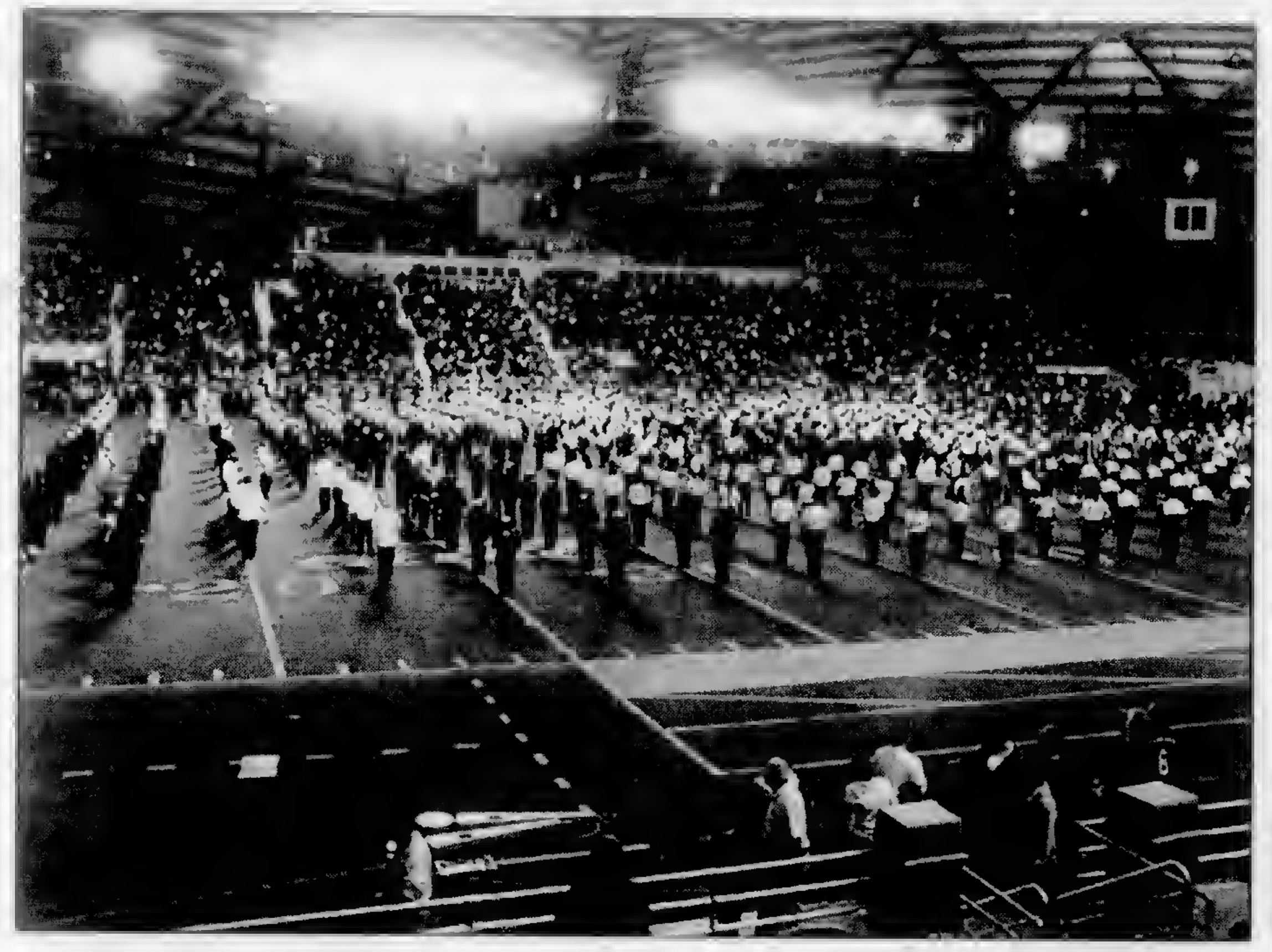
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The Northwest Academy Advanced Band participated in the Northern Michigan University Band Day on Saturday, Oct. 19 in Marquette. The band members were part of a half-time show featuring over 600 musicians on the field at the Superior Dome performing together.

The Northwest Academy Advanced Band participated in the Northern Michigan University Band Day on Saturday, Oct. 19 in Marquette.

Northwest Academy along with high school bands from Marquette High School, Onaway, Kingsford, Munising, Newberry, Engadine, Iron Mountain, Gladstone, Norway and Rapid River, participated in a field show that featured hits from the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Saturday morning the band spent two hours on the practice field at the Superior Dome rehearsing the music as a massed band and also had sectional rehearsals before putting the final touches on the half-time show featuring over 600 musicians on the field performing together.

The Northern Michigan University Wildcat Marching Band was featured in a post game show along with Marquette, Kingsford, Iron Mountain and Onaway.

The Northwest Academy Advanced Band received a tour of the Northern Michigan University campus by the admissions office and met with admissions department representative, Jon Teichman.

The band also toured the new Reynolds Recital Hall and the music department that their band director, Gary Stutzman attended and graduated from many years ago.

Band members also attended a Northern Michigan University hockey game where they face the University of Michigan.

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OCT. 31
WRITER'S GROUP

A Writer's Group meets weekly at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 1
CHARLEVOIX DEMOCRATS TO MEET

The Democratic primary election and caucuses to select a nominee for president of the United States, a Christmas food drive project and a report on the Blue Tiger Democrats are all on the agenda for the Nov. 1 gathering of Charlevoix County Democrats which will take place at 7 p.m. at the Wolverine-Dilworth Hotel

An optional pre-meeting dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m.

In support of the food drive project, in which local Democrats are working with Care and Share Food Pantry in East Jordan, members are requested to bring non-perishable food items to the meeting and/or donations of cash or check. Checks should be made payable to the Manna Food Project with "Care and Share EJ" written on the memo line.

NOV. 1
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Charlevoix County Genealogical Society will discuss tips and ideas for organizing genealogy and family history projects at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1 in the Boyne District Library Community Room, located at 201 East Main St. in Boyne City. The presenter will be Amy Christensen, librarian at the Petoskey Family History Center. Those attending should bring notebooks, records and names pertaining to one or more of their surname connections. Time will be allotted for discussion, as well as "question and answer" opportunities. The program is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Patrick at (231) 348-8255 or JoAnn at (231) 582-9602.

NOV. 1
HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS

Hospice of Northwest Michigan, in partnership with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, is offering a program that will give suggestions on how to "Handle the Holidays" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1 in the large classroom in the lower level of the Charlevoix Area Hospital. This program is open to anyone who feels a need for help to get through the holidays.

Whether your loss has occurred in the past few months, or in the past, the holidays can bring about feelings of loss and sadness. Rev. Nancy Rhode, hospice spiritual advisor, and Margaret Lasater, bereavement coordinator, will talk about the "Griever's Holiday Bill of Rights" and will offer a simple plan for handling some of the stresses associated with the holidays. Participants will receive a booklet that contains a holiday planner and other useful tools.

Following the program there will be a time for sharing and refreshments. There is no charge for this program. For more information, call the hospice office at (231) 582-8800 or health department of Northwest Michigan at (231) 547-6092.

NOV. 2
VARIETY SHOW

The East Jordan Rotary Club will present its 2nd Annual Variety at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 2 and 3 in the auditorium at East Jordan High School.

The show will feature several performers from around the region. Appearing for the second year in a row will be the family favorite Tommy Tropic. He is well-known to many for his juggling act.

Also returning to the stage will be Tammy Sundelius who appeared last year in the "Honey Bun" segment with local Rotarians providing the comedy for the act.

Proceeds from the event will be used to fund programs the East Jordan Rotary Club supports.

Tickets are $8 each and are available at Halfway to the Top in Charlevoix.

For more information, call Barb Worgess at (231) 536-7465.

NOV. 2
FIRST FRIDAY BREAKFAST

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce will host the First Friday Business Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 2 at Grey Gables. The cost is $7 per person. The guest speaker is Mike Way, president of Pine River Inc. Community, financial, school and Chamber of Commerce news will be shared.

For more information, call the Chamber at (231) 547-2101.

NOV. 2
SENIOR HEALTH EXPO

The 3rd Annual Charlevoix-Emmet County Senior Health Expo will take place from 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, Nov. 2 at the Emmet County Fairgrounds Community Center in Petoskey.

There will be flu vaccinations for $25 or Medicare Part B will be billed. Receive answers to questions concerning Medicare Part D, legal and financial issues, health, fitness and nutrition. Also available will be cardiovascular screenings for $15 (including glucose and cholesterol testing and blood pressure screenings).

Admission is free. Free refreshments and door prizes will also be available. For more information, call (231) 237-0103.

NOV. 2
BNI

Up North Network of Business Network International which consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation, call Sam Bingham at (231) 547-4062.

NOV. 2
DOMINIC CONCERT

Friends of country performer Chris Dominic are hosting a country concert dinner benefit from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2, at Greensky Hill Church in Charlevoix. Dominic is partnering with a national promoter to obtain studio and song writing professionals to advance a career in country music. Suggested donations are $10 a person. Chris will be performing at the spaghetti benefit dinner and CDs will be available. For more information call 547-5286.

NOV. 3
ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra will perform a concert entitled "Seasonal Differences," at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix. Tickets are $15 for adults and $8 for students. Tickets will be available at the door but advance tickets are available now at the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 109 Mason St.

NOV. 3
CHILI COOK-OFF

Charlevoix's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off is ready to warm up your Saturday, Nov. 3.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Charlevoix United Methodist Church at State and Clinton streets will host the event featuring some of Charlevoix's best chefs.

For $5, attendees get a voting ballot, chili, onion and cheese toppings, crackers, corn bread muffins, ice cream and a beverage. Homemade pies by the slice are also available. There will also be macaroni and cheese for those who might be less adventurous.

Children under 10 eat free.

NOV. 3
CHARITY SHOP

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce has organized the 3rd Annual Shop for Charlevoix Charities shopping event.

On Nov. 3, participating merchants will donate 10 percent of each designated sale to the participating non-profit or charity of your choice.

For more information, call the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

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Some are controversial:
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Charlevoix Public Library, Thursday, November 8, at 6 p.m.
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Two leaders of the study group will debate the topic:
John Axe, law professor, local government bond counsel, and a former member of the Wayne State University board of governors
Rick Simonson, former ISD deputy superintendent, lobbyist, and legislative liaison for 20 years with a focus on banking, transportation, and commerce.

STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

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NOV. 3
PAWS FOR A STORY

Curl up and read to certified reading dogs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. Call to reserve a spot for a student (231) 237-7350.

NOV. 3
DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY INTRODUCTION

Learn all you need to know to get started with digital photography at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. Camera not necessary. There is a $29 fee. Register by calling North Central Michigan College at (231) 348-6705.

NOV. 4
CANDIDATE FORUM

A public opportunity to meet and question the candidates for Charlevoix City Council will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4 in the community room at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

An election for candidates will take place on Nov. 6.

Council candidates are as follows:

First Ward — Dennis Kusina and Mary Eveleigh

Second Ward — Kim VanMeter and D.J. Way

Third Ward — Jill Picha and John Elzinga

NOV. 4
ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Charlevoix United Methodist Church, located at 104 State St. Charlevoix. Hospice of Northwest Michigan in partnership with the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, will host a Memorial Service to remember the patients they have served this past year. Anyone who has experienced a death is encouraged to attend the service.

For more information, call Margaret Lasater, bereavement coordinator at Hospice of Northwest Michigan (231) 582-8800.

NOV. 5
FLU SHOT CLINIC

Cost for flu shots is $25. Pneumonia shots are also available for $30. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. Appointments are required for all clinics. Call 800-432-4121 during business hours to schedule a flu shot appointment.

The following is a list of flu clinics in Charlevoix:

Nov. 5 at the health department Charlevoix office, 220 West Garfield St.

Nov. 12 at the Charlevoix Middle School, 108 East Garfield St.

Nov. 27 at the health department Charlevoix office, 220 West Garfield St.

For additional information about seasonal flu vaccination, contact the health department at 800-432-4121 or visit www.nwhealth.org.

NOV. 5
MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES

The Charlevoix Public Library Monday Movie Matinees series will feature two films on Monday, Nov. 5.

At 1 p.m. "In Harms Way," with John Wayne and Kirk Douglas and at 3:30 p.m. "Dreamer," with Kurt Russell and Dakota Fanning will be screened. Attendees can bring snacks. Movies will be shown on the big screen in the community meeting room. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 5
FELTING CLASS

Learn how to use circular and double pointed needles and how to "felt" wool at a felting class that will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

The price of class includes pattern, needles and wool to either make a hat or hand bag ($50) or shoulder bag ($60).

NOV. 6
DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

A documentary entitled "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised" will be screened at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Charlevoix Public Library. The documentary is about the 2002 Venezuelan coup attempt which briefly deposed President Hugo Chavez. Chavez is depicted as a colorful and unpredictable folk hero to Venezuela's working classes and as opposed by a power structure that would see him deposed. He is shown as being against privatization and globalization; as a close friend of Fidel Castro, and as a sharp critic of George Bush. The film, presented by the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom, has won 12 prestigious awards at film festivals.

For more information, call Phillip Crooks at (231) 547 2465.

JUKEBOX

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Nov. 1 karaoke; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Nov. 2 and 3 Charlie's Root Fusion — high energy blues; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Nov. 3 Big Ben's Open Mic Night.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Nov. 2 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Oct. 31 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 2 and 3, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Nov. 2, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Nov. 2 Ray J. the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Nov. 3 Jeff Fitzgerald and the All Nighters, costume party — classic rock.

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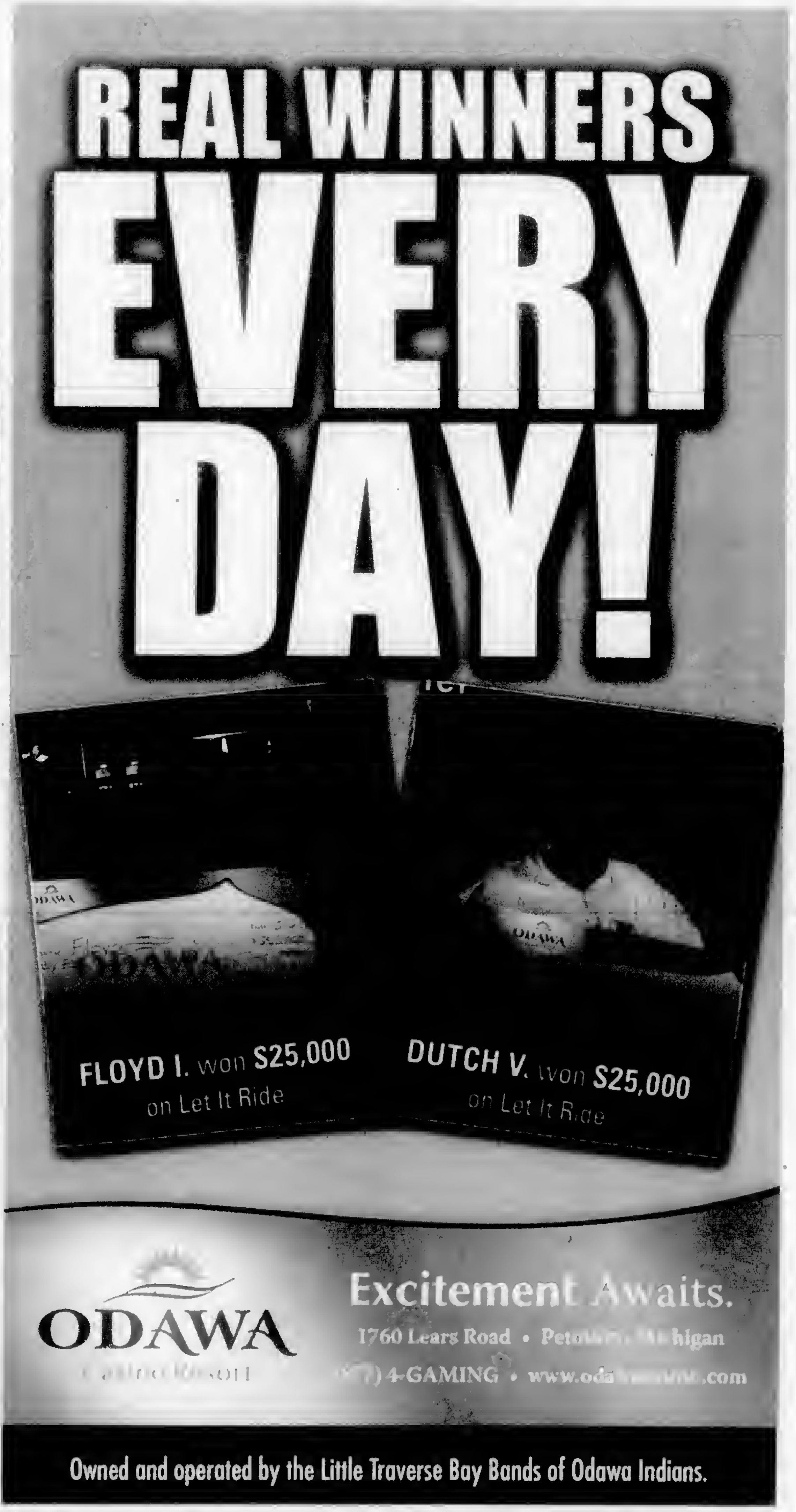
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Dinner and dreams

About 140 people turned out at spaghetti dinner fund-raiser Nov. 2 at Greensky Hill Church to help Chris Dominic of Charlevoix reach his dream of establishing a successful career in country music. They raised $2,600. Pictured above (from left) are Bonnie Dominic, Chris Dominic, Dennis Dominic and Chris' producer Forest "Chip" Stead.

Out with the old and in with the new

City voters elect Kusina, Campbell and Picha

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Dennis Kusina

Gabe Campbell

Jill Picha

The story of the Nov. 6 Charlevoix City Council general election is one of close races and beating the odds.

Gabe Campbell proved you can get elected on a write-in campaign and Dennis Kusina and Jill Picha successfully edged out their competition.

At the election, 531 city voters turned out, choosing Kusina for First Ward councilman, Campbell for Second Ward councilman and Picha for Third Ward council member.

Windy cold fall weather characterized election day, when 22 percent of the city's 2,370 registered voters cast a ballot.

City clerk, Carol Ochs, who ran unopposed to retain her seat, said voting was steady throughout the day in spite of the wicked wind.

"It (turnout) probably would have been better if the weather was better," she said.

Turnout was strong in the Second Ward where Campbell pulled off a surprise win on a successful write-in campaign.

When asked to what he attributes his success, Campbell joked and said, "I don't know, it must be my charm."

Then the 74-year-old who has spent 10 years as a councilman and two as mayor got serious and said, "I just work for the people. I don't have an agenda and I think people know that."

While he may not have an agenda, he does have a to-do list and at the top is the Charlevoix Municipal Airport and the East Park project.

"I want to see the airport not run as a monopoly. I want Fresh Air (Aviation) in the same terminal as Island Airways. And I'd like to make sure there's no more interruptions in the (East) park. We can't afford that," he said.

Of the 740 Second Ward voters, 160 cast a ballot. Of those, 56 percent voted for Campbell.

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Cannabis busts in Norwood

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Five Norwood residents have been arrested in connection with marijuana grow operations ranging in size from 14 to 66 plants.

"This is the best year since I've been here making cases on individuals. We've had more success based on tips," said detective-lieutenant Kenneth Mills of Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement (SANE).

Tammy and Leo Kleiber, David Farmer, Kirk Wilson and Michelle Bratcher, all of Norwood Township, are facing charges related to a major marijuana eradication effort this summer by the Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (SANE) which unearthed 99 marijuana plants grown on their private properties.

"They (growers) think it's (an arrest) not something that's going to happen to them," Mills said. "Typically people won't grow on their own property. You take the risk of it easily being tied to the house. But it's easier to tend to the plants and they (growers) think it's harder to spot from the air."

Mills said of all of the Norwood Township busts on private property, the largest was on the Kleiber property located off Parsons Road where 66 plants were found. Of those, 25 plants were discovered growing in the basement and another 41 were

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Nov. 1	60	44	.19
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Nov. 3	55	33	—
Nov. 4	49	33	—

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Bryan Lee Cosier, 40, East Jordan. Allow unlicensed minor to drive. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve five days in jail.

Robert James Startzel, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol; malicious destruction of property, less than $200. Credit for one day in jail, 82 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $441.15 in fines and costs.

Logan Dewey White, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol; malicious destruction of property, less than $200. Credit for one day in jail, 82 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $641.14 in fines and costs.

Saul James DeYoung, 19, Charlevoix. Use of marijuana. Credit for two days in jail, 88 days held in abeyance; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $400 in fines and costs.

Donzell Sarah Kane, 45, Beaver Island. Malicious destruction of property, less than $200; controlled substance-possession of marijuana. Credit for three days in jail, to serve 42 days, 320 days held in abeyance; serve 12 months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $800 in fines and costs with restitution yet to be determined.

John David Stanfield, 48, Boyne Falls. Open intoxicant, motor vehicle driver; no operator license on person. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

Robert James Cronk, 19, East Jordan. Minor in possession of alcohol. Serve nine months probation; $300 in fines and costs.

Nickolas Leonard Collins, 31, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated; open intoxicant, motor vehicle driver. Credit for five days in jail, to serve 15 days in jail, 63 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $880 in fines and costs.

Emilee Jo Colvin, 17, Charlevoix. Retail fraud — third degree. Serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; serve three months probation; $350 in fines and costs.

Nathan Daniel Shawano, 19, Charlevoix. Minor in possession of alcohol — third offense. Serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $400 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Michael George Karaszewski, 33, Mancelona. Probation violation — larceny in a building. Sentenced to 330 days in jail with credit for 191 days in jail; to serve 330 days in jail.

Kenneth Roger Fabinski, 28, Alanson. Larceny by conversion of $1,000 or more, but less than $20,000. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 50 days in jail; to serve 150 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $10,195 in fines and costs.

Tara Lyn Marsh, 21, Charlevoix. Controlled substances — possession. Sentenced to 120 days in jail; credit for 60 days in jail; to serve 120 days in jail.

Martin John St. Lawrence, 46, Howell. Breaking and entering — entry without breaking with intent. Serve 90 days in jail with credit for two days in jail; to serve 90 days in jail.

Adam Matthew Taylor, 21, Detroit. Attempted larceny in a building, a probation violation. To continue 12 months of probation; to serve six months in jail for any future nonpayment.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Frosti Kiwi, 6630 Nine Mile Point, Charlevoix, by Ken and Karen Stolpmann

Michelle Potter Certified Trainer, 00832 Fourth St., Charlevoix, by Michelle Potter

Lidsters Landscape & Contracting, 5077 Pearl St. Eastport, by John Lidster

K & C Handyman Service, 9550 Brant Rd., Ellsworth, by Edwin Darrin Carson Penfold

Paul's Building Service, 115 Trent St., Boyne City, by Paul Whistler

Northern Benefit Group, 10300 Boyne Rd., Charlevoix, by Clare Zitka

Fitz's Firewod & All Around Handyman, 3535 Six Mile Lake Rd., Ellsworth, by David L. Fitzpatrick

Paul Grapp Excavating & Landscape, 01663 Barnard Rd., Charlevoix, by Paul Grapp

LLH Graphics, 515 Meadowlane, Charlevoix, by John F. Rathjens II

TJ's Guns LLC, 04408 Fontenoy, Boyne City, by Thomas J. Scott

The Banas Group, 519 St., Boyne City by Kristine Anne Mihelich

Modern Frameworks, 34717 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, by Kevin Joseph Bousquet

Dietrich Design, 14237 Mascho Rd., Charlevoix by, Heidi L. Dietrich

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

McGregor Mills Whitney, 24, and Heidi Anne Pfinster, 24, both of Gallup, N.M.

Jerry Steven Roman, 27 and Christi Ann Dunckley, 26, both of Charlevoix

Jason Edward McCollum, 26, and Karyn Rochelle Hren, 24, both of Charlevoix

BIRTHS

Jack Brayton Pointner weighing 9 pounds was born on Oct. 3 in San Diego, Calif. to Brayton and Aimee Pointner of La Jolla, Calif. His maternal grandparents are Barry and Kristine Pfister of Clermont, Fla. His paternal grandparents are Connie Saltonstall of Charlevoix and Tom and Denise Pointner of Jacksonville, Fla. His great-grandparents are Tony and Mary Catherine Dunaski of Charlevoix.

Isabella Grace Bishop weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces was born on Oct. 19 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Joseph and Erin Bishop of East Jordan. Her sibling is Madison Bishop.

Darek Raymund Altergott weighing 4 pounds, 15 ounces was born on Oct. 22 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Julie Barrow and Craig Altergott of Central Lake. His sibling is Colin Altergott. His grandparents are Robert and Ramona Barrow of Central Lake, Debbie and Randy Katzer of Standish, Bill Altergott of Bay City and Donald and Cheryl Clark of Central Lake.

Jonah Paul Denherder weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces was born on Oct. 23 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jesse and Tara Denherder of Central Lake. His grandparents are A. Kathy Dewey and Charles and Mary LaPointe, all of Central Lake and Paul and Ann Denherder of Haslett.

Isaac James Jordan weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces was born on Oct. 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to James and Ruby Jordan of East Jordan. His siblings are Sarah and Leah. His grandparents are Jim and Lois Jordan of East Jordan and Ray and the late Mary Deany of Chebanse, Ill.

Kendel Marie Saganek weighing 7 pounds was born on Oct. 28 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Don and Sheena Saganek of East Jordan. Her sibling is Riley Jo Saganek. Her grandparents are Rhonda Segraves, Tracy Segraves, Don Saganek Sr. and Kris Saganek, all of East Jordan.

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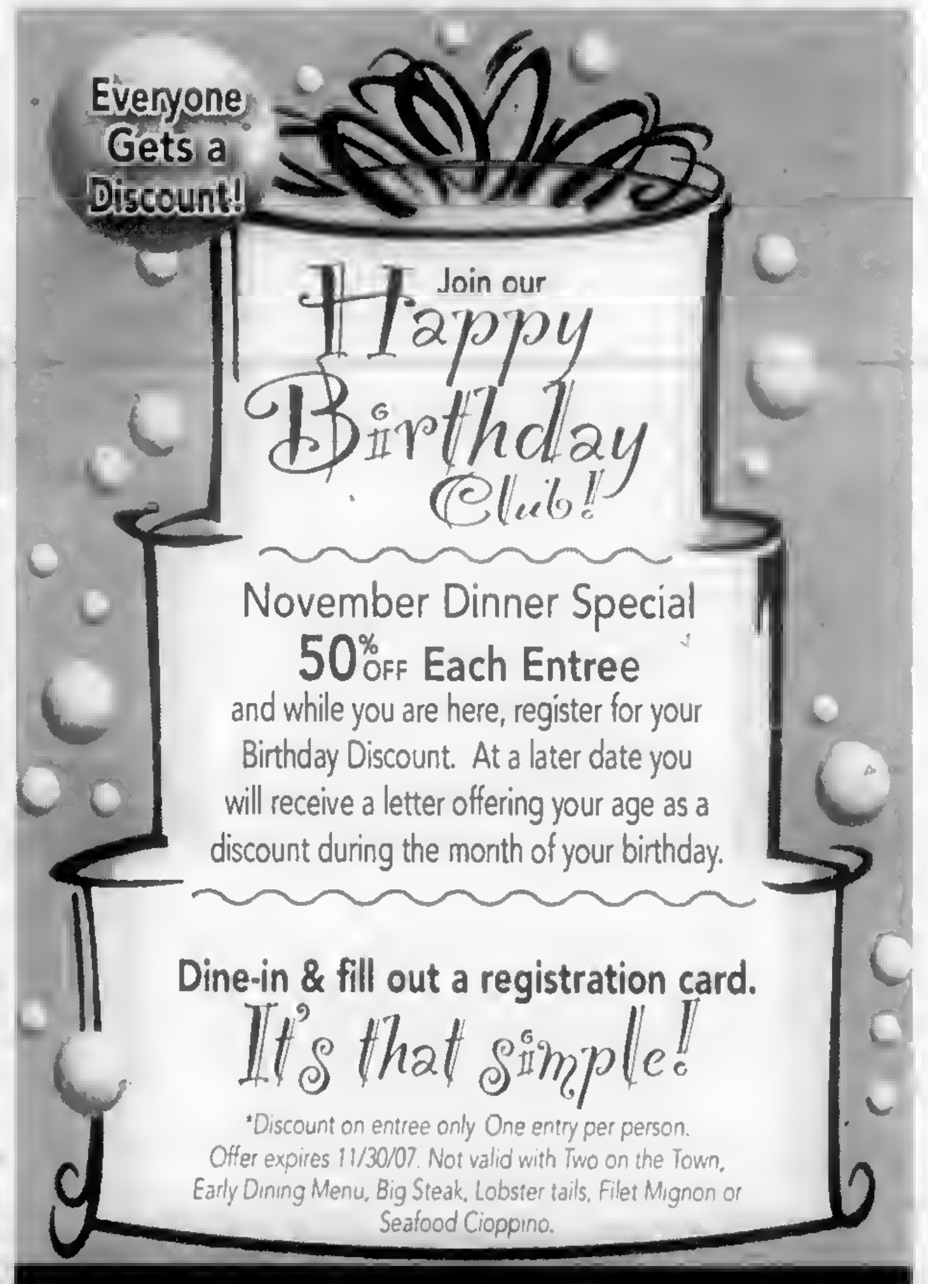

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Severe weather

Charlevoix resident Shelley McCullough was driving down Michigan Avenue around 9 a.m. on Nov. 6 when she heard a loud "crack" and saw this large group of trees begin to fall across the road. She slammed on her brakes, barely avoiding the large pine and maple trees from falling on the roof of her van. High winds caused damage and power outages across Charlevoix County that day.

Campbell succeeds with write-in campaign

ELECTION

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The final vote was 91 in favor of Campbell, 47 for Douglas "D.J." Way Jr. and 22 for Kim VanMeter. Campbell replaces outgoing councilman Gene Beer.

While Campbell won by a landslide, things were tight in the First and Third Wards.

Of the 827 First Ward voters, 156 cast a ballot. Of those, 47 percent voted for Kusina.

The final vote was 74 in favor of Kusina, 70 for his opponent Mary Eveleigh and 12 for write-in candidate, Bob Timms, who is currently ending his second consecutive term, and has served as a councilman on and off over the past 23 years.

Kusina said phone calls on election day urging First Ward voters to head to the polls may have edged out Eveleigh. He will have to resign from the City of Charlevoix Planning Commission to accept his council seat.

His plans during his City Council term are to, "Sit back, study, listen and observe."

"I'm not going in with any agenda to try to set the world on fire or make any major changes," he said.

In the Third Ward, Picha said persistent campaigning was the secret to her successful run against John Elzinga.

Picha said she's honored to be chosen by the voters to replace outgoing Third Ward council member Shirley Gibson.

"Shirley was wonderful. They're big shoes to fill," she said.

Picha who ran on a campaign that touted her as an "independent thinker" said she wants to see council focus on the looming realities of deregulation on the city's electrical system.

Of the 803 registered voters in the Third Ward, 215 cast a ballot, 55 percent of who favored Picha.

The vote breakdown is 119 for Picha and 93 for Elzinga.

Elzinga, 75, said he won't likely run again for City Council.

"Only time will tell," he said.

Voters also cast ballots for Ochs who was first elected in November 2004 and ran uncontested in this election. She was reelected by 444 votes.

Each of the elected council seats carries a two-year term. Council members will take office on Nov. 19. The clerk will take office Jan. 2, 2008.

The November 2008 City Council election will see First Ward councilman Lyle Gennett, Second Ward councilman Greg Stevens and Third Ward councilman Sherm Chamberlain's seats open up.

The results from this election will be reviewed by the Charlevoix County Board of Canvassers on Nov. 7 before being finalized.

VOTE BREAKDOWN

First Ward
Dennis Kusina 74
Mary Eveleigh 70
Bob Timms 12

Second Ward
Gabe Campbell 91
D.J. Way 47
Kim VanMeter 22

Third Ward
Jill Picha 119
John Elzinga 93

SANE seizes 99 pot plants, arrests five in Norwood

SANE

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outside.

"These were nice plants. And with the quantity we believe it to be a commercial operation," Mills said.

As far as quantity goes, Mills said SANE estimates about a pound of pot being gleaned from each plant.

Tammy, 44 and Leo Kleiber, 43 are being charged with one count of manufacturing marijuana, maintaining a drug house and possession of marijuana.

They were arraigned on those charges on Nov. 6 along with fellow Norwood Township resident David Farmer, 44. Mills said SANE officers seized 14 plants in pots near Farmer's residence off U.S. 31 south in Norwood Township.

Kirk Wilson, 52 and his housemate, Michelle Bratcher, 43, were also arrested in connection with SANE's marijuana eradication effort. SANE officers pulled 19 plants from their residence on Norwood Road, four of which were hanging to dry in the basement, 10 that were growing indoors and another five planted behind the home. In late October, Bratcher pleaded guilty to use of marijuana and was given nine months probation. Wilson was bound over to circuit court on charges of delivery and manufacturing of marijuana, maintaining a drug house and possession of marijuana.

Penalties for growing marijuana range from four to 15 years in prison depending on the number of plants seized. A charge for 19 plants or less is a four-year felony. A charge for 20 plants or more but less than 200 is a seven-year felony. And a charge for over 200 plants is a 15-year felony.

The final outcome for these local growers likely won't be a prison sentence.

"We rarely see people go to prison on marijuana charges. But, it's up to the judge," Mills said.

Those wanting to report narcotics activity are encouraged to call SANE at (800) 621-8651.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Five Norwood residents have been arrested in connection with marijuana grow operations ranging in size from 14 to 66 plants. These arrests stem from a marijuana eradication effort launched by Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement (SANE) in August.

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'Give back' by cutting back

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Never one to let the untimely passing of the horse cease my pummeling, this special edition of the Crying Towel is the second in recent weeks to cover the state of this state's budget.

Of course, when I say special, I'm not talking about donning a crash helmet to finger paint kind of special, I'm talking 13 cents off per pound of yak loin, special.

All right, so maybe I've had too much coffee this morning, but that doesn't mean my most recent river of rage over the actions of our so-called public servants is any less quantifiable.

"So where are we at?" you may be asking yourself.

Well, the increase in personal income tax from 3.9 to 4.3 percent is in effect; the six-cent services tax, while now questionable whether it will pass on Dec. 1, still has a chance for implementation; more than half of the those served by the W.J. Maxey Boys Training School, a rehabilitation center for juvenile offenders, will be out of luck as 80 of 150 spots in the facility are to be eliminated; supposedly there could be an increase in per pupil funding to schools of $48 to $96, though anyone around for last year's tomfoolery knows the schools will be lucky just to escape proration; the cost of hunting and fishing licenses will likely increase, though officials are holding off on telling us by how much for now; two state police crime labs will be closed; and the DNR will be forced to close 37 state parks and recreation areas by October 2008.

And what to my wondering eyes did appear when looking over the state's final budget? Not a penny pinched from current corporate welfare giveaways, after all, they've done such a bang-up job in luring business to the Great Lakes region; not one cent removed from the public service announcement budgets, after all, what would we do without TV and radio commercials which tell us not to get fat, smoking is bad for us and placing nude pictures of ourselves online could come back to haunt us in this perennially prudish society.

As if the barely balanced budget wasn't enough to make me buggy, I came across a Lansing State Journal piece which gave the rundown on what our legislators earn: Governor Granholm — $177,000 with a $60,000 expense account; Lt. Gov. John Cherry — $123,900 with a $20,000 expense account; Supreme Court justices — $164,610; state senators and representatives — $79,650 with a $12,000 expense account; lawmakers in leadership positions earn as much as $27,000 in addition to yearly salary; Attorney General Mike Cox — $124,900; Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land — $124,900 — these figures do not include the $9,000 per person we spend for their benefits.

Michigan, one of nine states with full-time legislatures — and I use the term "full-time" loosely — had the second highest paid legislators in 2005 with average salaries of $79,650, just under California with $110,880. Wisconsin pays its public servants the least with an average of $45,569. (Source Stateline.org)

What gets me the most isn't the amount of money they earn, it's the amount of money they earn in spite of the fact that Michigan is 50th in personal income growth, 50th in employment, and 50th in employment growth. In fact, the only thing Michigan is number one in is the number of unemployed workers.

The 2004 numbers show 60 percent of families of four in Michigan earning $41,002 with single individuals averaging $21,321.

And it only gets worse from there.

Tom Clay, a former Michigan Department of Treasury official and director of state affairs for the educational organization Citizens Research Council of Michigan, said if things don't get any worse than they are now, Michigan will face an annual deficit of $6 billion.

So what does it all mean?

Every politician I ever interviewed told me, when asked why they were running for office, that they wanted to give back to the community, to Michigan. Well, I couldn't agree more. What better way to give back to the overtaxed populace then by voluntarily cutting your salary.

After all, when the master earns, on average, one-fifth to one-third of what the servant makes per year, perhaps it is time rethink the system.

I urge anyone fed up with the high levels of tax and the low levels of satisfaction to contact your royal representatives and ask them how they justify breaking the collective backs of the citizenry while living high off this dwindling hog.

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Weekly Poll

Should it be legal to grow marijuana for personal or medical use on private property?

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61% of those polled said the Charlevoix County Commission should not approve the Charlevoix Senior Center's $188,000 budget!

Don't look to science for absolute truths

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

Two weeks ago I received, unsolicited, a mailing including three items: a reprint of a paper published in the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons, a copy of a Wall Street Journal article from January 2000 by the same authors as the previous paper, and a petition to sign and send to my national representatives in Washington urging them to ignore concerns about human caused global warming.

The reprint is described as a review of the research literature concerning the environmental consequences of increased carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere. It is 12 pages long and includes 28 graphs and charts and a reference list of 132 books, papers, speeches and Web site listings. It details the positive effects of increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere on tree growth, agricultural plant growth and animal diversity.

The paper concludes that, "There are no experimental data to support the hypothesis that increases in human hydrocarbon use of in atmospheric carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are causing or can be expected to cause unfavorable changes in global temperatures, weather or landscape. There is no reason to limit human production of carbon dioxide, methane and other minor greenhouse gases as has been proposed."

Clearly the paper deserves careful reading. If nothing else, it suggests strongly that the lament of some people that the scientific establishment ignores or suppresses contrary views, is untrue.

The information in the mailing also casts important light on the nature of science and of scientific truth. Al Gore, among others, has stated that there is broad consensus in the community of climate scientists that global warming is partly caused by human activities like burning of fossil fuels, and that changes in our behavior can affect the future of the earth in positive ways. The authors of the review that I received in the mail, Arthur Robinson, Noah Robinson and Willie Soon clearly disagree with that conclusion. Both Al Gore and the Robinsons are relying on the information available about the climate of the earth and how it is changing, even though their conclusions are very different. No one is lying or attempting to deceive. Science is like that. Jacob Bronowski some years ago said that scientists are almost unique among humans in that they can consider someone wrong without concluding that they are evil. Science is like that.

Science at its best does not make value judgments, but many people, politicians and others, use science to make value judgments. We should recognize that scientists are responsible to collect accurate information and make the best effort at understanding it. We should not look to science for absolute truths, since it is totally unequipped to determine such truths.

Finally, it is historically important to know that consensus, even among scientists, is no assurance of truth. There was a time when all the best scientific minds were in consensus that the earth was a flat disc with edges. There was a time when the best minds were in consensus that the biblical account of creation of the whole earth and all its creatures in six days was the best available explanation of what we saw around us. Both those positions are at least in serious doubt today. Only the future can show whether the present consensus on human caused global warming is true. Our obligation is to read the reports of science as carefully as possible, and wait as long as possible before making any irreversible choices based on those reports. Additional accurate information is always valuable. We must not ignore any real information just because it does not coincide with our established beliefs, no matter what we believe. Science can help us make decisions, but it cannot make them for us.

The Robinsons and their conclusions are not the last word, nor are they the most accurate word. Unfortunately, people with strong beliefs often use what seems to be science to support a point of view that can be misleading.

Is global warming the result of human activity? Most probably. Will such warming cause serious problems for human life? Almost certainly. Absolute certainty based on the information of science is not possible. Get used to it!

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LETTERS to the editor

THANKS FOR CARING KEVIN

Editor:

Last April, my husband had a total knee replacement. When the insurance statements began coming in, we were horrified to learn that through an error, his Medicare Advantage supplemental insurance coverage that was to start March 1, 2007, did not begin until May 1, 2007. Therefore he wasn't covered at the time of his surgery.

After months of getting the run-around from various agencies, an acquaintance suggested I contact my representative in Lansing. The day after I e-mailed Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, I received a response from him. Within one week, the effective coverage date was changed. The problem was solved.

It is gratifying to know that there is a representative in Lansing that really cares about his constituents and actually takes action for their benefit. Thank you again, Kevin.

B. Jeanne Seymour
Charlevoix

LAWSUIT COST UPDATES

Editor:

The article on Norwood Township (entitled, "Citizen group takes Norwood mining operation back to court") published (on page 1) of the Oct. 17 edition of the Courier has generated considerable interest in the status of the lawsuits filed against the township by Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety (NTCHS).

During the regular township board meeting in September, I was asked to make available the amount that the township has spent in defending claims made by the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety.

While the amount continues to grow, it will be reported at board meetings and become a part of the meeting minutes.

Anyone can subscribe to a monthly copy of the minutes by e-mail or request a hard copy by e-mailing me at foia_chele@yahoo.com or by telephone at (231) 547-5861.

At the October meeting, I reported that to date the lawsuits filed by the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety have cost the township approximately $54,000.

Michelle D. Cyr
Norwood Township Clerk

SPOOKY SUCCESS

Editor:

On behalf of everyone at U.S. Coast Guard Station Charlevoix, I would like to thank everyone who helped make our First Annual Haunted "Station" a success. In addition, we would like to thank the nearly 406 people from the local community who came out to the station to support a worthy cause.

Specifically, I would like to thank Janice Harig from the Charlevoix Community Food Bank for setting me "straight" and helping us complete the project. Additionally, local business contributors all deserve a big pat on their backs for their support of the Charlevoix Community Food Bank and in their help to make this event successful.

BMC Scott Boop
Officer in Charge
USCG Station Charlevoix

BEAR KILL DOESN'T FIT WITH YOUTH HUNT

Editor:

Pages 18 and 19 from the Oct. 3 edition of the Charlevoix Courier include photos from this year's Michigan special youth firearm deer hunt. There is a photo included of an adult and youth "with the black bear shot during a dog run."

The harvesting of white tailed deer helps control our overpopulation of deer. What was the purpose of shooting the black bear – which would never hurt people, except to defend itself?

Can you please explain how you feel shooting this black bear, fits into the Youth Hunt's theme of "instilling in our young people a respect for animals and their habitat?"

Larry Freedman
Charlevoix

COMMISSION ON AGING: A RECIPIENT'S VIEW

Editor:

As a rule, I try not to let money and politics influence my disposition any more than necessary. But attacks on good people who do good work really does.

I'm an individual who's benefited greatly from their wisdom and direction in my time of need. I want to personally thank Sue Bergmann, director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and Marge Krchak, Medicare specialist, for their unwavering support. A special thanks to Kathy Leitner for caring so much about the elderly. Your services — including nursing home and Medicaid paperwork — is invaluable.

This recent fiasco amongst board members reeks of greed and power. An abomination by the few to access funding. $188,000.00 for the Senior Center? Is this a country club? What's wrong with having a surplus in these times of uncertainty?

Those responsible are giving the rest a black eye. Undeservedly so. Sit down and shut up.

David MacDougall
Charlevoix

COUNCIL SHOULD SIGN CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

Editor:

At a recent city council meeting I listened with dismay as city council voted against a proposal to sign the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

The City Council and our mayor now have a chance to take a leading role by signing on the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement to make Charlevoix not just a Cool City but a Green City.

The facts and numbers are in — informed people know that our lifestyle does in fact contribute to global warming. The agreement has already been adopted by over 690 mayors. What are we waiting for? Our small but beautiful city is a trendsetter in so many ways, our trees, flowers, parks, lakes, beaches and "recycled" library. Let's also join the other enlightened communities who have made a commitment to work for a better environment.

You don't have to be big to do big things.

As a caring member of this community as well as a member of the CARE committee I'd propose two small steps we all can take to contribute to energy savings and cleaner air:

Whenever possible walk or ride a bike (your body will thank you too). A few more bike racks in town would help.

If you must take a car, please don't idle for more than a minute. Turn off the engine as you wait for the bridge or in the parking lot. You will save gas and release less carbon dioxide.

I would also suggest to the City Council to study the agreement this time and you'll see that we already comply with eight of the 12 points on the agreement. So, it's a no brainer.

Who will argue that it is a bad thing to work for a better environment? Now is the time to act. Let's be a trendsetter here as well. There is no glory in being last to sign on.

Ingrid Nedwick
Charlevoix

CROP WALK FOLLOW-UP

Editor:

Facts from the 2007 Charlevoix County CROP Walk: Charlevoix walkers raised $8,291.26. East Jordan walkers raised $2,811. Boyne City walkers raised an estimated $3,008. The total raised in Charlevoix County is an estimated $14,110.26. Lucy Witthoeft raised the most money at $4,186.

There were 28 Charlevoix walkers, 18 East Jordan walkers and 24 Boyne City walkers.

Thank you to Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix for providing lunch in Ironton at the end of the walk; Ironton Congregational Church for use of their facilities as the end point of the walk; Christ Episcopal Church for manning the rest stop; Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office for highway safety patrol; and business donors for their contributions.

John Young
Charlevoix

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Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest. The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and the name of the author will appear with published letters. Letters should only have one author, but we will accept up to three separate signatures on a letter. We do not publish unsigned letters.

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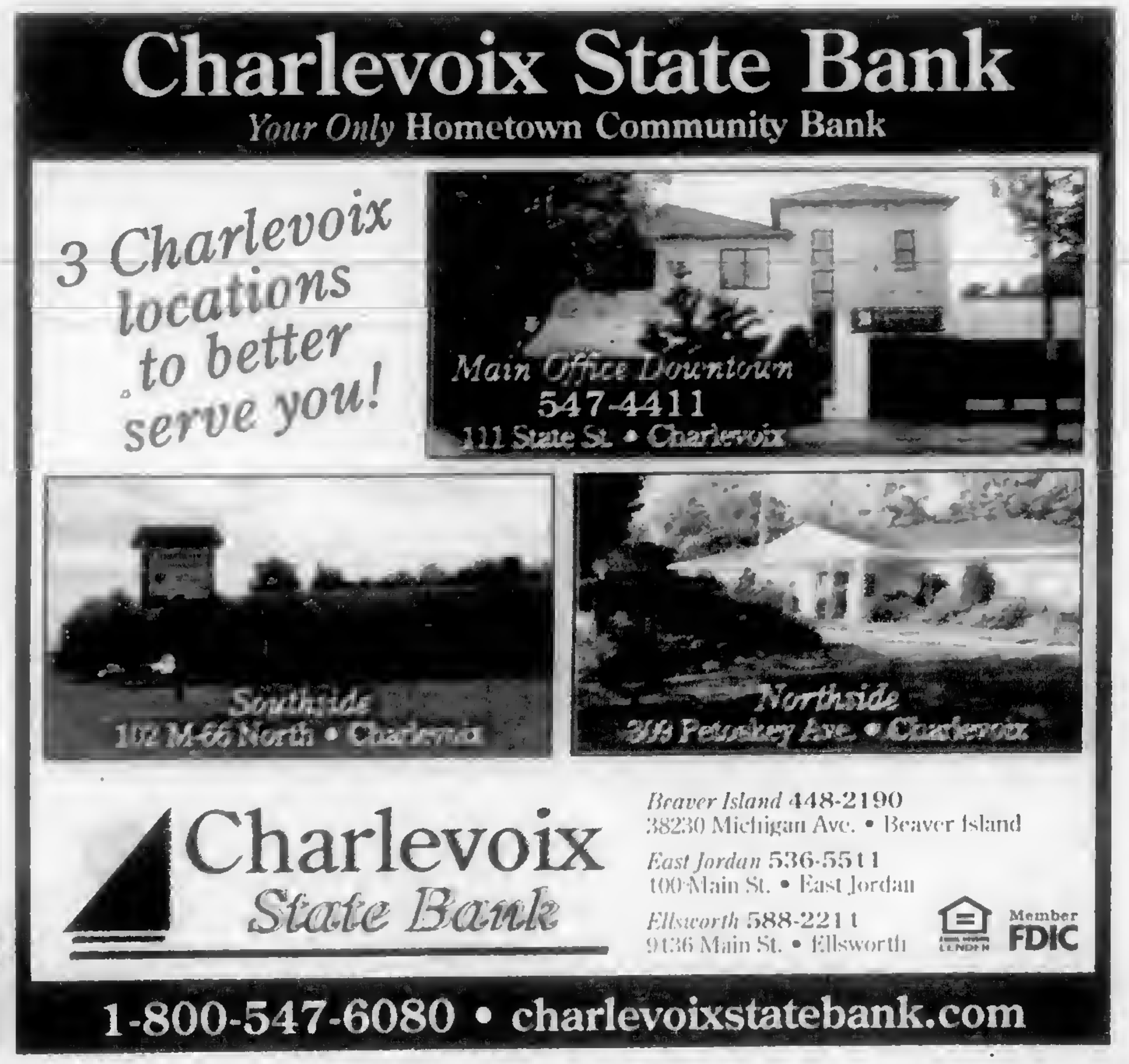
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ANNIVERSARY

William and Shirley Ormsby

Courtesy photo

A 60th anniversary surprise party was held on Oct. 27 for William (Bill) Ormsby and Shirley (Pahl) Ormsby of 211 West Hurlbut St., at the Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant. The hosts were their children, Terry (Ellen) Ormsby, Carol (Thomas) Ochs, and Linda (James) Willis, for the private family event.

The couple was married on Nov. 1, 1947 in Buckley and they lived in the Charlevoix area for 40 years and before that lived in Traverse City. The couple has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bill relocated his family to Charlevoix to manage the Kroger store. He worked as manager for several other area stores. Currently he is semi-retired, working the early morning shift at the Next-door Store for over 10 years.

Shirley retired from Hoskins Manufacturing after over 20 years.

Mangia! Mangia!

Historical Society to host benefit dinner Nov. 7 at Villager Pub

The Charlevoix Historical Society will present the 10th Annual Fund-raising Dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the Villager Pub, located at 427 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.

The menu includes free all-you-can-eat spaghetti ($6.95 value). This will be pub owner Terry Left's contribution to the Charlevoix Historical Society. The society hopes diners will be generous with their tips when ordering the spaghetti dinner. Also available are a two-piece whitefish dinner for $8.50 and Mexican Burrito for $8.95.

Society members will serve as hosts and wait staff. All tips will support the Charlevoix Historical Society. Door prizes will be awarded and the grand prize is dinner for two at Terry's Place.

This is a non-smoking event.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Blood drive Nov. 15 at Community Reformed

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, located at the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street.

Call 800-448-3543 (800-GIVE LIFE) for an appointment or drop in. Donors are asked to bring their American Red Cross donor card or government photo I.D.

Classifieds pay off!

Donations requested for 'Chairity Auction'

Courtesy photo

Joan Robinson and Joyce Herbert look over this year's First Congregational Church "Chairity Auction" items. The two are co-chairing the event and recently announced they are accepting donations.

Many people believe charity begins at home. But the members of the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix would like you to think charity begins with them.

The church parish will host its annual Chairity Auction on Friday, June 27. Planning for the event is currently underway and organizers are looking for donations of furniture items. The workers at the church will take the donations, bring them back to life and sell them to the highest bidder at the spring auction.

Items can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the church, located at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue in downtown Charlevoix.

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Caring cut

Alexandria Snabes, 7, of Charlevoix, recently donated 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love, a charitable organization that provides needy children with hairpieces when suffering from long-term medical hair loss. Alexandria had her hair cut by Lisa Nichols, co-owner of Studio South in Charlevoix. For more information about the organization, visit www.locksoflove.org.

Beth Holloway to speak Nov. 8 at Christ Episcopal Church

The public is invited to a presentation at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8 at Christ Episcopal Church by author Beth Holloway, who will be speaking about her journey of faith and hope.

Holloway suffered the kidnapping and disappearance of her child, Natalee in Aruba, in the summer of 2005 during a class trip. Holloway of Alabama has written a book entitled, "Loving Natalee."

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Daniel Riley earns Eagle Scout Award

Daniel Riley

Daniel Riley, a 16-year-old member of Charlevoix Boy Scout Troop 11, was presented the Eagle Scout Award in a formal ceremony on Oct. 14 at the First Baptist Church in Charlevoix, the location of Riley's Eagle Scout project.

Approximately 20 friends, family members and fellow Scouts attended the ceremony which began with the color guard presentation of the flags, led by Troop 11 Life Scout Casey Riley. Present on stage were Troop 11 Scout Christian Morrison and Scoutmasters Scott Stehe, Chris Snabes and Tim May. Morrison led the seminary and the Pledge of Allegiance. Scoutmaster Tim May read The Legend of Eagle Mountain and letters of congratulations by Senator Jason Allen, who is also an Eagle Scout, Senator Barack Obama, Vice-president Dick Cheney and others. Riley then gave a speech and presented troop leader Vincent Currier with a plaque of appreciation. Fellow Eagle Scouts Nicholas Cook and Trevor Currier joined Riley on stage as he received his Eagle Scout medal and the three recited the Eagle Scout Law. Riley was presented an Eagle Scout plaque and a golden pocket watch; Morrison then led the closing seminary and the color guard dismissed the flags. A reception followed the ceremony along with an informal PowerPoint slide show of Riley's project in its various stages.

To obtain the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout must earn 21 badges and 10 non-required badges and put in at least 100 hours of work toward the project. Riley's project consisted of renovating the front gardens of the First Baptist Church including installation of irrigation, extensive landscaping and creating a concrete walkway. The project took about 800 hours of work. Riley received assistance from fellow scouts and Scoutmaster Currier.

After completing all requirements, Riley received the Eagle Award certificate on June 13.

Riley is the first member of his family to receive the Eagle Scout Award and the third in his troop. Casey Riley, Daniel's brother, is also working toward receiving this prestigious honor.

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	7:45 - 8:45 pm	*Adult Hip-Hop*
Wednesday:	5:00 - 5:45 pm	*Tap II (9-12)*
	5:45 - 6:30 pm	*Ballet II (9-12)*
	6:30 - 7:15 pm	*Adult Tap*
	7:15 - 8:00 pm	*Adult Ballet*

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A collection of praises, awards and accomplishments of Charlevoix area people.

Phoebe Allport

ARMY BASIC TRAINING GRADUATE

Phoebe Allport, daughter of James Allport of Boyne City and LuAnn Griffin of Charlevoix graduated on Sept. 21 from Army Basic Training at Fort Jackson S.C. She is currently stationed with the Second Platoon snipers in Fort Meade, Md. She is a 2007 graduate of Northwest Academy.

To contact Allport, e-mail phoebe.r.allport@us.army.mil.

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE LIST

The following Charlevoix students attending Grand Valley University graduated in April: Rachel M. Kanine and Jeremiah J. Teuscher received their bachelor of arts degree; Nina K. Rogers and Trisha M. Talboys both received a bachelor of science degree; and Joseph L. Solomon received a master of education degree.

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Grand Valley State University recently announced the names of students who were placed on the dean's list for the Winter 2007 semester. The list includes those students who have maintained a 3.5 grade point average and been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. Those students from Charlevoix named to the list are Gina E. Attee, Grace M. Farrell, Tess L. Hoagland, Rachel M. Kanine, Stephanie L. Murray, Jessica S. Pettis, Madison L. Ramsey, Marjorie P. Romig, Trisha M. Talboys, Jacob A. Teuscher, Jeremiah J. Teuscher and Adam R. Wager.

KIRTLAND REGIONAL POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATE

Michael Grosberg of Charlevoix recently completed the Kirtland Regional Police Academy course of study and is now looking forward to working for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office. It is his hope to continue to live and serve within the community he grew up in.

The graduation ceremony for the class of 11 students took place on Friday, Nov. 2 on the Kirtland Campus.

What's happening at the Library this week?

Storytimes
Thursday, November 8
Lapsit (birth-3), *10:05 a.m.*
Pre-k (3-5), *10:30 a.m.*

Perspectives: Constitutional Convention
Thursday, November 8, 6:00 pm
In 2010, Michigan voters will have the right to decide if a constitutional convention should be called to reopen and rewrite Michigan's constitution. A distinguished group of experts experienced in Michigan government and the law has identified 63 areas for possible change, including term limits, school funding, & super-majority votes for tax and banking issues. Two leaders of the study group will be on hand to debate the topic with the audience. This is a great educational opportunity to learn more about the state constitution and how taxpayers can affect change.

PAWS for a Story
Saturday, November 10, 10:30 - 12:30
Curl up and read to our certified reading dogs - they love the attention! Call to reserve a spot for your student: 237-7350.

Regular Weekly Meetings: Newcomers Welcome!
French Conversation Circle *Tuesdays @ noon*
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Writer's Group *Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.*

Upcoming Library Closures
Wednesday, November 14th - Staff In-service
Thursday, November 22nd - Thanksgiving
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Tragic ending to Olympic dream

Ryan Shay (center in the Notre Dame jersey) a 28-year-old marathon runner from Central Lake tragically died on Nov. 3 during the U.S. Olympic men's marathon trials in New York City. Shay, one of the state's top distance runners and the 2003 U.S. marathon champion, collapsed about 5-and-a-half miles into the trials race in Central Park. The cause of his death is unknown. He is pictured here leading the 2001 Charlevoix Venetian Games Drenth Memorial Foot Race.

OBITUARIES

Ralph Cross: July 22, 1934 - Oct. 27, 2007

Ralph Marcus "Bruz" Cross, 73, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Oct. 27 in Charlevoix.

He was born July 22, 1934, in South Haven, the son of Ralph E. and Alice (Beadle) Cross. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1952. Bruz was a commercial fisherman his entire life and had fished all over the Great Lakes. One achievement he was proud of was the 50-foot steel tugboat, the "Colleen Sue," he built with the help of his family. He also refitted the tugboat, the "Lucille" to utilize trap nets when gill nets were phased out. Bruz enjoyed being a fireman, and was a charter member of the Charlevoix Township Fire Department. In fact, he was in the community with the fire department promoting fire safety to children when he died. He has served as the fire chief and assistant fire chief.

Ralph is survived by his children, Judy Speigl of Charlevoix, Thomas Cross of Dillingham, Alaska, Gary Cross, Larry (Cathy) Cross all of Charlevoix, Colleen (Butch) Smith of Allegan; grandchildren, Tracy Gilland, Tammy Speigl, Ben and Tim Cross, Brad and Sarah Smith; brother, Charles "Billy" (Donna) Cross of Alpena; his valentine, Swanee Alden of Charlevoix, and her children, Chris, Darby and Jeff; former wife, Shirley (Gallagher) Cross of Charlevoix.

A funeral took place on Thursday, Nov. 1 at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. Pastor Dan Gilmore of the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene officiated. Burial will take place in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Township Fire Department.

Alice Green: Nov. 4, 1932 - Oct. 30, 2007

Alice Joy Green, 74, of Beaver Island, died Tuesday, Oct. 30 at her home on Beaver Island.

She was born Nov. 4, 1932, on Beaver Island to Lloyd and Eva (LaFreniere) McDonough. She graduated from high school there and then from Mercy Central School of Nursing in Grand Rapids. Joy was a registered nurse and assisted island doctors with many deliveries. She owned and operated her own business, Joy Green Bakery, supplying homemade breads, pies and doughnuts to local stores and restaurants for many years. She was a member of the Beaver Island School Board, the Holy Cross Altar Society, and was chairman of the Holy Cross Cemetery.

On Sept. 15, 1956, Joy married Russell J. Green on Beaver Island, and he survives her. She is also survived by her children, Michael (Kitty McNamara) Green of Beaver Island; Mary Delamater, Bernadette (Dave) Cole, Rose (John) Peters, Kathleen (Dana) Dvoracek all of Charlevoix, Beth Anne (Steve) Lucas of Blanchard, Kevin (Snowe) Green of Signal Mountain, Tenn., Amy Blair of Chesterfield Township; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; special neighbor and friend, Skip McDonough.

Joy's brothers, Bud and Bruce McDonough, and sister, Vera Wojan preceded her in death. Rite of Christian Burial took place on Nov. 3 at Holy Cross Church. Rev. Patrick Cawley officiated. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Church for the Ellen Welke Memorial Fund, or to Holy Cross Cemetery. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling the arrangements.

Laura Chew: April 29, 1921 - Nov. 3, 2007

Laura A. Chew, 86, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, Nov. 3, at Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home in Charlevoix.

She was born April 29, 1921, in Central Lake, to Levi Bennett and Mary Grace (Williams) Ward. In 1940, she married Emerald T. Chew in Detroit, and soon after made their home in Charlevoix. Emerald preceded her in death on April 24, 1963. Laura retired from American Mold after 20 years, and was an active member of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her daughter Maralene L. (Samuel) Creswell of Charlevoix; son Gary P. (Linda) Chew of St. Louis Park, Minn.; grandchildren, Kristina (Dan) Murray, and Laurene (Brent) Aronson of Charlevoix, Kirsten Chew of California; great-granddaughters Haylee Aronson and Lillian Murray of Charlevoix; step-grandsons, Thomas Linebarger of Minneapolis, and Forrest Linebarger of California; brother Stanley (Betty) Ward of St. Louis, Mo.; sister, Florence Browe of Charlevoix.

Laura's brothers Roy, Robert, Lloyd and Clyde; and sisters, Grace, Lillian, Gladys, Edith and Ruth preceded her in death.

Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix. A funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the Winchester Funeral Home. Rev. Todd Thompson of the Charlevoix United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church of Charlevoix, the Charlevoix County Humane Society or to Boulder Park Terrace Nursing Home.

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Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	547-9446

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	547-4300

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	547-2654 or -5168

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	547-6322

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	588-2112
or Missionaries	547-6159

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	547-5711

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	547-2875

COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH of Charlevoix
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Sunday Services 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Church Office 547-9482

ELLSWORTH CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
9323 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth

Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	588-7803

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	547-4221

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort	547-4121

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	547-9122

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	237-0800

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	347-3899

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	582-9262

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	547-3008
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	599-2321

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	536-2161

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill	231-347-6651

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	547-6283

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Father Jerry Hunko	547-6652

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL
Corner Michigan & Waukazoo
Petoskey

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Northwest Academy student prepares for overseas experience

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Lisa Russell

Lisa Russell of Northwest Academy will be representing the Charlevoix area on People to People's annual overseas trip scheduled for next summer.

Founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower 51 years ago, People to People International's Web site states a goal as a group is to, "Enhance international understanding and friendship through educational, cultural and humanitarian activities involving the exchange of ideas and experiences directly among peoples of different countries and diverse cultures."

"I'm excited, I'm a little nervous, but I'm excited," Russell said. "We'll be visiting the Vatican and one of the oldest cities in France."

The 16-year-old junior will repel down a rock wall, learn how to prepare meals from various European regions, stay with a host family for approximately three days and spend the rest of the 20-day trip traveling abroad.

"People to People International is dedicated to enhancing cross-cultural communication within each community, and across communities and nations," the site further states. "Tolerance and mutual understanding are central themes. While not a partisan or political institution, People To People International supports the basic values and goals of its founder, President Dwight D. Eisenhower."

While nervous about the long flight, Russell, who hopes to study art and travel abroad after school, said she looks forward to better understanding other cultures while seeing the sites of Europe.

Russell needs $7,000 to make the trip.

To help Russell amass the dollars needed to participate in next year's trip, visit freewebs.com/lisa4ambassador or send your donation to 805 State St., Charlevoix MI, 49720 C/O Lisa Russell.

STORY HIGHLIGHT
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OBITUARY

Rev. Thomas A. Neis:
Feb. 8, 1926 - Oct. 30, 2007

Rev. Thomas Neis

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them. (Revelation 14:13)

Dear Fathers, deacons, pastoral administrators, seminarians and sisters: Rev. Thomas A. Neis entered eternal life on Tuesday, Oct. 30 in Traverse City at the age of 81.

Father Tom was born on Feb. 8, 1926 to William and Mary (Lappin) Neis in Detroit. He attended St. Catherine Elementary School in Detroit followed by St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Seminaries in Detroit and St. John Provincial Seminary in Plymouth. He was ordained at St. Andrew Cathedral in Grand Rapids by the Most Rev. Francis J. Haas on June 7, 1952.

Following his ordination, Father Tom served the parishes of St. Patrick in Portland, St. John Vianney, Saints Peter and Paul and St. Andrew Cathedral in Grand Rapids (where he also worked in the chancery), St. Joseph in Muskegon, Sacred Heart in Victory, St. Mary in Manistee, St. Mary in Grayling, St. Francis of Assisi in Traverse City, St. Matthew in Boyne City, St. Augustine in Boyne Falls, St. Mary in Charlevoix, St. Casimir in Posen and St. Raphael in Copemish.

Father Tom was the Superintendent of Manistee Catholic Central Junior and Senior High School from 1964 until 1971. He was appointed Superintendent of Christian Education for the Diocese of Gaylord in 1972. In 1975 he continued his education at the North American College in Rome. He served the diocese as a Vicar, Knights of Columbus chaplain and member of the Presbyteral Council and College of Consultors. In 1991, he was elected by his fellow priests to serve on the Interim Priestly Life Committee.

Father Tom retired to Senior Priest status in July 2005 but continued to minister in Posen and Copemish until October 2006 when he moved to Immaculate Conception Parish in Traverse City. He served his Lord and savior faithfully until his last moment and was an inspiration to all who knew him. He died peacefully in prayer.

He is survived by his sister Mary Ellen (Wallace) Laughlin of Los Alamitos, California and his sisters-in-law Barbara Neis and Virginia Neis He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, John and William.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at Immaculate Conception Church in Traverse City with Rev. James Hayden presiding. Priests who wish to concelebrate should bring an alb and white stole. Burial will take place at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at Resurrection Cemetery in Grand Rapids (Clyde Park) with the Most Rev. Robert Rose presiding.

In lieu of flowers, Father Tom suggested that memorial contributions be made to the Catholic radio network for northern Michigan: Baraga Broadcasting Inc., P.O. Box 1109, Indian River, MI 49749.

We join in prayer for the repose of his soul: May the Angels lead you into paradise. May the Martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

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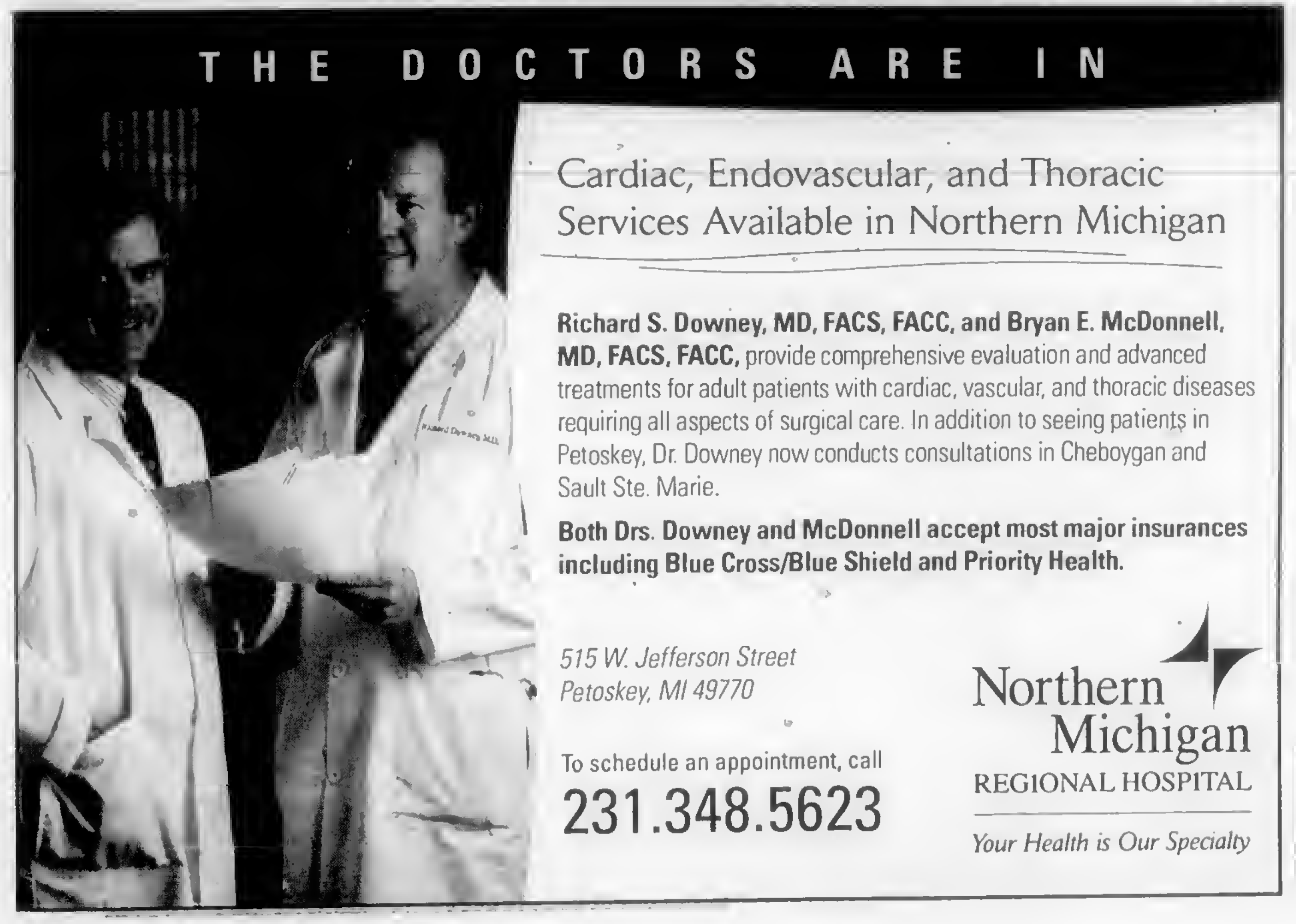

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Kim lays out game plan to stay smoke free

Kim
commits to quit

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Over the past five weeks, the Courier has given readers a glimpse into the life of our 41 year-old advertising manager Kim Taylor who is taking a new prescription pill from Pfizer called Chantix.

The pill, which she started taking on Sept. 24 to quit smoking, contains no nicotine and helps reduce the urge to smoke by keeping nicotine from reaching key receptors in the brain.

This fourth and final installment of "Kim commits to quit" will focus on what she needs to do to permanently kick her pack a day habit and how she feels as a nonsmoker.

THE PROGRAM

When did you start?

Sept. 24. Quit smoking entirely on Sept. 30.

How does it work?

Kim takes two one milligram pills daily. Chantix literature recommends continuing to take the pill for 12 weeks.

How are you feeling?

"Just ducky. I've got no issues medically (light headed, nausea). It cuts the craving. It's completely gone. You don't even think about it."

Have you noticed your sense of taste or appetite have changed?

"Not necessarily. It might have but nothing jumps out at me."

How do you feel when you are in close proximity to someone smoking a cigarette?

"It doesn't bother me and doesn't trigger anything if I'm sober."

What has been the best part of this process for you?

"My husband likes to kiss me more and he comments on it."

What has been the worst part?

"I don't have any negatives on it which is really hard to believe."

What are three things you will have to do to remain a nonsmoker?

"(1) Stick with the program for at least for the next 60 days. I have it in my mind after those two months I'll probably get it (Chantix) again just to keep it in my system. Knowing my personality, the longer I can go, the better the chance is I'll succeed. (2) Not buy cigarettes and (3) try not to get myself in a position where I know I would smoke."

THE TRUTH

How many cigarettes have you smoked since Oct. 24?

"One, a 100 on Oct. 25. It lasted all night and tasted terrible every time."

What circumstances are you in when you think to yourself, "I need a cigarette?"

"Social cocktailing and stressful situations."

If you had to tell someone about the goods and bads of Chantix, what would you say?

"I haven't found a bad. I'd say, 'Do it now. It's the most amazing thing.'"

For more information, visit www.chantix.com.

Health department offers two flu clinics this month

Public health officials are urging parents to schedule flu shots for their children.

In general, anyone who wants to reduce their chances of getting the flu can get vaccinated. However, certain people should get vaccinated each year. They are either people who are at high risk of having serious flu complications or people who live with or care for those at high risk for serious complications.

In addition to children, people who should get vaccinated each year are:

- At high risk for complications from the flu, including pregnant women, people 50 years of age and older, people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions, and people who live in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.
- Living with or caring for those at high risk for complications from flu, including household contacts of persons at high risk for complications from the flu, household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children less than six months of age (these children are too young to be vaccinated), and health care workers.

According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, every year in the U.S., an average of 5 to 20 percent of the population gets the flu. More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications and about 36,000 people die from flu.

"The single best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each year," Meyerson said. "There is plenty of vaccine available this flu season. With no vaccine shortages this year, everyone who wants a flu shot should be able to get one."

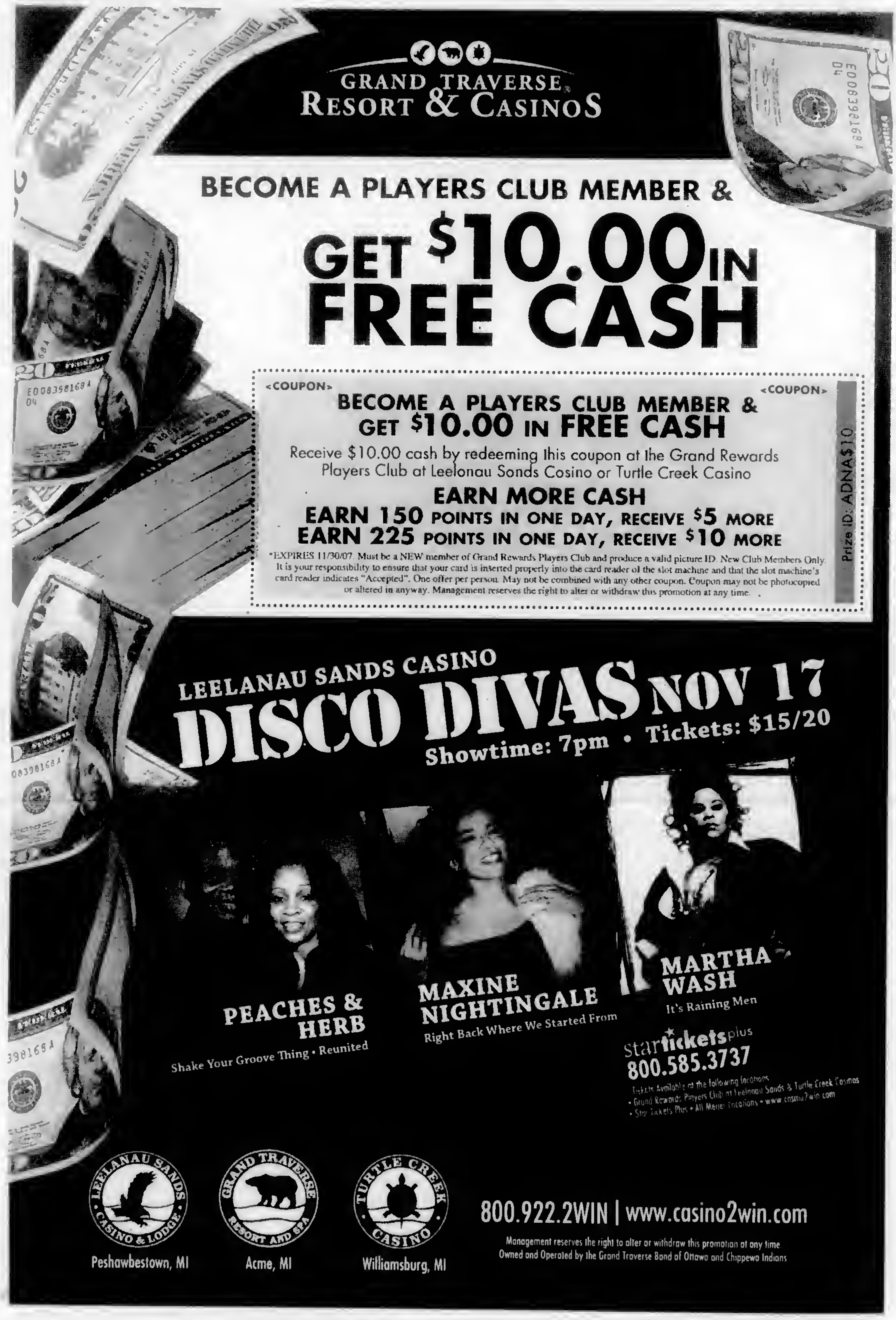
Cost for flu shots is $25. Pneumonia shots are also available for $30. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. Appointments are required for all clinics. Call 800-432-4121 during business hours to schedule a flu shot appointment.

The following is a list of flu clinics in Charlevoix:

Nov. 12 at the Charlevoix Middle School, 108 East Garfield St.

Nov. 27 at the health department Charlevoix office, 220 West Garfield St.

For additional information about seasonal flu vaccination, contact the health department at 800-432-4121 or visit www.nwhealth.org.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Schools turn to foundations for the extras

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

STORY HIGHLIGHT

The Charlevoix Schools Foundation which was established in 1987 aims to raise funds to pay for special projects to enhance academics. Donations may be sent to P.O. Box 730, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Armed with a new name and a renewed sense of purpose, the Charlevoix Schools Foundation hopes to build their coffers to a million-plus dollars.

At the time of the 20th anniversary of the foundation's inception on Sept. 28, the foundation had approximately $150,000 to $160,000 and nearly $200,000 has been donated over those two decades.

"Our goal is to grow that amount. We haven't officially set that campaign goal, but we would like to bring the endowment to at least a million dollars," said superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools, Chet Janik. "People say, 'Why does a school need a foundation?' It's not that uncommon with the cuts to funding."

He added, "Private and parochial schools almost all have endowments and most colleges have endowments. With the state's cuts and reductions in resources people are looking to alternative ways of funding various programs."

There are more than 3,000 such foundations in the United States with more than 200 of those in Michigan alone.

"Schools are struggling financially. Every district, including Charlevoix, has reduced finances that has led to cuts in staff and services and it's got to the point where school supporters, community members are looking at what we can do to be proactive instead of reactive."

President of the foundation board, Pam Barnes said grants have been given for instrument purchases, multimedia projectors, courses at Camp Daggett, graphing calculators and backpacking equipment among other items.

"We all know schools in Michigan are in a very tight budget crunch such that they can barely afford the basics, much less the special projects our fund provides," Barnes said. "All gifts to the Charlevoix Schools Foundation will build the endowment and directly affect the academic life of students today and for years to come."

She added, "Every gift whether large or small, will facilitate academic success for all students."

Janik said the fundraising efforts of the foundation have been relatively low-key in the past, but that the foundation board members are in full support of a more aggressive campaign because of all the good programs for which it could be used.

"Let's say we have an endowment of a million dollars and we have conservative growth of five percent a year," he said. "We could give away $50,000 a year in grants. It could be for anything from music, to supplies, to a field trip."

Janik added that, while people are willing to give to help education, they will likely be more apt to give if they know their gift will go to a program about which they are passionate.

"The key is we are in the very beginning stages of planning," he said. "If you are a potential donor, I should be able to explain to you in just a few minutes what the options are and we are working on fine-tuning that so hopefully when people are looking at their giving options they will think about Charlevoix Public Schools."

Some of the options Janik hopes to implement are short and long-term gifts including one-time cash donations, setting up a way for people to leave a percentage of their estate in their will upon passing and even an investment fund which offers a return on a predetermined amount of money which will go to the school while the annual earnings would go to the donor.

For example, Janik said, an individual who donates $10,000 could ensure the foundation may give a $500-a-year scholarship in perpetuity.

"I know of a school down state where the foreign language program is funded completely by a foundation," he said. "The foundation board wants to maintain our high quality of education. Many people are feeling frustrated with the financial situation of education. So, we either have to make budget cuts, program reductions or generate revenue."

"We think this area has been very supportive of education and we feel this goal is achievable," he added.

The foundation reviews grant requests twice a year, in the spring and fall, and this last cycle gave nearly $11,000 to staff for various programs and supplies.

Gifts to the foundation may be sent to P.O. Box 730, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

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Chet Janik, Superintendent of Charlevoix Schools, conducts business with a Charlevoix school board member on Wednesday Oct. 31. Janik and the Charlevoix Schools Foundation board members are currently gearing up for a campaign to help turn their hundred-plus thousand dollar foundation balance into more than $1 million.

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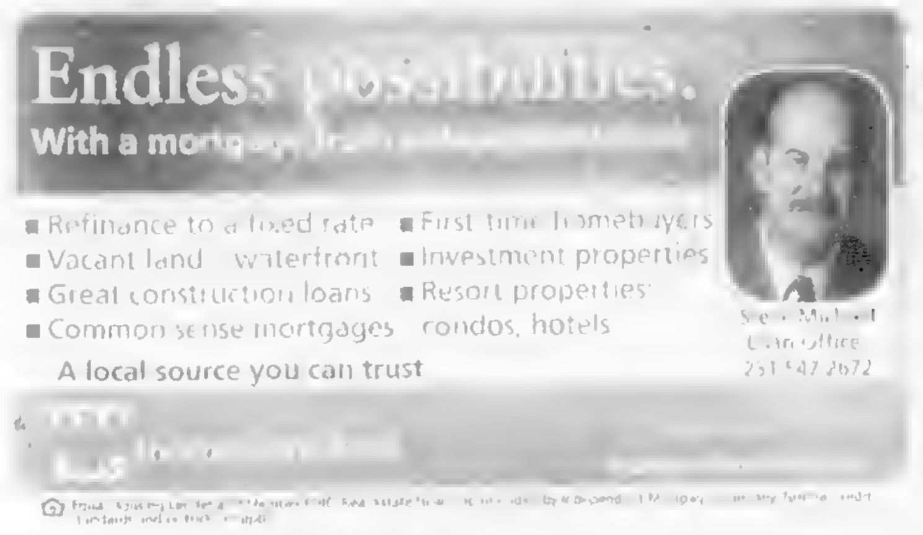
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Local jeweler's work does more than sparkle

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Local inventor and sculptor of all things bejeweled, Glenn Wachler, has gone to the dogs — or at least the whisperer of dogs.

Wachler, nationally renowned for his 18-karat gold and diamond encrusted trees customized for such high profile clients as Bob Seger and Bill Marriott of the famed hotel chain, was given the honor of presenting one of his new custom bracelets called "Life Links" to National Geographic Channel's Cesar Millan, Dog Whisperer.

"He was very moved as are most people when I make something for them," he said. "It's not your typical gift. I studied him, read his book, watched his shows and designed a bracelet specifically for him."

Wachler was recruited by Home for Life, a Minnesota charity which focuses on finding homes for dogs and cats as an alternative to having them euthanized.

"This is very different from what people normally do in the gift buying experience," he said. "Most people don't go into it thinking, 'How can I honor my wife or children?'"

Wachler's business began with his grandfather who came to America in 1922 and founded the family jewelry business.

"I worked in my father's business until I was about 25 years old," he said. "I didn't happen to love the restrictions of working with people in that setting. I have certain visions of what I want to accomplish and that wasn't always supported by my family members so I decided to go out on my own."

Wachler added that, while his parents were not against his plan to create high-end jewelry, they just didn't think there would be as big of a market as there has been.

"Living the life of an entrepreneur has good times and bad times financially, but I really believe in what I call ultimate expressions or the idea that you would take your feelings and meanings and translate them into something so profound," he said. "The gold and diamonds may catch their eye, but the meaning would overwhelm them."

Wachler likens the concept of his sculptures to the eggs Faberge once created for royalty. And, while Wachler's sculptures may go for many thousands of dollars, his bracelets can be had for less than $200 depending on the number of links and the style of bracelet.

For more information or on how to obtain an ultimate expression, visit www.ult-exp.com.

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Local jeweler Glenn Wachler (left) , was given the honor of presenting one of his new custom bracelets called "Life Links" to National Geographic Channel's Cesar Millan, Dog Whisperer (center).

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Pump system allows McSauba to open by Christmas

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

STORY HIGHLIGHT
With two new snow guns and a new water source and pump house to feed them, the only thing Mt. McSauba needs to open fast is cold weather. Under the old system it took 800 hours of snow making to produce the base skiers need to open the slopes. With the new pump house that time will be cut in half, to 400 hours.

Kids drafting letters to Santa with requests for snow to ski at Mt. McSauba this holiday season will have their wish fulfilled.

The City of Charlevoix has invested $90,000 into a new water pump system at the ski hill to allow for advanced snowmaking. The white cinder block pump house built by McSauba employees can be seen from McSauba Road.

According to City of Charlevoix recreation director, Ike Boss, inside the pump house is a system that feeds water to the snow guns and improves water pressure. In the past, the resort has relied on a three inch waterline with two booster pumps to help create snow.

"This will quadruple our snow making capacity," he said.

Christmas 2006 was the last time Mt. McSauba will come up on the losing end of the weather war. Last year, warm, rainy weather delayed opening until mid-January.

Mt. McSauba manager, Bo Boss, who is moving into his thirty-second year as manager said with two new snow guns and a new water source and pump house to feed them, the only thing the local winter sports park needs to open fast is cold weather.

"We can guarantee skiing for Christmas without a doubt," he said.

Under the old system it took 800 hours of snow making to produce the base skiers need to open the slopes. With the new pump house that time will be cut in half, to 400 hours.

Ike and Bo said they are hoping to get a new well on line by the 2008-2009 winter season to cut snow making time to 150 hours.

Not only does the new pump system speed up the park's opening, it also reduces wear and tear on the seven gently used snow guns they bought from Nub's Nob. The goal is to purchase 12 total, adding one each year.

"With the old system we were wearing out snow guns eight times faster than we should be," Ike said.

The facility is also saving money by using an on-site well. The annual bill to pay for city water was $15,000 in 2006-2007.

Not only does the new system allow McSauba operators to do the job faster, they can also do more. This will be the first year that snow will be blown on the sledding hill where about 50 additional parking spaces have been made available.

Overall, McSauba offers six runs accommodating skiers and snowboarders of beginner to intermediate skill levels. The snowboard park is classified at the black diamond "advanced" level because of the rails, jumps and obstacles it includes and offers a deck equipped with benches, a fire pit and a sound system. The facility also encompasses 1.2 miles of lighted cross country ski trails and a sledding hill. This season will be the first that the city ice skating rink will also be located at McSauba (see related story on page). Equipment rental is available.

Mt. McSauba is owned and operated by the City of Charlevoix. It is located in North Pointe, off McSauba Road, north of the City of Charlevoix. For more information about programs, call (231) 547-3253.

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The City of Charlevoix has invested $90,000 into a new water pump system at the ski hill to allow for advanced snowmaking. The white cinder block pump house (above) built by McSauba employees can be seen from McSauba Road. Both Bo Boss, manager at McSauba (left) and city recreation director Ike Boss (right) said the new system will allow the local winter sports park to open by Christmas.

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City ice skating rink moves to McSauba

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

STORY HIGHLIGHT

This winter, the City of Charlevoix ice rink will move from its former location at Charlevoix Middle School to Mt. McSauba. The rink will be located on an open two acre piece of city land that adjoins the ski hill area at the base of "Suicide" a defunct ski run that's been closed for 10 years. Proposed hours of operation are from 4 to 9 p.m. weekdays, noon to 9 p.m. Saturdays; and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Skate rentals and lessons will be available. Admission is free.

Seasons of struggling to create a usable ice rink are expected to end this winter as the city rink moves to Mt. McSauba.

"It's the place to be," said Bo Boss, manager of Mt. McSauba. "We have a vision. This needs to be a total winter sports park. We added the sledding hill 10 or 12 years ago and this goes hand-in-hand. Bring on the ice rink."

The rink will be located on an open two acre piece of city land that adjoins the ski hill area at the base of "Suicide" a defunct ski run that's been closed for 10 years.

"There won't be interference between skating and skiing," Boss said. "And it's protected by trees on three sides from the wind. It's a fantastic place."

Workers are now developing plans to install a clay base to hold the water for the 15,000 square foot rink. A berm will also be built up along the rink's edges. Boss described it as a shallow pond, about a foot deep.

The City of Charlevoix skating rink has traditionally been located at the corner of East Carpenter and May streets on Charlevoix Middle School property. It was nonexistent last year as fluctuating temperatures made it impossible to create and keep a decent layer of ice.

In the past, creation and maintenance of the rink as well as staffing has fallen under the umbrella of the City of Charlevoix Street Department. Those responsibilities will now be passed on to the recreation department.

The McSauba snow making crew will also be in charge of ice making. The lodge will be available to skaters and porta potties as well as a warming hut will be open at the skating site. A 50 car parking lot will adjoin the rink property. The rink will be lit and is expected to be open by Christmas.

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Ike Boss, city recreation director, and Bo Boss, manager at Mt. McSauba, stand at the site where the warming hut for the new ice rink will be located.

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Chili crown

(Above)9-year-old John Kagabitang of Charlevoix, scoops samples of chili during the annual chili cookoff at the United Methodist Church of Charlevoix on Saturday, Nov. 3. (Left) Sonja Omland and Dan Tisron of Charlevoix sample six different kinds of chili. Guiseppe's Tuscani chili won the competition.

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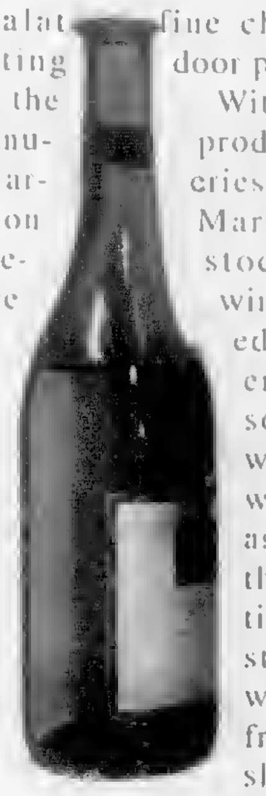

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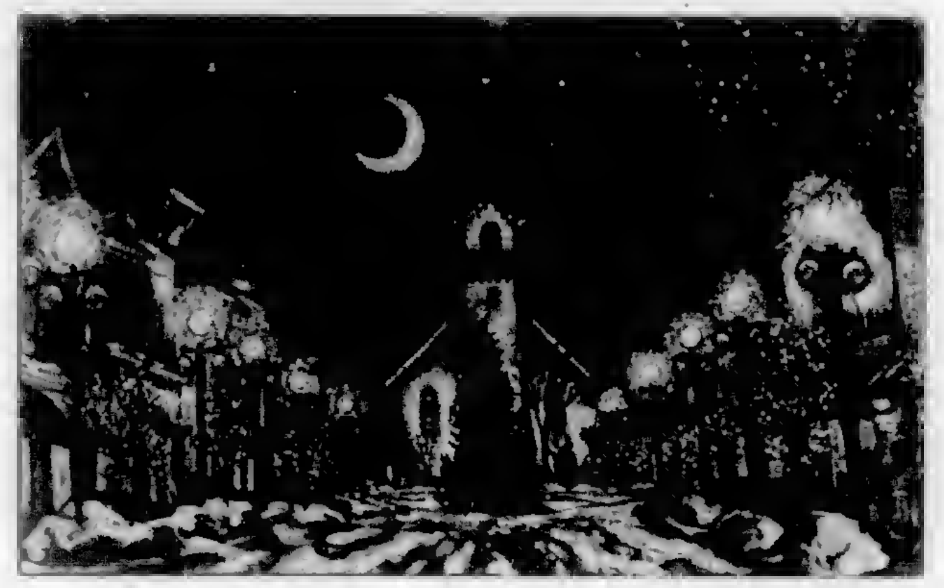
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Hospice of Little Traverse Bay has released its 2007 holiday card, designed by local artist, Kevin Barton.

Barton is well-known for his paintings of bright, balanced colors and bold brush strokes. The image he has donated for this year's holiday card reflects the energy and excitement he brings to the canvas and his love of painting and living in the Little Traverse Bay area.

Cards are blank on the inside and cost $20 for a box of 15. All proceeds will benefit Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Cards are available at Shop of the Gulls in Charlevoix.

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Shaping the future

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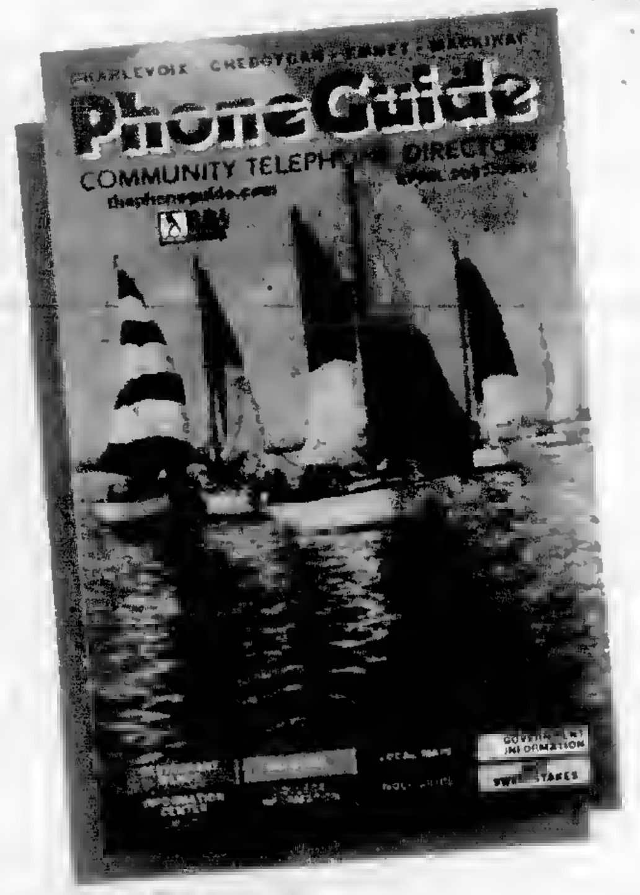

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Local veterans remember years of service

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> *"I always celebrate the two big days, Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. I guess it's part of our duty to carry on those memories."*
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> **Ed Linse**
> RETIRED AS SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT FROM THE AIR FORCE IN 1970

Officially established in 1919 as Armistice Day to honor those who served and fell in World War I, current commemoration of the sacrifices of America's warriors as Veterans Day began in 1954 when Congress changed the name and then President Dwight D. Eisenhower gave that holiday's first proclamation.

"In order to (e)nsure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary," Eisenhower said, "all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose."

Like his predecessor, President Woodrow Wilson, who 35 years earlier said, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations," Eisenhower understood the importance of honoring and recognizing the biggest sacrifice someone can make — to risk life and limb in mortal combat for the safety of one's home nation.

While the men who served in the so-called war to end all wars have since passed from this earth, veterans of numerous conflicts remain.

Ed Linse, who retired as a Senior Master Sgt. from the Air Force in 1970, enlisted 20 years earlier during what may have been the height of the Cold War and when the Korean conflict was getting underway and Louis McKenzie served from 1943 to 1946 in the Pacific theater during World War II.

Linse, a mobile radar mechanic and electronics expert followed a crew around the U.S. and overseas, first working with the phantom bombing runs in places such as Bay Harbor and then later in hot spots in Vietnam where his radar crew was responsible for directing F105 fighter/bombers into areas where American servicemen were under attack by North Vietnamese troops.

"I can remember we had one night there was a rush mission and it was a green beret camp that was under attack," Linse said. "The enemy was only a few hundred yards out in front of the good guys and we broke it up by hitting the target right on. It made us believe that everything we were doing over there was worthwhile."

He added, "When you get a guy coming in from the green beret camp and looking you up when he was in the area just to thank you, you know yon did your job. And that's how it was. Dropping bombs is war. If you don't kill them, they're going to kill you."

Round the clock shifts, water so chlorinated that it tasted like bleach and the only chance to shower was when it rained were just a few of the unpleasantness Linse lived through during his days in southeast Asia.

"There was good and there was bad, but it wasn't like being a ground pounder like the Marines and the Army," he said. "I don't think my life was in any kind of danger, but it was tough living in Vietnam."

McKenzie also said he saw no direct fighting, but nonetheless had some interesting experiences.

"I was a photograph technician. I developed pictures that they'd take out in the field," he said. "They set up cameras where the guns usually are on the wings and a pilot would go up and they would photograph targets."

While stationed on Guam, one of three U.S. controlled Marianas islands, McKenzie visited the islands of Tinian and Guam.

"My friend from New York and I got a flight to Tinian and Saipan and we told his friend there we wanted to see something. So, we got a hold of this vehicle and we drove over these sugar cane hills where we watched these guys loading this gigantic bomb into a B29," be said. "Now, I had never seen a bomb this big and it wasn't too long before the MPs came and run us out. We found out that night that it was the first atomic bomb dropped on Japan."

He added, "It took us three days to get back to Guam and we almost got in a terrible mess because the military calls it being AWOL (absent without leave). I had four bottles of whiskey saved up and I had to give two of them to a friend of mine to straighten things out."

While McKenzie was born and raised in Charlevoix making it natural that he stay here, Linse, who grew up in Chicago, Ill. stayed here after retirement because of the natural beauty of the place.

"It suddenly dawned on me why this place got so busy in the summer. I found a job working with the ma and pa cable outfit in the early days of cable TV and spent 27 years with them," he said. "I think I ended up with the best of everything und enjoyed the small town luxury."

Both men have lived long lives, raised families and credit their success in part to the positive experiences they had serving their country's military.

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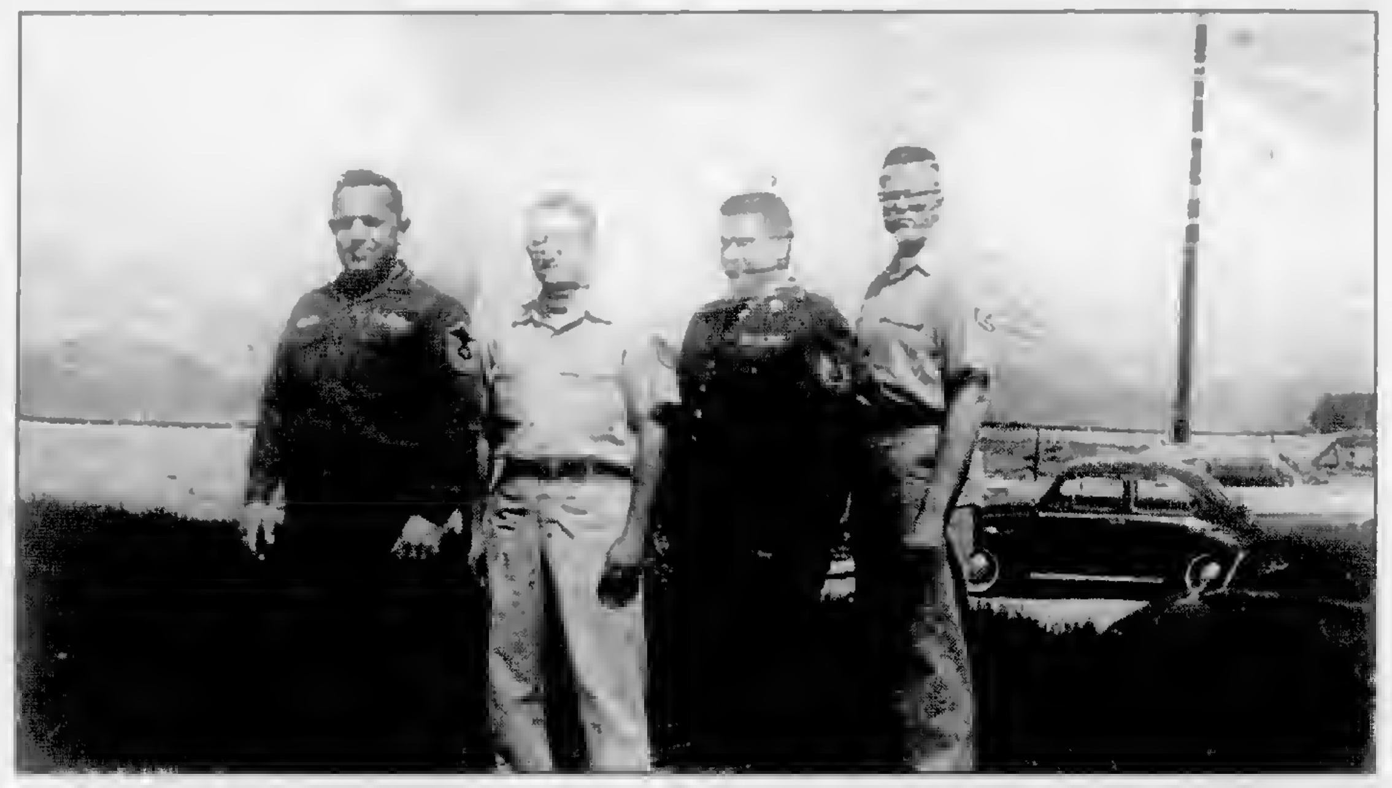
Veterans Day services are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11 in Veteran's Park in downtown Charlevoix. The annual Veterans' Day Dinner is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. at VFW Post 1153. The charge of $5 per person does not apply to vets.



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Radar operators of Bay Harbor's former station pose in front of the facility. Linse (second from left) served as a radar operator for the United States Air Force for 20 years, serving all over the United States and in countries including Vietnam during that decades long conflict. Though not a native to the area, Linse retired in Charlevoix after retiring from the service in the 1970s.

VETERAN'S DAY EVENTS

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Concert

The Boyne City Foundation for Educational Excellence will present a concert, "America Sings: A Salute to Veterans," at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11 in the Boyne City Performing Arts Center at Boyne City High School.

At the tribute concert past and active duty service people will perform. Performers include the American Legion Post 228 Color Guard; piper, Dr. Bruce Stewart; Grand Traverse Sweet Adelines; Concord Academy Boyne High School Choir; Boyne City High School "Boyne Meets Broadway"; soloist, Zachera Wollenberg; vocalist, Gail [illegible] with violinist, John Richey; and Gene Fahey.

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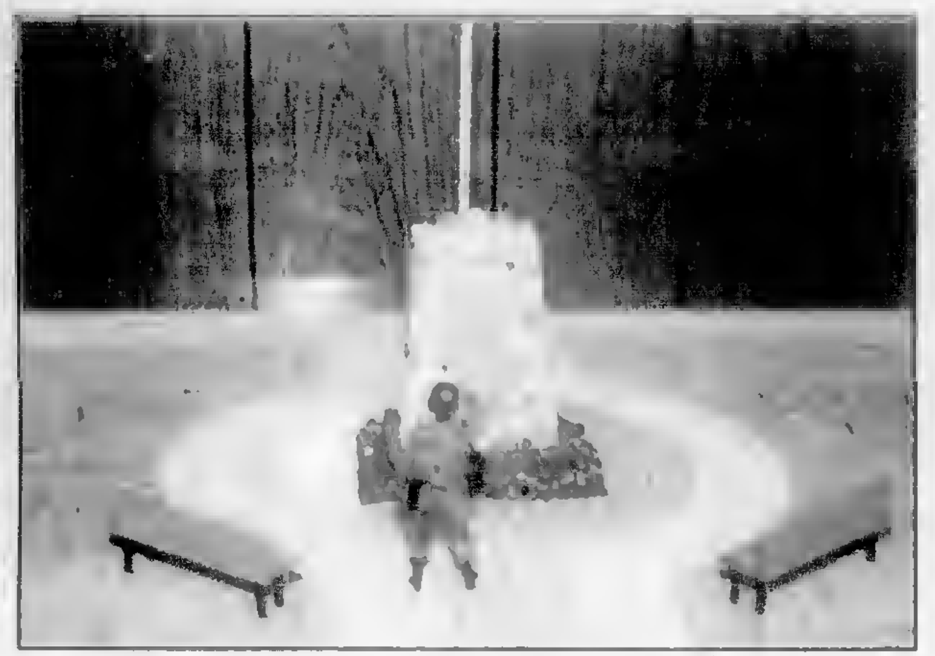

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(Left) Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater presented American Legion commander Joe Seidel with a check for $1,000 for the expanded veterans' memorial designed by the late Lou Orlowski (below) to be installed in Veteran's Park in downtown Charlevoix in conjunction with the Memorial Day 2008 completion of the East Park project. The existing memorial is dedicated to eight World War I veterans. The new memorial will recognize all Charlevoix residents who died in active service. There are currently 47 names to be included. The total cost is $14,000. Sheriff Lasater's contribution is being made with proceeds from the sale of his book "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War II." All of the 1,000 copies printed went on sale last fall and sold in 90 days. Lasater is currently compiling information for his second book, "Charlevoix County's Contribution to World War I and Korea." To pass along information, call Sheriff Lasater at (231) 582-7001.

Fast facts on the Purple Heart, Taps and more

The Purple Heart

— Did you know the Purple Heart, originally known only as the Badge of Military Merit, was inspired by George Washington in 1782 as a way to recognize soldiers wounded in combat. The Purple Heart is the oldest American military award.

— The Purple Heart was discontinued for unknown reasons for nearly 150 years until it was once again used, starting with the 200th birthday of Washington, on February 22, 1932.

— Inscribed on the back of the medal are the words, "Badge of Military Merit."

— The Purple Heart is made of enamel and bronze 1 3/8 inches wide

Taps

— Taps, a 24-note bugle call is thought to originally have been a French signal to soldiers to return to their garrison.

— The American version was born during the Civil War when Union General Daniel Adams Butterfield hummed the French tune to an aide who transcribed it into music.

— Butterfield ordered it played at the end of each day and soon the song caught on.

— Taps, which soon became the U.S. Army's official bugle call, was named "Taps" in 1874.

— By 1891, "Taps" was required music at all military funerals.

Arlington National Cemetery

— A constant vigil is held at the Tomb of the Unknowns

— The cemetery, which draws nearly four million visitors a year, is located on 612 acres of the Arlington Mansion, across the Potomac River from Washington D.C.

— Since its designation as a military personnel burial site in 1864, Arlington Cemetery has had more than 300,000 people, 230,000 veterans and their dependents, interned on its hallowed grounds.

— Beginning with soldiers who fought in the American Revolutionary war, veterans from all America's conflicts to current date have been buried at Arlington.

— Though not the largest or oldest cemetery in the United States, Arlington may be the best known.

— The first soldier buried in Arlington was in 1864

— Once a burial site for poor or unidentified soldiers, Arlington Cemetery now is restricted to those soldiers, and families of the same, who served America for 20 years or who earned special military honors.

POW/MIA flag

— The flag was created by the wife of Michael Hoff, an American officer listed as missing in action while serving in Vietnam.

— The flag was officially recognized by Congress in 1990 as the flag of prisoners of war and those missing in action.

— The law designating POW/MIA flag as the country's official symbol states, "The symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in southeast Asia."

— When both the stars and stripes and POW/MIA flag are on one pole, the POW/MIA flag should be flown below and no larger than the United States flag.

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Citizens promotes Stacey Gannon to market executive

Stacey Gannon

Citizens Bank Wealth Management, N.A. has promoted Stacey L. Gannon to market executive for the northern Michigan region.

In this position, Gannon is responsible for managing the wealth management group's business activities in Saginaw and throughout northern Michigan. Citizens Bank Wealth Management provides asset management, trust and retirement services to individuals and institutional clients. Most recently, Gannon was a client advisor and served as the interim market executive for wealth management in the northern region.

"Stacey is a leader and relationship builder," said James M. Van Tiflin, president, Citizens Bank's northern region. "She has provided new ideas and expanded our commitment to top client service – combined with her excellent team building skills, she is an excellent fit for this position."

Gannon has more than 25 years experience in financial services. She joined Citizens Bank in 1996 as a trust business development officer. She is a resident of Sanford Lake.

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Cement making 101

Groups toured St. Marys Cement Inc. on Oct. 30 and 31 thanks to a successful bid at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool Auction. Here, Tim Boyko of Norwood stands overlooking the cement quarry with the company's environmental manager Cortney Schmidt. Others interested in coordinating a tour should contact Shawn Hall, human resources manager, at (231) 237-1339.

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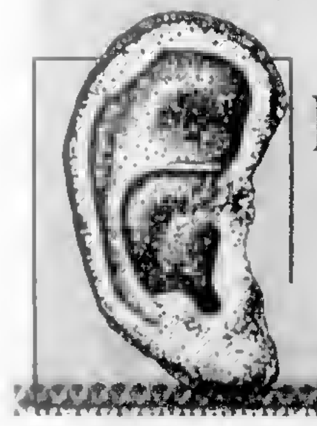

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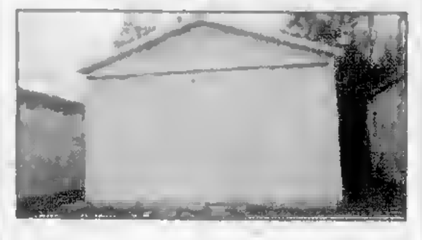

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Local restaurants participate in United Way fund-raiser

During the week of Nov. 12–18, local residents can enjoy a nice meal on the town while supporting dozens of local non-profit agencies.

Char-Em United Way is planning a "Dine the United Way" event that week. A wide range of restaurants, cafes, coffee shops and other dining establishments throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties will offer a portion of their proceeds as a donation to United Way.

"With fuel, food, and health care costs rising, with employment rates shrinking, and government support for human services slashed, the role of United Way in our community has never been greater," said event co-chair Robyn Rakoniewski. "We are excited to partner with local restaurants on the Dine the United Way promotion to help raise support for non-profit health and human service agencies in the two-county area. Our goal for this first year is to raise $2,300, of 1 percent of our campaign goal of $230,000."

Each restaurant will donate a portion of its proceeds to United Way. Some have picked a single day or days for the promotion, while others are donating the proceeds of sales of a particular type of food for the entire week.

"The response from local restaurants to help with the event has been terrific," said Julie Voci, United Way administrative/program assistant. "We hope to repeat the event next year and perhaps do it in the spring, as well. Restaurants wishing to be included in future events, should contact us."

For full details on the dates and terms of each restaurant's participation in Dine the United Way, call (231) 487-1006.

Charlevoix restaurants participating include:

Alcove Café – All meals, Nov. 12

Flap Jack Shack, Charlevoix – Lunch and dinner, Nov. 13

Whitney's, Charlevoix – All meals, all week

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Dine the United Way co-chairs, Robyn Rakoniewski and Julie Voci, review menus from local restaurants. During the week of Nov. 12–18, local residents can enjoy a nice meal on the town while supporting dozens of local non-profit agencies.

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Teeing off for a cause

Prudential Preferred Properties Network made a contribution to the Charlevoix Schools Foundation in memory of Gregory W. Smith, thanks to those who participated in the company's 17th Annual Golf Benefit. Pictured above presenting the donation to the foundation are (from left) Alicia Mosher, Rita McAvoy, Pam Barnes (Charlevoix Schools Foundation), John Murray, Mitts Lee and Sharon Witucki.

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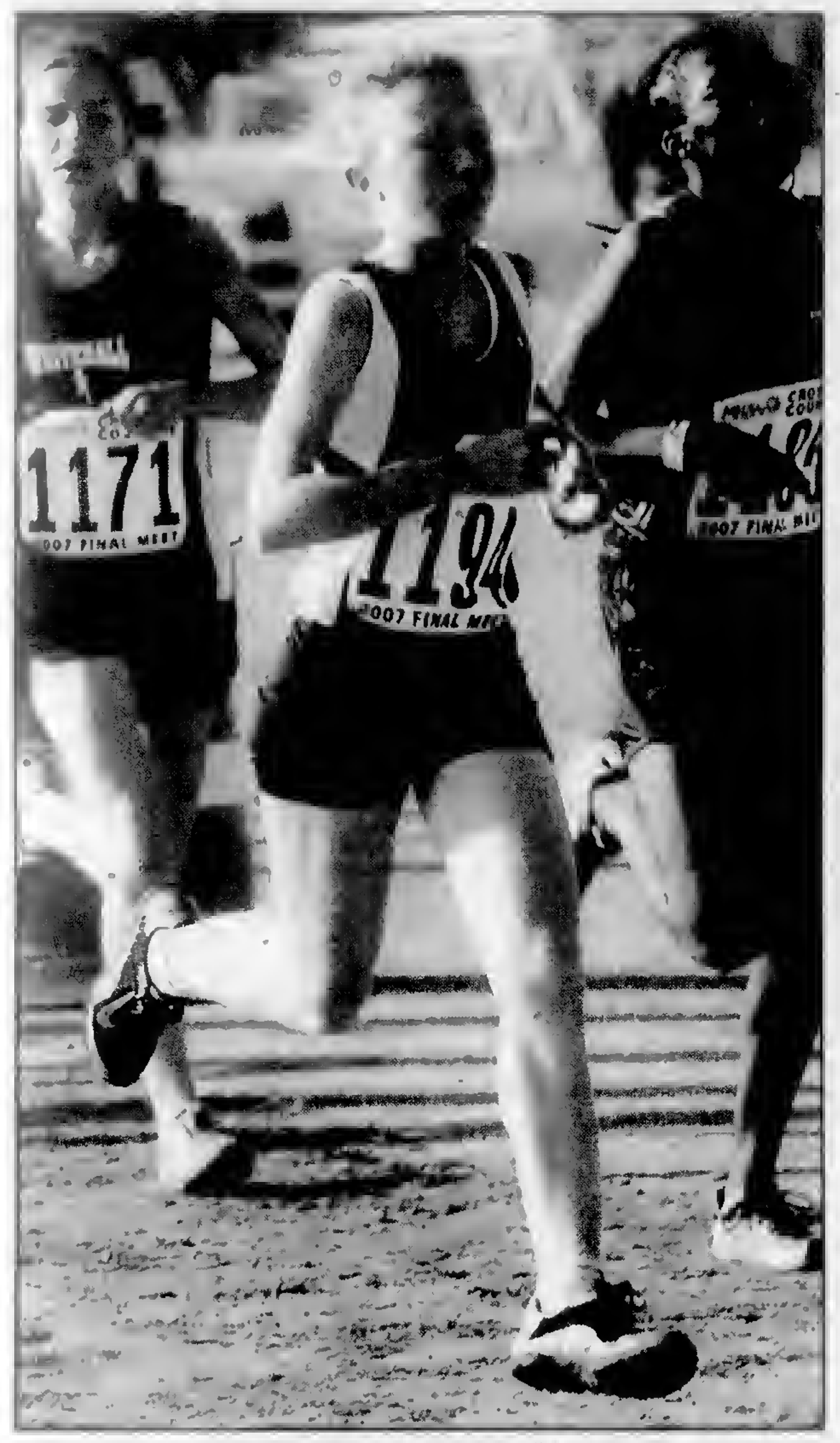

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Charlevoix senior Alina Dhaseleer runs to an 11th-place finish Saturday In the Division III state cross country finals at Michigan International Speedway.

STORY HIGHLIGHT
Charlevoix High School senior Alina Dhaseleer placed 11th in the Division III state cross country finals Nov. 3 at Michigan International Speedway. Charlevoix senior Nick Wimmer placed 76th and junior Alex Buday was 86th.

Charlevoix High School senior Alina Dhaseleer wrapped up an outstanding high school cross country career Saturday, Nov. 3 when she placed 11th in the Division III state finals at Michigan International Speedway.

It was Dhaseleer's fourth trip to the state finals in her prep career, and her second straight trip to the all-state podium. Last season, she finished 20th. The top 30 runners earn all-state.

Dhaseleer finished Saturday's race in a school-record 19 minutes, 2.9 seconds. It was the best finish by a Charlevoix girl since 2000.

"It was by far her best race," Charlevoix coach Mary Plude said. "It's been kind of a long season for her. She's so used to having other athletes with her on the team and we had just come to the conclusion that Alina needed to run the race she was always comfortable with, which was run an even pace and just go on."

Dhaseleer was in "80th or 90th place" early in the race, Plude said, but at the mile mark, picked it up and had moved into the top 20 by the two-mile mark. She picked off another eight runners in the final stretch.

"I just have never seen her finish that strong," Plude said. "She said it was just the most exhilarating feeling to go out that way in her senior year. That was a real thrill to send her out on such a high note."

Dhaseleer, who carries a 3.98 grade point average, is likely to again be a first-team Academic All-Stater.

In the boys' race, Charlevoix senior Nick Wimmer placed 76th and junior Alex Buday was 86th.

Ben Meyers named to All-Area Soccer team

Ben Meyers

Charlevoix's Ben Meyers was named to the 2007 All-Area Soccer Team.

The freshman midfielder was named the Rayder team's most valuable player. He scored 11 goals this season and added 18 assists.

Honorable mention went to Meyers' teammates, Scott Haselschwardt, Alex Molter and John Shea.

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Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis –October 10, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix. Commissioner Evans was absent.

- Motion approved minutes of the September 26, 2007 meeting as presented.
- Motion approved appointments to Boards.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-059, Amend Sheriff and Jail Budgets.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-060, Amend Bank Depositories for 2007.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-061, Safe Communities Grant Application and authorized the Chairman to sign said grant.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-062, Public Hearing Notice.
- Motion adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Stingrays host Rudyard, Kalkaska at Oct. 27 Tri-Meet

On Saturday, Oct. 27, the Charlevoix Stingrays hosted their first ever Tri-Meet.

Teams from Rudyard and Kalkaska joined the Stingrays in the Spooky Swim Meet. The Stingrays came away with two victories beating both Rudyard and Kalkaska. A meet highlight was the first ever Pumpkin Relay. Swimmers competed while swimming with a pumpkin.

The Charlevoix Stingrays swim team is open to any swimmer who can swim the length of the pool. Many options and levels are available on the team.

To join, or for more information, call the pool at (231) 547-0982 and talk to coach Betsy or coach Jim.

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis –October 24, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved minutes of the October 10, 2007 meeting as presented.
- Tom Wolf, Equalization Director presented the 2007 Apportionment Report for.
- Motion approved appointments to various Boards and Commissions.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-063, City & Township Clerk's Report.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-064, 2007 Tax Levy.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-065, Maximum Authorized Millage Rates.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-066, Cigarette Tax Distribution.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-067, Convention Facility Tax Distribution.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-068, 2008 General Fund Budget.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-069, 2008 Salary Schedule.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-070, 2008 Building Department Budget.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-071, Grandvue Operating Transfer.
- Motion adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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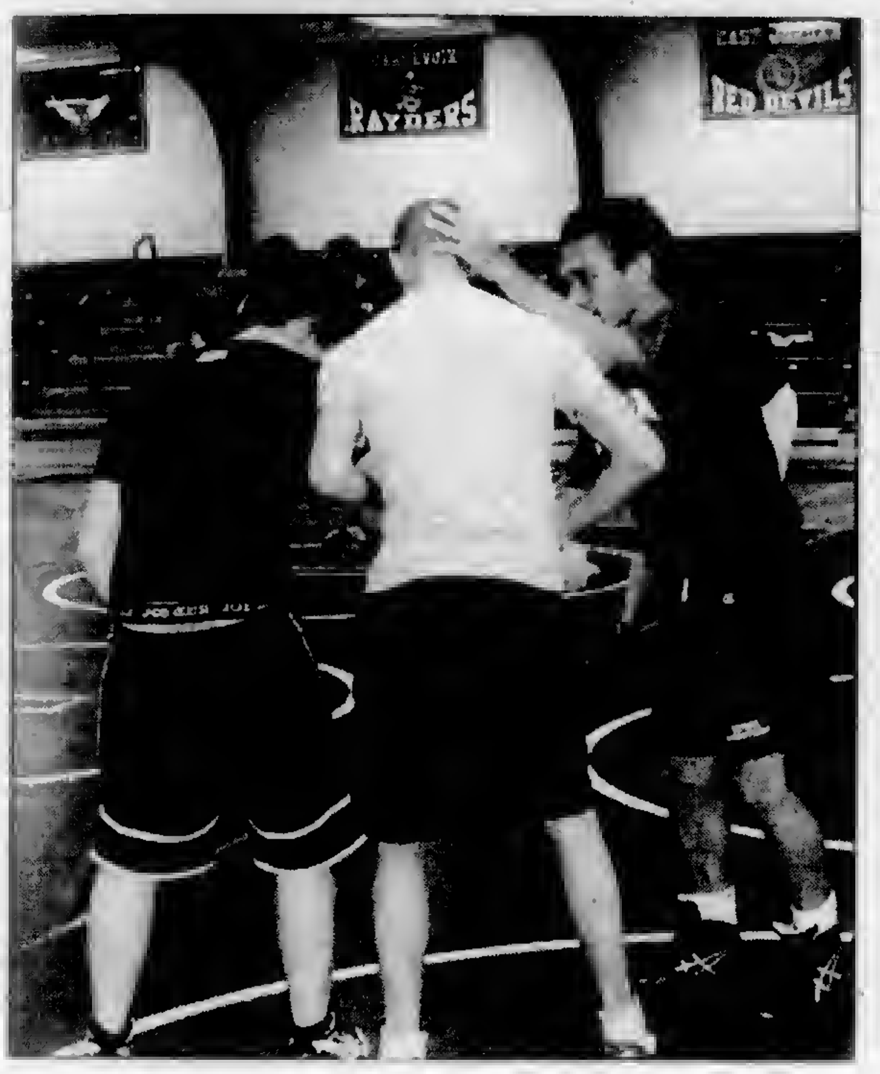

Courtesy photos

Taking down hunger

A wrestling clinic was held Oct. 20-21 at Charlevoix High School featuring Roy Hall and Bill Stouffer. Part of the entry fee was a can of food to be donated to the Charlevoix Food Panty. (Above) Clinic participants are shown here with varsity wrestling coach Craig Golovich donating over 130 cans of food to pantry representative Sue Dixon. (Left) Coach Roy Hall Instructs Charlevoix's Mat Golovich at the clinic.

Volleyball team falls to Suttons Bay in district final

STORY HIGHLIGHT
Suttons Bay defeated the Rayders, 25-20, 25-23, 16-25, 25-22, in the Class C district volleyball final Saturday, Nov. 3 at Glen Lake High School to claim its fourth consecutive district title. Charlevoix finished the season 42-8-8 with seven of those losses coming to the Norse.

Charlevoix ran into an old nemesis in the Class C district volleyball final Saturday, Nov. 3 at Glen Lake High School.

Suttons Bay defeated the Rayders, 25-20, 25-23, 16-25, 25-22, to claim its fourth consecutive district title. Charlevoix finished 42-8-8 with seven of those losses coming to the Norse.

"Their middle just powered the ball at us," Charlevoix coach Liz Grunch said. "We did the best we could, but they just out powered us.

"They were close games and we have nothing to be ashamed of. They're (Suttons Bay) a great team. It was just too bad we met them in the districts."

Charlevoix beat East Jordan, 25-14, 25-14, 25-20, in a semifinal match on Saturday.

For the Rayders, Murphy Gillespie had 25 kills, 35 digs, five aces and was 91 percent on serve receive; Desi Faust had 34 digs, 14 kills; Tammy Potter had 20 kills and three blocks; Aubrey Way added 53 assists; Michelle Burke had 26 digs; and Shanna Spencley, three aces.

Maggie Walters had 48 kills, 17 digs, seven blocks and six aces to on the day to lead Suttons Bay. Charlotte Stowe added 19 kills and 24 digs, and setter Anna Pryor had 78 assists.

Charlevoix claimed its fourth Lake Michigan Conference league title in five years.

"We have nothing to hang our heads about," said Grunch, who is in her seventh year. "We had a great year, a great bunch of girls and the senior leadership was outstanding. We had a good core of juniors coming back and one sophomore."

Harbor Health offers Nov. 8 fitness clinic for heart attack survivors

Harbor Health & Fitness Center will host a seminar to launch the first-of-its-kind fitness program designed specifically for heart attack survivors.

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The Heartfelt for Life seminar and fitness program will take place from 7 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 8 at the Harbor Health and Fitness Center, 110 Clinton St. in downtown Charlevoix. This free educational fitness program provides real-life routines from a person's own home or office. During the seminar, attendees will receive a free copy of the program instructional video along with a list of questions they can ask their health care provider to determine if this program is right for their individual heart-health needs. Attendees will also be provided information about the signs, symptoms and causes of heart problems. In addition, heart attack survivors can get tips to help them live a heart-healthier lifestyle.

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Little ghosts and goblins take to the streets

Charlevoix Elementary School and elementary students from Northwest Academy were greeted by friendly business owners during the annual Halloween Parade on Oct. 31 along Bridge Street. The excited kids in costume finished up the trick-or-treating extravaganza minutes before high winds and light rain rolled in. Things cleared up for a second round of trick-or-treating that evening.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Josephine Ciesielczyk, 1, and her mom Nikki Ciesielczyk give candy to kids outside Celeste Murdick's Fudge on Oct. 31.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Charlevoix Elementary School principal, Dick Swenor dressed as Chewbacca from the Star Wars series leads the students across the bridge, into downtown Charlevoix.

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Jodi Bingham, owner of Ga Ga for Kids stuffs some super candy into the bag of Catherine Peterson during the afternoon trick-or-treating event.

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(Above) Shelly Novotny a Charlevoix Elementary School first-grade teacher dressed as a Cheetah Girl trick-or-treated with Lily Smith, 6, and collected treats from Eeyore, Matt Umulis of the Charlevoix City Police Department at Charlevoix Wear. (Left) Laura Noble, operations manager for Northpointe Food Ventures, gives candy to first-graders, Michael McQuiston and William Gardner outside Zaccaro's Market.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

D.J. Crocket, a Mighty Morphin' Power Ranger, and Lucas Pearson, a skeleton. trick-or-treat outside the Charlevoix Courier office on Wednesday, Oct. 31. The two Northwest Academy kindergartners were among dozens of students from both Charlevoix Elementary and Northwest Academy who participated in the annual daytime trick-or-treat parade in downtown Charlevoix.

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The photos on this page taken by Charlevoix residents and visitors were submitted to the Charlevoix Courier for this monthly feature. Photos can be dropped off at the Courier office at 112 Mason Street or e-mailed to news@charlevoixcourier.com. Information about the photographer and photo, including when it was taken and a brief description of what is pictured must also be submitted.

Photo by Al Franzoni

Ethel Brubaker of Charlevoix is pictured here with her grandchildren at her 99th birthday party on Friday, Oct. 19 in Charlevoix.

Photo by Marcie Sladics

Marcie Sladics of Charlevoix shot this pumpkin carved by a local Tigers baseball fan at David and Erin Kenwabikise's pumpkin carving party in October.

Photo by Kim Taylor

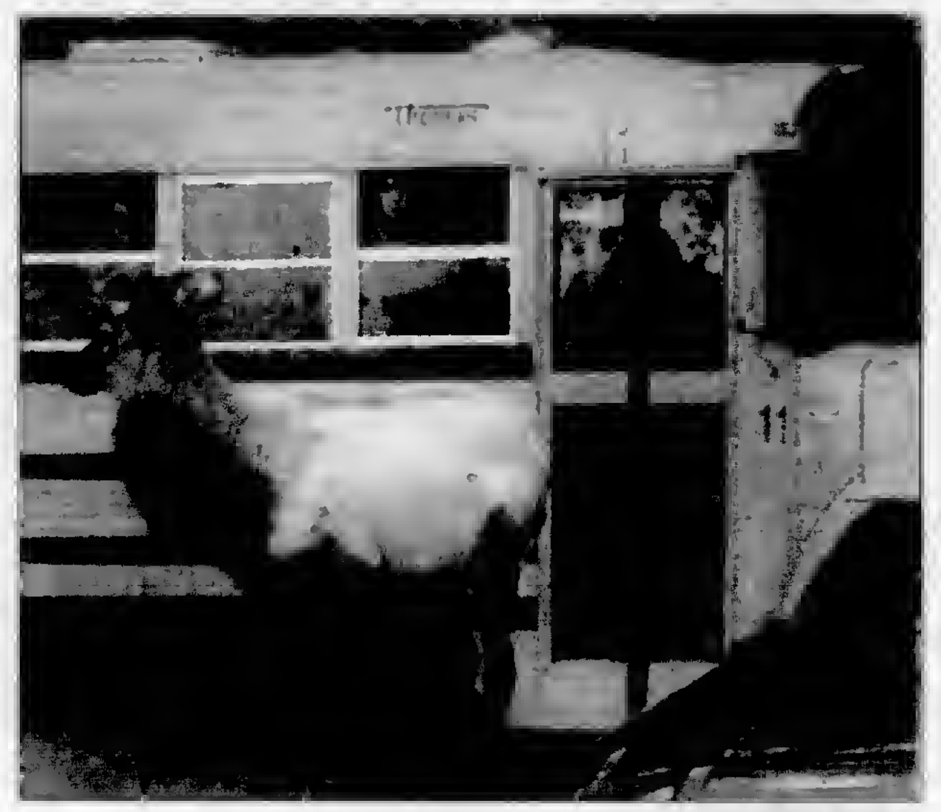

Photo by Jeff Kerr

(Left) On Oct. 6 Jonathan Rand, author of the Michigan and American Chillers series stopped by Courier advertising manager Kim Taylor's home after presenting at Charlevoix Public Library. He wished Cora Taylor (center) a happy 11th birthday. She is pictured here with Juliann Witthoeft and Wesley Drost. (Right) Johnson's Buses Inc. of Petoskey stopped for this "student" but didn't allow him to board. This is the Chandler Hill resident elk.

Photo by Ron Winchester

Taking advantage of the warm September weather, a group of Charlevoix guys traveled to the Upper Peninsula to kayak the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore on Lake Superior. Over four days, they paddled sections along the 40 mile park from Munising to Grand Marais. The group is pictured above. They are (from left) Ron Winchester, Gary Grundman, Trevor Wood, Bill Schulling, Tim Kochanny and Barney Way.

That's my photograph!

Photo by Mike Schlitt

Have a great shot you have taken? Send it to us! Each month we will choose an original 3x5 or digital (jpg format) photo submitted to use. The winner will have their photo displayed in the Courier along with photo credit. Please include name, address and phone number.

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Barn blaze

At 4:55 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30 firefighters were dispatched to a fire in a pole barn at the Church of God Camp at the corner of Loeb and Veenstra Road in Marion Township. The barn, located at 13580 Veenstra Rd. was burning through the roof when firefighters arrived on scene. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the fire. The fire started when the caretaker, Dave Worthing of Clio (pictured at right), attempted to start an old Oliver tractor that was parked in the barn. The tractor was running roughly earlier in the day. The roof of the pole barn was extensively damaged. The tractor that caused the fire and other contents in the barn were damaged or destroyed. Firefighters were on scene for about 45 minutes. There were no injuries associated with this incident.

Nov. 15 Hunters Lunch to benefit Good Samaritan Food Pantry

The annual Hunters Lunch will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 at the old Norwood Schoolhouse in the Village of Norwood.

Homemade soup, chili, bread and pies will be served. The event is hosted jointly by the Norwood United Methodist Church and the Norwood Area Historical Society. The cost is $6 per person.

Join the hunters and hear the tales of the one they got or the one that got away. Donations of canned goods will be accepted to benefit the Good Samaritan Food Pantry in Ellsworth.

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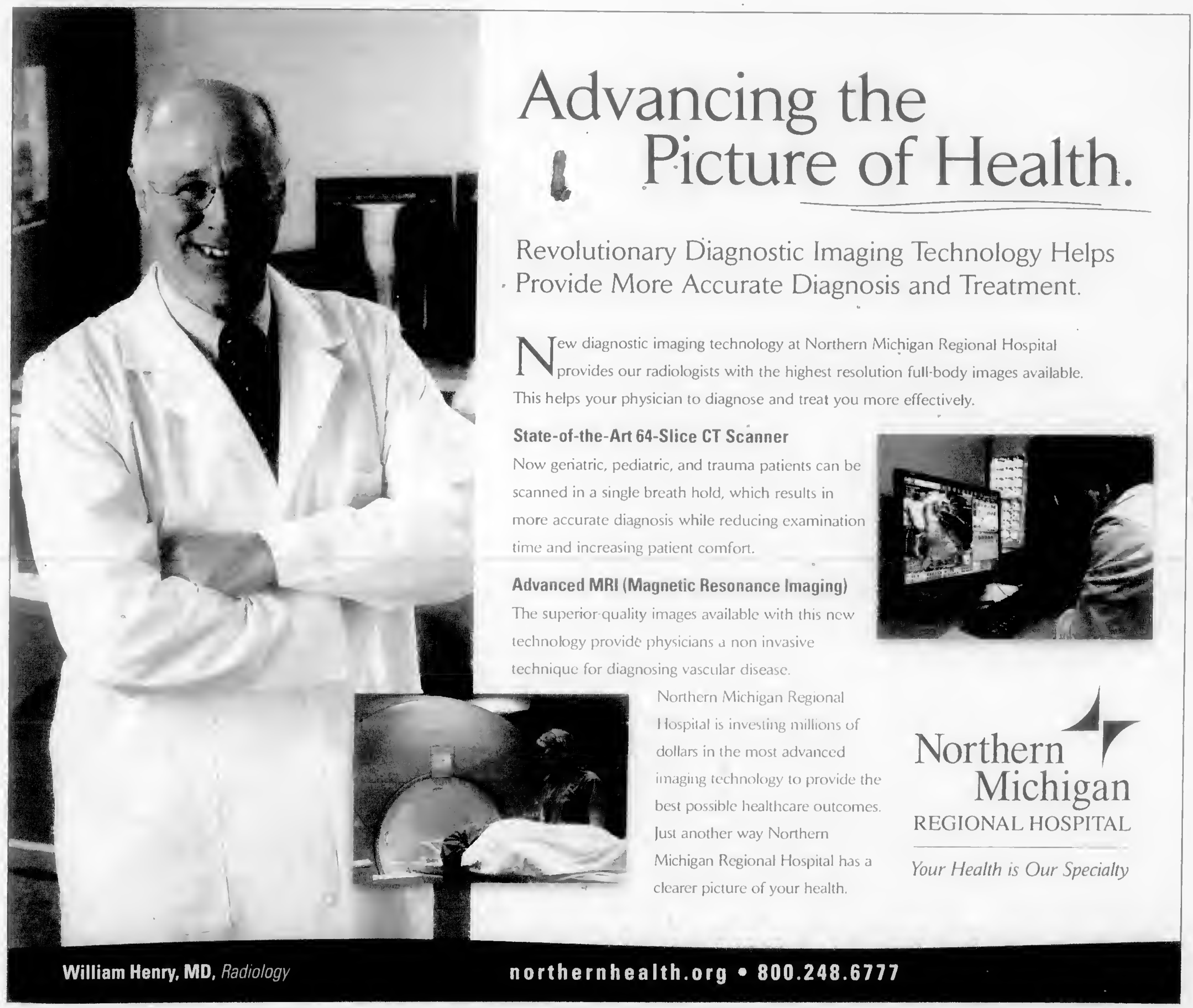
Where? The old Norwood Schoolhouse in the Village of Norwood



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NOV. 7
SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Charlevoix Historical Society will present the 10th Annual Fund-raising Dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the Villager Pub, located at 427 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.

The menu includes free all-you-can-eat spaghetti ($6.95 value). This will be pub owner Terry Left's contribution to the Charlevoix Historical Society. The society hopes diners will be generous with their tips when ordering the spaghetti dinner. Also available are a two-piece whitefish dinner for $8.50 and Mexican Burrito for $8.95.

Society members will serve as hosts and wait staff. All tips will support the Charlevoix Historical Society. Door prizes will be awarded and the grand prize is dinner for two at Terry's Place.

This is a non-smoking event.

For more information, call (231) 547-0373 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

NOV. 7
PRICE YOUR ANTIQUES

Learn how to use the Internet to assist in pricing antiques at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 7
OPEN SPACE PROTECTION

A workshop entitled "Farmland and open space protection: options for Charlevoix County communities" will take place from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at Charlevoix Public Library.

The workshop fee is $15 per person and the registration deadline is Nov. 2. For more information, contact the Michigan State University Extension office at (231) 582-6232 or www.msue.msu.edu/charlevoix.

NOV. 7
WRITER'S GROUP

A Writer's Group meets weekly at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 8
BETH HOLLOWAY PRESENTATION

The public is invited to a presentation at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8 by author Beth Holloway, who will be speaking about her journey of faith and hope. Holloway suffered the kidnapping and disappearance of her child, Natalee in Aruba, in the summer of 2005 during a class trip. Holloway of Alabama has written a book entitled, "Loving Natalee."

NOV. 8
STORY TIMES

Charlevoix Public Library will host two story times on Thursday, Nov. 8. The Lapsit (ages birth-3) group will meet at 10:05 a.m. and the Pre-kindergarten group (ages 3-5) will meet at 10:30 a.m. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 8
PERSPECTIVES: CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

In 2010, Michigan voters will have the right to decide if a constitutional convention should be called to reopen and rewrite Michigan's constitution. A group of experts experienced in Michigan government and the law have identified 63 areas for possible change, including term limits, school funding and super-majority votes for tax and banking issues. Two leaders of the study group will be on hand to debate the topic with the audience. The program entitled, "Perspectives: Constitutional Convention" will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 9
BNI

Up North Network of Business Network International which consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation, call Sam Bingham at (231) 547-4062.

NOV. 10
PAWS FOR A STORY

Curl up and read to certified reading dogs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. Call to reserve a spot for a student (231) 237-7350.

NOV. 12
VETERANS OFFICE HOURS

A Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars service officer will be at the Charlevoix County Veterans' Affairs office, in the County Building in Charlevoix, on Monday November 12th between 1 and 4 p.m. to assist any veteran, or veteran's survivor, in filing a claim, replacing lost discharge papers, obtaining medals or signing up for VA health care. If unable to visit the office, you may call the service officer at 547-7220 at the time listed above for more information.

NOV. 12
PATHS TO PEACE

The Northern Michigan People for Peace and Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom is announcing their conference from 7 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 12 at Charlevoix Public Library.

As the world gears up this fall for the U.S. sponsored Peace Conference with Israel, Palestine and other nations of the Middle East, activists in northwest Michigan come together, sharing visions and ideas in frank discussion of the issues.

The speakers include Chave Bahle, rabbi and story-teller, Suttons Bay; Gina Aranki, a Palestinian-American activist, Traverse City; Raad Amer, a peace activist, from Petoskey and Masha, West Bank; and Pam Ovshinsky, a sociologist and civil rights activist from Petoskey.

A social time with a sampling of ethnic foods will follow the program.

NOV. 12
FLU SHOT CLINIC

Cost for flu shots is $25. Pneumonia shots are also available for $30. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. Appointments are required for all clinics. Call 800-432-4121 during business hours to schedule a flu shot appointment.

The following is a list of flu clinics in Charlevoix:

Nov. 12 at the Charlevoix Middle School, 108 East Garfield St.

Nov. 27 at the health department Charlevoix office, 220 West Garfield St.

For additional information about seasonal flu vaccination, contact the health department at 800-432-4121 or visit www.nwhealth.org.

NOV. 13
FRENCH, SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUPS

A French conversation circle meets at noon on Tuesdays and a Spanish conversation circle meets at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 15
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NOV. 15
BLOOD DRIVE

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, located at the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street.

Call 800-448-3543 (800-GIVE LIFE) for an appointment or drop in. Donors are asked to bring their American Red Cross donor card or government photo I.D.

NOV. 17
ADVENT TEA

Christ Episcopal Church will host its 4th Annual Advent Bazaar and Tea from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Attendees can sample a selection of English fare, participate in a silent auction and purchase items from the bake and craft tables.

All proceeds will benefit the Charlevoix Ministerial Association and the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry.

For more information, call (231) 547-6322.

NOV. 17
DEER WIDOW'S EXPO

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is reviving the Deer Widow's Expo on Nov. 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The shopping, socializing event is a fundraiser to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital. Vendors that have currently signed on are Silpada, Arbonne, Tastefully Simple, Rada Knives & gifts, Home & Garden, Shaklee Products, Lia Sophia Jewelry, Partlite, Get Jazzed & Joyful, Mary Kay, Avon, Home Interiors, Soap's & Such, Stampin' Up and Discovery Toys,

Others interested in a vending opportunity may call Dee Vincent at (231) 547-9339 or (231) 675-0910.

NOV. 17
HUNTERS LUNCHEON

The Ellsworth Lioness Club will be sponsoring the 27th Annual Community Bazaar and Hunters Luncheon from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Banks Township Community Hall in downtown Ellsworth. Booth spaces are available. Call (231) 544-6348 for more information.

NOV. 19
BERGMANN CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The annual Bergmann Center Board of Directors meeting, for the purpose of electing officers and other annual business will take place immediately following the regular meeting scheduled at 5 p.m. on Nov. 19 at the center, located at 08855 Martin Rd. in Charlevoix.

Bergmann Center Inc., is a non-profit 501c3 organization.

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Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH RECIPIENT RIGHTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, Second Floor, One MacDonald Drive, Suite A, Petoskey, MI 49770.

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HOLLY DAZE

The 15th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration "Sparkle" to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place on Nov. 29 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Holly Daze tickets are $100 per person ($60 of which is fully tax-deductible) and include cocktails and dinner. The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 29. Tickets are now available by calling (231) 547-8685.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT DONATIONS

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project committee is preparing for another holiday season.

Last year, the project committee helped 175 families including 352 children and 254 adults with a budget of approximately $6,500.

The committee's stated goal is the same as when the program started in the early 1980s, "Every child in the Charlevoix School District will have a good Christmas and receive a new article of clothing, a toy or a fun gift along with new mittens, hats and socks."

The project group has also found many needy senior citizens who live alone and would not have a good Christmas dinner without their help.

To donate, send checks made payable to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project to our treasurer Carolyn Batdorf, 04903 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, MI, 49720.

For more information, call Bev Boss, chairman of the Community Christmas Project at (231) 547-2078.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at (231) 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

HARSHA HOUSE HOURS

The Harsha House Museum located at 103 State St. in Charlevoix is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Nov. 17.

For more information, call 547-0373.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

JUKEBOX

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Nov. 8 karaoke; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Nov. 9 and 10 Stunt Coyote — classic rock; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Nov. 11 Big Ben's Open Mic Night.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Nov. 9 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 7 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 9 and 10, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone. .

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Nov. 9, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Nov. 9 Ray J. the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Nov. 10 Charlie's Root Fusion — high energy blues.

Scovie's Waterfront Grille, 230 Ferry Ave., Oct. Nov. 9 Sean Ryan; Nov. 10 Dave Cisco.

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Honored service

Charlevoix VFW Post 1153 Commander Tom Browe salutes the American flag held by Joni Olach during the Veterans Day ceremony in Veterans Park on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. More than two dozen spectators, veteran and civilian, turned out to commemorate the solemn day.

Giving thanks, giving back

Community Thanksgiving dinner planned

There's a seat waiting for you this Thanksgiving.

"A nice Thanksgiving dinner shouldn't be out of reach for any family," said Charlevoix resident Dennis Halverson who is helping coordinate a community Thanksgiving dinner.

In the wake of tough economic times, a group of Charlevoix residents are starting a new tradition to offer Thanksgiving dinner to the community.

During Thanksgiving 2005, Dennis and Joy Halverson were invited by Janet Potter to help cook and serve Thanksgiving dinner with Dave Behling in Emmet County. Behling had been putting on this dinner for a number of years for people in the community who were either in need of fellowship or could use a little help having a nice dinner.

This year, Potter and the Halversons decided to approach the local ministerial association to see if a similar dinner could be held in Charlevoix.

"The idea was met with a lot of excitement and interest," Dennis Halverson said.

With the support of the association, Potter and the Halversons have been working toward the Thanksgiving Day dinner.

"This year people may not have the money to drive down state to have dinner with relatives, or some people may just not want to be by themselves on this day," Joy Halverson said. "Whatever the reason, this dinner will hope to fill the needs that are out there in our community."

Behling has also been assisting.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club will be buying the turkeys and cash contributions have been offered by the Charlevoix Lion's Club and many other donors.

"It's been an overwhelming response," Dennis Halverson said.

The dinner will be served from noon to 3 p.m. on Nov. 22 at the Charlevoix Reformed Church located at Petoskey Avenue and Meech Street.

For more information, call Joy Halverson at (231) 547-4813.

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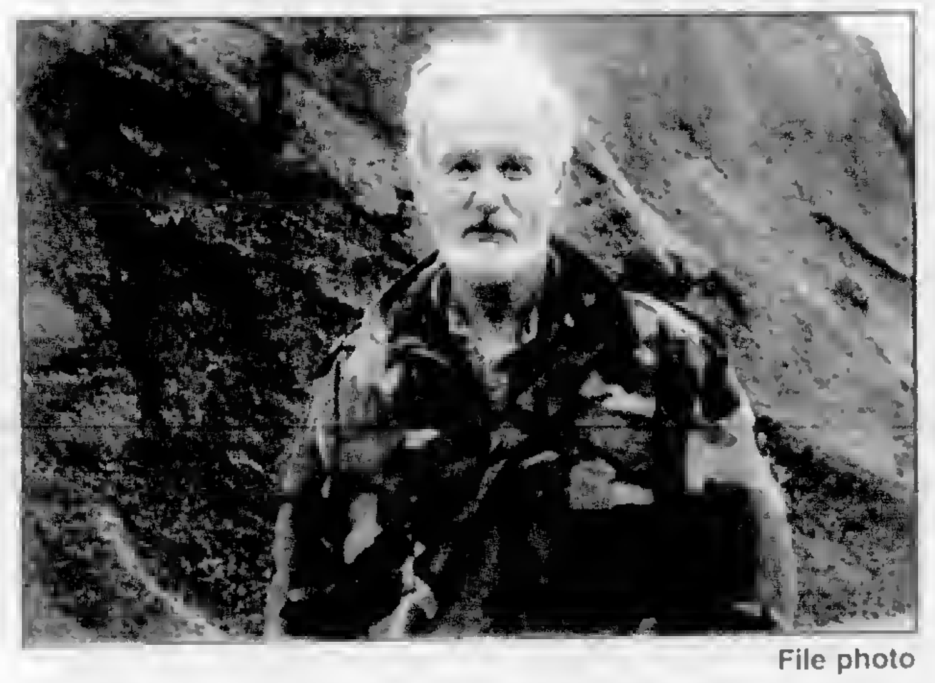
Charlevoix residents Joy and Dennis Halverson and Janet Potter are coordinating a community Thanksgiving dinner that will take place from noon to 3 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Community Reformed Church.



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On Nov. 7, a Traverse City judge stripped a special use permit from Wayne Wynkoop's (above) Norwood Limestone Mine LLC.

What happened? Traverse City Judge Thomas Power ruled the Norwood Township Planning Commission's Special Use Permit to Wayne Wynkoop's Norwood Limestone Mine LLC to be void.

What it means? Wynkoop must cease operating his limestone gravel extraction business immediately.

What's next? Though he has the opportunity to appeal the decision, Wynkoop said it's too early to tell if he will.

Judge shuts down Wayne Wynkoop's Norwood mine

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

The appearance of possible impropriety was enough for a Traverse City judge to strip a special use permit from Wayne Wynkoop's Norwood Limestone Mine LLC.

From Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court, Judge Thomas Power said Wynkoop's position as Norwood Township Supervisor by law gave him the power to appoint members to various committees and boards and that, while no evidence exists showing Wynkoop made deals with those people he appointed, even the appearance of a conflict of interest was enough to void the Norwood Township Planning Commission's June decision to grant the mine an operating permit.

Power cited at least three Michigan court cases where a public official wrongly used his position to influence the decision, of a public body to which said official was involved in his decision but cautioned that he was in no way impugning those members appointed by Wynkoop.

"I do not suggest anyone engaged in impropriety," Power said. "But, you have a series of

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Ronnie Leroy Hibbler II, 28, Boyne City. Disorderly person/drunk. Fines and costs totaling $300.

Robert Curtis Wiltjer, 23, Boyne City. No operating license on person. Fines and costs totaling $150.

Heather Ruth Rose, 20, Alanson. Checking account — insufficient funds, less than $100. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

Joseph Patrick Tremain Jr., 17, East Jordan. Unregistered vehicle. Pay $100 or serve four days in jail.

Michael Edward Haddix, 42, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow; use of marijuana. Credit for one day in jail, to serve six days in jail, 86 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $900 in fines and costs.

Christina Marie Idolski, 19, Boyne City. Minor in possession of alcohol, third offense. Serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $300 in fines and costs.

Zachary Alan Slate, 22, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Credit for seven days in jail, to serve 45 days in jail, serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device, 223 days held in abeyance, serve 30 days of community service work in lieu of 30 days in jail; serve one year probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,430 in fines and costs.

Joseph Harry Sewell, 39, Ellsworth. Disturbing the peace. Credit for three days in jail, 87 days held in abeyance; serve six months probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $650 in fines and costs.

Frederick Wade Brosofske, 35, Operating while intoxicated. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 18 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 64 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,185 in fines and costs.

Michael John Dionne, 34, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated, second offense. Credit for six days in jail, to serve 264 days in jail; $800 in fines and costs.

Drowsy driver crashes on U.S. 31

At around 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office along with Charlevoix EMS responded to a personal injury accident on U.S. 31 near the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club.

The driver, Corey James Pingle, 36, was traveling southwest on U.S. 31 when shortly after topping the hill near Big Rock, he reportedly fell asleep at the wheel. Pingle's vehicle drifted to the right and ran off the roadway just missing the guardrail. Pingle was unable to gain control of his vehicle as it slid along the wet grassy embankment. The vehicle hit a tree on the right rear quarter panel, then spun 180 degrees and came to rest. EMS transported Pingle to Charlevoix Area Hospital to be treated for head, neck and back pain.

The crash is still under investigation.

BIRTHS

Caden Mitchel Hankins weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces was born Oct. 31 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Riki and Spencer Hankins of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Cathy Russell and Ray Hahn of Ellsworth, Richard and Kristyn Lent of East Jordan and Ryp and Vicki Hankins of Charlevoix. His great-grandparents are Linda Frye of Ellsworth, Bob and Louise Balla and Lyla Hankins all of Charlevoix, William Young of Petoskey and Allen and Jennifer Lawson of Boyne City. His great-great grandparent is Cora Young of Ohio.

McKenzie Paige Hoffman weighing 7 pounds was born Nov. 2 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Robyn McCaslin and Tyler Hoffman of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are Amy McCaslin and Sharon Russell of Charlevoix and Dennis Hoffman of Ellsworth.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Knights fight hunger

Last week, Gabe Campbell, grand Knight with the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus, presented Maxine Bergmann, manager of the Charlevoix Food Pantry, a check for $1,650. The money was raised at the Oct. 25 Hunter's Banquet at the VFW. Over 90 tickets were sold. In October the pantry served 87 households in the Charlevoix School District, up about 10 from last year at this time.

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'Appearance of impropriety' closes Norwood mine operation

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appointments which changed the complexion of the board."

Power pointed to the positions of three individuals, Chuck Cleland, who resigned from the Norwood Township Planning Commission; Sadie Bartosik, who was removed from her position as secretary of the Norwood Township Planning Commission for dereliction of duty; and Marion Shea-Light, whose term expired and was not re-appointed.

Bartosik maintains she was removed due to her opposition to the mine.

Powers said there was no evidence Wynkoop played a role in Cleland's resignation and said Wynkoop has the right to appoint individuals at his pleasure, but since all three were known to either have questions about the limestone quarry or opposed it, groundwork was laid for the appearance of impropriety.

"I think it goes beyond what the law allows," Power said. "Was there any impropriety (in the appointments)? Probably not. But there appears to be the possibility of impropriety."

Cleland said he was threatened by Wynkoop, but that he resigned due to distaste for how the board was conducting business.

"I told Tom Mielke to shut up at a meeting and Mr. Wynkoop called me and chewed me out for my childish behavior," Cleland said. "I apologized to him (Mielke) after the meeting, it was in the heat of an argument, but Mr. Wynkoop said any repeat of this and he would find a way to get rid of me."

Of the more than 30 people attending last week's court proceedings, the majority were happy with the verdict.

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> **Thomas Power**
> PRESIDING OVER CHARLEVOIX COUNTY'S 33RD CIRCUIT COURT

"I think justice was done," Cleland said. "On the other hand, I'm very distressed by the situation in our township. We have a perfect storm of civil dysfunction at the government level."

Norwood Township resident Kirk Wilson said he finally felt like he had a voice.

"If this would have been a private individual applying for a permit I would have had somewhere to go, but I was pretty well shut down at the township boards," he said. "If I was lucky enough to have public comment at (meetings) it was down to two or three minutes. I think it (the verdict) was a long time coming."

Wilson added, "He (Wynkoop) deceived me for the couple years before he ran for office. If he would have been honest with everybody what his intentions were I don't think he would have been township supervisor."

Wilson said he hopes the matter is over, but worries Wynkoop may follow earlier threats to sell his property to a large mining company.

Bill Gnodtke, Norwood resident and chairman of Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety, was pleased with the outcome but is concerned with claims that his group cost the township $54,000 in legal fees to fight the group.

"Some of that $54,000 was spent before we (Norwood citizens group) formed," Gnodtke said. "That number may be factual, but how much of that money was spent on the Wynkoop matter from day one?"

Gnodtke said certain procedures, such as public hearings and legal opinions would be required with any special use permit application, whether the project was opposed or not.

"I hope he (Wynkoop) can find a use for his property that is allowed within our zoning," he added.

Gnodtke said he also resents having his group's actions referred to as "frivolous" in a recent Charlevoix Courier editorial.

"Every time this matter was heard outside of the township (Norwood) we prevailed," Gnodtke said. "The people of Norwood don't want to pay their taxes and then reach into the other pocket to pay to defend themselves against the township."

While no one would go so far as to advocate a recall of the board, the consensus of those interviewed is that some township officials are not serving the citizenry as best they could.

Planning commission chair Tom Mielke said he was dismayed at the judge's decision.

"We're on the board and doing our jobs. We have a responsibility to rule on facts put before us and apply our ordinances to those facts and make decisions based on that," he said. "I don't understand how you could make a decision in a court or anywhere…based on the appearance as opposed to findings of fact."

He added, "I look forward to reading his (Power's) written opinion to better understand the findings of fact he used to make his decision."

Wynkoop declined comment except to say it's still too early to tell if he will appeal the decision.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Old-fashioned fund-raiser

The Charlevoix Historical Society raised $2,600 at its 10th Annual Fund-raising Dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the Villager Pub. (Above) Society members including Karen Pierce, Paul Nowak and John Haggard served as hosts and wait staff.

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Thanksgiving birth tradition continues

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

I've adjusted the thermostat for the third time, trying to figure out which direction Mother Nature will take. I prepare myself for the usual morning dog walk — hot coffee, warm gloves, a fuzzy hat and scarf, looking anything but elegant but at least I'll be warm.

As I round the hill and head out towards Lake Michigan my breath dances in the gale force winds. My pace quickens and I'm thinking about the warmth emanating from the fireplace that's lit for me back home. The dawn of winter is quickly approaching and the promises of the holiday that will soon be here. While taking in the beauty of the crested waves on this Great Lake and the pink sky above, I reflect about family, tradition and my favorite holiday — Thanksgiving.

Step back in time to 1949. On a chilly fall morning in late October, I came kicking and crying into the world at Women's Hospital in Detroit. It was an unplanned pregnancy. A young, vibrant, single mother made the difficult decision to give me the gift of a different life by placing me up for adoption. Thanksgiving Day I left the world I barely knew and entered a new one which included a very grateful family. Little did I know this holiday was about to take on a tradition of thankfulness for years to come.

As we gathered around the dining room table for this special holiday, my new family would pause and give thanks to the woman who gave me the opportunity to live in a home surrounded by love. Time flew by and many holidays passed. Twenty eight of them had come and gone when we would welcome another child into our lives who was due to arrive Thanksgiving Day. The birth of my own daughter gave us reason again to give thanks for life.

This holiday was destined to be one of new beginnings. As our lives continued to race by with break neck speed, my father insisted that I begin my search for the woman who gave me life and brought joy into their home. I was encouraged to find my birth mom so the family could personally thank her. The search ended successfully in the summer of 1999. After a celebratory meeting between mother and daughter, an invitation was given to join us in our traditional holiday celebrating the gift of life. New leaves were added to the well-loved, maple, dining room table to welcome all newcomers.

This growing family will come together again this year and visit the large dining room table and pause to reflect and celebrate. Twenty nine years have passed since I brought home my own bundle of joy. As nature would have it, our thoughtful daughter and her husband were told they were to become parents for the first time by Thanksgiving Day. The tradition continues. This week she blessed us not once but twice with twins. So the Thanksgiving holiday brings with it new arrivals into our family and a reason to continuously be thankful. We feel very blessed and realize it's not the number of blessings we count but how we use them that are really important.

Photo by Gayle Gennett

On Nov. 8, Courier columnist Gayle Gennett welcomed twin grandsons, Koleton (left) and Kaden (right). They are the sons of proud parents, Christie and Heath Meir.

Our family wishes you and your family a blessed holiday and time to reflect on all the things in your life that you're thankful for.

Gayle Gennett is a columnist for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted by calling (231) 547-6558 or by e-mail at news@charlevoixcourier.com.

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Before peace first must come truth

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Oh to be an NSA bug under the table at the upcoming Annapolis Summit.

The idea any conference could lay groundwork for peace between Israel and Palestine seems only less absurd than a peace deal brokered by the U.S.

Years ago, when my old, Irish, train conductor friend told me America plays both ends against the middle, I was shocked. After all, I'd always been told Israel was the hapless victim of Palestinian aggression, but nagged by the Irishman's words, I tried to fill the gaps left by my public education.

I learned the land now called Palestine was inhabited by the Jews thousands of years ago before they were driven away in 135 B.C.E. only to be allowed back en masse in 1947 when the U.N. split Palestine in two.

Zionist leader and supporter of the Jewish state, David Ben-Gurion, put it best when he said, "We have taken their (Palestinians') country. We come from Israel, but 2,000 years ago, and what is that to them? They only see one thing: We have come here and stolen their country. Why should they accept that?"

Now the U.S. feigns concern for both while passing military secrets, cash (one-fifth of our foreign aid budget) and weapons to Israel, and there seems no end to this lopsided arrangement.

U.S. Senator James Inhofe explained why the U.S. should back Israel no matter what: "One of the reasons I believe the spiritual door was opened for an attack against the (U.S. on 9/11) is that the policy of our government has been to ask the Israelis…not to retaliate in a significant way against the terrorist strikes that have been launched against them."

However, the 2006 report "The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy" by John J. Mearsheimer of the University of Chicago and Stephen Walt of Harvard University, dispels the myth of Israel as the hapless victim by stating the Israelis outgun with WMD, anyone in the region since only they possess nukes.

Though Inhofe's comments may seem outrageous to those not swept up in anti-Muslim fervor so popular in the post-9/11 world, his sentiments are customary political pablum of the mass media. Therein lies the problem.

From a July 2006 piece on Forbes.com, President George W. Bush, forgetting his microphone was on, "said that a key to defusing the Middle East crisis was for 'Hezbollah to stop doing this (expletive).'"

Whether bias or laziness, the writer omitted the following Bush comments, "But the real irony is that it is Israel that needs to be told to stop its war of aggression against the Palestinians and the Lebanese people."

Then there are headlines like the October 2005 piece by Scott Wilson, "Israel Retaliates for Suicide Bombing."

Use tanks, planes and machine guns to kill, and they call it "retaliation," but when a young man, such as the one in Charlevoix resident Rebecca Glotfelty's documentary "Such a Normal Thing," sees innocent friends shot dead in the street, and retaliates by strapping a bomb to his chest, they call it terrorism.

When Palestinians throw rocks, Israelis throw bullets.

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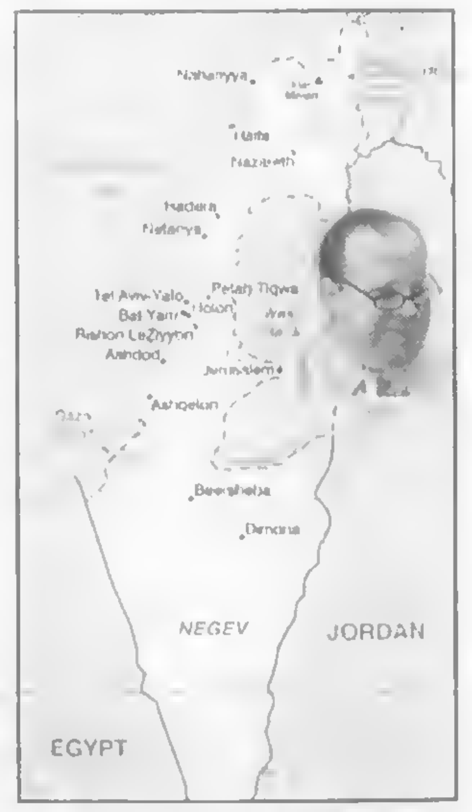

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Benjamin Gohs explores the the myth and the meat of apparent bias by the U.S. government and media outlets pertaining to Middle Eastern mayhem between the Israelis and Palestinians.

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LETTERS to the editor

BEAR HUNTING LETTER RESPONSE

Editor:

I would like to respond to Mr. Freedman's letter (entitled "Bear kill doesn't fit with youth hunt" published on page 5 of the Nov. 7 edition of the Courier) because I am the hunter in the picture he referred to.

In regards to bear hunting, the bears are managed by the Department of Natural Resources just like the deer herd. By managing the bear population we don't have a lot of bear problems with people and the animals are healthy. New Jersey where bear hunting was banned now has a multitude of bear problems. Limited numbers of licenses are issued for certain areas determined by the DNR's research and data. The success rate achieved by the lucky hunters that receive one is actually low. This information is published and given free in the bear hunting guide available at any Wal-Mart or Kmart store. There are many more bears than people think. It takes five to six years to receive a license in this area. Bear hunting is very challenging and a tradition.

As to how this pertains to the youth hunt? Also in the picture is my 13-year-old son. This was a huge day for him and my two nephews. They were able to miss a day of school and spend it with their dads. What a wonderful gift from God to spend the day with these fine young men in the great outdoors. They were able to go on a bear hunt in the morning and deer hunt in the afternoon. Hunting has taught our children to respect and manage the natural resources and wildlife. These boys are learning about the woods first hand by being there, not looking at it on television. They know what different animals eat, where they live, what role they play in the environment, how they interact, relate and depend on each other. Hunting has also taught them about safety, responsibility and self confidence. I'm proud to say they know more about the outdoors than most adults. My son was very proud that his picture was in the paper, this was a team effort where we encourage our young people to join in.

Please take the time to take a child hunting or fishing. It will be the memory of a lifetime.

Charlie Blacker
Charlevoix

DON'T DISCONTINUE PRISONER CLEANUP

Editor:

Each year Sheriff Lasater has the prisoners of the Charlevoix County Jail do fall/winter clean up in effort to assist the elderly residents of Charlevoix without incident. This service has been a huge help to many who are unable to handle the job due to health issues and aging.

I'm 75 years old now which makes most of the yard work difficult for me to do. However, I still want my home to look clean and respectable. People of age on fixed incomes have a hard time finding the money to hire help.

Recently there has been some residents requesting the program be discontinued due to the unsightly presence of prisoners in our yard or a danger to the public.

I don't believe Charlevoix County Jail houses extremely dangerous criminals who would be a threat to our residents. Most have been convicted of misdemeanors (back child support, people 18 year olds in possession of alcohol, etc.,) of which some are required to do community service anyway. If we did have a dangerous inmate, I'm sure Sheriff Lasater would not allow them to be released to participate in the cleanup.

If those who are complaining would like to volunteer their time to help the elderly, then please do so and there won't be a need for your complaining.

I personally would like to thank the sheriff for offering this service to us. I also would like him to reconsider any thought of changing the program.

Thank you sheriff Lasater for all the years you have done it.

Frieda Carmody
Charlevoix

IT'S TIME TO MOVE FORWARD

Editor:

History has proved, a group of individuals standing up for what is right, will be inevitably scrutinized and criticized — this was not more evident than in the final weeks of the Wayne Wynkoop "sinking ship" in Norwood — as the desperate and empty diatribes against the Norwood Citizens for Health and Safety rang hollow. Victory at last! The righteous have prevailed and a long two year plus battle has ended in resounding victory over a corrupt and unethical government — township supervisor, Wynkoop, the planning commission and the zoning administrator.

Unfortunately the Charlevoix Courier recently posed an editorial depicting this landmark case/battle as a "frivolous" law suit (an editorial entitled "Stop the bleeding with frivolous lawsuits," which appeared on page 4 of the Oct. 24 edition of the Courier). This editorial was both irresponsible and offensive to all those involved in meticulously, exhaustively and responsibly defending this juggernaut of governmental injustice. This case proved to be one of the least frivolous lawsuits in Charlevoix County history. Wynkoop lost every legal battle in a neutral playing field/court, even the overturning of the initial injunction was only a false victory. And in the end, Norwood representing a microcosm of all government, Judge Power's decision embodied a vital lesson for all governmental officers — there may be something left sacred — ethics, integrity and honesty can still prevail over unbridled arrogance and an "old boys" network gone bad. It's time for a clean slate in the Norwood government. Let the curtain fall on the limestone pit. It's time to move forward.

Ryan McConnell
Norwood

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A look at war torn West Bank

WEST BANK

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When Palestine kidnapped a soldier, Israel unleashed Operation Summer Rain which killed more than 450 Palestinians and nearly 50 of their children. The Israelis kill 3.4 Palestinians for every Jew lost — but you won't hear about that from your government or your major news outlets, and what do you expect from the same U.S. leaders who recently labeled the actions of a few Muslims as Islamo-Facism?

In a 2001 piece by Joel Greenberg in the New York Times about a young Arab couple and their baby who were murdered, the perpetrators are called "Jewish gunmen" and the writer seems to justify the shooting by writing, "The attack was similar to drive-by shootings by Palestinian gunmen that have killed more than two-dozen Jewish settlers since the outbreak of a Palestinian uprising last September."

How would you feel if the murder of your daughter was referred to as "similar" to murders committed by women who resemble your kid?

Notice that not only was the attack "similar" to Palestinian trespasses, the incident was the result of a "Palestinian uprising."

Kuang-Kuo Chang and Geri Zeldes noticed in their 2006 study in the Newspaper Research Journal that three of four major media outlets, New York Times, Washington Post and Los Angeles Times, are blatantly biased in favor of Israel in their coverage of the Middle East.

Until there is a sincere push for truth about Middle Eastern matters, the idea any Palestinian leader will step foot in America is as miraculous as it is pointless.

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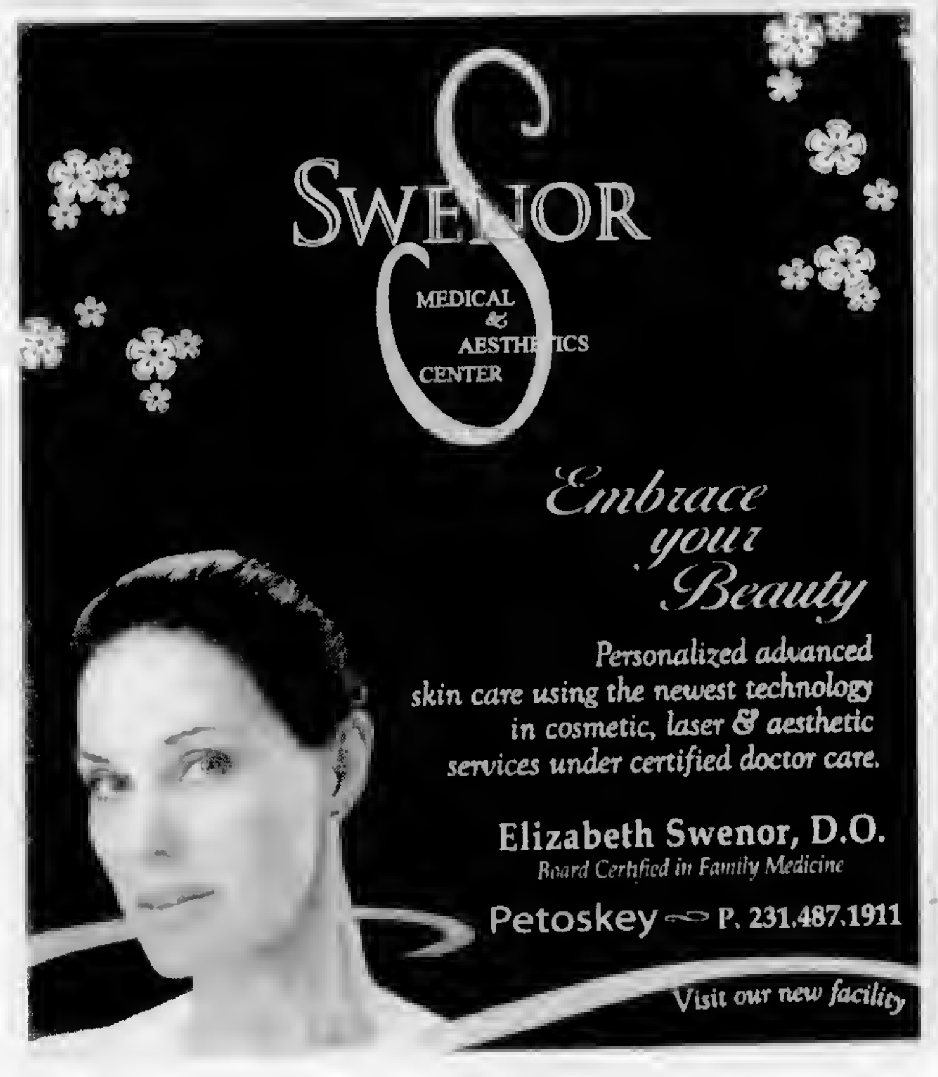

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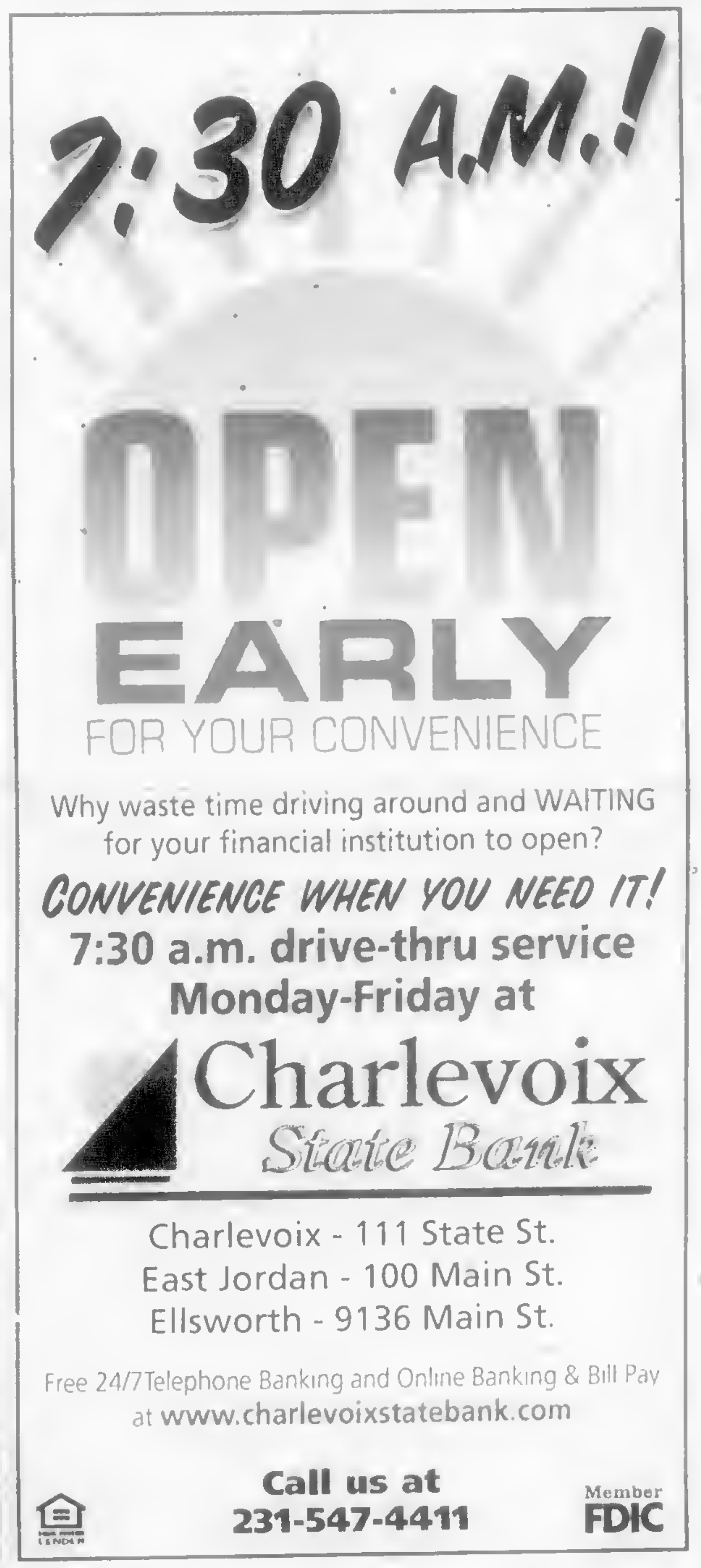

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Locals reach out with Operation Christmas Child shoe box gifts

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

During National Collection Week, Nov. 12-19, locals will contribute and package shoe box gifts at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church to be sent to suffering children around the world.

Local volunteers are collecting shoe box gifts personally packed by children, families and individuals from Charlevoix County.

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"It is a real joy to serve as a collection site for Operation Christmas Child shoe box gifts. This is a great opportunity to involve the whole community in a project that touches the lives of children a world away from us," said Sandy Malewitz, Charlevoix drop-off site coordinator. "For most of their lives, these children have only known suffering and hurt, so the opportunity to reach them and their families through a simple shoe box gift is a privilege."

The Charlevoix drop-off site is located at the Community Reformed Church, 100 Oak St. For more information, call (800) 498-8575 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org for drop-off hours.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, a project of international Christian relief organization Samaritan's Purse, has delivered more than 54 million gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children in some 120 countries.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call (937) 374-0761 or visit www.samaritanspurse.org.

McAuliff named Deputy of the Year

Courtesy photo

Deputy sheriff Jeremy McAuliff was awarded the Deputy Sheriff of the Year award for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater announced deputy sheriff Jeremy McAuliff was awarded the Deputy Sheriff of the Year award for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office at a dinner sponsored by the Walloon Lake Association.

Deputy McAuliff is a five-year veteran of the sheriff's office and has proven to be a stalwart member of this office with newly assigned duties as the accident reconstructionist.

In his announcement, sheriff Lasater complimented deputy sheriff Jeremy McAuliff on his professionalism, eagerness to assist the citizens of Charlevoix County and his positive attitude as a member of the sheriff's office.

Northwest students host soup fund-raiser

The junior class of Northwest Academy is hosting a Soup Dinner Fundraiser at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 16 at the American Legion Hall located at 106 East Garfield Avenue in Charlevoix. A variety of soups will be available as well as breads and desserts.

Purchase a hand-painted and fired bowl created by the students for just $12 and receive unlimited refills or buy soup for $2 per fill with a non-artisan bowl. Breads are included and desserts will be available.

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Tickets on sale now for 15th Annual Holly Daze

The 15th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration "Sparkle" to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place on Nov. 29 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The committee is busily planning a spectacular evening to kick off the 2007 holiday season. Guests will once again be treated to free valet parking as they arrive, entering to the sounds of Tom Kaufman and will be encouraged to participate in the silent auction during cocktails. Guests will receive a special full color photograph to commemorate the evening.

The live auction will have items that include once in a lifetime experiences and other special and sparkling items for the holiday season. Participants will also have a chance to purchase special items, called "gifts of love," for patients of the hospital.

This year's event is raising money to purchase a digital mammography machine for the hospital. The cost of this technology is $400,000.

Like all aspects and application in the world of diagnostic and therapeutic imaging today, mammography is about to take the next step in it's evolution to digital — filmless creation of images of the breast for diagnosis of breast cancer.

In digital mammography, x-ray film is replaced by solid-state detectors that convert x-ray images into electronic signals (similar to the detectors found in digital cameras). The signals are used to produce images of breast tissue that can be viewed on a computer screen at the same location where the image was taken or at remote locations like a physician's office.

Although there is no evidence that this form of mammography results in better diagnosis of the disease, it does result in efficiencies for the provider and for the patient. Some patients claim quicker imaging and less discomfort during the examination.

At Charlevoix Area Hospital, the goal is to have digital mammography up and running by the end of 2008.

Holly Daze tickets are $100 per person ($60 of which is fully tax-deductible) and include cocktails and dinner. The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 29. Tickets are now available by calling (231) 547-8685.

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Photo by Benjamin Gohs

4th Annual Advent Bazaar and Tea

Christ Episcopal Church will host its 4th Annual Advent Bazaar and Tea from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17. Attendees can sample a selection of English fare, participate in a silent auction and purchase items from the bake and craft tables. All proceeds will benefit the Charlevoix Ministerial Association and the Charlevolx Community Food Pantry. For more information, call (231) 547-6322.

What's happening at the Library this week?

Storytimes
Thursday, November 15
Lapsit (birth-3), *10:05 a.m.*
Pre-k (3-5), *10:30 a.m.*

Quilters and Friends
Thursday, November 15, 10:00 am
Join this group of quilters to work on your project. They meet the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am.

Teen Gaming night, DDR
Thursday, November 15, 6:00 pm
All teens (13 and up) are invited to join in a fun evening of Dance Dance Revolution on the big screen in the Community Room.

Fiber Design Group with Kathie Briggs
Wednesday, November 21, 1:00 pm
The first meeting of the Fiber Design Group will be meeting with nationally known local fiber artist, Kathie Briggs. The fiber group will meet monthly on the third Wednesday of each month. Each month a new surface design technique will be introduced. Each technique is applicable to art quilts and other fiber art projects. Free and open to the public.

Regular Weekly Meetings: Newcomers Welcome!
French Conversation Circle: *Tuesdays @ noon*
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Writer's Group: *Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.*

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Reflecting on safety

Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District Transportation Coordinator Chip Coulston guided transporter Pat Schwartz into a mirror assessment station recently. The Char-Em ISD Transportation Department falls under rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, which includes the periodic review of mirror positioning. Transporters must be able to see 16 different cones using six different mirrors on the school bus during these assessments. The proper positioning of the school bus mirrors are an important factor in student safety during the loading and unloading process. The ISD has 31 buses and transports 182 students approximately 850,000 miles annually throughout Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties. School Bus Safety Week was held at the end of October.

OBITUARIES

Romaine Porterfield: May 30, 1920 - Nov. 5, 2007

Romaine Porterfield

Romaine Porterfield: faithful servant, was called into her Father's loving arms on Monday, Nov. 5 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

A beautiful, caring wife, mother, step-mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend, she will be sadly missed by all people and pets who knew and loved her.

She was born on May 30, 1920 in Bay City to Walter M. Pawlak and Regina (Leppek). They preceded her in death as did her only sister, Genevieve Dabrowski, brother-in-law, Irvine Dabrowski and nephew, Wally Dabrowski.

She is survived by her loving husband, Glenn, daughters Nancy Hauffe and Maureen Pobalis of Charlevoix; step-sons, Robert Porterfield of Ann Arbor, Steve Porterfield, Doug (Holly) Porterfield and step-daughter Diane Schumann, all of Bay City; grandchildren, Heather (John) Richards, Michelle (Zachary) Bordeaux-Bottenhorn, Brett Porterfield, Brandon Porterfield, Michael Schumann, Haley Porterfield and Hunter Porterfield; great-grandchildren, Anna and Emma Richards.

Glenn and Romaine were married in 1975 and retired to Charlevoix in 1997. They fell in love with the beauty of the area and the wonderful people whom they came to know well. The beautiful surroundings inspired Romaine to write poetry about her supreme Creator's handiwork in all of our lives. Her spiritual legacy lives on in those writings.

A celebration of life service will take place at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ at 101 State St. in Charlevoix. Memorial contributions may be made to the Charlevoix Food Bank, and/or the family.

James McAlister: March 22, 1938 - Nov. 9, 2007

James McAlister

James R. McAlister (Jim), 69, of Jonesboro, Ark. and Charlevoix went to be with his Lord Nov. 9 at Saint Bernard's Medical Center in Jonesboro. He was born on March 22, 1938 in Detroit, the fourth child of the late James R. McAlister Sr. and Anna Stein McAlister.

The family moved to Marine City in 1950 where he graduated from Marine City High School in 1956. He earned a civil engineering degree from Michigan Tech after which he was commissioned into the United States Air Force at James Connelly AFB in Waco, Texas. While in Waco, he met Gloria Bradley of Jonesboro, who was attending Baylor University. They were married Sept. 24, 1961 at Walnut Street Baptist Church in Jonesboro.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Gloria Bradley McAlister; daughters, Kelly (Rabbi Aaron) Spiegel of Indianapolis, Ind., Allison (Tyler) Burchyett of Hernando, Miss.; son, Craig McAlister of Jonesboro; five grandchildren, Hannah, Eli and Gabe Spiegel of Indianapolis and Barrett and Baylee Burchyett of Hernando; two sisters, Patricia (Hank) Marwin of Troy and Mary Lou (Mike) Moore of Grosse Pointe; sister-in-law, Barbara (Edgar) Currier of Lakeland, Tenn.; and mother-in-law Helen Bradley of Jonesboro.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Anna McAlister; step-mother, Alma McAlister; sister, Betty Hill; brother, Bill McAlister; and father-in-law, Doug Bradley.

Jim retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel in 1981. During his 21-year career, he served two tours during the Vietnam War, earning the Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Metal, the Air Force Meritorious Service Metal, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and several other medals and awards. He was a command navigator with over 4,300 hours of flight time in the B-52 aircraft.

In 1981, the family moved to Jonesboro where he served as a senior vice-president of Citizens Bank. He also taught business classes at Williams Baptist College in Walnut Ridge. He was an active member of and past president of the University Heights Lions Club. He held membership in local service organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, the Retired Officers Association, the American Legion, and the Disabled American Veterans. A long-time member of Walnut Street Baptist Church, he served as an adult Sunday school teacher as well as a member of the finance committee and the sanctuary choir. The family moved to Fort Worth, Texas in 1988 where Jim was employed with General Dynamics as a specialist in the advanced products division.

He earned an M.A. in operational management from Central Michigan University in 1973, an MBA from Arkansas State University in 1988, professional degrees from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Air Command and Staff College, Squadron Officer's School and the Stonier School of Banking in New Jersey.

There will be a memorial service to celebrate Jim's life at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Jonesboro. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery, Washington D.C. A memorial service will be held at the Charlevoix Reformed Church at a later date.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of Ron Hatley's Sunday school class and the University Heights Lions Club. Those wishing to leave a lasting memorial may choose the building fund at Walnut Street Baptist Church, 1910 Scenic Dr. Jonesboro, AR 72401, the Gideon's Bible Society, P.O. Box 4002 Jonesboro, AR 72403 or the charity of your choice.

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Tuesday Intercession 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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11906 US-31 North
Sunday School/Bible Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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President Michael Robbins 588-2112
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
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M-66 (across from Post Office)
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort 547-4121

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US 31 North
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Worship 10:00 a.m.
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Commissioners reject senior center budget increase

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

A Charlevoix Senior Center request for nearly $40,000 died in committee last Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Center director Earl Muma hoped for an allocation of $12,000 for a shortfall in the fiscal year 2006-2007 budget and an amendment to his 2007-2008 budget of $27,090 both of which would cover salaries.

"I have a problem with it being payroll," said District Two commissioner Chris Christensen. "If you said you don't have enough to cover the gas bill or you said we're going to be short on food or you said we're not going to be able to provide to seniors then I understand all day long."

Muma said if the board could OK the $27,090, bringing this year's approved budget from $158,280 to $185,370, he would take care of the $12,000 shortfall.

"I could take care of it with senior citizens fundraising money, but I don't really want to because, why should the senior citizens go out and earn money to pay off the deficit balance of a budget?" he said.

The request for salary increases breaks down as follows: Muma's salary upped by $6,000 to a total of $24,000; an inventory specialist's salary of $15,500; and an increase in the bookkeeper/secretary of $5,590.

Christensen expressed hesitation in Muma's plan to increase the aforementioned salaries and said, "The budget was adjusted once last year already by $9,000. We bumped you from $136,000 to $145,000."

Referencing last year's budget agreement, Muma said, "The direct words came from you Chris. 'You're not going to get that budget through with them wages like that,' so that's why I had to agree with you at that time. I was under pressure."

Board chair Shirley Roloff added that the county employees received not even a one-percent increase and therefore could not in good conscience approve the funding increase.

"I just can't see (a) part-time job (paying) $24,000 when we have people down here working full-time for $24,000," she said.

Muma told Roloff he works between 40 and 50 hours per week.

Christensen said though there is a substantial equity fund in the Commission on Aging's coffers, it should not be spent willy-nilly.

"I'm telling you right now," Muma said. "There's enough controversy around this town and around the county about this whole thing. If you don't get it settled down, you're going to lose that millage money."

Christensen fired back. "Mr. Muma, I don't appreciate being held hostage over the millage money. You just said that millage may fail because I'm not going to give you the raise you're requesting."

What happened?
Charlevoix Senior Center director Earl Muma requested the Charlevoix County Personnel/Internal Government Committee up his approved allotment of $158,280 for fiscal year 2007-2008 to $185,370 to cover salary increases at the center

What was decided?
The committee decided unanimously not to increase Muma's budget

What's next?
Muma said he will not appeal the committee's decision.

During an interview following the meeting, Muma clarified that he was not accusing Christensen of putting the senior millage in danger.

An option, Roloff told Muma, was to make up the $27,090 through fundraising efforts in order to supplement the desired salaries.

"I'm asking for somebody to step in and give us a hand with these wages and make it fair," Muma said. "Bring it out of that money (senior millage money) that's sitting there."

Christensen said to Muma there may be extra money in the Commission on Aging's bank account but, "We can't start spending this money...just for the sake of spending it."

Muma, who said he will not cut anyone's salary, told the Courier he will find a way to get the money.

Veterinary Dentistry

Courtesy photos

Canine crown

"Rudy," a 6-year-old, 11 pound daschaund, broke one of his upper bicuspids — a tooth critical to chewing. His veternarian, Dr. Robert Pletcher of Charlevoix, recommended extracting the tooth. Rudy's owner, Dr. John Merrill, a dentist in Charlevoix, opted to place a crown on his busted bicuspid on Oct. 26. Rudy could not be happier.

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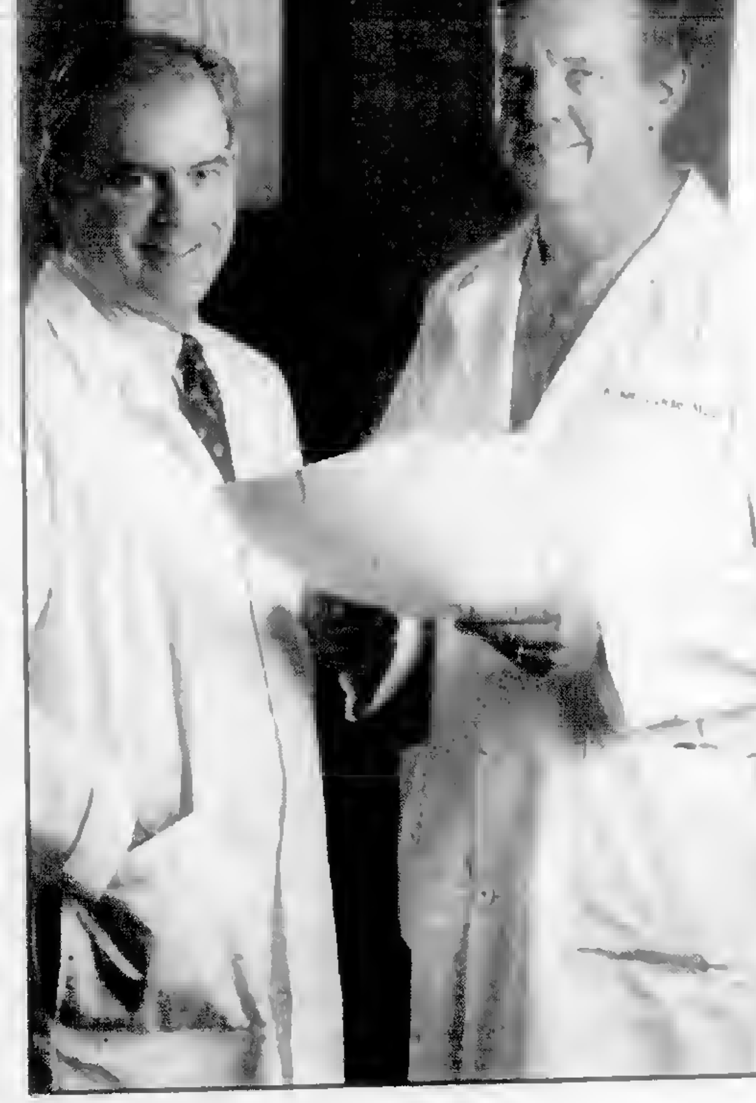

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Council weighs benefits of tax breaks

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

The City of Charlevoix's attempts to attract and accommodate manufacturing business using tax abatements came under fire by outgoing Third Ward council member Shirley Gibson.

At the Nov. 5 City Council meeting Gibson said the city's tax breaks to new or expanding manufacturers should be closely monitored, the process by which they are granted should be revised and fees for processing the request should be levied.

"I think tax abatements are obsolete. I think it's a revenue leak for the city," she said. "The city is built out and we have to find innovative ways to keep our tax base and our services. I think this is a lot of money yearly that the city could use."

Under an approved abatement, a business is exempt from paying 50 percent of an amount equal to the city's millage rate times the taxable value of the proposed expansion or improvement. This same formula is passed on to other taxing entities like the library, schools, county and Intermediate School District — all of whom are giving up 50 percent.

City treasurer Rick Brandi said the total annual tax revenue loss to the community as a whole from these abatements is about $130,000.

The city currently has extended 14 tax abatements to five local manufacturers that during the 2007 summer tax season resulted in the loss of $28,140.02 to the city and $49,074.24 to Charlevoix Public Schools. In winter 2007 the library lost $3,857.05 to city abatements, Charlevoix County gave up $4,246.60 and the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District missed out on $4,463.85.

Manufacturers with abatements include CPI with four, Nu-Core Inc. with two, DCL Inc. with two, Harbor Industries with five and Wojan Window and Door with one.

While Gibson feels the revenue loss outweighs the economic advantage the abatements bring to town, Brandi disagrees.

"We couldn't really eliminate these without being at a competitive disadvantage for the area or for the state right now. Unless the entire state goes along with changing Public Act 198 we would be at a disadvantage. We need a level playing field to compete for new business options," he said.

When vice-president of operations for Harbor Industries, Tim Parker was asked if his company would have done the major renovation and expansion they completed in two phases, the first done in 2000 the second in 2001, without the abatement, he said. "Probably not."

Those renovations brought about 120 new jobs to town.

"The package the state and the city put together for us was critical to us staying in the area," Parker said.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

- Charlevoix City Council is considering revisions to the process by which tax abatements are made.
- Abatements are granted to attract and accommodate manufacturing business.
- In 2006 the city's 14 abatements made to five local businesses cost the community $130,000 in lost tax dollars.

What's next? A subcommittee is being formed to discuss revisions and will bring a recommendation back to City Council

Council decided to form a subcommittee that will consider revisions to the existing abatement granting and maintenance processes.

Abatements are currently granted on a points system. Points are assigned based on the number of jobs created and/or retained, installation of an automatic fire sprinkling system, cost of construction of new facilities or renovation, beautification beyond zoning requirements and a project's energy savings.

There is a possible accumulation of up to 210 points. These points determine the number of years for which an abatement is granted — 70 points is equal to a six-year abatement; 85 points is equal to a nine-year abatement; and 110 points is equal to a 12-year abatement.

Changes that were discussed include a timeline for the company to report the number of jobs they create, targeting specific industries by giving more points to attract certain types of businesses to the community and charging a fee for processing the paperwork.

"I would like to eliminate them (tax abatements) period but I know that's not going to happen. In the meantime it should be more difficult to get a tax abatement," Gibson said.

While Gibson did not run for reelection at the Nov. 6 City Council election, she may sit on the subcommittee that will consider these revisions. She is being replaced by Jill Picha.

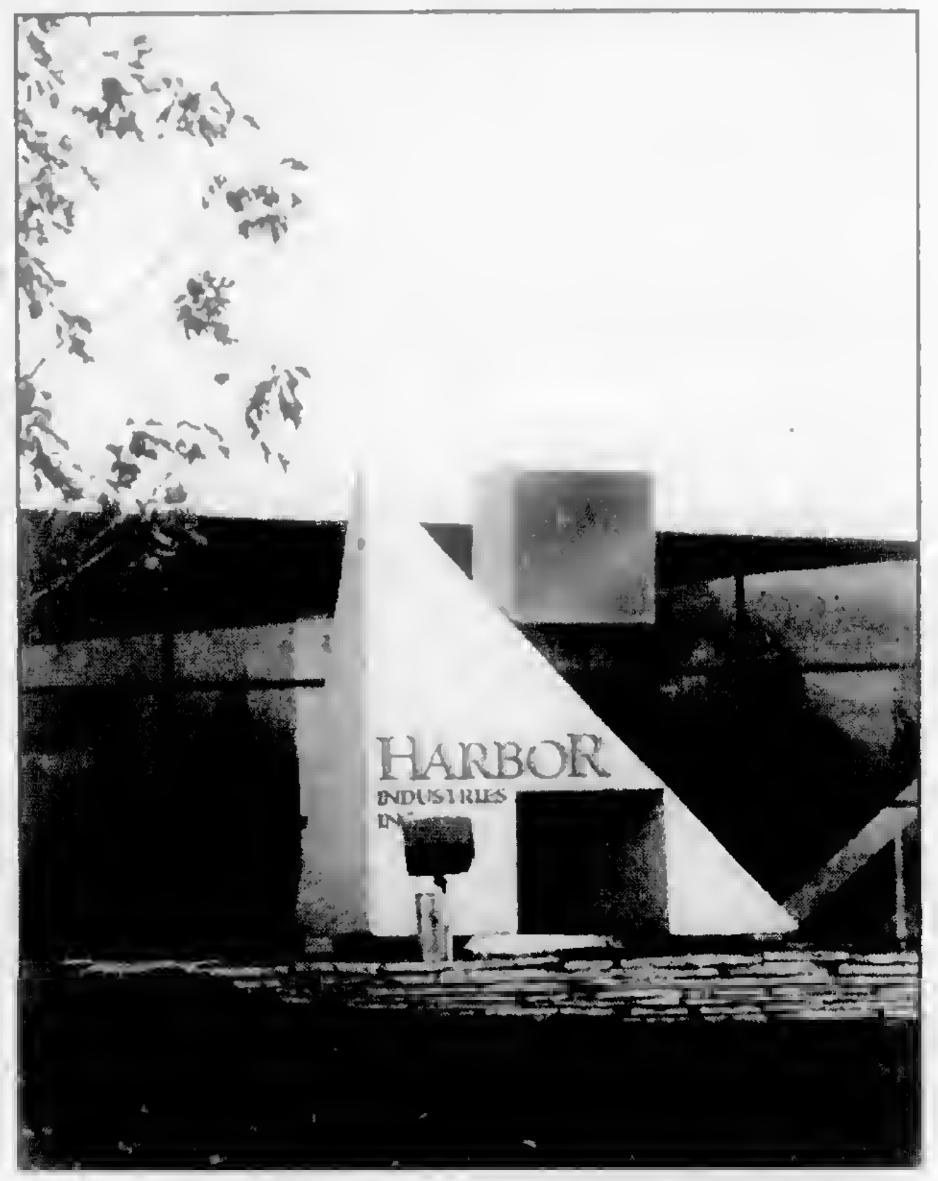

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

While Charlevoix City Council is considering amending its tax abatement policy and process, Tim Parker, vice-president of operations for Harbor Industries, said his company would likely not have done the major additions and renovations they completed in 2000 and 2001 without the tax breaks. Harbor Industries currently holds five abatements in the City of Charlevoix.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, November 5, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street,
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The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving the contract of $10,500 with Kidorf Preservation Consulting for the Historic District Educational Presentation.
- Motion passed accepting the bid of $146,642 from Dueco for a bucket truck for the Electric Department.
- Motion passed approving the contract with R.B. Lyons for the Ferry Beach Boat Launch project for $148,010.
- Motion passed approving the boiler insurance renewal through the Charlevoix Agency for $10,326.
- Motion passed approving the Mayor to vote for the seven candidates for the MML Liability & Property Pool Board of Directors.
- Motion passed awarding the ski hill pump house electric service bid to Sky Electric for $10,500.

Council adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street

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on the JOB with Joe West

Courier editor Julie Witthoeft tries her hand at candle making..

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Company profile: In 1985, Bullfrog Light Company founder Bill Stewart moved his candle factory to Charlevoix from St. Charles, a town located near Saginaw. The plant and retail store which serve candle lovers from around the globe are located off M-66 near Loeb Road.

History: Stewart started the business in 1981 after 10 years earlier helping his children with a candle making school project. In the decade between his interest being sparked and a Bullfrog candle wick being lit he perfected the formula for his company's signature top to bottom candle glow.

The factory now produces between 1,000 and 2,000 handcrafted candles a month including personalized screen printed and painted candles. Bill Stewart is the president and his wife, Betsy, is vice-president.

Name: Joe West

Age: 42

Occupation: Bullfrog Light Company candle factory plant manager and maintenance engineer of nine years. In charge of overseeing the plant's nine full-time employees and one part-timer.

Family: Wife, Jane West, who works in the office at Bullfrog; and 16-year-old daughter, Shelby Campbell

Bullfrog hours of operation: Plant hours are from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Retail store hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

What do you love about your job?

"The environment, the people and the creativity. If we need a new process, that' my job to create it. So I'm not doing the same thing every day."

If you could change one thing about your job what would it be?

"Better pay I guess. But anyone would say that."

What's a unique aspect of the job?

"I have to know all the processes here. Plus, I have to repair and maintain everything."

There are certain places I can't photograph that are off limits, what's the secret?

"The glow. We are the only candle manufacturer in the world with top to bottom glow."

Employees and visitors to Bullfrog Light Company must sign a waiver and confidentiality agreement before entering the inner sanctum.

What's the hardest part of your job?

"Disciplining people. I have a hard time doing it but I know I have to."

What is the one thing you could not do your job without?

"If we didn't have heat, no one would be able to do their job."

Reporter's experience: I expected to walk into the candle factory and watch as machines spit out perfect candles. To my surprise, what I found were local technicians carefully crafting each one.

While much of Bullfrog's candle making process is top secret, it was obvious that a great deal of care goes into making each candle. The wax is top quality, the staff is skilled and knowledgeable and anyone who has owned a Bullfrog candle knows the final product is truly remarkable.

Advertising manager Anne Golski who has worked there for 19 years, said it best.

"There's truly no other candle like it. Twenty some odd years later, every time I light a Bullfrog candle I gasp. The glow is just astounding to me. Once you light one, you're hooked," she said.

For more information about Bullfrog Light Company, call (231) 547-4407 or visit www.bullfroglightco.com.

Charlevoix Courier editor Julie Witthoeft tries new occupations and writes about her findings in "On the job" which features Charlevoix residents working in Charlevoix. This feature appears the second Wednesday of the month in the Charlevoix Courier. E-mail "On the job" ideas and comments to news@charlevoixcourier.com.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Joe West, Bullfrog Light Company candle factory plant manager and maintenance engineer, polishes candles.

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Ruth Murray mixing up candle color at Bullfrog Light Company.

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Beth Holloway shares journey of hope and faith

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

STORY HIGHLIGHT
Beth Holloway, the mother of Natalee Holloway, the Arkansas girl who went missing in Aruba two years ago recently shared the message of hope and faith in Charlevoix at Christ Episcopal Church

The disappearance and likely death of a loved one, especially a child, would be enough to push most people off the edge of despair.

But, Beth Holloway, the mother of Natalee Holloway, the Arkansas girl who went missing in Aruba two years ago, recently shared the message of hope and faith in Charlevoix at Christ Episcopal Church.

"I've seen 15,000 high school seniors and college students and delivered to them a personal safety message that can be applied whether traveling at home or abroad," Holloway said at the Nov. 8 speaking engagement. "Secondly I've been speaking at churches sharing a message of hope and faith."

She added, "I was committed to sharing the hard lessons we learned being involved in a crisis while in a foreign country and I just want to give parents the benefit of what I've learned."

Holloway recounted her tale of learning her daughter did not make her flight back to the United States in the summer of 2005 and flying there frantically to find out why.

Holloway said she found her daughter's room in order with her things present and she began searching out Natalee's friends to find out where she was last seen.

Holloway ran into many obstacles including uncooperative law enforcement officials, numerous conflicting tips on Natalee's whereabouts and dozens of explanations by suspects on where they last saw Natalee.

Holloway searched brothels, crack houses and numerous neighborhoods in search of her daughter.

"Nothing ever came of those searches but the images of that night will never fade from my mind," she said. "And in spite of all the tips, Natalee was never to be found and the panic I had been trying to suppress was beginning to take hold. I tried hard to manage it but there's really no way to describe how I felt."

She added, "Reporters would ask me all the time how do you feel and the answer was I didn't, I didn't feel anything."

Holloway said she did not eat, sleep or bathe for the first 100 hours in Aruba.

"I knew what I had to do. It was about 90 degrees at 5 a.m. I left the hotel room to find a taxi. I was in search of a place to pray," she said. "I asked the Aruban cab driver to take me to a church, to take me somewhere. I felt as if I needed to pray harder and ask God louder for an answer."

The driver took her to a small church with many white crosses.

"When I reached the first cross I just fell to my knees clutching the poster that I had of Natalee and began begging God to give her back," she said. "I got up and I made my way to the next cross and the next one and the next. At each cross I repeated the same plea. Making my way up the hillside I repeated the same plea and it was when I got to the fifth cross that I received it. The answer came in the form of complete and overwhelming peace."

She added, "At that moment, my heart began to feel what my mind couldn't comprehend and the weight that I was carrying on my left shoulder was lifted and in an instant I knew Natalee was with God."

Holloway later learned the crosses at the church were 14 in number and represented the stations of the cross which Jesus Christ is said to have traveled.

"I think hope is the most tangible reaction of one's faith," she said. "I don't have to tell you, it's easy to lose when faced with bitter tragedy. People often ask me how I can keep going on this journey to find Natalee and I tell them I simply could not do it without my faith in God through Jesus Christ."

Matt Seaman, a Charlevoix resident and attendee of Holloway's appearance said he thought it was a very inspiring presentation.

"It really inspired us all that hope is never lost and hope is always there," he said. "Hope also brings us together as unity that we can all work together as individuals. God is like our father and he watches over us."

He added, "Hope to me is almost the same as unity. I think faith plays an everyday part of my life whether at work or at home, wherever I go."

For more information on Holloway's International Safe Travels Foundation, a group dedicated to helping people avoid the pitfalls of travel dangers, visit www.internationalsafetravelsfoundation.org.

To read all of Beth Holloway's harrowing tale, pick up a copy of her book "Loving Natalee: A Mother's Testament of Hope and Faith" at Kmart, Wal-Mart, Borders and Amazon.com among other major book outlets.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Beth Holloway, mother of Natalee Holloway, the Arkansas girl who went missing while in Aruba over two years ago, poses for a photo after delivering her message of hope and faith. Seen with Holloway are Charlevoix resident Matt Seamen and Alanson resident Pat Prater.

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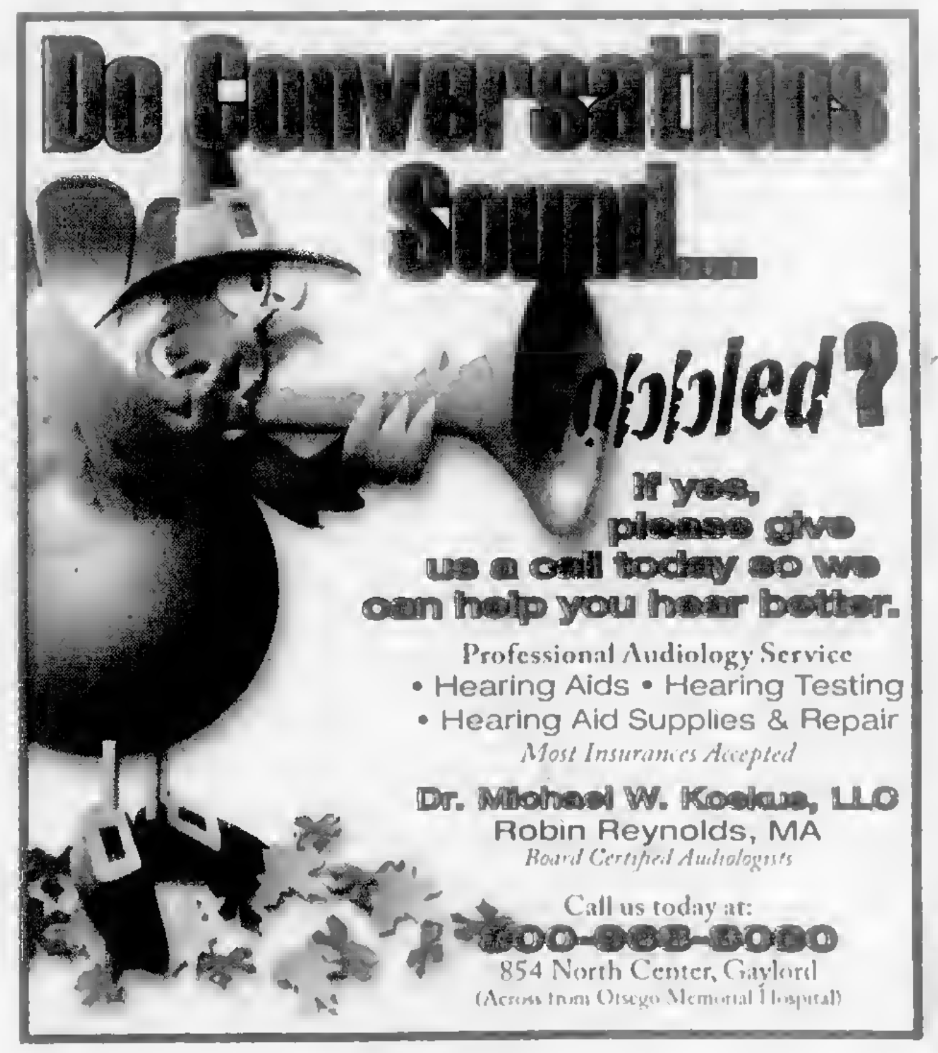
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TEEN SCENE inside the halls

Local teens take to the ballroom dance floor

BY AUBREY WAY
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Who? Students 13-18 years old

What? Ballroom dance lessons

When? 6 p.m. on Oct 25

Where? Charlevoix Public Library

Why? To promote ballroom dancing in the younger generations

MEET THE INSTRUCTORS

Roy Tassava

He's been dancing for 20 years. Ever since he was a youngster he's enjoyed dancing, and it's carried over to his profession. Tassava is a dance instructor at Vivace School of Music and Arts in Petoskey. He feels that it's good to promote ballroom dancing.

Judy Wojcik

She's only been dancing for two years, and her interest began when she took a dancing class in college. Although it didn't stick with her after college, she still had a place for dance inside her, and when the opportunity to work along side Tassava at the dance school presented its self she took it. She feels that ballroom dancing is healthy and fun for young people.

Photo by Aubrey Way

Having a great time dancing the Waltz, junior Alicia Valler dances with 8th grader Trenton Bradley. "It was so much fun dancing and I really liked to learn how to dance both styles," Bradley said.

Photo by Aubrey Way

Enjoying each others company senior Sarah Klooster and freshman Jake Lemanski brush up on their dancing skills. "My partner and I had a great time dancing and learning new steps," Lemanski said.

MEET THE DANCERS

Students from eighth through twelfth-grade who attended the dance lessons said they were all there for one reason — to learn the right way to ballroom dance.

"I came here tonight because I wanted to learn how to dance," said Charlevoix Middle School eighth-grader, Blake Schulman. "My favorite dance was the swing dance because it was fast and hip."

Not many students get an opportunity to do fun things after school unless they are involved in sports so by offering this class students were able to do more than watch TV after school.

"This was something new to do," said Charlevoix High School senior, Sam Balasz. "It was a lot more fun than just sitting at home."

There were smiling faces during the dance class, and it seemed everyone enjoyed learning to dance.

"The class was very interesting," Charlevoix High School senior and 2007 Miss Charlevoix, Sarah Klooster, said. "It was fun to change it up and go to a dance class rather than going to the movies or something boring like that, that I do all the time."

The Waltz

"Slow, slow, quick, quick" is the pattern used during the Waltz dance. The dance is exactly how it sounds, you begin slowly and then quick steps get you moving across the dance floor. During this dance the man places his hand on the woman's back and he leads the woman through the steps. The woman places her hand in the man's and her other hand on the man's right arm just below his shoulder.

"The Waltz was really fun to learn," Klooster said. "It's cool to be able to say you know how to do that."

The Swing

This dance is much more up beat than the Waltz, and the pattern you follow goes, "1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, rock step." The posture is much more relaxed than the Waltz because the tempo is faster and dancers don't worry so much about their posture.

"My favorite dance was the swing dance," said eighth-grader Austen Lobenherz. "It was faster and we could move a lot better because it was so up tight."

Aubrey Way is a Teen Scene writer for the Charlevoix Courier. She can be contacted at 08wayaub@rayder.org.

Dating violence Web site launched

check it out on the web: www.michigan.gov/datingviolence

Last week, the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board unveiled a teen dating violence Web site, www.michigan.gov/datingviolence, to help teens and young adults recognize the signs of dating violence, stalking, sexual assault and domestic violence and how to seek help for themselves or for their friends experiencing violence.

"The seeds of domestic violence often germinate at early ages as young teens experience dating relationships," said Debi Cain, director of the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. "The more we do to educate all ages and help connect individuals with resources and programs, the more we can do to prevent all forms of violence in relationships."

The board, whose members are appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, is charged with efforts to eliminate domestic violence and is housed within the Michigan Department of Human Services. It provides support and grant funding for local organizations that will be hosting individual events through the state to commemorate Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October).

The teen dating violence Web site, developed with input from teens and domestic violence service providers, serves as a companion to the educational materials released in 2006 to all Michigan public, private and alternative high schools. These materials also are available now in Spanish.

A 2005 report from the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center identified 58 intimate partner homicides and 70,056 domestic violence offenses. One in every five high school students reports being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner.

"Domestic and dating violence affects all ages and all races," said Department of Human Services director Ismael Ahmed. "It impacts every person's humanity. Our partnerships with local community organizations are critical in serving victims of domestic violence and helping to educate people about the devastating impact of abusive behavior."

The national hotline for help with domestic violence is 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

For more information about domestic violence prevention efforts, visit www.michigan.gov/domesticviolence or www.michigan.gov/datingviolence.

Courtesy photo

Teen eagles honored

Three area Eagle Scouts, Nathan Tripplehorn of Charlevoix, Nick Cook of Ellsworth and Trevor Currier of Charlevoix, were honored for their achievement at the Scenic Tralls Council 68th annual meeting in Traverse City on Sunday, Nov. 4.

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Need kid gear? Don't miss the Mom-to-Mom Sale

What? 8th Annual Mom-to-Mom Sale
When? 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 17
Where? The family center at St. Mary School located at 1005 Bridge St.

Kids and teens grow like weeds and bills for new duds and toys can grow just as quickly.

Moms who are tired of paying full price for children's gear, can find relief at the upcoming 8th Annual Mom-to-Mom Sale.

This year the sale will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 17 in the family center at St. Mary School located at 1005 Bridge St.

The event will feature over 40 moms and teens selling oodles of "gently used" infant, children's and teen clothing, toys, books furniture, bikes and more.

Adults who are 18 and over and wish to attend will be charged a $2 entrance fee.

For moms or teens looking to unload some gear, event coordinator Beth Martin still has booth space available. There is a charge of $25 per space.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit St. Mary School.

Volunteers to help set up and run the event are also still needed.

The opportunity to shop from 8 to 9 a.m., before the doors open to everyone else, is offered as an incentive to vendors and volunteers.

To volunteer or set up a booth space call Martin at (231) 547-1768.

Zonta accepts scholarship applications

Charlevoix Area Zonta Club is currently accepting applications for its annual Young Women in Public Affairs award, which awards $500 to an outstanding young woman living in Charlevoix County and currently enrolled in a secondary school.

Applications are available at the counselor's office at all Charlevoix County high schools or may be obtained by calling Maura A. Snabes at (231) 547-9969. The deadline for receiving applications is Feb. 4, 2008 to the Charlevoix Area Zonta Club c/o Maura A. Snabes, P.O. Box 633, Charlevoix, MI 49720. The winner will be announced at the Zonta meeting in late February.

The recipient of the local award will also have her application forwarded to the district, which awards an additional $500 to the district winner.

The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award competition is designed to encourage women to pursue decision-making positions in their communities in order to impact the policies that affect the lives of women locally and throughout the world.

Zonta is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and professions working together to advance the status of women. The Charlevoix Area Zonta Club has recently formed a Z Club for girls at the high school level which focuses on serving the community, providing career guidance and encouraging leadership qualities in students in academic, vocational and technical schools, and to promote fellowship and better understanding among people of the world.

New group unites area fiber designers

Kathie Briggs

The Charlevoix Public Library is hosting a fiber design work group at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21.

The group will come together to learn and share ideas. Kathie Briggs, nationally known local fiber artist will be leading the group. Each month a new surface design technique will be introduced. The techniques are applicable to art quilts and other fiber art projects.

The Fiber Design Group will be hosting monthly meetings at 1 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month in the community room at the library, located at 220 West Clinton St. The group is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (231) 547-2651.

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Chamber Action & Business Briefs

Charlevoix Christmas Celebrations

Friday, November 23

Community Tree Lighting 4:00 to 6:00pm

- Visit with Santa at the North Pole (Color Wear). Children can have their picture taken compliments of Charlevoix Camera.
- Bring your handmade ornaments to East Park to be hung by the City bucket truck on the Community Christmas Tree.
- Forgot your ornament? Charlevoix Children's House and Northwestern Bank are hosting ornament making at the North Pole.
- Enjoy Holiday music courtesy of Dale Boss and the Petunia Truck.
- Warm up with hot cocoa and cookies in the park beginning at 5:00pm compliments of Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant.
- Santa will light the Community Christmas Tree at 6:00pm sharp!

Saturday, December 1

Charlevoix Merchants Open House and Flurry Fest

Noon to 6:00 pm - **Merchants Open House**
Enjoy refreshments, entertainment, activities, special sales and raffles at participating merchants.

12:00 pm - **Santa Claus**
Santa arrives by City Fire Truck to East Park at Clinton Street. Candy compliments of Northwestern Bank.

1:00 pm - **Free Holiday Movie**
Children are invited to Charlevoix Cinema for a FREE full-length holiday feature sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank. Please bring a donation of a canned good for entry to benefit the Food Pantry.

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm - **FLURRY FEST**
Under the Tent at Clinton and Bridge Streets – sample and vote for Charlevoix's best hot chocolate. As of November 9 the following restaurants have been confirmed: Alcove Café, Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant, Whitney's of Charlevoix, Woolly Bugger, and Zaccaro's Market, with additional restaurants expected to participate! Enjoy live music provided by the following musicians: (1) Pine River Jazz (Gary Stutzman, Doug and Sue Houseworth, Roger Lilak) (2) Tuba Christmas (Christmas caroling featuring tubas and baritones) (3) Barry Bennett and the Petoskey Steel Drum Band.

Hearts to Holly

Charlevoix's Ambassadors welcomed owner Susan Miller and family at a ribbon cutting for Hearts to Holly, which opened on October 10, 2007. Located at 107 Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix, this shop has all your quilting needs: fabrics, notions, and gifts. Also, quilting classes are available. Hearts to Holly is open from 9:30am - 6pm Monday through Saturday and is open until 9pm on Wednesday. For more information, call 547-2729.

The Chamber Welcomes the Following New Members

- Builders North, Inc.
- Charlevoix Abstract & Title Agency
- Hearts to Holly, LLC

Fox Charlevoix Buck Pole Contest

Think you've got yourself a trophy? See how it stacks up at the Fox Charlevoix Buck Pole Contest. Fox Motors of Charlevoix is offering over $3,000 in cash and prizes to be awarded for the largest and heaviest buck on the pole November 15 – 17. Enjoy pizza and refreshments during the award presentation on Saturday, November 17. For more information, call 547-9900.

Friske's Christmas Celebration, December 8

Lots of Christmas excitement and lots to do...

- Pancake Breakfast: 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Cookie decorating and edible craft making: 9:00am – 3:00pm
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Charlevoix Area Calendar of Events

The next Retail meeting is at 8:45am on November 15 at the Chamber of Commerce.

December 7 is the next First Friday Biz Breakfast at 7:30am at Grey Gables. The guest speaker is Jim Hater, General Manager of Charlevoix Manufacturing Company.

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Stupak fights for Michigan's water resources

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

> "We've got to address these concerns of ground water, bottling, diversion of fresh water. If you allow diversion of the Great Lakes water outside of the basin by seven miles today, that could be 70 miles tomorrow."
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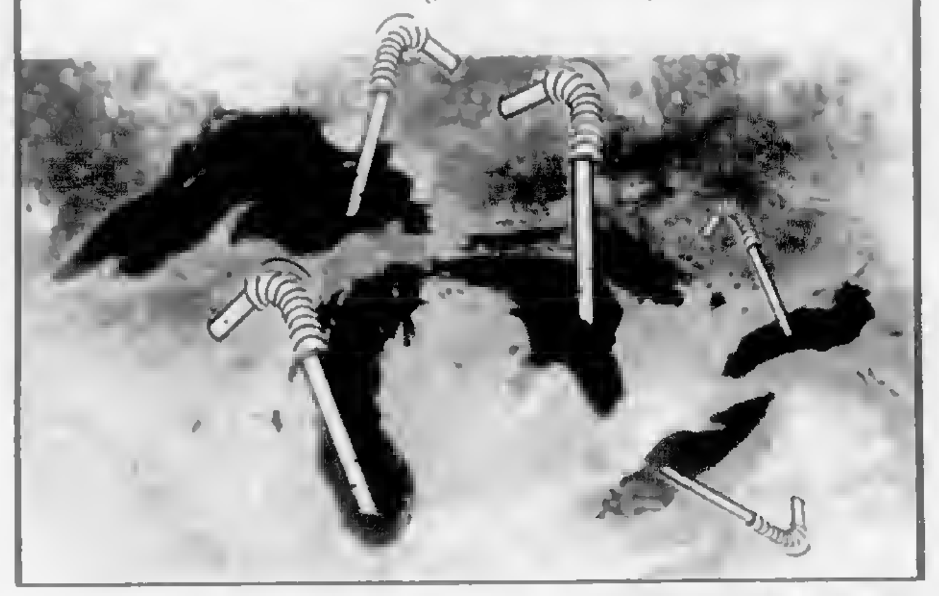
> — *U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee)*



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Officials from several Great Lakes states now say water could soon become the new oil.

With hundreds of beverage bottling companies in Michigan shipping their products worldwide and recent droughts across the United States, rhetoric over who owns America's fresh water is revving up.

"States like Wisconsin are awash in water," said Democratic presidential candidate, Gov. Bill Richardson to the Las Vegas Sun in early October.

U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) was quick to send a letter to Richardson for a clarification of his remarks.

"I hope Governor Richardson did not mean to suggest he supports diverting water from the Great Lakes basin," Stupak stated in an Oct. 18 press release. "While it may make good politics in Nevada to suggest that the Great Lakes basin is awash in water, the facts belie that statement. Given the severe drought and record low water levels in our Great Lakes, diverting water from our Great Lakes is the last thing anyone should suggest."

Stupak explained in his letter to Richardson that the Great Lakes have reached their lowest levels since 1918 when records were first kept.

According to the United States Geological Survey, hundreds of cities across America are currently experiencing drought and conditions are not expected to improve anytime soon.

Companies like Nestle, which draws 70 million gallons of water a year from the Muskegon River only add to problems of drought, Stupak said during a telephone interview on Monday, Nov. 5.

"That's ridiculous, because 20 percent of Lake Michigan where the Muskegon River flows into it comes from ground water," he said. "The more water you take the less water is going into the lake."

But, Stupak said, he isn't going to stand by and allow foreign countries or southern states ruin the Great Lakes ecosystem.

"I passed a piece of legislation (H.R. 566) in Congress that says the sale or diversion of water is basically illegal in this country," he said.

In addition to the unquenchable thirst of states like Florida, Georgia and New Mexico, major tributaries such as the St. Clair River, which according to Canadian group the Georgian Bay Association, a not for profit organization founded in 1916 to protect the interests of, "22 resident associations and 4,400 families on the eastern and northern shores of Georgian Bay and the adjacent lakes and water bodies," as the Web site states, has been losing 2.5 million gallons of water a day since the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stopped work on a project prior to completion in the 1970s, though a recent Detroit News article quotes scientists as saying this theory may not hold water.

"It's creating another lake under the riverbed. Will that cause some (water level reductions) in Lake Huron? Sure. But that doesn't count for the low water levels," Stupak said. "If we had normal precipitation, then no one would know about it or care, but northern Michigan is considered an extreme drought situation."

Trying to keep up with demand isn't easy since less than two percent of earth's water is potable.

Places like Tampa Bay, Fla., which operate the largest desalination plants in the country — where salt water is made fresh — only meet 10 percent of the demand while, according to the Detroit News, 36 states predict they will have water shortages by 2015.

"We've got to address these concerns of ground water, bottling, diversion of fresh water," Stupak said. "If you allow diversion of the Great Lakes water outside of the basin by seven miles today, that could be 70 miles tomorrow."

He added, "The Great Lakes is a unique ecosystem. We are the biggest (source) of fresh water, not only in quantity, but also in quality. We have a right to protect the natural resources in our community."

Senator Patty Birkholz (R-Saugatuck Township), the chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee has been working on water protection legislation as well.

"We are here today to continue an earnest and expedited debate to move the compact, water withdrawal assessment tool and accompanying legislation," she wrote in a Nov. 1 press release. "Given the well-publicized comments from New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson and others, there is a great urgency in getting our bills before the governor. We have passed measures that created the groundwater inventory, the water withdrawal conflict resolution program, the Groundwater Conservation Advisory Council, and the state's most comprehensive water withdrawal law."

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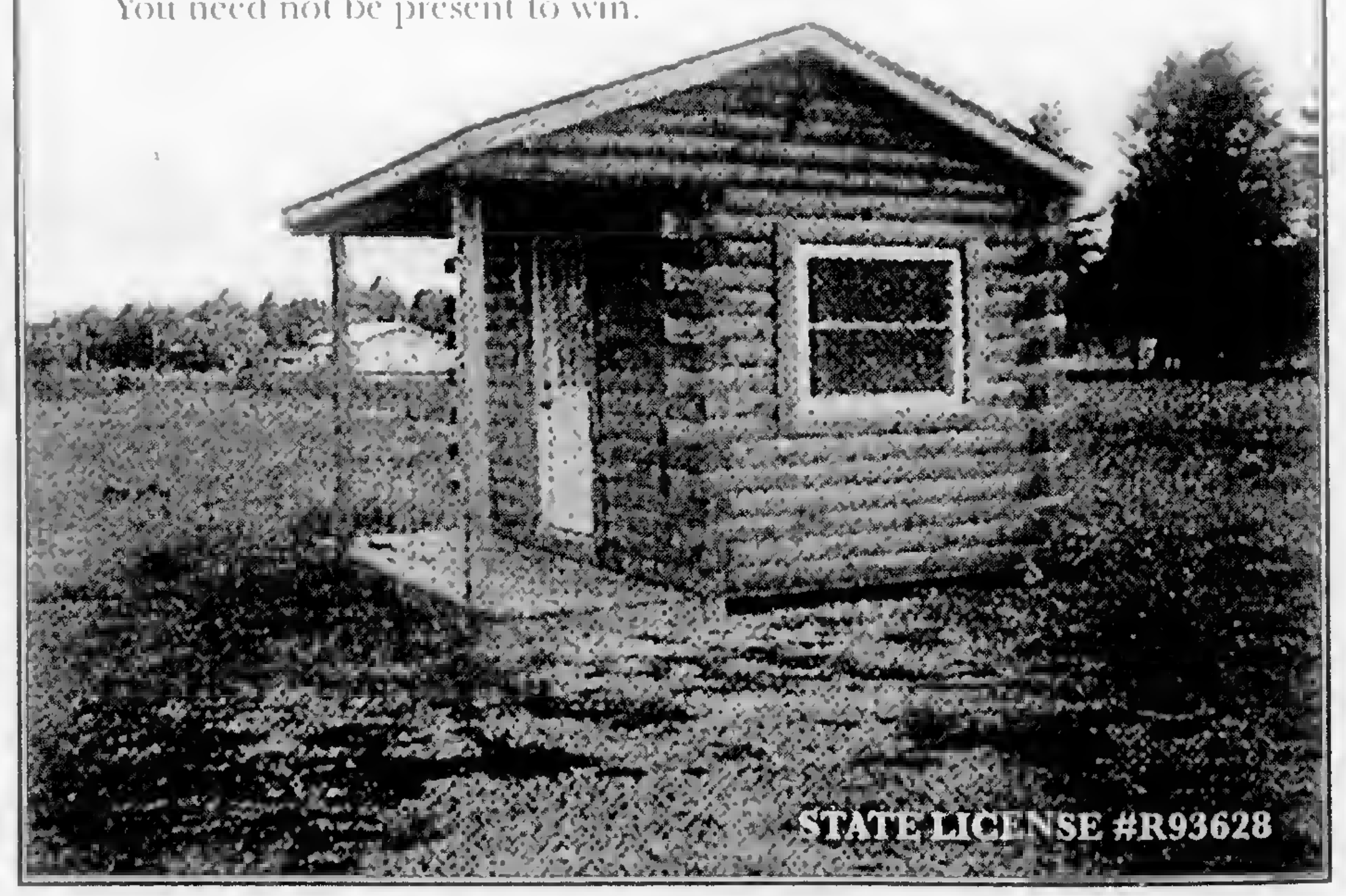

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Amazing Scouts

On Nov. 3, nearly 50 Charlevoix Girl Scouts attended the monthly all-troop event at Bolt's Farm. The girls enjoyed the corn maze, pumpkins, cider and donuts as part of their monthly activity that involves all levels of Girl Scouts in Charlevoix. Girls in Kindergarten through 12th-grade may still register for Girl Scouts by contacting Julie Waterman at (231) 588-2190.

Donations sought for Christmas Project

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project committee is preparing for another holiday season.

Last year, the project committee helped 175 families including 352 children and 254 adults with a budget of approximately $6,500.

The committee's stated goal is the same as when the program started in the early 1980s, "Every child in the Charlevoix School District will have a good Christmas and receive a new article of clothing, a toy or a fun gift along with new mittens, hats and socks."

The project group has also found many needy senior citizens who live alone and would not have a good Christmas dinner without their help.

To donate, send checks made payable to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project to our treasurer Carolyn Batdorf, 04903 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, MI, 49720.

PITCH IN

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project volunteers will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix, located at U.S. 31 and Meech Street. Project chairperson Bev Boss will discuss with committee members the progress of this year's programs. Each committee head will give reports on their projects and discuss what is needed to make the project a success. Contributions or information can be made or obtained by contacting Bev Boss at (231) 547-2078, or Rosemary Horton at (231) 547-7259. Cash contributions can be sent by mail to Carolyn Batdoff at 04903 Marion Center Rd. Charlevoix, MI 49720

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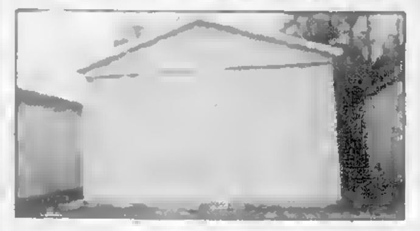

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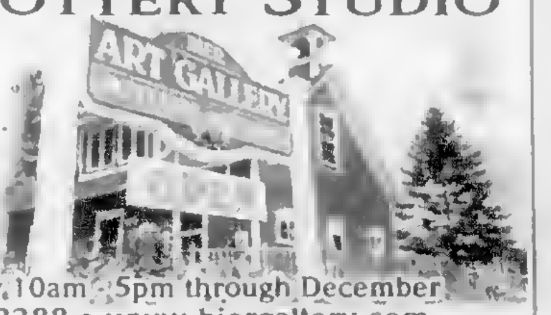

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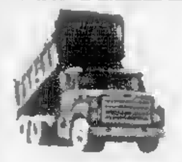

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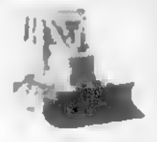

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BUSINESS What's new?

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New partner, station updates at Studio South

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Business name? Studio South
Location? In the Secretary of State Building off Loeb Road
Hours of operation? 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays by appointment

An established local salon has made changes to better serve its customers.

Studio South, formerly Laural and Company Hair Design, located in the Secretary of State Building off Loeb Road, has renovated its interior and expanded its lineup of stylists to give customers flexibility in comfortable surroundings.

"It was a good time for a change. We've been here 12 years," Sladek said.

In September, the beauty shop's founder, Laural Sladek, welcomed a new business partner, Lisa Nichols, with whom she graduated from Petoskey Beauty Academy in 1995.

The two agreed to change the shop's name to Studio South. With a new name they set out to upgrade the interior including the addition of another service station and updates to those that existed.

The staff includes Sladek, Nichols and fellow stylists Michelle Mailloux, Missy Gregware and Tammy Seese. They offer family hair care, perms, facial waxing and color services including foil.

Studio South is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays by appointment. The staff will book after hours weekday appointments.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (231) 547-9540.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Studio South owners Laural Sladek (front) and Lisa Nichols (back, left) stand with stylists Michelle Mailloux and Missy Gregware at one of the salon's updated stations. Stylist Tammy Seese is not pictured.

Courtesy photo

Gifts for soldiers

Bay Winds Federal Credit Union has collection boxes and cards for members to sign at its branches in Charlevoix, Petoskey, Boyne City and East Jordan. Members have been donating items to send to soldiers in Iraq. Bay Winds will be accepting donations through Friday, Nov. 16. The Charlevoix office is located at 1031 May St. (Above, from left) Dann Balesky, marketing director of Bay Winds with members Grace, Shane and Kellie Sutherland who are adding to the donations.

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Restaurants participate in United Way fund-raiser

During the week of Nov. 12–18, local residents can enjoy a nice meal on the town while supporting dozens of local non-profit agencies.

Char-Em United Way is planning a "Dine the United Way" event that week. A wide range of restaurants, cafes, coffee shops and other dining establishments throughout Charlevoix and Emmet counties will offer a portion of their proceeds as a donation to United Way.

"With fuel, food, and health care costs rising, with employment rates shrinking, and government support for human services slashed, the role of United Way in our community has never been greater," said event co-chair Robyn Rakoniewski. "We are excited to partner with local restaurants on the Dine the United Way promotion to help raise support for non-profit health and human service agencies in the two-county area. Our goal for this first year is to raise $2,300, or 1 percent of our campaign goal of $230,000."

Each restaurant will donate a portion of its proceeds to United Way. Some have picked a single day or days for the promotion, while others are donating the proceeds of sales of a particular type of food for the entire week.

"The response from local restaurants to help with the event has been terrific," said Julie Voci, United Way administrative/program assistant. "We hope to repeat the event next year and perhaps do it in the spring, as well. Restaurants wishing to be included in future events, should contact us."

For full details on the dates and terms of each restaurant's participation in Dine the United Way, call (231) 487-1006.

Charlevoix restaurants participating include:

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Chamber sponsors coloring contest

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce and City of Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority are co-sponsoring a coloring contest.

The contest, open to all children ages 3 to 9. Participants color a Christmas scene available at the chamber office at 109 Mason St. for a chance to win gift certificates.

Entrants are allowed to color with any art supply and are required to submit their entry to their school teacher or to the chamber office by 3 p.m. on Nov. 16. Entries will be divided into two age groups, 3-6 and 7-9.

All the entries submitted will hang in Color Wear during the ornament making and Santa photo session from 4 to 6 p.m. prior to the community tree lighting event on Nov. 23.

For more information, call (231) 547-2101.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Out with the old, in with the new

The Clothing Company is working with the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project to help keep community members warm this winter. Customers that bring in a used, wearable jacket or coat will receive an additional 5 percent off an outerwear purchase. All outerwear is 20 percent off store-wide through Sunday, Nov. 18. Trade-in jackets will be donated to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project to aid community members in need during the holiday season. The Clothing Company will also accept outerwear donations without a purchase. Pictured above are Clothing Company sales associates Eileen Milligan and Melissa Mayer with store owner Jacq Dipert.

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OPEN SEASON hunters take to the woods

Firearm deer season begins on Nov. 15

Across the state, the final countdown has begun for the nearly 600,000 hunters who will take to the field Nov. 15 in hopes of harvesting a white-tailed deer.

Michigan's 16-day regular firearm deer season runs through Nov. 30.

STATISTICS

Last year, more than 260,000 deer were harvested during the firearm season, providing over 4.3 million days of recreation and producing over 1 million pounds of venison.

According to estimates, the season generates more than $200 million of economic activity in Michigan each year.

"All indicators point to a good 2007 firearm deer season," said Rod Clute, big-game specialist for the Department of Natural Resources. "The deer herd is up slightly from 2006, with a strong fawn crop this spring."

Clute said that deer survived last year's mild winter in excellent condition, and the male fawns of 2006 are sporting their first antlers as yearlings this fall.

U.P. FORECAST

The deer population in the Upper Peninsula overall is at a level the DNR would like to maintain although deer are not evenly distributed across the U.P. with fewer deer along Lake Superior and more deer concentrated in the southern portions.

According to Bob Doepker, Western U.P. Management Unit supervisor, Menominee County still has the most deer in the region, along with the Stonington and Garden peninsulas.

"There are a limited number of both public and private land antlerless deer licenses still available in select deer management units in the U.P.," Doepker said. "We hope deer hunters will utilize those opportunities."

He also reminds hunters that private land antlerless deer licenses are not valid on Commercial Forest lands.

Photo by David Kenyon/Michigan DNR

The whitetails' reproductive capability and their ability to adapt to a variety of habitats across the state have resulted in a Michigan deer herd estimated to be over 1.6 million animals. Nearly 600,000 hunters who will take to the field Nov. 15 in hopes of harvesting a white-tailed deer.

NORTHERN LOWER PENINSULA FORECAST

Deer also are not evenly distributed across the northern Lower Peninsula.

Typically, most deer are found on private land. In the northeast corner of the northern Lower Peninsula, the deer population is slightly above the DNR goal for the area.

In the northwestern portion of the northern Lower Peninsula, the deer herd is a little below desired levels. To boost deer numbers in this region, no public land antlerless licenses are available for some counties and fewer private land antlerless deer licenses are available in others.

The counties along the southern edge of this region have deer numbers similar to those in southern Michigan. Private land antlerless licenses are still available for many of these counties.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Deer season also is an opportunity to mentor youth on hunting.

"In 2006, legislation passed that allows 12- and 13-year olds to firearm deer hunt on private land," said Clute. "We encourage adults to make an extra effort to take a youngster deer hunting. It is the perfect opportunity to teach youth about deer management."

Clute explained there also is an apprentice hunting license available to those who have not completed a hunter safety program but would like to be introduced to hunting. This program was created in 2006 and is great not only for youth but also for adults who are not sure they would enjoy the experience.

The apprentice license allows anyone to purchase a hunting license for two license years before receiving hunter safety certification as long as a licensed hunter 21 years of age of older accompanies them in the field. The mentor must be within sight of the apprentice at all times when hunting.

AFTER THE HUNT

The DNR reminds successful deer hunters to take their deer to a DNR check station and receive a deer cooperator patch.

"At check stations, DNR staff collect important biological data, which helps us evaluate the deer season and monitor the deer herd. Also, hunters enjoy knowing the age of their deer," said Clute.

The DNR encourages deer hunters to report their hunting activity online at www.michigan.gov/dnr once they have finished hunting for the year. Hunters are asked to complete the survey even if they do not harvest a deer.

SAFETY

Hunters should pay attention to the weather forecast and be prepared for serious conditions, such as in 2005 when more than 12 inches of snow fell across the U.P. on the second day of the season. They also should consider their physical limitations and always let someone know where they are going.

Shop, socialize at Deer Widow's Expo

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is reviving the Deer Widow's Expo on Nov. 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The shopping, socializing event is a fundraiser to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital. Vendors that have currently signed on are Silpada, Arbonne, Tastefully Simple, Rada Knives & gifts, Home & Garden, Shaklee Products, Lia Sophia Jewelry, Partlite, Get Jazzed & Joyful, Mary Kay, Avon, Home Interiors, Soap's & Such, Stampin' Up and Discovery Toys.

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Norwood Hunter's Lunch is Nov. 15

The annual Hunters Lunch will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 at the old Norwood Schoolhouse in the Village of Norwood.

Homemade soup, chili, bread and pies will be served. The event is hosted jointly by the Norwood United Methodist Church and the Norwood Area Historical Society. The cost is $6 per person.

Join the hunters and hear the tales of the one they got or the one that got away. Donations of canned goods will be accepted to benefit the Good Samaritan Food Pantry in Ellsworth.

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Glotfelty goes behind the scenes in the West Bank

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Charlevoix resident and filmmaker Rebecca Glotfelty, who operates Real People Media, recently sat down with the Charlevoix Courier to discuss her new documentary, "Such a Normal Thing."

CC: What inspired you to travel to the Middle East, let alone document life there?

RG: "My background is in social science and international relations and I have a core interest in the Middle East. I studied the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and had two years of Arabic (language) in college. When a friend of mine asked if I'd like to go and document the trip, with all my experience, I couldn't pass up the opportunity.

CC: Public polls show Americans as more apt to be sympathetic toward Israel than Palestine, does this apply to you as well?

RG: "I had misconceptions about what was happening. I didn't understand what occupation meant, that it's a brutal, oppressive apartheid regime. I thought I knew what was going on, but it wasn't until I went there in 2003 and saw what it meant for the Palestinians to be occupied by a foreign power (Israel) dictating everything you do in your daily life whether it's going to school or the hospital or having your land confiscated or inhabited by militant settlers."

CC: What did you learn on your journey?

RG: "People have a personal bias with regard to this situation. I don't think they are deliberately lying. I think they heard the propaganda themselves and they repeat that lie, and once a lie has been told enough times, once it's said over and over again, the people who pick them up and repeat them don't know they're lying. For instance, the 750,000 Palestinians who are said to have fled (in the late 1940s after the U.N. split Palestine between the Jews and Muslims) because their religious leaders told them to and chose not to return, those are lies. There is just a lot of misinformation out there."

CC: What do you think is the biggest misconception?

RG: "I found the majority of people, maybe not a majority, but a great number of people who agree with Israel and you ask them where the West Bank is and they don't even know where it is in relation to a map. How can you say you're right and I'm wrong if you don't even know where the region is?"

CC: What is prompting the apparent misinformation?

RG: "Fear. Before I went there (West Bank) I felt myself developing prejudices against Muslim Arabs, especially after 9/11. I felt myself becoming really afraid and thinking, 'How can these people, these Arabs do this?' That is a racist thought to lump all people into one big group."

CC: The Middle East has never been a place of security and things seem only to have worsened since 9/11, were you afraid to travel in Israel and Palestine?

RG: "I said I needed to go there and see what these people are about and I had to face my prejudices, but there was danger. A guy was shot within a couple blocks from where we were. He got killed on his way home when a curfew was imposed. He died two days later."

CC: What do you want people to take away from your movie?

RG: "They (Palestinians) are just like anyone else. They want their kids to be happy, healthy, get an education. We demonize people all the time, but I don't believe there is a culture or people or country that hasn't committed these atrocities at some time; these are the byproducts of war. I want to put a human face on these people."

CC: What do you say to those so certain the Palestinians are the bad guys?

RG: "Look at how much land Israel has confiscated. Jimmy Carter compared Israeli policy toward Palestine to apartheid and I don't know how you could say it's not. If the Israelis are so afraid of the Palestinians, why are they putting up illegal settlements in the middle of Palestinian villages? And, why are we calling them settlers? We should be calling them squatters. Calling them settlers gives them legitimacy."

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY
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FILE NO. 07-011156-NC

In the matter of Jacob Taylor Stark-Coats.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on November 28, 2007 at 1:45 p.m. at Probate Court, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan before Judge Frederick R. Mulhauser (P28895) for the following purpose: to hear the Petition to Change Name filed by Jennifer Stark requesting that the name of Jacob Taylor Stark-Coats be changed to Jacob Taylor Coats.

Dated: October 29, 2007

Jennifer Stark
01570 N. BC/EJ Rd.
Boyne City, MI 49712
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(L-11/14)

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PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
File No: 07-011155-DE

TOO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, DAVID WAYNE McKERNAN, who lived at 04519 S M-66, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720, died October 08, 2005.

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Dated: November 9, 2007

Ronald J. Kirkpatrick (P24887)
Attorney for Personal Representative.
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Teens inspired by Raven Hill energy lesson

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
EDITOR

Local middle school girls learned an important energy lesson on Nov. 7 at Raven Hill Discovery Center.

Twenty-two seventh grade students in Amy Pott's science class at Charlevoix Middle School participated in a career exploration day at the center sponsored by the Charlevoix Area Garden Club and the Michigan Energy Office through its "Made Possible by the Sun" grant program.

The majority of the attendees wrote essays to qualify for the trip and the balance were selected based on classroom performance.

Pott said the goal is to expose the girls to nontraditional career opportunities in the field of science.

They spent the afternoon working with electricians and alternative energy experts to pull wire and install battery and solar panels in the center's new alternative energy house exhibit scheduled to open in spring 2008. The 460-square-foot building is not connected to anything but the sun and will have an operational radio, fan, lights, refrigerator and microwave.

Extra energy from the sun is stored in a battery energy bank for use when sunlight isn't available.

Cheri Leach, director of Raven Hill, said the purpose of the exhibit is educational in nature and is aimed at giving those who see it ideas on ways to save energy in their own homes.

The group further explored energy by building a telegraph through which they learned about circuits and switches. Their scientific exploration ended with an introduction to the center's animals including turtles and snakes.

PHOTOS BY JULIE WITTHOEFT

(Left) Michael Buttigieg, owner of Michael's Solar and Wind Systems, introduces a group of seventh-grade girls from Charlevoix Middle School, to the Raven Hill Discovery Center's new alternative energy house exhibit. The girls spent the afternoon on Nov. 7 working with electricians and alternative energy experts to pull wire and install battery and solar panels in the house scheduled to open in spring 2008.

(Above) Sydney Carlson and Jennifer Johnston, an electrician with 3J Electric work on drill skills. (Left) The girls worked hard and then got to meet some animals including this royal python held by Hannah Herboldsheimer.

Grace Glenny caulks holes in the solar house.

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LETTERS to the editor

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SALTONSTALL GRANDSTANDS

Editor:

Your headline article of Oct. 31 (entitled, "Saltonstall calls for new Commission on Aging director" which appeared on page 1) contains several incorrect or misleading quotes by Ms. (Connie) Saltonstall about the Commission on Aging.

Among them — "They've had that millage money for nearly seven years now and they haven't provided services, etc." and "They haven't done what was needed in the past..." and "The survey completed in 2000 had the same results and nothing was done to fix the problems."

She ignores the history of the county senior millage.

In 2000, senior services were extremely limited. The 2000 senior services assessment was conducted to determine whether a senior millage was justified. With the millage, the Commission on Aging director has significantly increased nutrition, homemaker, personal care and caregiver relief services. She has also added many services for our growing senior population, including adult day care, lawn care/snow removal, medication management, in-home foot care, Beaver Island services, activities and kitchens in senior centers, training and financial support for the retired senior volunteer program and senior companion, services to the chronically ill, a county-wide senior newsletter, tax preparation assistance and Alzheimer's support groups. I would not call this "doing nothing."

Expenses have increased from $330,000 to almost $900,000 and are projected to be $1,400,000 this year. The fund balance accumulated for several reasons. First, it takes time to add and build up services. Second, it was uncertain whether that first millage would be renewed. Third, Boyne Area was building a new senior center and the cost of equipping and running a new kitchen was unclear. Fourth, Charlevoix Senior Center should have participated from the beginning but did not want to comply with state and county nutrition and financial requirements until 2006.

The Commission on Aging initiated the 2007 senior services assessment specifically to address the seniors' fund balance with new and expanded programs and to determine what was needed to improve existing services. The Commission on Aging, with assistance from community stake holders, is developing a timetabled plan for aggressive but responsible spending. The county commissioners are very interested and involved with what the Commission on Aging is doing and have expressed support for development of an ambitious plan.

Ms. Saltonstall's comments about secrecy of Commission on Aging financials are incorrect. The information has always been available. Anyone can look at the complete budget at any time. She implies that the Commission on Aging is hiding the seniors' money (an irrational accusation) and has no plan for it. In fact, the Commission on Aging staff and 90 percent of the board are working collegially and diligently on this massive project despite the noisy distraction of one member who chooses to attack reputations and use the assessment as her own personal grandstand. Instead, she should be working constructively for Charlevoix County seniors and taxpayers to develop plans for moving forward.

Margo Johnson
Charlevoix

SALTONSTALL RESPONDS

Editor:

In response to Margo Johnson's letter, I would like to clarify my position about the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging and the senior millage funds.

I have received numerous requests from citizens for help with the current Commission on Aging situation. I do not believe that nothing has been done, but I strongly believe that not enough has been done. Yes, there are many services that are offered. The senior meal program is doing very well, and meals are now cooked at all three centers. The problem with the Charlevoix Senior Center was that the Commission on Aging required them to be County employees and they could not keep their cook under that rule. It was not that they were unwilling to comply with state and county nutritional requirements. John Jarema helped the Charlevoix Senior Center by informing the County Commissioners that the Charlevoix Senior Center could receive millage money for providing senior services.

I know that while the Commission on Aging offers services, clients have been put on waiting lists and treated rudely.

The report states, "Too few homebound seniors receive services due to short staffing, poor intake process...and lack of transportation."

It also said staff needs more training and better supervision. I know that to get services can be daunting and require financial information. For example, one month when there was a lot of snow, no one used the snow removal service. That's because a senior must find the person to do the work, give the Commission on Aging financial information to see if they qualify, sign a contract, pay the person and then possibly be reimbursed. I do not think this is a senior user friendly system. Not surprisingly, no senior had a contract that month for snow removal.

I realize that all the financial information is available, but it is not always given to Commission on Aging board members.

You have to get the information from the county clerk. As a former County Commissioner, I learned how to do that. Most Commission on Aging board members just accept the information they are given, and it does not always give the full picture.

The millage was passed with the belief that the funds will be spent to provide the services. Depositing $500,000 in an investment account, the majority of the millage, three years in a row, is not what seniors expected when they approved the millage. Especially when they were told there were not enough staff people to provide the services they requested.

The Commission on Aging assessment is a perfect example of information manipulation. In the assessment survey seniors were asked "If available at low/no cost, I would pursue this type of assistance." Transportation received the highest positive response (59.6 percent). Also in the report it was stated, "Every single group and individual we spoke to thought transportation for seniors was needed and very important ... in addition to what is available from Charlevoix County Transit." Yet when the stake holders did the priority exercise, the report of all actions in order of importance listed transportation at the absolute bottom of the list, #61 and #62.

Based on that list, the Commission on Aging can say transportation is not a priority, even though it is the #1 priority of the seniors in the survey. The Charlevoix Senior Center is asking the Commission on Aging board and the County Commissioners for millage money to buy a van so that seniors can call the Charlevoix Senior Center and get transportation to medical appointments, etc. I believe the Boyne area and East Jordan centers should also each have a van. That will meet the transportation need that the survey said was most important.

I do not wish to attack reputations. I want the process to improve. Joan Blanchard is chair of the Commission on Aging and the Budget Committee. Margo Johnson is chair of senior services, personnel, audit and Charlevoix Senior Center Task Force Committees. Susan Bergmann is the Executive Director.

My concern is that I believe the Commission on Aging could have done a better job in the past, and the same leadership is still in control. What will be different? Why will they do it now when they didn't do it before? This is not a personal grandstand, it is my job as a Commission on Aging board member to represent the seniors of Charlevoix County so they receive the respect and services that they have voted for and paid taxes to support.

Connie Saltonstall
Charlevoix County Commission on Aging
Board member
Charlevoix

THANKS DONORS

Editor:

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry would like to thank all of the Coast Guard servicemen and women for putting on their Haunted Boat House. The kids had a great time and the food pantry was the recipient of hundreds of cans of food (the price of admission). We would also like to thank the businesses who contributed to the project.

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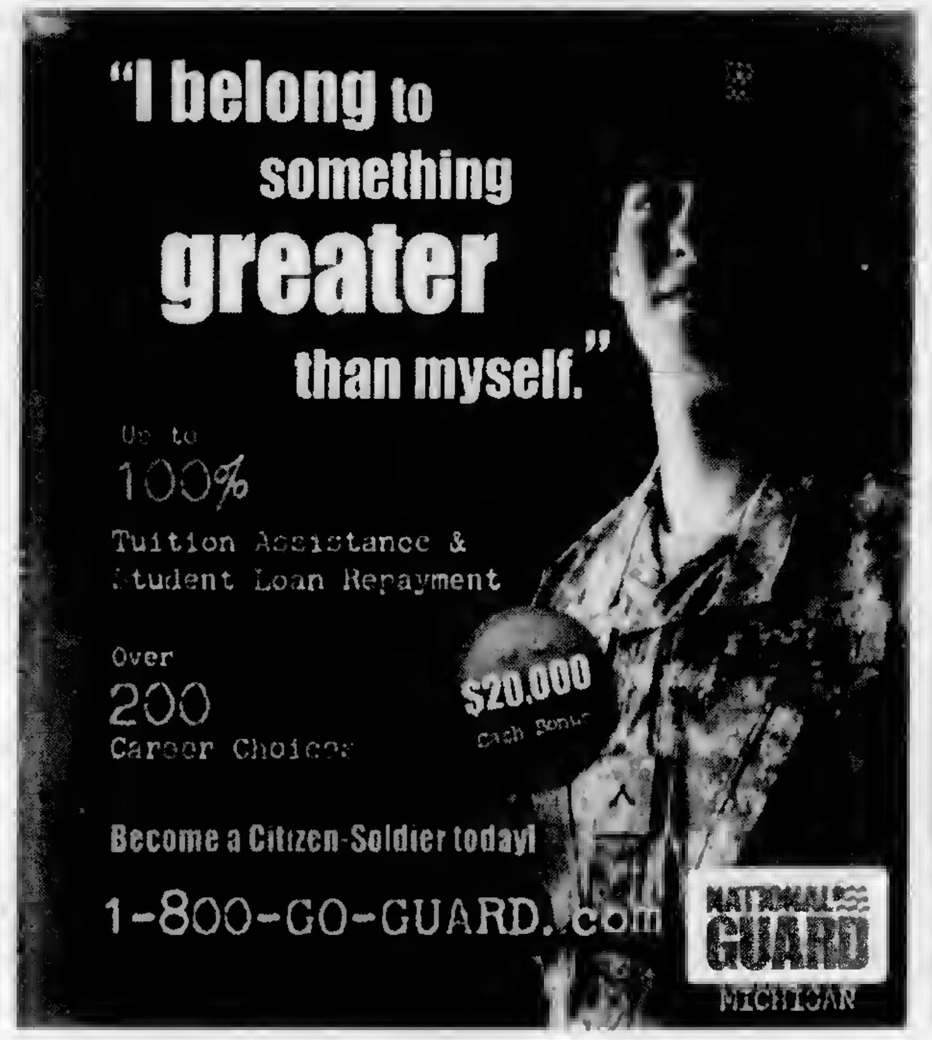

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PEACE GROUP

Get to know members of your community interested in peace and environmental issues at the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom's get-together at 6 p.m. on Nov. 14 at the Alcove Café, located at 103 Park Avenue.

Find out about the group, get to know people in your community who are interested in peace and environmental issues and enjoy a simple supper of soup and bread.

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom was founded in 1980 by 12 men and women from northern Michigan. It's an affiliate of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, one of the world's oldest continuously-active peace organizations.

The group has welcomed a number of new members, whose interest was spurred by the war in Iraq and other issues. To find out more about the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom, visit http://ltlpf.blogspot.com.

NOV. 15
TEEN GAMING NIGHT

Teen Gaming night, for all teens ages 13 and up will include an evening of Dance Dance Revolution on the big screen in the Community Room at Charlevoix Public Library. The event begins at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 15
CHRISTMAS PROJECT MEETING

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project volunteers will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix, located at U.S. 31 and Meech Street. Project chairperson Bev Boss will discuss with committee members the progress of this year's programs. Each committee head will give reports on their projects and discuss what is needed to make the project a success. Contributions or information can be made or obtained by contacting Bev Boss at (231) 547-2078, or Rosemary Horton at (231) 547-7259. Cash contributions can be sent by mail to Carolyn Batdorf at 04903 Marion Center Rd. Charlevoix, MI 49720

NOV. 15
STORY TIMES

Charlevoix Public Library will host two story times on Thursday, Nov. 15. The Lapsit (ages birth-3) group will meet at 10:05 a.m. and the Pre-kindergarten group (ages 3-5) will meet at 10:30 a.m. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 15
QUILTERS AND FRIENDS

Quilters and Friends a group of quilters that meet and work on projects will come together at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. They meet at 10 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

NOV. 15
TRIP TO TUSCANY

To learn more about a summer trip to Tuscany sponsored by the Crooked Tree Arts Center, the center is inviting current and potential members for a presentation by local residents Bob and Alice Pattengale at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 in the gallery at the arts center.

The Pattengale's just returned from Tuscany and enjoyed the very same trip with Alumni Holidays International Travel that the center will sponsor from Aug. 20-28.

The trip will include a combination of discovery, adventure, culinary delights and educationally oriented travel for a small group of arts center patrons.

Members will spend seven nights in the village of Cortona. Day trips include Florence, Siena and Montalcino, all with a private tour guide.

This tour is limited to 40 travelers.

To download a full brochure, visit www.crookedtree.org. To attend the presentation, call the Crooked Tree Arts Center, at (231) 347-4337.

NOV. 15
BLOOD DRIVE

An American Red Cross blood drive will take place from noon to 5:45 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church, located at the corner of U.S. 31 North and Meech Street.

Call 800-448-3543 (800-GIVE LIFE) for an appointment or drop in. Donors are asked to bring their American Red Cross donor card or government photo I.D.

NOV. 16
LUNCH AND BAZAAR

The Charlevoix United Methodist women are hosting a luncheon, bazaar and sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 16.

NOV. 16
BNI

Up North Network of Business Network International which consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation, call Sam Bingham at (231) 547-4062.

NOV. 16
NWA FUND-RAISER

The junior class of Northwest Academy is hosting a Soup Dinner Fundraiser at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 16 at the American Legion Hall located at 106 East Garfield Avenue in Charlevoix. A variety of soups will be available as well as breads and desserts.

Purchase a hand-painted and fired bowl created by the students for just $12 and receive unlimited refills or buy soup for $2 per fill with a non-artisan bowl. Breads are included and desserts will be available.

Proceeds will benefit the junior class.

For more information, call (231) 547-9000.

NOV. 17
ITALIAN DINNER

St. Mary Church in Charlevoix will host an Italian dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17 in the parish family center. The cost is a donation.

NOV. 17
SINGLES FOR CHRIST

"Singles for Christ" of Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey, invites all singles 40 and over, from all area churches to the monthly dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17 at Northern Lights Bowling Lanes/Sassy Loon Restaurant, 8865 M-119 in Petoskey. To make a reservation, call Frieda at (231) 346-5747 or (231) 632-1905, or e-mail frieda@compnor.com.

NOV. 17
ADVENT TEA

Christ Episcopal Church will host its 4th Annual Advent Bazaar and Tea from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Attendees can sample a selection of English fare, participate in a silent auction and purchase items from the bake and craft tables.

All proceeds will benefit the Charlevoix Ministerial Association and the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry.

For more information, call (231) 547-6322.

NOV. 17
DEER WIDOW'S EXPO

The Charlevoix Area Hospital Guild is reviving the Deer Widow's Expo on Nov. 17 at Charlevoix Area Hospital.

The shopping, socializing

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Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD will be holding its scheduled monthly board meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2007, 4:30 p.m. at the Antrim County Building, 205 E. Cayuga St., Commissioners Room, Bellaire, MI.

Anyone who has special needs or information to be brought before the NCCMH Board should contact Joan Booth at (231) 347-7890.

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event is a fundraiser to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital. Vendors that have currently signed on are Silpada, Arbonne, Tastefully Simple, Rada Knives & gifts, Home & Garden, Shaklee Products, Lia Sophia Jewelry, Partlite, Get Jazzed & Joyful, Mary Kay, Avon, Home Interiors, Soap's & Such, Stampin' Up and Discovery Toys.

Others interested in a vending opportunity may call Dee Vincent at (231) 547-9339 or (231) 675-0910.

NOV. 17
MOM-TO-MOM SALE

The 8th Annual Mom-to-Mom Sale will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 17 in the family center at St. Mary School located at 1005 Bridge St.

The event will feature over 40 moms and teens selling oodles of "gently used" infant, children's and teen clothing, toys, books furniture, bikes and more.

Adults who are 18 and over and wish to attend will be charged a $2 entrance fee.

Proceeds from this year's event will benefit St. Mary School.

NOV. 17
HUNTERS LUNCHEON

The Ellsworth Lioness Club will be sponsoring the 27th Annual Community Bazaar and Hunters Luncheon from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Banks Township Community Hall in downtown Ellsworth. Booth spaces are available. Call (231) 544-6348 for more information.

NOV. 19
BERGMANN CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The annual Bergmann Center Board of Directors meeting, for the purpose of electing officers and other annual business will take place immediately following the regular meeting scheduled at 5 p.m. on Nov. 19 at the center, located at 08855 Martin Rd. in Charlevoix.

Bergmann Center Inc., is a non-profit 501c3 organization.

NOV. 20
FRENCH, SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUPS

A French conversation circle meets at noon on Tuesdays and a Spanish conversation circle meets at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 20
LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA

documentaries

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom is showing two locally-produced documentary films about the history and culture of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa. "Journey to Sovereignty" and "The Four Directions and the Waganakising Odawa" will be shown from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St. Discussion following the films will be led by program producer and tribal elder Shirley Oldman. This free event is open to all.

NOV. 21
FIBER DESIGN GROUP WITH KATHIE BRIGGS

The first meeting of the Fiber Design Group at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21 will meet with nationally known local fiber artist, Kathie Briggs. The fiber group will meet monthly on the third Wednesday of each month. Each month a new surface design technique will be introduced. Each technique is applicable to art quilts and other fiber art projects. These meetings are free and open to the public. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 22
COMMUNITY DINNER

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22. The dinner will be served from noon to 3 p.m. at the Charlevoix Reformed Church located at Petoskey Avenue and Meech Street.

To volunteer or make a donation, call Joy Halverson at (231) 547-4813.

NOV. 22
THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

The Christian Science Society of Charlevoix, 205 Clinton Street, will hold a Thanksgiving Day Service at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22. Child care will be provided. No collection will be taken. All are welcome. For more information, call (231) 547-2245.

NOV. 23
TREE LIGHTING

The annual Charlevoix Community Christmas Tree Lighting will be held in Charlevoix's downtown East Park on Friday, Nov. 23.

Beginning at 4 p.m., children may visit Santa Claus at the North Pole (Color Wear, 222 Bridge St.) and have a free photo taken with him compliments of Charlevoix Camera.

Decorate the Community Christmas Tree from 4 to 6 p.m. with handmade ornaments. Children who don't have an ornament can make one at the "North Pole" thanks to the Charlevoix Children's House and Northwestern Bank who will help children create spectacular decorations. The tree is decorated thanks to the City Electric Department crew who provides a bucket truck and places the children's ornaments where they wish on the tree.

Everyone is invited to watch the children decorate the tree and enjoy music by the Keep Charlevoix Beautiful petunia truck. Warm up with free hot cocoa compliments of Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant beginning at 5 p.m.

At 6 p.m. sharp, Santa Claus will officially light the community Christmas tree, which is located at the corner of Bridge and Clinton streets in East Park.

NOV. 27
FLU SHOT CLINIC

Cost for flu shots is $25. Pneumonia shots are also available for $30. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. Appointments are required for all clinics. Call 800-432-4121 during business hours to schedule a flu shot appointment for Nov. 27 at the health department Charlevoix office, 220 West Garfield St.

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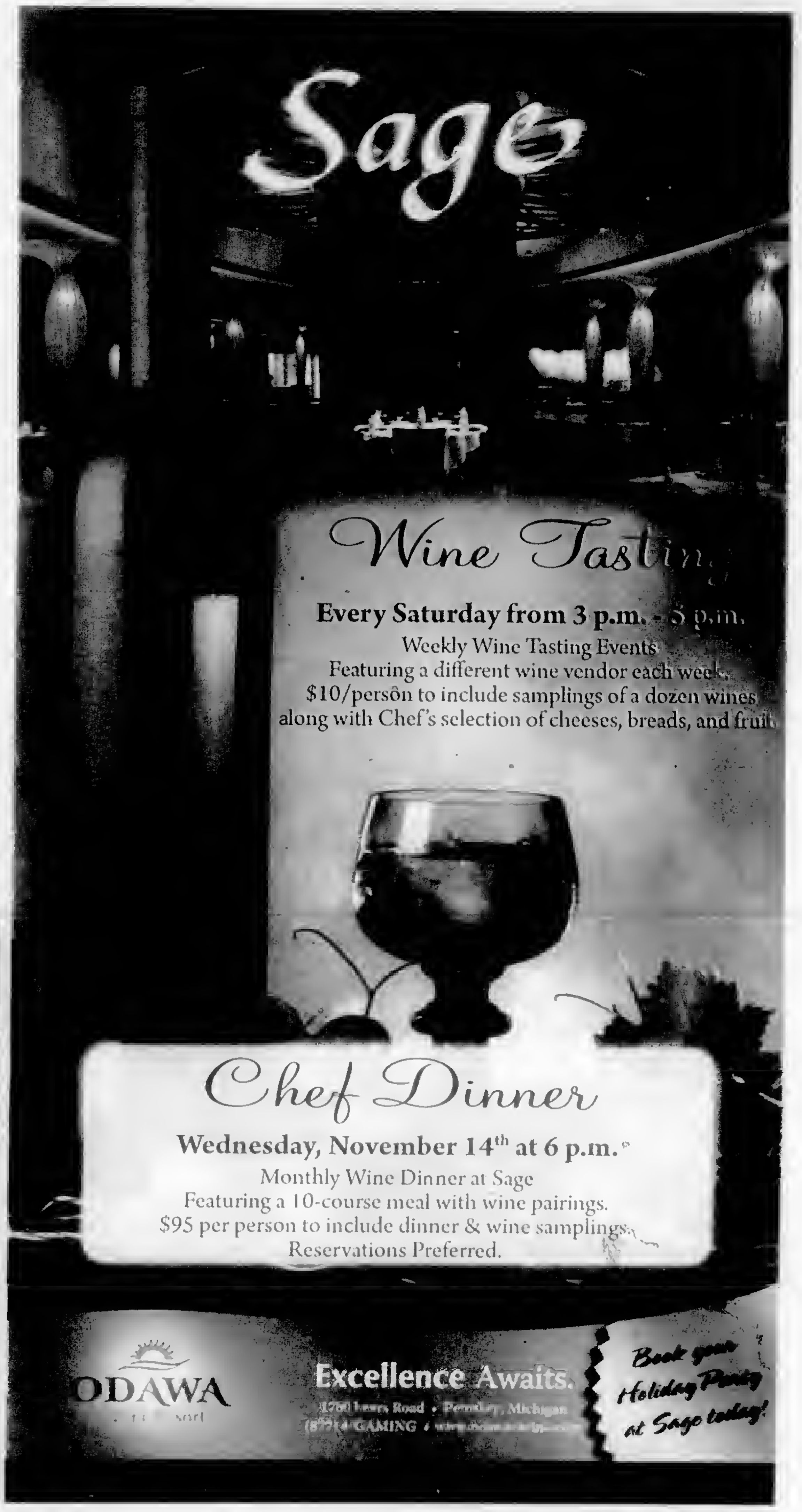

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Deck the trees with LEDs

Juan Zapata of Michigan Decorations in Traverse City was busy hanging Charlevoix's new LED Christmas lights Nov. 17 along Bridge Street. The $48,000 to buy and install the lights was split by the City of Charlevoix and the Downtown Development Authority

Courier welcomes new editor, Erica Goff

Erica Goff

A new editor officially took the helm at the Charlevoix Courier on Monday, Nov. 19.

Erica Goff, a 25-year-old Custer native, replaces Julie Witthoeft who has accepted the convergence editor's position with the Courier's sister daily newspaper, the Petoskey News-Review.

"I wanted to make a change and Charlevoix seemed like a beautiful area and a great place to give a try," said Goff, who grew up assisting her father and brother in operating a large dairy farm with 400 head of cattle in Custer.

Goff comes to the Courier from Ithaca where she was managing editor for the Gratiot County Herald since December of 2006. She also held a staff writer's position for almost two years at the Herald, a weekly publication with a circulation of 7,000.

"I really like the pace of a weekly newspaper, the tight knit communities, the feel. I grew up in a small town with that friendly atmosphere. And there's so many exciting things going on," she said.

Goff's other professional experience includes a two-year staff writing internship with the Ludington Daily News and a part-time writing position with the Clare County Review.

She said she is particularly interested in writing human interest and feature stories.

"I eventually want to get into magazine writing. I'm a verbose writer and like the in-depth approach to reporting and writing," said Goff, whose editorial duties will include coverage of the City of Charlevoix, including city council.

She earned her bachelor's degree in journalism and a master of arts in composition and communications from Central Michigan University.

Witthoeft will work side by side with Goff until Nov. 28 when she makes the move to Petoskey.

"It's a bitter sweet move for me. Promotions and change are part of my professional evolution but after seven years with the Courier, it's hard to say good-bye," Witthoeft said.

The Courier will host an open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 28 at the office located at 112 Mason St. Those interested in welcoming Goff, saying farewell to Witthoeft, test driving the paper's e-edition or sharing editorial insight are encouraged to stop in.

For more information, call the Courier office at (231) 547-6558.

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Following in the footsteps of many other cash-strapped road commissions around the area, the Charlevoix County Road Commission will not be plowing or salting/sanding secondary or "local" roads on weekends or holidays this winter.

Weekend, holiday plow service suspended

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
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Following in the footsteps of many other cash-strapped road commissions around the area, the Charlevoix County Road Commission will not be plowing or salting/sanding secondary or "local" roads on weekends or holidays this winter.

At its regular semi-monthly meeting Monday the commissioners voiced their support to the plan as proposed by manager Pat Harmon. The policy is a change from last year when crews would be called in to plow "local" roads if more than six inches of snow fell.

The road commission will plow state highways under its contract with the state. Those roads include U.S. 31, U.S. 131, M-75, M-66 and M-32. Among those roads, U.S. 31 and U.S. 131 are considered "priority 1" roads.

That means on weekends road crews are to attempt to keep the "road surface generally bare of ice and snow … using overtime labor as necessary."

The other roads on the list are "priority 2" roads.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Misty Ann Urman, 29, Boyne City. Operating while intoxicated. Credit for 21 days in jail; 72 days held in abeyance; $450 in fines and costs.

Jason Troy Shepherd, 18, Boyne City. Larceny — more than $200, but less than $1,000. Serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; $702.78 in fines and costs.

Ryan Daniel Robinson, 22, Boyne City. Littering. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Kevin Mac Hersha, 32, Ellsworth. Motor vehicle operator without security. Pay $500 in fines and costs or serve 20 days in jail.

Stephan Drew Cahoon, 20, Boyne City. Driving while license suspended, first offense. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve 12 days in jail.

Steven James Launstein Jr., 24, Boyne City. Operating with presence of drugs. Credit for one day in jail, 30 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,030 in fines and costs.

Joseph Andrew Mykut, 48, Boyne City. Domestic violence. Credit for 19 days in jail, 64 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; not to have contact with the victim; $500 in fines and costs.

Robert Allen Ewer II, 58, Pickford. Fail to stop/identify at the scene of an accident. Pay $300 in fines and costs or serve eight days in jail.

Bruce Allen Cooper, 41, Boyne City. Receiving and concealing stolen property, less than $100. Pay $500 in fines and costs or serve 20 days in jail.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Misty Ann Urman, 29, Boyne City. Controlled substances — use of narcotics/cocaine/methamphetimine/ecstasy. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for 102 days, to serve 180 days in jail; $80 in fines and costs.

Harold William Bowman, 50, Boyne Falls. Operating while under the influence-third offense. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for 85 days, to serve 365 days in jail; serve five years probation; serve 480 hours of community service work; $1,495 in fines and costs.

Ryan Duane Story, 25, South Haven. Controlled substances (delivery/manufacture/narcotic or cocaine) less than 50 grams. Sentenced to 270 days in jail, credit for 20 days in jail, to serve 270 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Anne Marie Sierocki, 26, East Jordan. Controlled substances (maintaining a drug house), a probation violation. Sentenced to 270 days in jail with credit for 127 days in jail, to serve 270 days in jail; serve 24 months probation.

Brandon Lee Carey, 23, Boyne City. Controlled substance — delivery/manufacturing (schedules one, two or three, except marijuana or cocaine). Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for one day, to serve 60 days in jail; serve 24 months probation; $720 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Upsy-Daisy Floral, 437 Boyne Avenue, Boyne City, by Sydney Fish

Private Duty Consultation, 708 Mercer Boulevard, Charlevoix, by Dianne P. Long

Wagner Works, 9619 Mercer Boulevard, Charlevoix, by Ty R. Wagner

Ken's Contractor Service, 658 Anderson Road, Boyne City, by Kenneth Stuhr

Interior Graphic Art, 04077 Jonathon Drive, East Jordan, by Penny Hills-Postma

Wells Handyman Services, 612 Sheridan, Charlevoix, by Donald E. Jr. and Patricia L. Wells

Li'l Cebe's Catalog Sales, 02618 Old Horton Bay Road, Boyne City, by Darryl Cebert Gillespic

Moonshadow Studio Designs, 1096 Lac Vue, Boyne City, by Deborah Harlan

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Ricky Duane Wright, 52 and Rhonda Ann Siwarga, 51, both of Charlevoix

Donald Dale Owen, 62 and Laurel Ann Etcher, 53, both of Boyne City

William H. Purdy, 77 and Marilyn A. Brown, 73, both of Boyne City

Jeremiah Ian Hardy, 26 and Rosanne Marie Karlskin, 21, both of Boyne City

BIRTHS

Christine Haggard Svanda was born Oct. 12 at the Spiro Hospital in Lansing to Betsy and Todd Svanda of Portland. Her siblings are Caroline, David and Catherine. Her grandparents are John and Phyllis Haggard of Charlevoix and Larry and Linda Svanda of Oregon, Wis. Her aunt is Barbara Sheets of Charlevoix and uncle, John Earl Haggard Jr. of Alaska.

Kayden James Meir weighing 5 pounds, 4 ounces, and **Koleton Lee Meir** weighing 5 pounds, 6 ounces were born Nov. 8 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Heath and Christie Meir of Boyne City. Their grandparents are Lyle and Gayle Gennett of Charlevoix, Bernie Meir of Sault Ste. Marie, and Sherry Meir-Bradley of Central Lake.

Malachi Noah Rodriquez weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces was born Nov. 8 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Osman Rodriquez and Priscilla Sanchez of Florida and Michigan. His siblings are Juaquin and Sophia Sanchez.

Ian Patrick Moran weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces was born Nov. 9 to Brian and Jennifer Moran of Charlevoix. His sibling is Cameron Joseph Moran. His grandparents are Jack and Karen Moran of Charlevoix and Jackie Balcer of Garfield, Ohio. His great-grandparents are Jeanette Moran of Charlevoix and Mary Metta of Parma, Ohio.

Braydon Edward O'Halloran weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces was born Nov. 12 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Robin Moblo and Justin O'Halloran of East Jordan. His grandparents are Terry Mohlo, Jeanne Moblo, John O'Halloran and Linda O'Halloran all of East Jordan.

Matthew Jacob Sax, weighing 5 pounds, 14 ounces was born on Nov. 15 in Durango, Colo. to Paul Sax and Dr. Mara Isser-Sax. His paternal grandparents are Lore Silberman and Bernie Wilson of Charlevoix and Gary Sax and Jill Schneider of Tucson, Ariz. His maternal grandparents are Leonard and Sandy Isser of Boyton Beach, Fla. His paternal great-grandmother is the late Jane Loeb Sooy of Charlevoix.

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Road commission on track, minor adjustment needed

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

During its annual report, the Charlevoix County Road Commission says it is doing the best it can in a bad situation.

Despite statewide budget woes, the failed 2006 county road millage and a federal government which robs 7.5 cents from every gas tax dollar, the local road commission has managed to maintain most services, but predicts it will be forced to scale back snow plowing this winter.

"I think everybody's aware of our funding problems, which is true throughout the state. Montcalm County Road Commission shut their doors for two weeks. Manistee County Road Commission shut their doors for a week, sent everybody home," said road commission member Keith Ogden. "None of our legislative people want to talk about a gas tax increase, which is really the fairest way of funding roads. In fact the state continues to take money out of our road funds for non-road [sic] purposes."

An audit of the Charlevoix County Road Commission performed by Gardner, Provenzano, Schuaman & Thomas shows the road commission is on track with its spending with one issue raised about the commission's business practices.

"Our fund balance is where it should be and we're still budgeting money into five special funds to help long-term planning and financial obligations. Unfortunately, the last four or five months we had to get into those funds to help with payroll," Ogden said. "Buried in one of the last pages of the report you'll see some (verbiage) on absence of appropriate segregation of duties. What our auditor is saying there is we don't have enough people looking over everybody else's shoulders to make sure we don't mishandle money."

To hedge any potential problems, what the auditors called "deficiencies," Ogden said an extra employee has been hired to change the structure of how duties are segregated.

The road commission's fund balance of $1,862,240 is up from the $1.825 million 2005 fund balance.

With total revenue of $5,445,345, the commission's net assets as of Dec. 31, 2006 were $20,872,046.

While they have maintained current services through tough financial times, Ogden said the county desperately needs a road millage.

"It's going to be the only way to take care of our roads. We can't expect help from Lansing, we can't expect help from Washington," he said. "If we had a countywide millage, that money would go to Charlevoix County. It isn't going to maintain them, but a county-wide millage would fix our roads."

He added, "It's going to be a tough sell."

The road millage turned down by voters in August 2006 would have been levied from 2006 to 2010 and would have improved the following 44.08 miles of county road:

- Year one, 5.59 miles of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, from Nelson to Pincherry Road
- Year two, 6.39 miles of Camp Ten Road and 5.45 miles of Springvale Road
- Year three, 3.79 miles of Ellsworth Road and 3.38 miles of Six Mile Lake Road
- Year four, 4.04 miles of Kings Highway, 3.47 miles of Deer Lake Road, 2.65 miles of Korthase Road
- Year five, 2.20 miles of River Road and 7.12 miles of Marion Center Road

Of the 17 road improvement projects worked on this year, all were funded by township millages.

"We're actually in good shape because we've been watching our money, but we don't have any extra to spend," Ogden said.

Chair of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners Shirley Roloff (District 6) feels the board should revisit the issue of a county-wide road millage.

"We're going to have to do something in the near future," she said. "We just can't continue the way we are going, but we have to get people on board with this."

Roloff said the board will likely look into the matter after the first of the year.

2006 AT A GLANCE

2006 revenue $5,445,345

Revenue breakdown by source:

- Federal — $5,875
- State Transportation $3,131,938
- State Economic Development — $45,231
- Trunkline — $1,674,312
- Miscellaneous revenue — $194,354

2006 expenditures $5,408,025

2006 expenditure breakdown:

- Construction — $19,981
- Preservation and structural improvements — $1,451,424
- Maintenance — $2,502,045
- Administrative — $398,065
- Net equipment expense — $202,316
- Net capital outlay — $440,559

County tweaks plow schedule to save cash

PLOW

Continued from page 1

Which means on weekends road crews are to attempt to keep the road surface clear in the center portion wide enough for one clear wheel track in each direction with the remainder of the roadway to be cleared as soon as reasonably possible without using overtime.

The plan also calls for the following local roads to be plowed on weekends as "priority 2" roads: Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, Boyne City-East Jordan Road, Ellsworth Road, Marion Center Road, Thumb Lake Road and the portions of Advance and Peninsula roads leading from East Jordan to the Grandvue Medical Care Facility.

Harmon explained that road commission crews will still respond as needed to police, fire and ambulance emergency situations, but said there could be a delay of up to an hour unless crews are already on the road or at the garage.

He noted that the new policy could affect schools as crews may not have time to have weekend snowfall cleared from side roads before school on Monday morning.

Harmon said one problem with last year's plan of plowing after 6 inches of snow fell was that snowfall totals can vary widely throughout the area.

He said the move is intended to help cut costs in the face of tight budget conditions.

"We can't spend money we don't have," Harmon said. "If we can save some costs on material, fuel and overtime now, it hopefully will allow us to avoid having to lay off people later on."

He said he expects at the next meeting the commission will have to borrow money from one of its funds to pay its general fund bills.

In Emmet County, road commission engineer-manager Brian Gutowski said the weekend road plowing policy will be the same as it has been in the past few years.

Similar to Charlevoix County, state highways including U.S. 131, U.S. 31, M-68, M-119 and primary local roads such as Mitchell and Pleasantview roads, will be plowed on weekends. Other local roads will only be plowed following a "major snow event" — generally more than 6 inches of snow. He said weekend local road plowing will be left to the discretion of the on-duty foreman.

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STORY HIGHLIGHT

The Charlevoix County Road Commission will not be plowing or salting/sanding secondary or "local" roads on weekends or holidays this winter to save money.

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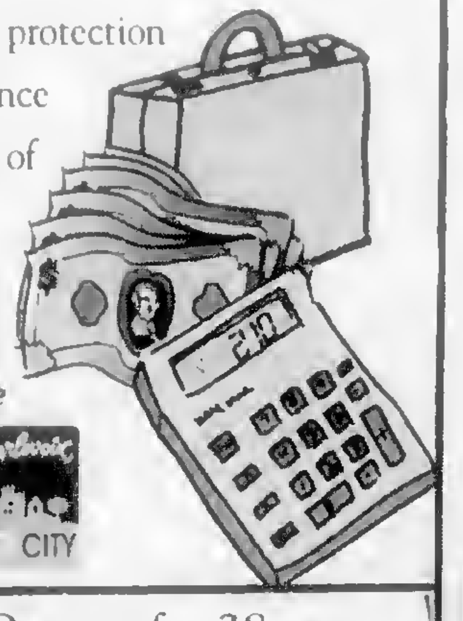

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Growing up Gohs: A Thanksgiving revelation

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

I'm still trying to get rid of Halloween candy and it's already Thanksgiving. By the time you read this, I'll be up to my armpits in gizzards, gravy and guests as five brothers, a sister and two nephews join my wife and kids for the second of what we hope will be a tradition for many years to come.

Holidays with loved ones may be nothing remarkable to you, but it's a new concept for us.

Sure, there are a couple memories of Christmas at grandma's but, due to family feuds, it was usually the seven of us kids and my embattled parents.

Who knows why? Grandma was angry with mom, mom was unhappy with grandpa, my aunts were miffed at mom for making grandma unhappy and nobody liked my father.

The last dysfunctional straw was the frigid fall day the nine of us made the 200-plus-mile journey to Onaway in dad's old short-box Chevy pickup.

We were at grandma's just long enough for she and mom to argue over who would pay for soda — after all, why should we discuss the real problem when we can stuff it down with food, alcohol and self-loathing until it becomes a stress-induced stroke or tumor the size of a Bartlett pear.

And so it went until I moved out of the house and renewed relations with aunts, uncles and cousins. It was then that brother Hammy and I decided we couldn't go down the same path and we have since hosted holiday get-togethers and camping trips for our siblings.

Nowadays the closest I get to a dysfunctional holiday are the stories my siblings and I invariably swap.

We'll talk about what a tough S.O.B. the old man is by recounting the day in winter '84 or '85 when he fell three stories while working construction only to go back to work the next day with a broken wrist and forever mangled back. Or the time he walked miles through waste deep snow in Indian River back country with no money to the local mom-n-pop store. Sure as sugar he came back with enough groceries to get us through.

We'll laugh about the time dad came home so drunk he thought my mother was a Vietnamese soldier trying to kill him before I carried him to his room where he proceeded to wax gastrointestinal for the remainder of the evening.

We were inseparable as kids, but not until recent gatherings did I realize just how lucky we were to have one another and escape the mayhem with that relationship in tact.

I know you're busy with turkey and trimmings, so I'll keep my Thanksgiving list short:

I am grateful for my job, children and a wife who puts up with me.

I fear for Lil' John's safety as he readies for basic training, but am glad to see him this Thanksgiving before he ships out.

I'm glad Hammy survived his recent divorce with some semblance of his parental rights.

I'm thankful William — Charlevoixans will know him simply as "Sampson" — pulled out of his mischievous ways, has a good job and lives the life of a guitar-playing, poetry-writing bachelor — happy holidays, booger lips.

I'm thankful sister Sara is so even keeled. Sara was adopted by Hammy after she could take my parents' madness no longer, and instead of drinking and drugging her life away, she maintained her grades, moved out on her own and now supports herself while attending college. Sissy, I know you'll do great.

I'm thankful Gnome-o is the funniest guy I know. Not a minute goes by without one of his trademark impressions and no situation is too serious for him to lampoon.

And, I'm thankful Jacob (B.B.), the baby of the fam', is still so innocent. He'll soon turn 15 and still refuses to swear or engage in dubious behavior, even when surrounded by five foul-mouthed older brothers.

In a way it saddens me to think about the fun my parents missed out on by choosing the hermit life, and though it may sound cliché, I'm thankful for my family, weirdoes one and all.

I hope this Thanksgiving finds you realizing just how lucky you are to have family.

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Courtesy photo

(Above, back from left) Gohs, and younger siblings William, Adam holding Li'l John and Sara next to him posing for a pic in 1987 at the old house in Auburn. Yet to be born at that time were Joshua and Jacob.

Greatest success of growing season is sweetpotato

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

The vegetable garden has been pretty much put to rest for the year.

The Swiss chard will survive considerable frost, and is especially tasty during colder growth temperatures. And there are a few dozen carrots still in the ground, also very sweet in early winter. There are even a few plants for fall-planted lettuce. Imagine, garden lettuce in mid-November!

The single greatest success story of this season was the sweetpotatoes. I have tried for at least three years to produce some sweet potatoes, but earlier attempts were thwarted by voracious rabbits, invading weeds, chewing insects or early frosts.

My usual sources say that historically, sweetpotatoes were cultivated as far north as New Jersey, but I find no mention of Michigan in the sweet potato literature. Formally, the sweetpotato is Ipomea batatas, a tropical vine related to morning glories, and while the word "yam" is sometimes used, the true yam is a completely different plant found only in tropical climates, and more closely related to lilies and amaryllis.

Sweetpotatoes were native to South America and the Caribbean, where they were cultivated at least 10,000 years ago. From there they moved across the Pacific in the 14th Century to Hawaii and New Zealand, later found their way to Africa, and only arrived in Europe after Columbus brought them back from Haiti. The Irish or white potato reached Europe from Peru somewhat later, but in much of Europe the word "potato" still refers to the sweet potato. It is usually written as a single word rather than "sweet potato" to reduce the possibility of confusion with other kinds of potatoes.

One of the reasons that all those people over all that time found sweetpotatoes so useful was their almost astonishing productivity. This year, a longer than usual growing season here in the great white north, a single plant in my garden produced 10 pounds of sweetpotatoes in an area of about two square yards. If the plant had had another month of warm weather it could easily have produced double that amount.

Maybe it is time, what with global warming and the probability of longer growing seasons, to bring the cultivation of sweetpotatoes to northern Michigan. Next spring, about early March, buy a good-looking supermarket sweetpotato and suspend it on some toothpicks with the bottom third of it in a jar of water. Change the water periodically and within a week or so, roots will begin to grow into the water. Later, green shoots will appear around the top of your project. Once underway they will grow quickly and even if you don't want to use them in your garden, you will get a fine looking house plant that will produce vines many feet long. If you want to grow them outdoors, wait until all danger of frost is passed, cut off chunks of the original potato with both shoots and roots and transplant them into rich soil. Expect a slow start, but rapid vining by midsummer. The attractive blue, morning glory-looking flowers will tell you the plant is growing well. The vines will want to root themselves almost everywhere they touch the ground, but for maximum potato production, prevent rooting anywhere but a foot or so from the original transplant. Then hope for late frosts in the fall since the plants are very sensitive to freezing or even near-freezing temperatures.

It's good, facing the difficult months ahead, to have some plans for growing things.

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LETTERS to the editor

HUNTERS BANQUET SUCCESS

Editor:

I would like to thank everybody for making the Hunters Banquet a success, especially Carl Dhaseleer, his displays, Gregg Whitley, Jason Whitley and Pat Elliot for picking up and roasting the pig, Ken and Birdie Whitley for making the dressing, Don Voisin and Marilyn Smith for speaking, the VFW, businesses that donated, all of the people who sold and bought tickets, the Knights and their families who stayed and helped clean up.

With their help $1,650 was raised for the food pantry. I would also like to thank the community for their support of the Tootsie Roll drive. The Bergmann Center received $500 and the Charlevoix House received $402.08. Please remember Fiddler's Picker Day at the VFW the second Saturday in January.

Gabe Campbell
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Charlevoix

STOP MAKING TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Editor:

At many different places it has been brought to my attention how bad tobacco products are. Teachers, parents, adults and my peers have preached to me about how bad cigarettes and tobacco are, and have warned me not to go near them. I fully understand the effects smoking and chewing tobacco have. In fact I don't think there is anyone, smoker or not, who doesn't know how deadly cigarettes are. I don't think cigarettes or tobacco should be allowed to be made anymore.

Even though some say taking away tobacco products would be taking away one's rights. I cannot say this isn't true, but if it's obvious that by doing so it would be for the common good, then why not? On top of being sick addictions, the average person spends about $35 every week on tobacco products. While smoking and chewing tobacco are both equally horrible addictions, people are also throwing away hundreds of dollars every year buying these products. It is clear that the outcome of this action would be extremely beneficial and far from harmful.

Another issue that might be brought up is that some people are unable to break their addiction. I find this very hard to believe, considering all of the medications and patches that are out there to help people stop. It is also more about the person's mental strength. Although many people who have quit have said it was the hardest thing they have ever done, they have said it was also the best thing because it added years to their life expectancy. To quit smoking, all you have to do is get the right help and believe in yourself.

Many people might argue that smoking helps them calm down, and that despite being hazardous to your health, it has some positive side effects. This is just ridiculous. While smoking may somehow relax people, there are so many negative effects that tobacco products have on your health, like lung cancer and a high chance of having a stroke. In most cases it is deadly, killing about 430,000 people every year. It's also a disgusting bad habit. Tobacco rots your teeth and lungs and causes you and those around you to smell awful.

I really think that tobacco products should be banned. I have more than enough reasons to back me up, and you should really consider doing something.

Bailey Chamberlain
Charlevoix

OPPOSE SOVEREIGN DEED

Editor:

I recommend anyone interested in better understanding Sovereign Deed read a guest commentary written by Dale Scott of Harbor Springs on A4 of the Nov. 8 Petoskey News-Review.

They plan to sell their exclusive membership ($50,000, plus $15,000 annual fees) to the rich to save only the rich in the event of some kind of emergency. In addition they want our tax dollars in the form of tax abatement's to get the business rolling. In this writer's opinion this seems un-American. I think this should be vigorously opposed.

Phil Crooks
Charlevoix

'TIS THE SEASON TO GIVE BACK

Editor:

This is the time of year we think about giving the most. Thanksgiving comes, we share thanks for our families and great country and many help provide extra food to the poor. Christmas is the ultimate giving to others time.

What better way to give, than to give time and voice to prevent Gender Violence during the "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence" from Nov. 25 through Dec. 10.

Since 1991, the 16 Days Campaign has helped to raise awareness about gender violence and highlighted its effects on women globally. Each year, thousands of activists from all over the world utilize the campaign to further their work to end violence against women.

Nov. 25 was declared International Day Against Violence Against Women.

Dec. 1 marks World AIDS Day which serves to strengthen the global effort to face the challenges of the AIDS pandemic.

Dec. 10 marks the celebration of the 1948 adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Zonta International's mission is to improve the status of women and girls globally through service and advocacy by increasing awareness of the needs in our communities.

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Remember that silence is affirming. When you choose not to speak out against violence you are supporting it. Recruit men to help, women have traditionally worked alone on this problem. And talk about this topic in any group you belong to, keep this topic in the forefront.

For information about your local Zonta Club, visit zontadistrict15.org.

Linda DeGrow
Charlevoix

HUNTING TEACHES LESSONS

Editor:

I am writing in response to Mr. Freedman's question he had in the paper on Nov. 7 (letter to the editor entitled "Bear kill doesn't fit with youth hunt" published on page 5 of the Nov. 7 edition of the Courier). "Can you please explain how you feel shooting this black bear fits into the Youth Hunt's theme of 'instilling in our young people a respect for animals and their habitat?'"

I am Jordan Farmer, a 14-year-old kid that has been hunting, trapping and fishing for my whole life. I was fortunate enough to harvest my first bear when I was 13. Being able to hunt bear with my uncles, dad, brother and other great men who enjoy the sport even more than me, has taught me more than I could write in a lifetime. There's never a time when I come back from a bear hunt not having learned something useful, something I can apply to my everyday life. The bear hunters that I hunt with are very educated and dedicated to the sport. The things that you learn are some of the most simple things, like respect, self-confidence, responsibility, pride, determination and physical ability. Some kids now days just don't have these because they are stuck up in their rooms playing a video game or on the computer or on the streets getting into any kind of mischief they can. You learn so much respect from bear hunting and just hunting in general. You have to have respect for your dogs, your hunting buddies and for the wildlife.

Mr. Freedman also asked, "What was the purpose of shooting a bear that would never have hurt anyone except in defense?" Well, simple, the same reason we hunt deer, raccoon, coyote or fish trout or bass, to keep from over-population of that game, not to mention the diseases and sicknesses that an animal could get if over-populated.

To me hunting is a passion and a pride, there's nothing than being in the woods or on the water paying respect to the wildlife. There's a lot of peer pressure in this world now days that your children are faced with every day — drugs, alcohol and sex etc. Hunting is my way of staying away from it all. I'm not saying hunting is the thing for everyone but it is an easy way to set your mind free of your everyday life and spend quality time with your friends and family. I would wish that everyone could harvest a deer or bear, anything, just to feel the pride, like you are the king of the world. Hunting has taught me so much and I can't tell you enough. If you have a chance to go hunting, do it, you won't regret it.

Jordan Farmer
Charlevoix

BLATANTLY BIASED

Editor:

If anyone would recognize being "blatantly biased" — it should be Benjamin Gohs. If you can write such a distorted anti-Israel piece (entitled "Before peace first must come truth") in the Nov. 14 Charlevoix Courier, and not realize how biased your stance is, then you have forgotten all the principals of "reporting." Your article is loaded with misquotes, omissions and flat out incorrect reporting. I was going to answer you point by point, but if you do not even know which groups are Palestinians, and which groups have nothing to do with the Palestinian-Israeli conflict (other than their hatred for, and want of total destruction of, Israel) I think it best if I address the overall picture.

Israel wants to exist and the Arabs want nothing less than the total destruction of Israel. The closest to a compromise came at Camp David while Bill Clinton was our president. An agreement was actually reached to create a Palestinian State with East Jerusalem as it's capital. Yasser Arrafat was party to this agreement. When he went back to the other Arab leaders, including Hamas, they refused any compromise short of total destruction of Israel. Arrafat had to refuse the agreement. What is Israel to do other than defend itself? How can you negotiate with people who will not negotiate?

It has been said, "If all the Arabs laid down their arms; there would be no more conflict. If Israel laid down all it's arms, there would be no more Israel!"

In it's entire existence as a country, Mr. Gohs, can you cite one time that Israel has attacked her neighbors without being provoked first. Right from the beginning, Israel has had to defend itself from attackers; over and over. Thank goodness this democracy, the only one in the Middle East, can "outgun" it's more numerous, aggressive neighbors.

It also has been said, "There will not be peace in the Middle East, until the Arabs love their own children, more than they hate ours!"

I hope your assessment that the upcoming Annapolis Summit on the Middle East is "pointless," is as inaccurate as your article's claim to "seek the truth."

Larry Freedman
Charlevoix

BANNING BOOKS TAKES AWAY FROM EDUCATION

Editor:

Due to the fact that last week, was banned books week and the timely reading of Fahrenheit 451 by our English 2 class, I became puzzled and slightly angry that people even consider banning books from libraries and schools. It was also brought to my attention, by a librarian at our public library, that several months ago our local library had a book "come up missing," because they wouldn't ban it. It is hard to believe that people become so passionate about banning the books that they are willing to commit a misdemeanor to rid it of our library. My solution to this is that we just don't ban books.

Lately a majority of books that are banned, or that people have attempted to ban, are books that people think offend a race or religion. This happens because narrow minded people don't understand why someone would think differently than themselves and look at that as racism or atheism. The people that think this way often misinterpret an author that is exercising his freedom of expression. Banning an author's work, because he/she is expressing themselves is wrong. Expression is a huge part of our society, in school you are always told to find ways to express yourself. Yet there are people that want to take example of that off our public and school library shelves because they think that that particular author's expression is wrong or unfit.

One of the major arguments for banning books in schools is that they are not fit for kids to read. People are worried that because a book has bad language or infers to or displays sex, drugs or alcohol that kids at the high school level won't be able to handle it. As a high school student, I can tell that kids will be able to handle all those things, considering that we talk about all those and more during their spare time and during lunch. And by banning the books you are taking away from our education.

If you look at the list of books banned in the last 10 years you will see titles like "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "Mice and Men," and "To Kill a Mockingbird," all books that we study in school and books that have very important life lessons. So don't worry about what's in them, just let us learn from these wonderful pieces of literature.

Many books banned these days are because they promote, support or just have, sex, bad language, drug and alcohol use or abuse. Some individuals seem to think that they need to protect and shelter us from such "improper" things. This isn't their job it is the job of the individual and the job of the parents of children to decide what or not they read. Besides books like those and others promote ideas, and isn't that why our country is so great because we have diversity. Not only in race and culture but in ideas. Books are one of the many things that show and broadcast different ideas. Kids are going to and already are making up their own minds banning books with sex, drugs and violence in them isn't going to stop that. I once read somewhere, "an intelligent person is a well read one."

Freedom of speech, freedom of press, and freedom to peaceful assembly, are three rights along with many others that the First Amendment to the United States Constitution supports. The First Amendment allows for anyone to read and write what they want, which is what makes this country great. So in requesting that a book be banned, people are directly and deliberately going against our constitution. In fact, they are unconsciously saying that you oppose our country and what it stands for. Banning the reading of certain books is, as though you are banning a person's thoughts, and everyone has the freedom of thought. Then again these people oppose the First Amendment, but have they ever thought about having their own personal thoughts banned? The person that wants to have the Harry Potter series banned, because they think it goes against the belief of God, does this person know that one of the most controversial books ever is the Bible? Everyone has the right to believe what they want to believe, think what they want to think and read what they want to read.

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ENGAGEMENT

Phillips — Slovick

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Amber Phillips and Thomas Michael Slovick now residing in Los Angeles, Calif. are announcing their engagement. The couple is planning a wedding for the summer of 2008 in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Constance Phillips of Dearborn and Peter Phillips of Charlevoix. She graduated from Charlevoix High School and the University of California, Los Angeles, summa cum laude. Amber is a law clerk for the New York based law firm, Pryor Cashman, and a current law school candidate.

The groom-to-be is the son of Edward and Marilyn Slovick of Oshkosh, Wis. He is a graduate of Deerfield High School and Colorado State University. Tom is a visual effects producer and owner of Little Bully Inc.

Health department offers free screenings

Free mammogram appointments are available on Nov. 28 at Health Department Charlevoix Clinic for women age 40 to 64 who live in Charlevoix County and who meet certain income guidelines.

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For additional information and to schedule an appointment, call the Health Department at 800-432-4121.

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Community Thanksgiving dinner at Reformed Church

STORY HIGHLIGHT
A community Thanksgiving dinner will be served from noon to 3 p.m. on Nov. 22 at the Charlevoix Reformed Church located at Petoskey Avenue and Meech Street.

There's a seat waiting for you this Thanksgiving.

In the wake of tough economic times, a group of Charlevoix residents are starting a new tradition to offer Thanksgiving dinner to the community.

During Thanksgiving 2005, Dennis and Joy Halverson were invited by Janet Potter to help cook and serve Thanksgiving dinner with Dave Behling in Emmet County. Behling had been putting on this dinner for a number of years for people in the community who were either in need of fellowship or could use a little help having a nice dinner.

This year, Potter and Halversons decided to approach the local ministerial association to see if a similar dinner could be held in Charlevoix.

"The idea was met with a lot of excitement and interest," Dennis Halverson said.

With the support of the association, Potter and the Halversons have been working toward the Thanksgiving Day dinner.

"This year people may not have the money to drive down state to have dinner with relatives, or some people may just not want to be by themselves on this day," Joy Halverson said. "Whatever the reason, this dinner will hope to fill the needs that are out there in our community."

Behling has also been assisting in the planning and preparation.

The Charlevoix Rotary Club will be buying the turkeys and cash contributions have been offered by the Charlevoix Lion's Club. The dinner will be served from noon to 3 p.m. on Nov. 22 at the Charlevoix Reformed Church located at Petoskey Avenue and Meech Street.

To make a donation, call Joy Halverson at (231) 547-4813.

4 GENERATIONS

Courtesy photo

Four generations of the Boss family recently gathered. Pictured at left are Lawrence holding Lily Mae Boss (front) and (back, from left) Jeanette Boss, Mark Boss and Wilson 'Bud' Boss, all of Charlevoix.

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Fiber Design Group with Kathie Briggs
Wednesday, November 21, 1:00 pm
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Storytimes *Thursday, November 22*
Lapsit birth-3 , *10:05 a.m.*
Pre-k 3-5 , *10:30 a.m.*
Stories, songs and crafts for young children

Computer Basics 2: MS Word
Tuesday, November 27, 6:00 pm
If you are comfortable with your computer and are ready for stepping into the word processing environment, this is the class for you. Free and open to the public, please call for availability: 237-7340.

The Mackinac Bridge at 50
Tuesday, November 27, 7:00 pm
Artifacts and a question & answer session with Bill Gnodtke, Chairman of the Mackinaw Bridge Authority, will accompany a showing of the DVD on the history of the Mackinaw Bridge.

Computer Tidbit: Create holiday mailing labels
Wednesday, November 28, 1:00 pm
Linda Adams, Adult Services Librarian, will teach even the most timid how to easily save and print mailing labels

Regular Weekly Meetings: Newcomers Welcome!
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OBITUARY

Robert Lee Meyer Sr.: Nov. 27, 1945 - Nov. 14, 2007

Robert Lee Meyer Sr., 61, of Rapid City and formerly of Bellevue, died Nov. 14 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City.

He was born Nov. 27, 1945, the son of Chester and Pauline (Haan) Meyer in Muskegon. He graduated from Pennfield High School in 1964.

Bob owned and operated Brunner Optical of Battle Creek from 1982-1995. Most recently he worked as store manager for Kent Optical of Battle Creek and as an optician for Twin City Optical in Traverse City.

Bob married Ellen Rogers on July 28, 1967. She survives.

Bob will be dearly missed by his wife Ellen Meyer of Rapid City; sons, Rob (Wendy) Meyer Jr. and their children, Drew and Brady, all of Olivet, Lance (AaronSue) Meyer and their children, Marshall Nathan, Whitney Jordan and Carson Mitchell of Mancelona; daughter, Leanne (Brandon) Wilkins and their son, Isiah C. Penny of Traverse City; brothers, Jim (Donna) Meyer, Gary (Robin) Meyer; sister-in-law, Linda Meyer; nephews, Steve (Jennifer) Meyer, John (Rachel) Meyer and Jeff (Amy) Meyer. He is also survived by his in-laws, Rex and Myra Rogers, Candy Rogers, Laura and Dennis Lohr, Klayton Rogers, Tiffany and Dan Appleton and Aimee and Frank Kern and families.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; son, Nathan James Meyer; brother, John Meyer; nephew, Jordan Meyer and brother-in-law, Rex Rogers.

Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing and was a master hunter of the elusive morel mushroom and an ebay power seller.

A memorial service took place on Saturday, Nov. 17 at Bellevue Christian Center. Doug Hammond, officiated. Memorial donations may be made to Dream Catchers, USA.

The family is being served by Shaw Funeral Home, Lehman Chapel, Bellevue.

LETTERS to the editor

LETTERS

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The banning of books is just bad. It is that simple, people don't like being told what they can or can't do or read. Reading is not something you can give or take away. Everyone is given equal opportunity to learn how to do it in school. Reading is not a privilege, it's not something you control. Reading is a born right, you start learning how to do it the minute you hit grade school. Reading is a right.

William J. Ivan

Charlevoix High School student

RINK MOVE DESTROYS HABITAT

Editor:

It was a very sad day on Monday when driving down Mt. McSauba Road. The open space my family lovingly calls "the meadow" is being torn up to build a skating rink. This field is an excellent spot for folks from all around to stop and enjoy watching the deer feed and play, and they do.

It's a sorry commentary that we believe we have to destroy another wildlife habitat for no legitimate reason. The skating rink was centrally located at the site of the Charlevoix Middle School, with plenty of parking. Why not leave it there? Why not have the recreation department take charge of the rink at that location? We have spent millions of dollars to renovate the downtown park for people. It's a shame we feel it necessary to destroy a beautiful space for the deer and other animals. Since first reading about the rink in Friday's paper, I have spoken with a number of Charlevoix citizens, all unaware of these plans and none particularly enthusiastic. If open meetings were held concerning the skating rink, time and place were not well publicized, and I am disappointed that public opinion was not solicited, as public dollars are being spent.

Michael and Diane Kilkenny

Charlevoix

THANKS FOR YOUR VOTE

Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me for the position of First Ward council person. I also wish to thank those who supported me, especially my wife, Peggy. A special thanks to my son, Kevin, who is away at college and found the time to vote by absentee ballot.

Congratulations to Jill (Picha) and Gabe (Campbell), I look forward to working with them and the current council members and mayor to achieving the best for the City of Charlevoix in the future.

My best wishes go out to Mary Eveleigh and Bob Timms who ran against me.

Dennis Kusina

Charlevoix City Councilman

First Ward

STICK WITH WHOLESOME REPORTING

Editor:

I don't know which I found more astonishing — the fact that a writer (Benjamin Gohs in his column, "Before peace first must come truth" which appeared on page 4 of the Nov. 14 edition of the Courier) would think that the Charlevoix Courier is an appropriate medium for which to vent his clearly racist, pro Palestinian, anti-Israel sentiment, or that the editor of this paper doesn't have the good enough sense to see how offensive this piece could be to readers and allow this to be published in the first place.

I subscribe to the Courier because I think it is a wholesome newspaper that does a fine job keeping me informed of all of the community news and happenings. This, I would hope would be a continued expectation of the paper. The Courier crossed the line when allowing this disturbing article to be published. Mr. Gohs' article last week about his haunted house was entertaining. This article was downright frightening.

Stephen Lewis

Charlevoix

WAKE UP LANSING

Editor:

Oh how I agree (with Benjamin Gohs' column, "Give back by cutting back" which was printed on page 4 of the Nov. 7 edition of the Courier). I called Michigan my home state for 18 years but when I was taxed out by property, gas, utilities and lack of business growth my background in economies kicked me right where we should be kicking our "royal representatives."

I left Michigan. Yes, I'm part of the educated exodus who are mass exiting our state and I consider myself a lucky one. I transferred with my firm I sold my home in Petoskey — three months and off I went to a state that offers no income tax, growth promotion of industry and cheaper to live. I moved to Florida.

If you did a survey you would find the mass educated exodus folks heading south or pacific northwest. Where jobs are abundant and the unemployment rates are low.

I miss the pristine peacefulness of the rolling hills overlooking Walloon but beauty is for the eye of the beholder and I am beholding a better future for myself and my family. Oh, and did I mention Florida has an education scholarship program so "no child" will be left out to the higher education loophole.

I truly enjoyed reading your opinion and agree. Wake up Lansing. Wake up Michigan

Robyn Morgan

Neptune Beach, Fla.

PUT CHRIST BACK IN CHRISTMAS

Editor:

Every department store has "sales papers." They have pictures of Santa, snowmen, reindeer and decorated trees, all of these to be purchased and placed in one's yard. That is fine, but I never see any pictures of nativity sets, angels or other spiritual items in those papers. What happened to the true meaning of Christmas?

Rita Orlowski

Charlevoix

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK ACTIVITIES

Editor:

I wish to thank all the sponsors that made our Fire Prevention Program so successful. With their help we were able to deliver this year's message "Practice Your Escape Plan," "How to Prevent Forest Fires" and "Disaster Preparedness."

A special thanks to Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, American Red Cross (Northern Lower MI Chapter), Michigan DNR of Gaylord and Bellaire, Smokey Bear, Bangor Township Fire Department, Charlevoix Elementary School, (Staff and Children), St. Mary's School, Sunny Smiles Daycare, Charlevoix Children's House, Char-em Schools, Charlevoix Home School Group and all the City of Charlevoix Fire Fighters, Explorer Scouts, volunteers and businesses who made this program so successful.

I am thankful and very encouraged to see the cooperative spirit pulling together in public education efforts. The City of Charlevoix Fire Department looks forward to participating with our community in future collaborative programs and events. Working together, we will be able to do many meaningful things.

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Joe Schwartzfisher

City of Charlevoix Fire Department

Shift commander

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Snowmobile enthusiasts skirt catastrophe

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

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A quarrel between the volunteer guardians of Michigan's snowmobile trails and the cash-strapped Department of Natural Resources ended just short of a shutdown of those trails.

A quarrel between the volunteer guardians of Michigan's snowmobile trails and the cash-strapped Department of Natural Resources ended just short of a shutdown of those trails.

The biggest dispute raged over what percentage of the trade-in value the DNR and trail sponsors would each get from the sale of used trail grooming equipment.

"The grant sponsors had very serious equipment ownership concerns," stated Bill Manson, executive director of the Michigan Snowmobile Association in a Nov. 8 press release. "We were at a critical stage where it could have gone either way, so I am relieved that the industry and the businesses that rely upon it will thrive this winter."

Kevin Wright, president of the Charlevoix Snowmobile Club said, "A lot of (snowmobile) clubs had their own money into these machines. For instance, the Jordan Valley Trail Council has $100,000 into their machines and the DNR was saying, 'Hey, when we give you new equipment, we're looking for the full trade-in dollars,' even though the club had put so much of their own money into the equipment."

The problem with the DNR reaping the full trade-in value, Wright said, is that snowmobiling as a recreational activity and a growing portion of Michigan's tourism economy is self sustained, the DNR merely allocates funds raised from the purchase of trail permits, registration and even a portion of the gasoline tax.

"They were able to work it out where they basically went back to the different years of the program — at one point it was 60/40 or 70/30 (the percentage which went to the DNR and snowmobile clubs respectively)," he said. "So, the percentage you get back will depend on the year you bought the equipment."

According to the Michigan Snowmobile Association, snowmobilers contribute more than $1 billion to the economy annually and helping to support more than 7,000 jobs in the food, lodging, fueling and supply industries.

While Michigan boasts nearly 6,400 miles of snowmobile trails, it is the volunteer clubs who maintain those trails.

"Trail grooming is absolutely essential to the snowmobiling industry," Manson stated. "Trails must be groomed, have visible signage, and be free of debris for safe riding. Moreover, it is mandatory for access to many remote trail networks throughout the state."

The volunteer army of trail groomers maintained a total of 352,048 miles worth of trail last year.

"The trail grooming program still would not be possible without the volunteer services of the grant sponsor clubs, which are very passionate about making Michigan's trails the best in the country," Manson stated.

Wright is glad the agreement was reached before the snow arrives and is excited about the upcoming season.

"We got the (Charlevoix) trail finished up last week. There is a little bit of work in town to do, but other than that we're ready," he said. "We're trying to bring business into town and snowmobilers into town with their tourist dollars."

Scheduled for this winter are several events including the Dec. 1 Wrench & Swap, where snowmobilers can buy and sell equipment and work on their sleds; the annual Snowmobile Ride-in, the event with free food, fun and prizes on Jan. 26; and there are club rides planned for Jan. 12 and Feb. 9.

More information will be forthcoming as the event dates near.

The Michigan snowmobile trails are open from Dec. 1 to March 31.

Visit www.chxsnowmobile.com for more information.

Wrench & Swap

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Charlevoix native lives highs, lows of adoption

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

STORY HIGHLIGHT

The Courier is featuring Charlevoix native and mother to two adopted children, Tiffany (Karczmarski-Pero) Evans to highlight the Fifth Annual Michigan Adoption Day, which took place on Nov. 20.

For the Evans family, every day is a day to celebrate the adoption process.

When asked if she planned to mark Nov. 20, the Fifth Annual Michigan Adoption Day, with revelry, Tiffany (Karczmarski-Pero) Evans, a Charlevoix native and mother to two adopted children, said its just another day in her amazing journey.

The day, marked in more than 30 Michigan counties by celebrating adoptive families and children, is co-sponsored by the Michigan Supreme Court, the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS), the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE), and the Family Services division of the State Court Administrative Office.

Events in Charlevoix County 7th Probate Court, where local adoptions go through, have not been planned.

Chief Justice Clifford W. Taylor and Department of Human Services director Ismael Ahmed said Michigan Adoption Day is aimed at encouraging potential adoptive and foster parents.

Evans, a 29-year-old class of 1996 Charlevoix High School graduate who now lives in Grand Rapids, needs all the encouragement she can get. The hopes of starting a family for she and her husband Jason, an attorney, were dashed by complications conceiving.

The happy couple quickly turned to adoption and welcomed a daughter, Hannah in July of 2005.

"Everything was very positive. We have an open relationship with her birth mother who we see several times a year. We love open adoption and birth families," Evans said.

In a nutshell, Evans said infant adoption begins with a prospective adoptive family submitting a profile which is a scrapbook or photo album outlining the family's interests, values and personality. A birth mother with established criteria then looks over profiles to choose a family.

This match making is also bound by an arduous legal process.

"Adoption is a long, trying process. There are laws involved and hoops to jump through that often aren't resolved as quickly as they should be or are supposed to be. It's not like you go to the hospital, have a baby and go home," Evans said.

It was an adoption law that in March 2007 ended in the loss of Mariah, the Evans family's second adopted daughter.

Mariah was just two weeks old when her birth mom changed her mind and decided to keep her. In Michigan a birth parent has until the adoption consent hearing to change her mind.

"That's something you have to be honest with yourself about and know that that can happen. You can't go into adoption thinking everything will work out," Evans said. "There's nothing like walking back into the agency and putting your baby back in the arms of the social worker. It's devastating. But I support their (birth moms) right to choose and make a decision."

Their latest journey into the world of adoption has been their greatest challenge. Jason and Tiffany are in the process of their third adoption, a son Isaac, born on Sunday, July 15 in Canton, Ohio at 24 weeks gestation weighing just 1 pound, 8 ounces. His adoption is expected to be finalized in March.

"For us it was a faith decision — we felt this was the child God intended for us. It was important to his birth mom he be named Isaac and that's the name we picked out if we were to ever have a son," she said. "We are on board with this but I didn't know what was coming."

In the months following Isaac's birth Tiffany and Hannah have relocated to the Ronald McDonald house in Cleveland, Ohio to be close to Isaac who is in the neonatal intensive care unit at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. His progression has been marked by tragedy and triumph.

"He's had pretty much every setback these children can have without dying," Evans said.

He's almost died several times, has had several serious infections that could have killed him, one major surgery and two laser eye surgeries.

When asked if she would have changed her decision knowing the rough road in front of her, Evans said, "Absolutely not, never."

"I don't think any family would choose to go off and do this but we know this is where God wants us to be. Isaac is our son."

Isaac is beginning to eat formula and has overcome serious health complications. But this doesn't mean the road ahead will be any less harsh than the route he's traveled.

"He could have no problems or significant developmental delays. There's no way to assess that now. He'll need occupational and physical therapists for several years. He could have cerebral palsy or cystic fibrosis," she said of Isaac's unknown future.

In December Isaac may be transferred to DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. The earliest he is expected to come home is January.

"My biggest prayer would

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Charlevoix native and mother to two adopted children, Tiffany (Karczmarski-Pero) Evans, is pictured here with her son Isaac born in July at 24 weeks gestation.

Mark Snyder joins Prudential Preferred Properties Network - Charlevoix

After growing up in Birmingham, Mark's love of boating led him to Northern Michigan full time in the early 90's to manage the sales department for Irish Boat Shop in Charlevoix. After helping hundreds of families find the right boat, Mark was approached to work as the owner's representative for the construction of a 17,000 square foot home. Following the successful completion of the home, Mark's next adventure took him, his wife Valerie and their two young sons, Jacob and Luke, to Henderson, Nevada, where Mark was intimately involved with the construction of a 55,000 square foot private residence. Mark's responsibilities while working for each of the families also involved research, investigation and negotiation for the purchase of multiple residences in multiple states and countries.

In 2006, Mark and Valerie, a Charlevoix attorney, returned to Northern Michigan to raise their sons. Mark and Val both enjoy the small-town atmosphere and the benefits of watching their sons grow up skiing the local hills, sailing the lakes and enjoying all that Northern Michigan has to offer.

Mark recently joined Prudential Preferred Properties Network in their Charlevoix office where he will specialize in residential & resort property.

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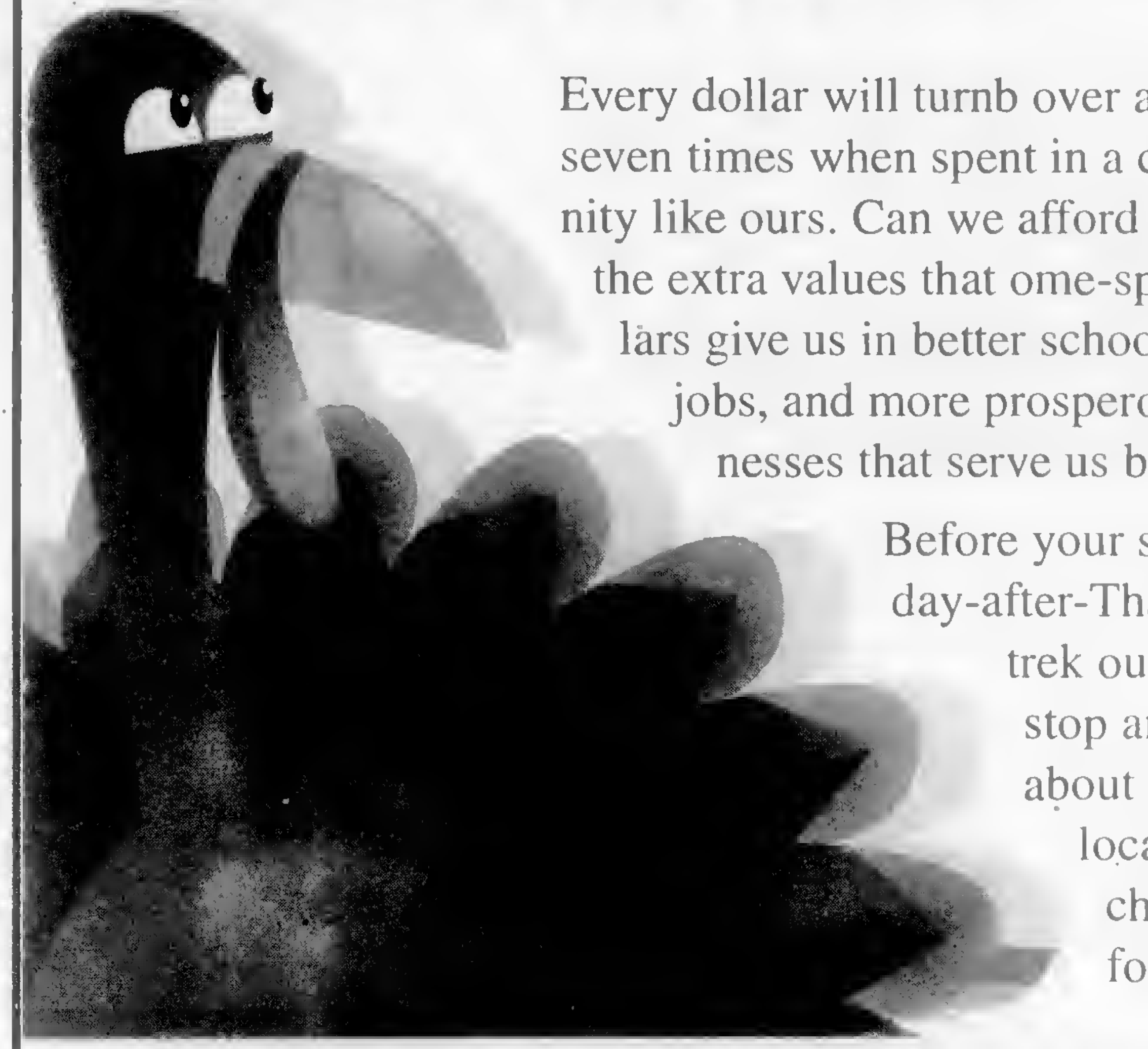

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Hannah Evans, 2, is pictured here with her adopted brother, Isaac. In December Isaac, who was born prematurely and has since undergone several surgeries, may be transferred to DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. The earliest he is expected to come home is January. Isaac is currently in the neonatal intensive care unit at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. His mother, Tiffany (Karczmarski-Pero) Evans is a 1996 graduate of Charlevoix High School.

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Charlevoix woman holds onto faith in trying adoption

ADOPTION

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he that God's will be done in our lives and the lives of our children. And that we would be ready and willing to do everything he intends for us to do in our lives," Evans said.

Evans said she knows the unknowns, the highs and the lows of adoption are not unique to her, and in response, she and Jason founded Three Voices, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering birth families, adopted persons and adoptive families by advancing the knowledge and practice of positive adoption outcomes through education, quality service standards, research and public policy.

To learn more about Three Voices and the Evans family's journey with their son, Isaac, visit www.tiffanyandjason.blogspot.com.

ADOPTION STATISTICS

2,589 children were adopted through Department of Human Services' offices and private adoption agencies between Oct. 1, 2005 and Sept. 30, 2006.

A relative or foster parent adopted 93 percent of those children.

80 percent of children who had siblings in foster care were adopted with at least one of their siblings.

Preliminary data for FY 2007 indicates that approximately 2,481 children were placed into adoptive homes out of the foster care system between Oct. 1, 2006 and Sept. 30, 2007.

Today there are approximately 6,200 children in the foster care system whose parents' rights have been terminated.

For approximately 4,300 of those children, the goal is adoption. The remaining children are either older youths who are satisfied with their placement and do not wish to be adopted (those 14 years of age and older have that option) or youths in other living arrangements where adoption is not appropriate.

Last year, 36 courts participated in Adoption Day 2006, most by finalizing adoptions, but others by holding "adoption fairs" and other events aimed at educating the public about the adoption process. Over 230 children had their adoptions finalized on Michigan Adoption Day.

During the five-year period in which Michigan has celebrated Adoption Day, more than 13,000 children have been placed into adoptive homes out of foster care.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on children awaiting adoption in Michigan go to www.mare.org

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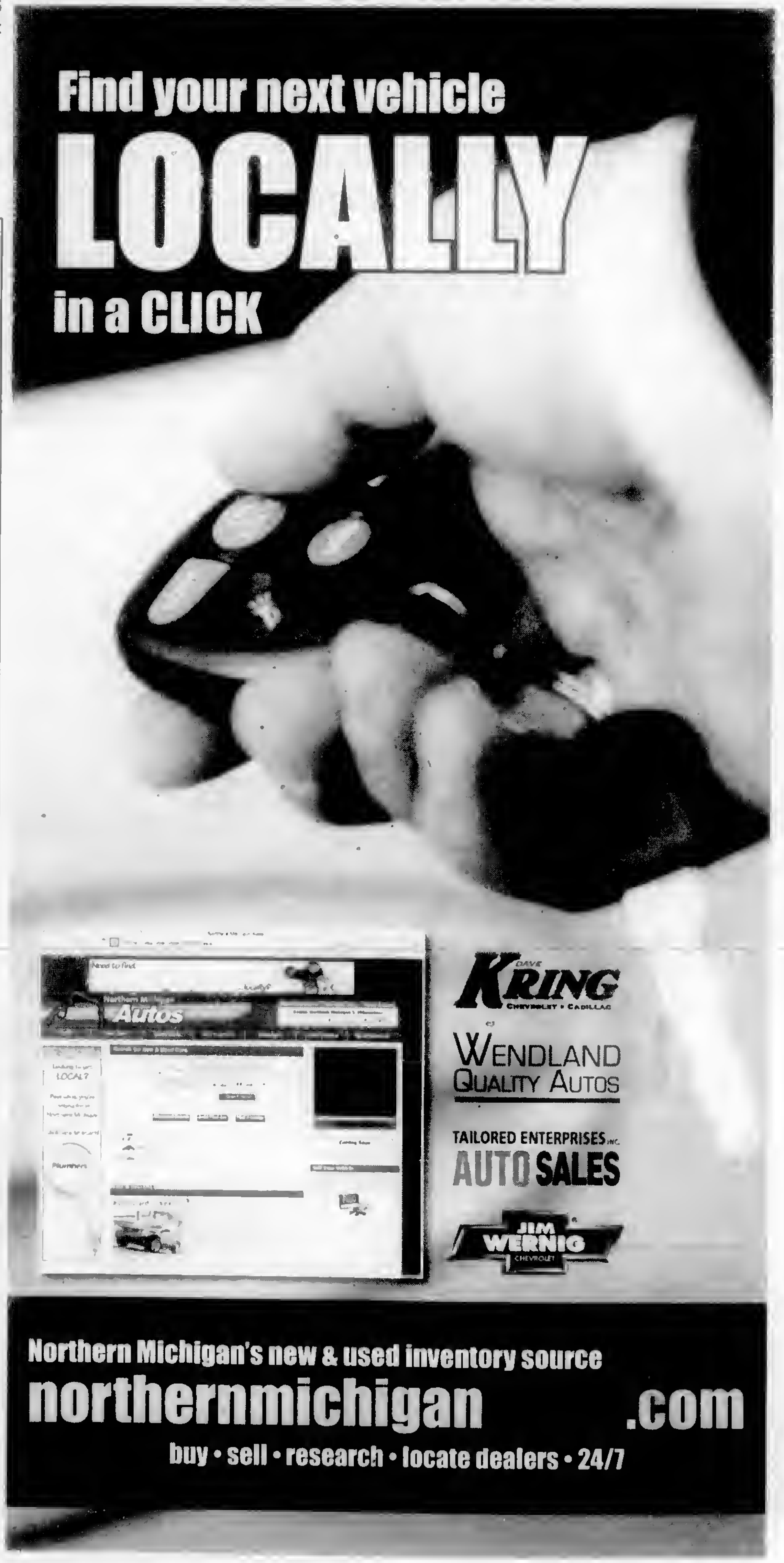

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Get your cash, no catch

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Seven locals among 2,000 Michigan residents that have not claimed tax refunds.

$2.3 million yet unclaimed, IRS says

More information at www.irs.gov

Some Charlevoix residents are privy to a piece of the $2 million in unclaimed refund checks from the IRS.

Seven locals are among more than 2,000 Michiganders due refunds but who have not yet claimed a total of $2.3 million.

"Every year we get folks missing out on their money because they chose not to use e-file and direct deposit," stated IRS spokesperson Luis D. Garcia in a Nov. 14 press release. "While it is a small number of overall taxpayers that don't get their refund right away, even one is too many."

The checks, which average $924, may be claimed by taxpayers after they update their mailing address with the IRS.

The following Charlevoix residents have a check waiting for them: Terry L. Edger, Brandin Elzinga, Nathan LaBlance, Ralph E. Lahr, Jennifer A. Rivera, Nathan J. Tripplehorn, and Jeffrey T. and Glenda S. Wilhelm.

The IRS says the checks were mailed, but returned as undeliverable by the post office.

To update your information you may use the "Where's My Refund?" option on the www.irs.gov Web site which will enable you to see the status of your refund.

Information you will need: Social Security number; filing status; and amount of your 2006 refund.

For those of you not tech savvy, you may call (800) 829-1954. Be sure to have the same information handy.

IRS officials said some citizens are due more than one check.

The number of unclaimed checks and the amount of total refunds rose from 1,700 and $1.4 million respectively in 2006.

Sheriff's Office offers fall cleanup

The Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office will once again offer fall cleanup services to senior citizens.

Charlevoix County Sheriff George T. Lasater will assign county jail prisoners, supervised by a sheriff's officer, to assist senior citizens with raking and general cleanup of their yards.

This program also includes townships in Charlevoix County where prisoners may be assigned, under supervision, to clean cemeteries, parks, etc.

Sheriff Lasater advises only prisoners who are not a security risk to the community will be assigned to this detail.

Senior citizens must call the Commission on Aging office at (231) 237-0103 to sign up for the yard cleanup program.

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Senior citizens in need of assistance with raking and general yard cleanup may contact the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103.

Crooked Tree to host Holiday Art Bazaar

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The public opening of the Crooked Tree Arts Center Third Annual Holiday Art Bazaar will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 30.

Crooked Tree Arts Center is gearing up for its Third Annual Holiday Art Bazaar.

The works of over 80 local artisans will fill both galleries at Crooked Tree Arts Center for this holiday sale.

The public opening will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 30. At the wine and hors d'oeuvres reception, free gift wrapping will be offered and musical entertainment will be provided.

The Holiday Bazaar will run through Dec. 22.

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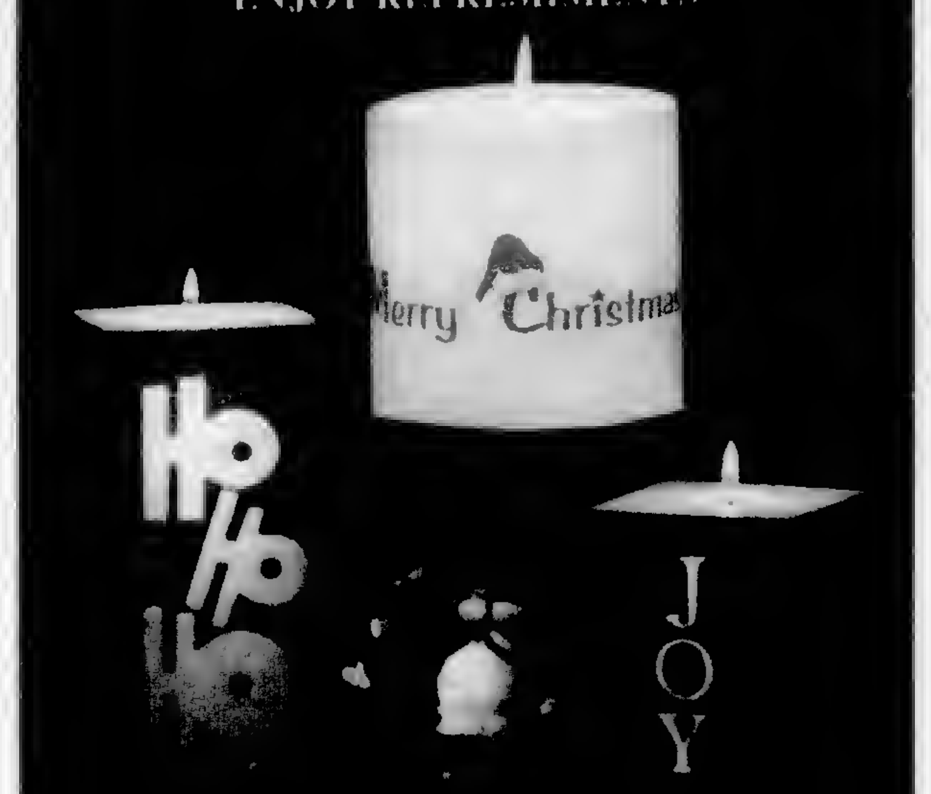

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Haley Georgi

"I'm grateful for friends, family and people to spend the day with."

Frank Rhodes

"I'm thankful to be able to go on vacation with my wife."

Christa Clark

"I'm just grateful to wake up with a roof over my head, clothes on my back, food in my belly and a beautiful family."

STORY HIGHLIGHT

This Thanksgiving, gas prices are up 95.6 cents per gallon over 2006

The state average is a record high $3.231 per gallon. In 2006, the average was $2.26 per gallon

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AAA: Gas prices won't slow holiday travel

An estimated 1.5 million Michiganians said they will travel during the 2007 Thanksgiving holiday period, says AAA Michigan. The Great Lakes region shows the greatest increase in expected air travel compared with Thanksgiving last year (up 4 percent).

Cars, trucks and vans represent the most popular form of Thanksgiving transportation (90 percent) — down 1 percentage point from 2006. Slightly more Great Lakes residents will travel by air this year compared to last (10 percent versus 9 percent).

In Michigan, motorists will find gas prices at record highs for this time of year, paying an average 95.6 cents more per gallon than last year at this time. The statewide average for self-serve regular (as of Nov. 14) is $3.231 per gallon — a record for the Thanksgiving holiday period.

"The interesting trend this holiday season is gas prices," said Claire Lockley, vice-president of travel for The Auto Club Group. "This is the first time that we have seen gas prices topping more than $3 a gallon in November. A year ago prices were about $2.26 a gallon, so this year travelers are really feeling the pinch. But Thanksgiving is traditionally a time for family gatherings and higher gas prices will not discourage Americans from connecting with their loved ones."

To help cope with heavier-than-normal traffic volumes and heightened airport security, AAA recommends arriving at the airport at least two to three hours before scheduled departure times. Check-in requirements for commercial airlines can result in loss of reserved seating for travelers who do not arrive on time (contact each airline directly for check-in rules and regulations).

The 102-hour Thanksgiving Day holiday (6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, to 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25) is traditionally a time for family travel. But the holiday coincides with the firearm deer hunting season, which means hunters will take advantage of the long holiday weekend. According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), during the 16-day firearm deer season (Nov. 15-30), about 735,000 hunters will spend more than $500 million for food, lodging and transportation.

A large deer herd, combined with large numbers of cars on the road, creates a high probability for collisions. In 2006, 60,875 deer-vehicle crashes were reported. Last year, 12 motorists were killed and 1,477 were injured as a result of vehicle-deer crashes.

During the 2006 Thanksgiving holiday period, 21 persons died in 18 fatal crashes on Michigan roads, compared with 19 deaths in 2005. Restraints were used by 33 percent of the victims who had them available. Six, or 33 percent, of the fatal crashes were alcohol-related.

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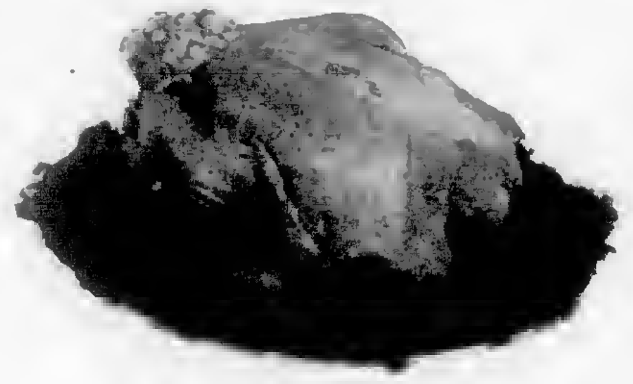
USDA offers holiday food safety tips



- Buy your turkey preferably one to two days before you cook it
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- Avoid buying fresh, stuffed turkeys — stuffing the turkey is not recommended, cook separately
- To cook a turkey from frozen, add 50 percent of the recommended cooking time
- Wash hands thoroughly when handling raw food
- Avoid cross-contamination — use separate cutting boards for meats and fresh foods
- Always use a food thermometer — turkey should reach an internal temperature of 165 degrees
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Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education

The following business was conducted by the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education during their Monday, Nov. 12 meeting

Item: Appointment of coaches, teachers and support staff

In brief: Recommendation to appoint Adam Wood as freshman boys' basketball coach; Todd Klinger as freshman girls' basketball coach; Steve Kantola as performing arts co-coach; Sherry Zipp as Bright Beginnings assistant; and Guy Russell as custodian.

Board action: All unanimously approved 6-0, board member John McLean was absent

Item: Agreement between the Char-Em Intermediate School District and Charlevoix Schools

In brief: Recommendation to enter into an agreement between the ISD and public schools to share an accounts payable/receivable clerk.

Board action: Passed, 5-1 with board member Bo Boss the lone no vote

Item: Snow removal

In brief: Recommendation to hire Hilltop Inc. for snow removal this winter

Board action: Unanimous, 6-0

Item: Spanish IV class trips

In brief: Recommendation for the Spanish IV class to go on trips to both Chicago and Costa Rica

Board action: Unanimously approved, 6-0

Item: Meeting locations and frequency

In brief: Recommendation to set the place and frequency of school board meetings

Board action: Motion tabled until the next meeting due to McLean's absence

Items not requiring board action included resignation letters from both Bret Erskine, junior varsity boys' basketball coach and Bryan Hawkins, the freshman boys' basketball coach.

The next meeting of the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10 at Charlevoix High School.

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The Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Charlevoix High School.

CLIP AND SAVE

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Calm after the stampede

About 125 people attended the annual Hunters' Lunch Nov. 13 at the Old Norwood Schoolhouse. (Above) Leona Habel, a member of the Norwood United Methodist Church and a hard working volunteer at the Hunters Lunch enjoys pie. Proceeds from the event benefit the Norwood Area Historical Society and the Norwood Methodist Church.

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Voice of Charlevoix Schools Retires

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Sad to go, but excited to start a new life chapter after 23 years with Charlevoix schools, Joannie Carlson recently began her retirement.

The longtime clerical worker and receptionist didn't waste any time to begin enjoying her newfound free time.

"I'm just busy as a bee trying to get everything done around here (home) that I didn't get done before," she said. "Then, I'm going to stay with my sister in Florida from the end of January to the end of April."

Chances are, if you called Charlevoix schools' central offices since 1984, Carlson has been the voice on the other end of the line.

Carlson's son, Charlevoix mayor Norman Carlson Jr., said he is glad to see her enjoying herself.

"She worked very hard to get where she's at and she deserves her time," he said. "It's definitely our gain that she'll have more time for spending with family and grandkids."

Carlson joked, "The downside is she has all kinds of different projects planned at home which I'm sure I'll be dragged into."

Former co-worker and current Charlevoix Public Schools' business manager Shawn Biddle said Carlson will surely be missed.

"It was sort of like working with your mom," Biddle said. "Joannie always looked out for everybody and kind of had our backs."

She added, "She was always happy, always made you feel really good when you talked to her. She was just a positive person who always had a hug for everyone."

Carlson has three children and five grandchildren.

"I'm looking forward to spending a lot of time with them," she said. "I'm looking forward to spending more time with the ones that live farther away."

Carlson said it was just time to stop working and enjoy her golden years.

"I'm 65, to be 66 in January. I've always worked and I just see so many, especially the teachers, that get to retirement and then they're gone and I want to be able to live a little bit before I kick the bucket," she said with a laugh. "I always enjoyed my job, but it was just time to do something else."

Carlson added that she will travel and do volunteer work in the Charlevoix community as well.

"Oh, the people and the kids I'll miss the most, but I'll still see them. I'll still go to games and still go to plays and be involved in that way," she said. "I loved working at the elementary school, so maybe I'll go back and do some volunteering there."

For now, Carlson said, she will enjoy her favorite hobby, reading and the luxury of sleeping in when she chooses.

"Charlevoix Public Schools have been a very big part of my life and I wish them the best of everything," she said.

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Joannie Carlson, a longtime receptionist and office worker for Charlevoix Public Schools, is seen here in 1987. Carlson worked for the school system in various capacitles for more than 20 years before retiring in mid-October.

Charlevoix Public Schools has yet to find a replacement for Carlson.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Walking to remember

Damion Maynard is walking one mile for every soldier killed in Iraq. An Idaho resident, Maynard began his trek on the steps of the state house in Carson City, Nev. and has since logged more than 1,650 miles in an attempt to raise awareness about the need to support those soldiers fighting and dying in the Iraq war. Maynard, who intends to enlist in the army when finished, will end his journey in Washington, D.C. According to the Washington Post, 3,848 soldiers have died in the Iraq war as of statistics released by the Department of Defense on or before Nov. 19.

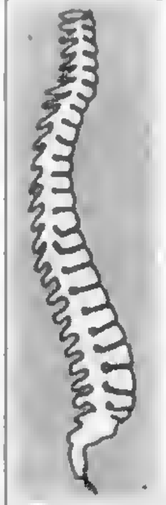
New Flurry Fest coming Dec. 1

The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring a new downtown festival to be held in conjunction with the Charlevoix Merchants' Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 1.

The Merchants Holiday Open House currently features refreshments, entertainment, activities, special sales and raffles at participating businesses. Santa arrives at noon via fire truck to the Community Christmas Tree at the corner of Bridge and Clinton streets to greet children.

Flurry Fest will offer a fun, family-oriented conclusion to the day as Clinton Street between Bridge Street and the parking lot entrances will be closed to vehicular traffic and a large heated tent erected to house the festivities. Flurry Fest kicks off at 5 p.m. and will conclude at 8 p.m. Enjoy musical performances by local entertainers, sample and vote for Charlevoix's best hot chocolate, and munch on holiday finger foods and roasted chestnuts.

Admission to the event is free. Eateries may request a small fee to enjoy the hot chocolate. For more information, contact the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority at (231) 547-3257 or the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.



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Charlevoix County Commission

The following issues were discussed during the Wednesday, Nov. 14 meeting of the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners

Item: Plumbing, mechanical and electrical permit increase

In brief: Charlevoix County Building department supervisor Ken Doty has requested an average increase of $15 per permit Doty said the increase in permit fees could generate as much as $45,000 per year.

Board action: The motion failed in a 4-2 vote

Item: Animal control office furniture

In brief: Animal Control officer Julie Whitley requested $2,500 to purchase new office furniture for her department.

Board action: The motion failed for lack of support

Item: Amendment to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS)

In brief: While the current MERS plan has county deputies and corrections officers combined in one unit on the plan, deputies have requested the plan be split into two separate plans.

Board action: Approved, unanimously 6-0

Item: Agreement for collection of delinquent personal property taxes

In brief: Collection of taxes in St. James Township, "The county treasurer shall add to the amount of the assessed tax any collection administration fee, distraint and sale fee, interest, penalty or charge provided by the General Property Tax Act and shall also collect any fees or expense allowed by a court in which action was taken."

Board action: Approved, unanimously 6-0

Item: Grandvue operating transfer

In brief: Transfer of $10,477.60 from the Grandvue Capital Depreciation Account to the operating account for: Concrete Designs Inc. in the amount of $5,286; and MDC contracting in the amount of $5,191.60.

Board action: Approved, unanimously 6-0

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The board meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday and 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

CLIP AND SAVE

Win 'Amazing Race' at Holly Daze

As a part of this year's Holly Daze festivities on Nov. 29 at the Castle in Charlevoix, the Charlevoix Area Hospital Foundation will unveil a new offering for the live auction patterned after the successful reality television show, "The Amazing Race."

Winning bidders at the live auction will get to participate in the first annual Charlevoix County rendition of Amazing Race. Five teams of two participants will meet at the hospital on the selected date to receive their first clue. From there, it's anybody's guess as to who will win as teams are directed to locations throughout the county.

At each of seven stops, teams will complete a challenge to win points and a prize along with the clue to the next stop in the race. At the end of the race, the winner will be declared based on total points and will be feted at a dinner at the home of Patti and Jim Aikin in Charlevoix.

"We are very excited about this event," said event co-chair, Nancy Wright. "It is one of several experiences that we are offering in the live auction."

Other experiences will include a progressive dinner for eight at the homes of Edith Gilbert, Mary and Chuck Adams and Helen and Ken Merrill, a balloon ride for 10 from Grand Traverse Balloons, a condo in Los Caos, Mexico from DCL Inc. and a "Mad Hatter" Tea Party at the home of Sandy and R.J. Button.

"We also have special items for those not into travel or races," said Mary Faculak, co-chair.

The Holly Daze event will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 29 at the Castle. Tickets are $100 per person and can be purchased at the Foundation Office or by calling (231) 547-8501.

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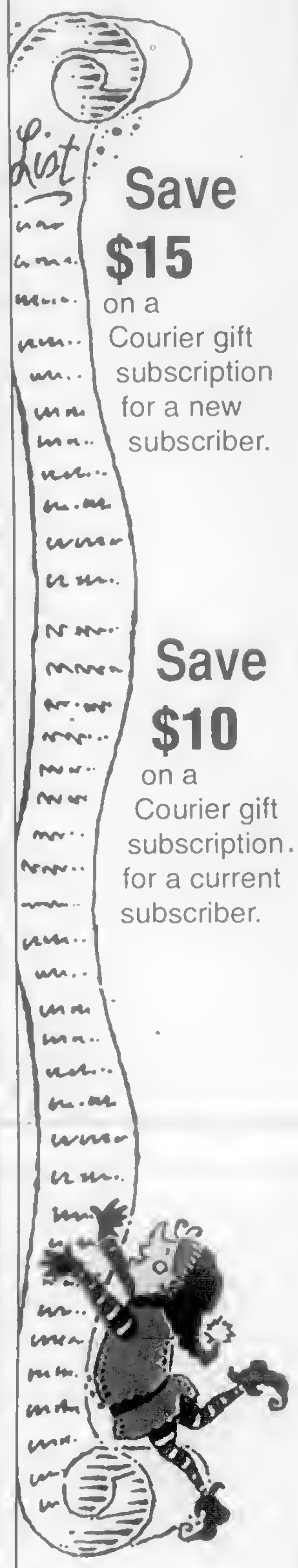

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Camp Daggett receives $200,000 donation

BY LOUISE NELLE
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

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Camp Daggett recently received a $200,000 donation to help eliminate some of the debt incurred from building its Indoor Adventure Center.

Camp Daggett recently received a $200,000 donation to eliminate the debt from building its Indoor Adventure Center.

The funds were donated by the Doll-Loesel Foundation of Bay City which supports education, the arts and feeding the hungry

"To have the burden of that debt lifted has been a huge accomplishment for us," fund development director Jen Booher said.

Built in 2002, the center focuses on adventure education for both children and adults. Through floor activities, vertical elements, a climbing wall and ropes course participants learn more about communication, confidence and the importance of having an encouraging, positive attitude.

Since building the facility, Camp Daggett has reached more people and increased its number of adventure participants by 10,000. The center has also allowed the adventure education program to operate year-round which in turn creates more revenue.

At the same time, the nearly $1 million building has been a financial burden. Even with support from organizations like the Doll-Loesel Foundation — which also donated $25,000 toward the initial construction — Camp Daggett has paid $42,000 per year over the past five years to cover the cost of the mortgage and interest.

"The burden of paying the mortgage and interest on the mortgage was starting to affect our budget," Booher said.

"For them (the foundation) to contribute at this level they gave us the opportunity to communicate to the community the magnitude of our needs and that we do need support," she said. "They really care about non-profits and help in areas that other people won't. There are very few people that support areas such as debt reduction and we were very fortunate to get their support."

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STORY HIGHLIGHT

Camp Daggett's Indoor Adventure Center gets $200,000 boost from Doll-Loesel Foundation of Bay City

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Students give thanks

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H&D reroutes, takes over part of Pincherry Road

BY STEVE ZUCKER
PETOSKEY NEWS-REVIEW
STAFF WRITER

In the next month crews from H & D Roadbuilding are expected to begin a project to move the northernmost portion of Pincherry Road in Charlevoix County's Hayes Township.

Marking the end of a years-long effort, officials from H & D updated the Charlevoix County Road Commission on the status of the project Monday.

Pincherry Road generally runs north-south between Boyne City-Charlevoix Road and Bay Shore, except for the last half mile near Bay Shore where it heads east to meet up with Towline Road. The project will move the east-west portion on an arc to the north of an existing H & D gravel pit. When the new road is complete the road commission will then turn the old roadway property over to H & D which is footing the bill for the entire project.

Charlevoix County Road Commission manager Pat Harmon explained the project is mutually beneficial for both the road commission and H & D.

He said the road commission gets a new road to replace a section of road that has long been in need of repair while H & D — which owns property on both sides of the existing Pincherry Road right of way — will be more easily able to extend its gravel mining operation to the south.

Harmon said some of the roadbed construction will be done yet this fall, but the road will not be paved and open to traffic until the spring.

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Young Americans

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'Four Directions' to be shown on PBS

The locally produced documentary, "The Four Directions and the Waganakising Odawa" is being broadcast throughout Michigan by PBS affiliate stations during November in recognition of Native American month.

Northern Michigan residents can watch the program at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27 on CMU Public Television.

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa produced the half-hour program through the Charlevoix based production company, Real People Media.

During the documentary, narrator Fred Harrington and members of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa (Waganakising Odawa) explain the spiritual concepts behind the Medicine Wheel. This informative film beautifully captures the tribe's cultural events and illustrates Anishinaabe stories including "The Origin of the Snow Snake," "The Jingle Dress Dance," "Making of Maple Syrup," and "The Great Flood."

Anthropologist and author, Chuck Cleland remarks, "The Four Directions" offers a rich visual tapestry that draws the viewer into the center of the Odawa world. This superb documentary, narrated by tribal elders, makes the complex cycle of Anishinaabe symbolism and cosmology easy for even young viewers to understand. We come to appreciate how the fabric of Odawa cultural life is woven from the threads of ancient tradition as well as modern practice."

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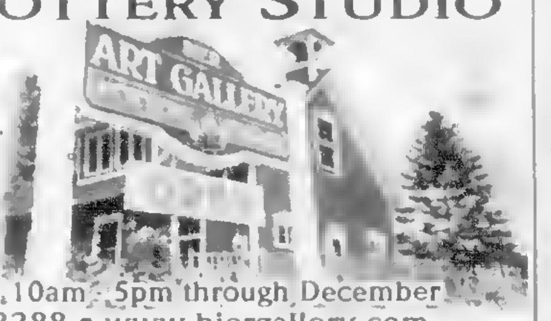

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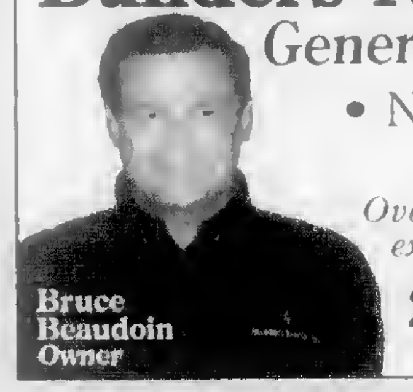

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New service from Daman Electric keeps you out of the dark

BY BONNIE STAFFEL
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Imagine that you wake up in the morning and the lights don't go on, and the alarm clock didn't ring — panic ensues as you race around trying to find the right time, get the kids off to school or yourself off to work.

What happened? There was a power outage during the night and shut everything down in the house. You look out at your neighbor's house and they don't have lights either.

To put an end to the power outage chaos, Kirk Daman, owner of Daman Electric Inc. has added generator installation to the company's services.

Daman Electric Inc: has been in the electrical business in the Charlevoix area since May of 1998. Their first big job was building the Beaver Island generator station. Since then, besides installing generators in homes, they have worked with the hospitals as Vicki is an RN who is employed at the Charlevoix Area Hospital and is involved in the disaster preparedness plans for Charlevoix County.

This year they realized that there was a need to add a generator installation to their list of services due to the growth of the number of homes being built here. In addition it was also apparent that the area is susceptible to outages caused by high winds, heavy snows and the possibility of a disaster. They felt that with their experience that their service would to be able to help residents survive on their own during these times.

Keeping the furnace operating is of prime importance as well as saving food in the refrigerator and freezer and if there is a well, providing the family with water. Kirk said a generator will give summertime residents peace of mind to know that it will kick in and take over the duties of keeping the water pipes from freezing and other appliances necessary for the home operation.

If you are considering adding a generator to your home, call Daman Electric at (231) 547-2801. Their e-mail address is kvdaman@freeway.net.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Kirk and Vicki Daman stand by a generator they installed in the Indian Trails neighborhood off Boyne City Road.

Daman family at a glance

Kirk Daman graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1986 and worked as a design engineer for the Fairhaven Industries until it closed in 1991. Not wanting to leave Charlevoix to work in the Detroit area, and not finding much industrial work here, he went back to school to become an electrician. He studied for four years with an additional two years in preparation for taking the Masters test. They then started their own electric business in Charlevoix in May of 1998. He met his wife, Vicki, in high school. She is an RN who received her degree also from Eastern Michigan University in 1986. The Damans are the proud parents of three sons. Jed, 19, is a student at Central Michigan University majoring in electrical engineering; Zeke, 16, is a junior at Charlevoix High School; and Eli, 11, is in the fifth-grade at Charlevoix Middle School. In addition, Kirk's parents, Douglas and Maryann Daman moved to Charlevoix in 1992. Their son, Kris, a meat cutter at Oleson's, moved here in 1998.

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LLH Graphics changes hands

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

(Above) Charlevoix residents Bobbie and John Rathjens, owners of JBR Graphics and Kelly Media Works, purchased LLH Graphics from Laurie Lesser Hodgson who founded the business in 1996.

A new team has taken on the local Web design and hosting business LLH Graphics.

On Oct. 1, Charlevoix residents John and Bobbie Rathjens, owners of JBR Graphics and Kelly Media Works, purchased LLH Graphics from Laurie Lesser Hodgson who founded the business in 1996.

Hodgson, 55, said she made the decision to sell to free up time for her to pursue other personal and business ventures including a brochure and print product business called North Bays Design Group, building a waterfront hotel in downtown East Jordan and spending time with her growing family.

The Rathjens are now operating the business under their established names JBR Graphics and Kelly Media Works as well as LLH Graphics.

The proud parents of three started in the Web design world in 2003 but had trouble breaking into the local market with Hodgson dominating in Charlevoix.

"Laurie had all the local clients," Bobbie said.

The Rathjens will now host and update Hodgson's 200 existing sites, including that of her first customer, the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

"So many of my clients are friends and my friends are clients. I wanted to leave them in the hands of people that would appeal to them," Hodgson said. "I feel like I'm leaving it in good, capable hands and my clients will be happy."

Hodgson said clients that regularly needled her about her poky response time will be pleased with the Rathjens' quick turnaround. They offer after hours and weekend service.

The Rathjens plan to keep the business' existing structure and will enhance it with the addition of new hosting products, e-mail services, a help desk, spam filtering and search engine optimization.

Bobbie has an academic and professional background in information technology and John has the business and graphic design background. He is also a DJ for 106-KHQ.

"We are local, friendly, personable and very reasonable in price and we do a great job. We are thorough," Bobbie said.

Price packages are available for new site design and come with a 30-day "free tweak" package, e-mail and statistical reporting on site traffic. Non-profit discounts are available.

"Your quote is the price you are going to get," John said.

They are currently building a site for the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority.

To contact John and Bobbie Rathjens at LLH Graphics, JBR Graphics and Kelly Media Works, call (231) 547-4725 or e-mail helpdesk@jbrgraphics.com.

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Greens workshop

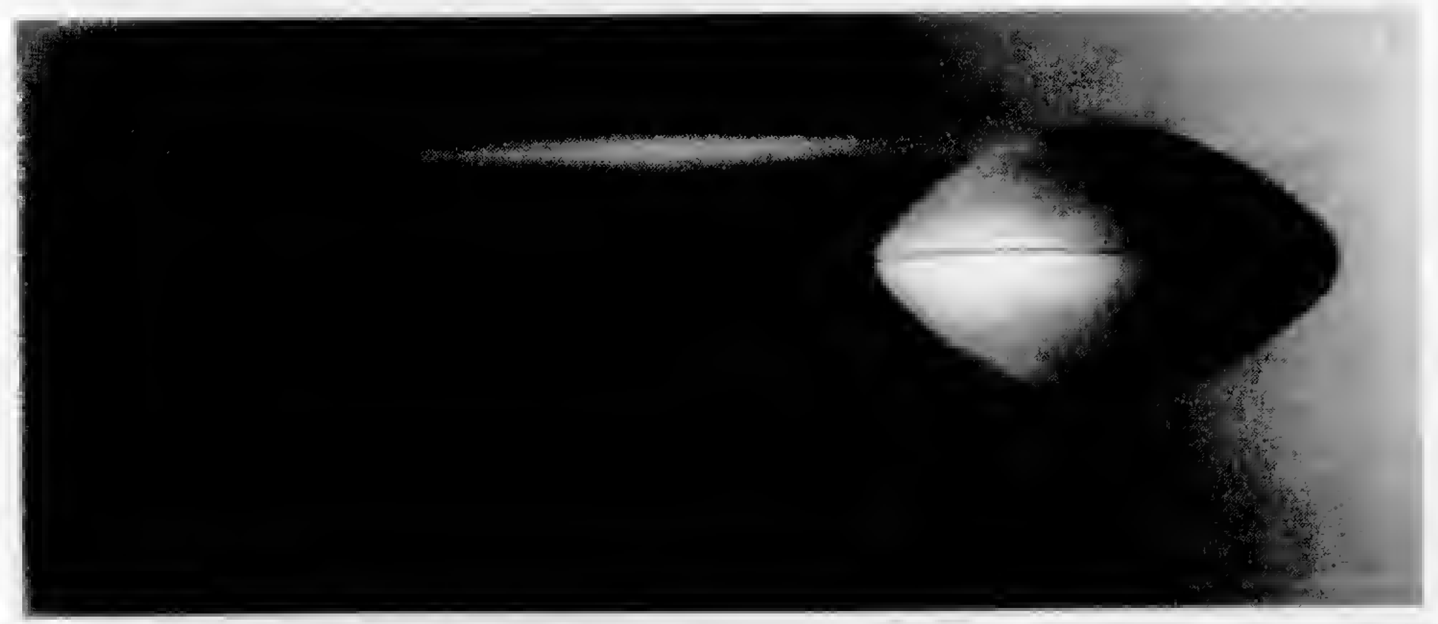
Roots and Wings Herbs at Grason Farms in Ellsworth offers a holiday wreath workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. For $20 attendees will be supplied with instruction, several types of evergreens, cones, berries, twigs and more to create a wreath, kissing ball, centerpiece or swag. Contact Alana Haley at (231) 588-6391 for more information and to reserve a spot in the workshop. limited to 12 attendees. (Above) First time creators Shelly Raymond of East Jordan and Denise Brown of Boyne City display a kissing ball and wreath.

Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis – November 14, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.
Motion approved minutes of the October 24, 2007 meeting as presented.
Keith Ogden, Road Commission Chair reviewed the 2006 Annual Report.
Motion defeated Resolution #07-072, Plumbing, Mechanical & Electrical Permit Fee Increase, Commissioners Tripp, Christensen, Reinhardt & Roloff voting no.
Motion defeated Resolution #07-073, Office Furniture for lack of support.
Motion approved Resolution #07-074, MERS Plan Amendment and authorized Chairman Roloff to sign the plan amendment.
Motion approved Resolution #07-075, Agreement For Collection of Delinquent Personal Property Taxes and authorized Chairman Roloff to sign the Agreement.
Motion approved Resolution #07-076 Grandvue Operating Transfer
Motion adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk



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Class of 1977

Charlevoix High School Class of 1977 celebrated their 30-year class reunion on Sept. 29 at the Belvedere Casino. Those in attendance are pictured above. They are (front, from left) Valerie Wellman, Teri (Hufford) Brecheisen, Cheryl (Johnson) Monteith, Debbie (Monteith) Nuttal, Sherri (Perron) Harthorn, Kim (Elzinga) Marchewitz, (second row, from left) Julie (Wimmer) Scherer, Nate Klooster, Terri (Novotny) Jones, Bill Bellows, Bud Klooster, Mary Jo (Buday) Zazueta, Dan Boss, Shawn McDonough, (third row, from left) Kathy (Paul) Paulk, Gail (Smith) King, Lori (Warner) Martinchek, Dee (Smith) Vincent, Sue Allison, Chris Drost, Rita (Wasoski) Moore, Gail (Powell) Rubingh, Jodi (Alger) Lyons, Lee Begrow, John Murray, (back, from left) Bob Timms, Camille Malpeli, Matt Doan, Scott Boss, Steve Berlage, John Sneathen, Greg Grubaugh, Tom Fowler, Paul Berg, Ed Bourke and Art Ranger.

Norwood Area Historical Society elects officers, honors contributors

Members of the Norwood Area Historical Association concluded the 2007 season with a business meeting, election of officers and award presentations followed by a social hour and pot-luck dinner at the old school house in the village.

Nancy Cleland was elected president for the next two years. Yasmin Richmond will be vice-president, Jeannette Kling, secretary, and Jim DePriest will continue to serve as treasurer.

Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Marion Shea-Light by facilities chair Pam Gnodtke, in recognition of her work for historic preservation in the community. Aside from donating time and her art work to the Historical Society, the monumental task of replacing the steeple on the Methodist Church was spearheaded by Shea-Light. She stated that news articles picked up by wire services helped with publicizing the needs nation-wide.

The Norwood Methodist Church, built in 1884, raised $60,000 to save the steeple and have it restored. A scrapbook has been compiled of contribution efforts on this project. The three-year project to refurbish the steeple and tower was concluded with a rededication last August.

Marion received the traveling plaque of the Old School, a gift certificate and her name has been inscribed on the society's volunteer plaque in the school building.

A life membership in the Historical Society was awarded to Marian Taylor Beatty by president, Jack Costolo. Richmond reviewed Beatty's life story and contributions to our community.

Charlevoix Historic Commission preps for naming second district

File photo

The Charlevoix Train Depot was designated as the first Historic District. Consideration of other districts will be discussed at a forum on Dec. 11.

As the City of Charlevoix Historic Commission prepares to designate it's second historic district in the city, the City of Charlevoix has been awarded a $1,000 grant by the National Trust for Historic Preservation from the Michigan Preservation Fund.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a 52-year-old non-profit membership organization chartered by Congress to encourage public participation in all aspects of historic preservation. The seed money is a matching grant to help support costs related to the establishment of a Central Business Historic District Forum.

The members of the City of Charlevoix Historic Commission are planning an all day educational forum on the benefits and restrictions of historic designation as well as the local economic benefits and restrictions of historic districts. The forum will be presented from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Charlevoix Public Library. Presenters will be Kristine M. Kidorf of Kidorf Preservation Consulting, Richard Karp of Karp and Associates, and Michael J. Matts, director of historic preservation and planning for Gray and Pope Inc.

All interested citizens, including property and business owners in the downtown business district, and owners of historic buildings are encouraged to attend.

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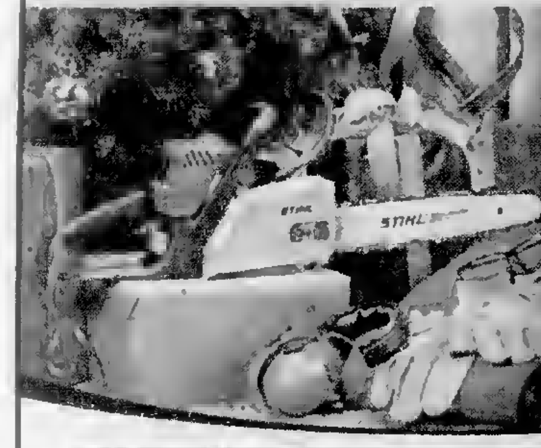

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Marines kick off Toys for Tots campaign

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Last week, league members placed their well-known toy collection boxes at a number of places in Charlevoix. New unwrapped toys and gifts are needed for all ages from babies through late-teens. The collection drive will end on Dec. 17.

Between 13,000 and 15,000 toys have been donated and distributed locally during the drives in each of the last several years.

A retired Marine Major and his wife, in Los Angeles, Calif. started the Toys for Tots program 50 years ago. It has since expanded into a national program involving thousands of Marines in hundreds of cities, resulting in millions of toys being distributed to children each holiday season.

Toys for Tots is a 501c3 organization. Cash donations are also accepted. To contribute, call Russ Bolt at (231) 547-4855.

Charlevoix drop-off locations include Kmart, Rite Aid, Oleson's Food Store, Glen's Market, Ace Hardware, Pat McKeown Ford, Harbor Industries, The Clothing Company, Charlevoix Elementary School, Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Holiday Gas Station, Bolt's Gallery, Copy Plus, Charlevoix Area Hospital, Fox Motors, Weathervane, Kiwanis Club, Flap Jack Family Restaurant, Coast Guard Station Charlevoix and Bay Winds Credit Union.

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Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Toys for Tots boxes were distributed to many local businesses last week. Pictured above at Flap Jack Family Restaurant are local Toys for Tots organizers, Charlie Butcher, Ken Staley, Arlene Staley, Keith Bills and Russ Bolt. Flap Jack Family Restaurant is offering 20 percent off from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 1 for those who bring unwrapped new gift for tots or teens.

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Dance Revolution

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Advanced tickets are now available for two performances of Handel's "Messiah" by the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Matthew Hazelwood.

The performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18 and Thursday, Dec. 20, at Saint Francis Xavier Church in Petoskey.

"At last year's single performance we not only sold out but we had to turn people away at the door," said executive director, Dale Hull. "We promised not to let that happen again. With the help of a corporate sponsorship by the Bank of Northern Michigan we are able to schedule two performances this season."

The orchestra as well as the newly formed Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Chorus will perform Handel's most famous oratorio featuring soprano, Sarah Hibbard who sang "Messiah" with the orchestra last year, as did mezzo soprano Martha Hart who most recently sang the title role in "Scout" with the orchestra last June. David Theis will sing the tenor arias and Peter Sims will sing bass.

Sims is enjoying his sixth year as a year-round resident of northern Michigan. He serves as the director of the Northern Michigan Chorale and has been charged with preparing the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra Chorus for this special performance of Messiah under the direction of Matthew Hazelwood.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Varice E. Bourdo and Ruth A. Bourdo, Husband and Wife to HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III by a mortgage dated August 13, 2004 and recorded on August 18, 20004 in Liber 632 on Page 519, Charlevoix County Records Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three and 74/100 Dollars ($130,733.74) including interest at 8.48% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix Michigan at 11:00 am on December 21, 2007. Said premises are situated in the City of East Jordan , County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at a point 115.0 feet East of the Southwest corner of Government Lot 2, Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 7 West thence North 214 feet; thence East 50 feet; thence North 20 feet; thence East 82.5 feet; thence South 234 feet; thence West 132.5 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of Government Lot 2, Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

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Dated: November 14, 2007

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Charles E. and Linda A. Willette, H/W of 05845 S. Ranney Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727 to Aden State Bank of PO Box 1169, Bellaire, MI 49615 dated November 21, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on December 23, 2002 in Liber 506 of Mortgages, on Page 844, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty and 16/100 ($19,460.16), Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statue in such case made and provided , the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, County Building, 301 State St., Village of Charlevoix and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on December 21, 2007, at11:00 O'clock the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage together with 8.50 percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

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senior activity calendar

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DEC. 5, 12, 19

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Fund-raiser dinner The Charlevoix Historical Society will present the 10th Annual Fund-raising Dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the Villager Pub, located at 427 Bridge St. in downtown Charlevoix.

THURSDAY, NOV. 22, 29
DEC. 6, 13, 20

Computers 9 a.m.
Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Pinochle 1 p.m.
Cribbage 7 p.m.

Movies on Thursdays will be offered weekly during the month of November at Charlevoix Cinema III. Matinee show times vary, call the theater for schedule. Tickets are $3 each. Popcorn and soda is $3.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23, 30
DEC. 7, 14

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Ladies cards 7 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 26
DEC. 3, 10, 17

Sit and Be Fit 10:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Woodcarving 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27
DEC. 4, 11, 18

Tai Chi The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging sponsors beginning and advanced Tai Chi Classes on Tuesdays. The beginners class is from 10 to 11 a.m. The advanced class or continuing class is from 11 a.m. to noon. The cost for a six-week session is $12 for seniors 60 years and over. Classes are at Charlevoix Public Library. To register, call (231) 237-0103.

Alzheimer's Disease Caregivers Support Group At 1:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month, the group meets at the Charlevoix Senior Center, 06906 Norwood Rd., Charlevoix. Leigh Reis-Kurchinski is the facilitator. For more information, call Charlevoix County Commission on Aging at (231) 237-0103, or the Charlevoix Senior Center at (231) 547-5361.

Computers 9 a.m.
Acrylic painting 9:30 a.m.
Crafts 10 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Ladies' Cards 7 p.m., Nov. 27

All events listed above take place at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix unless otherwise noted. For more information, call (231) 547-5361.

Enlightened Elder

Tips to avoid Alzheimer's

Sue Bergmann

For most families, holidays are filled with opportunities for togetherness, sharing, laughter and memories. Holidays can also be filled with stress, disappointment and sadness for others.

The person with Alzheimer's, because of cognitive changes may feel a special sense of loss during the holidays. At the same time, caregivers may feel overwhelmed maintaining holiday traditions while caring for a loved one. Caregivers may also feel hesitant to invite family and friends over to share the holiday for fear they will be uncomfortable with behavior changes in the family member. If you're feeling guilty, angry or frustrated before, during or after holiday celebrations, it may help to know that these feelings are normal and that you are not alone.

Suggestions to keep your holidays healthy, happy and memorable:

Adjust Expectations

Discuss major holiday celebrations with relatives and close friends to make sure that they understand the situation and have realistic expectations.

Give yourself permission to do only what you can reasonably manage.

Familiarize your relatives and close friends by writing a letter before the gathering to help them understand your current situation, ask for their help and support.

Involve the Person with Dementia

Prepare the person for the holiday by involving him or her in all stages of holiday preparation. This is an opportunity for you to spend quality time together.

Maintain the person's normal routine so that holiday preparations don't become disruptive or confusing.

Build on past traditions and memories.

Adapt Gift Giving

Encourage people to buy useful gifts for the person such as an identification bracelet (available through Alzheimer's Association Safe Return); comfortable easy-to-remove clothing; audio tapes of favorite music; videos of family members; photo albums. Warn people about difficult or unsafe gifts.

Allow the person to join in giving gifts, baking cookies or to help wrap gifts.

Don't neglect your own needs. If friends or family members ask what you want for a gift, suggest a gift certificate to a restaurant, laundry or cleaning service. Celebrate the holiday by giving such a gift to yourself.

Ask for help and support. Develop a list of your tasks and responsibilities so you can respond with specific ideas if someone ever asks, "What can I do to help?"

Try to be Flexible

Sundowning Syndrome (confusion worsens as the sun sets) can be heightened by evening meals, consider celebrating over a lunch or brunch. Also consider, serving nonalcoholic drinks and keeping the room bright.

Prepare to deal with your post-holiday letdown by prearranging in-home care services.

Remember that holiday gatherings and/or celebrations are opportunities to share time with the people you love. Make these celebrations easy on yourself and the person you are caring for so that you may concentrate on enjoying the holidays together.

To your health during the holidays.

Sue Bergmann RN, BSN is the director of the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. She can be contacted by calling (231) 237-0103.

Resources:

Alzheimer's Association Safe Return is a nationwide identification, support and registration program that provides assistance when a person with Alzheimer's or Dementia wanders and becomes lost. Call 1.800.272.3900 to register your loved ones.

In-home services are offered by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging. Call (231) 237-0103.

Hey Jane!

M.J. Cargill

Hey Jane!

My brother is causing me some worries. He writes, edits and then rewrites his own obituary! I'm 70 and he is 72 and I think he is way out-of-line with this type of activity. I think it is triggered by his best friend's death so I understand why the subject of obituaries is on his mind but he is carrying this too far and driving me nuts! Is he depressed and obsessed with his own death or is this just a reaction to someone close to him dying? How do I get him to stop?

Had Enough.

Dear Had Enough. It can rock our world when we lose our best friend and maybe your brother's depression and focus on recapping his own life is his way of adjusting to this loss. That said, it is not easy to be around someone who is totally preoccupied with a single topic or issue. Their out of balance behaviors can seep into the lives of the people around them particularly family members. It makes all of you sort of depressed. I think it is fair for you to tell him that you don't want to be forced to read his obit one moment sooner than you have to and please leave you out of the feedback loop! If he continues to ignore you and the obsession goes on, look for some professional help. Your feelings of impatience and irritability are a natural reaction to a real life adjustment.

Jane

Charlevoix Courier's own senior advice columnist M.J. Cargill polled 22 local people about writing their own obituaries. Their responses were basically in favor of it. Jane heard the expected reasons with stories about omissions and inaccuracies but there were also heart tugging ones as well. There was a World War II nurse who has written her own obit so her family does not forget her war experiences. One man decided to reveal a hidden past life and a couple wish to acknowledge a child they gave up for adoption in their teenage years. But most people want to leave behind words of comfort and sincere advice hoping to reach their children and grandchildren. There are several sites online giving guidance on obituary writing with examples and even fill-in forms.

Contact: Do you have a personal issue or experience that you could use some advice in dealing with? Jump on board and share yourself so others might benefit, anonymously of course. Contact us at "Hey Jane" P.O. Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or e-mail heyjane@heyjaneonline.com.

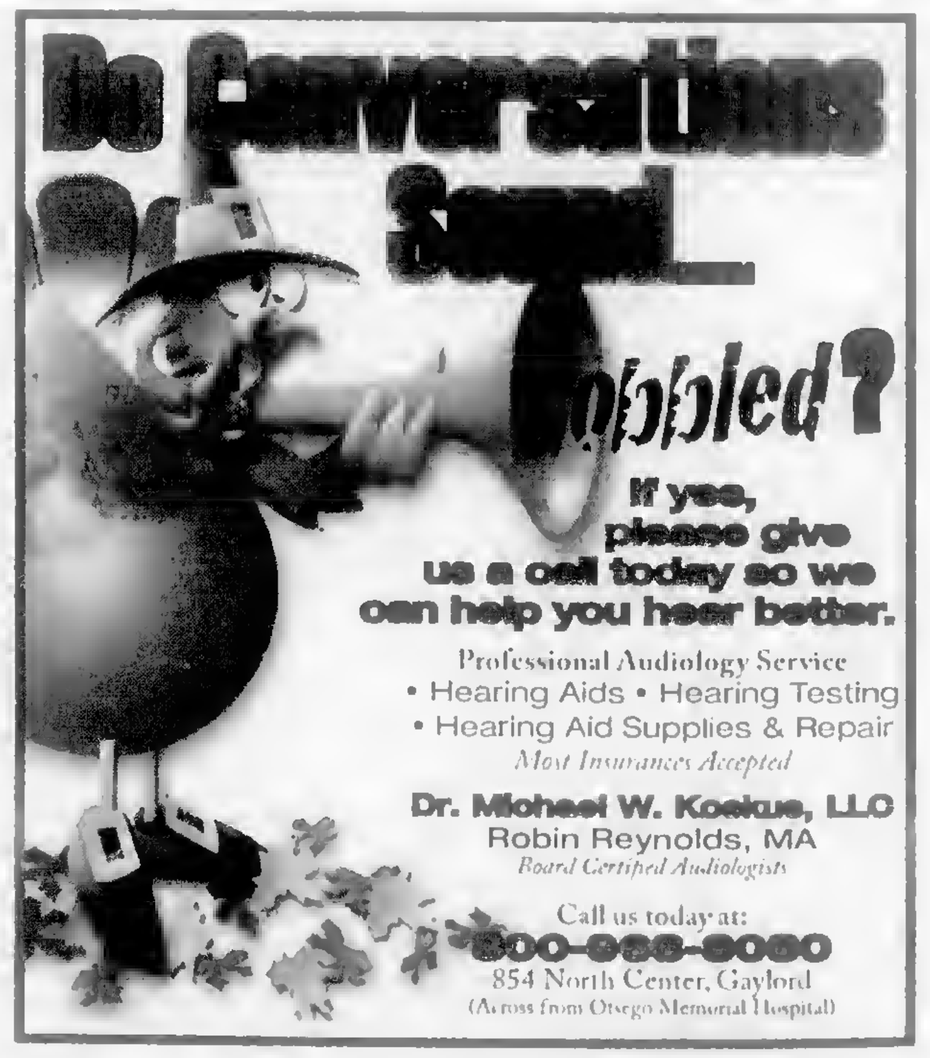
Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

The Charlevoix Senior Center is teaming up with Flap Jack Family Restaurant to provide Thanksgiving meals on Thursday, Nov. 22.

The center is accepting donations to help defer the cost for anyone unable to afford to pay for a meal at the local restaurant.

Those who know of someone who will be alone or unable to pay are asked to pass along their name and number so that the senior center representatives may invite them to share in the holiday meal.

To purchase tickets for the holiday event, call (231) 547-5361.



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Area educators learn at language arts workshops

More than 780 educators from across the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District spent a collective 3,200 hours in professional development workshops recently.

The school staff members — teachers, counselors, bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, administrators and others — attended sessions to help them improve student learning and the services they provide students, parents and the community. Keynote speaker Murray Banks started the morning with a presentation geared toward motivating staff to be at "the top of their game" every day at school. ISD superintendent Mark Eckhardt noted that the area-wide professional development day provides staff an opportunity to pull together to learn from each other and work together to achieve more for their students.

Other workshops that were a hit included Lisa Murphy, The Ooey Gooey Lady who wooed early educators with her simple art and science projects for young children and Trina Boyle-Holmes from the Michigan Department of Education who helped area physical education staff share research-based best practices. Workshops were also geared toward science teachers, English Language Arts staff, secretaries, band instructors, art teachers and food service providers, among others. Char-Em ISD serves students, staff and schools in Charlevoix, Emmet and northern Antrim counties.

Courtesy photo

Educators from Charlevoix and Emmet counties spent a collective 3,200 hours in professional development workshops recently.

Area Historical Preservation Society to hold holiday event

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After dinner society vice-president, Georganna Monk, will tell the history of the building that the Alcove Café is in. She and her husband, Chris, own the building and she has done research on the past owners of the building and its significance to the community.

The celebration is limited to 40 so attendees are asked to make a reservation early by calling Georganna Monk, at (231) 582-5326.

Input sought for county plan

The Charlevoix County Planning Commission is in the process of developing a new Future Land Use Plan for the county.

The purpose of this plan is to guide future growth and development over the next 20 years. As part of this effort, the Planning Commission is seeking public comment on the Vision Statement, which was developed in 2002. The commission wants to determine if the Vision Statement continues to represent what the residents and property owners would like Charlevoix County to look like 20 years from now. A survey has been created to make it easy to share comments.

To take the Vision Statement survey, visit www.charlevoixcounty.org (go to the "WHAT'S NEW?" box). To request a paper copy of the survey, call the Charlevoix County Planning Department at (231) 547-7234.

All responses are anonymous.

According to Larry Sullivan, Charlevoix County Planning Director, the county's future land use plan will be a vehicle for outlining and documenting the future character of the county as desired by its residents. The Vision Statement will be an integral component of the Future Land Use Plan. The County Future Land Use Plan will also include demographic information, natural resource trends, and goals, objectives and policies to assist in balancing continued development while preserving Charlevoix County's quality of life.

While township, village and city plans address issues within each community's boundaries, the county plan is intended to recognize and address issues that transcend the boundaries of individual communities. The County Future Land Use Plan will focus on this broader view and will provide a coordinating framework for the township and city future land use plans.

Sullivan noted that the County Future Land Use Plan is intended to complement, not supersede township, city or village plans within the county. He stated that a land use plan is not a zoning ordinance. Zoning ordinances are laws which provide specific rules governing development on individual properties while plans are more general in nature and are intended to recommend general types of land uses. All of the cities and townships within Charlevoix County currently have zoning ordinances in effect which provide very detailed regulations.

For more information about the Future Land Use Plan, contact the Charlevoix County Planning Department at (231) 547-7234 or by e-mail at planning@charlevoixcounty.org.

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NOV. 21
FIBER DESIGN GROUP WITH KATHIE BRIGGS

The first meeting of the Fiber Design Group at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21 will meet with nationally known local fiber artist, Kathie Briggs. The fiber group will meet monthly on the third Wednesday of each month. Each month a new surface design technique will be introduced. Each technique is applicable to art quilts and other fiber art projects. These meetings are free and open to the public. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 22
STORY TIMES

Charlevoix Public Library will host two story times on Thursday, Nov. 22. The Lapsit (ages birth-3) group will meet at 10:05 a.m. and the Pre-kindergarten group (ages 3-5) will meet at 10:30 a.m. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 22
COMMUNITY DINNER

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22. The dinner will be served from noon to 3 p.m. at the Charlevoix Reformed Church located at Petoskey Avenue and Meech Street.

To volunteer or make a donation, call Joy Halverson at (231) 547-4813.

NOV. 22
THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

The Christian Science Society of Charlevoix, 205 Clinton Street, will hold a Thanksgiving Day Service at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 22. Child care will be provided. No collection will be taken. All are welcome. For more information, call (231) 547-2245.

NOV. 23
BNI

Up North Network of Business Network International which consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation, call Sam Bingham at (231) 547-4062.

NOV. 23
TREE LIGHTING

The annual Charlevoix Community Christmas Tree Lighting will be held in Charlevoix's downtown East Park on Friday, Nov. 23.

Beginning at 4 p.m., children may visit Santa Claus at the North Pole (Color Wear, 222 Bridge St.) and have a free photo taken with him compliments of Charlevoix Camera.

Decorate the Community Christmas Tree from 4 to 6 p.m. with handmade ornaments. Children who don't have an ornament can make one at the "North Pole" thanks to the Charlevoix Children's House and Northwestern Bank who will help children create spectacular decorations. The tree is decorated thanks to the City Electric Department crew who provides a bucket truck and places the children's ornaments where they wish on the tree.

Everyone is invited to watch the children decorate the tree and enjoy music by the Keep Charlevoix Beautiful petunia truck. Warm up with free hot cocoa compliments of Stafford's Weathervane Restaurant beginning at 5 p.m.

At 6 p.m. sharp, Santa Claus will officially light the community Christmas tree, which is located at the corner of Bridge and Clinton streets in East Park.

NOV. 24
GALLERY OPEN HOUSE

Bier Art Gallery will be having a Holiday Open House from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24 six miles south of Charlevoix at the red and white schoolhouse. Enjoy a unique selection of handmade gifts created for the holiday season. Join us for homemade cookies and punch.

NOV. 26
PRESERVATION MEETING

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NOV. 27
MACKINAC BRIDGE AT 50

An artifacts and a question and answer session with Bill Gnodtke, Chairman of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, will accompany a showing of the DVD on the history of the Mackinac Bridge at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at Charlevoix Public Library, located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 27
FLU SHOT CLINIC

Cost for flu shots is $25. Pneumonia shots are also available for $30. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted. Appointments are required for all clinics. Call 800-432-4121 during business hours to schedule a flu shot appointment for Nov. 27 at the health department Charlevoix office, 220 West Garfield St.

NOV. 28
CREATE HOLIDAY MAILING LABELS

Computer Tidbit: Create holiday mailing labels

Linda Adams, adult services librarian, will teach even the most timid how to easily save and print mailing labels at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 28
FREE MAMMOGRAM

Free mammogram appointments are available on Nov. 28 at Health Department Charlevoix Clinic for women age 40 to 64 who live in Charlevoix County and who meet certain income guidelines. Visit also includes clinical breast exam, pelvic exam with Pap test conducted by licensed nurse practitioner. Appointments are required. Sponsored by American Cancer Society, Charlevoix Area Hospital, Health Department of Northwest Michigan, and Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk. For additional information and to schedule an appointment, call the Health Department at 800-432-4121.

NOV. 29
HOLLY DAZE

The 15th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration "Sparkle" to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place on Nov. 29 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Holly Daze tickets are $100 per person ($60 of which is fully tax-deductible) and include cocktails and dinner. The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 29. Tickets are now available by calling (231) 547-8685.

NOV. 30
BUSINESS DECORATING

All Charlevoix businesses are encouraged to decorate their store fronts and light their windows for judging from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30.

Judges will look at the entire business front. Points will be given for holiday spirit and originality. Only businesses that have pre-registered at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce office will be judged.

Prizes to be awarded are grand prize, first prize, second prize, third prize and honorable mention.

DEC. 1
CAN FUND-RAISER

The Northwest Academy Senior class is having a can and bottle collection/fund-raiser. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 1 the seniors will be outside of Glen's looking for can and bottle donations to fund their senior trip. Those who can't make it that day are asked to bring their empty cans and bottles to the NWA building which is open from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Or if requested, the seniors will pick up the empties at a place of business or home. Please call the Academy at 547-9000 to schedule pick-up. The money obtained from this and other fund-raisers will be used to finance the NWA Senior Trip to Toronto in May 2008.

DEC. 1
FLURRY FEST

The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring a new downtown festival to be held in conjunction with the Charlevoix Merchants' Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 1.

The Merchants Holiday Open House currently features refreshments, entertainment, activities, special sales and raffles at participating businesses. Santa arrives at noon via fire truck to the

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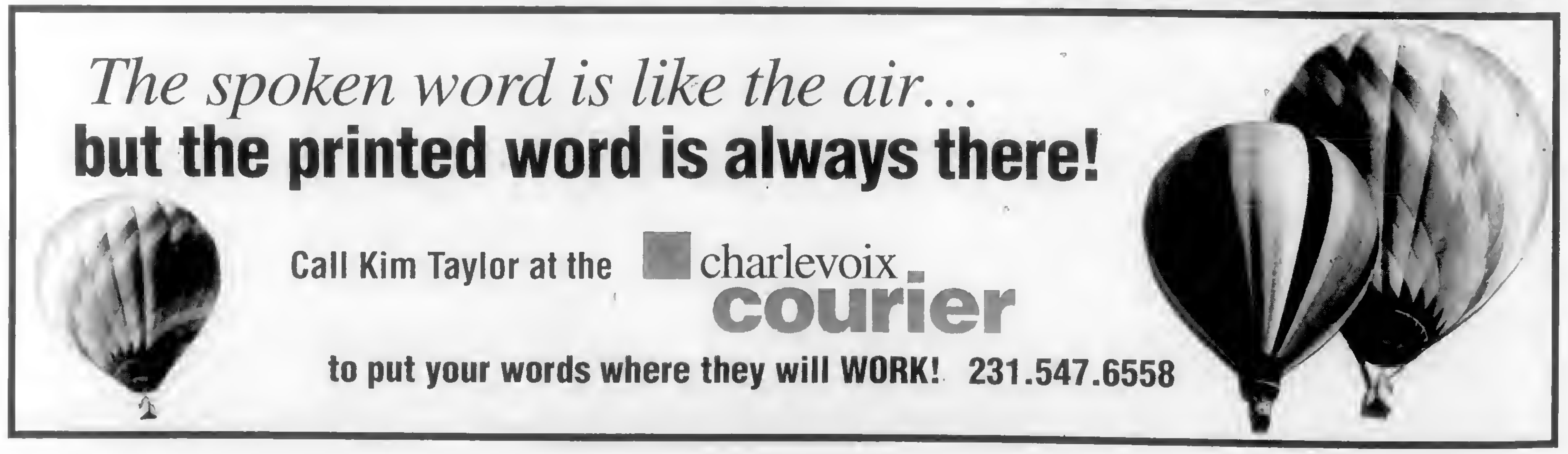

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Admission to the event is free. Eateries may request a small fee to enjoy the hot chocolate. For more information, contact the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority at (231) 547-3257 or the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

DEC. 8
FOOTBALL FOOD DRIVE

The Charlevoix High School Football team will be putting on a can/food drive on Saturday December 8th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Oleson's parking lot in front of Charlevoix Floral. We'll be trying to fill up a large snowmobile trailer. The proceeds will go to the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry.

DEC. 8
COOKIE WALK

Hundreds of homemade cookies will be sold at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix's annual cookie walk from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the church located at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue in downtown Charlevoix.

DEC. 11
HISTORIC DISTRICT MEETING

The members of the City of Charlevoix Historic Commission are planning an all day educational forum on the benefits and restrictions of historic designation as well as the local economic benefits and restrictions of historic districts. The forum will be presented from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Charlevoix Public Library. Presenters will be Kristine M. Kidorf of Kidorf Preservation Consulting, Richard Karp of Karp and Associates, and Michael J. Matts, director of historic preservation and planning for Gray and Pope Inc.

All interested citizens, including property and business owners in the downtown business district, and owners of historic buildings are encouraged to attend.

Reservations can be made by calling Linda Weller at the Charlevoix city manager's office, (231) 547-3270 by Wednesday, Dec. 5.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT DONATIONS

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project committee is preparing for another holiday season.

Last year, the project committee helped 175 families including 352 children and 254 adults with a budget of approximately $6,500.

The committee's stated goal is the same as when the program started in the early 1980s, "Every child in the Charlevoix School District will have a good Christmas and receive a new article of clothing, a toy or a fun gift along with new mittens, hats and socks."

The project group has also found many needy senior citizens who live alone and would not have a good Christmas dinner without their help.

To donate, send checks made payable to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project to our treasurer Carolyn Batdorf, 04903 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, MI, 49720.

For more information, call Bev Boss, chairman of the Community Christmas Project at (231) 547-2078.

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Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Nov. 23 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 21 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 23 and 24, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Nov. 23, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

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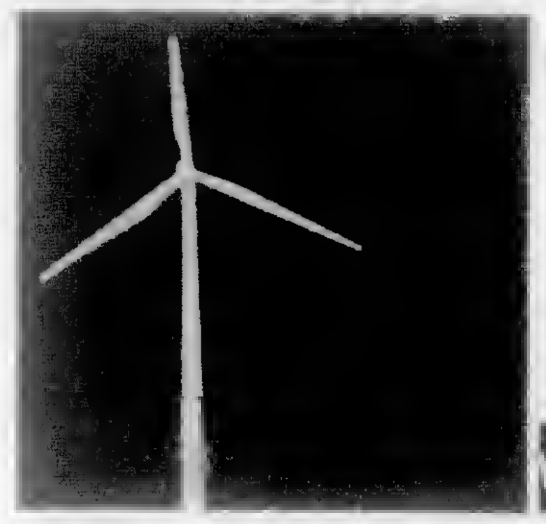

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Career criminal's exploits go boom!

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

What began with a stolen car, a police chase and jail time for a Cheboygan man ended with threats of violence to local law enforcement officials.

While awaiting his court date in the Charlevoix County Jail, prosecutors allege, Anthony Duane Jacobs concocted a complex scheme to be both architect and champion of a series of bomb threats, only to have the plan backfire.

"His idea was to come up with a plan to get a plea agreement for the fleeing and eluding and the Emmet County charges (two counts of auto theft) by having somebody place Molotov cocktails or other explosive devices at a judge and deputy's house," Fanara said. "Then he would report it and take credit for being the hero who stopped it."

Anthony Jacobs

However, Jacobs' supposed plot blew up when, after failing repeatedly to convince his brother-in-law Greg Salinas of Cheboygan to co-conspire by placing the devices at the homes of Judge Richard May and a Charlevoix County Sheriff deputy and calling in the bomb threat, police found a letter from Jacobs to Salinas in Jacobs' home requesting his brother-in-law's compliance.

"He (Jacobs) asked his brother-in-law and he (Salinas) wouldn't do it; he's a stand-up guy," she said. "So, Jacobs still reported it stating there were (explosive) devices at two locations, so that's why he is facing solicitation and charges of making a false report since the bombs didn't exist."

As a Charlevoix officer was threatened, outside officers

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Could City block adult bookstores?

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Could an adult oriented bookstore set up shop in the City of Charlevoix?

This is the question the city planning commission tackled at its November meeting. And the answer under the current zoning ordinance is "yes."

According to city zoning administrator, Dianne Manore, a rumor of an adult bookstore looking to locate in Charlevoix prompted some research and the finding was "there is nothing pro or con in the zoning ordinance about adult bookstores."

The stores are permitted as a use-by-right, which Manore said means they could move into a retail space anywhere in the city, no strings attached.

This is a reality the commission wants to change. Manore said a use-by-right can't be prohibited but can be regulated. A regulation that may be considered is a distance limitation on the store's proximity to churches and schools.

"When they (adult bookstores) go in it typically creates an uproar in neighborhoods and probably rightfully so," Planning Commission Chairman John Hess said. "By law, we can't deny them but we want to make sure there is

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Photos by Erica Goff

(Top left) Santa arrives in downtown Charlevoix to hear children's Christmas wishes. The line was nearly out the door, and (top right) Aaron Hatfield, 2, tells Santa what he wants for Christmas after waiting patiently for his turn. After making their wishes, children got to make Christmas decorations for the Charlevoix tree. (Below left) Friends Alexandria Snabes (left), 7, and Natalie Nesburg, 8, make their decorations. (Below right) Sam Peterson (left), 4, and his brother, Ben, 7, get some help from dad Matt Peterson with their decorations.

Flurry of fun comes to town

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Clinton Street will be closed throughout the day Dec 1 for the Flurry Fest activity tent. Merchant Open House activities run from noon to 6 p.m. and Flurry Fest fun from 5 to 8 p.m.

Hot chocolate, live music, roasted chesnuts... what more could a Christmas-lover want in a holiday event?

These attractions and more will bring the Christmas spirit to Charlevoix with the first annual Flurry Fest, to be held in conjunction with the annual Merchants Open House, Saturday, Dec. 1. Organizers said the new event offers a way to add some traditional family fun to the annual shopping event.

"Our goal really was to add some family festivities to the

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on the RECORD

DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Jeremiah Wayne Cutler, 28, East Jordan. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow. Pay $260 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Katherine Suzanne Weber, 27, Petoskey. Unlawful use of license plate; operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow; no proof of insurance. Fines and costs totaling $390.

Albert James Grams, 30, Charlevoix. Disorderly/drunk. Credit for 13 days in jail, to serve 47 days in jail; $300 in fines and costs.

Charles Kenneth Brannon, 18, Boyne City. Minor in possession. Fines and costs totaling $200.

Guy Wayne Carter, Charlevoix, 47. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail, to serve 10 days in jail, serve 30 days on an electronic monitoring device, 72 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend Impact weekend within 120 days; $1,080 in fines and costs.

Carla Cay Forth, 32, Charlevoix. Domestic violence. Credit for two days in jail, 81 days held in abeyance, serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; serve nine months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; not to have contact with the victim; $500 in fines and costs.

Raymond Allen Bradford II, 21, East Jordan. Unlawful use of license plate; motor vehicle operator without security. Serve 20 days in jail; $450 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

EMDUB Construction, 308 State St., by Michael Webb

Charlevoix Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 7, Boyne City, by Patrick McCleary president and Nancy Fulkerson vice-president

Doug Gilkerson Carpentry, 806 Erie St., East Jordan, by Doug Gilkerson

RG F&S, 12374 Deer Trail, Wolverine, by Rex A. Goddard

BIRTHS

Matthew Cole Reid, weighing 8 pounds, was born Nov. 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Toni Bellmore and Rob Reid of East Jordan. His sibling is Bailey Massey. His grandparents are Terry and Jean Weber of Boyne Falls and Terrie and Billie Reid of East Jordan.

Kate Lauren Love, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces, was born Nov. 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mindy and Joshua Love of East Jordan. Her sibling is Anita Arlene Love. Her grandparents are Ricci Williams of Byron, Teri and Tony Kleiber of Charlevoix and Kelly and Carrie Williams of Owosso. Her great-grandparents are Ray Love of Byron and Kate Williams of Ohio.

CORRECTION

In the Wednesday, Nov. 14 story entitled "Beth Holloway shares journey of hope and faith" by Benjamin Gohs Staff writer, it was stated that Holloway is from Arkansas. Holloway is from Alabama.

In the Wednesday, Nov. 21 edition of the Courier a business story entitled "LLH Graphics changes hands" states the new business owners will update the Charlevoix chamber Web site. They will host the site, not handle updates.

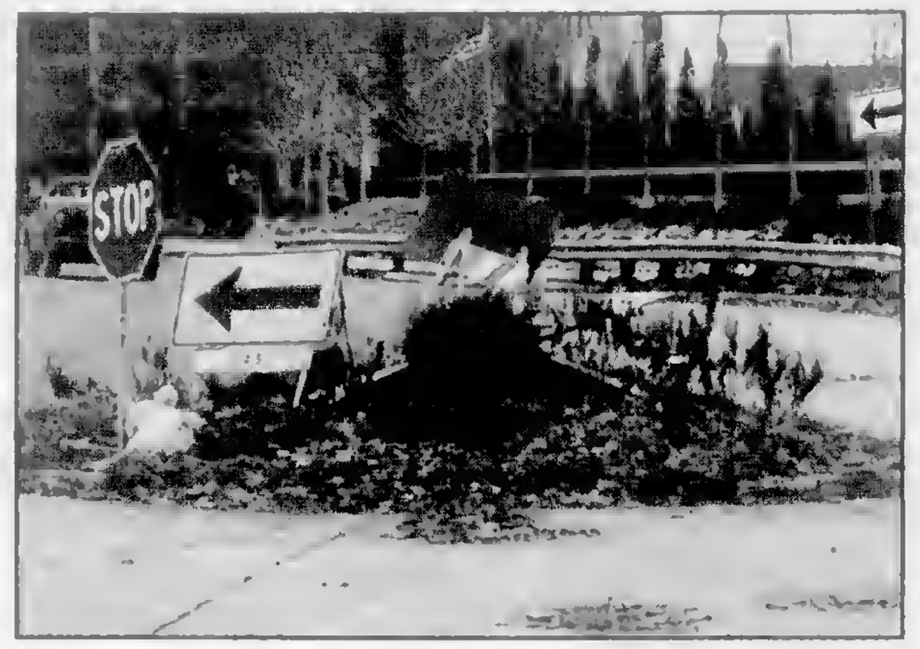

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Sign of the season

At around 10 a.m. on Nov. 24 a car traveling south slid into the guardrail on the west side of Bridge Street. An attempt to hit the brakes by a vehicle following resulted in him crashing into the Island at the end of Michigan Avenue and taking down directional signs.

International fraud warning

On November 16, 2007, the Charlevoix Police Department took a complaint of an apparent international fraud. A subject using a TDD, or Telecommunication Device for the Deaf Internet Company, requested information from a local business about their products. This inquiry was followed up with several emails before an order was placed using a credit card.

After waiting for the credit card payment to clear the bank, the buyer contacted Fed-Ex to pick up the product. When Fed-Ex arrived, they refused to pick up the product and advised the business that this transaction was a fraud. The items were to be sent to the country of Ghana.

"The Charlevoix Police Department and the FBI were contacted and it is believed that the credit card information used to make the purchase was stolen and the proper owner was not aware of the theft.

The Charlevoix Police Department would like to remind the public and local businesses to safeguard their personal and financial information so they are not a victim of fraud or identify theft.

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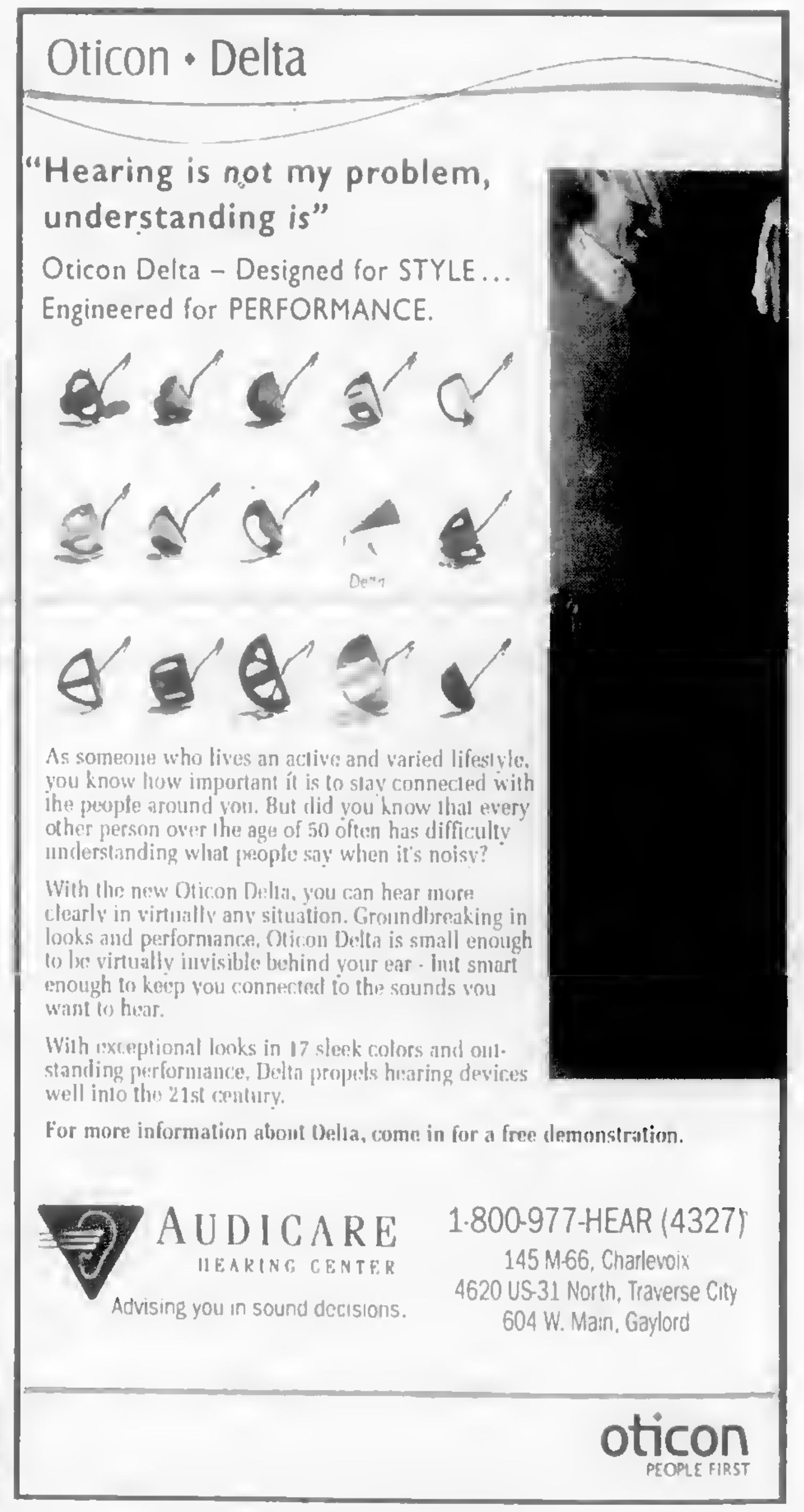

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Bomb threat plot goes awry

BOMB

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were called in and troopers from the Michigan State Police investigated the Oct. 8 incident.

"Jacobs told…that he had information that someone had placed a bomb at one of the Charlevoix Sheriff Deputy's house [sic]...and also placed a bomb at Judge Richard May('s) house," stated John Janicki, a trooper with the Michigan State Police in his affidavit of probable cause. "Jacobs stated he was concerned because the threat sounded like the stuff was already there."

Janicki further stated, "Jacobs not only sent the letter requesting the two Molotov cocktails be placed, but included a map, instructions on the creation of the devices and directions (and) Jacobs called Salinas persistently asking if he had placed the items at the addresses yet."

The deputy's residence was threatened but the judge had vacated the targeted home prior to the bomb threat.

In addition to an Aug. 20 high-speed chase through Charlevoix which resulted in fleeing and eluding charges, 33-year-old Jacobs was arrested by state policemen and charged on Monday, Nov. 19 with four counts in connection with the alleged bomb threat scheme before magistrate Larry Burgess.

Jacobs was charged with the following four counts on Monday, Nov. 19: two counts of solicitation of explosives—placing near property, for allegedly soliciting Salinas to place bottles filled with gas and topped off with a rag (aka Molotov cocktails) in or near a residence, "with the intent to frighten, terrorize, intimidate, harass, injure, or kill any person," which are each 15-year, $10,000 felonies; and two counts of making a false report of a bomb or other harmful device which are both four-year, $2,000 felonies and Jacobs has been labeled as a habitual offender—fourth offense notice which could bump Jacobs' sentence, if found guilty of the charges, to life in prison.

And, prosecutors said, this behavior is nothing new for Jacobs.

"He already had 20 felony convictions," said Chief-Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Shaynee Fanara of Jacobs' Nov. 21 sentencing hearing.

Jacobs' prior convictions include forgery, writing bad checks, receiving and concealing stolen property, breaking and entering of vehicles and home invasion.

Though officials see nothing humorous about Jacobs' foiled plan, police reports read like something out of a dark comedy as, Fanara added, Jacobs planned to involve at least one family member in his debacle with intentions of pinning the plot on an unsuspecting, fellow inmate.

While Charlevoix's 90th District Judge May's name has been released, prosecutors are currently withholding the name of the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputy, they say, to protect his family.

"It's bad enough families of police officers have to live with the stress of their spouse's job, but it's quite another thing for them, especially the children, to have to suffer with threats to their safety," Fanara said.

Since a Charlevoix judge was threatened, Jacobs' preliminary examination date on the issue of the supposed bomb threats has yet to be determined while officials find a judge from out of the area to handle the case.

Following court on Wednesday, Jacobs was transferred to Jackson Correctional holding facility where he will be processed and quarantined for up to three months before being sent to a prison of the department of corrections' designation.

Jacobs' has been appointed public defender Mike Atchison.

Too much regulation?

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a proper location for them like anything else in the zoning ordinance."

Exclusionary zoning is illegal, which is why Hess said adult oriented bookstores can't be prohibited.

"We aren't on a hunt to totally eliminate them. It's futile, you just can't do that. We saw it in Bear Creek and Traverse City. It's a well proven fact — why pay an attorney to lose a case?" he said.

The case in Petoskey's Bear Creek Township Hess referenced involved the company, which operates the adult-themed XPectations store on U.S. 131. Owner of XPectations, Richard Olsafsky, had filed suit against Emmet County, arguing that county zoning provisions which restrict placement of adult-themed businesses would chill and burden the company in exercising constitutionally-protected expressions. The discretion which the ordinance gives county officials for zoning permits and reviews is one example of a provision Olsafsky took issue with. Courts have found this discretion can't be applied to businesses when free-speech guarantees are at stake and a settlement was reached in January.

When asked if he is looking to locate a store in Charlevoix, Olsafsky, who owns similar stores in Grawn and Williamsburg, said, "I don't know if there's enough people there to support a store. I really don't think that's going to happen."

The planning commission instructed city attorney Jim Young to review the city's options to regulate adult bookstores. He is expected to present his findings at the commission's meeting scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 10 at Charlevoix City Hall, located at 210 State St.

Any zoning change will come first as a recommendation from the planning commission and must ultimately be approved by Charlevoix City Council.

First Flurry Fest slated for Dec. 1

FLURRY

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Open House to get some local people as well as people from our neighboring communities into town for some Christmas fun," said Patt Blanchard, Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors member.

Blanchard, also the chair of the Retail Committee within the Chamber BOD, said the goal for Flurry Fest is not only to bring a traditional family event to the city but also to start a new Charlevoix tradition.

"We hope it will grow from here. Next year, with the completion of East Park, we think it will be even better," she said.

The combination of the two events will bring activities that last throughout the day, beginning at noon with the Merchants' Open House. Also at noon, the Charlevoix Volunteer Fire Department will bring Santa to East Park in the city fire truck, along with candy offered by Northwestern Bank.

After submitting their Christmas wishes to Santa, children can head with their families to the Charlevoix Cinema to see a full-length holiday feature, sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank, for only the price of a canned good donation.

Also throughout the afternoon, area businesses will offer the holiday specials traditionally associated with the Merchants' Open House.

Flurry Fest fun begins at 5 p.m., when a tent on the corner of Clinton and Bridge streets will house anyone interested in casting a vote for the best hot chocolate in town. Area restaurants -- Grey Gables, Alcove Cafe, Stafford's Weathervane, Zaccaro's, Whitney's and Woolly Bugger -- will showcase their hot cocoa, competing for the title, also offering hot chocolate for sale and other baked goodies. During the eating and fun, live bands including the Petoskey Steel Drum Band, Pine River Jazz and Tuba Christmas bands will offer entertainment to the crowd.

Volunteer firefighters will contribute again, roasting chestnuts in the tent.

"The driving force behind this event is to help bring the community spirit to the open house and offer some family-oriented events that last all day," said Sue Antoinne of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce.

With the right weather, such as the fluffy white blanket that fell last week, and the right atmosphere, influenced by the new city Christmas lights, Antoinne said circumstances stand to bring some strong holiday cheer to the city.

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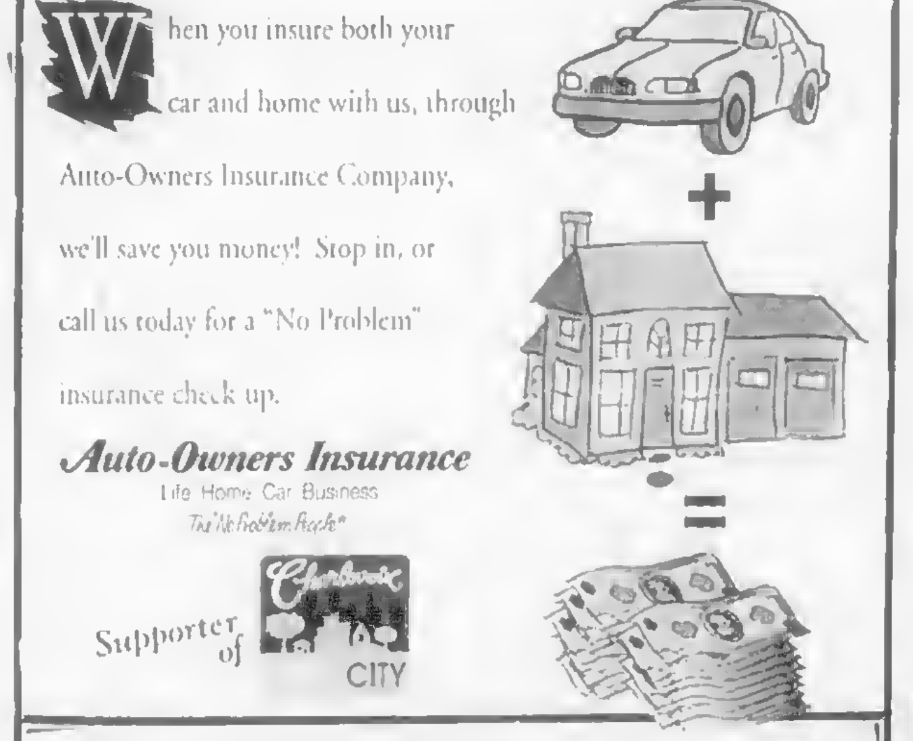

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Is Charlevoix the 'right place' for sex shops?

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Sex shops in Charlevoix? Not if the city planners have their way.

No doubt the planning commission has the city's best economic interests in mind by saying they merely want to find the "right place" for said businesses. After all, the popular school of thought among the so-called moral majority is sex-oriented businesses and their various accouterments are guaranteed to lower property values, invite criminal activity and generally raze regions to ruin—a magical thought called secondary effect.

However, I would rather look at the issue from a legal standpoint than one of subjective, arbitrary, capricious and dogmatic doctrine.

Though most areas have laws which provide for adult businesses, municipalities may pass oppressive zoning, a kind of ipso facto prohibition.

In case after case, sex shops lose to cities who cite fear of the unprovable secondary effects such as increased criminal activity. This rhetoric being only slightly more absurd and widespread than the drug gateway theory long ago debunked as rhetorical rubbish, but nonetheless prescribed to the masses as an excuse for strangling civil rights.

The question isn't why theocracies demonize sex businesses, but why people of a so-called free country are still tormented by theocracy.

Don't believe religion still controls government? Consider Alabama's 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, which quoted a lower court when telling adult book store owner Sherri Williams "to hold that public morality can never serve as a rational basis for legislation ... would cause a 'massive disruption of the social order,'" just before ordering her to close her door for the third time since it is illegal in the entire state to sell sex toys.

I looked for historical evidence of a single secular sect which demonized sex and found mainstream religions the most egregious enemy of human sexuality.

Some may fear putting a purveyor of porn next to an ice-cream shop will decimate sales in a resort town and, much like the obsessive-compulsive who repeatedly flips a switch to prevent some impending catastrophe, we legislate based on perceived fears allowing the superstitious among us to labor under the heavy heel of illusory terror and crushing the rest of us in their wake.

Wondering where all these activist judges I keep hearing about were when I needed them most, I consulted the dutiful defenders of liberty at the American Humanist Association (AHA) which condemned the addlepated Alabama arbiters for their poor decision.

Heartened at the thought I wasn't alone, and relieved I wouldn't have to pitch my collection of vintage girlie mag's, I called AHA President, attorney and professor of constitutional law, Mel Lipmann, to better understand this ongoing assault on civil liberty.

Lipmann explained what many fear to mention: "This is part of the overall undue influence that fundamentalist religion is having in our country."

As extremist Muslim governments dehumanize women, to the point even rape victims are punished, our own society at large falls victim to the whacky whimsy of tyrannical theologians in our political system.

"Moral values, for most people, are personal matters," Lipmann said. "Extremists believe it is their religious obligation to foist their morality on others."

And so our pious politicos legislate the will of the morally and intellectually lowest among us, justifying their actions by citing the dogmatic doctrine of arcane voodoo with a result of outlawing liberty and making criminals where none before existed.

Make no mistake, these puritanical prudes will not stop until "Not in your bedroom" is as well-known a battle cry as "Not in my backyard."

The more they regurgitate anecdotal propaganda about exploitation of women, the farce of porn addiction and cliché concerns over our children, the more we sane citizens defend personal choice and stand for those freedoms denied us.

Few things are as immoral as standing between your fellow man and the fiscal, physical and psychological pleasures which harm no one.

As long as morality is filtered through the eye of the oppressor, freedom will continue to flounder; will we stand by and watch it die?

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Weekly Poll

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There's no excuse for not having company

DR. DECOR

Barbara Kopitz

I attended a variety of parties this summer and made note of the different decorating and entertaining styles.

Along with their style, the lesson at the Belvedere Avenue home of Jerry and Barbara Sitner was how to easily and gracefully prepare a dinner for 10 directly after we had all gone to movies at the Charlevoix Cinema for one of Bill Supernaw's excellent "Super Sunday" selections.

I particularly enjoy home decor where the owner has his or her own "look." Barbara called and said, "Come to my messy house, for dinner." (How many times have you heard people say, "I'm sorry, my house is a mess", and it's really not?)

We entered through the garden. It foretold the look of the house. It was glorious, wild and free, yet well-planned. I'm not a gardener so I can't give you the details except to say: lots of tall, colorful healthy-looking flowering plants growing close to each other and swaying in the breeze.

Inside, what I saw was an older home updated in a comfy and chic manner. It could almost be construed as messy but that was clearly part of her style, and I mean style. It was great. It might fit into the category of "shabby chic," although it was too original to fit into any category but her own.

The kitchen was all in white but dominated by a stunning Ralph Lauren wallpaper with a white background and blue clustered flowers and blue and white plaid curtains.

In the dining room, the old wood trestle table had backless bench seating on one side and the rest of the seating was unmatched chairs. The bench seating was a smart idea because when it's not in use it tucks under the table. The dining room was narrow so this setup allowed just enough room for a sideboard and a path between the kitchen and living room.

When we arrived, the dining table was set with a colorful combination of eclectic dishes and striking cloth napkins. Each napkin was different but they worked together in spite of their various colors and patterns and different ruffles and fringes.

The powder room had a curtain of white layered ruffles. The guest towels where antique embroidered linen with lacy trims. The walls were decorated with a collection of old wooden hand mirrors. The sink was set into an old cabinet and the wallpaper had a navy background with tiny white flowers. Within this small room everything fit the "look."

The same easy style of the home was reflected in the charming way Barb and Jerry hosted the dinner party. They made it easy on themselves and thus easy on their guests.

The living room had an armoire, in the chipped and scratched style. The doors were wide open and from there we could pour our own drinks. We took our drinks out to the front porch.

The porch chairs were all individually collected antique white painted wicker rockers. The eclectic pillows were in soft blue tones of stripes and polka dots. "I picked the pillows up here, there and everywhere throughout the years," Barb said. "They're not the waterproof kind. I like cotton."

The ready-made appetizers were mostly dips: a cherry mustard for dipping pretzels, a hummus and a whitefish spread with assorted crackers. Everything was brought to the porch on two large trays, which made the clearing easy.

Dinner was served buffet style from the dining room sideboard. She warmed a bottle of vodka marinara sauce, cut up some parsley and added it to the freshly cooked papardelle noodles. This was accompanied by a small dish of pesto and another of grated romano cheese. I added both and it was tasty. A large tossed salad and garlic bread rounded out the presentation. The cooking and clean-up was minimal.

Our hostess had a bubbly, welcoming personality, an important ingredient for a successful evening. I'd never been to their home before and did not know them well. I felt so welcomed when she said to me, "Sit next to me at the table. I haven't had a chance to talk with you."

A "homemade" (store bought) cherry pie with streusel topping served warm with vanilla ice cream was assembled on dishes in the kitchen and served directly to the guests. A large platter of luscious fresh peaches was added to the table.

We sat close and cozy around the table and talked and laughed for hours. Isn't that what entertaining is all about? Isn't that why we invite people over, to offer them a good time? And since it can be done so simply, is there any excuse for not inviting company over?

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LETTERS to the editor

THANKS TO SENIOR SUPPORTERS

Editor:

Great appreciation goes out to all the seniors, County taxpayers, Commission on Aging board members, staff and colleagues considered stakeholders, who have been involved with the Senior Services Assessment process and follow up action planning. Thanks also to the above and other volunteers who have committed to working on subcommittees to improve services to seniors in Charlevoix County.

A special thank you to Dean Solomon at the Charlevoix County MSU Extension Office for his time, hard work and expertise in prioritizing the actions to address our recent assessment.

Dean Solomon's presentation to staff and the board were very appreciated and necessary to continue with the COA's work in progress. Your statistics are very important to proceed with our action plan.

It was very interesting to see the similarities between staff, board and stakeholders and know that we are all on the same page, working towards the same goal of improving services to seniors in Charlevoix County. Please be reassured that all of us at the Commission on Aging are busy developing a work plan and goals. These will be published as we launch new and expanded services and improve the quality of our offerings. Thank you for your continued support.

Susan R. Bergmann
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NO CUTS TO TRANSIT

Editor,

The Charlevoix County Transit offered the open door bus service going to Gaylord, Petoskey and Traverse for people who are elderly, disabled, unable to drive for some reason or those who just take the bus, giving these people an opportunity to go out of town.

It is my understanding that one person (Michael Burr) called the Charlevoix County Transit and some commissioners and complained about the transit offering people a ride to go out of town. It is also my understanding that the commissioners had approved of these trips and now due to one complaint, they have reversed their decision.

You and I know that people drive out of town on a daily basis for many different reasons.

In my opinion this offering by the Charlevoix County Transit was done in good faith for those of us who are elderly, disabled, can not drive for some reason or just take the bus and may be looking forward to an opportunity to out of town.

I for one am very disappointed in how this was handled, due to one complaint. I feel that one person should not decide what is best for the County as a whole.

Jodi Blaha
East Jordan

THANKS TO RED CROSS

Editor:

During this season of Thanksgiving, I would like to express my gratitude to the American Red Cross for their daily dedication to saving the lives of the sick and injured. I am tremendously grateful for the volunteers in Charlevoix who help to make the blood drives happen.

Charlevoix had two blood drives during November. The drive at Bethany Lutheran Church on the 8th, coordinated by Edith Dale, collected 25 pints, meeting their goal. The community drive at the Reformed Church exceeded the goal on Nov. 15 by collecting 76 pints.

The efforts of the volunteers and donors, which include work, scheduling and patience, are so worthwhile. The 101 pints from the two blood drives could affect up to 300 patients.

If you volunteered, baked, put up posters, put up banners, donated blood, encouraged someone to donate, or helped in any way with the blood drives, thank you!

Happy holidays, everyone! See you on Jan. 17, 2008 at the next Red Cross community blood drive at the Reformed Church.

Ellen Breining
Charlevoix Coordinator

VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFERS IMPORTANT SERVICES

Editor:

The Veterans Affairs Committee of Charlevoix County has been given the task of ensuring that all eligible veterans receive all available benefits from federal, state and county governments. The primary way this is accomplished is through the County Veterans Affairs director and his office. The secondary way we accomplish this is through the members of the Veterans Affairs Committee who are to actively stay informed of any changes in the laws effecting veterans benefits, the special needs of local veterans, and by informing all veterans of Charlevoix County, through the media, veterans organizations and personal contacts, changes concerning their benefits. Each war or conflict has its own unique set of problems affecting the lives of our veterans. Because of this fact, the Veterans Affairs Committee is to be composed of competent and concerned veterans, representing the different wars or conflicts, to ensure that no veterans are denied their benefits or refused assistance. The Veterans Affairs Committee has been requested to do more than just attend a monthly meeting and approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All veterans gave some and some veterans gave all for our Country and we are charged with the duty to see that our comrades in arms are never neglected or forgotten. The above having been said, it is of vital importance that the appointment process by the Charlevoix County Commissioners take into account the duties required of the Veterans Affairs Committee to ensure that any appointee is capable and willing to perform the task and to be sure that personal bias or political ambition is not part of the equation. This is the mission of the Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs Committee as I perceive it and ask the cooperation of all concerned.

Gerald E. Evans
Committee Chairman
November 21st, 2007

HIST. SOCIETY SPAGHETTI DINNER A SUCCESS

Editor:

The Board of Directors of the Charlevoix Historical Society thanks Terry Left and his staff at the Villager Pub for their contribution to the 10th annual 2007 Historical Society Spaghetti Dinner held Nov. 7. It was an outstanding success! Terry and his staff did a professional job of helping the Society members, who were the wait staff for the evening, keep their thumbs out of the spaghetti. And with Terry's contribution of the spaghetti dinners, this fundraiser was a great financial boost for the Society.

The evening was not only fun for the Society members wait staff but also a festive time for the guests from our membership and the community. Terry's staff was gracious, patient and so easy to work with that everyone had a really good time with special thanks to the "angel in the back room" who was always one step ahead of us.

Thanks to Terry and the Villager staff the Spaghetti Dinner was a major contribution to the Charlevoix Historical Society and, through us, to the whole Charlevoix Community.

The Board of Directors of the Charlevoix Historical Society

LOCAL BUSINESS HELPS TO COLLECT COATS

Editor:

As the winter months descend upon our community, it also brings the problem of warm coats and jackets for some of our Charlevoix families. This year the owner of the Clothing Company, Jacq Dipert, has joined with the Charlevoix Christmas Project in the first annual Christmas Project Coat Drive to help solve this problem. The Christmas Project Committee wishes to thank the Clothing Company, its owner Jacq Dipert, and her sales associates for making the coat project a success. Thank you's also go out to the Charlevoix community, who gave from the heart so others could be warm this winter and who literally took garments off their own backs and donated them to others.

There has always been a need for coats and jackets and each year the Christmas Project has more in need than a supply. The Clothing Company hosting the first annual coat sale and exchange has given local residents as opportunity to contribute to a great cause and help their fellow man.

Joan C. Lemerand
Committee Member,
Charlevoix Christmas Project
Charlevoix

FACTS ABOUT KOREAN WAR

Editor:

The Korean war was the result of superpower rivalry at the expense of the Korean people. At the Potsdam Conference, President Roosevelt persuaded Stalin to join the war against Japan after the war in Europe was won. At the Yalta Conference, President Truman and Stalin agreed to divide Korea in half, with the Soviet Union occupying the north and the United States occupying the south, without Korean consent.

In June of 1950, North Korea tried to reunite Korea by military force without success. In September of 1950, General Macarthur lead an invasion of Korea in an attempt to reunite Korea through military force. When he neared the Yalu River border with China, Chinese military forces attacked his military forces. When General Macarthur chose to extend the war into China, President Truman fired him.

The United States suffered 157,629 military casualties including 33,629 deaths. South Korea sustained 1,312,836 military casualties, including 415,004 dead. Communist casualties were 2 million.

The Allied occupation of Germany in Europe was more complicated than Korea, yet Germany was successfully reunited without war.

Nighttime surveillance photographs from satellites showed an illuminated South Korea and a dark North Korea. According to the United States government explanation that proved the economic superiority of a United States supported government. What was not revealed was South Korea has 20 nuclear power stations while the United States government opposed any nuclear power stations for North Korea.

Ray Peltz
Charlevoix

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ENGAGEMENT

Lenhart-Migda

Courtesy photo

Engagement Announcement Lenhart – Migda

Brooke Elizabeth Lenhart of Charlevoix and Caleb Edward Migda of Petoskey are announcing their engagement and plans for a July 5, 2008 wedding at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Larry and Phyllis Lenhart of Charlevoix.

Brooke is a 2005 graduate of Charlevoix High School and will graduate in the spring from North Central Michigan College with a degree in Medical Transcription.

The groom-to-be is the son of Steve and Teresa Migda of Petoskey.

Caleb is a 2004 graduate of Petoskey High School and has just received his Level 1 Assessing License.

FOUR GENERATIONS

Courtesy photo

From left, Mary Ann Hamilton, great grandmother; Linda Purdy, grandmother; Jonathan Purdy, father; Westley Purdy and Akira Purdy.

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10 things you never knew about Santa Claus

Bringing you closer to your neighbors ...

It's that special time of year when the jolly old man in the red velvet suit is working overtime to bring holiday cheer to good little boys and girls.

The Charlevoix Courier is proud to present 10 things you never knew about Santa Claus.

Q 1. Who is your favorite reindeer?

A: You've gotta love Rudolph.

Q 2. What does Santa do for fun?

A: Play golf and go to the beach.

Q 3. Is there anything else you wish you had done with your life?

A: Oh no, this is the best; the kids are the best.

Q 4. If you could change one thing about yourself or your world what would it be?

A: Peace with everybody.

Q 5. What is your favorite toy to give?

A: Trains, because I have a whole basement full of them and I love playing with them as much as the kids do!

Q 6. What is your favorite type of Christmas treat?

A: Peanut butter cookies and a glass of milk.

Q 7. Do you ever get sick of snow?

A: Oh no, we love snow.

Q 8. How do you make all those deliveries in one night?

A: That's a secret only Santa knows; we're very fast!

Q 9. What is your favorite Christmas song?

A: I think "White Christmas" because it brings back so many memories.

10. What is your favorite time of the year?

A: It's gotta be Christmas, with all the kids and everybody's happy and smiling.

Courtesy photo

Santa recently took a break from working his elves overtime and making practice runs with his nine tiny reindeer to dish the dirt on his favorite treats, songs and reindeer. Santa, who was in Charlevoix last week for the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in East Park, resides at the North Pole with his wife Mrs. Claus, numerous elves and of course, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen and Rudolph.

Lions Club to sell Christmas Trees

On Wednesday, Nov. 28 the Charlevoix Lions Club will begin selling Christmas trees in Bridge Park, due to the renovations going on at its usual East Park site.

It's the club's annual wintertime fundraiser in support of their thirty plus local and worldwide charities.

The club will be offering Blue Spruce, Black Hills Spruce and Fraser Fir trees. Hours are from 4 to 8 p.m. on weekdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

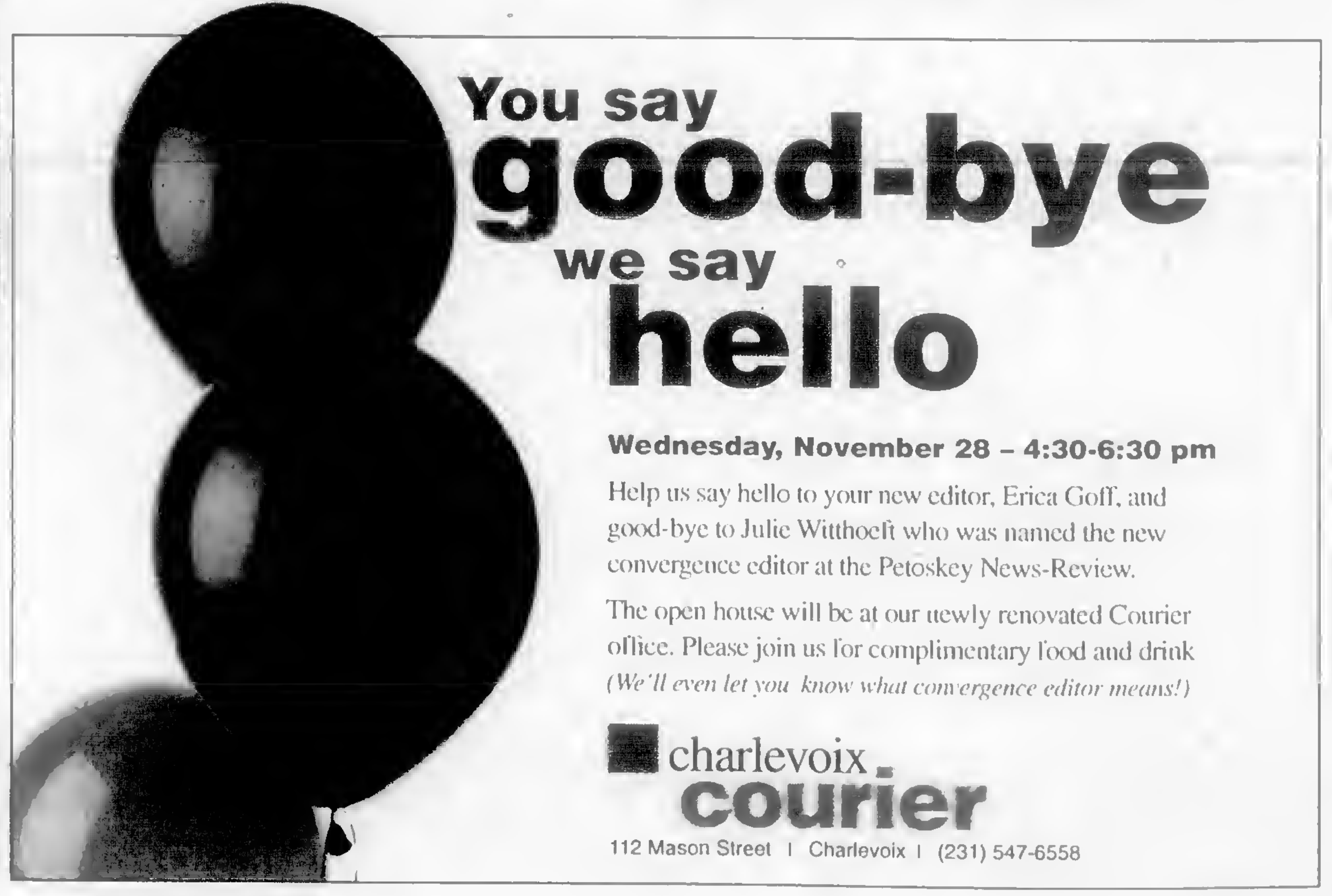
Loading zones will be provided along Bridge Street and the driveway to the Beaver Island Ferry docking area.

Charlevoix High School, Middle School Christmas concerts

The Charlevoix High School band will hold its annual Christmas concert in the Charlevoix Auditorium Dec. 4.

The concert, to begin at 7 p.m., will feature the high school band as well as special guests Congregational Church Bell Choir and the ine Lake Winds.

The Charlevoix Middle School Christmas concert will also be held in the Charlevoix Auditorium, beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 13.



You say good-bye we say hello

Wednesday, November 28 – 4:30-6:30 pm

Help us say hello to your new editor, Erica Goff, and good-bye to Julie Witthoeft who was named the new convergence editor at the Petoskey News-Review.

The open house will be at our newly renovated Courier office. Please join us for complimentary food and drink

(We'll even let you know what convergence editor means!)

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Grand Rapids Ballet takes a crack at the Nutcracker

Crooked Tree Arts Center and the Boyne City Performing Arts Center have invited the Grand Rapids Ballet to northern Michigan to perform 'In A Nutshell,' featuring the dancers in this modern take on Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite, with a musical twist supplied by jazz composer Duke Ellington. The fun begins at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8 at Boyne City High School, and tickets are on sale now.

The Nutcracker Suite's Clara is all grown up and works in a telemarketing office for a boss who takes a non-professional interest in her. When she spurns his advances, he gives her extra work to keep her from going to the office Christmas party. Enter Dross, the hip janitor, who drops by and whisks Clara to the party with swinging elves, dancing Christmas presents and other wild characters.

Ellington and Tchaikovsky actually met in Las Vegas while Ellington's band was getting standing room only audiences at the Riviera Hotel. His decision to devote an entire album to arrangements of another composer's works instead of his own led him to Tchaikovsky, who "didn't mind" Ellington's translation. Composers Ellington and Billy Strayhorn transformed Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy to Sugar Rum Cherry, and Waltz of the Flowers to Danse of the Floreadores. Tchaikovsky was delighted with the arrangement.

In addition to the public performance, the ballet will present a lecture/demonstration to Charlevoix County students as well as a master class for advanced ballet students from Charlevoix and Emmet counties.

Tickets are on sale now at Boyne Country Books in Boyne City, 231-582-3180, and at Crooked Tree Arts Center, 231-347-4337,or go online: HYPERLINK "http://www.crookedtree.org" www.crookedtree.org All seats are $15.

Learn more about Ellington and Tchaikovsky at Wikipedia, HYPERLINK "http://www.wikipedia.org" www.wikipedia.org.

This presentation of "In A Nutshell" is made possible through the generosity of WCMU Public Broadcasting, Chase Bank, Bay Harbor Foundation, Charlevoix County Community Foundation and The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Holiday Festivities at Friske's Farm Market

Friske's Farm Market is offering special holiday events on two weekends in December. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 easy gourmet holiday food tips will be given by Dawn Wilhelm with recipe handouts, great samplings and gift basket assistance. On Saturday, Dec. 8, there will be a Christmas Celebration with several activities from 8 a.m. to noon a pancake breakfast, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. edible crafts, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. cookie decorating, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. story time and from noon to 3 p.m. a Christmas Sing-a-long.

It'll be a bushel of fun at Friske's Farm Market, 10 miles south of Charlevoix, right on U.S. 31 at Atwood.

Don't miss the boat!
Pick up the Courier for news you can use.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

The 17 students at Charlevoix Children's House, their four instructors and a group of parents enjoyed a traditional feast on Nov. 20 before class let out for the Thanksgiving holiday. They dressed as pilgrims and Indians.

Annual Christmas dinner at Grey Gables

Once again members and their guests are invited to gather in the spirit of the season for the annual Historical Society Christmas Dinner, always one of the nicest events of our year, and judging by the turnouts of the past two years, one of the most popular.

The event will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4 at the Grey Gables Inn, 308 Belvedere Avenue.

A holiday cheer social hour with old friends will precede the Gables' quality offerings (menu and price on inside page). As in previous years, we would like to have a rough estimate of how many of each entree will be ordered. So if you can, we would appreciate a call by Saturday, Dec. 1 informing us of the number in your party and your selections from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, phone 547-0373, or leave a message. You can also call David Miles at home, 547-6736.

Should circumstances prevent you from deciding or being able to call until the last minute, you may appear at the appointed hour at the Gables with no problem.

No prior payment is needed. Someone will be on hand to collect your payment at the entryway to the rear dining room.

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What's happening at the Library this week?

Computer Tidbit: Create holiday mailing labels
Wednesday, November 28, 1:00 pm
Linda Adams, Adult Services Librarian, will teach even the most timid how to easily save and print mailing labels

Storytimes
Thursday, November 29
Lapsit (birth-3), *10:05 a.m.*
Pre-k (3-5), *10:30 a.m.*
Stories, songs and crafts for young children.

Monday Movie Matinees
Monday, December 3
1:00 pm High Society, starring Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly, and Frank Sinatra, 1942.
3:30 pm Polar Express, starring Tom Hanks.
Bring your own snacks, and join us for movie time on the big screen in the community meeting room.

"Stitches" Knitting Group
Monday, December 3rd, 6:00 pm
Bring your own project and join in for a community knitting session.

Civilian Conservation Corp with Bill Jamerson
Tuesday, December 4th, 2:00 pm
Songs and storytelling about the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Regular Weekly Meetings: Newcomers Welcome!
French Conversation Circle: *Tuesdays @ noon*
Spanish Conversation Circle: *Tuesdays @ 6:00 p.m.*
Writer's Group: *Wednesdays @ 6:00 p.m.*

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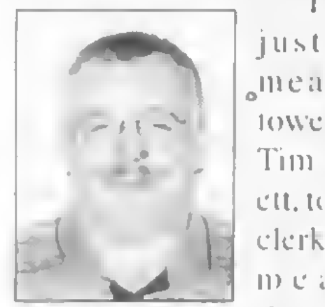
The Wind Cries "Marion"

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Clean sustainable energy in Charlevoix?

Not yet, but anyone interested in offering input on a proposal to erect at least one 197-foot meteorological tower in Marion Township will have their say during a public hearing scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10 at Marion Township Hall, located at 03735 Marion Center Road at the intersection of Ferry Road.



Tim Matchett

"These are just wind measuring towers," said Tim Matchett, township clerk. "They measure the wind's strength and speed."

The structure is a test tower, he added, "not a windmill or wind turbine generator."

Matchett said this is merely a first step, taken by Heritage Sustainable Energy, LLC of Traverse City, to determine if the area is even suited for wind turbines.

If approved, the proposed tower would be erected on Marion Township Supervisor Wilson Boss' property.

"The tower is of steel tube construction, approximately 10 inches in diameter, and is supported with aircraft cable guy wires in four directions," Heritage stated in their application. "No cranes or concrete foundations are required for installation. The tower is not required by the FAA to be lighted and will not be."

According to the applicant, there will be no additional structures built and the tower, which runs on a battery power pack, requires no outside power source and is said to run in "complete silence."

The Marion Township zoning ordinance calls for a site to "have documented annual wind resources sufficient for the operation of the proposed wind turbine generator; provided, however, this standard shall not apply to an anemometer tower."

The zoning also dictates that no wind turbine generator project shall be approved before a wind resource study documenting wind resources on the site over a minimum of one year is completed.

Dean Solomon, director of the Michigan State University Extension Office in Boyne City, said the strength and frequency of wind may vary greatly within just a few miles.

"That is the reason towers are put up on a site-specific basis," he said. "Around here, one of the biggest factors is the topography since wind is higher at the top of a hill."

The best potential for wind energy in Charlevoix County, Solomon added, "is south of the city of Charlevoix in Norwood and Marion townships."

Matchett said one test tower will go a long way.

"They don't have to put these in very thick," he said. "One tower will measure wind for several miles."

Only after said studies have been completed and the proper permits have been approved by the township may a wind turbine generator be erected, and only with the following requirements set forth in Marion Township Zoning ordinance:

- Each wind turbine generator shall be set back from any adjoining property line by a distance of at least one and a half times the height of the tower.
- Applicants must assure the planning commission that any potential blade and ice throw will not cross neighboring property lines.
- Sound levels may not exceed 50 decibels at the property line.
- Wind turbines, including the highest point of the blade's rotation, may be no taller than 400 feet tall.
- Wind turbine generators may not increase the intensity of lighting due to FAA or MAC regulations.
- The minimum distance from the ground to the lowest point of rotation of a turbine blade may be no less than 20 feet.
- The wind turbine may not create vibrations felt beyond the "perceptible" property line on which it is located.
- Wind turbines not operated for 12 months consecutively will be considered abandoned and must be removed within 180 days from notice to do so by the township.

AT A GLANCE...

Public hearing scheduled for Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at Marion Township Hall

Hearing is 'first step' in process that could bring a test wind turbine tower to Marion Township

Courtesy photo

A public hearing to determine whether Marion Township Supervisor Wilson Boss may allow Heritage Sustainable Energy to install a 197-foot tall wind measuring device on his property is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10. Test towers are used to determine whether sufficient wind exists to install wind turbine generators.

Former mayor passed over for deputy mayor position

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Up-to-date knowledge of city activity was favored over past mayoral experience by Charlevoix City Council members last Monday when the group voted four to two to appoint long-time council member Sherm Chamberlain as the new deputy mayor for 2008.

Chamberlain, nominated by council member Greg Stevens, was chosen over newly-elected council member and former mayor Gabe Campbell, who was nominated by fellow newcomer Jill Picha.

"Sherm (Chamberlain) has the experience and is very familiar with what has been going on in the city over the past few years," said Mayor Norman Carlson. "He's been on the council a long time."

Chamberlain will begin duties as deputy mayor, acting as mayor in the absence of Carlson. He will work beside newly-elected council members Picha, Third Ward representative who defeated former member Shirley Gibson, with 55 percent of the 215 votes, Campbell, who already spent 10 years on the council and two years as mayor -- Campbell ran a write-in campaign and replaced outgoing councilman Gene Beer -- and Dennis Kusina, who defeated his opponent Mary Eveleigh and replaced Bob Timms, who was serving his second term. Kusina has served on the council on and off for 23 years.

Chamberlain will also serve alongside council members Lyle Gennett and Stevens.

Carlson said he and most of the council feels confident that Chamberlain will effectively step in "if something happens to me," without missing a beat. It was not, however, a question of Campbell having less experience. His ten years on council and two as a mayor are equally as important, Carlson said, adding the support for Chamberlain largely involved his up-to-date involvement with city issues.

Council members also decided at last week's organizational meeting to maintain their current meeting schedule, bringing them together the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins 547-6430

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Barnard at Klooster Road
Church School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer 536-2161

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8033 Church Road, Ellsworth
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff

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11906 US-31 North
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Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore 547-5711

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202 W. Hurlbut
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Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner 547-2875

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Sunday School 11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman 588-7805

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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace 588-7455

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203 E. Upright
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp 547-4221

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M-66 (across from Post Office)
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mott 547-4121

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US-31 North
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Adult Bible Study Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office 547-9122

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12705 US-31
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley 237-0800

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07444 Old U.S. 31 North
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen 347-3899

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Chamber director search narrowed to six

BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Search committee narrowed the field of 40 candidates to 6

Interviews are scheduled for Dec. 5-7, and the new director will take the place of Jacqueline Merta

The Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce search for a new director has been narrowed to six candidates.

Chamber Board President Tom Conlan said on Nov. 20 the director search committee narrowed the field of 40 applicants to 6 using a qualifications matrix.

"We've got some really good applicants," Conlan said.

Search committee members are long-time local retailer and Chamber member Kirby Dipert and four Chamber board members including Conlan, Jay Bingham, Patt Blanchard and Linda Bradley.

"We're looking for someone with the right kind of education background, experience with a Chamber or marketing of a large group and first and foremost, someone with energy who is motivated to come in and work closely with our members," Conlan said.

Conlan would not divulge the names of the finalists but said of the entire group of 40 about 5 to 10 were local. Others applied from as far away as California.

The application cutoff was Nov. 7 and interviews of the 6 finalists will take place from Dec. 5-7.

Conlan did not pinpoint a desired hire date and said the search committee is in no big rush.

"We are in a good situation at the chamber. We have good support staff," he said.

Support staff members include Shelly Ferguson, finance manager, and Sue Antoine, an office representative. The resignation of former Chamber president Jacqueline Merta, who resigned from the position in early October after almost three decades of service, is effective Dec. 31.

Charlevoix planners head 'Back to the Future'

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

County leaders working to ensure 'responsible use of area lands'

The year is 2027 and Charlevoix County, once a land of wildlife, fresh water and breathtaking scenery is now an urban wasteland.

While concerned county officials are not painting that bleak of a picture, they and many of those they serve are working to ensure there is a responsible use of area lands in the future.

"We know we need areas for growth and development, but some areas are not as well suited to handle it," said Charlevoix County Planner Larry Sullivan. "It might be worthwhile to recommend some protective measures to ensure natural resource efforts in the county."

Sullivan was careful to mention the land use plan, currently a work in progress, is not a move for county zoning and will merely work to allow planners to make recommendations on land use, not give orders, to townships, cities and villages in the county.

He also said that, since the county's land use plan is more than 30 years old, and its vision statement is now out-of-date, officials are seeking input from the citizenry.

A survey on the main page of the www.charlevoixcounty.org website offers the vision statement compiled in 2002 and asks participants if they would agree or alter the vision statement and offers space for citizen input.

To determine how residents and landowners would like to see Charlevoix County decades into the future, the vision statement survey focuses on subjects including whether Charlevoix County's "alluring characteristics of natural and agricultural landscapes and small towns" have been maintained and improved and if the vision statement -- "A key success in maintaining community character has been the conscious effort to minimize the aesthetic impact of development along transportation corridors throughout the County" --may still be considered valid.

Further questions on whether commercial and industrial development and expansion has been performed in a responsible manner and respondents are asked to agree or disagree with statements such as, "Their (city and village centers) character has been enhanced as a result of healthy, vibrant downtown businesses, in large part due to no new strip malls, regional shopping malls or 'big-box' stores having been built at the edge of towns since 2003."

A paper survey may be acquired at the Charlevoix County Planning Department in the County Building or call 547-7234 for more information.

Sullivan said the county hopes to have public input on the vision statement before moving forward with drafting the plan.

"We're still threshing over how detailed they (planning commission) want(s) some things to be, but we're probably away from a working draft," he said.

Planners and commission members worked on tentative maps which outline agricultural, forestry and other industry and population trends during the most recent work session Tuesday, Nov. 20.

"We're starting to coordinate some of that information in various communities to see how they jibe with natural resource information," he said.

Sullivan said the future land use plan will allow neighboring municipalities to adjust their zoning, at their pleasure, which may result in decreasing current stark contrasts from township to township and village to village.

"We hope to see some coordination of planning efforts between local units of government," Sullivan said. "Some of them vary greatly from one community to the next—one may be much more support-

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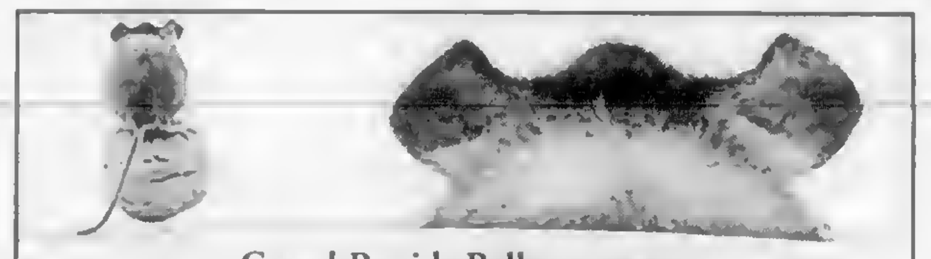

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"Even though I don't know who my hair will go to, it feels really good to know that I helped take some pain away from another girl in this world," Witrow said. "I only hope she loves my hair as much as I did..I'm really happy I gave to Locks of Love."

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Work underway to remedy boat launch problems

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

The summer-long delay of the Ferry Beach Boat Launch project is over, and work to lengthen the skid pier and relocate the floating pier at the launch is expected to be complete during the Christmas season.

Charlevoix Street Superintendent Pat Elliot said the project has begun -- crews have started pouring concrete slabs to create the extension and other prep work is beginning -- and the goal is to have the work complete before Christmas. Work for the project, which was planned as a remedy to boat launching problems related to drops in water levels in the lake and marina, was originally scheduled for late spring, but was delayed by the State of Michigan during its review process.

"We're not really sure why the review was behind schedule. We know many departments in the state are short staffed, and Charlevoix's project was not the only one on the list," Elliot said.

Contributing factors to the approximately five-month delay were staff shortages and new state requirements that added the Department of Management and Budget (DMB) to the list of departments involved in the review process. Elliot said the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality(DEQ), the state Parks and Recreation board and the Michigan Waterways Commission are also involved in the review process.

The project became necessary, Elliot said, due to continually decreasing water levels at the launch that caused problems for visitors attempting to launch their watercrafts. It wasn't a situation "that happened overnight," he said, but one that now needs a solution.

"This wasn't something that happened over the last month or six months. It has been happening for years, but now it is an issue we need to look at," he said.

The problem is two-fold, involving first the need for boaters to back their trailers further into the water to be able to launch. When they back in, they back over the curb in the water at the end of the concrete ramp and often get stuck. Second, with the larger boats that are being launched, and removed, the first problem becomes more prevelant. Elliot said lengthening the skid pier and relocating the flaoting pier -- to get an adequate distance from the back of the boats to the pier -- will remedy the problem.

> *"boaters will have "an easier time getting in and out next year"* at the Ferry Boat Launch
>
> **Pat Elliot**
> CHARLEVOIX STREET SUPERINTENDENT

Initial steps in the process began in April 2007 when bids opened for the work, a step immediately followed by news from the state -- DNR, DMB and the Waterways Commission -- that the review of the project would not be complete in time to start the project as planned. Bids from interested contractors were planced on hold until the state announced its approval of the project Oct. 26.

While the delay did tack on some extra expense, Elliot said the lowest bidder, RB Lyons, Inc. Marine Construction of Charlevoix, was awarded the project due in part to its total bid price -- $148,010 -- which came in about $60,000 lower than the next lowest bidder.

"Even with the extra costs we are below the amount budgeted for the project," Elliot said, referring to the $181,500 alloted by the city for the work.

Six bidders offered prices for the project -- Ryba Marine Construction, Inc; K&S Piling Company; Molon Excavating, Inc; Gerace Construction Company, Inc. and Luedtke Engineering, in addition to RB Lyons -- with amounts ranging from RB Lyons' $125,900 (the original bid price) to $348,000. An additional $21,110 was tacked onto RB Lyons bid due to a number of factors including increased wages, increased material costs and the impact of working in winter weather instead of summer weather. Elliot said RB Lyons' skill and reliability, in addition to the lower cost, influenced the decision to award the project to the company.

"We've worked with them before and they do really great work," he said.

Elliot said boaters will have "an easier time getting in and out next year," both in terms of getting smaller boats in and out frequently at the launch and getting larger boats in at the beginning of the season and out in the fall.

Mayor to contribute column

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Want to know more about what is going on in Charlevoix?

Mayor Norm Carlson is ready to tell.

Carlson will partner with the Charlevoix Courier to bring a new feature to the paper, featuring updates from the mayor once a month to keep Courier readers posted on all the city's goings-on.

"A lot of times there is a lack of information, or a lack of complete information, that gets passed along and we want to stop any possible rumors before they start," Carlson said of the idea.

Progress of the East Park project, budget information, plans for upcoming events and overall fact-based information are expected topics, Carlson said, and he encourages involvement from the community on any and all areas of discussion.

"We are looking for feedback too. I encourage any residents to contact the city by email or call," Carlson said.

The public input could also involve citizens in the evaluation process planned for all city employees. Carlson said the city's goal is to "keep all employees on track" with regular evaluations, and input from residents could be helpful.

The main goal of his contributions to the paper, and involvement of public input, is to "keep people updated" on Charlevoix.

The monthly feature is expected to begin soon at the Courier, and will likely be included in the editorial section.

County plans for land use

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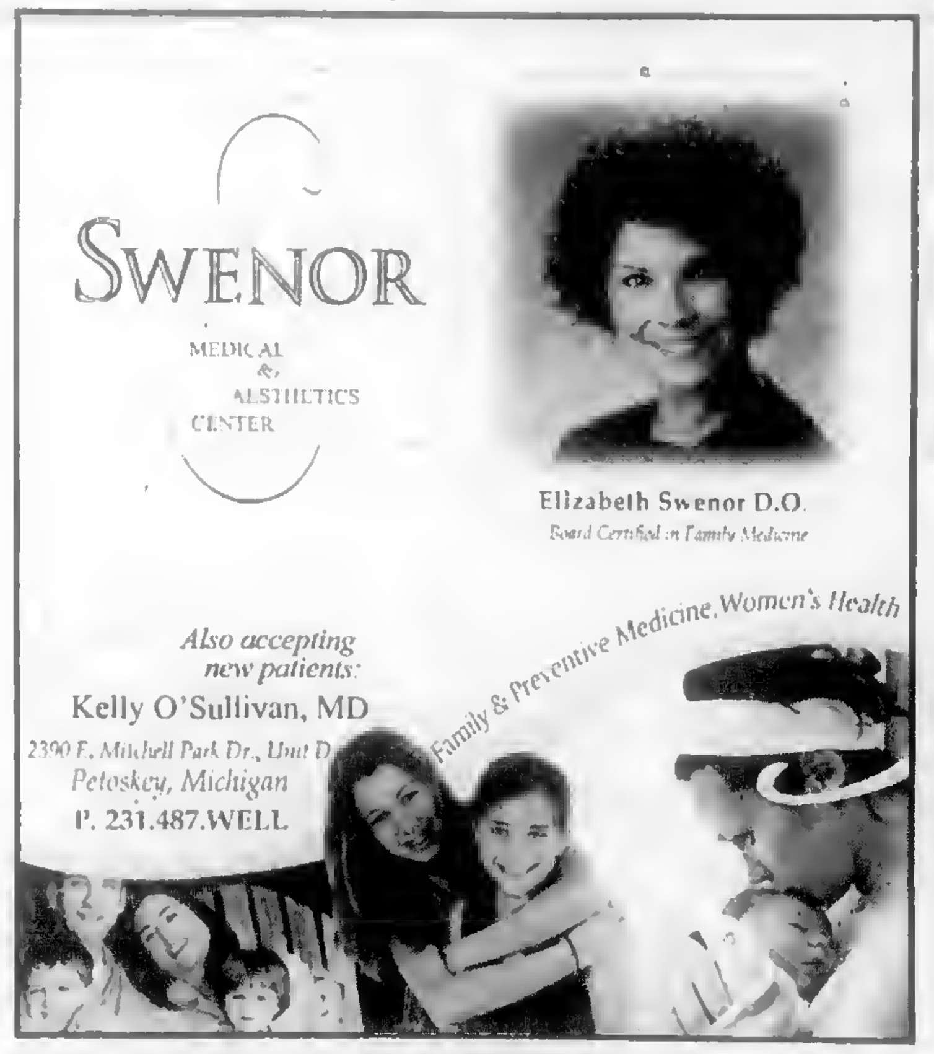
ive of agriculture than another: but the only thing separating an area may be the imaginary lines on a map."

Another aspect of such coordination, Sullivan said, is how the county may be able to help certain industries in the county.

"Funding sources are available, one of those opportunities is state and federal dollars which could be used for purchasing the development rights to make sure farming can be an ongoing component in Charlevoix's future," he said.

Another aspect of the future land use plan will include county projections regarding the need for expansion of governmental facilities.

"This is a 20-year plan," Sullivan said. "We don't want to wait until the last minute to say, 'OK, where are we going to get land?'"



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Charlevoix High School to perform 'Up the Down Staircase'

PERFORMACE SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 1 AT 7 P.M. AND DEC. 2 AT 2 P.M.

The Charlevoix High School performing arts students will put on their version of the classic, "Up the Down Staircase."

The story surrounds the work of an English teacher, disillusioned with public school work, transfers to a private school where she and her students flourish.

"The play tells the story of young Sylvia Barrett, first-year teacher in an inner-city New York school, who gets more than she bargains for as she steps bravely into a field for which nothing has truly prepared her," stated performing arts director Jill Tabaczka in a Nov. 14 press release. "Before long, she finds herself the most "'nvolved' person in the school: involved in her new responsibilities, her own struggles, as well as in the unexpected, often heartbreaking problems of her students."

Tabaczka said the audience will have lots of laughs at this classic work.

"Come see for yourself why the storyline of Bel Kaufman's 20th century bestseller is as important and relevant today as when first published in 1964," she further stated. "Reminding us that there is often more than meets the eye in truly understanding others, this show offers something for everyone."

There will be two showings: 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2 in the Charlevoix High School Performing Arts Center at 5200 Marion Center Drive.

Tickets will be available at the door: $5 for students and senior citizens; $7 for adults.

CAST LIST:
Character/player

- Female Faculty

Sylvia Barrett – Laura Larsen
Dr. Maxine Clarke – Sarah Green
Beatrice Schachter – Jordan McCarthy
Sadie Finch – Jordan VanMeter
Charlotte Wolf – Jennie Withers
Ella Friedenberg –Alyssa Milazzo
Frances Egan – Autumn Atkins
Ellen – Celina Wanek

- Female Students

Alice Blake – Melissa Shepard
Linda Rosen – Cheryl Struthers
Helen Arbuzzi – Jennie Withers
Katherine – Kaitlynn Lamoreaux
Fran – Jennifer Wager
Carrie Blaine – Caity Bryant
Elizabeth Ellis – Kaitlyn Boyko
Rachel Gordon – Morgan McCarthy
Jill Norris – April Whitley
Carole Blanca – Whitney Davis
Vivian Paine – Kristina Alden
Harriet A. Kagan – Leah Simon
Edith Williams -- Brianna Cepeda-Mulholland
- Woman one and two – Avery Jason and Amy Pelon

- Ensemble student cast

Lauren Pettis, Jessica Lewis, Avery Jason, Amy Pelon and Megghan Golovich

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Pictured above is the cast of Charlevoix High School's upcoming performance 'Up the Down Staircase.' The group will perform the show Dec. 1 and Dec. 2.

Hospice of Northwest Michigan to hold Lights of Love event

Tis the season for giving, and the Boyne City Eta Women's Club will once again sponsor the annual "Lights of Love" Christmas tree at the Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City. Proceeds will benefit Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

Donations can be made by purchasing a colored light ranging from $3 - $25, or a personalized heart for $35, that will be displayed on the tree. Hearts will be mailed to the contributor after the holidays. Flyers are available by calling 231-582-8800.

A tree lighting ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5 in the Dilworth lobby. After a short dedication and caroling, those attending are invited to enjoy a light supper with homemade desserts at the Dilworth for $10. Families are welcome.

American Legion service officer to visit County

A Department of Michigan American Legion service officer will be at the Charlevoix County Veterans' Affairs office, in the County Building in Charlevoix, Tuesday, Dec. 4 between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to assist any veteran, or veteran's survivor, in filing a claim, replacing lost discharge papers, obtaining medals or signing up for VA health care. If unable to visit the office, call the service officer at 547-7220 at the time listed above for more information.

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Hire of airport, HR positions resurfaces for city

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

AT A GLANCE...

Charlevoix city officials have in the past considered hiring a new airport manager and an HR position, but city council members did not support it. Officials are hopeful the issue could see more support with new council members, and will discuss the issue at a Dec. 5 work session.

Charlevoix city officials will consider two new hires and some department changes -- involving the Airport Management and city Human Resources departments -- hoping to curb inefficiencies in some key city functions, Mayor Norm Carlson said.

City Council members received updated information on the two departments and potential plans for them at last week's council meeting. According to information presented by City Manager Rob Straebel, city employees "would like input from the Mayor and council regarding filling two vacant positions for the city." Those positions -- Human Resources Assistant and Airport Manager -- are positions council members considered hiring as a joint position in the past but now intend to discuss as separate part-time positions. Potential plans for the positions were discussed during the meeting, and Carlson said council members are "more than willing" to work with the city to find an answer to the problems.

"There has been disppointment among many people -- department heads, the city manager and others -- on a number of human resource issues," Carlson said.

Straebel also stated in his information to the council he has dealt with "many issues with the Charlevoix Municpal Airport and can attest to the need for a part-time Airport Manager."

The Airport Manager is a position that lost funding a few years ago and has since not been filled, Carlson said. The human resources duties have in recent years fallen on the shoulders of staff members in other positions, and to some extent have "fallen by the wayside."

"There are issues such as workers' compensation, benefits, job descriptions, keeping up-to-date with certain state regulations such as Association of Disabled Americans and Equal Opportunity Employers that have not gotten done," Carlson said, adding the lack of focus on such issues has put the city "dangerously close" to violating some state regulations.

"No one has the time to do this stuff," he said. "We are now looking to create the job (positions) that could take care of that."

The issue had been suggested by former city manager Mike Wiesner, but was met with contention from council members in the past, Carlson said. Council members and city officials now agree, however, that something needs to be done.

"We definitely need someone and this is something that would be done for the good of the city," Carlson said.

Information presented by Straebel indicated hiring two part-time positions would be more cost efficient than hiring one full-time positionsto handle both duties. A total compensation package for one full-time employee, which would include a yearly salary of $47,000 and a $33,000 to $35,000 benefit package, would be $80,000 to $82,000. Expenes for two part-time positions is estimated at $56,500 and $67,800 yearly. That includes a $20,000 to $24,000 salary for an Airport Manager with $2,600 to $3,120 in benefits, and a yearly salary of $30,000 to $36,000 for an assistant Human Resources, coupled with a benefits package worth $3,900 to $4,680.

"It becomes apparent that there is less of a fiscal impact with hiring two part-time employees instead of a full-time Airport Manager/human resources assistant," Straebel noted.

Straebel also noted the availability of "much information on why the city should hire at least a part-time employee" for the Human Resources position. The "severe backlog of HR work to be completed," he said, includes such items as updating and centralizing personnel files; completing job descriptions for up to two-thirds of city positions; and updating policies regarding Fair labor Standards Act, Famly Medical Leave, harassment policy and others. Straebel noted the lack of updated policies and personnel files could lead to personnel liability risks for the city.

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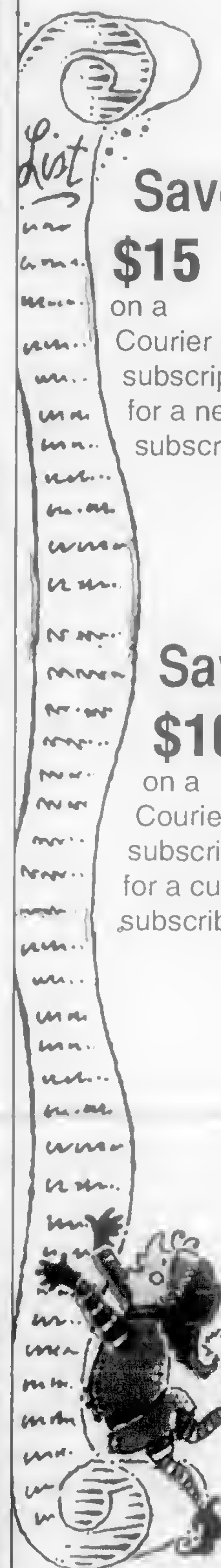

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Charlevoix to consider hire of airport, HR positions

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ager's ofice and department heads are managing human resources issues on a case-by-case basis. Adding another layer of bureaucracy and the fiscal impact of hiring a new employee are factors to consider before taking action, Straebel told council members.

Despite the past contention among council members on the issue, Carlson said the current group, which includes three new members, is "more than willing" to work with the city on the issues. He noted it "is ultimately the council's decision."

Following an assessment of the city's current situation, Human Resources Representative Kim Swidorski of Harbor Industries, Inc. stated, "at this time there appears to be no rhyme or reason to the accountability of the majroity of human resource tasks," a situation she called a "black hole" that could cause problems for the city. Other information was provided to council members on the issue, largely in agreement with that assessment. The official recommendation following a Human Resources Systems Audit from the Michigan Municipal League concluded "given the size and complexity of the City of Charlevoix's organization, staffing a human resources position at a minimum of half-time is appropriate."

Carlson said council members will discuss these and other reports at the Dec. 5 work session to decide how to proceed.

Council members were also provided with job description information for the potential Airport Manager position, which includes such "essential" functions as:
- plan and supervise all airport operations
- provide continuous effort to develop a user-friendly airport
- prepare reports for the FFA and direct the preparation, handling and maintenance of departmental records.
- develop, implement and revise policies and procedures
- prepare departmental budget, confer with, and submit to City Manager
- and other duties.

The position will also involve working with the City Manager and city council to maintain updated reports. Carlson said this will also be discussed at the Dec. 5 meeting.

MORE ON THE HR POSITION...

The city of Charlevoix has 50 full time employees, 34 of which are unionized. At certain points of the year there can be up to 75 seasonal employees. Generally a human resources position is responsible for:
- Recruiting and orienting new employees, as well as some ncessary training and placement of new hires
- Writing job descriptions
- Grievance/dispute negotiation and resolution
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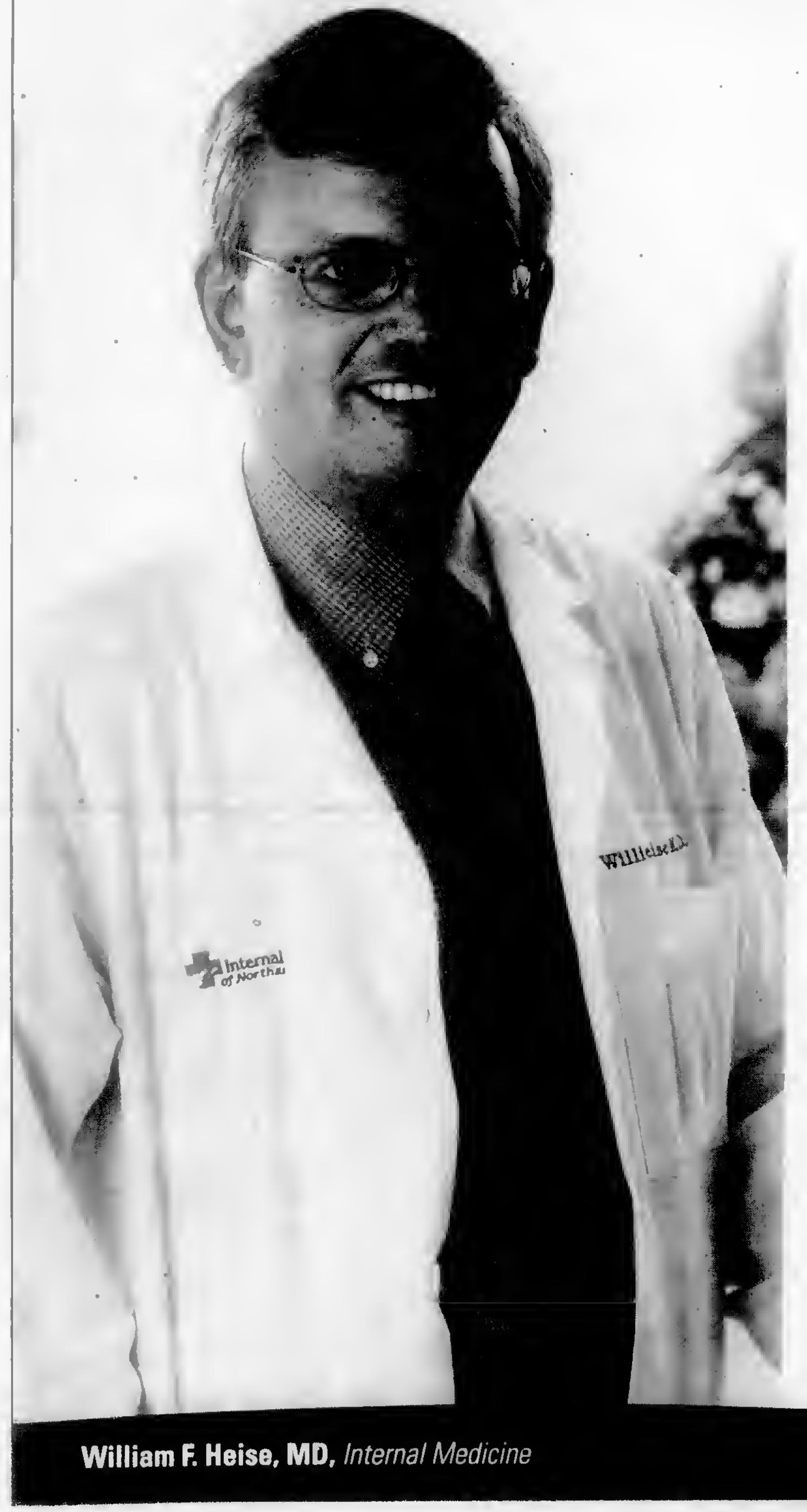

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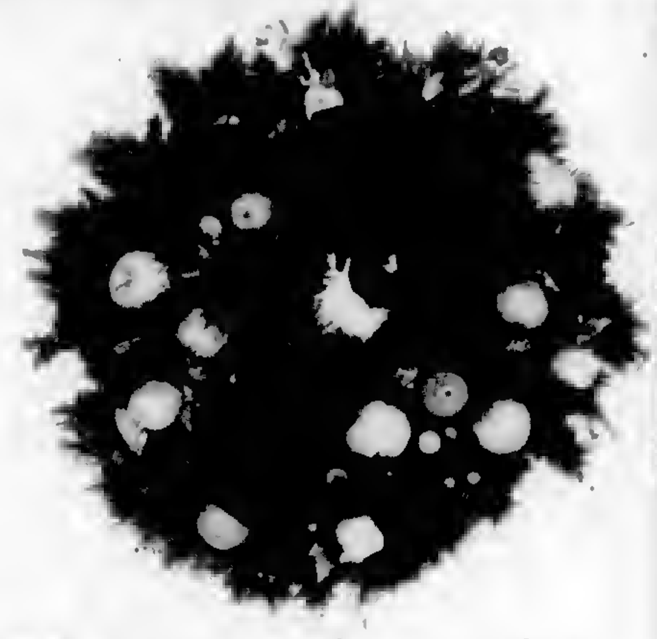

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New DDA newsletter to tell what's Up downtown

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Publication to share downtown information via email and will be available on the new DDA website to be unveiled in January

The Charlevoix community is only as vital and vibrant as its downtown.

That is the belief Charlevoix Downtown Development Director Keith Carey, and many downtown merchants, share, and it is one of the driving forces behind the DDA's initiative to broaden involvement in marketing and promotion of "downtown successes." A major step in that promotion, Carey said, is the development of a new DDA newsletter, What's Up Downtown.

"The more attractive your downtown is, the more appealing your community is to businesses and visitors. Charlevoix has a unique and charming downtown and we thought it would help to let people know," he explained.

The first edition of the quarterly publication was distributed in October, offering "downtown-specific information," as is the goal of the publication. While it is ultimately up to Charlevoix residents and newsletter readers whether the publication will continue to be offered in a hard-copy format, Carey said his ultimate goal is to offer What's Up Downtown exclusively online, accessible via email and on the DDA's new website, expected to be unveiled by the first of the year.

"We really want to save on printing costs and provide the information quickly and conveniently, to as many readers as possible," he said.

It makes sense, Carey added, to minimize printing costs by utilizing online delivery. However, he understands the appeal of a hard-copy format as well. If readers are more comfortable with the hard copy, "we would be glad to take the time and effort to offer that," he said, but would prefer to save as much money as possible.

"If at all possible, we would like to save our slated tax dollars to use for other projects. We'd like to free up our resources for other things," Carey said.

The idea of investing in marketing and promotion of the downtown, including its festivals, construction, businesses and other activities, is part of the Charlevoix Downtown Blueprint 2007, an initiative developed to maximize promotion and growth of the city. Carey said the newsletter is one element of that plan, and it can act as a tool to help keep year-round residents as well as part-time residents and visitors -- "anyone interested in downtown Charlevoix," Carey said -- up-to-date with everything that is 'Up' in the downtown area.

"We'll include a relatively frequent update of the Blueprint, and updates of the East Park project. That is something that is significant, and I think especially those summer residents that don't get to see it all the time would appreciate an update of the progress," Carey said.

What else is 'Up'? Exciting winter events, such as last week's Christmas tree lighting and visit from Santa Claus are just the type of things the newsletter will report on. Carey said information about Charlevoix's newest winter event, the first annual Flurry Fest planned for Dec. 1, is also an item of discussion.

Timing for the unveiling of the new DDA website -- early January -- is perfect for the agency to "take a pro-active approach" in promoting both the newsletter and the website simultaneously, Carey said. The newsletter will be available on the website, which will also feature downtown activities and highlights, and Carey hopes the newsletter will draw readers to the website. Likewise, he hopes visitors to the website will be drawn to the newsletter.

"One of the main messages we want to send is that no one is disqualified from subscribing. Anyone interested in the downtown can become a subscriber."

Carey is developing a database of email addresses, starting with individuals he knows are interested in the publication such as merchants and city officials, and hopes to have a list that is "as substantial as possible" completed as soon as possible. Anyone intersted in receiving electronic delivery of the publication can email Carey at kcarey@cityofcharlevoix.org.

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Late bloomer

This huge yellow rose made a rare November appearance last week outside Hearts to Holly on Mason Street in downtown Charlevoix.

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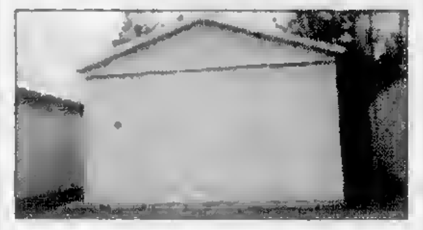

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Crooked Tree holds quilt festival

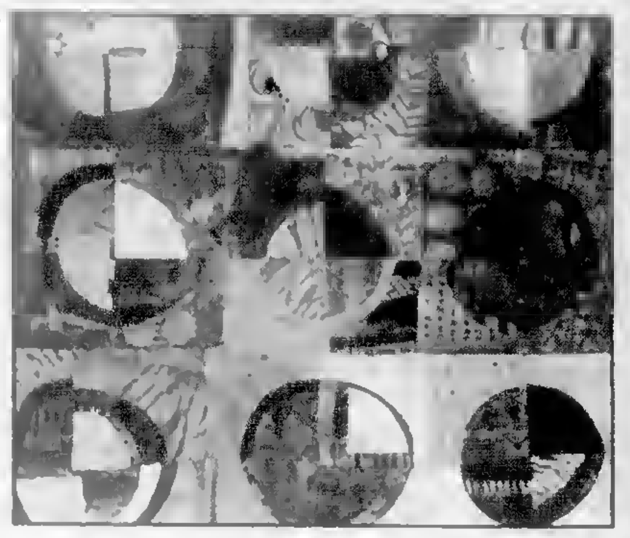
The Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey, Michigan will host an international exhibition of art quilts from Jan. 12 to March 1, 2008. The Studio Art Quilt Associates' exhibition entitled Transformations 2007: Reverberations premiered at the Festival of Quilts in Birmingham, England and then traveled to the Quilt Indulgence Festival in New South Wales, Australia. It will open at the Crooked Tree Arts Center Jan. 12 from 2-4 p.m. in the Edith Gilbert Gallery.

Juror and art quilt expert Sandra Sider wrote: "My goal in jurying this exhibition was to select a group of quilts in which ideas or emotions were successfully expressed through color, line, and texture. I looked for quilts in which artists had grappled with a concept or emotion, creating surfaces that enabled viewers to respond to the thought behind the art. My subtitle for the exhibition, Reverberations, resulted from the visual dialogues between various quilts, which became evident during the jury process. Through shape, color, texture, or idea, these works speak to each other in the archetypal language of quilts."

SAQA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the art quilt through education, exhibitions, professional development, and documentation. With an active membership of more than 1,700 established and emerging artists, the artwork created by SAQA members can be found in both national and international exhibitions, galleries, museums and private collections.

On Tuesday Jan. 22 at 10 a.m., Suttons Bay fiber artist Desiree Vaughn will present a Coffee at Ten lecture on the "Quilt as Art" in the Edith Gilbert Gallery at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. Vaughn is a member of the Studio Art Quilt Associates. Vaughn is a textile artist, teacher and fabric surface design expert. Examples of her work will be on display at CTAC during the exhibition.

For more information on the Transformations 2007: Reverberations you may contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or go online to www.crookedtree.org. This program is supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.



Courtesy photo
Quilt from Reverberations Exhibition.

Newsletter to offer downtown information

DDA

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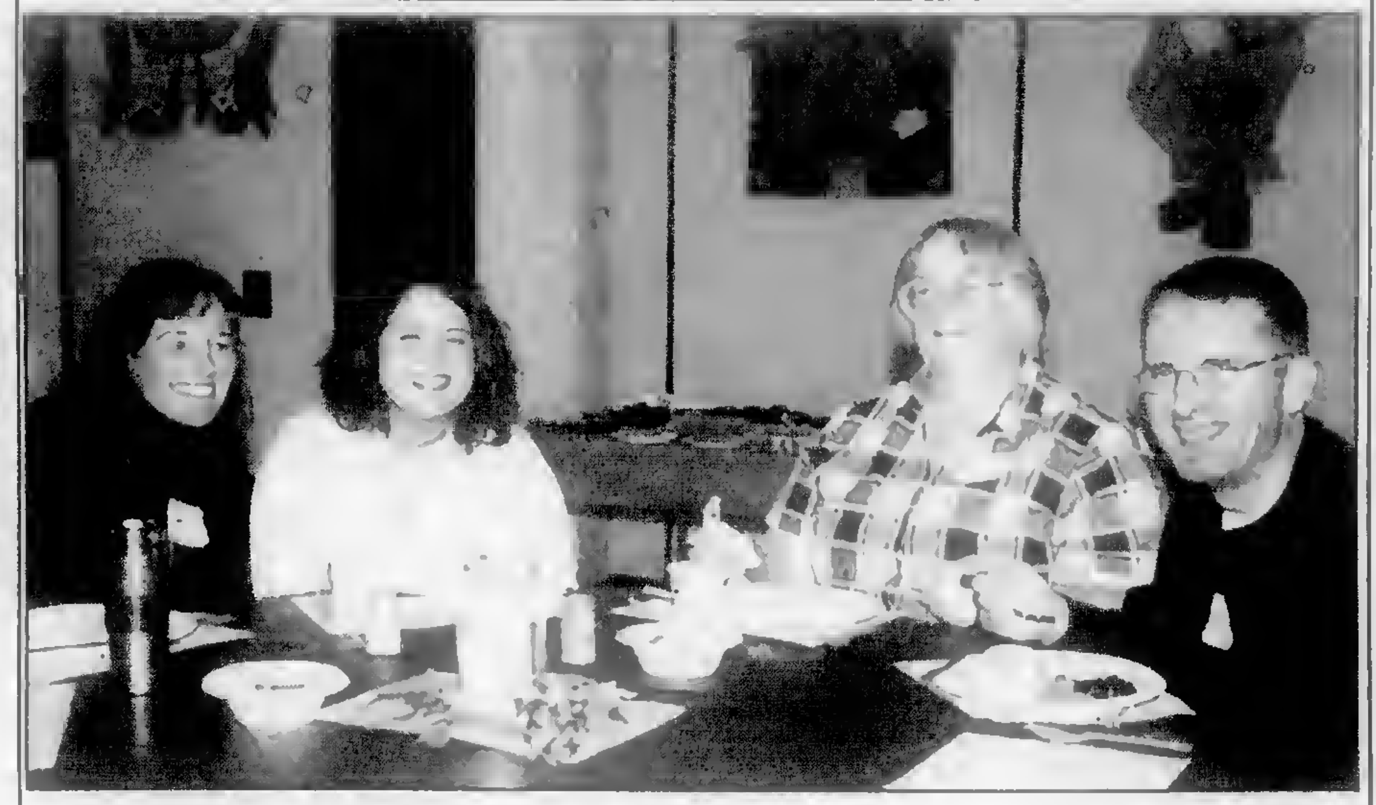
Charlevoix DDA has "quietly reinvested millions of dollars" into various projects, mostly infrastructure, in the Charlevoix area, Carey said. Up until recently that investment focused almost exclusively on infrastructure, Carey said, but the development of the executive director position, and other vision "broadening," led to other involvements. Some of Charlevoix's successes that can be credited to some degree to the DDA include construction of Bridge Park, the "forgotten" park since the arrival of East Park, built in 2000. Carey said the project is "a perfect example of a strong partnership between the DDA and a local business (the Beaver Island Boat Company)."

Parking areas off Bridge Street are also DDA projects, as was the creation of the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce building, leased by the DDA to the Chamber for $1 a year.

The new Charlevoix Public Library is also partially a DDA project, although Carey said since DDA assisted in acquisition of the building the library has "done a tremendous job of becoming an individual and strong entity."

Numerous street light, water, sewer and power enhancements can also be credited to the DDA, Carey said.

Carey said he would be interested in expanding the quarterly publication into a monthly newsletter, but doubts at this time there are enough happenings or enough manpower to justify such a schedule. The next edition of What's Up Downtown is scheduled for release in January.



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Community Thanksgiving

Over 70 volunteers helped prepare and serve Charlevoix's First Annual Community Thanksgiving dinner. Pictured here refueling at the event are four of those volunteers, (above, from left) Lonnie Kughman, Jessica Halverson, Linda Johnson and Dennis Halverson.

Community Christmas decorating contest

All Charlevoix businesses are encouraged to decorate their store fronts and light their windows for judging from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30.

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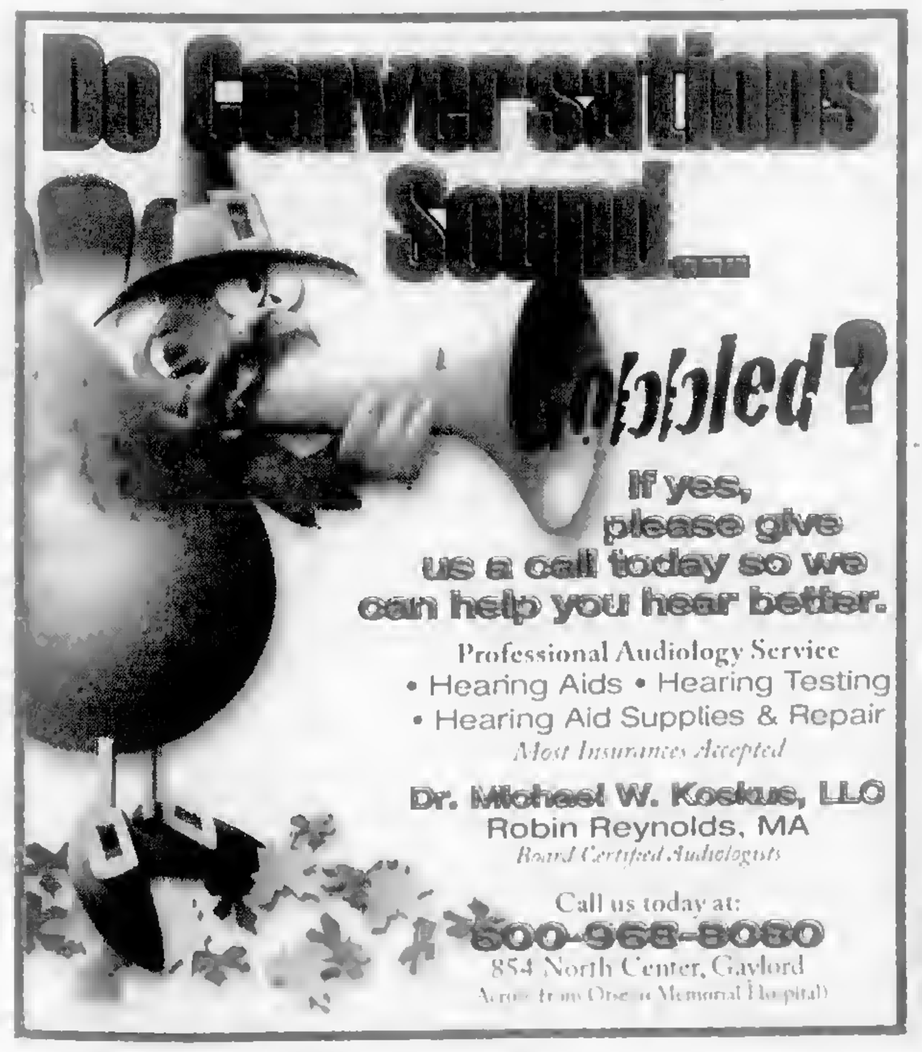

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LETTERS to the editor

REMEMBERING CONNIE FORD

Editor:

Thank you very much for the invitation to participate in the celebration of the life of Connie Ford. I had the opportunity to work with Connie for well over three decades, while she was the director of speech activities at Charlevoix High School, and I had the pleasure to serve as the executive director of the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association. With her leadership and commitment, the students at Charlevoix High School had many very unique opportunities to learn communication skills and form lifelong friendships with the forensic community.

Connie offered opportunities to students to participate in debate, speech and theater events, a variety of options that would contribute to personal growth, while teaching skills that would afford individuals special advantages in the academic and business world. In addition, she was a passionate advocate for recognition of small school achievements, campaigning for awards and activities for schools and students in areas with geographical challenges or smaller populations.

When I began to work for the organization in 1974, Connie was providing opportunities for the students of Charlevoix in debate, which includes public speaking and oral interpretation and in theater. Thirty or more years later, she was still extending to students similar challenges, although the debate options were primarily in her classroom, office or on the telephone.

She was a member of many committees of our statewide organization, but primarily made contributions in individual events and theater. She was one of the original facilitators of a statewide theater festival, providing an opportunity for students to experience artistic creation in an environment other than their school theater. In the early years of the theater festival, Connie would always remind other directors who had reservations about performances in a theater environment other than their own facility, that theater could be done on any stage, for she had no official facility at Charlevoix. In the tradition of antiquity, all the world was a stage and she was willing to share her love of artistic expression with others.

Her performances, which won multiple awards for small schools in statewide theater competitions, always had numerous students in production. She would fill the stage with performers, providing a chance for any student with a willingness to take a risk with a role or a place in a chorus. The trips of her theater troupes in the famous Rayder bus to various performance sites in Michigan are legendary, for you always knew that on a particular Saturday in February Charlevoix would be traveling to a regional or state site to do one of its "all school" extravaganzas.

More was better for Connie. The quality would come, but she always began with the choice of a production that would offer a chance for as many students as possible to participate. Opportunity was the important standard; she would infuse quality, make it all fit together.

Connie would always commit Charlevoix students to participate. She would enter a dozen or more students in a five-event performance option, the pentathlon. The event was in December, frequently during the debate season. But Connie again saw an opportunity to expose students to different communication events, a chance to give choices to competitors. In Michigan, students must participate in one event during the spring individual events series so Connie saw the December pentathlon as a chance for a contestant to get exposure to potential events. Many of the competitors would be on script, having chosen a piece for dramatic, poetry, prose or storytelling perhaps the week before the contest. Connie wanted the students to have the exposure to many options prior to committing to a specific event — again, the opportunity to choose with some understanding of what might be available.

I was always impressed with this vision, offering a chance for a student to experience an activity. I remember most vividly a conversation involving a young male participant, who was willing to try some of the events in the pentathlon, but was unwilling to do storytelling, an event he thought was inappropriate for his interests. She simply indicated to him that if he wanted to be on the Rayder bus to Ann Arbor, he would do the event, in addition to the other four (if you did not do all five events, you would be disqualified). Understanding his options (I'm sure as only she could present "choices"), he agreed to do all five events. In the spring when it was time to concentrate on one event, he actually became a storyteller, a very good one, who won a state championship. Given an opportunity, a student could excel, which illustrates her commitment to education and diverse experiences.

More is indeed better for Connie. Opportunity can open doors, increase understanding, show you a world that can benefit from your special talents.

Connie extended her commitment to providing individuals with an environment to discover personal characteristics from Charlevoix to statewide activities. She had a passionate intensity to create as many situations or tournaments as feasible for small school students to get recognition. Thus, through her efforts on the MIFA Theatre Committee we have school awards in Class C-D in theater and a mandate that a minimum of two schools in Class C-D be participants in the MIFA State Theatre Finals. As a member of the Individual Events Committee, which she was on through the 2007 academic year, Connie was a strong advocate of the maintenance of the district tournament, for to her the district activity was an opportunity for recognition for more students.

You always knew her position on an issue, for Connie gave clear visual images of what she thought. If for some reason you might be unclear on her opinion, she would provide a terse verbal comment to indicate her sentiments. If a committee member might think that her demeanor indicated that she was upset with a decision or a comment, it likely was true. However, you also knew that she would continue to advocate what she thought was important, while also making sure that Charlevoix students still had the opportunity to participate.

Being part of the process, to participate in learning, was most important to Connie. You could not make change from the sidelines, so Connie would keep Charlevoix involved in speech activities, adapting, as appropriate, to the situation. The chance to grow from the experience, to discover your talents, was a standard for her. You learn by doing.

It is wonderful that Charlevoix has a theater now for students. The facility reflects community recognition of the benefits of an artistic experience, a Connie Ford theme! It is also appropriate that the community thank Connie for her commitment to providing a communication experience for almost four decades for Charlevoix students.

From the perspective of the state, we also thank Connie for championing opportunities for small schools, for encouraging by example schools and students in areas with geographical challenges to be active participants, and for her willingness to represent the interests of northern schools in statewide activities.

Her students, the state champions — and there were many elimination round participants in debate, individual events and theater — and the one time performers and speakers represent her legacy. Her torch will remain bright for there are many to fuel the fire!

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the celebration of the contributions of Connie Ford. She remains a special person who loved to educate.

Jon Fitzgerald

MIFA Executive Director, Retired

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MIDDLE EAST TRUTH

Editor:

Courier Writer Ben Gohs has accepted Rebecca Glotfelty's view of the Middle East as truth without questioning her observations. But here are a few points which can broaden the perspective of Courier readers:

Sixty years ago, on Nov, 29, 1947, the UN declared a two-state division of the Mideast lands controlled by Great Britain under the mandate created after World War I. However, the Arab nations rejected this division and declared war on the new State of Israel. For 60 years, Israel has sought recognition by all its neighbors, a goal not yet achieved.

After Israel won the 1967 war, the borders expanded. However, Israel gave back the Sinai Peninsula when making peace with Egypt. Israel has also made peace with Jordan. If neighboring states had brave leaders like Egypt's Sadat or Jordan's Hussein, we could also see a peaceful resolution of the northern and eastern borders.

Until all the borders are agreed upon by treaty, Israel must secure itself against infiltration by suicide bombers. Since the erection of walls and fences, the number of terrorist incidents has fallen dramatically. The Israeli Supreme Court has adjusted the path of the security barrier several times, overruling military considerations because of concern for the rights of Arab villagers.

Most Americans recognize that Israel and the U.S. share commitment to democracy and the rule of law. The U.S. has found Israel a reliable ally in a part of the world where democracy is scarce. Injustice will disappear, God willing, when neighbors learn to trust each other and talk about their disagreements. We pray that the result will be two states, Israel and Palestine, living side by side, in peace.

Barbara Glueck

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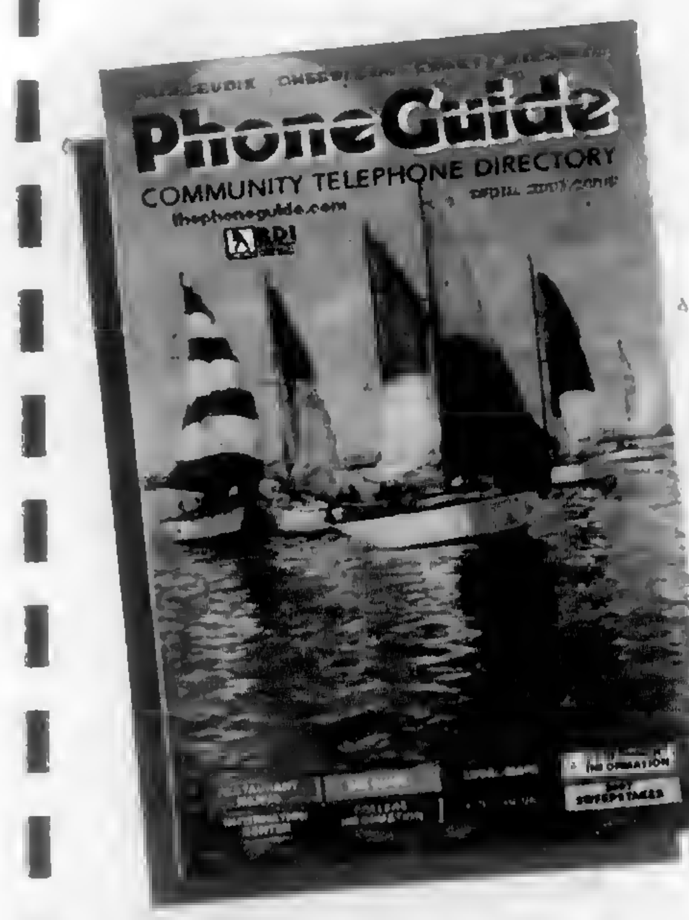

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Ric Roane joins Warner Norcross & Judd LLP as partner

Ric Roane, who maintains a home on Beaver Island and has been active in the community for more than a decade and is also a preeminent family-law attorney in west Michigan has joined Warner Norcross & Judd LLP as a partner.

Roane, who has been in private practice for two decades, concentrates his practice in domestic-relations litigation, including divorce, child custody, pre- and post-nuptial agreements, non-marital domestic relationships and complex business valuation and distribution. He utilizes mediation, arbitration and collaborative law techniques in his practice. He will practice in the firm's Grand Rapids office.

Locally, Roane is active with the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, and is a board member and in fundraising and promotions for the Beaver Island Community Center on the island. As a certified arbitrator and experienced mediator, Roane is available on the island to mediate legal disputes.

A native of Seattle, Roane now lives in Grand Rapids.

RIC ROANE

New program aims to grow Michigan business

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm recently announced a program to help grow new businesses in Michigan by assisting communities with the construction, expansion or acquisition of new and existing public and non-profit incubator projects.

The program is being made available by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation with funds provided by the federal Community Development Block Grant program.

"We are helping Michigan entrepreneurs turn their innovative ideas into successful businesses that will create jobs in communities across the state," Granholm said.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation has allocated approximately $1.5 million in Community Development Block Grant funding to the program. Priority will be given to applicants that demonstrate project and financial viability. The maximum grant amount is capped at $500,000 and funding will be considered on a first come, first serve basis.

Incubators help businesses and entrepreneurs develop intellectual property, conduct product development, secure start-up financing and formulate business plans. Assistance may include counseling services, financial/capital acquisition, management guidance, technical support and access to appropriate rental space and flexible leases

"Community Development Block Grant funds are a great resource for communities to make the kinds of infrastructure improvements necessary to attract new investment and jobs." Michigan Economic Development Corporation president and CEO James C. Epolito said. "Incubators play a vital role in the success of new businesses and I'm pleased this new program is available to help those who help businesses grow in our state."

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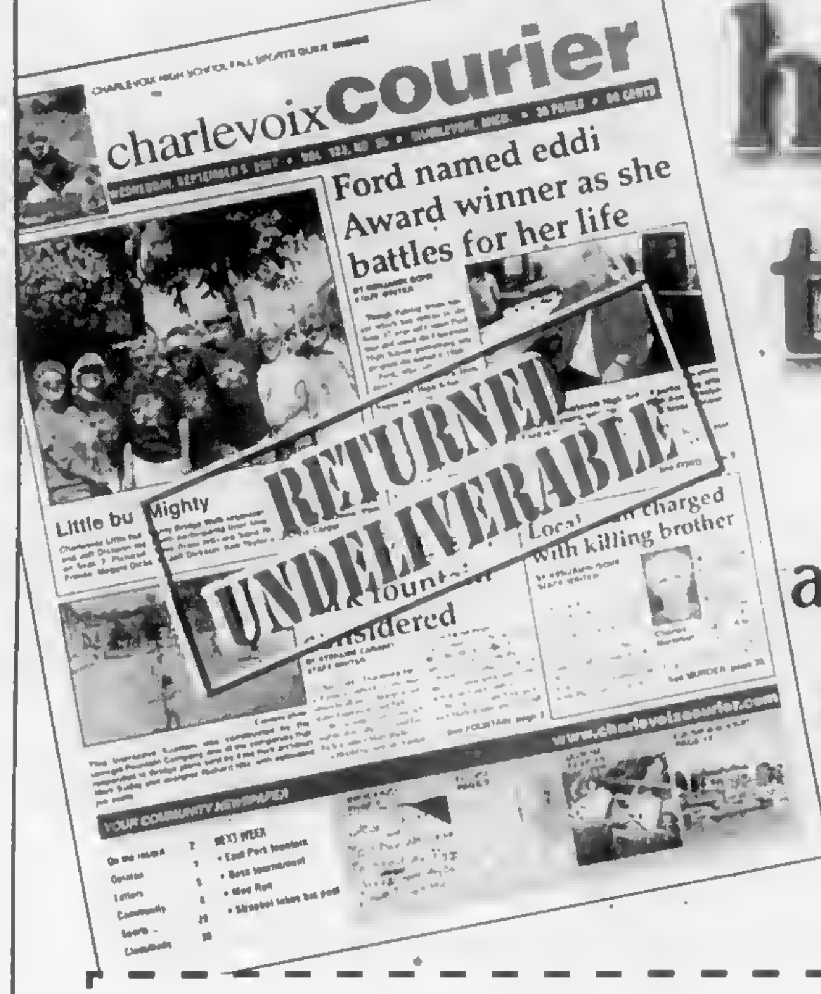
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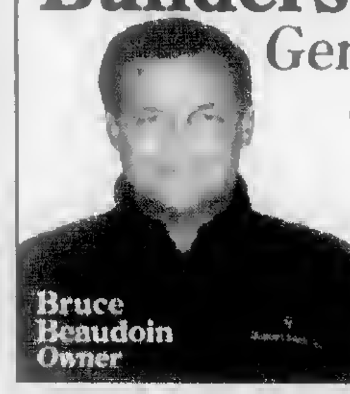

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"We all know how miserable having the flu can be, especially this time of year when we look forward to celebrating holidays with family and friends," said Joshua Meyerson, MD, Medical Director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Unfortunately, flu is very contagious, even before you develop symptoms. Holiday gatherings can be the perfect environment for spreading the flu virus. The good news is the flu is easily prevented with an annual flu shot."

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, an average of 36,000 people die every year from flu and more than 200,000 are hospitalized with serious flu-related complications. The people at highest risk for serious complications are older people, young children, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions.

There is plenty of flu vaccine this season, unlike previous years, when there were world-wide flu vaccine shortages. Flu shots are available though physicians offices, clinics, even grocery stores and pharmacies. The Health Department of Northwest Michigan still has several flu shot clinics planned through its four-county health district: Tuesday, Nov. 27 at the Health Department office in Charlevoix; and Nov. 28 at the Health Department office in Harbor Springs. Appointments are required. Flu shots are $25 and pneumonia shots are $30. Medicaid and Medicare are accepted. Children (through age 18) who have no health insurance or whose insurance does not cover immunizations can get their flu shot by making a $10 donation. Flu shot appointments will continue to be available at the Health Department through December or as long as flu vaccine is available.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For additional information about flu shot clinics, call the Health Department at 800-432-4121 or visit HYPERLINK "http://www.nwhealth.org/" www.nwhealth.org.

Health Department encourages families to prepare an emergency kit

During Emergency Preparedness Month, public health officials are encouraging everyone to compile a family emergency kit.

"If able-bodied people had basic supplies for three days, emergency responders could focus on those who need assistance most," said Carol Paxton, public health emergency preparedness director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. "Here in northern Michigan, our greatest risks for emergencies are weather related. But a family emergency kit may also be critical in other sorts of emergencies, such as disease outbreaks or power outages."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends your family emergency kit include:

Three-day supply of nonperishable food.

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For those of us who live in a cold climate, FEMA also suggests your family emergency kits contains one complete change of clothing and shoes per person, including jacket, long pants, long sleeve shirt, sturdy shoes, hat, mittens, scarf and sleeping bag or warm blanket. Be sure to account for growing children and other family changes. Also, you

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An Environmental Review Record respecting the aforementioned project has been made by Northern Homes Community Development Corporation which documents the environmental review of the project. This Environmental Review Record is on file at Northern Homes Community Development Corporation, 1048 E. Main Street, Boyne City, Michigan, 49712. The records are available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please contact Jane MacKenzie of Northern Homes Community Development Corporation at (231) 582-6244 for further information.

Northern Homes Community Development Corporation will undertake the project described above with HOME funds, under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. MSHDA is certifying to HUD that Bruce Jeffries, in his official capacity as the Certifying Officer of MSHDA, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Northern Homes Community Development Corporation may use the HOME funds, and the State of Michigan will have satisfied its responsibilities under the national Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD, or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process; or (c) other specific grounds in HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to Cynthia Washington, HUD Detroit Area Office, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226

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Several members of Northern Martial Arts Academy of Charlevoix recently participated in the World Martial Arts annual tournament held in the Flint area. Top right, member Lizzie Sutton is pictured with her certificate.

Local Martial Arts Academy competes in Flint

Several members of Northern Martial Arts Academy of Charlevoix recently participated in the World Martial Arts annual tournament held in the Flint area.

"Our students represented Northern Michigan well and brought home the most trophies of all of the locations who competed," Head Instructor Tim Bruce said. Students competed in Sparring (fighting), Breaking, and Forms competition.

"We had students from all age levels competing and several won multiple trophies. We had many family members compete and participate. We had some fantastic breaking competition with students breaking boards, bricks and even flaming piles of wood. It was awesome! We also crowned one of our youngest new Black Belts. Lizzie Sutton from Petoskey was awarded her Black Belt in Hapkido, which is a remarkable feat for an 11 year old. She is really a hard working and dedicated student.

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Charlevoix girls Murphy Gillespie, Desi Faust and Aubrey Way were named for the All Conference Team and Michelle Burke, Shauna Spencley and Tammy Potter given Honorable Mentions.

Cassy Crick was named to the All Conference Team and Paige Fuller given Honorable Mention from East Jordan.

Local boys who have been named for the All Conference Team from Boyne City are Ethan Mapes, Phillip Conklin, Beau Kroondyk, Ryan Clubine and Sterling Adgate, with Michael Fox, Jesse Place, Kaleb McNamara and Sam Jabara given Honorable Mentions.

Charlevoix boys named for the All Conference Team are Ben Myers, Weston Bryan, Collin McDonough and Alex Molter, with John Shea, Scott Haselschwardt and Andy Ennis given Honorable Mentions.

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The JRAC eighth annual Members Christmas Art For Sale Exhibit is another unique event sponsored by the Jordan River Arts Council Board of Directors. The exhibit will open Saturday, Nov. 24.

Media represented are paintings, drawings, photography, prints, book art, jewelry, pottery, wood toys, fiber arts, dolls, glass, greeting cards, and a variety of ornaments. All are one-of-a-kind items offered at a wide variety of prices which can be taken at time of purchase. Some gifts are designed for young shoppers.

Artists participating are: Kathie Albring, Carol Backus, Prudy Barber, Laura Barber, Dorothy Bennett, Karen Boals, Nancy Carey, Dick Cunningham, Heidi Dietrich, Cyd Dulcher, Dan Farrow, All Frieze, Jan Glass, John Hubbard (John Davies), Liz Kantzer, John and Martha Lee, Jan and Bill Luptowski, Gina Middaugh, Peggy Midener, Audrey Meyers, David, June and Andrew Otis,Chad Pastotnik, Alan Shepard, June Storm, Diane Strzelinski, Alan Swan, Marcia Waara, Sylvia Walworth, Karen Wolletz, and Babs Young.

Refreshments will be served with Christmas Music provided by Margaret Thomson. The blue spruce Christmas tree was donated by Rocky Top Farms of Ellsworth and the Christmas Centerpiece was donated by The Backdoor Florist of East Jordan. A fireplace has beenß provided by Poineau Woodworkers, Inc. to complete the festive setting.

The exhibit will run through Dec. 16 and be open daily from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Jordan River Art Center, 301 Main Street, East Jordan. For further information call the the Art Center, (231) 536 3385 or Chairperson Babs Young, (231) 599-2220.

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Margaret Thomson plays Christmas music for exhibit opening Nov. 24.

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The church parish will host its annual Chairity Auction on Friday, June 27. Planning for the event is currently underway and organizers are looking for donations of furniture items. The workers at the church will take the donations, bring the back to life and sell them to the highest bidder at the spring auction.

Items can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the church, located at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue in downtown Charlevoix.

Those unable to bring donations to the church may request a pickup by calling (231) 547-9122.

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Toys for Teens

Front on floor: Debbie Cesaro, a pharmacy tech; Sharon Smorch, manager of the sleep center; Shirley Hand, a nurses assistant; Ken Stayley with toys for tots Marine Corp. League; Tina Folts, an RN in the cardiac rehabilitation wing and chair of the HERO Club; George Wahl with Marine Corp. League; Pat Shooks, dietary worker; Suzanne Carlson, admittance clerk; Russ Bolt of the Marine Corp. League; Deb Gallagher, a phlebotomist; Susan Moreau, surgical housekeeping; and Charlie Butcher of the Marine Corp. League pose with dozens of toys donated for the new Toys For Teens drive to ensure area teens as well as area tots have a new toy on Christmas morning. The Charlevoix Area Hospital H.E.R.O. (Hospital Employees Reaching Out) Club was originally formed to raise funds for hospital improvements, but decided to team up with the Marine Corp. League to fill a need in the Charlevoix area.

Charlevoix Christmas project prepares to help community

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project committee is preparing for another holiday season.

Last year, the project committee helped 175 families including 352 children and 254 adults with a budget of approximately $6,500.

The committee's stated goal is the same as when the program started in the early 1980s. "Every child in the Charlevoix School District will have a good Christmas and receive a new article of clothing, a toy or a fun gift along with new mittens, hats and socks."

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To donate, send checks made payable to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project to our treasurer Carolyn Batdorf, 04903 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, MI, 49720.

For more information, call Bev Boss, chairman of the Community Christmas Project at (231) 547-2078.

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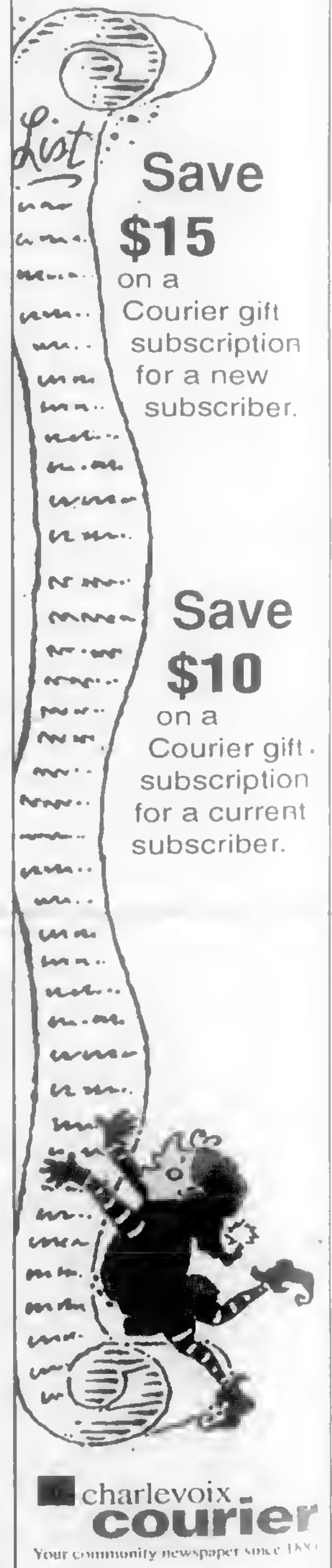

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Varice E. Bourdo and Ruth A. Bourdo, Husband and Wife to HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III by a mortgage dated August 13, 2004 and recorded on August 18, 20004 in Liber 632 on Page 519, Charlevoix County Records Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three and 74/100 Dollars ($130,733.74) including interest at 8.48% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix Michigan at 11:00 am on December 21, 2007. Said premises are situated in the City of East Jordan , County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at a point 115.0 feet East of the Southwest corner of Government Lot 2, Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 7 West thence North 214 feet; thence East 50 feet; thence North 20 feet; thence East 82.5 feet; thence South 234 feet; thence West 132.5 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of Government Lot 2, Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241 a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 14, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: John Spieth and Rebecca Spieth, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2005 and recorded August 22, 2005 in Liber 700 Page 328 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Resmae Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, by assignment dated June 11, 2007 and recorded June 26, 2007 in Liber 808, Page 690, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents ($196,571.86) including interest 8.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on Friday, December 28, 2007. Said premises are situated in Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

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Dated: NOVEMBER 21, 2007

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

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Now therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statue in such case made and provided , the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, County Building, 301 State St., Village of Charlevoix and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on December 21, 2007, at 11:00 O'clock the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage together with 8.50 percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

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Dated: November 7, 2007

Alden State Bank Mortgagee

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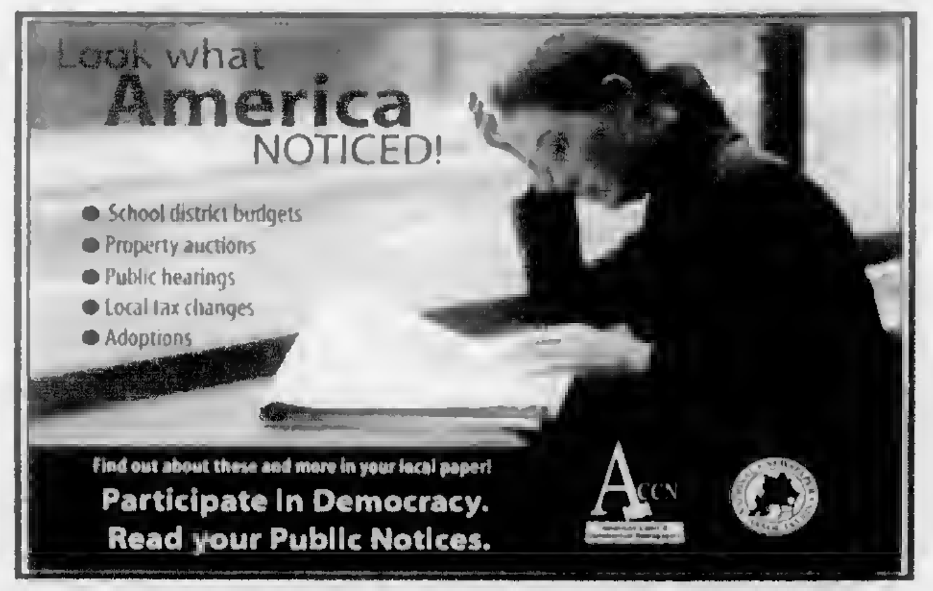
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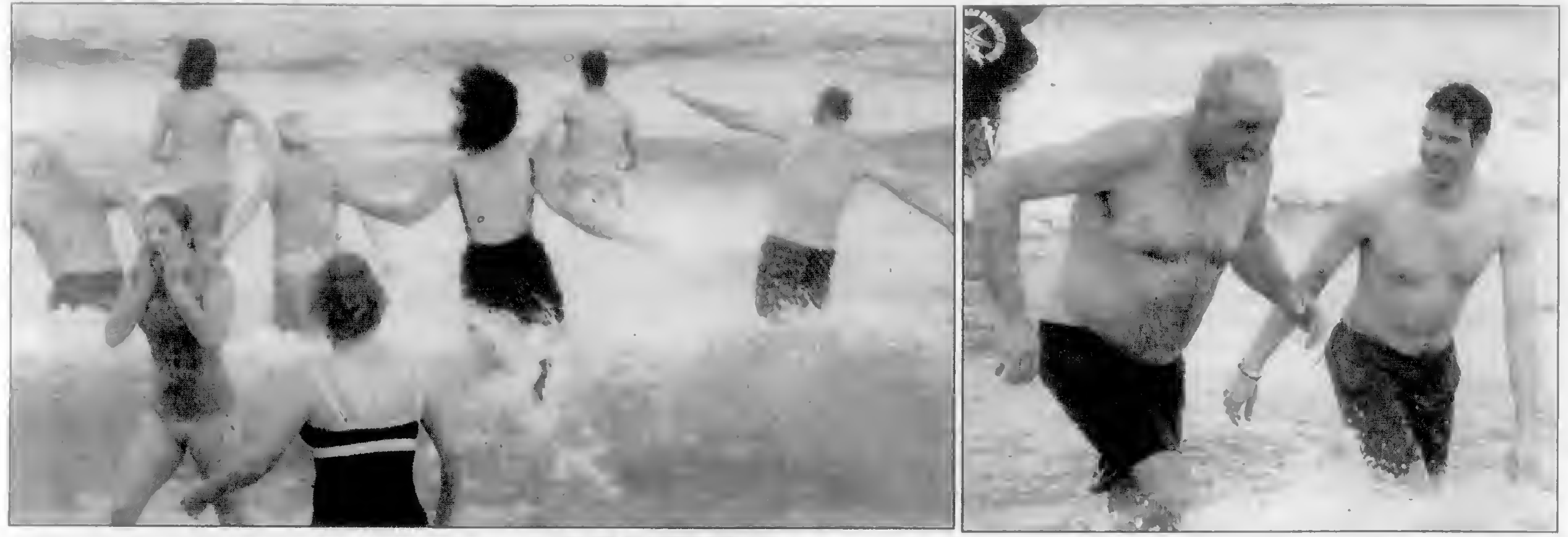

G. Randall Goss/News-Review

Led by organizer John McNabb (diving, left of center) approximately 20 hearty souls race Into Lake Michigan. Thanksgiving morning as an annual fundraiser. With the air temperature at 28 degrees and water temperature near 40 it was not for the faint at heart. This year's recipient of the fund sponsored swim is Boddy Whitley, an infant born prematurely last January 27, weighing a mere 1 pound 5 ounces. Boddy is currently home with his mother Michelle Mallloux weighing a healthy 15 pounds.

Thanks for reading the Charlevoix Courier

Festival of Carols slated for Dec. 2

Sunday, December 2nd at 4 p.m., the Jordan Valley Chorale, under the direction of Ellen Addington, will present a "Festival of Carols", at the United Methodist Church at 201 Fourth Street, East Jordan. Singers from Charlevoix, East Jordan and Central Lake join in presenting a program of works including Palestrina, Grotenhuis, Reger, Marshall, Rutter and Darke.

Featured soloists are Barh Dowty, soprano and Ron Klooster, as well as Pam Luce, contralto, who will be introducing a composition hy local composer Elizabeth Humphrey, written for the occasion. Hand bells will accompany the Jane Marshall number and maracas on the rhythmic, playful Walter Grady's "Sing Joyously." Elizabeth Humphrey, pianist and accompanist for the chorale, will offer her "Christmas Potpourri," which has become a highlight of the program.

The audience will be an important part of the "Festival of Carols," joining with the Chorale in singing many of the favorite carols and ushering in this joyous time of Advent/Christmas with happy sounds of the seasons. There is no charge, hut contributions will be gratefully accepted and donated to the Community Food Pantry. A reception in the undercroft will follow the program.

Prepare an emergency kit

KIT

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want to add items to your kit depending on the specific needs of your family.

Most families prefer to store their emergency supplies in one location that is relatively safe, yet easily accessible if evacuation is required, such as a large trash can, suitcase, duffel bag, backpack or footlocker.

"Emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility," Paxton said. "All sectors of society — government, service providers, businesses, civic and volunteer groups, as well as every individual citizen, should plan ahead for disaster. During the first few hours or days, essential services may not be available and people must be ready."

For additional information about preparing a family emergency kit, visit www.michigan.gov/michiganprepares or www.ready.gov.

2008 Dog Licenses
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Charlevoix County Treasurer's office only. Current proof of rabies vaccination required. Applications available at the Treasurer's office or online at charlevoixcounty.org
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- Fees double after February 29, 2008.
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Marilyn Cousineau
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Take advantage of Medicare shopping

Medicare Shopping Season ends Dec. 31

Each year from Nov. 15 through Dec. 31, Medicare beneficiaries have an opportunity to enroll in a prescription drug plan for the new calendar year (2008). While individuals may stay with their current plan, the Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) recommends reviewing your options before making a decision.

Each year, insurance companies have an opportunity to change their benefits. It is important that people with Medicare not only consider the price of their monthly premium, but also the plan formulary (drug list). You need to make sure the prescriptions you take will still be covered and if there are any restrictions like requiring prior authorization, quantity limits or step therapy.

Other considerations include: the annual deductible, coverage in the gap/donut hole, the pharmacy you like to use, whether you want a mail order option and whether you will be able to get your prescriptions if you travel.

The new 2008 Medicare prescription drug plans are available to review at www.medicare.gov by using the Plan Finder to compare options. For assistance over the telephone, call 1-800 Medicare (1-800-633-4227).

Individuals with questions about their prescription drug plan, or with other questions related to their Medicare coverage, should contact the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office or regional office of the Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) at the Area Agency on Aging at 1-800-442-1713.

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Sweet donation

Grand Knight for the Charlevoix Knights of Columbus Gabe Campbell was recently at the Bergmann Center to present the Charlevoix House and the center funds raised by the Knights during their annual Tootsie Roll sale. The group donated $402.08 to the Charlevoix House and $500 to the Bergmann Center. Pictured here with Campbell are Lynne and Lorraine Sirmons, directors of the Charlevoix House and Suzanne Muma, Bergmann Center director with Ruth Thelen, Jamie Sylvester and Patty.

Save a Lid Save a life

Photo by Julie Witthoeft

Lids save lives

Mailie Witthoeft, 4, of Charlevoix and her teacher, Carole Coen, at the Charlevoix Children's House are steering an effort to battle breast cancer from the lunch table in their little red one-room school house. The two are collecting Lids for Life, pink lids on Yoplait yogurt. The company contributes 10 cents for every lid to breast cancer research. To donate your lids, call (231) 547-5599.

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
PUBLIC NOTICE

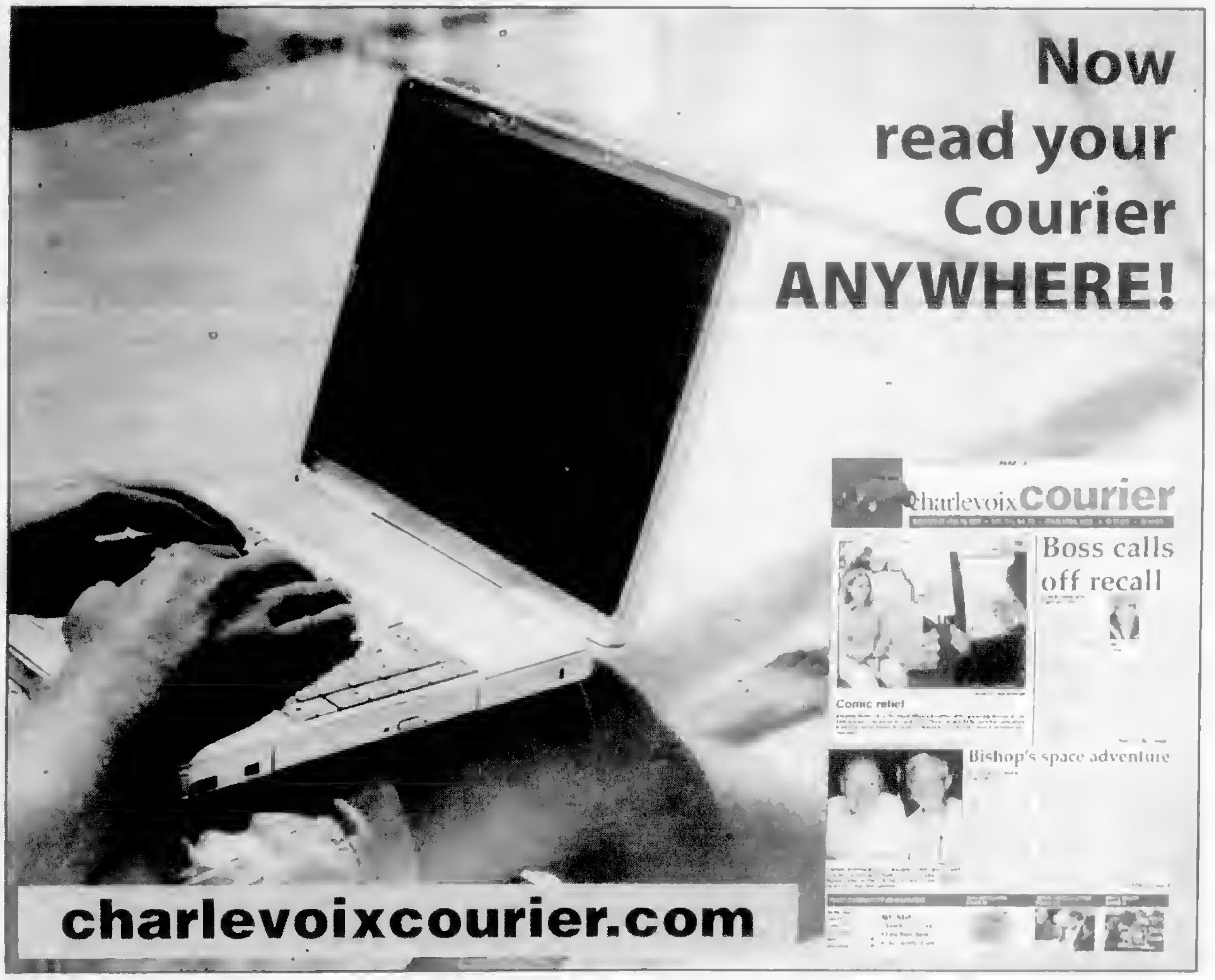
BOARD OF REVIEW
Tuesday, December 11, 2007
8:00 A.M.

The Board of Review for the City of Charlevoix will meet on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 8:00 A.M. at City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, in the Conference Room on the Main Floor.

The purpose of the meeting is to correct clerical errors, homestead affidavits, mutual mistakes of fact, or mathematical computations.

If you have any questions please call the City Clerk's Office at 547-3250.

Carol A. Ochs
City Clerk



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NOV. 28
CREATE HOLIDAY MAILING LABELS

Computer Tidbit: Create holiday mailing labels

Linda Adams, adult services librarian, will teach even the most timid how to easily save and print mailing labels at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 at Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 28
FREE MAMMOGRAM

Free mammogram appointments are available on Nov. 28 at Health Department Charlevoix Clinic for women age 40 to 64 who live in Charlevoix County and who meet certain income guidelines. Visit also includes clinical breast exam, pelvic exam with Pap test conducted by licensed nurse practitioner. Appointments are required. Sponsored by American Cancer Society, Charlevoix Area Hospital, Health Department of Northwest Michigan, and Sue DeYoung/Judy Edger Memorial Breast Cancer Walk. For additional information and to schedule an appointment, call the Health Department at 800-432-4121.

NOV. 29
HOLLY DAZE

The 15th Annual Holly Daze Gala Celebration "Sparkle" to benefit Charlevoix Area Hospital will take place on Nov. 29 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix.

Holly Daze tickets are $100 per person ($60 of which is fully tax-deductible) and include cocktails and dinner. The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 29. Tickets are now available by calling (231) 547-8685.

NOV. 29
STORY TIMES

Charlevoix Public Library will host two story times on Thursday, Nov. 29. The Lapsit (ages birth-3) group will meet at 10:05 a.m. and the Pre-kindergarten group (ages 3-5) will meet at 10:30 a.m. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

NOV. 30
BNI

Up North Network of Business Network International which consists of businesses located in Charlevoix and Emmet counties meets from 7 to 8:30 a.m. every Friday at the Charlevoix Public Library. Visitors are welcome. For information or a reservation, call Sam Bingham at (231) 547-4062.

NOV. 30
BUSINESS DECORATING

All Charlevoix businesses are encouraged to decorate their store fronts and light their windows for judging from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30.

Judges will look at the entire business front. Points will be given for holiday spirit and originality. Only businesses that have pre-registered at the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce office will be judged.

Prizes to be awarded are grand prize, first prize, second prize, third prize and honorable mention.

DEC. 1
PA PERFORMANCE

The Charlevoix High School performing arts students will put on their version of the classic, "Up the Down Staircase" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2 in the Charlevoix High School Performing Arts Center at 5200 Marion Center Drive.

Tickets will be available at the door: $5 for students and senior citizens; $7 for adults.

DEC. 1
CAN FUND-RAISER

The Northwest Academy Senior class is having a can and bottle collection/fund-raiser. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 1 the seniors will be outside of Glen's looking for can and bottle donations to fund their senior trip. Those who can't make it that day are asked to bring their empty cans and bottles to the NWA building which is open from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Or if requested, the seniors will pick up the empties at a place of business or home. Please call the Academy at 547-9000 to schedule pick-up. The money obtained from this and other fund-raisers will be used to finance the NWA Senior Trip to Toronto in May 2008.

DEC. 1
FRISKE'S HOLIDAY

Friske's Farm Market is offering special holiday events on two weekends in December. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 easy gourmet holiday food tips will be given by Dawn Wilhelm with recipe handouts, great samplings and gift basket assistance. On Saturday, Dec. 8, there will be a Christmas Celebration with several activities from 8 a.m. to noon a pancake breakfast; from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. edible crafts; from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. cookie decorating; from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. story time ;and from noon to 3 p.m. a Christmas Sing-a-long.

It'll be a bushel of fun at Friske's Farm Market, 10 miles south of Charlevoix, right on U.S. 31 at Atwood.

DEC. 1
FLURRY FEST

The Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring a new downtown festival to be held in conjunction with the Charlevoix Merchants' Holiday Open House on Saturday, Dec. 1.

The Merchants Holiday Open House currently features refreshments, entertainment, activities, special sales and raffles at participating businesses. Santa arrives at noon via fire truck to the Community Christmas Tree at the corner of Bridge and Clinton streets to greet children.

Flurry Fest will offer a fun, family-oriented conclusion to the day as Clinton Street between Bridge Street and the parking lot entrances will be closed to vehicular traffic and a large heated tent erected to house the festivities. Flurry Fest kicks off at 5 p.m. and will conclude at 8 p.m. Enjoy musical performances by local entertainers, sample and vote for Charlevoix's best hot chocolate, and munch on holiday finger foods and roasted chestnuts.

Admission to the event is free. Eateries may request a small fee to enjoy the hot chocolate. For more information, contact the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority at (231) 547-3257 or the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce at (231) 547-2101.

DEC. 2
FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

The Jordan Valley Chorale, under the direction of Ellen Addington, will present a "Festival of Carols" at 4 p.m. Dec. 2 at the United Methodist Church at 201 Fourth St. in East Jordan.

DEC. 4
"IRAQ FOR SALE"

See "Iraq for Sale," sponsored by the Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom as part of its winter film series at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 4 at Charlevoix Public Library. The films are free and open to the public.

DEC. 4
VETERANS NOTICE

A Department of Michigan American Legion service officer will be at the Charlevoix County Veterans' Affairs office, in the County Building in Charlevoix, Tuesday, Dec. 4 between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to assist any veteran, or veteran's survivor, in filing a claim, replacing lost discharge papers, obtaining medals or signing up for VA health care. If unable to visit the office, call the service officer at 547-7220 at the time listed above for more information.

DEC. 4
HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY DINNER

The annual Charlevoix Historical Society Holiday Dinner will take place at 6 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 4 at the Grey Gables Inn, 308 Belvedere Avenue in Charlevoix. Reservations must be made by Saturday, December 1 by calling (231) 547-0373. The public is invited to attend.

DEC. 5
LIGHTS OF LOVE

The Boyne City Eta Women's Club will once again sponsor the annual "Lights of Love" Christmas tree at the Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City. Proceeds will benefit Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

Donations can be made by purchasing a colored light ranging from $3 - $25, or a personalized heart for $35, that will be displayed on the tree. Hearts will be mailed to the contributor after the holidays. Flyers are available by calling 2313-582-8800.

A tree lighting ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5 in the Dilworth lobby. After a short dedication and caroling, those attending are invited to enjoy a light supper with homemade desserts at the Dilworth for $10. Families are welcome.

DEC. 8
FOOTBALL FOOD DRIVE

The Charlevoix High School Football team will be putting on a can/food drive on Saturday December 8th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Oleson's parking lot in front of Charlevoix Floral. We'll be trying to fill up a large snowmobile trailer. The proceeds will go to the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry.

DEC. 8
COOKIE WALK

Hundreds of homemade cookies will be sold at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix's annual cookie walk from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the church located at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue in downtown Charlevoix.

DEC. 11
HISTORIC DISTRICT MEETING

The members of the City of Charlevoix Historic Commission are planning an all

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, November 19, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed appointing Sherm Chamberlain as Deputy Mayor.
- Motion passed appointing Bob Timms and Councilmember Gabe Campbell to the Board of Review.
- Motion passed approving the Manager to hire an Airport Manager up to 30 hours per week.
- Resolution 2007-11-01 adopted, decertification of a portion of Coast Guard Drive.

Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

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day educational forum on the benefits and restrictions of historic designation as well as the local economic benefits and restrictions of historic districts. The forum will be presented from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Charlevoix Public Library. Presenters will be Kristine M. Kidorf of Kidorf Preservation Consulting, Richard Karp of Karp and Associates, and Michael J. Matts, director of historic preservation and planning for Gray and Pope Inc.

All interested citizens, including property and business owners in the downtown business district, and owners of historic buildings are encouraged to attend.

Reservations can be made by calling Linda Weller at the Charlevoix city manager's office, (231) 547-3270 by Wednesday, Dec. 5.

DEC. 12
PEACE MEETING

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom welcomes everyone interested in the group to attend its next meeting, at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 12 at Giuseppe's on Petoskey Avenue in Charlevoix. RSVP to Phil at (231) 547-2465 by Dec. 11.

DEC. 19
FIBER DESIGN GROUP

The Fiber Design Group will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19. The group meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month when a new surface design technique will be introduced. Each technique is applicable to art quilts and other fiber art projects. These meetings are free and open to the public. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT DONATIONS

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project committee is preparing for another holiday season.

Last year, the project committee helped 175 families including 352 children and 254 adults with a budget of approximately $6,500.

The committee's stated goal is the same as when the program started in the early 1980s, "Every child in the Charlevoix School District will have a good Christmas and receive a new article of clothing, a toy or a fun gift along with new mittens, hats and socks."

The project group has also found many needy senior citizens who live alone and would not have a good Christmas dinner without their help.

To donate, send checks made payable to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project to our treasurer Carolyn Batdorf, 04903 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, MI, 49720.

For more information, call Bev Boss, chairman of the Community Christmas Project at (231) 547-2078.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at (231) 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark, located at 401 West Carpenter St., is closed for the season. The park will reopen in May 2008. For more information, call 675-4505.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" at the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

JUKEBOX

Flight Deck, 6966 U.S. 31, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Nov. 29 karaoke; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 Peril — hard rock; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Dec. 2 Big Ben's Open Mic Night.

Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues; 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Nov. 28 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Nov. 30, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

Gold Nugget Bar and Grill, 6513 Center St., Ellsworth 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Nov. 30 Ray J the DJ; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Dec. 1, Boogieman and Soulshine — blues.

Scovie's Waterfront Grille, 230 Ferry Ave., Nov. 30 Sean Ryan; Dec. 1 Dave Cisco.

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Flurry Fest and Open House Action

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(Pictured, clockwise from top) Alex Matter, 5 and his 2-year-old brother Ben take a moment from the holiday festivities to pose with the one and only Santa Claus seen seated on the rear deck of a Charlevoix City fire truck. (Below) Pam Pennington of Charlevoix shields her 4-year-old Chihuahua Honeybun from the snow and cold during Flurry Fest Saturday, Dec. 1. (Bottom right) Mary Hengesh showed her holiday spirit in her festive red coat and springy Santa hat while shopping Charlevoix's downtown district during the annual Merchant Open House. (Bottom left) Delaney Biddle, 6, Charlevoix was one of dozens of children who waited in line through the snowing and blowing to sit on Santa's lap. (Middle left) Prestyn Seese of Charlevoix was bundled in black and ready to beseech the big man for everything his 7-year-old heart desired.

Mine controversy hits rock bottom, supervisor resigns

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Convinced he cannot get a fair hearing in legal processes involving his limestone mining business due to his current position as Norwood Township Supervisor, Wayne Wynkoop has resigned.

Wynkoop called it quits amid a litany of legal back-and-forth, including a Nov. 7 ruling by a Traverse City judge to cease operations, between Wynkoop and the Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety (NTCHS) over his desire, and their loathe, to operate his limestone mining operation.

"When I was elected ... in November 2004, my wife and I continued to pursue our plans to develop our sand and gravel operation which we had started back in 1983," Wynkoop stated in his Nov. 26 resignation letter. "I was never informed during my campaign that ... I would have to put my personal life ... on hold."

Wayne Wynkoop

He further stated, "The only way I can protect my property rights is to step down ... so the 33rd Circuit Court can no longer use my position as an excuse to support the

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Kettle and bell help spread holiday cheer

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

'It is a common sight this time of year. Individuals, young and old, smiling despite their apparent coldness, standing near a recognizable red kettle and ringing a bell, saying 'Merry Christmas' to passersby.

They are volunteers for the Salvation Army's annual Kettle Campaign, an effort that raises funds for those in need in communities throughout the country, hoping to make Christmas a merry one for families in need of warm clothes, toys, and food during the holiday season. Locally, the tri-county Salvation Army chapter serving Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim counties is hoping to raise $53,300 by Dec. 25, funds that will be used for the many Salvation Army programs that assist individuals in need throughout

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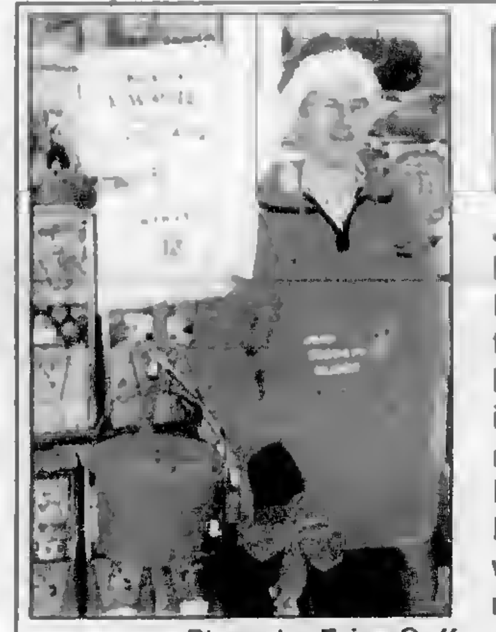

Photo by Erica Goff

To volunteer call the local chapter at (231)347-3531

John Young, member of the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club, rings the Salvation Army bell while volunteering last Saturday afternoon at the Charlevoix Kmart. Young and other Kiwanis Club members will return Dec. 8 for more bell ringing.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Thomas Henry Werry, 57, Dearborn Heights. Indecent exposure. To serve 30 days in jail; $1,500 in fines and costs.

Joseph Wayne Bonehrake, 30, Boyne City. Operating while license suspended/revoked/denied/allow, second offense. To serve 66 days on an electronic monitoring device; serve two years on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; not to operate a motor vehicle; $850 in fines and costs.

Joseph Harry Sewell, 39, Gaylord. Trespassing. Credit for three days in jail; $100 in fines and costs.

Joseph J. Holland, 43, Charlevoix. Disorderly person/drunk. Credit for four days in jail; 26 days held in abeyance; to serve three months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $250 in fines and costs.

Jesse Garret Howie, 23, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; to serve nine months on probation; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

Lee Dave Prevo Jr., 25, East Jordan. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $980 in fines and costs.

Jason Daniel Washegesic, 28, Charlevoix. Retail fraud, second degree. Credit for 61 days in jail; $731.97 in fines and costs.

Crystal Ann Legg, 23, Boyne City. Driving while impaired. Credit for four days in jail; 29 days held in abeyance; serve three days of community service work in lieu of three days in jail; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

David Hugh Sweeney, 18, Charlevoix. Retail fraud, third degree; Minor in possession/purchase/consume alcohol. Credit for two days in jail; to serve 10 days in jail; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve six months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; obtain: employment; GED; Not to enter Holiday or MOBIL gas stations; $350 in fines and costs.

Jeremy Allan Grutsch, 31, Boyne City. Failure to report an accident. To serve 10 days in jail; serve 60 days on an electronic monitoring device; $850 in fines and costs.

Danny Charles Dice, 44, Carp Lake. Trespassing. Credit for one day in jail; to serve five days in jail; $150 in fines and costs.

Corey Robert Eaton, 27, Boyne City. No operator license on person. Pay $150 in fines and costs or serve six days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

Cedars Edge, 14225 Klooster Road, Charlevoix, by Rose Straebel

Tintop Teardrop, 2498 Wickersham Road, Charlevoix, by Stephen Guthrie

W. Bernier Construction, 06080 Patricia Drive, East Jordan, by Wayne O. Bernier

Larry Laurain Construction, 38085 Beaver Lodge Road, Apartment 6, Beaver Island, by Larry G. Laurain

BIRTHS

Kate Lauren Love, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces, was born Nov. 15 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Mindy and Joshua Love of East Jordan. Her sibling is Anita Arlene Love. Her grandparents are Ricci Williams of Byron, Laurie and Tony Kleiber of Charlevoix and Kelly and Carrie Williams of Owosso. Her great-grandparents are Ray Love of Byron and Kate Williams of Ohio.

Tyler James Arender-Morris, was born to Tim and Gloria Arender-Morris of East Jordan on Nov. 23, 2007, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Tyler weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces at birth. He has a sister, Charlize, 4, and a brother, Timothy, 14 months. Grandparents are Tammy Sulkowski of East Jordan, Tim Arender of East Jordan, Ray Welsh of Central lake, and Diane Welsh of Central Lake. Great-grandparents are Amos Arender of Perry, and Viola Arender of Perry.

Camdyn Stuart Howard, was born to Jessica McNitt and Greg Howard of Boyne Falls on Nov. 23, 2007, at Charlevoix Area Hospital. Camdyn weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces at birth. He has a brother, Christopher Howard, 6. Grandparents are Marcia McNitt of Gaylord, the late Stuart McNitt of Lansing, Mary and Jeff Miller of Walloon Lake, and Dan and Kris Howard of Detroit. Great-grandparents are John and Janet Harris of Boyne City, Florence Burns of Boyne City and Leo and Gladys of Mancelona.

Meghan Marie Guezwa was born Nov. 8 at the North Ottawa Community Hospital in Grand Haven, Mich. to Tim and Laura Guczwa, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Her siblings are Noah and Tanner. Her maternal grandparents are Gary and Hazel Loder of Charlevoix and her paternal grandparents are Frank and Carolyn Guczwa of Monroe, Mich. Meghan also has great grandparents, Gerald and Edith Johnson of Charlevoix and Veronica Guczwa of Carlton, Mich.

Scott Marshall Lyons weighing 8 pounds 11 ounces was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Melissa Pepin and Scott Lyons of East Jordan. His grandparents are Carol Dunson of East Jordan and Bob and Linda Burtt of Charlevoix.

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Students, staff and parents of area schools can now subscribe to receive text message or e-mail alerts on school closings and delays. The function is available online at www.charlevoixcourier.com and is monitored by the district's administration.

Participating schools are Charlevoix Public Schools and Northwest Academy. The service was put to use for the first time Monday when many area schools were closed.

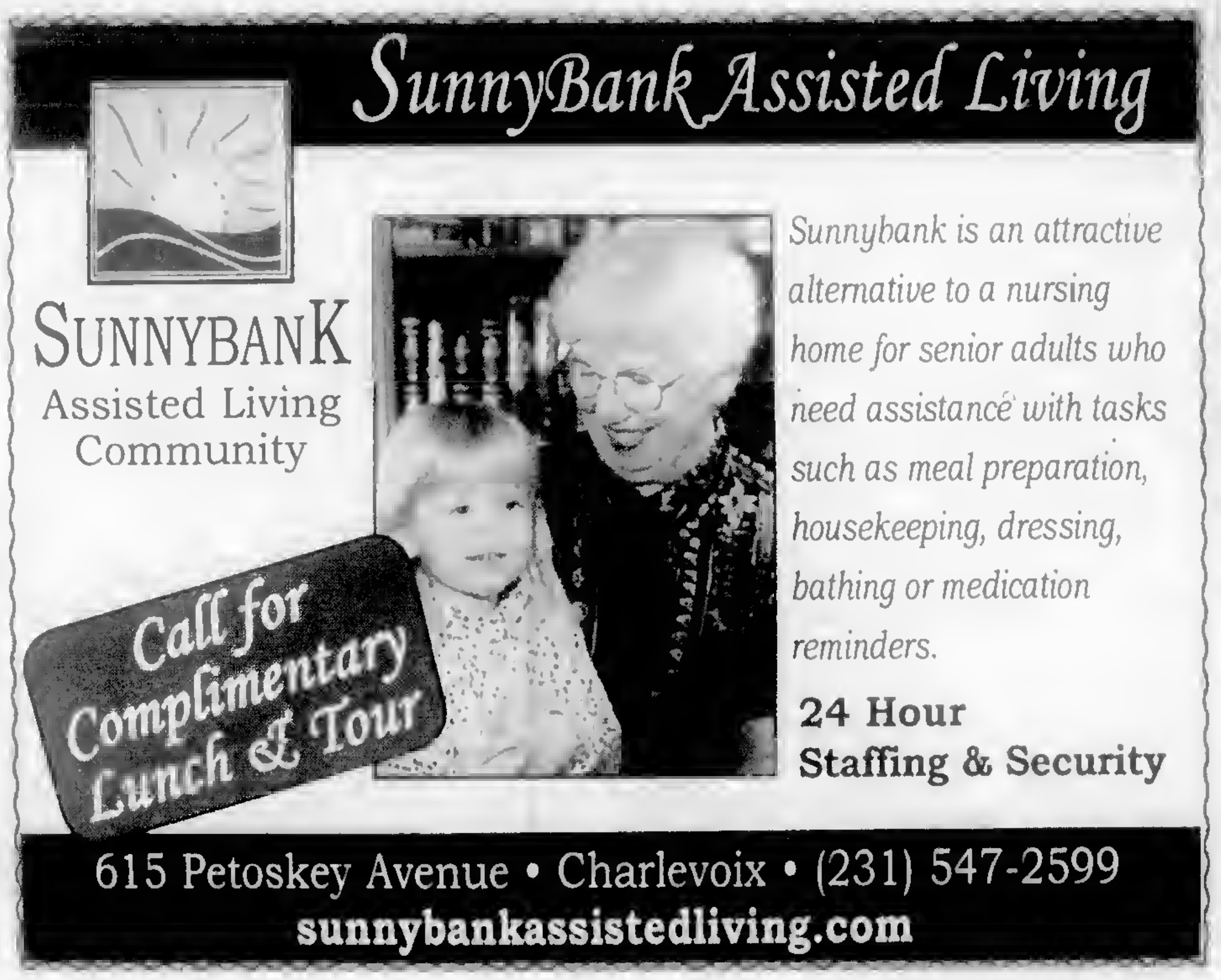
Online visitors at the Courier's Web site should click the link for "Text Message and Email Alerts Coming Soon... Sign up Now." Beyond school closing information, users may also sign up to receive daily weather forecasts, breaking news, severe weather alerts, high school sports scores and more.

There is no cost to sign up. The only potential cost to text message subscribers is that passed along by carriers for sending and receiving them.

For more information, call Peter Comings, online media manager for the Charlevoix Courier, at (989) 748-4524 or e-mail peter@gaylordheraldtimes.com.

CORRECTION

A story regarding appointment of a new Charlevoix deputy mayor that ran in last week's edition of the Courier misstated that council member Jill Picha defeated Shirley Gibson in the race for her seat. Picha defeated John Elzinga, 119 votes to 93. Gibson did not run for re-election.



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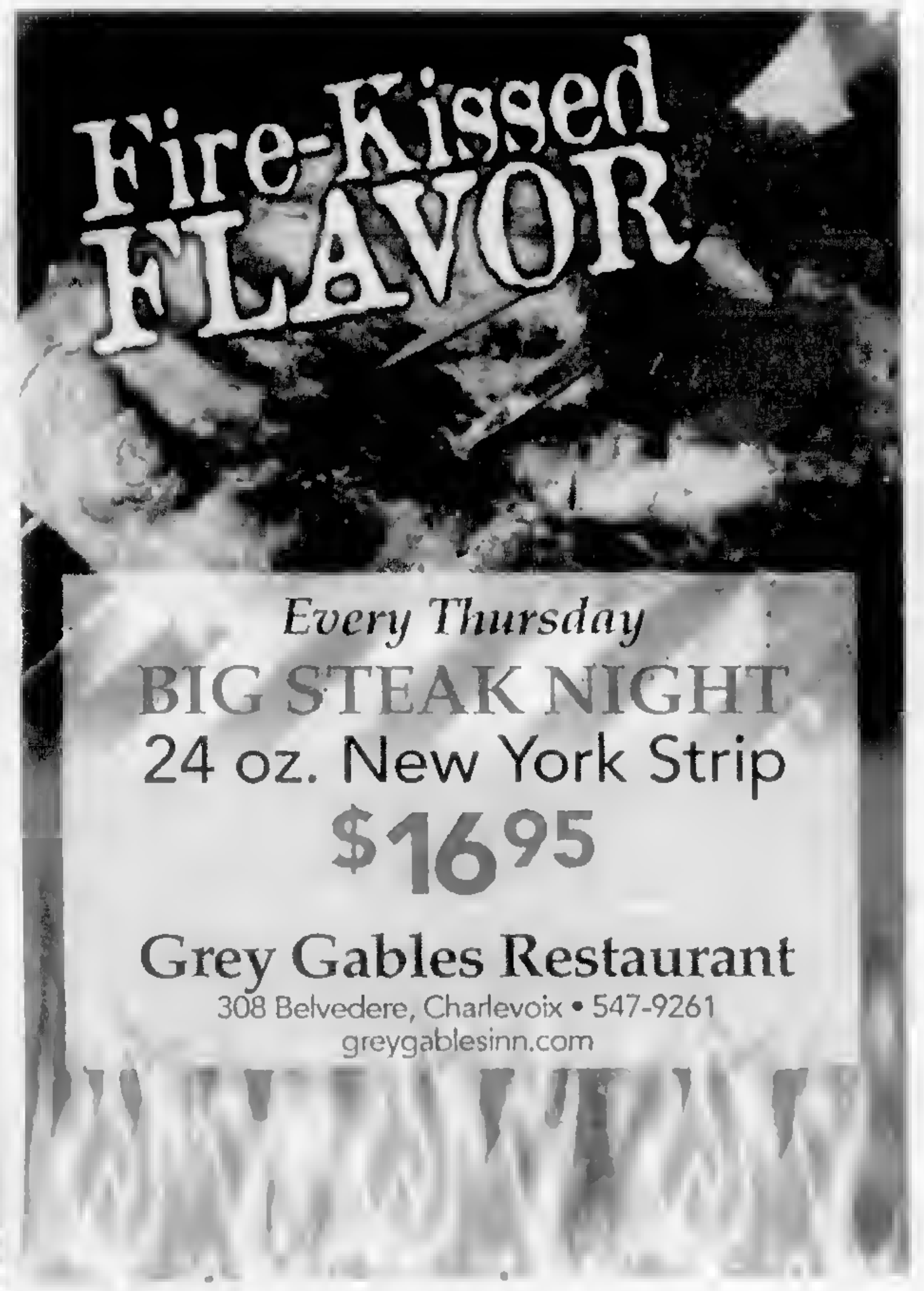

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Official hopes resignation will help lead to fair trial

WYNKOOP

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NTCHS."

In Wynkoop's absence, Township Clerk Michelle Cyr will open meetings and a temporary chair will conduct each meeting until a new supervisor is chosen.

"We're going to put together a process to reach out to the community to find some of those folks who have an interest in this position," said Norwood Township Treasurer David Leusink. "We have 45 days from the time we accept his resignation and we don't have an heir to the throne lined up."

Wynkoop, who feels he was robbed of a right to develop his property as the law allows, said his resignation is immediate so he may pursue other matters.

"It seems that my wife and I will have to turn to a higher court to expose the injustice which was served upon us by the 33rd Circuit Court twice in the last year," he stated.

Thomas Power of Traverse City, who took over for circuit judge Richard Pajtas who recused himself from the case because he is a neighbor and opponent of Wynkoop and his mine, invalidated Wynkoop's special use permit to operate Norwood Limestone Mine LLC citing the appearance of possible impropriety in Wynkoop's role as supervisor.

The appearance of possible impropriety issue concerned three former township officials – one who resigned, one who was not reappointed and one who was removed for dereliction of duty– despite Wynkoop's legal authority as supervisor to recommend people for appointment and removal at his pleasure.

"I do not suggest anyone engaged in impropriety, but you have a series of appointments which changed the complexion of the board," Power stated in a recent Charlevoix Courier article.

Wynkoop, unhappy with the verdict and denying the charges, is balanced by opponents heralding the second bit of good news in as many weeks.

"I would hope the board would use this opportunity as a chance to expand public participation and not contract it," said Bill Gnodtke, Norwood resident and a founding member of the NTCHS who won their most recent of three lawsuits filed against Wynkoop. "I don't lay all of the blame on Wayne (Wynkoop), the person at the top always gets blamed, but it (appearance of possible misconduct) can't happen without his participation."

Former planning commission member and chair Chuck Cleland, who has said he was threatened by Wynkoop while still a planning commission member, was not surprised at Wynkoop's decision, but said, "I'm surprised that it took so long."

Wynkoop said Cleland's resignation letter never even hints at the alleged threats and Wynkoop questioned how Power could connect the supposed, though yet unproved, appearance of impropriety. Wynkoop also claimed his conversations with Cleland were attempts to play referee between Cleland and several others.

According to various correspondence among several Norwood officials, including current Norwood Planning Commission Chair Tom Mielke and clerk Michelle Cyr, at the time of Wynkoop's supposed threat, Cleland's behavior toward several individuals in and out of meetings was allegedly rude and needed to be addressed.

"Things were getting out of hand and I called Mr. Cleland to recommend he publicly apologize to those people he had offended," Wynkoop said. "There was never (any) threat made."

Cleland declined to comment on Wynkoop's recollection of their discussion except to say, "What's happened in the past is water under the bridge now."

Cleland did say Wynkoop's resignation is an excellent opportunity for the township to regroup and settle some of its problems.

"It offers hope that we can institute some new procedures," he said. "(With) our government more open to the people, it will restore trust."

Leusink added, "I think this is a somewhat selfless act. I think he (Wynkoop) is doing what's best for the township and his family."

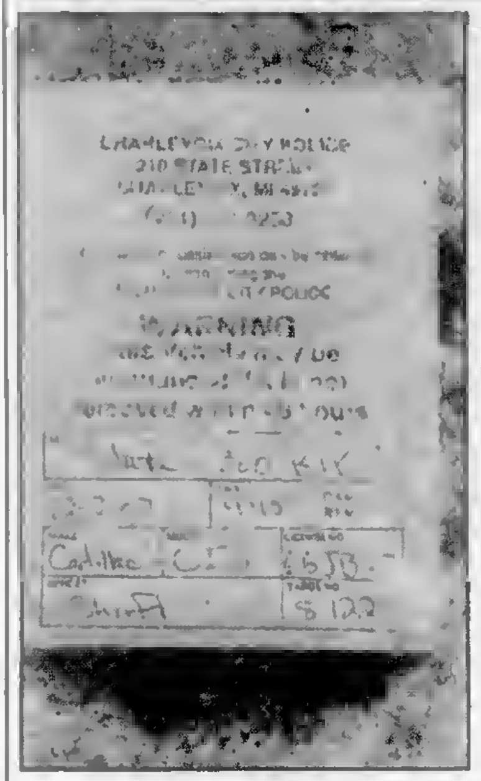
This issue will be discussed further at the 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 3 Norwood Township Board meeting at 19759 Lake St. in the Village of Norwood.

Story highlight

Norwood Township Supervisor Wayne Wynkoop has resigned in response to contraversy within the township board. Wynkoop is in part responding to back-and-forth litigation involving his limestone mining operation, ordered to cease and desist in a Nov. 7 court ruling.

The Township has no 'heir to the throne' lined up but expects to 'reach out to the community' to find a replacement.

The issue was further discussed at the Dec. 3 meeting of the township board.



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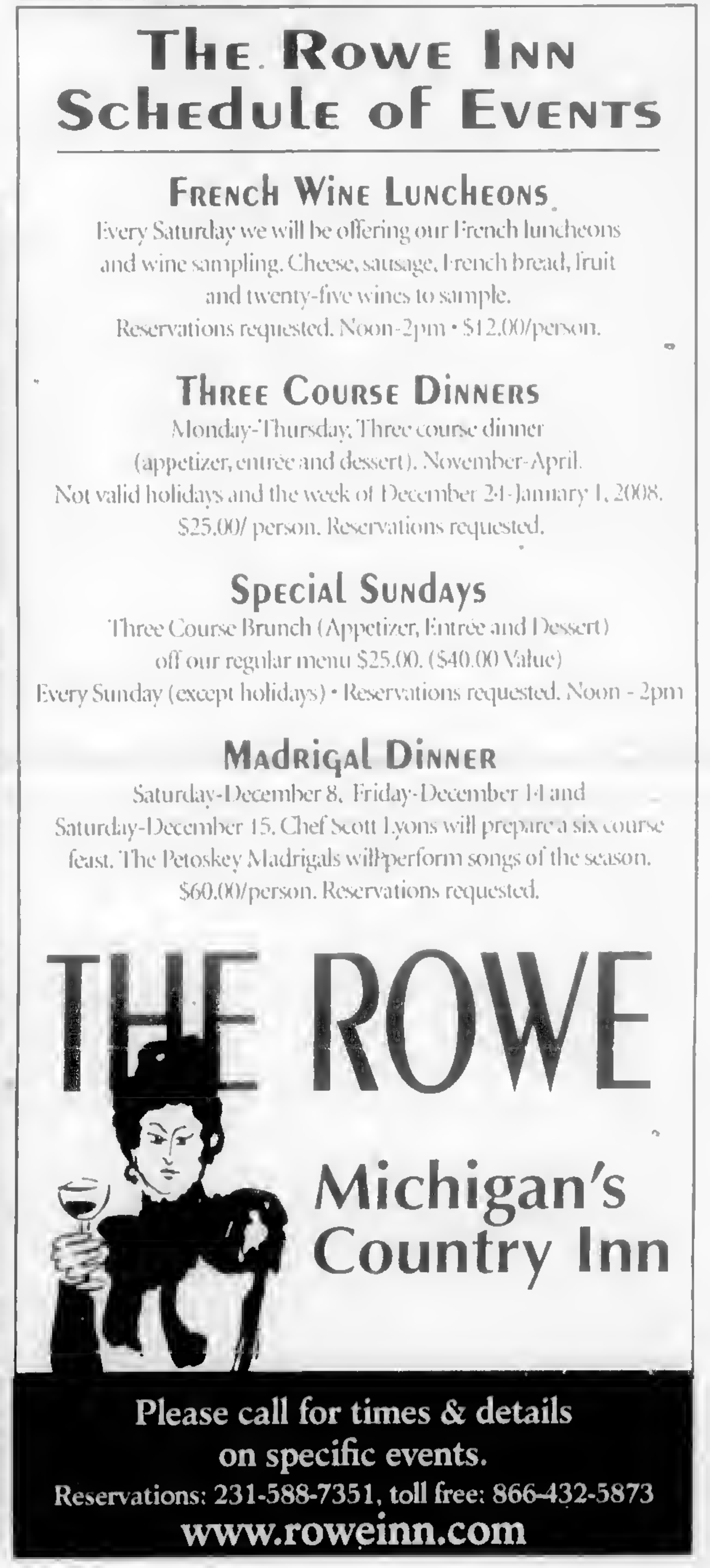
Motorists are reminded that parking on city streets and lots is prohibited between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. from Dec. 1 and April 1. Violators, like the owner of the car seen buried up to its windows in the white stuff, will be liable for towing and storage fees. This ordinance allows for the city plows to remove snow in a safe manner. Vehicles left on the street during this time could be issued a ticket.



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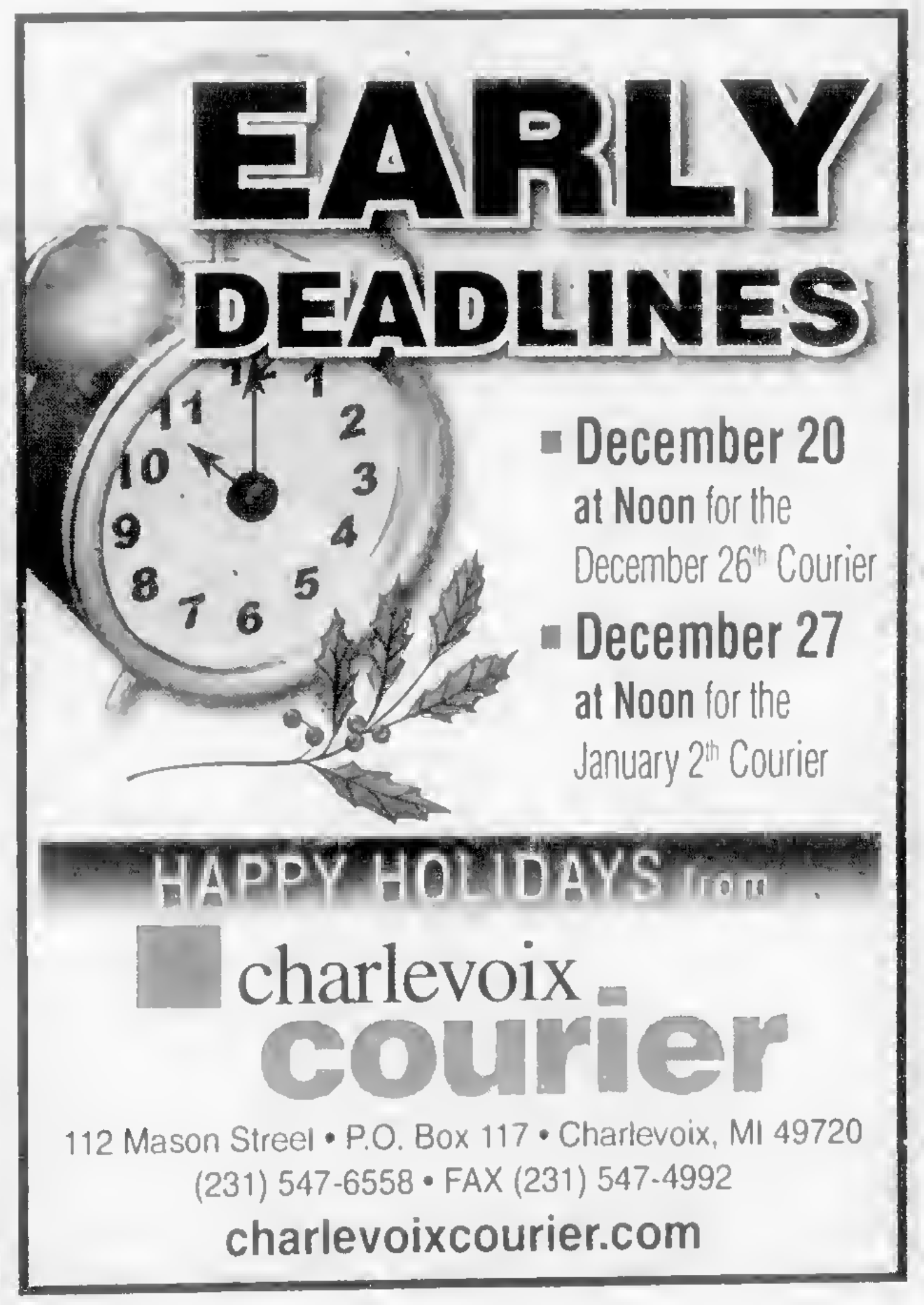

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Hate laws: are they valid or villainous?

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Rope, doggy droppings and thought crimes, oh my!

I'm trying to decide what's more offensive: Nooses in a CMU classroom a few weeks ago, or the dog feces smeared on a colleague's car some time ago.

With this country's abysmal civil rights record—lynching not least among transgressions—the hangman's noose is far more intimidating, but is one crime of intimidation more severe because one implies a racial component and the other a difference of opinion?

OK, comparing the two is a stretch, even for me. But why should sentencing for criminals differ based on the perpetrator's feelings toward the victim?

After all, every harmful action imaginable, and some that are not, have been outlawed and assigned various corresponding physical and fiscal punishments. Yet, despite existing duplicitous so-called hate crime legislation like Michigan's ethnic intimidation law of 1988, which criminalizes threats or harm based on race, color, religion, gender or nationality of the victim, the federal government passed the 2005 Hate Crime Bill.

What, aside from attempts to heap superfluous jail time on criminals like Christopher Judge, the white Michigan man who burned the home of a black couple in 1990 and was charged with both arson and ethnic intimidation, will be accomplished by passing hate crime legislation?

Judge's hate crime charge was tossed by a judge who understood arson is already illegal. And, what if he had torched a white family's house? Could his motive have been considered any less hateful?

Should a judiciary that considers mindset for crimes of passion and premeditated murder also determine whether the aggressor loved or hated the victim?

Surely if both hail from the same general gene pool, no hate crime could occur, right?

Not so in the case of Anthony Fortunato, a gay New Yorker who, while attempting to rob another gay man, chased him to his death into a speeding car.

In addition to obvious charges, Fortunato was charged with a hate crime for singling out a gay man because he thought said man would make easy prey.

So, why should you care if a ruffian receives extraordinary punishment?

How about 11 Christian protesters at a 2004 Gay Pride festival in Philadelphia accused of hate speech who faced years in prison and thousands of dollars in fines for preaching the perils of sodomy? The case was dismissed, but not before they were jailed for little more than daring to say what their minds contrived.

Whether I attack you because you are Scottish—don't even get me started—or because of your hairdo, crime is crime, and barring a worldwide extemporaneous utopian daze, some of us will always harbor hate for no apparent reason.

And we're not alone. Our European counterparts' knee-jerk legislation pays homage to the odious Orwellian push to criminalize thought.

British author David Irving committed, and was sentenced three years in Austrian jail, the crime of denying the Jewish holocaust existed.

Swedish pastor Ake Green's hate crime was telling churchgoers gays are a cancer on society. With his conviction tossed in appeals court, the country's high court threatened action and the prosecutor asked for six times the original jail sentence.

If you think these laws are just simply because gay bashers and racists oppose them, know the enemy of your enemy is not always your friend.

Equality in the 21st century is a funny thing: We try to create by razing; as though we could straighten a line by twisting it.

Oh, how wicked and delightful a swindle in, of all places, America to enact laws which feign protection of sexual proclivity, religion and skin color while denying those in respective categories their rights to marriage, military service, polygamy, freedom from racial profiling and equal rights via affirmative action.

Extraordinary penalties on thought—because that's what hate is, a thought—serve only to penalize the already punished, not to curb casualties.

I leave this last line to a better man: "If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all." – Noam Chomsky

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Regime change for Ear to the Ground

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

As I write this, fake effect snow showers are coming and going. What might almost be called a blizzard alternates with partly cloudy skies and some sunshine. It is difficult in those circumstances not to think about change, and what it means for all of us.

Most of our local living things, plant and animal, are much better suited to accommodate the seasonal and sometimes almost daily changes that this near-winter time presents. Many have slipped into some sort of dormancy, have shed currently unneeded leaves or uncomplainingly grown a thicker coat of fur or feathers. Our response to the weather is more likely to be complaint about how bad it is today or was yesterday. And of course we have an advantage over most other living thing in that we can see into a future and maybe begin planning for global warming, while they cannot.

Politically, change is also in the air. As long ago as the Clinton administration, there was unashamed talk of "Nation Building." That idea was largely rejected by the current office holders in favor of what might be called "Regime Change." I looked up "regime" in Webster, and it can be applied to the current or expected weather as well as to the current political climate. How has Regime change been going over the past few years?

There has been a lot of regime change, most of it peaceful. Great Britain has a new Prime Minister, many suggest because of Tony Blair's support of our Iraq policy. Australia has a new Prime Minister. Mr. Rudd, who replaced Mr. Howard, who was a supporter of our Iraq policy. Lebanon and Venezuela are both engaged in rewriting parts of their constitutions to allow either military rule or perpetual rule by someone who was originally elected. All that certainly sounds like regime change, but not necessarily the kind we would have hoped or planned for. France has experienced regime change that we might approve of. The current Sarkozy government is trying to introduce longer working hours, lower taxes and allowing minors to be charged as adults for certain crimes. France almost sounds like Texas. Pakistan is feeling the possibility of serious regime change, what with the current leader giving up control of the military. We seem to think that having the same person in charge of both the military forces and the civil government is a bad idea in Pakistan, but a good idea here. Strange!

We are fortunate that amending our national constitution requires more than a nation-wide majority vote. That is how it can be amended in some of our individual states and in many other countries, Venezuela among them. We are fortunate as well that for more than 200 years, most of our regime change has occurred peacefully (if we ignore the War Between the States.) Even so, we may be ready for some interesting changes. If peaceful voter-driven regime change was good for both Britain and Australia, maybe it would be good for us as well.

As some wise person once said, change is the only constant...

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Great appreciation goes out to all the seniors, county taxpayers, Commission on Aging board members, staff and colleagues considered stakeholders, who have been involved with the Senior Services Assessment process and follow up action planning. Thanks also to the above and other volunteers who have committed to working on subcommittees to improve services to seniors in Charlevoix County.

A special thank you to Dean Solomon at the Charlevoix County MSU Extension Office for his time, hard work and expertise in prioritizing the actions to address our recent assessment.

Dean Solomon's presentation to staff and the board were very appreciated and necessary to continue with the COA's work in progress. Your statistics are very important to proceed with our action plan.

It was very interesting to see the similarities between staff, board and stakeholders and know that we are all on the same page, working towards the same goal of improving services to seniors in Charlevoix County. Please be reassured that all of us at the Commission on Aging are busy developing a work plan and goals. These will be published as we launch new and expanded services and improve the quality of our offerings. Thank you for your continued support.

Susan R. Bergmann RN, BSN
Charlevoix

THE US ROLE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

Editor.

Benjamin Gohs writes pessimistically of the role of the US and the media in Israel and Palestine ("Before peace first must come truth", 11/14/07). His history is off and the tone is sarcastic. But mostly he makes a valid point.

For centuries until the 1920s, Jews in the Middle East had cordial relations with Arabs, at least compared to their relations in Europe with non-Jews.

Professed Christians ruled Germany when it killed millions of Jews in the 1940s. Christians expelled Jews from England, France, and Spain in the 13th-15th centuries. They attacked Jerusalem in the First Crusade. Muslims and Jews defended it together and were massacred together.

Rome's Arch of Titus in the Forum celebrates the massacre-enslavement-expulsion of Jerusalem's Jews in 70 AD.

By contrast, it wasn't until 1948 that Jews and Arabs had their first significant military conflict, Israel's war of independence. Palestinians call it al-Nakba -- the catastrophe.

The year before, the United Nations recommended a partition plan. It gave the Jewish state a majority of the land, though Jews were only 30% of Palestine's people. Arab leaders decided to oppose it. Irregular forces entered the country in January 1948.

But in the following months, over 700,000 Arabs fled or were ejected. The turning point was in April, with the massacre of Arabs at the village of Deir Yassin. This was after a speech by David Ben-Gurion calling for a "great change" in the distribution of the Palestinian population.

In his book Menachem Begin, later a prime minister of Israel, explained the specific result of Deir Yassin: "Arabs began fleeing in panic."

In May Israel declared itself a state. Several Arab governments sent in regular forces. In June the Israeli cabinet barred return of the refugees.

The Arab armies were poorly armed. By the end of the year Israel defeated them, and expanded its share of the land under the partition plan by 38%.

Jewish settlers arrived to work most of the formerly-Arab land. In 1949 the olive produce from these lands was Israel's third largest export.

At the time, the US favored immediate repatriation of Palestinian refugees. Mark Ethridge, the US delegate to a UN committee, characterized Israel's refusal as "morally reprehensible."

But the US switched. Today Israel receives $2-3 billion a year in US aid, most of it military.

During this time, 430,000 Jewish settlers have moved into conquered Palestinian land. Almost a third of the occupied property in the West Bank is private Arab-owned land, from which Arabs are barred.

In 2004 President Bush rejected Palestinian refugees' rights to return to their homes in Israel. Congress concurred.

But under international law and UN resolutions, Palestinian refugees and their descendants have the right to return to their homes, not just their homeland.

There is little hope. Nothing was resolved at Annapolis. The parties simply agreed to more talks.

A prerequisite to any progress will have to be a cessation of US support and funding to just one side.

Ellis Boal
Hayes Township

THANK YOU TO SENIOR HEALTH EXPO SUPPORTERS

Editor:

Dear Senior Health Expo Exhibitors and Volunteers,

Thank you for participating in our third annual Charlevoix - Emmet County Senior Health Expo, presented by Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, Friendship Centers of Emmet County (Council on Aging), Northern Michigan Hospital and Advocates for Charlevoix Emmet Seniors (ACES). We tried to present a well-rounded event for our seniors plus be of benefit to the exhibitors.

Your generosity providing door prizes for the raffle and the enthusiasm demonstrated by everyone is appreciated.

This was a valuable opportunity to have such a variety of resources to inform the community what is available for seniors. We appreciate your participation, input, and support and look forward to implementing our learning experience from the past events and provide a larger and more improved Senior Health Expo 2008.

The Expo Planning Committee

MORE TRUTH ABOUT MIDDLE EAST

Editor:

Here are a few more truths that must be addressed if there is ever to be peace in the Middle East.

It is not possible to reconstruct the demographies of the area referred to as Palestine with any degree of precision since census data in the 1880's (when Jewish people began coming to the area) was not reliable. Rough estimates can be made. The entire population of Palestine (including what is currently Israel, West Bank and Gaza) was probably about half a million. Today this area supports a population of more than 10 million people. The area partitioned into a Jewish state by the United Nations in 1947 contained a fraction of the number with estimates between 100,000 and 150,000. Palestine was not a political entity. Under the Ottoman rule (1516-1918) Palestine was divided into districts, with the largest portion belonging to Syria, and later Lebanon.

According to land purchase records, much of the land partitioned to Israel was owned by absentee landowners who lived in Beirut or Damascus and was bought for speculation. Jewish refugees bought as much of this land as they could, much of it nonarable. A professional analysis of land purchases between 1880 and 1948 estimates that 3/4 of the plots purchased by Jews were from mega-landowners. After World War I there were between 80,000 and 90,000 Jews already living in the area of Palestine.

It is indeed tragic when civilians are killed for any reason. As you have seen on the news in living color suicide bombers targeted a school bus full of children in Israel, a Jewish wedding, a Passover Seder, a shopping mall filled with women and children. Palestinians have deliberately targeted civilians.

There are several reasons why more Palestinians have died than Israeli's. Israel has been able to prevent hundreds of suicide bombings. Israel has allocated substantial resources to medical response and care. Despite the enormous personal wealth Palestinian leaders have accumulated (Arafat's personal wealth according to Forbes magazine was in excess of $300 million) very little money has been allocated to upgrading the emergency medicine system. Israeli hospitals are completely nonpolitical, patients are triaged by reference of seriousness of injury. You will find Palestinians in Israel's hospitals.

While Ms. Glotfelty called Israel an apartheid regime, it is in fact largely secular. It accords complete freedom of religion to Muslims, Christians and other religious groups. There are synogogues, churches and mosques in Israel. I agree with Ms. Glotfelty in her assessment of propaganda: when something is repeated enough it becomes truth in people's minds. A documentary recently showed Arabic children of preschool age being taught to hate Jews as part of the curriculum in school. As long as this goes on, there never will be peace. As long as some parents consider it an honor to have their child strap a bomb on themselves to become a martyr, there never will be peace.

A two-state solution has been rejected by the Arabs-Muslims-Palistinians in 1917, 1937, 1948 and 2000. Can you imagine the quality of life Palestinians could have enjoyed in all these years? Can you imagine the country they could have built by now.

Finally, Mr. Gohs, I must ask you: How many stones would have to hit you (I didn't say pebbles) before you would reach for a gun? I sincerely hope that you and Ms. Glotfelty go to Israel and see what a country they have built, what medical research the world has benefited from and what technology takes place in that tiny country.

Rhoda Raider, MAT

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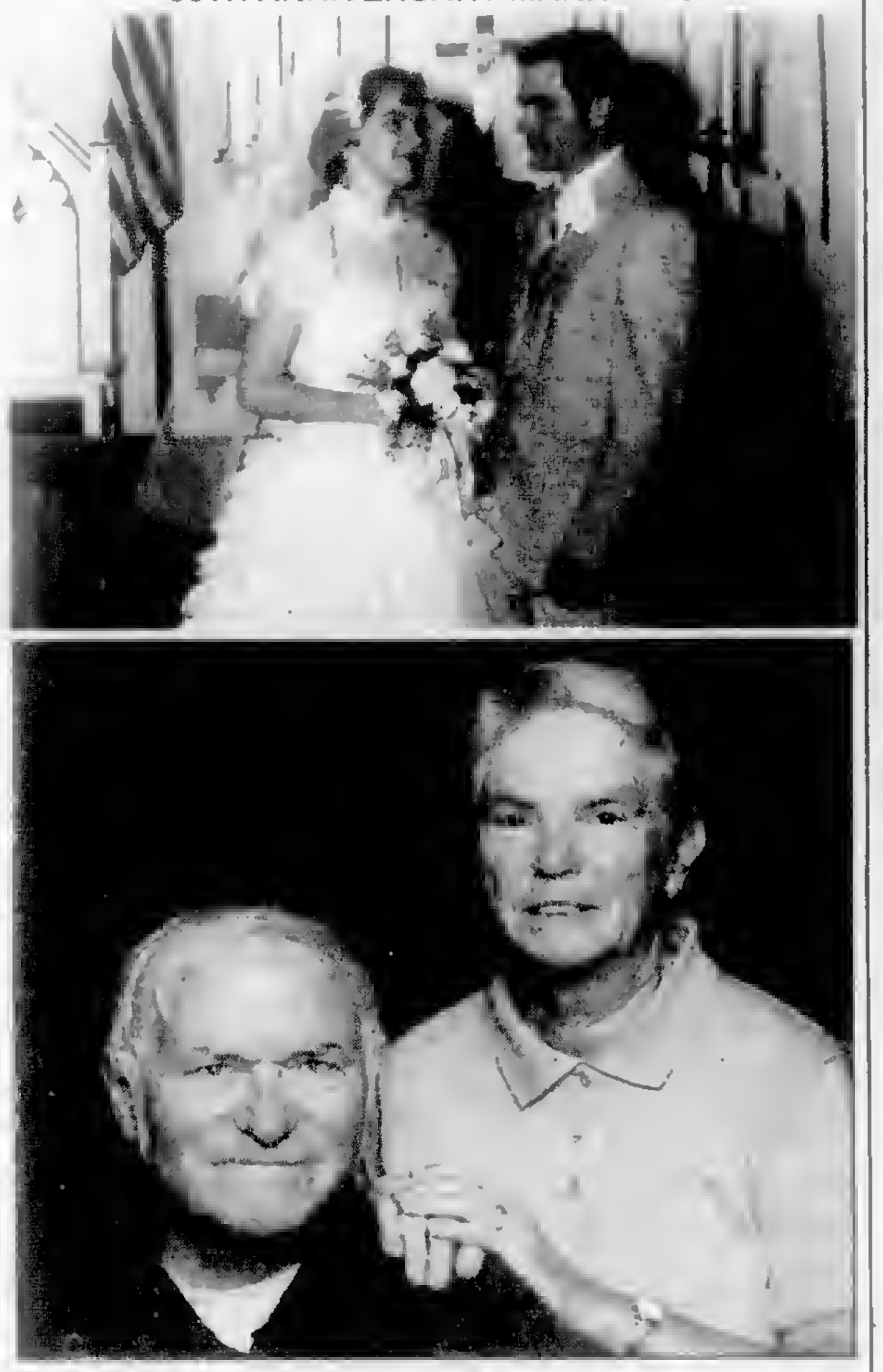

Ed Mann and Judy Lick were married November 9, 1957 at the Lutheran Church in Boyne City. They drove across the newly opened Mackinaw Bridge to honeymoon near Munising. That began many traveling adventures across Canada and the U. S. including Alaska and Hawaii.

Judy retired from Glen's Market where she was employed when the store opened in 1978. Ed retired from Novotny's Plumbing, a business started by his grandfather, Frank Novotny, Sr.

The Mann's have two children, Ed (Julie) Mann of St. Paul and Tami (Tim) Bur of Interlochen, one grandson, Nic and a great grandson, Connor, both of Grand Rapids.

A family Vegas vacation is being planned.

Courtesy photo

STREET LEGENDS DONATE TO AREA ORGANIZATIONS

The Charlevoix Street Legends recently gave away proceeds from their 2007 car show. Recipients were: (pictured from left to right) Joan Balch, Street Legends Treasurer; Roger Nesburg, Cub Scouts Pack 11; Heather Garcia, Boulder Park Terrace; Peggy Spang, Charlevoix Area Hospital Diabetes Education Program; Lawrence Bergmann, Colorado Challenge; Rosalyn Goldstick, Charlevoix Senior Center; Pat Johnson, Hospice; Nancy Ferguson, Camp Quality; Dick Gallant, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Auxiliary; Mary Frame, Camp Quality; Luann Keinath, Street Legends President; Not pictured: Jody Adams, Charlevoix County Humane Society. Funds were also used to provide a High School Scholarship in a vocational field. A total of $6,000 was donated, which brings the total donations from Street Legends to $73,000. The 2008 car show is scheduled for July 19, 2008 in downtown Charlevoix. Anyone interested in sponsoring the car show, placing an ad in the Street Legends flyer, or joining the Street Legends Classic Car Club can call Joan at (231)547-9013 or Luann at (231)547-3838. Monthly meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the last Thursday of each month at the Charlevoix Senior Center. The next meeting is January 31st.

Singles for Christ

"Singles for Christ" invites all singles 40 and over to our annual Christmas Potluck at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at Charlevoix Estates Clubhouse, 6685 M-66 N., Charlevoix. Bring a $10 gift to exchange, a dish to pass and your beverage of choice. R.S.V.P. soon as seating is limited. Please call Frieda at (231) 347-5747.

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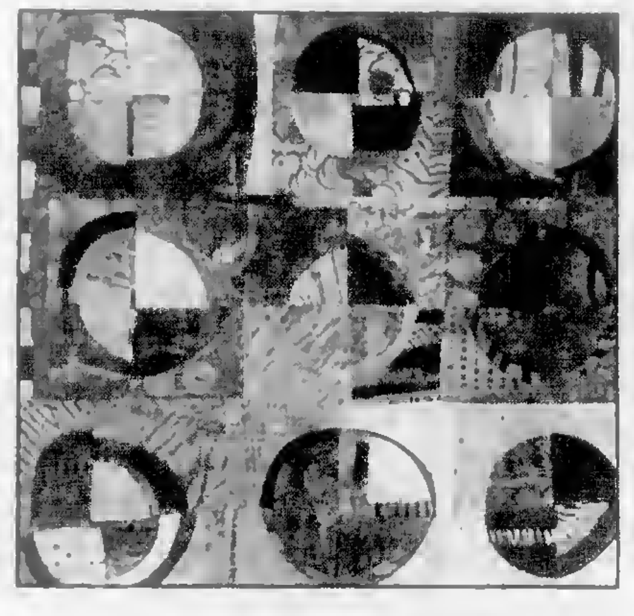
Crooked Tree Arts Center to hold international quilt exhibit



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The above quilt and others will be exhibited in the Crooked Tree Arts Center from Jan. 12 to March 1.

The Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey, Michigan will host an international exhibition of art quilts from Jan. 12 to March 1, 2008. The Studio Art Quilt Associates' exhibition entitled Transformations 2007: Reverberations premiered at the Festival of Quilts in Birmingham, England and then traveled to the Quilt Indulgence Festival in New South Wales, Australia. It will open at the Crooked Tree Arts Center Jan. 12 from 2-4 p.m. in the Edith Gilbert Gallery.

Juror and art quilt expert Sandra Sider wrote: "My goal in jurying this exhibition was to select a group of quilts in which ideas or emotions were successfully expressed through color, line, and texture. I looked for quilts in which artists had grappled with a concept or emotion, creating surfaces that enabled viewers to respond to the thought behind the art. My subtitle for the exhibition, Reverberations, resulted from the visual dialogues between various quilts, which became evident during the jury process. Through shape, color, texture, or idea, these works speak to each other in the archetypal language of quilts."

SAQA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the art quilt through education, exhibitions, professional development, and documentation. With an active membership of more than 1,700 established and emerging artists, the artwork created by SAQA members can be found in both national and international exhibitions, galleries, museums and private collections.

At 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, Suttons Bay fiber artist Desiree Vaughn will present a Coffee at Ten lecture on the "Quilt as Art" in the Edith Gilbert Gallery at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. Vaughn is a member of the Studio Art Quilt Associates. Vaughn is a textile artist, teacher and fabric surface design expert. Examples of her work will be on display at CTAC during the exhibition.

For more information on the Transformations 2007: Reverberations you may contact the Crooked Tree Arts Center at (231) 347-4337 or go online to www.crookedtree.org. This program supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Cancer support group available

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society are hosting a cancer support group in Petoskey. The support group is open to all patients, family members and friends affected by any type of cancer and is free of charge.

The support group meets on Thursday mornings at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, Level 3 Patient Lounge.

To register or obtain more information on meeting time and location, call Suzanne Duval at Northern Michigan Regional Medical Center – 347-3356.

Classic ballet tells story 'In a Nutshell'

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The Grand Rapids Ballet will perform 'In a Nutshell' at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

In A Nutshell is the story of Clara of Nutcracker Suite fame in a one-act ballet. She's all grown up and works as a telemarketer for a lecherous boss. A "hep cat" janitor named Dross helps Clara turn the tables on the old coot. Come see what happens next. This updated version of the holiday classic features a jazzy and very hip score arranged by the king of cool, Duke Ellington. This performance is a collaboration with the Boyne Performing Arts & Crooked Tree Arts Center.

All seats are $15 and the show looks like it will be a sell-out! Tickets are available at Boyne Country Books, 231-582-3180, and at Crooked Tree Arts Center, www.crookedtree.org, 231-347-4337.

Holiday Festivities at Friske's Farm Market

Friske's Farm Market is offering special holiday events on two weekends in December. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 easy gourmet holiday food tips will be given by Dawn Wilhelm with recipe handouts, great samplings and gift basket assistance. On Saturday, Dec. 8; there will be a Christmas Celebration with several activities from 8 a.m. to noon a pancake breakfast, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. edible crafts, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. cookie decorating, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. story time and from noon to 3 p.m. a Christmas Sing-a-long.

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Linda Adams, Adult Services Librarian will help people new to the computer world learn the basics. This class will focus on computer parts, terms and how to use a mouse.

Thursday, December 6 **Storytimes**

Lapsit birth-3, *10:05 am* • Pre-k 3-5, *10:30 am*

Stories, songs and crafts for young children.

Friday, December 7, 1:00 pm

Computer Basics, Part 2

Linda Adams, Adult Services Librarian will help people new to the computer world learn the basics. This class will focus on the Internet.

Monday, December 10, 6:00 pm

CPL Booktalkers

The group will discuss the book, Waiting for the Morning Train by Bruce Catton.

Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 pm

Sleepy Time Stories

All ages are welcome to listen to stories. Teddy bears and pajamas welcome.

Wednesday, December 12, 1:00 pm

Computer Tidbit: Internet Tricks

Make life easier by learning some basics tricks to finding the information you want on the Internet.

Wednesday, December 12, 7:00 pm

Holiday Jazz Concert

Join friends and neighbors for an hour of holiday jazz favorites performed by local musicians. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the library. Free admission.

Regular Weekly Meetings: Newcomers Welcome!

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Embezzlement victims await restitution — still

**BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER**

Victims of the Boyne City woman who brought a Charlevoix business to financial ruin may finally see at least some reimbursement these 30 months later.

Lockman

Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema said, while civil proceedings over Karla Sue Lockman's embezzlement of nearly $860,000 from now defunct Northern Preferred Title Company could drag on in the courts for years to come, the criminal end of things could be short-lived.

"We're going to hear that day (10 a.m., Dec. 21 in Charlevoix's 33rd Circuit Court) the amount of money that everyone feels they are owed," he said. "We had the sale of her assets and we recouped about $350,000 and the receiver submitted a report of what to dole out to people and we'll definitely be paying them all back and some employees will receive a sort of severance and other people who worked on it, (Dan) Barron and (John) Taylor, before it went under will get some of it and there is still $70,000 or $80,000 left over."

Lockman's attorney Fred L. Gibson said the issue of restitution is still in dispute.

"The prosecutor is going to be asking the court for the same amount of restitution as he thinks he proved in trial," Gibson said. "I don't believe that his number is correct. I think it is a little bit high."

Jarema said the list of people wishing to be paid is not exhaustive and could include people who lost money but have yet to come forward to make claims.

"There are dozens of people hoping to get reimbursement," he said. "My concern right now is to get an amount ordered by the judge and then my wish is to ask for the amount I proved at trial and give her (Lockman) the offset from what we collected and she will be liable for the balance."

Jarema added, "It is probably an uncollectible debt, but it's not dischargeable in bankruptcy, so that will follow her."

A jury found Lockman, currently residing in the Huron Valley Women's Complex in Washtenaw County, guilty of two counts of embezzlement by an agent or trustee of $20,000 or more from Northern Preferred from Jan. 31 to May 17, 2005.

Lockman has an appeal pertaining to her sentencing in process with the Michigan Court of Appeals, which is being handled by a court-appointed attorney other than Gibson.

While Lockman has a right to appear at the upcoming court event, she has asked her attorney not to file the necessary paperwork as she does not want to attend.

Lockman relied on an insanity defense to explain her several-month stealing and spending spree, which resulted in at least $859,278.25 stolen from Northern Preferred, much of which was then used to purchase a house, horses, cars, pay bills and other various means of expenditure.

Psychiatric experts were unable to sway the jury over the course of a week that Lockman's bipolar disorder left her unaware of her criminal activities, and the presiding 33rd Circuit Judge Richard Pajtas called her actions "thievery of epic proportions."

Lockman's attorney went so far as to cite sexual abuse by a summer camp counselor and even Lockman's mother as causes for her debilitating disease and ensuing embezzlement.

Barring an unforeseen change in her conviction or a win in Michigan appeals court, Lockman's 5 to 10 year prison stretch gives her an earliest release date of Sept. 20, 2011, with a maximum release date of Sept. 20, 2016.

Lockman's attorney, Fred L. Gibson of Clinton Township, did not return calls by press time.

Story highlight

Court proceedings regarding Karla Sue Lockman's conviction for embezzlement of $860,000 from Northern Preferred Title Company are expected to drag on for years, but law officials involved in the case are seeking claims from victims.

A court date in the 33rd Circuit Court -- 10 a.m. Dec. 21 -- those involved will hear "the amount of money that everyone feels they are owed," said Charlevoix County Prosecuting Attorney John Jarema

Make a soldier's Christmas bright

**BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER**

Imagine you are thousands of miles from home, dodging danger and feeling as lonely as possible.

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"When I was in Korea, my mother used to send cookies and things like that to me," said Gerry Evans, Chair of the Charlevoix County Veterans Affairs Committee. "Things like that meant an awful lot. They brought me back and connected me with my family and my community."

He added, "It's too easy for us to forget. We need to show the troops they're not forgotten and are not just part of a political ploy."

Anyone in Charlevoix who wishes to send goodies, toiletries, phone cards or letters and greeting cards to the troops should contact Mary Legg, the vice commander and troop support officer at the Boyne City American Legion Post 228, by e-mail at: mlegg64@hotmail.com

"Packages should be out by Dec. 5 to get there by Christmas," she said. "They are requesting suckers for (native) children, baby wipes for washing and they are requesting Tampax for absorbing sweat (in the desert heat)."

Legg, who was on active duty for nine and a half years, added, "I have a list of 14 active duty soldiers who are away from home and family and friends. It means a lot to them to know they're getting support."

Those who do not know a soldier but would like to send a care package should contact Legg for information on how to do so.

Those who have a loved one in the military can ensure getting packages to their soldier by following a few guidelines:

- Don't send: Obscene articles, photos, movies; nude, pornographic, sexual or other unauthorized political materials; bulk quantities of religious materials contrary to the Islamic faith; and pork or pork by-products.
- Other packaging tips: Send only nonperishable items; use strong boxes and sturdy packing materials; use bubble wrap or Styrofoam peanuts to cushion items; ship battery-operated items with batteries removed; include a card which describes the contents of the package as they sometimes come apart in shipping; use heavy-duty two-inch wide packing tape on all seams.

For more information on shipping dos, don'ts and rates, call: (800) ASK-USPS or the Military Postal Service Agency at (800) 810-6098.

To ensure packages are received by Christmas, they should be shipped as soon as possible.

According to the Department of Defense website, the following rules should be adhered to ensure packages bound for overseas are received:

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Fallen local fire fighter remembered as a hero, honored at national level

**BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR**

A quiet hero. Reliable, humble, devoted.

That is how family, friends and fellow volunteer firefighters remember fallen firefighter and Charlevoix native Ralph "Bruz" Cross, who died suddenly in the line of duty Oct. 27. Although he was not battling a blaze at the time, nor fighting his way through a building full of smoke or rescuing a victim of a fire, he was doing one of the things he loved best -- contributing to his community through his volunteer fire fighting position.

"He would rather have died doing what he loved. He didn't say how much he loved (the work), he showed it," said Cross' longtime colleague and friend, Charlevoix Township Fire Chief Curt Thompson.

Thompson, who stood by Cross in the line of duty since joining the volunteer department in 1974, said it "hit you in the stomach" to learn of the news about Cross, who had a heart attack while assisting with a fire training exercise at Kmart in Charlevoix on that afternoon. Thompson said none of the nearly 20 volunteer fire department members were aware Cross had any heart problems, and all were "shocked" to hear the news -- Cross was pushing a cart full of supplies for the exercise into the building when he collapsed. The ambulance was called at 12:25 p.m., Thompson said, and Cross died just a half an hour later.

Courtesy photo

Ralph 'Bruz' Cross, a Charlevoix native and familiar face in the area, died Oct. 27 doing what he loved.

"He was my right-hand man. It was a real blow to the department personnel-wise," Thompson said.

Department Captain Steve Paterka, who also served alongside Cross for over 30 years, said he still has trouble accepting the loss of his friend.

"Even now, when we to got fires I look for him and he's not there. There is a lot of anger, sadness, it is hard," Paterka said, adding his friend "defined volunteer, he defined the term hero."

Paterka and Thompson could share their memories of Cross for hours on end -- "He was an artist when it came to tying knots," Paterka laughed; Thompson smiled while explaining how much he didn't know about Cross' personal life because he was such a modest man who showed so much respect for others -- but they are not the only ones who recognized the profound service and sacrifice the man made. Thompson, as chief, has received more than 50 letters of sympathy from departments all over the country -- personally written and signed letters from the New York City Fire Department, the Chicago Fire Department and many others. He also received a letter of sympathy from Gregory B. Cade, Fire Administrator for the U.S. Fire Administration within the Federal Emergency Management Association.

"We know all too well that the death of a firefighter is an enormous loss to the immediate family and friends, but the death of a firefighter is also a loss to the community, state and Nation of all firefighters," Cade stated in

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Charlevoix Township Fire Captain Steve Paterka (left) and Fire Chief Curt Thompson (right) look at a proclamation passed by The Federal Emergency Management Association in honor of fallen comrade Ralph Cross.

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Survey says, Charlevoix Schools could be improved

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

At a glance...

Parents say Charlevoix rates 6.6 on a scale of 1 to 10 in overall performance; employees rate 7.6.

Less than 10 % of parents and nearly 30 % of employees responded

Weaknesses: too much emphasis on sports, lack of communication

Strengths: caring teachers and staff, involved parents and community, great kids

How would you rate Charlevoix Public Schools?

Less than 10 percent of parents and nearly 30 percent of employees of the school system opined on the district's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats as one of the first steps in the schools' long-term planning process.

"This is just a snapshot of what the people who responded thoughts are," Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Chet Janik said. "This is not a scientific study, but 33 percent and (nearly) 10 percent are not bad numbers for a survey. If we would have had a bigger response to the survey, the results probably wouldn't have been much different than this."

When asked to rate the school on a scale of 1 to 10, the employees who responded averaged 7.6 and parents who responded averaged a 6.6.

"Our strengths are, according to employees, caring teachers and support staff, involved parents and community, great kids, academic offerings, extracurricular offerings, a safe and warm environment," Janik said. "Weaknesses they cited are communication and trust, our financial situation, starting times and bus schedules, teachers' schedules fragmented, curriculum development options and larger class sizes."

Staff stated opportunities which included improved school image in the community, exploring new revenue sources, a united board of education, elementary and middle school upgrades, a chance to revise the starting times of school and more professional development options.

"Some of the threats they cited were the state economy, declining enrollment and a lack of common planning time," Janik said. "One of the things that's difficult is if you wanted to get all the math teachers together to meet after school it would be difficult because they all have different schedules."

He added, "And, with buildings starting and ending at different times we just can't get everyone together at the same time."

A recent bus study was conducted to determine whether a move toward uniform start time is feasible.

"We simply don't have enough busses and drivers to do it all at once," Janik said. "But, I'm sure this issue will come up as one of the things we need to look at in the future."

The results of the parent survey were similar in number of responses, not percentage, and in key issues, with the exception of weaknesses. Parents are concerned about too much emphasis on sports, too much money spent on employee salary, benefits and health insnrance and a lack of communication between parents and staff at the high school.

Parents responded with opportunities that included advanced placement and honors classes, a new culture on the board of education, greater use of technology and alternative and career technology options.

Committee member Ike Boss said he sees this planning process as a way to get the community involved in the future of the school.

"We're losing kids because of the economy, which is a statewide problem and we need better communication," Boss said. "If people have good ideas on how we can solve these problems they should give their input. We don't need any 'cant's' we need 'will doers'; we need positive ideas."

Janik added that even when this plan is finished-- hopefully by next spring-- it will be an ongoing process.

"It will be a blueprint for the future, and the key to this process is that it is a living document," he said. "It would be very easy for the board and I and a select few teachers to get together and develop a plan, but it's critical that we get the support of the parents and the community."

He added, "It should be a document that it doesn't matter who the superintendent is and who the school board members are, it's a goal that remains a standing agenda item until it is reached."

Janik said once goals are accomplished, new goals should be added.

"It's up to the board and I to stay focused on this," he said. "If we do a good job, the goals will be pretty tangible."

The next meeting of the long-term planning committee is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12 at Charlevoix Middle School. Topics of discussion will include the mission statement and guiding principals.

Snowmobile safety training course

A workshop training course in snowmobile safety will be offered for students age 12 to 16 by the Sheriff's Department. The workshop will stress safe operation, maintenance, sportsmanship and first aid.

The course is free. It will be held at the Charlevoix Middle School from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, December 8. Students are urged to bring a lunch.

For further information, contact Deputy David Hague at 547-2002.

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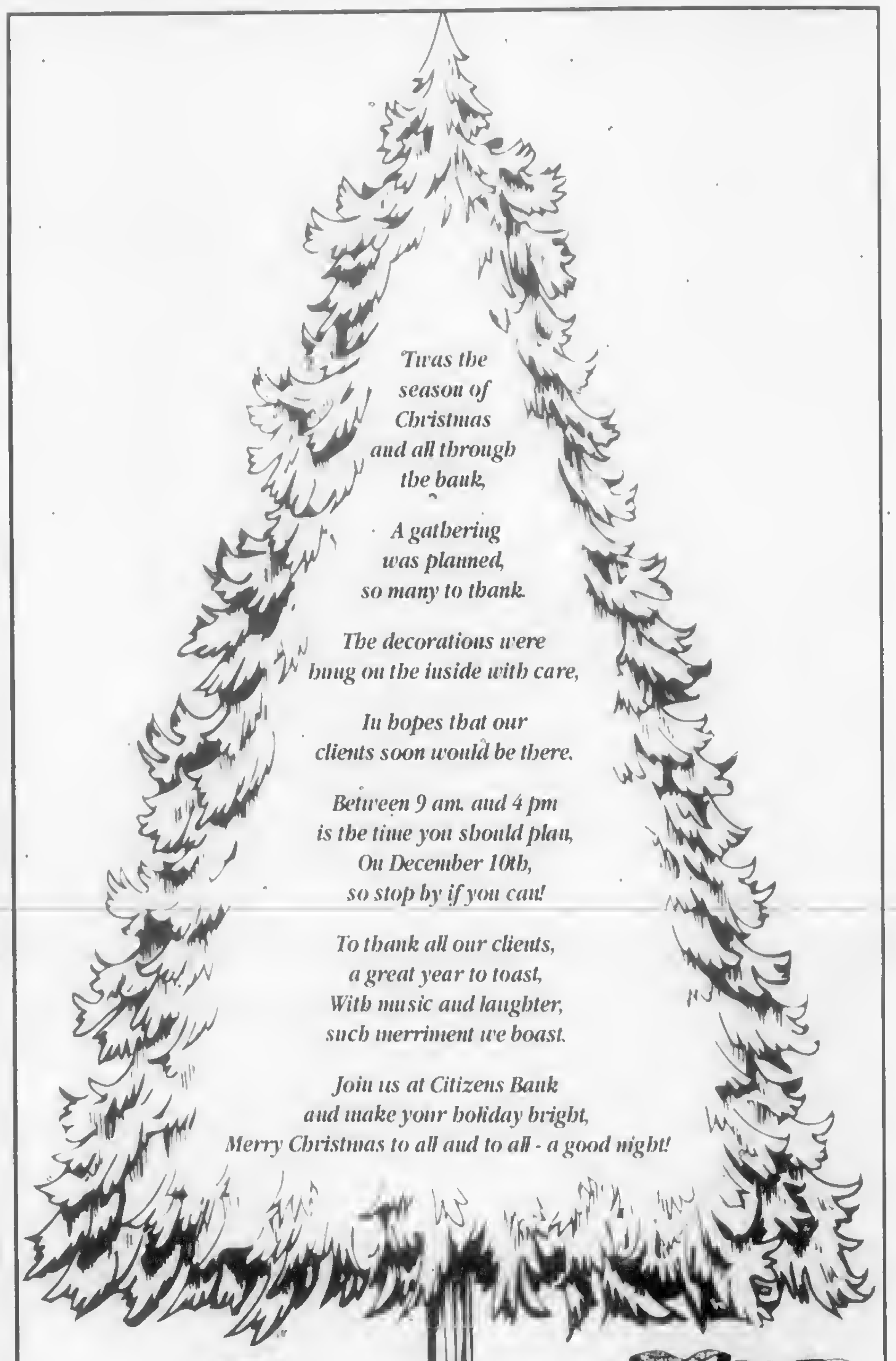

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Forum to help protect Charlevoix's historic heritage

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Story highlight

Forum to begin at 9 a.m in the Charlevoix Public Library Dec. 11.

Three guest speakers will present, and Q&A sessions will be held.

Event concludes at 3 p.m., encourages public input

What would Charlevoix get from establishing a downtown Historic District? Eligibility for grant funding to do improvement projects, the ability and freedom to preserve the legacy early contributors to the City envisioned, and the ability to work independently from state departments while planning for establishment of National Historic Registry resources. The Historic District title is also one Charlevoix could use a marketing tool to boost tourism and add to its unique draw to Northern Michigan visitors.

Charlevoix has one "simple" historic district now, the old train depot, but development of a downtown historic district is "much more complicated," said Bob Heath, chair of the Charlevoix Historic Commission. Intending to educate the public as much as possible on the issue, and to gather public input on potential plans to develop a downtown historic district, the Commission has planned an educational forum for Dec. 11 at the Charlevoix Public Library.

"One of the major components of creating an historic district is to educate and inform the public, especially for a project with the magnitude of a downtown district," Heath said.

The event, planned to begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m., will feature three guest speakers with strong background in historic preservation on a national level. Kristine M. Kidorf, owner of Kidorf Preservation Consulting, has 17 years of experience in the field of historic preservation. Before starting her consulting business in 2005, she worked with the Detroit Historic Commission as well as the State Historic Preservation Office.

Kidorf will offer an overview of the benefits of historic designation, explaining why preservation is important, how local designation works in Michigan and how to projects are reviewed by the Commission. She will also discuss the requirements and benefits of becoming a certified local government, the economic benefits of preservation and heritage tourism in rehabilitation tax credits.

Michael J. Matts will take the spotlight following Kidorf, offering discussion and question-and-answer about "the future of historic designation in Charlevoix and what it will mean to residents." Matts is the director of Historic Preservation and Planning, Gray & Pape, Inc. He has over 20 years of experience as an historic preservation professional, including extensive experience in historic preservation planning, community revitalization, public relations and civic engagement, transportation planning and real estate development for historic properties.

During the afternoon, Richard Karp, founder of Biuldtech Ltd Construction Development and managing partner of Karp and Associates LLC, will discuss the perspective of a property owner and developer in regard to a downtown historic district. His presentation will discuss the steps taken for two building rehabilitations that were completed using the historic rehabilitation tax credits and other financing tools. He will also discuss the benefits and challenges of doing such projects. Matts will follow that discussion with another question-and-answer period focusing on economics of historic district preservation.

Noting the many steps that have already been taken toward preserving Charlevoix's history, Heath said the forum will be an important element of plans yet to come. A retired history professor, Heath said his attention was grabbed about three years ago when the former Apple Tree building on Bridge Street, an historic structure that housed the former office of well-known area architect Earl Young, was purchased and torn down. Not understanding "why anyone would want to tear down Earl Young's office," Heath and other city residents concerned about the move approached the city council about preventing the building's destruction.

"We were told that because there was no historic district there, the city council could do nothing about it. They didn't have control (over what happened to the building,)" he said.

Calling the building "quite charming" and a vital aspect of Charlevoix's unique architectural history, Heath was disheartened at its demise, and encouraged to take action. He partnered with other concerned citizens, including Mary Adams, and took a request to the city to develop an ad hoc study committee to "study the feasibility of creating an historic district either in the downtown or in the city." Once approved, the ad hoc committee brought in members from a variety of backgrounds, including the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Authority, business owners, the Planning and Zoning commissions, and citizens at large to conduct a study.

Just over a year later, the group had its answer. Heath said he and fellow members recommended to the city council that a permanent study group -- headed by Adams and vice-chaired by Heath -- be formed to plan and help develop historic districts. Following that approval, Heath began researching and "got up to speed" with governmental preservation and found the "best kind of district" is what is called a Local Historic District, which allows local governments to link to state and federal law -- and state and federal funding -- to create such districts. The group's first project was to establish the old train depot in Charlevoix as a local historic district, which Heath said was a rather easy process since it was already on the National Historic Registry.

"It already qualified (as his-

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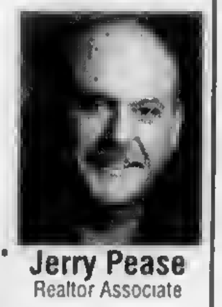

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Charlevoix County gets $37,000 Homeland Security grant

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

> **At a glance...**
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> Grants divided to fund specific law enforcement uses and emergency operating centers in each eligible county.
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> Funds can be used to purchase such items as personal protection equipment, explosive device mitigaton and remediation equipment, among other things

The wake up call of security threats to American soil that was Sept. 11, 2001 has prompted numerous programs including the Homeland Security Grant Program.

Local police, fire and medical personnel met Wednesday, Dec. 5 to propose requests for equipment, exercises and projects in hopes of attaining a slice of the $37,000 pie.

Results of the meeting were not available by press time, but Emergency Management Coordinator with the Cheboygan-Charlevoix Emmet Office of Emergency Management (CCE OEM) Cheryl Beyer said, "We are very pleased there is some discretionary funding available to strengthen local (emergency response) levels. This also helps strengthen regional and state levels."

Each grant is broken into $20,000 for discretionary spending, $10,000 for specific law enforcement uses and $7,000 for emergency operating centers in each county.

Examples of items which can be purchased are personal protection equipment, explosive device mitigation and remediation equipment and cyber security enhancement equipment, as well as inter-operability appliances such as walkie-talkies.

"The feds [sic] are pretty specific on how things are supposed to be divided and how that money can be spent," Beyer said. "I had my first meeting with our local planning team in Emmet County, which is a group of approximately 25 stakeholders from different law enforcement, fire departments and the (American) Red Cross, and the firefighters will get some 800 megahertz radios."

Beyer said the Red Cross was also allocated (funds) to purchase a trailer to hold cots and pillows, "so when we have a sheltering need they can have them preloaded and haul them to sites where they are needed."

"At the Charlevoix meeting we will discuss what gaps exist and what programs and equipment might be needed," she added.

The CCE OEM is the only tri-county office of emergency management in the state.

Organizations who feel they might be eligible for funding in the future should contact Beyer at (231) 439-3333.

The funds from this 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program -- each of the three counties in the CCE OEM will receive their own $37,000 -- must be spent by the end of January, 2008.

Without these federal monies, Beyer said, "It would come out of our budget or it wouldn't come at all."

Zonta Club making a difference in women's lives

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

For more than 90 years, professional women from around the world have committed themselves to the advancement of the status of women in the area of business and life in general. Through the international service organization known as the Zonta Club, local women have contributed to that effort since 1989, always continuing -- and expanding -- those efforts.

The Charlevoix Area Zonta Club "has been busy" of late, President Maura Snabes stated, with a number of fundraisers and other club activities. The group embarked on a new donation concept recently, agreeing to contribute donated food items at each of its bi-monthly meetings in support of the Charlevoix Food Pantry. Snabes said part of Zonta's role is to contribute to the community, and the Food Pantry seemed like a worthy cause.

"We agreed giving to the Food Pantry was a service to the community, and one we wanted to support," she said.

But it is hardly the only effort the group is involved in. Following the mission to support advancement of women, Zonta also acts as an advocate for women's issues, including violence against women, and began working with AM 1270 radio to offer monthly radio interviews to speak about the issue. The most recent radio promotion, advocating awareness of violence against women and children, aired Nov. 26. Zonta will hold such radio promotions the fourth Monday of each month on Greg Marshall's talk show on AM 1270, speaking about a variety of health, education, professional and social issues relating to women on both a local and international basis.

The Zonta group has also found a way to encourage a continued legacy in the Charlevoix area by establishing a "Z" Club -- a youth-based Zonta club. Snabes said similar youth clubs have existed on an international level for quite some time, but locally not much was done to create one. However a few years ago the group established a program called Sights on Success, which invited girls grades sixth through ninth to attend a day-long event learning about Zonta and its mission. The event was so successful, Snabes said, the decision to establish a youth club was strongly supported.

"The girls loved it. We had 50 girls participate last year, and because they were so excited about it, we decided it was a perfect time to start a Z club," she said. "We hope they'll be future Zonta-ians."

The Z club is now about three months old, with just a few meetings under their belt, and is led by Zonta member Betsy Granstra, aiming to "widen (members') views regarding women's issues." Snabes said the club will assist the adult group with fundraising events in addition to working on its own projects.

"Not only will this allow girls to service the community but it also allows them to work with our organization, which can get them aware of many women's and children's issues they may not have known about otherwise," Snabes said. "This is a way of opening their eyes on a local and international level."

Also hoping to encourage support from the community, the Zonta Club took steps to establish its 501(c)3 nonprofit status, which became effective this summer, to make it a little easier for individuals to contribute. Snabes said prior to gaining the nonprofit status, individuals interested in donating often had to do so through another agency to be able to make a claim for it on taxes.

Why donate to the group? Snabes said most of the funds collected go toward local scholarships, including two given to area high school students. The Young Women and Public Affairs Award annually presents an area high school senior $500, an award based upon grades, involvement and knowledge of international issues. The Mary Feindt Scholarship, also a $500 award, is based on math or science-based majors on a need basis. A college scholarship -- the Jane Klaufman Award -- is presented to a third or fourth year college student studying business, and is a $400 award.

Another continuation of Zonta's committment to women's issues, the group also contributes an award up to $2,500, to the Women's Resource Center for a client attempting to return to education. The money can be used for whatever needs the female has, be it books, tuition, housing, children's needs, etc.

Courtesy photo

The Charlevoix Area Zonta Club recently instituted a new program in which club members bring donations for the local food pantry to their bi-monthly meetings. At the end of each month, club representatives bring the food donations to the local food pantry. Pictured, from left, are Zonta member Vel Kammerman, Carol Elliot, Zonta member Lorraine Niswander, and Maxine Bergman.

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Volunteers find warmth in ringing Salvation Army bell

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the year.

"We do our Christmas outreach every year, providing meals and Christmas gifts to families. We have 140 families signed up so far and expect to have more by Christmas," said Captain Daren Spencer of the local Salvation Army Chapter.

The campaign is vital to the organization's efforts, Spencer said, and volunteers are needed to garner any level of success. Volunteers like members of the Kiwanis Club of Charlevoix who, for the past 30 years, have spent a few days a year ringing the bell at various Charlevoix locations assisting with the campaign. Member Ted Dumbauld said the group signs up for one or two full days each year, and members take turns with shifts throughout the day. While the effort is one that goes hand-in-hand with the Kiwanis Club's mission of philanthropy and local support, it is one that Dumbauld also believes in on a personal level.

"Personally, as a young child I remember the bells and contributing to the kettle. The Salvation Army has a very good reputation as a respectable philanthropic organization, and its objective of helping others is one that I (and other Kiwanis Clubs) support," Dumbauld said.

Kiwanis member Bill Lovett said he also enjoys his annual contribution to the cause, and has seen the work of Salvation Army throughout the state. Born in the Detroit area and having spent years of his career as a professional social worker across the southern part of the state and in the Lansing area, Lovett said "there are families in such need ... and the Salvation Army focuses on those needs." The contributions made -- food, clothing, utility and housing assistance -- are ones that many rely on. Contributing financially to those programs is something Lovett is proud to do, but volunteering to help raise funds is also something that offers personal satisfaction.

"When you are out there, you hear such kind words and stories from people about how Salvation Army has helped them. It makes it so much more rewarding than just passing over a check," Lovett said.

Dumbauld said he also enjoys the kind comments and stories from those who respond to the bell he rings, and it is that reaction from people -- those sharing the Christmas spirit the bell and red kettle are so linked with -- that keeps him warm and smiling while braving the often rough Northern Michigan winter weather.

"It is the friendliness of people in the holiday season that expresses what we're trying to do. It is so heartwarming, especially to see young children smile and want to give a dollar or a dime or a nickel. That is what it is all about," he said.

Spencer said after so many years of involvement the stories "blend together" about how people's lives have been touched by the Salvation Army, but the most common version that always gets a reaction from him comes from World War II veterans that stop, give, and share their stories.

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"They talk about how they remember the first time they saw the Salvation Army volunteers, and how much it meant to them to see the volunteers when they got off the boat, arriving home, standing with blankets and coffee to welcome them home," Spencer said. "That is the story I hear the most and enjoy hearing."

So far Spencer and the local Salvation Army has about 25 percent of its available volunteer spots filled. Individuals and groups can volunteer, generally working for two-hour shifts at various locations. The experience is fun and rewarding, Spencer said, and is something volunteers always enjoy.

"I have never heard about volunteers not enjoying it. You can have fun with it, singing Christmas carols or whatever you want, and the time really flies by," he said.

Dumbauld, Lovett and their fellow Kiwanis Club members spent Saturday, Dec. 1 volunteering from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Charlevoix Kmart, and will return for the entire day Dec. 8. New member John Young enjoyed his first volunteer experience Saturday, getting a good response from passers-by, and said he looks forward to continuing such service in future years with the Kiwanis Club.

Spencer said the $53,300 goal is close to the amount raised last year. The effort was well underway early in the season, having raised $9,000 in the first few days, but, Spencer reminded, there is yet "a long way to go." Funds will be used for the Christmas outreach as well as Salvation Army's yearly programs offering social service assistance for things such as assistance with food, rental and mortgage payments, utility payments and "anything to help people when they are getting a little behind, to help them keep their heads above water."

"It is a proactive approach, not a Band-Aid. We want to help people before they get too far behind," he said.

Salvation Army also holds after school programs, summer camps and day care programs.

Lovett and Dumbauld said Salvation Army provides not only financial assistance to those in need, but the opportunity for people like them to make a difference in their community. The best story Lovett said he has in regard to his volunteer work happened about 12 years ago while he volunteered through the Lansing Kiwanis Club, ringing the Salvation Army bell during the Christmas season. He saw a woman passing by, and she stopped, pulled a $20 bill out of her purse and put in the red kettle. He was surprised and happy at her contribution and thanked her profusely. She stopped him, and made a comment that has remained with him for 12 years.

"She said, 'No, thank you for being out here and doing this.' She gave, and she thanked me. It was so heartwarming," he recalled.

Spencer said he can always use more volunteers, and encourages anyone of any age to spend some time ringing the well-known bell. To volunteer call the Salvation Army in Petoskey at 347-3531.

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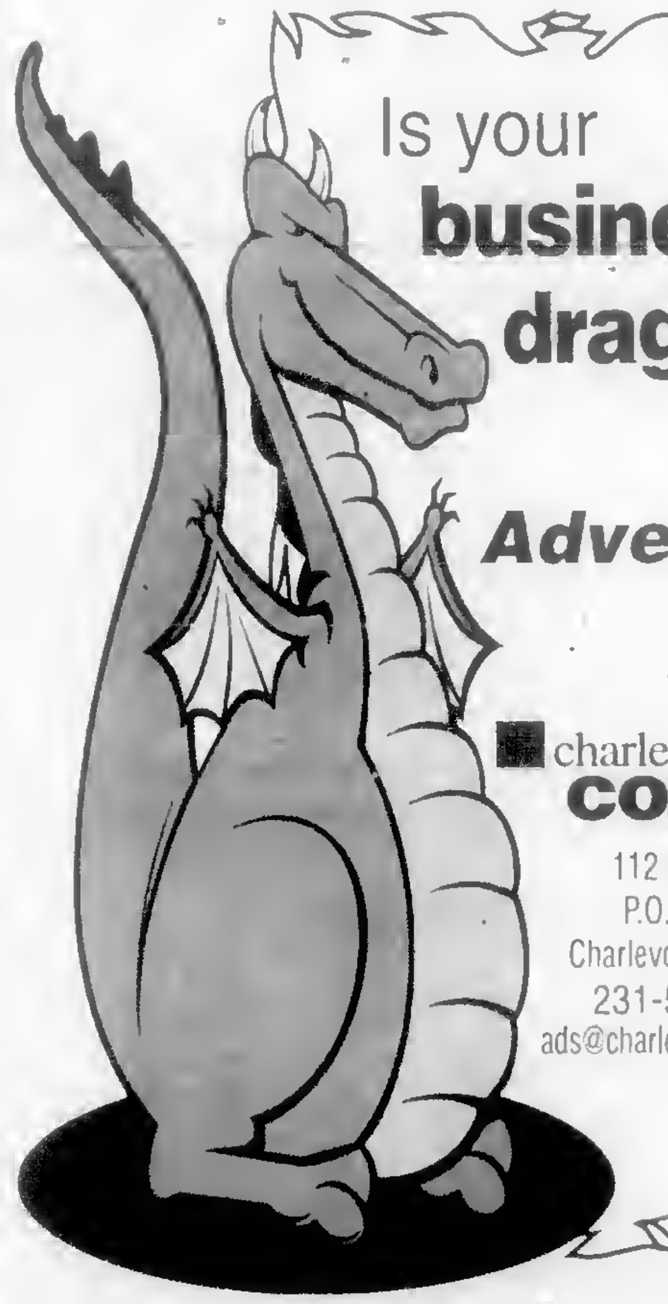

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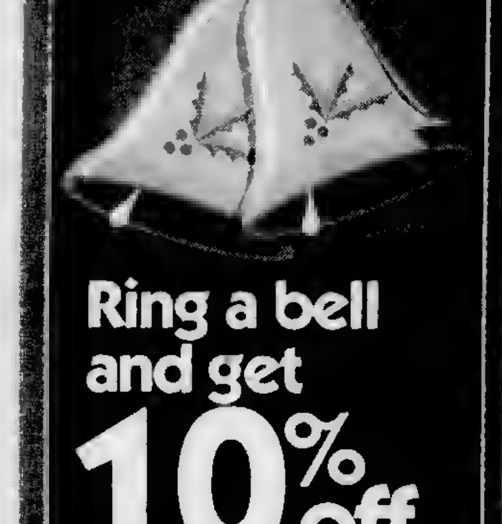

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Walgreens sets sights on Charlevoix

**BY JULIE WITTHOEFT
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Story highlight

A new 13,650-square-foot drug store could open its doors next fall

Expected to be located on the corner of M-66 and U.S. 31

Charlevoix City Planning Commission will review proposal Jan 14. and City Council will review -- based on Planning Commission's recommendations -- Jan. 21

Todd Wyett, owner of the Captain's Corner Plaza which houses Glen's, Rite-Aid and other stores, has applied for a development plan review to locate a Walgreens Drug Store at the corner of M-66 and U.S. 31 in Charlevoix.

"It's the best corner in town," Wyett said.

He hopes to break ground on the 13,650 square foot, single level drug store in May 2008 and his goal is for the doors to open this coming fall.

Wyett will be the developer and landlord and Walgreens will operate the store. Rich Cleve of Rogvoy Architects PC in Bingham Farms is the project architect and Wade, Trim and Associates of Detroit is handling the development plans.

According to Charlevoix zoning administrator, Dianne Manore, who reviewed the development plan, it meets the requirements of the zoning ordinance.

The city planning commission will review the plan at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 14. If the commission recommends approval at that meeting, the plan will be reviewed by Charlevoix City Council on Jan. 21.

Wyett said about three years ago he purchased the 2.39 acre piece of land which once housed the Clark Gas Station and has always planned to locate a drug store there.

He approached the Charlevoix Rite-Aid operators who rent property from him and tried to get the store to move to the Clark station property but he said Rite-Aid reps weren't interested.

"The rent would have doubled," he said.

When asked if he's concerned about losing Rite-Aid as a renter if Walgreens goes up and pushes their neighbor out of business, Wyett said, "No."

"It happens all the time (new drug stores locating near existing drug stores). Drug stores are like gas stations or fast food restaurants — when a McDonald's goes in a Burger King always locates next-door," he said.

John Ochs, owner of Central Drug Store in downtown Charlevoix which his family has owned since 1929, said he thinks Walgreens will take business away from him.

"They'll get a chunk, everybody will lose something to them," he said.

When asked if there are services Walgreens offers that Rite-Aid doesn't, Wyett said what sets any drug store apart from the competition is the pharmacist.

Ochs said this "personal service" from Central Drug Store's pharmacists and staff are what continue to set him apart from the competition.

Wyett expects Walgreens to employ about six people including two to three pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and cashiers.

"It will bring quite a few high paying jobs to town," Wyett added.

This Walgreens development plan is not linked to the Petoskey store planned for construction on U.S. 31 near M-119 at the former location of Kentucky Fried Chicken.

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Charlevoix Historic Commission hopes to develop Downtown Historic District

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toric) so it was a good experience for the study group," he said.

The study group "cleared all the hurdles" in the process, including development of a Historic Commission. Working alongside the study group, the Commission looked "at potential future local historic districts," which led to consideration of a downtown district. Heath said because there is so much work involved in the process, the task will be attempted in two segments, focusing first on the east side of Bridge Street downtown. The goal eventually is to establish the west side as a district and combine the two into one downtown district. Because there are so many people and elements involved in a downtown -- city rights-of-way, business owners, building owners and renters, etc. -- the process is "complex," Heath said, and will require "a lot of education and information output."

But why do it? Looking at old photographs of Charlevoix, ones containing the old Apple Tree building or ones featuring the seven old hotels that no longer exist in the city, "you get the feeling of why" preservation is important, Heath said. One of the city's "great [illegible] treasures," he said, was the old Life Saving Station that preceded the U.S. Coast Guard Station. The station was torn down in 1960, but if a Historic District existed at that time, "it wouldn't have been lost."

"If we had half of those buildings we've lost, the heritage of Charlevoix would be so much richer," Heath said.

There is still plenty to save, however, and the upcoming forum can help with that goal. The forum is open to the public, and the commission requests reservations (made by calling Linda Weller at 547-3270). However attendants will be allowed as long as there is room, Heath said.

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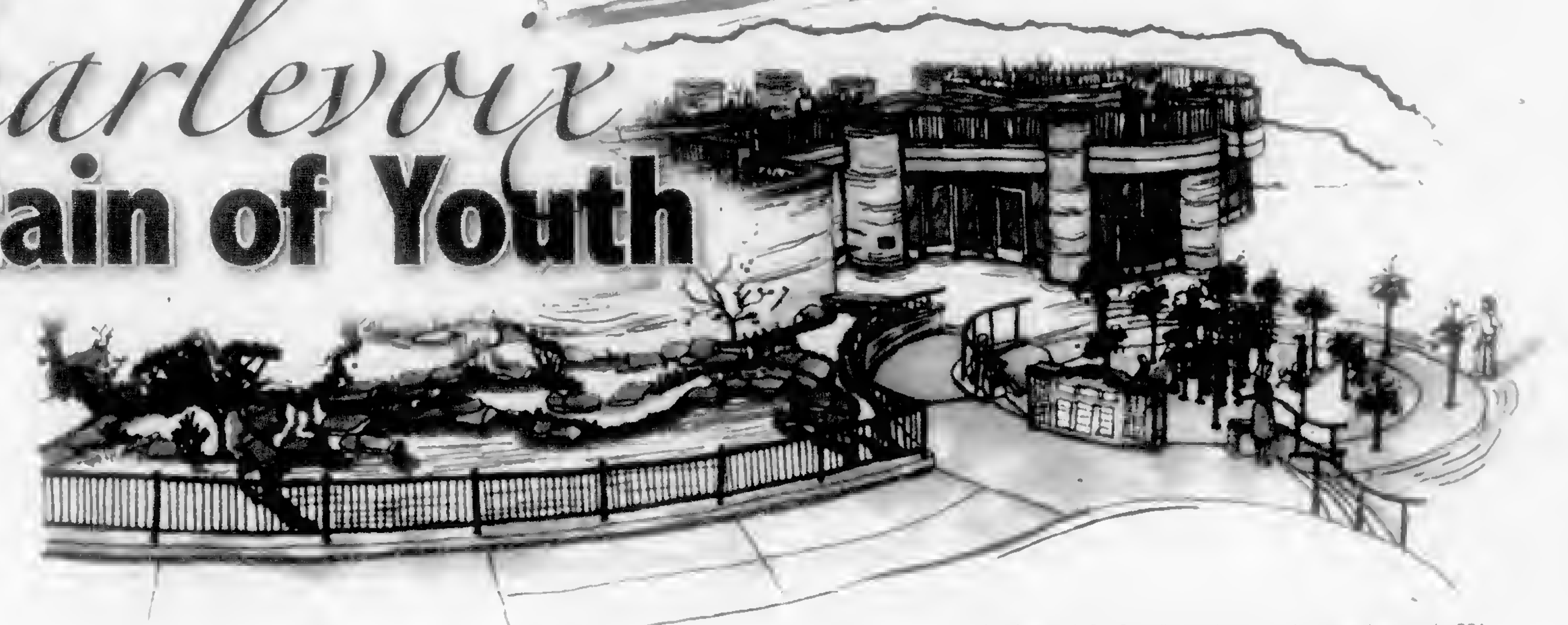

Versatile

The Fountain will have no fixtures above grade. Flush mount lighting and fountain heads will allow children to splash throughout the Fountain plaza, as weather conditions permit. The area may otherwise be used as a harbor view patio when the Fountain is not in use.

Practical

The use of East Park will be enhanced and extended by the stunning visual feature of this Fountain, by both day and night, throughout the spring, summer and fall season. By virtue of its waterfront location at the plaza of the new Harbor Master Building, no additional "green space" will be occupied.

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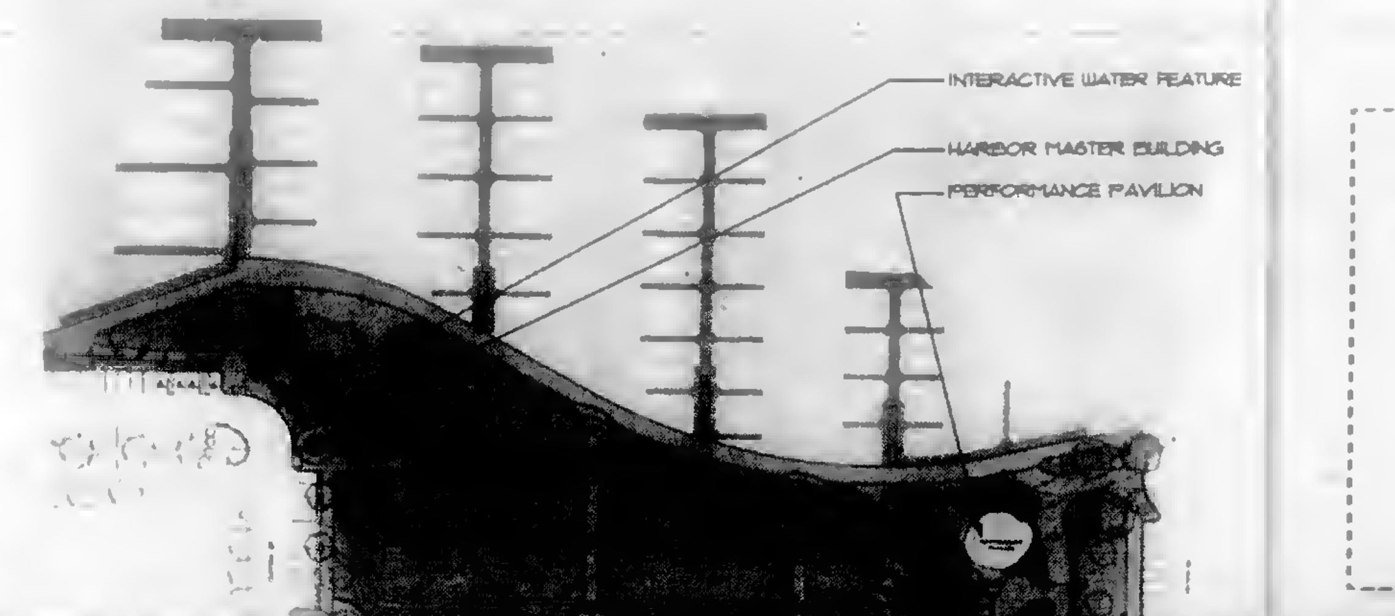

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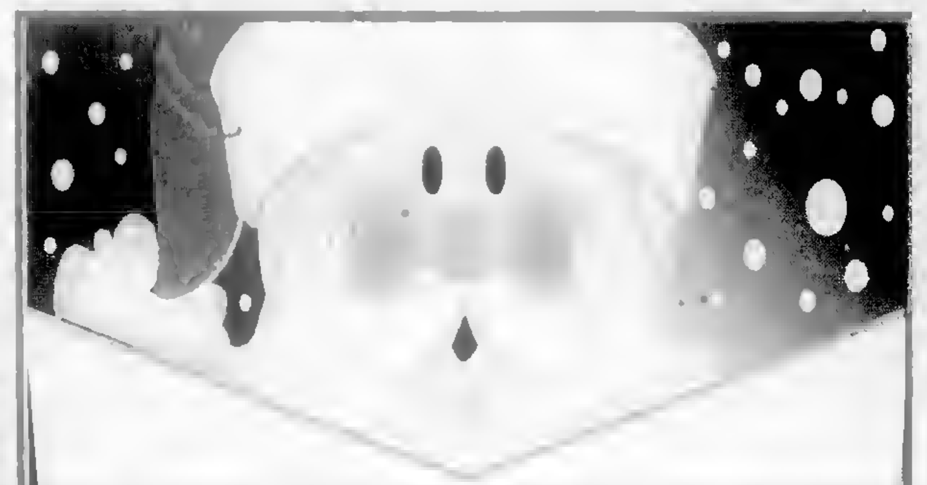

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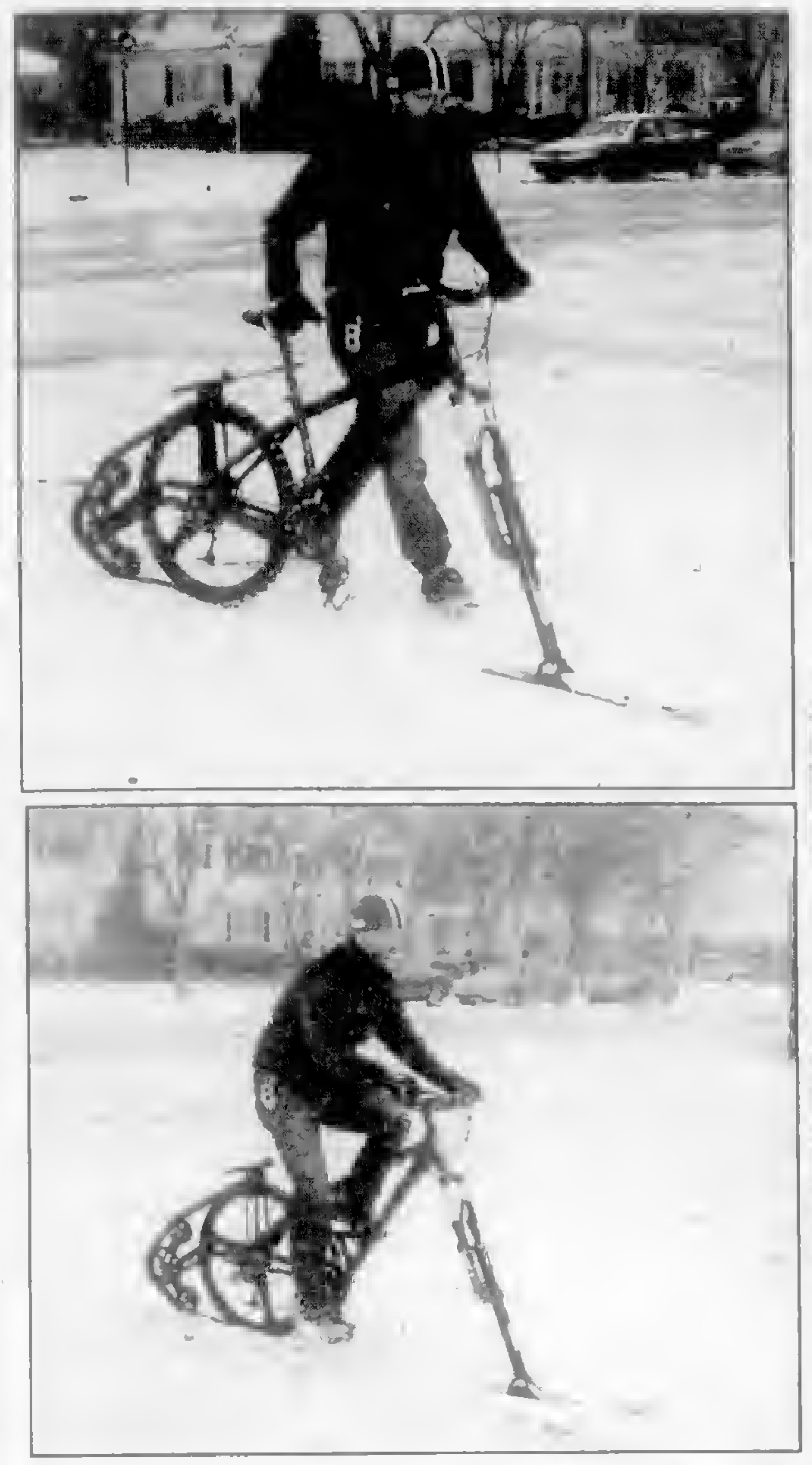

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New winter ride

Chet Morris takes a wild ride for a wild ride, and what better way to break in the new KTRAK all-terrain mountain bikes at Revolution Cycle, with a ski on the front and rubber tracks similar to those on a snowmobile or army tank fitted on the rear, than to ride around downtown Charlevoix.

Courtesy photo

Rotary Club honors past presidents

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix recently presented Paul Harris Fellowships to two of its past presidents, in recognition of contributions made to the Rotary Foundation, which funds community service projects worldwide. Pictured left to right: current Rotary President David Leusink, past President Chris Turkelson, past President Rick Randall, and Assistant District Governor and East Jordan Rotarian David White.

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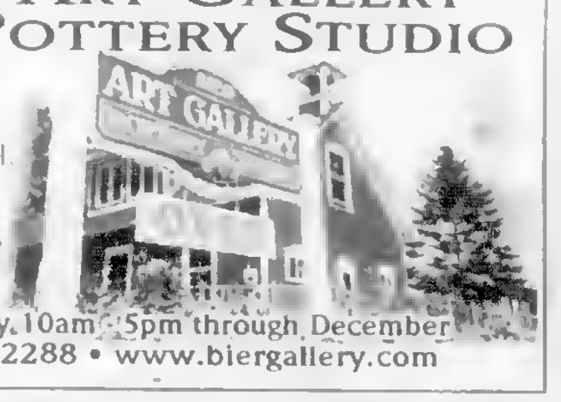

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Annual Merchants' Open House expands with new Flurry Fest, held Dec. 1

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Top left, this 8-year-old from Charlevoix, Haley Campbell, braved the cold temperatures during the Merchant Open House and Flurry Fest last Saturday. Above right, more than 30 dogs and their owners turned out for a holiday fundraiser for the Charlevoix Humane Society hosted by Charlevoix Camera. For a minimal fee, pooches had their picture taken with Santa Claus. The event raised $335 for the Charlevoix County Humane Society. Right, Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority Keith Carey assembles a sign to block off the end of Clinton Street at the corner of Bridge to allow for the entertainment and refreshment tent. A highlight from the event was the hot chocolate contest. The Grey Gables of Charlevoix, who offered the only homemade marshmallows of the day, won the hot chocolate contest during the first annual Flurry Fest.

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Team Scores were:

Mancelona (60) vs. Onaway (18)

Charlevoix (36) vs. Mancelona (42)

Charlevoix (54) vs. Onaway (22)

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Charlevoix Varsity girls defeat Frankfurt 53-36

BY ALLEN TELGENHOF
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Charlevoix girls basketball coach Bret Erskine passed the first test in his varsity coaching career with wins over two highly regarded non-conference foes. The Rayders defeated Frankfort, 53-36 and Cheboygan, 43-34.

Frankfort is the two-time defending state champion in Class D while Cheboygan reached the final four last season in Class B.

"We beat two good programs," coach Erskine said. "By the end of the year, I think they both will be very good teams."

Though the coach may have changed since last season, when Keith Haske mentored the squad, the swarming, pressing defense that is the Rayder trademark returned and was a factor in both games.

"We need to be more consistent offensively but if we can play consistent defense and hold teams to 34 and 36 points all season long, we'll be fine," Erskine commented.

Defense was the difference against Frankfort as Charlevoix jumped out to a 14-7 lead after the first quarter and a 32-19 advantage at halftime.

"They only had eight girls on their varsity and with the pressure we apply (on defense), we wore them down," Erskine said.

Meredeth Rich led all scorers with 14 points. Desi Faust added 12. Brooke Whitaker and Alyssa Smith each had six.

K.C. McCrary and Murphy Gillespie both had seven rebounds and Becca Madison handed out seven assists.

Cheboygan led the Rayders 11-9 after the opening period but Charlevoix responded with a 12-4 second quarter advantage to take control of the contest.

"Though we were down two at the end of the first quarter, the girls were playing pretty hard," Erskine said. "I told them if they play hard and lose, I can live with that. We just have to keep playing hard."

Desi Faust scored 11 points. Tammy Potter had nine points and eight rebounds. Erica Faust, Rich and Madison all scored five points. Madison contributed seven rebounds to the cause.

"It was an offensive struggle for both teams," Erskine noted. "Looking at the tape, I thought we played well, we just couldn't put the ball in the basket."

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First annual Turkey Trot a success

Harbor Health & Fitness hosted the first ever Charlevoix Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, The event started at 8 a.m. It was a fun run/walk that involved a 1 mile, 5k and 10k. This was not a timed event and a few fun prizes were given out sponsored by some local businesses, with the idea to have fun and keep fitness as a part of the holidays. Despite icy and cold conditions 38 people came with great attitudes and were determined to enjoy themselves. The number of participants pleasantly surprised the four people who organized this event because the event was planned in just two weeks time. Those involved hope to make it a yearly event, and are planning to hold a similar event near Christmas.

MHSAA describes rule changes

Winter Sports Season Underway – Rules Changes Include Sportsmanship Emphasis & Uniform Regulations

For member schools of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the winter sports season --a time of year where over 70,000 young people are expected to take part in sports which will culminate in 9 championships -- is already underway.

Bowling in the Upper Peninsula, girls' competitive cheer, girls' gymnastics, ice hockey and swimming and diving in the Upper Peninsula have already begun competition. Last week saw games begin for girls' basketball (Nov. 26), wrestling (Nov. 28), and swimming and diving and bowling in the Lower Peninsula (Dec. 1). Competition hegins this week for boys' basketball (Dec. 3) and skiing (Dec. 8).

Perhaps the most visihle rules change for the winter is truly visual – white uniforms must now be worn by the home team in basketball for varsity competition. This National Federation of State High School Associations rule was enacted several years ago to take effect this year, giving schools an opportunity to plan for its implementation. Another major change in basketball is that the interval for replacing a disqualified player has been reduced from 30 seconds to 20 seconds.

In wrestling, a new national rule taking effect this year will allow an offensive wrestler to request a neutral position restart. The defensive wrestler will still receive a point for an escape. The MHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament will also be unified this year. Previously, individual competition had been conducted on a Peninsula basis. The Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Tournament began in 1948, and the Upper Peninsula Tournament started in 1967. The individual format was used to determine a team champion until 1988 in hoth peninsulas, when the Team Dual Wrestling Tournament started. Seventeen of the Association's 29 tournaments are unified competitions.

The 2007-08 Winter campaign culminates with postseason tournaments beginning with the Upper Peninsula Swimming & Diving Finals Feb. 16, and wraps up with the boys' basketball finals March 15. With the addition of the girls' basketball tournament to the winter, playing dates for both the boys' and girls' schedules have been set so they will not conflict with each other in overlap weeks.

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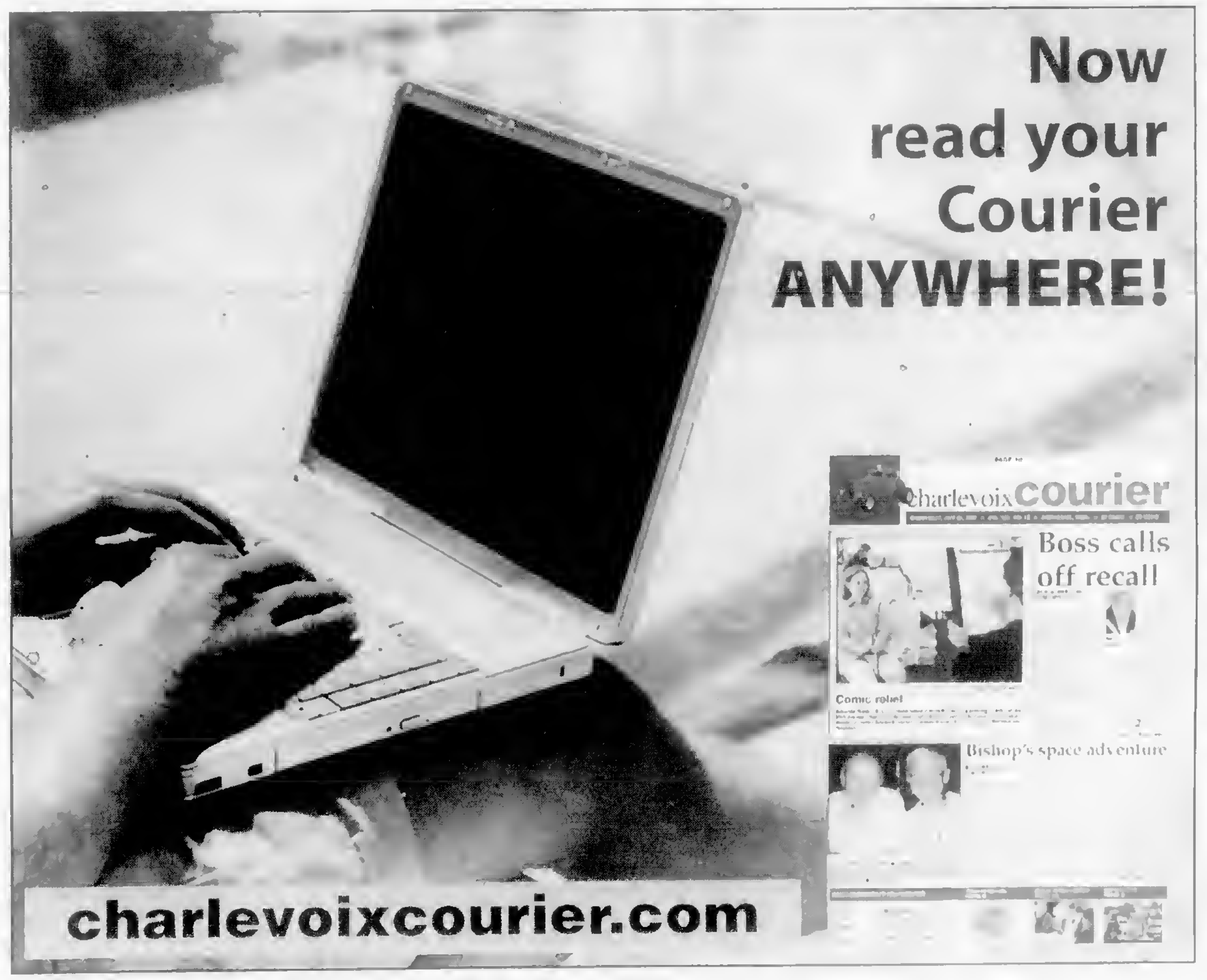

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Mitten Trees help boost Christmas Project

Photo by Erica Goff

Mitten Trees, like the one pictured above in the lobby of Charlevoix's Northwestern Bank located at 1425 Bridge Street, are gathering mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for the Charlevoix Christmas Project. Trees are also located at Charlevoix State Bank, Citizen's Bank, Huntington Bank, and Bay Winds Federal Credit Union.

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

The Charlevoix Christmas Project Committee is continuing its efforts to keep Charlevoix citizens warm, well fed and full of Christmas spirit, and has entered yet another phase of donation gathering. The annual Mitten Tree project, which invites area bank and financial institutions to set up Christmas trees to gather donated items began recently, and trees will remain standing until items are collected for distrubution Dec. 14.

Committee member Joan Lemerand said the project has grown since last year, and now includes all hanks in the city -- Charlevoix State Bank, Northwestern Bank, Huntington Bank and Citizens Bank -- as well as Bay Winds Federal Credit Union. All institutions have agreed to display Christmas trees, allowing customers and visitors to decorate the trees with mittens, hats, gloves and scarves for donations. Growth in participation is important, Lemerand said, because the city has seen a growth in need.

"At last count there were 300 children in the area that needed mittens, hats and scarves," she said. "And that number has probably since grown."

The warm clothing collection is just another step in the project's effort to gather toys, food, clothing and other items for families in need during the Christmas season. Christmas Project members will gather at the Charlevoix VFW Post 1153, located at 12735 U.S. 31 in Charlevoix, for distribution Dec. 18.

"It goes so fast. It is like a production line and everyone knows what they need to do to get the items out," Lemerand said. "Its the final step in the process."

The Christmas Project is an annual local effort to help families in need. Anyone interested in donating to the Mitten Trees can visit any Charlevoix bank or Bay Winds Credit Union.

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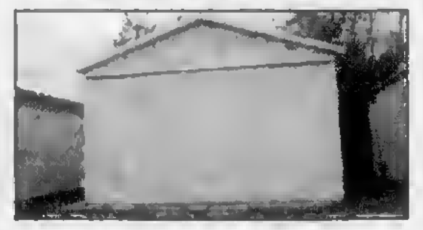

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Editor:

Almost 50% of Americans smoke cigarettes and the numbers are just increasing. Even though about 440,000 people die each year from smoking cigarettes, tohacco companies continue to sell cigarettes. As long as cigarette companies are making money, they do not care how may people they kill or how many lives they destroy. Anyone who works for a cigarette company will agree that the more people smoke, the more money they make, but is it really worth all the lives that are lost because of cigarettes? People do not understand the risks of smoking cigarettes. Many people believe they do, but they don't think anything bad can happen to them. People need to realize that anyone who smokes is at risk of getting cancer or even dying. No one's life should be cut short from something as ridiculous as a bad habit. That is why I believe that cigarettes should be banned and no one should be able to smoke them again.

"Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" is one of the most famous phrases in the United States Declaration of Independence. Many people argue that smoking makes them happy and they have the right to do what they want. It is true that people have this right as long as it does not affect other's happiness. It is a reasonable argument for people to say that cigarettes being banned violates their pursuit of happiness, hut if someone standing next to that smoker is unhappy from the smoke, what happens? Cigarettes do not only harm the person smoking them. Second hand smoke is also very dangerous. The pursuit of happiness does not apply to smoking cigarettes, because it hurts others and makes them unhappy.

The definition of a habit in the dictionary is a settled or regular tendency or practice. Many people who smoke say that they can't quit and they are too addicted to it. People make smoking sound like it is impossible to quit. There are so many things on the market today that help people stop smoking, but people just say they won't work. If people actually tried to quit, they would all be ahle too. Nicotine is the addictive drug in cigarettes and this nicotine makes people believe they cannot stop smoking. Smokers do not only become physically addicted to cigarettes, they become psychologically addicted as well. If people put their minds to quitting they can and will. Some people believe the only reason smoking is bad is because you can die, but there are a lot of other reasons as well. Cigarettes cost a lot of money. Cigarettes cost about $2.25 a pack and usually cost a person $821.25 a year for people who smoke a pack a day. Cigarettes are a complete waste of money. People who smoke cigarettes also smell very had. Their clothes, hair, homes and everything else smell like smoke. Smoking is the most disgusting habit. Smoking is also very addictive. It is really hard for people to quit once they start. It is very possible for people to quit, but once they start they don't want to.

The biggest downside of people smoking is that their children see it and can get hurt from it. Children learn from their parents' and other adults' examples. If they see their parents smoking they will think it is all right and they will more likely do it when they are older. Second hand smoke is also really bad for children and anyone around the smoker. Second hand smoke is almost as had as actually smoking. Around 35,000 people who did not smoke but lived with smokers died of heart disease in 2006. People need to realize that second hand smoke is almost as deadly as smoking.

The most important reason cigarettes should be banned is because it kills many people and can cause lung cancer and heart problems. There is an endless amount of danger from smoking. Cigarettes kill more Americans than alcohol, car accidents, suicide, AIDS, homicide, and illegal drugs combined. Cigarette smoking causes at least 30% of all cancer deaths. About 400,000 people die each year from smoking cigarettes. Cigarettes have been known to damage women's reproductive health, they cause gum disease, heart problems, lung problems, hone thinning and many other things.

All cigarettes should be banned and I believe that no one should be able to smoke again. Cigarettes cause so many problems for people and they destroy many lives. Though most people don't realize this, tobacco kills many people each day. People need to be aware of all of the dangers of smoking. People can argue that they want to smoke and cigarettes should not he banned, but they do not realize how bad they are for you. Unless people want to cut fourteen of more years off their life, they have to stop smoking.

Megan Menosky
Charlevoix Student

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING A SUCCESS

Editor:

We are so fortunate to live in a community where over 50 volunteers give up their holiday; where the Rotary and Lions Cluh's donate money to make sure there's enough food; where the local Ministerial Association donates more money and support; where the Refom Church loans out their facility for a day, just so every family in our community has the chance to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. With all of the issues we face as a State and a Nation, it's easy to loose site of our individual ability to make a difference even if you're peeling potatoes or baking a pie.

Thanks,
Richard May
Janet Potter
Dennis Halverson
Joy Halverson

TIME FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION

Editor:

Although the Charlevoix City Council refused to sign the Mayors Climate Protection Agreement (Courier, Oct. 17), nevertheless, there is evidence that the city already has met some of the "green goals" listed in the agreement. It continues to do more. For example, the city was represented at both a recent Traverse City planners meeting and the Nov. 7 meeting at the Charlevoix library on the subject of 'green' infrastructure and preserving open space.

Mayor (Norman) Carlson defended the "no" votes of four councilmen saying "they weren't against green at all–we do a lot of that already."

We all know that much of our local economy is dependent on tourism. Visitors who come here to spend money on recreation care about Charlevoix being both "cool" and "green."

We hope the mayor, council and all of us aspire to create a city that becomes even more " cool and green."

Bruce MacArthur
Member, C.A.R.E. committee

Letters policy

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor addressing pertinent topics of community interest. The Courier editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters for length, correct grammar, libel and content.

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Harvest Food and Supply Drive benefits WRC

Food and financial contributions are needed for the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan to continue providing safety and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence in northern Michigan.

The Women's Resource Center provides the only shelter for survivors of domestic abuse in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Otsego counties. Safe Home provides emergency shelter 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and also offers a 24-hour crisis phone line. In the past year, 82 women and 116 children took refuge at Safe Home to escape the danger of emotional, verbal and/or physical abuse. The Women's Resource Center provided 3,264 nights of housing averaging nine persons per day. An additional 525 individuals received non-residential domestic abuse counseling services.

During the past year, food and supply costs at the Safe Home exceeded $18,000. The Harvest Food and Supply Drive is an opportunity to assist the Safe Home in providing food, supplies and personal items to the many families who utilize these emergency services.

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Donations can be brought to the Women's Resource Center main office at 423 Porter St. in Petoskey; the Gold Mine Resale Shop, at the corner of Emmet and Washington streets in Petoskey; Bondurant at 206 Howard St. in Petoskey; the Cheboygan Office by calling (231) 627-2380; the Gaylord Office by calling (989) 731-0918; or the Mancelona Office by calling (231) 587-8891.

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Contact the City Manager's Office at (231)547-3270 for more information and a complete list of job duties. Submit application to the City Manager's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applications and background waiver form available at: www.cityofcharlevoix.org. EOE.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Varice E. Bourdo and Ruth A. Bourdo, Husband and Wife to HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III by a mortgage dated August 13, 2004 and recorded on August 18, 20004 in Liber 632 on Page 519, Charlevoix County Records Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three and 74/100 Dollars ($130,733.74) including interest at 8.48% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix Michigan at 11:00 am on December 21, 2007. Said premises are situated in the City of East Jordan , County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at a point 115.0 feet East of the Southwest corner of Government Lot 2, Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 7 West thence North 214 feet; thence East 50 feet; thence North 20 feet; thence East 82.5 feet; thence South 234 feet; thence West 132.5 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of Government Lot 2, Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241 a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 14, 2007

Michael M. Grand, Esq.
GRAND & GRAND PLLC
31731 Northwestern Hwy.,
#151 Farmington Hills, MI
48334 (248) 538-3737 71772
ASAP# 936289
(L-11/21/2007, 11/28/2007,
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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: John Spieth and Rebecca Spieth, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2005 and recorded August 22, 2005 in Liber 700 Page 328 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Resmae Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, by assignment dated June 11, 2007 and recorded June 26, 2007 in Liber 808, Page 690, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents ($196,571.86) including interest 8.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on Friday, December 28, 2007. Said premises are situated in Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 7, Pineridge Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 339 and 340, Charlevoix County Records Commonly known as 12938 Pine Ridge Drive, Charlevoix MI 49720.

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Dated: NOVEMBER 21, 2007

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Resmae Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123 Our File No:
07-82908 ASAP# 940397
(L-11/28/2007, 12/05/2007,
12/12/2007, 12/19/2007)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Charles E. and Linda A. Willette, H/W of 05845 S. Ranney Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727 to Aden State Bank of PO Box 1169, Bellaire, MI 49615 dated November 21, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix and State of Michigan, on December 23, 2002 in Liber 506 of Mortgages, on Page 844, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of Nineteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty and 16/100 ($19,460.16), Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statue in such case made and provided , the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, County Building, 301 State St., Village of Charlevoix and County of Charlevoix, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on December 21, 2007, at 11:00 O'clock the fore noon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said mortgage together with 8.50 percent interest, legal costs, Attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ARM, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN

PARCEL C:

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The period of redemption will be One (1) year from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a.

Dated: November 7, 2007

Alden State Bank Mortgagee

Leon W. Sluyter,
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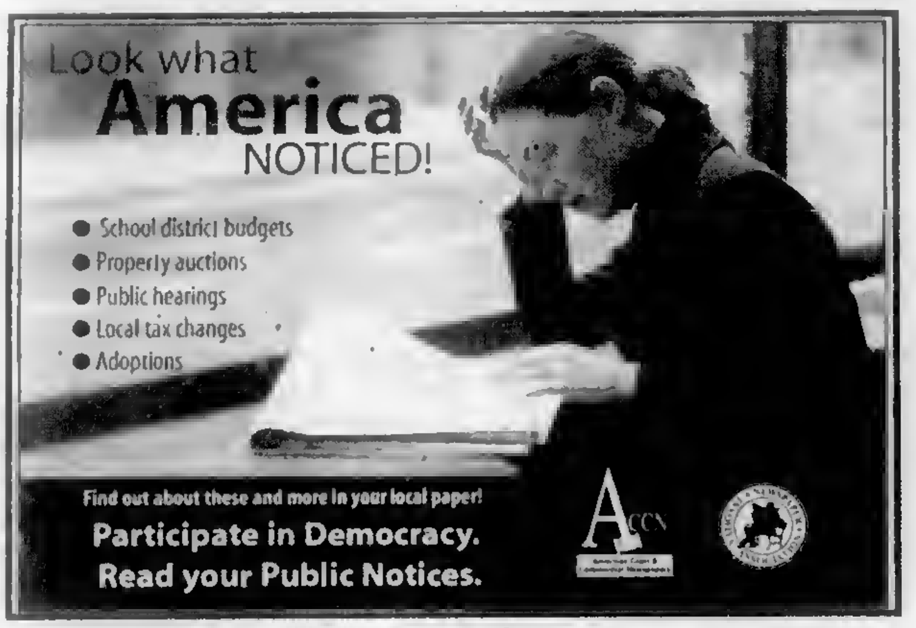

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Photo by Kim Taylor

Courier advertising manager Kim Taylor snapped this shot of a beautiful rainbow on June 20 from her deck in Hayes Township.

Photo by Sue Cook

Above, Sue Cook took this picture of Charlevoix County Seniors on a Historic Tour of Castle Farms in September. Linda Barnes, Peggy Borowiak, Sandy Clark, Rosemary Fuller, Isabell Lapeer, Gloria Meredith, Sally Saunders, Helen and Sherm Thomas packed their lunches and spent a day at Charlevoix's Historic Landmark.

Photo by Kevin Pearsall

Karley Pearsall, 12, shot this large spikehorn buck on the opening day of rifle hunting season -- Nov. 15 -- 2007.

Photo by Kelts

It you happened to be at Ferry Beach on Saturday, August 18th, you probably wondered what all the excitement was about. The Lion's Club trailer was there, providing some great eats, kids romped in a (very busy) bouncy house, prizes galore were on display, and some great "background" music was playing. Nothing out of the ordinary, just Harbor Industries' annual summer picnic for employees and their family members. As usual, there was a great turn-out and, contrary to last year, Mother Nature provided a sunny, breezy day, and a good time was had by all!

Photo by Phyllis Elzinga

Emma Matthew of Grand Rapids, Mi., shot her 8-point buck 160 yards away at 7:20 p.m. Sept. 22 near Torch Lake, during the youth hunt. THe deer weighed in at 190 pounds. Emma is the 13-year-old granddaughter of John and Phyllis Elzinga of Charlevoix.

Photo by Thomas Ford Conlan

Two bull elks are seen wading in the Flathead River in the national bison range west of Missoula, Montana.

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Local man, local hero remembered

CROSS

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his letter to Thompson.

Cade assured Thompson the loss of Cross was a loss for the Nation, and, as a Nation, "all flags at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial were lowered to half-staff" upon notification of the incident. Cross has been further recognized on a national and state level by having his name engraved not only at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Maryland but also on the Michigan Firefighters Memorial in Roscommon, Mich. Thompson said it is an important gesture that means a lot to the local department.

"We are honored they would take a person from such a small, rural, volunteer department and include his name with people from departments like Chicago, New York, those who died in 9-11. It is very equalizing," Thompson said.

Paterka added the gesture "levels the playing field" by recognizing that all service to the realm of fire fighting is important, valued and remembered. The gesture to Cross is also well deserved.

"He did all these things. He was a hero, but he did all of this because it needed to be done, not because he wanted or expected anything," Paterka said.

Cross was the type to disappear when cameras or media arrived at fires, Paterka and Thompson said, but was the first person to arrive, call or volunteer when anything needed to be done. He was the man young volunteers turned to while struggling with their training and testing. If not for Cross, many of the younger volunteers "would not have made it through" their testing, Paterka said.

Thompson said Cross, who worked well into his 70s, was "one of those people you could always ask to do anything, and if he was available, he would do it." He could be turned to for just about anything -- "he was a jack of all trades," Thompson said -- and never asked for anything in return. Paterka said Cross was "never afraid to go through the door," whether it was a door standing in front of a building full of fire and smoke, or a metaphorical door, standing in front of some other type of challenge. Knowing Cross was there with him at any fire call was a comfort to Paterka.

"He was that type of guy that would just go right on. I've seen him come out of a fire completely black, and it was such a comfort when you saw him at a fire. I was glad to have him there with me," Paterka said.

Describing his feelings for Cross, Paterka said he believes "the more respect you have for a person, the bigger they appear in your eyes." Paterka is about six-foot-four-inches tall, physically towering over the five-foot-six-inch Cross, but in Paterka's mind, he stood in Cross' shadow.

"I looked up to him," Paterka said.

Cross was one of the founding members of the Charlevoix Township Volunteer Fire Department, founded in 1973, and remained devoted to it for 34 years. Like all of his fellow volunteers, he didn't do it for the money, Paterka and Thompson said, but did it because of a personal commitment to the "brotherhood" fire fighting instills. "It gets into your blood," Paterka said, and it was in the blood of Cross, who held the position of Assistant Fire Chief at the time of his death. While the words of national officials like Cade are remarkable and comforting -- "we respect and honor his (Cross') service to his community and his fellow citizens in the times of need," Cade stated in his letter to Thompson -- the words and memories of his friends describe his service with stronger respect and honor.

"Now that he is gone, you sit back and realize all that he did. He will be so missed," Thompson said.

"Ralph (Cross) is someone who is admired for outstanding qualities and achievements. Whether he was going through the door of a burning building or through the door of a Kmart ... he gave his time, strength, knowledge and ultimately his life for what he believed in," Paterka stated.

> " He was a hero, but he did all of this because it needed to be done, not because he wanted or expected anything..."
>
> **Steve Paterka**
> CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP FIRE CAPTAIN

Concert at Jordan River Arts Center

The Great Lakes Orchestra Baroquen Consort will present seasonal and baroque music during a Sunday afternoon concert at 3 p.m. at the Jordan River Arts Center, 301 Main St., East Jordan, Dec. 9. Consort members are: Robert Pattengale harpsichord, Roger Lilak wind synthesizer, Nancy Koski viola, and Bing Farrar double base. This group has played at the Center several times and is brought back by members request.

Light refreshments will be served preceeding the concert. On exhibition is the Members Christmas Art for Sale and patrons will be able to purchase affordable gifts The gallery is be open from 1 to 4 p.m. daily through Dec. 16.

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Pictured from left are Baroquen Consort members: Bing Farrar, Robert Pattengale, Roger Lilak, and Nancy Koski.

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DECEMBER 5, 1 P.M. COMPUTER BASICS, PART 1

Linda Adams, Adult Services Librarian will help people new to the computer world learn the basics. This class will focus on computer parts, terms and how to use a mouse.

Charlevoix Public library, 220 W. Clinton Street

DEC. 5 LIGHTS OF LOVE

The Boyne City Eta Women's Club will once again sponsor the annual "Lights of Love" Christmas tree at the Dilworth Hotel in Boyne City. Proceeds will benefit Hospice of Northwest Michigan.

Donations can be made by purchasing a colored light ranging from $3 - $25, or a personalized heart for $35, that will be displayed on the tree. Hearts will be mailed to the contributor after the holidays. Flyers are available by calling 231-582-8800.

A tree lighting ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5 in the Dilworth lobby. After a short dedication and caroling, those attending are invited to enjoy a light supper with homemade desserts at the Dilworth for $10. Families are welcome.

DEC. 6 STORYTIMES

Lapsit (birth-3) 10:05 a.m.

Pre-k (3-5) 10:30 a.m.

Stories, songs and crafts for young children.

Charlevoix Public Library. 220 W Clinton St

DEC. 7, COMPUTER BASICS, PART 2

Linda Adams, Adult Services Librarian will help people new to the computer world learn the basics, beginning at 1 p.m. This class will focus on the Internet.

Charlevoix Public library. 220 W. Clinton St.

DEC. 8 FOOTBALL FOOD DRIVE

The Charlevoix High School Football team will be putting on a can/food drive from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Dec. 8 in the Oleson's parking lot in front of Charlevoix Floral. We'll be trying to fill up a large snowmobile trailer. The proceeds will go to the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry.

DEC. 8 COOKIE WALK

Hundreds of homemade cookies will be sold at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix's annual cookie walk from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the church located at the corner of State Street and Park Avenue in downtown Charlevoix.

DEC. 10 CPL BOOKTALKERS,

The group will discuss the book, Waiting for the Morning Train by Bruce Catton at 6 p.m.

Charlevoix Public Library. 220 W. Clinton St.

DEC. 11 HISTORIC DISTRICT MEETING

The members of the City of Charlevoix Historic Commission are planning an all day educational forum on the benefits and restrictions of historic designation as well as the local economic benefits and restrictions of historic districts. The forum will be presented from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the Charlevoix Public Library. Presenters will be Kristine M. Kidorf of Kidorf Preservation Consulting, Richard Karp of Karp and Associates, and Michael J. Matts, director of historic preservation and planning for Gray and Pope Inc.

All interested citizens, including property and business owners in the downtown business district, and owners of historic buildings are encouraged to attend.

Reservations can be made by calling Linda Weller at the Charlevoix city manager's office, 547-3270 by Wednesday. Dec. 5.

DEC. 11 SLEEPY TIME STORIES

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DEC. 12 COMPUTER TIDBIT: INTERNET TRICKS

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DEC. 12 HOLIDAY JAZZ CONCERT

Join friends and neighbors for an hour of holiday jazz favorites performed by local musicians beginning at 7 p.m. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Free admission.

Charlevoix Public Library. 220 W. Clinton St

DEC. 12 PEACE MEETING

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom welcomes everyone interested in the group to attend its next meeting, at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 12 at Giuseppe's on Petoskey Avenue in Charlevoix. RSVP to Phil at 547-2465 by Dec. 11.

DEC. 19 FIBER DESIGN GROUP

The Fiber Design Group will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19. The group meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month when a new surface design technique will be introduced. Each technique is applicable to art quilts and other fiber art projects. These meetings are free and open to the public. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT DONATIONS

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project committee is preparing for another holiday season.

Last year, the project committee helped 175 families including 352 children and 254 adults with a budget of approximately $6,500.

The committee's stated goal is the same as when the program started in the early 1980s, "Every child in the Charlevoix School District will have a good Christmas and receive a new article of clothing, a toy or a fun gift along with new mittens, hats and socks."

The project group has also found many needy senior citizens who live alone and would not have a good Christmas dinner without their help.

To donate, send checks made payable to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project to our treasurer Carolyn Batdorf, 04903 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, MI. 49720.

For more information, call Bev Boss, chairman of the Community Christmas Project at 547-2078.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark, located at 401 West Carpenter St., is closed for the season. The park will reopen in May 2008. For more information, call 675-4505.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide handknit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" at the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food

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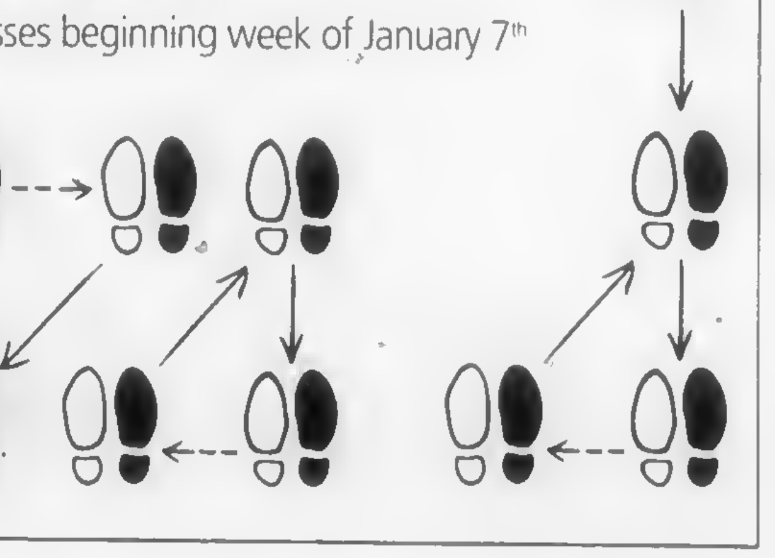

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Local teens to take on tobacco

"Teens Against Tobacco Jse" (TATU) training is ımong the activities underway to prevent, reduce or top peer smoking in Boyne 'alls and Charlevoix. The ıctivities are part of "Reducng Youth Smoking Rates in Northwest Michigan," one of he anti-tobacco campaigns unded by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan through he 2007-08 school year at 27 Michigan high schools.

"Encouraging teens to ive tobacco-free is part of our comprehensive pro:ram to improve the health of all Michigan residents," aid Lynda Rossi, Blues 'ice president of public ›olicy and social mission. 'We want to do all we can o prevent youngsters from acing serious health condiions later on in life. Blues 'fforts to improve the health of young people range from ackling teen tobacco use, o our commitment to the tate's MIChild program, which provides health and lental coverage to eligible 'hildren."

The campaign is just one ›art of the Blue's compreıensive tobacco prevention 'fforts. BCBSM has partıered with the American ung Association of Michigan and Tobacco Free Michgan (tobaccofreemichigan. ›rg), a grassroots organizaion dedicated to promoting tobacco-free environments and improving the health and quality of life for Michigan residents through education and advocacy.

Locally, the Health Department of Northwest Michigan is coordinating activities with the Peer-2-Peer mentoring programs at Boyne Falls High School and Charlevoix Middle School with Blues funding and required matching funds. As members of Peer-2-Peer, the middle school and high school students – recommended as positive role models by their teachers and administrators—participate in a number of tobacco prevention projects. Projects inclulde mentoring at-risk elementary aged youth, making presentations about tobacco to early elementary students, and many community out reach projects.

"Research indicates that younger children are impressed by teenage role models and are more likely to accept messages about tobacco risks from them," said Teresa Sington, who coordinates tobacco control activities for the Health Department. "At the same time, teaching others about health risks has a positive impact on the peer educator's life."

The TATU training was not the first time the Charlevoix County Peer-2-Peer members joined together to learn new skills. As part of the matching funds required for the Blues project, Charlevoix County Community Foundation awarded a grant to the Charlevoix Peer-2-Peer groups for YMCA Camp Hayo-Went-Ha Leadership Training. The overnight program, held on the shores of Torch Lake, included team building exercises, networking with other schools and mentor training, all designed to increase Peer-2-Peer members' skills in advocating for smoke-free environments and preventing youth tobacco use in their local communities.

In Boyne Falls, Charlevoix, and every school participating in the BCBSM project statewide, teens are surveying fellow students' attitudes toward tobacco use and leading youth advocacy trainings. As part of each Blues grant, principals pledged that their schools will earn or maintain a "24/7 Tobacco Free" designation and teach the model curriculum developed y the State of Michigan that covers the health consequences of tobacco use and related issues. The campaign also directs individuals seeking information or help to the Michigan Tobacco Quitline at 800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669).

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For additional information about the BCBSM youth tobacco prevention grant, contact Teresa Sington at 231-533 -1012.

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Pantry is open from 10 a.m. o noon. Monday and Thurslay at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an ıppointment, call the church ıt 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

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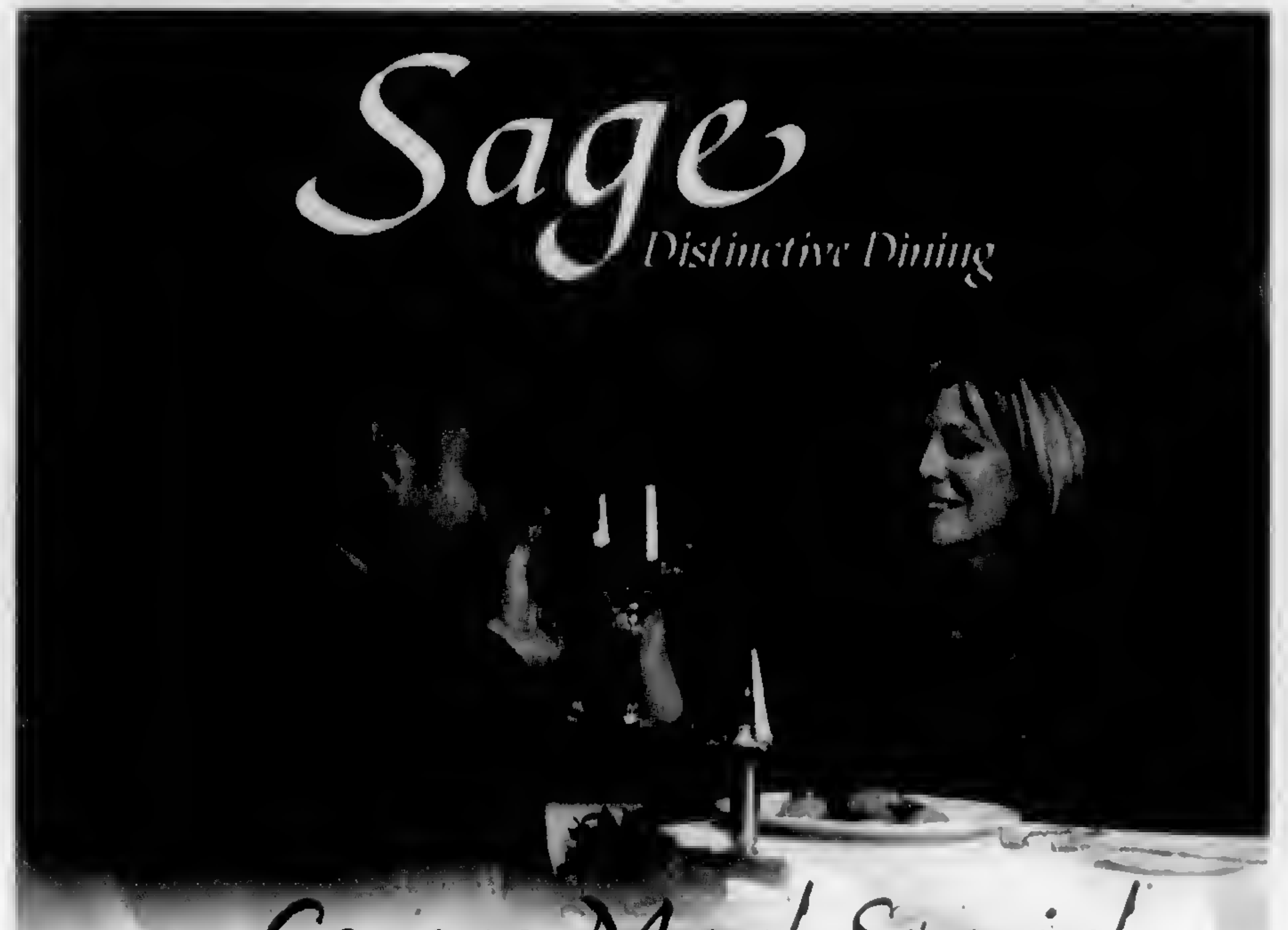

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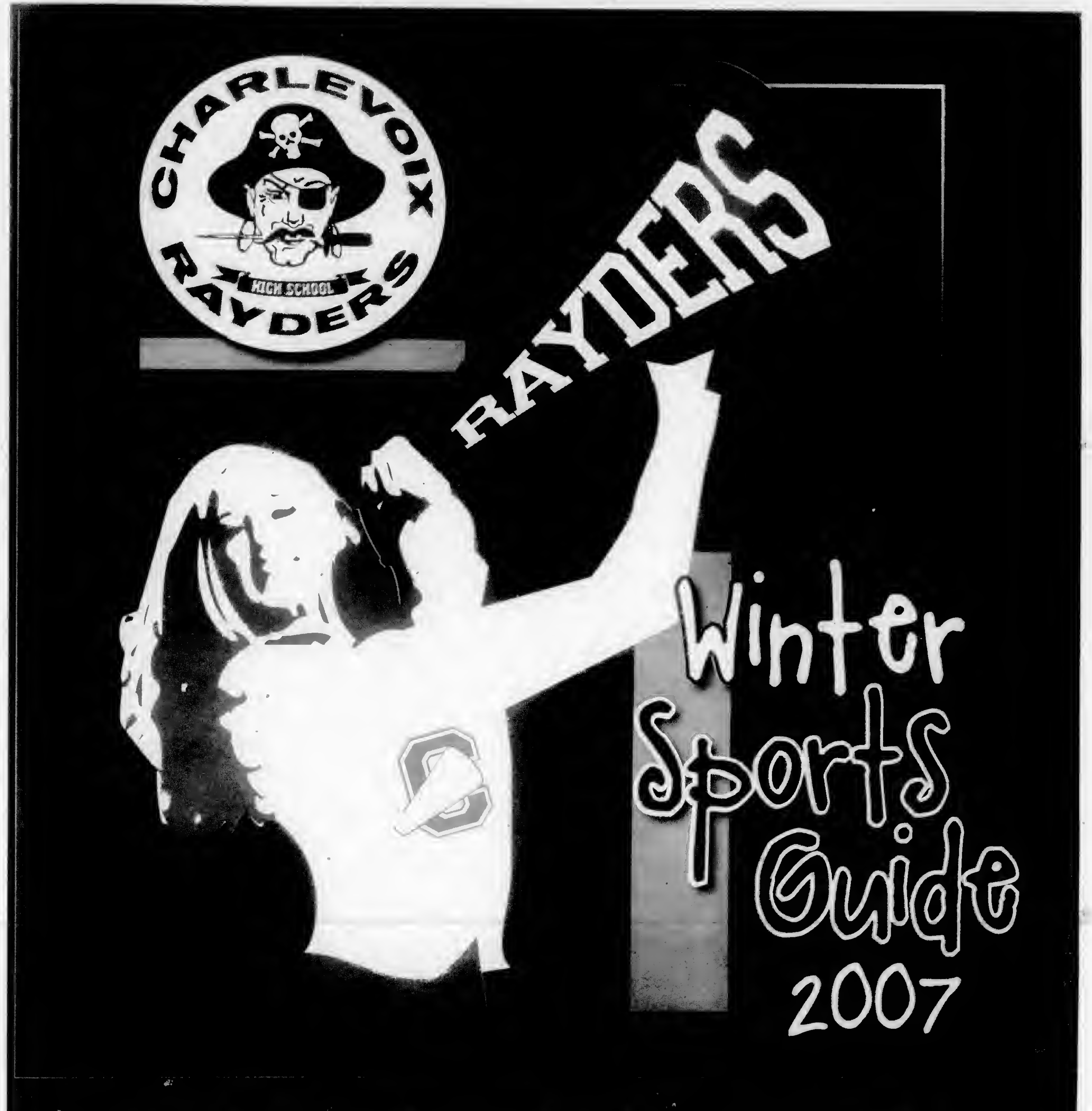

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Positive, 'Championship' attitudes to lead varsity boys' Rayders to victory

Photo by Erica Goff

The Charlevoix varsity boys' basketball team is (front, from left) Jake Hunter, Kyle Jones, Cliff Jones, Nate LaBlance, Jon Putman, Weston Bryan, head coach Keith Haske, (back, from left) assistant coach Dr. Jim Gels, Collin McDonough, Thomas Parrish, Austin Wilhelm, Justin Friske, Corey Gotshall, Brock Yenglin and Tyler Munroe. Scott Silberhorn is not pictured.

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

> "We will depend on our kids and their attitudes in practice and in school to lead us to our goals."
>
> **Keith Haske**
> VARSITY BOYS' COACH

The Charlevoix boys' varsity basketball team will take the court for the first time this season in Petoskey Dec. 7, facing Marquette in their opening game. What will bring them victory that day and throughout the season?

"We will depend on our kids and their attitudes in practice and in school to lead us to our goals," said head coach Keith Haske.

Assisted by fellow coaches Jim Gels and Scott Parrish, Haske hopes to help his players become "championship" teammates and individuals every day in practice, which will lead to victory through out the season, he said.

"If we do that, we will find success on the court," Haske commented.

The 14-man team hopes to pick up where last year's team left off, losing in the semi-final round to Saginaw Novel. The team finished with a 23-4 record, and seven of those players will return to the court this season: Nate LaBlanche, Cliff and Kyle Jones, Austin Wilhelm, Corey Gotshall, Jacob Hunt and Justin Friske, Jr.

Haske said that experience, combined with the talent of incoming underclassmen, will boost the team's chances. Last year's junior varsity team finised 19-1, and several of those players will assist the 2007 seniors.

Haske said all of the seniors on this year's team will play an important role with team leadership, and he expects them "to be unselfish and be a championship person in all situations."

The team will have its second season face-off Dec. 8, rivaling the winner of the Petoskey-Kalkaska game from the day before.

Story highlight

Seven returning seniors, hoping to beat last year's 23-4 record

Incoming juniors hope to overdo last year's 19-1 JV record

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Dec. 7 against Marquette, in Petoskey

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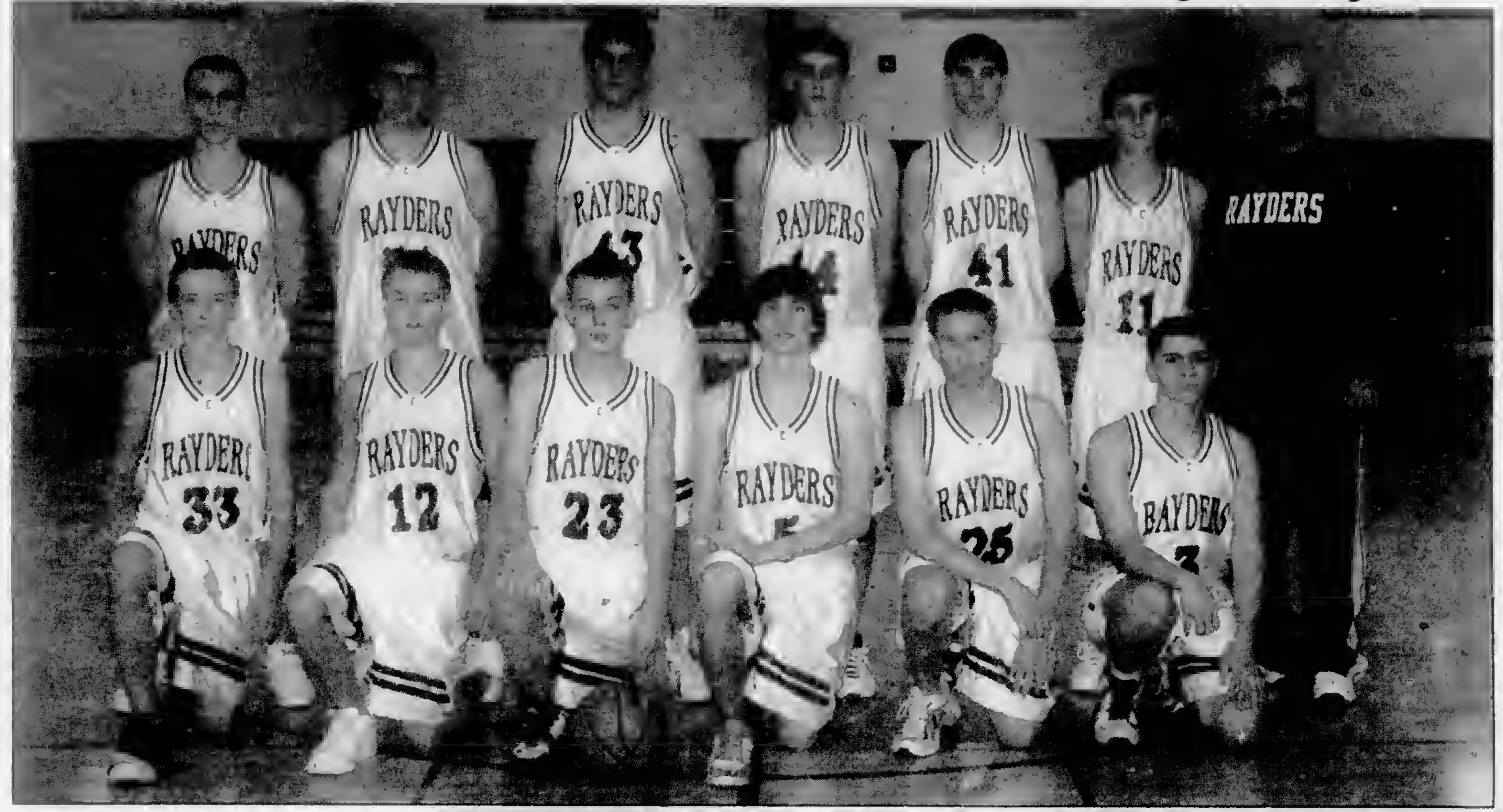
Charlevoix boys' Junior Varsity Rayders 2007



Head coach
Bryan Hawkins

First game:
December 7
Petoskey Invitational
vs Marquette

MHSAA DISTRICTS
February 25-27-29
AT T.C. St. Francis

Photo by Erica Goff

The Charlevoix junior varsity boys' basketball team is (front, from left) Alex Foster, Clayton Mitchell, Gunnar Whitley, J.T. Lawrence, Doug Reynolds, C.J. Kunkle, (back, from left) Casey Helstrom, Matt Carey, Bill Ivan, Ty Jones, Adam Travers, Beau Boss and coach Bryan Hawkins.

Charlevoix Freshmen Boys' Basketball

Photo by Erica Goff

The Charlevoix freshmen boys' basketball team is (front, from left) William Larsen, Matthew Klooster, (center, from left) T.J. Currier, Boog Nitchman, Ty Wilhelm, Thomas Rich, Ben Myers, Wyatt Drost, (back, from left) Brian Shutler, Matthew Murray, Connor Boss, Joseph Filipiak, Dylan Putman and coach Adam Wood.

Head coach:
Adam Wood
13 players
First game: Dec. 10 vs. Cheboygan at home

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Girls' varsity BB out to 'surprise' competition

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Charevoix High School's girls' varsity basketball coach Bret Erskine said if his girls can play "hard-nosed Raydar basketball" throughout the 2007 season, the group just might "surprise some teams!"

The team, led by six returning seniors, has experience and a record of success, Erskine said, both from the seniors and the nine incoming juniors.

"I have six seniors from last year's team that contributed to the team's success. The group of junirs that are coming in are go-getters that set after it every night," Erskine said, adding the 20-0 record boasted by last year's junior varsity team proves they know their stuff.

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>
> **Bret Erskine**
> GIRLS' VARSITY HEAD COACH

The girls opened their season with non-league competition Nov. 27 in Frankfort. The hope is to extend the season a little further than last year's loss to McBain in regional action.

Erskine said he is not yet sure who will step into the leader position for the group, but "there are a few that show signs of becoming a leader." Once someone does, and the "hard-nosed" playing begins, the goal to "be competitive in every game" played is bound to be met, Erskine said. His plan is to "get the girls to be more aggressive and to play hard."

STORY HIGHLIGHT

Six returning seniors
Last year's JV boasted a 20-0 record
2007 team hopes to outlast last year's varsity loss to McBain in regional finals

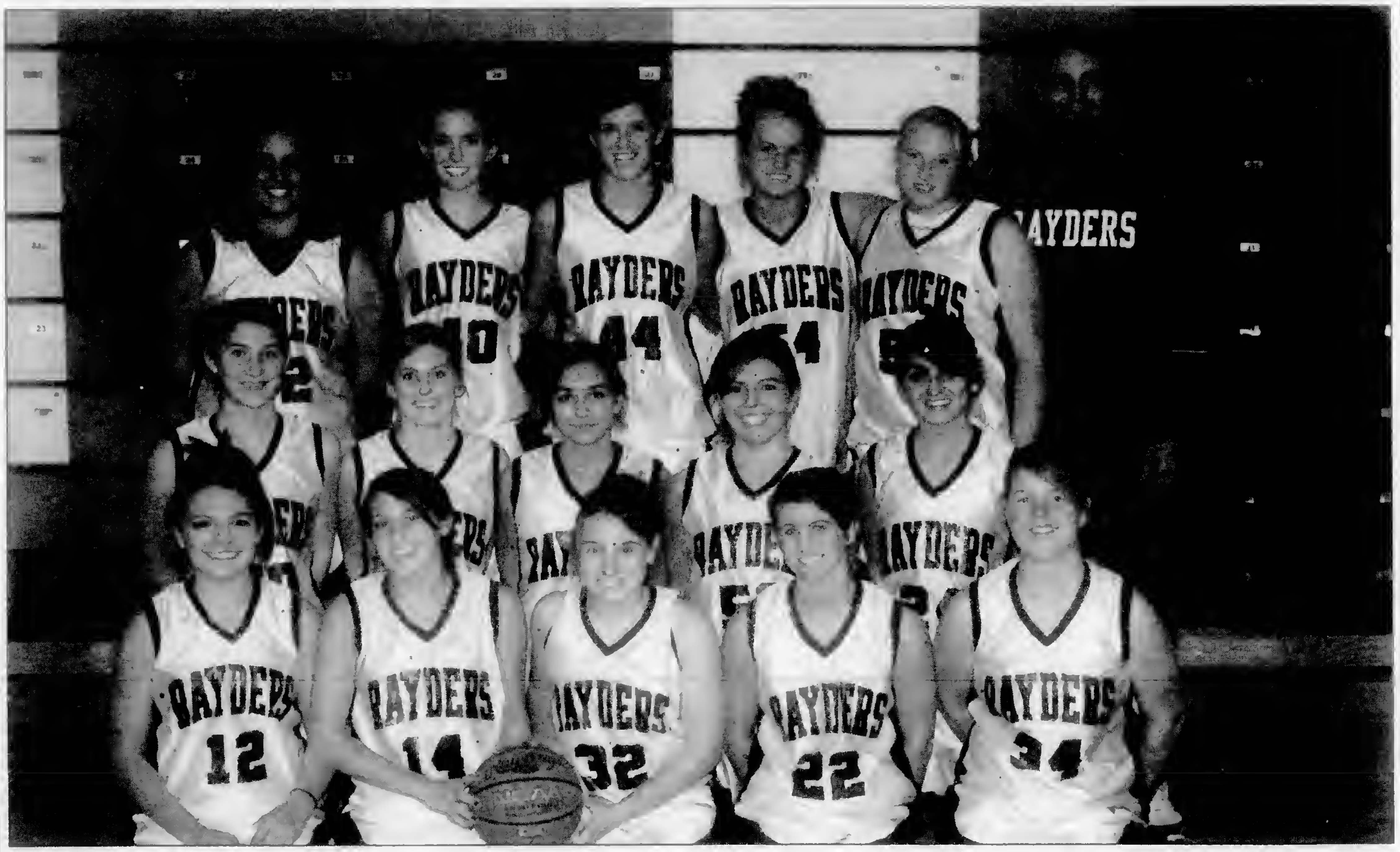

Photo by Erica Goff

The Charlevoix varsity girls' basketball team is (front, from left) Ericka Faust, Alyssa Smith, Marnie Greene, Olivla Catt, Meridith Rich, (center, from left) K.C. McCary, Emily Foster, Brooke Whittaker, Desi Faust, Shauna Spencley, (back, from left) Kandis Way, Bridget Peters, Becca Madison, Murphy Gillespie, Tammy Potter and coach Bret Erskine.

JV Rayder girls

CHARLEVOIX
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Photo by Erica Gof

The Charlevoix junior varsity girls basketball team is (front, from left) Chelsey Haske, Taylor Storm Dani Barron, Megan Klooster, Isis Hang, (back, from left) Nikki Speigl Madison Way, Sarah Potter, Madeline Jeakle, Lynzie Gotshall and Krista Pischner.

Head coach:
Leslie Hoffman

Next game action:
Friday, Dec. 7
6 p.m.
Home vs. Harbor Spring

CHARLEVOIX
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Photo by Erica Goff

The Charlevoix freshmen girls' basketball team is (front, from left) Emily Mielke, Bekah Poston, Taylor Smith, Lacey Greene, Hannah Hybl, (back, from left) Brittany Bonar, Katie Mays, Madison Sayward, Amy Pelon and coach Todd Klinger.

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The Charlevoix varsity wrestling team is (front, from left) Michael Berry, Greg Bishaw, Ryan Penfold, Zeke Daman, (middle, from left) Woody Nitchman, Mat Golovich, Clinton Longley, Brandon Darrah, Jacob Roach, (back, from left) Chris Levens, Chavez Skippergosh, Corey Gotshall, Trevor Cole, Nathan Tripplehorn and Chantel Novotny.

Photo by Steve Foley

Team members are front (from left) Joe Hidakatsu, Michael Patrick, David Merrill, Guilheime Awada, Michael Cardwell, Nic Williams, Paul Stolt, Justin Williams; back, coach Sue Miller, Elizabeth Hofweber, Stephanie Poindexter, Jenna Kirby, Katherine Rowley, Elizabeth Hasseld, Mary Gocha, Emily Bajko, Amanda Fritsch. Absent, Zack Smith, Tanner Fisher and assistant coach Steve Pirie.

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2007 Competitive Cheer in Charlevoix

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The Charlevoix varsity cheerleading team is (front, from left) Erika Smith, Stephanie Milazzo, Molly Braniecki, Kelsey DeCoster, Paulene Hickok, (back, from left) coach Erin Nickel, Hallie Bills, Sarah Klooster, Caity Bryant and Ashley Marsh. Amelia Meyer and Rachael Nuttal are missing from the picture.

With new seasons comes new rules, MHSAA says

Winter Sports Season Underway – Rules Changes Include Sportsmanship Emphasis & Uniform Regulations

For member schools of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the winter sports season --a time of year where over 70,000 young people are expected to take part in sports which will culminate in 9 championships -- is already underway.

Bowling in the Upper Peninsula, girls' competitive cheer, girls' gymnastics, ice hockey and swimming and diving in the Upper Peninsula have already begun competition. Last week saw games begin for girls' basketball (Nov. 26), wrestling (Nov. 28), and swimming and diving and bowling in the Lower Peninsula (Dec. 1). Competition begins this week for boys' basketball (Dec. 3) and skiing (Dec. 8).

Perhaps the most visible rules change for the winter is truly visual – white uniforms must now be worn by the home team in basketball for varsity competition. This National Federation of State High School Associations rule was enacted several years ago to take effect this year, giving schools an opportunity to plan for its implementation. Another major change in basketball is that the interval for replacing a disqualified player has been reduced from 30 seconds to 20 seconds.

But perhaps the most important rule change for the season comes in ice hockey, where the MHSAA Representative Council enacted tougher sportsmanship standards at its May, 2007, meeting. Effective this year, the penalties for player and coach game disqualifications in ice hockey will be at least double that of the minimums listed in the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules Book. A game disqualification will now require an individual to sit the next two games after receiving the first game disqualification in a season; four games after receiving a second game disqualification; and the remainder of the season after receiving a third game disqualification. Coaches are already subject to MHSAA rules which prohibit them from coaching in the Association's post-season tournament in their sport after their second ejection in a season for unsportsmanlike behavior; and players are prohibited from post-season tournament play upon their third such disqualification.

In wrestling, a new national rule taking effect this year will allow an offensive wrestler to request a neutral position restart. The defensive wrestler will still receive a point for an escape. The MHSAA Individual Wrestling Tournament will also be unified this year. Previously, individual competition had been conducted on a Peninsula basis. The Lower Peninsula Individual Wrestling Tournament began in 1948, and the Upper Peninsula Tournament started in 1967. The individual format was used to determine a team champion until 1988 in both peninsulas, when the Team Dual Wrestling Tournament started. Seventeen of the Association's 29 tournaments are unified competitions.

The 2007-08 Winter campaign culminates with post-season tournaments beginning with the Upper Peninsula Swimming & Diving Finals Feb. 16, and wraps up with the boys' basketball finals March 15. With the addition of the girls' basketball tournament to the winter, playing dates for both the boys' and girls' schedules have been set so they will not conflict with each other in overlap weeks. Here is a complete list of winter championship dates:

Boys' basketball:
Districts – Feb. 25, 27 & 29
Regionals - March 3 & 5
Quarterfinals – March 11
Semifinals – March 13 & 14
Finals – March 15

Girls' basketball:
Districts – Feb. 18, 20 & 22
Regionals – Feb. 26 & 28
Quarterfinals – March 4
Semifinals – March 6 & 7
Finals – March 8

Bowling:
Regionals - Feb. 22 & 23
Finals – Feb. 29 & March 1

Girls' Competitive Cheer:
Regionals – March 1
Finals – March 7 & 8

Girls' Gymnastics:
Regionals – March 1
Finals – March 7 & 8

Skiing:
Regionals – Feb. 14 or 15
Finals – Feb. 25

Wrestling:
Team Districts – Feb. 13 or 14
Individual Districts – Feb. 16
Team Regionals – Feb. 20
Individual Regionals – Feb. 23
Team Finals – Feb. 29-March 1
Individual Finals – March 6-8

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2007/2008 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

VARSITY/JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

Varsity Coach: Keith Haske
Junior Varsity Coach: Bryan Hawkins

December 7	Friday	6:00pm	AT Petoskey Invitational vs. Marquette
December 8	Saturday	TBA	AT Petoskey Invitational
December 11	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE Bellaire
December 13	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Grayling
December 18	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT TC St. Francis
December 20	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Boyne City
January 3	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Kalkaska
January 8	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE Petoskey
January 10	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
January 16	Wednesday	6:00pm	HERE East Jordan
January 18	Friday	6:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
January 23	Wednesday	6:00pm	HERE Suttons Bay
January 25	Friday	6:00pm	HERE Grayling
January 30	Wednesday	6:00pm	HERE T.C. St. Francis
February 1	Friday	6:00pm	AT Boyne City
February 8	Friday	6:00pm	AT Kalkaska
February 13	Wednesday	6:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids
February 15	Friday	6:00pm	AT East Jordan
February 19	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE Harbor Springs
February 21	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Cheboygan
February 25-27-29	Mon-Wed-Fri		MHSAA Districts AT T.C. St. Francis
March 3-5	Mon-Wed		MHSAA Regionals
March 11	Tuesday		MHSAA Quarter-Finals
March 13-15	Thurs-Sat		MHSAA Semi-Finals/Finals

VARSITY/JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

Varsity Coach: Bret Erskine
Junior Varsity Coach: Leslie Hoffman

November 27	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Frankfort
November 30	Friday	6:00pm	HERE Cheboygan
December 7	Friday	6:00pm	HERE Harbor Springs
December 12	Wednesday	6:00pm	AT East Jordan
December 14	Friday	6:00pm	AT Grayling
December 19	Wednesday	6:00pm	AT T.C. St. Francis
December 21	Friday	6:00pm	HERE Kalkaska
January 3	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Petoskey
January 4	Friday	6:00pm	AT Boyne City
January 9	Wednesday	6:00pm	HERE St. Ignace
January 11	Friday	6:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
January 17	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE East Jordan
January 22	Tuesday	6:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
January 24	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Grayling
January 29	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE T.C. St. Francis
January 31	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Kalkaska
February 5	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE Boyne City
February 7	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids
February 12	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE Gaylord
February 18-20-22	Mon-Wed-Fri		MHSAA Districts AT T.C. St. Francis
February 26-28	Tues-Thurs		MHSAA Regionals
March 4	Tuesday		MHSAA Quarter-Finals
March 6-8	Thurs-Sat		MHSAA Semi-Finals/Finals

FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL

Coach: Adam Wood

December 10	Monday	7:15pm	HERE Cheboygan @ HS
December 13	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Grayling
December 18	Tuesday	4:30pm	AT T.C. St. Francis
December 20	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Boyne City @ CMS
January 3	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Kalkaska @ CMS
January 7	Monday	7:30pm	AT Elk Rapids
January 8	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE Petoskey @ CMS
January 16	Wednesday	6:00pm	HERE East Jordan @ CMS
January 21	Monday	6:00pm	AT Harbor Springs
January 25	Friday	6:00pm	HERE Grayling @ CMS
January 28	Monday	6:00pm	HERE Harbor Springs @ HS
January 30	Wednesday	6:00pm	HERE T. C. St. Francis @ CMS
February 1	Friday	4:30pm	AT Boyne City
February 8	Friday	4:30pm	AT Kalkaska
February 11	Monday	6:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids @ HS
February 15	Friday	4:30pm	AT East Jordan
February 21	Thursday	4:30pm	AT Cheboygan

FRESHMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL

Coach: Todd Klinger

November 26	Monday	6:00pm	AT Petoskey Tournament Central Gym - vs. Cheboygan
November 28	Wednesday	TBA	AT Petoskey Tournament
December 3	Monday	6:00pm	AT Ellsworth -- Scrimmage
December 10	Monday	6:00pm	HERE Cheboygan @ HS
December 14	Friday	6:00pm	AT Grayling
December 17	Monday	6:00pm	HERE Ellsworth -- Scrimmage
January 3	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Petoskey
January 7	Monday	6:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
January 14	Monday	6:00pm	HERE Petoskey @ CMS
January 21	Monday	7:15pm	AT Harbor Springs
January 24	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Grayling @ CMS
January 28	Monday	7:15pm	HERE Harbor Springs @ HS
February 4	Monday	6:00pm	HERE Gaylord @ CMS
February 11	Monday	6:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids @ HS
February 12	Tuesday	6:00pm	HERE Gaylord @ CMS

CHARLEVOIX - EAST JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL SKIING

Coach: Sue Miller

January 3	Thursday	5:00pm	LMC: Boyne Mountain Host - BC/EJ/CHX
January 7	Monday	10:00am	Petoskey/HS Invitational: Boyne Highlands
January 10	Thursday	5:00pm	LMC: Nubs Nob Host - HS
January 24	Thursday	5:00pm	LMC: Tree Tops Host - Grayling
January 31	Thursday	5:00pm	LMC: Nubs Nob Host - HS
February 2	Saturday	5:00pm	Boyne Mountain - BC/CHX/EJ Invite
February 7	Thursday	5:00pm	LMC: Make-UP TBA
February 14	Thursday	All Day	MHSAA Regionals: Marquette
February 19	Tuesday	1:00pm	LMC: Championship: Boyne Mtn Host - BC/EJ/CHX
February 25	Monday	All Day	MHSAA State Finals: Boyne Mountain

WRESTLING

Coach: Craig Golovich

November 29	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE w/Onaway & Mancelona
December 1	Saturday	10:00am	AT Mancelona Invitational
December 6	Thursday	Noon	AT T.C. St. Francis
December 8	Saturday	9:00am	AT Manton Invitational
December 13	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Elk Rapids
December 14	Friday	2:30pm	AT Rudyard - "Bridge Brawl"
December 19	Wednesday	6:00pm	AT Petoskey
January 10	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Grayling
January 12	Saturday	10:00am	AT Roger City
January 17	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Kalkaska
January 19	Saturday	9:00am	HERE Charlevoix Takedown
January 24	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Boyne City
January 26	Saturday	10:00am	AT Gaylord
February 2	Saturday	9:00am	LMC AT Elk Rapids
February 9	Saturday	9:00am	AT Petoskey
February 14	Thursday	6:00pm	HERE Team District - MHSAA

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Coach: Erin Nickel

December 5	Wednesday	6:00pm	Scrimmage AT Kalkaska
December 15	Saturday	TBA	AT Mt. Pleasant
December 20	Wednesday	7:00pm	AT Boyne City
January 7	Monday	TBA	AT Manistique
January 10	Thursday	6:00pm	AT Central Lake
January 12	Saturday	TBA	AT Gaylord
January 23	Wednesday	6:00pm	AT Kalkaska
February 6	Wednesday	6:00pm	AT Elk Rapids
February 13	Wednesday	6:00pm	AT LMC Championship - Boyne City
March 1	Saturday	TBA	MHSAA Regional

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BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Friends of Charlevoix have the opportunity to contribute to the city — "leave behind a legacy," John Winn said — by donating to and becoming involved with a potential interactive water fountain project some hope will be included in the renovations of East Park.

"I visited one of these in Florida, and it just stuck in my head as something that would be great in Charlevoix," Winn said, referring to the water attraction he says can be a 'fun-for-all-ages' addition to the park landscape.

Winn and other community members became involved after the Charlevoix Downtown Developmet Authority supported the idea, agreeing to offer a portion of the approximately $280,000 needed to construct the fountain. Officials from the DDA board agreed that if a citizen committee, which Winn is now part of, could raise $100,000 in private donations, the project could move forward.

The funding breakdown lays most of the financial burdend — 52.6 percent — on the

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Courtesy photos

Pictured are images of interactive water fountains similar to that which the newly-formed Charlevoix Fountain of Youth Committee hopes to bring to East Park by Memorial Day.

Holiday tradition

Photo by Erica Goff

Tim May stands by part of his creation at the Charlevoix State Bank.

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Every year, Charlevoix resident Tim May knows what he'll be doing the day after Thanksgiving. He has done the same thing nearly every year since 1977 — decorate.

May is the go-to guy for Charlevoix State Bank when it comes to Christmas deco-

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CCMS pays up; City whole again

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Restitution has been made nearly three years after the fiscal fiasco which cost Charlevoix more than a quarter of a million dollars and its manager his job.

William Montgomery, owner of CCMS, a contractor hired to perform street work for the city back in 2001 and the man believed to have cashed a check accidentally addressed to him, made the second and final of 2 payments totaling $232,000, plus roughly $400 in interest, Tuesday, Dec. 4.

"It means the city is 100 percent whole," said Charlevoix City Attorney Jim Young. "It's really a question of having a fair and just result. Montgomery is the one that caused the problem initially by cashing a check and not turning the money over to his company, and then failing to pay the subcontractors that he used on a city project."

He added, "Based upon that, we felt he's the one that ultimately should be out the $230,000-plus and with John Jarema's (Charlevoix County Prosecutor) help, that's exactly what has happened."

The decision to involve himself, Jarema said, came after he was told by at least two prosecutors in the vicinity of Montgomery that they would not pursue a case against him.

Jarema

"I asked the attorney general (of Michigan) for his opinion on whether I would have venue because the work was done here, but the check was actually mailed to Sault Ste. Marie and cashed in St. Ignace," Jarema said.

Determining venue, or if

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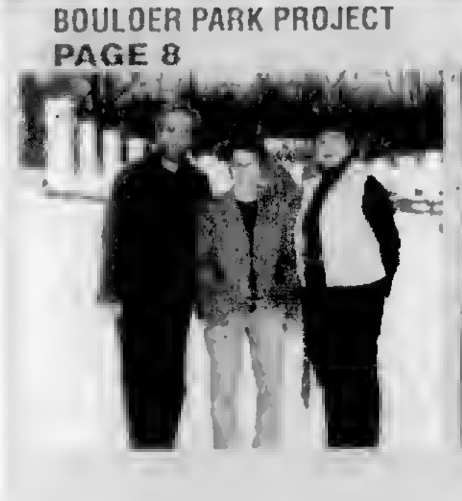

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Ben Andrew Johnson, 25, East Jordan, Attempted fleeing and eluding, fourth degree. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 20 days in jail; 144 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $800 fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

Michael Joseph Ortiz, 19, Fennville. Controlled substances—possession (narcotic/cocaine, less than 25 grams). Sentenced to 210 days in jail; credit for 124 days in jail; to serve 210 days in jail; $340 in fines and costs.

Tammy Sue Kenyon, 35, Boyne City. Controlled substances, delivery/manufacture (schedules one, two and three, except marijuana and cocaine). Credit for one day in jail; to serve one day in jail; to serve 18 months on probation; $895 in fines and costs.

Ronald Benjamin Mosley, 24, Boyne Falls. Two counts of criminal sexual conduct, fourth degree, force or coercion. Sentenced to 180 days in jail; credit for 93 days in jail; to serve 180 days in jail; $180 in fines and costs.

Cody Michael Anderson, 18, Boyne City. Larceny in a building. Sentenced to 270 days in jail; credit for 88 days in jail; to serve 270 days in jail; To serve 36 months on probation; $13,365.93 in fines and costs.

Paul Henry Caldecott, 33, East Jordan. Attempted criminal sexual conduct, third degree (person 13-15). Serve 180 days in jail; credit for two days in jail; to serve two days in jail; to serve 12 months on probation; $470 in fines and costs.

Wade Alan Druckenmiller, 21, Ellsworth. Attempted uttering and publishing. Sentenced to 60 days in jail; credit for 60 days in jail; tn serve 60 days in jail; continue to serve on current probation and probation is extended by six months.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Charlevoix County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 7, Boyne City, hy president Patrick McCleary and vice-president Nancy Fulkerson

J. Towsley Services, 1026 May St. Charlevoix, by James Calvin Towsley

S & K Cleaning, 5350 Agers Ally, Charlevoix, by Stacey Hoffman and Kimberly VanMeter

Charlevoix Cedar Plank Company, 09533 Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, by Scott D. Pugh

Charlevoix Area Humane Society, 614 Beardsley St., Boyne City, hy Charles Robinson, president and Norman Mathers, vice president

Zaremha Family Farms, P.O. Box 75, Elmira, by Yvonne Zaremba

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses hy the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jeremiah Ian Hardy, 26 and Roseanne Marie Karlskin, 21, both of Charlevoix

Daniel Christopher Soullier, 45 and Tabitha Rachelle Schnelle, 20, both of Charlevoix

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

Sharon Jennex-Batdorff vs. Dennis Batdorff

Kimherly Mead vs. Frolian Mead

Melissa Moore vs. Randy Moore

Donna Marie Zumbaugh vs. Stephen James Zumbaugh

Cheri Vallance vs. Michael Scott Vallance

Gretta Yvonne Catenese vs. Joseph Catenese

Victoria Susan Long vs. Wesley Long

BIRTH S

Kayleigh Ann Butterfield, weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces, was horn Nov. 29 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Kimherly Hart and Timothy Butterfield of Petoskey. Her sihlings are Joey and Tyler Butterfield of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are Victor and Lois Hart of Boyne Falls, Connie Bradley from Arkansas and Tim and Melody Butterfield from Hale. Her great-grandparents are Ted and Verna Spires of Mancelona, Ed and Nancy Moyer from Elmira, Leonard and Ruth Butterfield from Hale and Pete Bradley of Flint.

Micheal Duane Bonnebaum, weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces, was born Dec. 1 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jennifer Bishaw of Charlevoix. His grandparents are Shari Klintworth of Charlevoix, Mark Bishaw of Ellsworth, David Bonnehaum and Ken Klintworth hoth of Charlevoix. His great-grandparent is Sharon Russell of East Jordan. His great-great grandparent is Shirley Bishaw from Boyne City.

Savannah Mary Anne Duff, weighing 6 pounds 6 ounces, was horn Dec. 1 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Christina Hodgkin and Christopher Duff of East Jordan. Her grandparents are Donna Miller, Scott Miller, Mary Smith, and Frank Hodgkin, all from East Jordan.

Desiree Lynn Sutton, weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces, was horn Dec. 1 at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Jini Lavanway and Cliff Sutton from East Jordan. Her siblings are Phillip, Cameron and Isaac.

Reminder to voters

Charlevoix City Clerk Carol Ochs wants to remind residents needing ahsentee ballots that formal requests must be made before an application or ballot can he ohtained.

With the Jan. 15 presidential primary approaching, Ochs said voters should consider potentially delayed mail due to the holidays, and said any absentee voters should get a jump on preparing tn vote.

To request an application or to get information ahout a local clerk to provide the application, contact Ochs at (231)547-3250.

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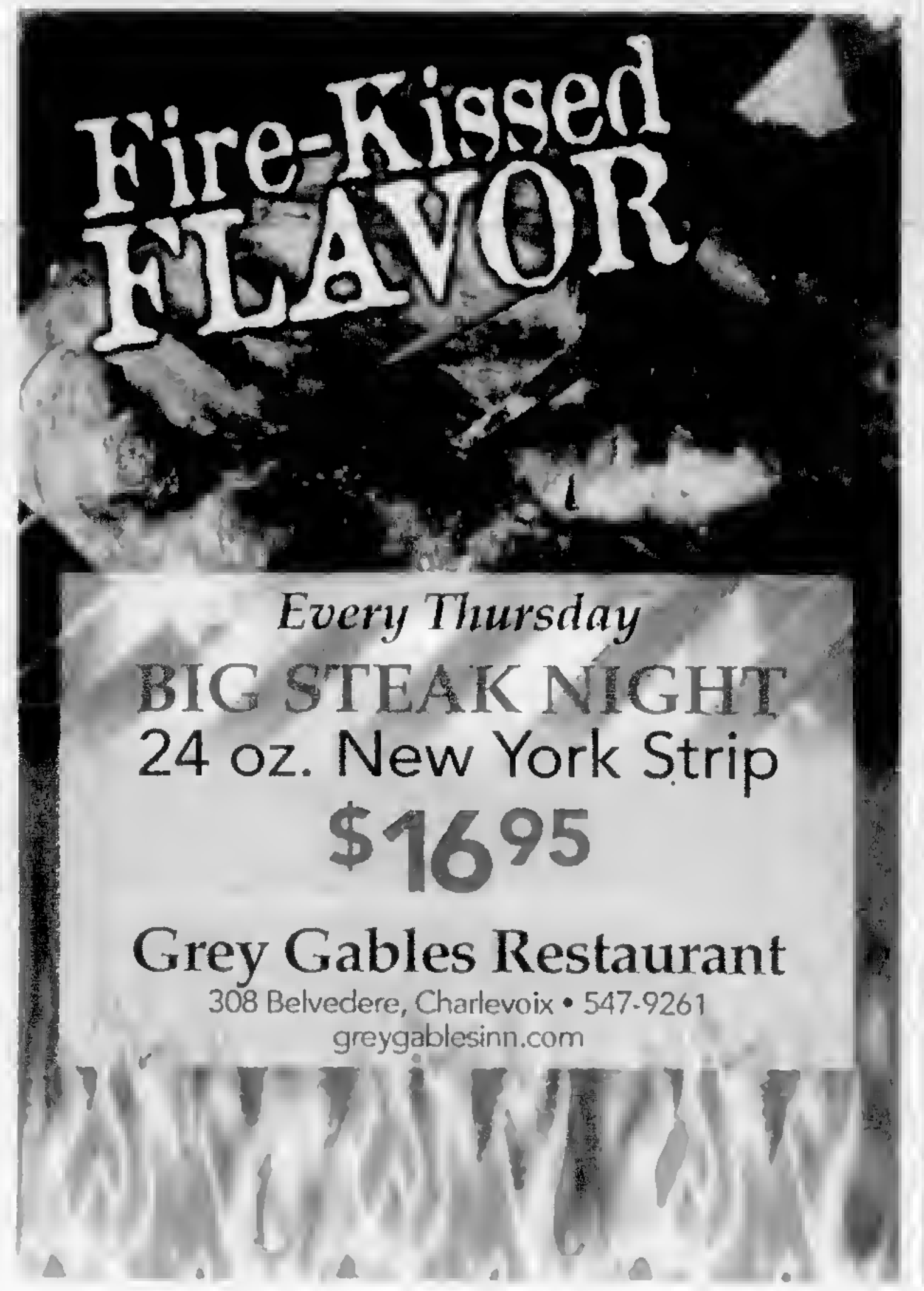

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CCMS payment saves City from $230,000 hit

KEYWORD

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Jarema had jurisdiction to prosecute the case himself, was vital to the recovery of these funds.

"I think the hammer I had on the guy, hesides (possibility of) jail time was that criminal restitution is not dischargeable in bankruptcy," Jarema said. "It would have followed him as a lien on any husiness and personal dealings until the debt was paid off."

Jarema received approval to be named the special prosecutor to the case, a move which apparently angered some of his constituents.

"When I was appointed, I received calls from individuals in this county asking me to resign because they didn't feel their tax dollars should be used for me to go to another jurisdiction to have me prosecute this guy for a quarter of a million hucks," he said "The last time I checked, the City of Charlevoix was still in Charlevoix County."

Jarema said he has no regrets.

"And I feel good about it. I think this is a good resolution because our citizens are not out (anything)," he said.

Though not what he would call a "run of the mill" case, Jarema said he won the city its money back without stepping foot outside the Charlevoix County line.

"The end result was the City of Charlevoix and their tax base, which is county residents, are not out this quarter of a million (dollars)," he said. "As soon as it was in the (news)paper that I would he prosecuting this individual (Montgomery), I got a call from his attorney. He said, 'How about if we pay hack the money?'"

Jarema then conferred with City Attorney Jim Young.

"I asked the city's wishes and they said yes, if I got restitution they would not ask me to prosecute," he said.

The first payment was made hy Montgomery in July.

"They (City of Charlevoix) could have said this guy was guilty 'til the cows come home and received judgments against him, but that doesn't mean they would have collected any money," Jarema said.

Young concurred that the chances of winning an out-of-town civil case against a shell corporation is nearly impossible.

"This is a very complex case. I have been very impressed with the way John Jarema handled this case and the way he worked effectively with the state police, city police and me to coordinate our efforts," Young said. "If he wouldn't have taken the case on, the best we could have done was to try to sue Mr. Montgomery for the money, hut that does not mean we would have recovered anything."

The city of Charlevoix agreed to make two-party checks payable tn CCMS and United Fire, the company which honded Montgomery. Montgomery had been late paying his suhcontractors and the bonding company, in an attempt to ensure they received their money, asked for a two-party check. However, the check was made out solely to Montgomery, and then for reasons which may forever remain unknown, he proceeded to cash the check and keep the money.

"I don't knnw what he did with the money, but he shouldn't have it," Young said.

There are no more lawsuits pending in this case.

May continues tradition to decorate

MAY

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rations, and has been since he was 14 years old. At that time, May said, his sister worked at the bank and asked him to do some holiday decorating.

"She recommended me, and it was easy money, not a hig deal, and it grew from there," May recalled.

May has changed his decorating schedule just once during his legacy with the bank, planning to not decorate one year while he was in college, but he was called to "re-do" some lights already up and ended up doing it all anyway. Now he expects the call every year around mid-October, asking if he will return to his duties, and he always does.

"If I didn't do this, I don't know what I would do the day after Thanksgiving," he joked.

May said he has a "creative edge" and enjoys spending the time outside decorating. With changes to the building and landscape over the years he's been able to try some new things here and there, but some things remain the same.

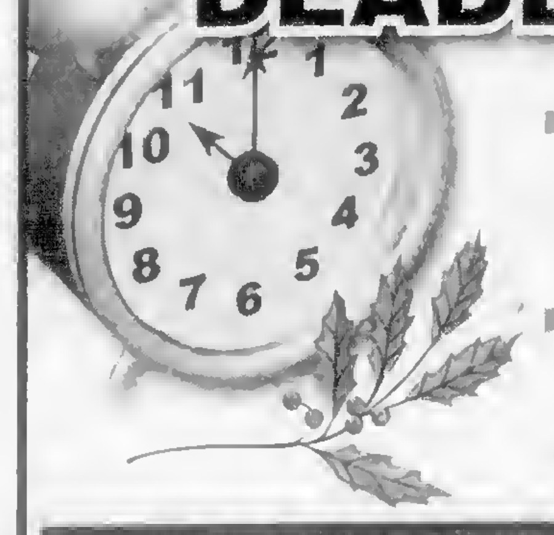
"I haven't changed the weepy crab apple tree because everyone likes that," he said.

May intends to continue the tradition for some time, he said.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Mt. McSauba opens ice rink

Winter weather has hrought winter sports to mind for many in the northern Michigan area, and Mt. McSauha is ready to answer the call of the outdoors. The local winter recreation facility is prepared to open its new ice rink Saturday, Dec. 15, offering use from noon to 9 p.m. weather permitting, and again from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16. To help draw attention to the newest attraction at Mt. McSauha, the husiness will offer free skiing and rentals from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. The sledding hill, as always, will also be open for use.



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Can we vote our way to freedom?

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Merry Christmas, idiots!

I should clarify that the "idiot" moniker applies only to me and you undecided voters who, as I have been made aware by numerous blogs, tend to be dumb-dumbs.

Remember that, in this country, considering options (flip-flopping) is less desirable a trait than joining the first boondoggle-on-wheels to schlep by.

You can rid your brain-pangs by blindly picking a two-party politico—god knows voting otherwise is akin to throwing your lit ballot on the neighbor's step, ringing his bell and running.

Optimists say voting your conscience communicates to those in power; the message being, "12 of us voted for Ralph Nader; take that corporate America!"

Queasy over my prospects, I turned to the candidate calculator, which matches your ideology with a candidate, at http://www.vajoe.com/candidate_calculator.html.

Suffice it to say a flatulent flea could have knocked me over when Dennis Kucinich's name popped up as my best choice.

I was unaware he and I were so close in belief thanks in part to a lackluster mainstream media and my own laziness.

I'm not saying I'll throw the switch for the elfish Ohioan Democrat but I was shocked to discover that either he's part libertarian or I'm part democrat. (I hope that statement doesn't get me kicked off the mailing list of Libertarian newsletter "Liberator Online".)

Besides, if history repeats, a frontrunner like Clinton, or Giuliani will win the federal folly.

And aside from the usual lip service and apathy toward personal freedom, what will this grade school popularity contest accomplish?

I don't think George Orwell meant to describe the act of a slave voting his way to freedom when he wrote, "If you want a vision of the future … imagine a boot stamping on a human face—forever," but that is what we face.

So, what are the chances of voting to freedom in 2008?

Well, only one of the 16 major party candidates—Ron Paul—plans to make changes necessary to end the federal government's constitutional treason, but what is the chance of freedom-loving citizens putting aside their differences for liberty?

Bush is fond of telling Americans they united after the 9/11 attacks, which of course we did not; gays and polygamists are still second-class citizens, drug users and prostitutes are still demoralized by unregulated enterprise made criminal by legislative lunatics.

Don't get me wrong, I won't counter good government B.S. by telling you not to participate in this beauty contest boondoggle, but we cannot simply pull the Tuesday Lever and consider our civic duty a done deal.

If we want our freedom, we're going to have to work for it because the democrats and republicans will likely continue to fail to deliver on their trite promises.

The small government, fiscally responsible rightwing cuts taxes while it increases spending, multiplies bureaucracies like the Dept. of Homeland Security and redistributes wealth with inventions like the Earned Income Credit, while spreading fear and lies about national health care despite the fact that everything from police, fire, education, libraries, road building and parks are already socialized and for the most part successful.

The pro-civil liberty leftwing is responsible for demoralizing laws like "don't ask, don't tell" and "defense of marriage act" in addition to promoting murder from the womb even in cases where after-the-fact birth control, not rape, incest or medical necessity, is the motivator.

Even if a pro-liberty politician somehow made it into office, and I'm nowhere near drunk enough to suggest that, he would face congressional and senatorial opposition at every turn.

I'd like to think stumping for my favorite figurehead is far less important than imploring like-minded folks to cooperate with one another.

The Catholic must stand shoulder to shoulder with the Protestant, Jew, Muslim and atheist; dope smoker with the teetotaler; and prude with prurient or our out of control government will continue to divide and conquer the citizenry while violating some of the very doctrine they swore to uphold.

Perhaps I am an idiot for being undecided, but I'm smart enough to know liberty does not equal anarchy and democracy does not equal freedom.

I've been a good little Gohs, but all I want for Christmas is that which my government had no right to take in the first place—that, and a president capable of pronouncing, "Nuclear."

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Weekly Poll

Do you want an interactive water fountain in East Park?

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58 percent of those polled believe Norwood Supervisor Wayne Wynkoop made the right call by resigning!

Flurries and fun enjoyed at Charlevoix's new festival

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

Morning is here and the curtain of darkness makes me feel tired even though I've had enough sleep. Reaching into the living room closet I pull out my tall, black, furry boots and lace them tightly with hopes of keeping the freshly fallen snow from seeping in.

After donning a very heavy coat and looking for something to warm my hands, I notice my gloves are showing their wear at the finger tips reminding me I need to mend them. As a second thought I throw on a handmade scarf, covering my face as if I was raised in another country. Out the door I go guessing how deep the white stuff is and bracing myself for that first burst of wind coming off the lake. The thermometer tells me to prepare as I glance to look at it for one last time before taking in what nature will present this day. The crunch of the snow beneath my feet lets me know it's colder than I would like. I look up and see the moon on my left still visiting from the evening before and turn my body against the wind to see the sun rising. The strength of nature making snow look more like waves in the ocean and ice taking shapes resembling creatures from another world gives credit that there is a God and, feeling blessed, I am able to witness Nature's gift this morning. I tap off the mound of snow that found its home on the evenly-cut logs and carry in a bundle of wood the weight of a large dog. By the time I return and enter the kitchen door, the whistling of the kettle wakes me from my drowsy state. I search through the cupboards for a bold roasted coffee much like a miner seeking gold in the '40's. By the time the second cup of liquid gold fills my belly my thoughts start to sharpen about the upcoming Christmas holiday.

The feeling of Christmas was kick-started the evening before while listening to the beautiful sounds created by young men and women tapping out rhythms on their steel drums. The snow flakes were so large and coming down so quickly that each drummer had to be swift in scooping out the fluffy flakes to still keep up with the beat. Next to the musicians was a large white tent radiating with heat lamps and the warmth of good company. Steaming hot chocolate was offered to all who entered as contestants were in hot pursuit of making their's the best. With cocoa in hand I walked down the street taking in the beautifully decorated store fronts. The window displays were reminiscent of trips to Chicago and topped off by the new lights glimmering in the trees above. Christmas tunes from the past emanated the bone-chilling air while bundled up bodies gathered close together listening to sounds of the holiday and for one small moment the world was good. Our town was giving me a postcard look I'll always remember.

Cheerful retailers offered food samples, sales, and warmth, which kept everyone's spirit up. The walkways were cleared, welcoming shoppers to come in and browse, visit and purchase newly displayed items. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the individuals involved with keeping a holiday tradition and adding much more to it, proving that we can all get together and do something positively wonderful. So, from the bottom of my empty cup of cocoa, I say cheers to a job well done on Charlevoix's first official Flurry-Fest. There was a lot of festivity and it was definitely not lacking in the flurries department.

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LETTERS to the editor

ADVENT BAZAAR & TEA THANKS

Editor,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended our fourth annual Advent Bazaar & Tea, which was held recently at Christ Episcopal Church. This was our fourth year, and we were to pleased with the attendance and generosity of those who came. Proceeds will again benefit the Charlevoix Ministerial Association and the Charlevoix Community Food Pantry. As the demand grows for the services these organizations provide, so does our response. Your faithful support of these ministries is greatly appreciated.

Lynn Carson
Advent Bazaar & Tea Chairperson

HEALTH DEPT. APPLAUDS SMOKE-FREE RULE

Editor:

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan applauds Northern Michigan Regional Hospital for assuring smokefree air for its patients, visitors, and staff by banning smoking on its campus. Our two organizations have worked together for many years as members of the local Tobacco Reduction Coalition to prevent youth tobacco use, help smokers quit, and support clean indoor air policies.

Most people have heard the statement, "secondhand smoke kills." For those of us in Northern Michigan, that means approximately 24 nonsmokers die every year from Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet and Otsego counties, according to Michigan Department of Community Health estimates.

The 2006 Surgeon General's Report on the Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke confirmed the known health effects of secondhand smoke exposure, such as immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system, coronary heart disease, and lung cancer. The report concluded there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke and that establishing smokefree environments is the only proven way to prevent exposure. The report also finds that millions of Americans are still exposed to secondhand smoke despite substantial progress in tobacco control, including our own local smokefree worksite regulation.

Based on the mountain of evidence that secondhand smoke kills, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) & Prevention recently issued a warning for anyone at risk for heart disease to completely avoid smoke-filled rooms.

We salute Northern Michigan Regional Hospital for establishing a 100% tobacco-free campus and encourage other businesses to follow suit to protect the health of their employees, customers, and visitors.

Gerald M. Chase,
Health Officer
Health Department of Northwest Michigan

AMERICA'S GLOBAL EDGE

Editor:

No where else on the planet does the average citizen believe she can be and do anything. This is the essence of the American Dream. Our country's ingenuity originates from people engaging their minds with matter. Technology, mechanics, and mathematical processes combine to create more efficient approaches to the same tasks. This is America's global edge in the arena of free trade. Breaking down every service and product to its simplest component parts obliges us to rethink how we craft and deliver our livelihoods.

At the root of the American Dream is public education. As a teacher, I know my peers embrace every child, pushing them to achieve their full potential. As a teacher, I know our national, state and local government officials place structure and content demands on schools to make us more competitive with our foreign counterparts. As a state, we do recognize the importance of education. However, we must press our state legislators to find various revenue sources to completely fund our future. Workers must be trained in new technologies and students must learn languages and the latest skills as businesses prepare for the changing global economy. We must move our workforce higher up the manufacturing food chain.

In Charlevoix, Emmet, and Antrim counties alone, school districts have cut well over $11 million from their budgets in the past 5 years. We have cut programs, enlarged class sizes, and are currently operating from one fiscal quarter to the next. Our legislature has spent the last decade giving away revenue rather than protecting in the School Aid Fund, and it continues to do so. It is time for us begin investing.

We must reinstate full funding for every level of education if we want to be globally competitive. The average citizen needs our government to make his or her future its first priority. During the ongoing state budget discussions, contact your congressperson – tell him or her to represent you and your community. Educate us, and then watch us compete.

Anne Conway
Ellsworth, MI

GRANHOLM 'DOES IT AGAIN'

Editor:

Gov. Granholm does it again. She know(s) how to spend money that she does not have. She had the Dept of Treasury send out 309,293 post cards to citizens to tell them she raised their taxes from 3.9% to 4.35% for a total cost of $72,740. These funds could have been used to keep our state parks open. Where else is she spending money that the taxpayers don't know about that could be spent to really help the state?

John Haggard
Charlevoix

CHRISTMAS PROJECT CONTINUES

Editor:

The Charlevoix Christmas Project wishes to acknowledge and thank the Rainbow Shoppe and their volunteers for participating in a unique sale that benefits the project's Christmas dinner program. The sale ran at the Shoppe from Nov. 22 until Dec. 8 and customers making a purchase got up to $5 off by simply bringing into the store canned fruit. The canned fruit will be donated to the Christmas Project and will be used in their boxed Christmas dinners.

Robin Maurer, of the Rainbow Shoppe approached Bev Boss, Chairperson of the Christmas Project, with the idea of offering people who shop the Rainbow Shoppe a discount in exchange for canned food. Both Bev Boss and Robin Maurer felt this would be an excellent means in helping to provide needed food for area families during the Christmas Season. Canned fruit was an item that was lacking in the project's Christmas distribution food package, so by bringing into the Rainbow Shoppe a can of fruit and receiving a $1 off up to $5 area residents can help sweeten up the Project's Christmas dinners.

Joan C. Lemerand
Chairperson, Charlevoix Christmas Project

RE-THINK ROAD WORK RULE

Editor:

We are writing to strongly protest the decision by the Charlevoix County Road Commission to not plow any secondary roads in Charlevoix County on weekends. This past weekend we had over 10 inches of snow and no plowing was done. We had an extremely difficult time on Pincherry and Horton Bay roads while trying to attend church on Sunday. We have an all-wheel drive vehicle, our private contractor plowed our immediate area, but upon reaching the county roads we encountered deep, rutted show. Traveling under 25 mph we continued on to church. We tried an alternate way home and found it equally difficult driving.

The decision to not plow roads on weekends relegates residents to their homes and it certainly will have an impact on tourism. We talked to a family who had to make an emergency run to Northern Michigan Hospital on Saturday night (Dec. 1) from Boyne City and found the travel awful. Emergency vehicles would certainly have had a difficult time responding. There must be a better answer to the budget crunch.

We certainly hope the Charlevoix County Road Commission will re-examine this policy and find a better solution. Comp time, plowing only when snow is over four inches deep, single lane plowing, etc., should be explored. Do not shut down the county on weekends!

Clint and Audrey Etienne
Horton Bay

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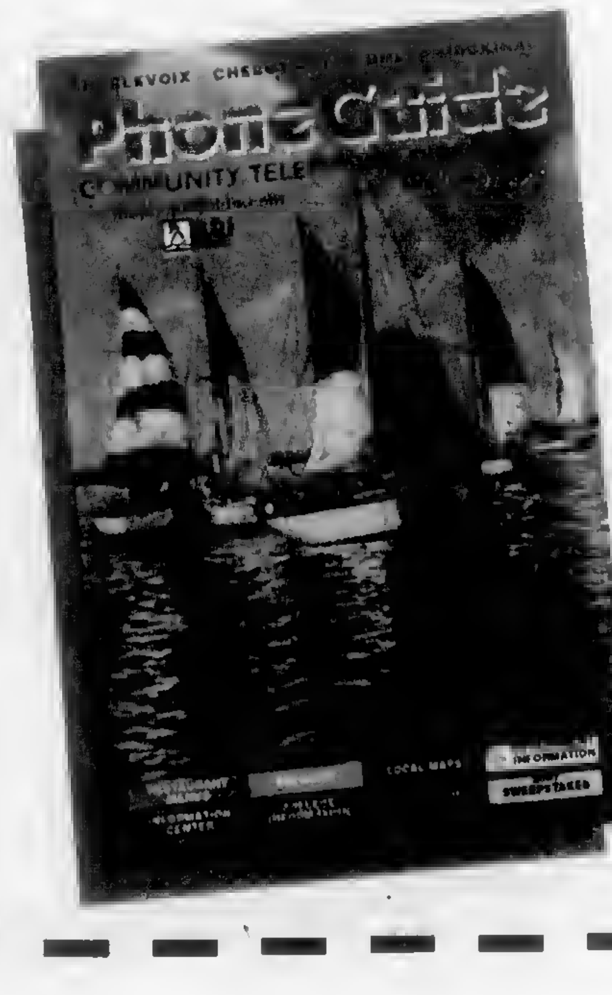

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The prospective groom graduated with degrees in music and business from San Jose State University and is currently employed at an internet company while securing a master's degree in urban planning.

A July 2008 wedding is being planned.

Kimbery is the granddaughter of Arthur DeVries of Charlevoix.

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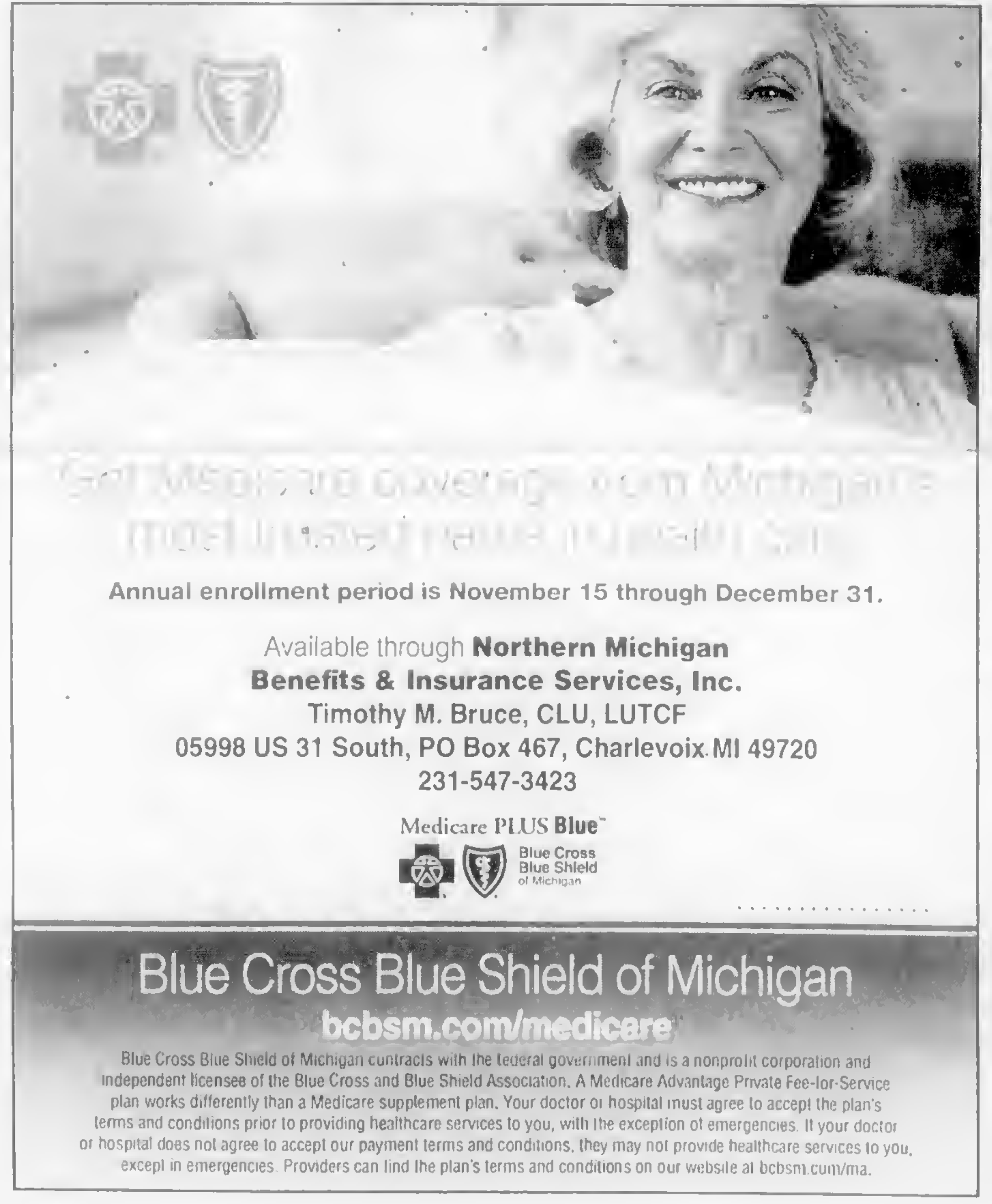
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FIVE GENERATIONS

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On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, five generations of a local family gathered together. Pictured are (back row from left) Grandmother Sharon Russell of Charlevoix, Great Grandmother Marilyn Ferweda of Ellsworth; (front row from left) Father Tyler Hoffman of Charlevoix holding three-week-old daughter McKenzle Palge Hoffman, Great, Great Grandmother Lillian Sitzema, 91, of Charlevoix.

Scam warning in area

Sheriff George T. Lasater would like to warn citizens of a new and different type of scam. Recently, a Charlevoix County citizen ordered an item from a television advertisement. The product's price was only $10, but when the item was delivered to the citizen's residence the invoice had $47.70 in shipping and handling charged on the total charge.

Prior to placing an order, always be sure to ask for the shipping and handling charges.

Crooked Tree Arts Center's holds 27th annual Juried Photography Exhibition

Crooked Tree Arts Center will host its 27th annual Juried Photography exhibition from Jan. 12 through March 1, 2008. The juror for the 2008 exhibition is Tom Halsted from Birmingham, Michigan, owner of the former Halsted Gallery.

In November of 1969 Halsted found a great old house in which to start his first gallery. The gallery started dedicated primarily to the education of the public about fine art photography and, as awareness grew, so did the gallery. In the early days, Halsted had personal relationships with some of the masters of photography such as Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, Harry Callahan, 'Andre' Kertesz and many others.

Artwork will be accepted at the Crooked Tree Arts Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 4 and 5, 2008. All work must be dependent primarily on the photographic process. The 27th annual Juried Photography Exhibition is open to all Michigan photographers 18 years or older and to members of the Crooked Tree Arts Center. Each photographer may submit up to two entries. Works must not be previously exhibited at Crooked Tree Arts Center. Works must be properly framed, wired and ready for hanging. A non-refundable fee of $30 per photographer is required for entry (CTAC members $15.)

Work must be delivered and picked up by the photographer who created the work unless a signed release from the artist accompanies the person delivering the work allowing the work to be displayed at CTAC. All photographers are responsible for delivery and pick-up of their work. The opening reception will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 12.

For more information please contact Crooked Tree Arts Center at 461 East Mitchell Street, Petoskey, Michigan 49770, call at (231) 347-4337, or go online at www.crookedtree.org. This program is supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

Courtesy photo

Pictured is the winner of the 2007 Photo Exhibition, Fall at Houdek Dunes, by Roger Craton.

Festival of Carols rescheduled

The Festival of Carols event originally scheduled for Dec. 2 but cancelled due to weather has been rescheduled for Sunday, Dec. 16. Beginning at 4 p.m., the Jordan Valley Chorale, under the direction of Ellen Addington, will present a "Festival of Carols" at the United Methodist Church at 201 Fourth Street, East Jordan. Singers from Charlevoix, East Jordan and Central Lake join in presenting a program of works including Palestrina, Grotenhuis, Reger, Marshall, Rutter and Darke.

Featured soloists are Barb Dowty, soprano and Ron Klooster, as well as Pam Luce, contralto, who will be introducing a composition by local composer Elizabeth Humphrey, written for the occasion. Hand bells will accompany the Jane Marshall number and maracas on the rhythmic, playful Walter Grady's "Sing Joyously." Elizabeth Humphrey, pianist and accompanist for the chorale, will offer her "Christmas Potpourri," which has become a highlight of the program.

The audience will be an important part of the Festival, joining with the Chorale in singing many of the favorite carols and ushering in this joyous time of Advent/Christmas with happy sounds of the seasons. There is no charge, but contributions will be gratefully accepted and donated to the Community Food Pantry.

A reception in the undercroft will follow the program.

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Quilters and Friends
Thursday, December 20, 10:00 am
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Story-times
Thursday, December 20
Lapsit birth-3, *10:05 a.m.*
Pre-K 3-5, *10:30 a.m.*
Stories, songs and crafts for young children.
No Story hour on December 27
Teen Gaming Night: Guitar Hero
Thursday, December 20, 6:00 pm
All teens 13 and up are invited to join in a fun evening of Guitar Hero on the big screen in the Community Room.
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Spirit of giving brings benefits to Boulder Park

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Photo by Erica Goff

Murray Kilgour, left, recenlty spearheaded a project to construct a picket fence outside Boulder Park Senior Living Facility, hoping to create a courtyard atmosphere around the building. Kilgour is joined by nurse Ginny Foltz, center, and Boulder Park Guild member Mary Faculak.

The Christmas spirit of giving is something Murray Kilgour and his wife, Jeannie, take very seriously.

During Christmas time, they consider giving gifts to express their thanks to a group of people that have, in the past three years, become very important in their lives: the nurses, administration and staff at Boulder Park Terrace Skilled Nurse and Rehabilitation Facility. Last year, however, Kilgour and his wife decided they wanted to do more for the group of people caring for Jeannie's mother, Jean Sager, than "just the typical candy, cookies and flowers."

"We started talking about it and decided we wanted to do something that would have more of a lasting impact on the daily lives of the nurses and residents here," Kilgour recalled.

That was the beginning of what has become a very important project for Boulder Park and the surrounding community, Nurse Ginny Foltz said. Kilgour approached Foltz last year around Christmas time, wondering if she had any ideas about what he could do for the facility. At the time, nothing came to mind, but around June, 2007, an idea struck her and Kilgour jumped on board.

"I had always thought adding a fence (outside the facility) would be a good idea, but I had no idea what would be involved," Foltz said.

Getting the residents outside in a safe, supervised environment was something Foltz and other nurses felt would be of benefit to their health and over-all well-being. Kilgour, always concerned about his mother-in-law and the many friends he's made during his nearly daily visits to the facility, agreed, and set to work. Now, just six months later, the fence — a classic white picket fence surrounding the courtyard outside the facility and near the matching gazebo — is a reality, and has snow-balled into an even larger endeavor.

"The project has morphed a bit since the beginning, and now there are more phases," Kilgour explained, describing plans to extend the walkway, do landscaping work in the spring, install electricity to the gazebo and install video monitoring equipment to enhance safety for residents while enjoying their new courtyard.

"This is something that will really benefit the community, as well as surrounding communities," said Boulder Park Guild member Mary Faculak.

Boulder Park has been an important part of Faculak's life for 11 years, having been home to her grandmother, mother and father. Visiting nearly daily, like Kilgour, Faculak said the facility is not only home to her mother, but also home to her "extended family," and she has learned from and enjoyed the many benefits and activities involved with the facility.

"There is a misconception that Boulder Park projects come out of residents' taxes, but this is a nonprofit, and there are so many things going on here that offer the opportunity for the community to be a part of," she said.

The courtyard and walkway project is a perfect example of a community benefit, Faculak said, because she, Kilgour and others envision the finished product to be something the entire community can enjoy, getting "back to nature" in such a way that can also help connect residents with the outside world.

"Visitors can get outside with the residents, which is something that is hugely beneficial for them and their health," she said. "And the entire community can use it, just enjoying time outside and the beauty of nature."

Kilgour and other family members donated enough funding for the fence, and Boulder Park representatives "welcome donations" to support the remainder of the project. Kilgour said the idea is "more of an asset for the whole community" than just the facility and its residents.

Foltz and Faculak expressed thanks and respect for Kilgour's actions in the project, both appreciative of his involvement.

"This is a great example of something that is very selfless, giving not only to all the residents here now but also to all those in the future," Faculak said. "It is a wonderful way to leave something to the facility and the community."

Foltz said Kilgour embraced a vague idea she had — "I just thought we'd get some people together, and, poof, we'd have a fence; I had no idea what would be involved," she said — and made it a reality.

"God really puts people in your pathway that you need at that moment. I am amazed. I am in awe of him," she said.

The opportunity for residents to get outdoors, have some safe time alone out with nature, and the ability for those in the rehabilitation center to get some exercise, are all priceless benefits for the facility, Foltz and Faculak agreed.

Faculak said while Kilgour's contribution is one that has amazed her and others, she reminded the community that any contribution of talent, money or time is always welcome at the facility. There are countless opportunities for individuals to make a contribution, whether it be visiting during Friday Happy Hour when residents and visitors enjoy refreshments and a variety of local entertainment, craft time, reading a book to a resident or just stopping by for a chat with anyone, it is an important gesture.

"A small gift can make a big difference. It is important to keep the residents here connected with the outside world and community, and visitors are always welcome," she said, adding her own time there has "enriched" her life and made her a better person.

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Norwood Township sans Ethics doctrine

Norwood Sans The Ethics
BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

At a glance...

Norwood Township officials annexed the requirement for new officials to sign a code of ethics pledge, regarding it as a duplication of expected practices.

""We take an oath of office and swear to uphold the constitution of the state and, anybody whose integrity is in question ... should not be appointed in the first place.""

Tom Mielke
NORWOOD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

The duplicitous doctrine which some claim came back to bite both Norwood officials and a local mine owner is no more.

Norwood Township Board members this week rescinded their three-year-old requirement for newly elected officials to sign a code of ethics pledge—the same pledge which, among other statutes, Traverse City Judge Thomas Power weeks ago cited in his decision to shut down recently resigned Norwood Supervisor Wayne Wynkoop's limestone mine—which unnecessarily mirrors existing oaths of office.

"It was not an ordinance so there was no need to have any public hearing on it. We just removed it as part of a condition for serving on a board. That was actually Wayne Wynkoop's idea when he was elected supervisor," said Norwood Township board member Denny Way. "He felt like there was a need for it because there were people questioning the conduct of people on the board. He thought he would draw up a letter and take it over and above the oath of office we usually take."

Norwood Planning Commission member and chairman Tom Mielke agreed the pledge was unnecessary and lauded the 2—1 vote to void it.

"We take an oath of office and swear to uphold the constitution of the state and, anybody whose integrity is in question to the point that they need to sign a statement like that should not be appointed in the first place," he said.

Mielke added the code of ethics played a role in the court ruling regarding Wynkoop's business, part of what led to the supervisor's resignation announced last week.

"I think part of his (Power's) judgment on avoiding the appearance of impropriety as basis for vacating the (Wynkoop's) special use permit granted by the planning commission was based on this code of ethics."

Mielke added, "In a small township everybody knows everybody and somebody's always going to think you're doing somebody a favor. How do you avoid the appearance of impropriety when that could be so different to so many people?"

With Wynkoop having resigned and board member Sadie Bartosik out due to illness, only three board members were present to vote: Way and township clerk Michelle Cyr voted in favor and board member David Leusink voted against the measure.

Norwood resident and founder of Norwood Township Citizens for Health and Safety, the citizens group who recently won a court decision which prevents Wynkoop from operating his limestone mining operation, Bill Gnodtke is surprised the board rescinded the code of ethics, but does not feel the move will be detrimental to the township.

"My feeling is that the board is governed by statue and their own conscience and that this was unneeded when it was adopted."

Gnodtke said. "It comes at an unfortunate time, but I do not read anything sinister into the actions of the board in rescinding it."

He added, "I would have thought, with all the things going on in this township, that this would not be much of a priority."

Way was careful to remind township residents that the board is still bound to uphold all ethics and standards required of various respective offices.

"We just won't refer to that particular document," he said. "It's not like we're going to run amuck and do anything we want."

On a related note, the NTCHS will next face Wynkoop, the architect of the code of ethics who did not return calls by press time, at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19 in Bellaire's 13th Circuit Court.

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Could HR position prevent city woes?

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Having already approved hire of a part-time airport manager for the city, Charlevoix City Council members heard further testimony regarding potential hire of a part-time human resources assistant to "reduce the risk of the city's liability," and address other personnel issues.

Discussion continued on the matter at a work session held last week, and council will make a formal decision on the matter at a special council meeting Thursday, Dec. 13. City Manager Rob Straebel made the recommendation to hire the two part-time positions at a Nov. 19 council meeting, and met the group's request for more information regarding the HR position last week. Straebel presented the council with three options on the matter: continue doing HR related tasks in-house, hire a professional outside consultant for an unspecified amount of time, or hire a part-time HR assistant.

Straebel's presentation was joined by input from council members, most of whom supported the part-time hire despite disagreement on the matter in the past.

"I think we've wasted enough time on this. The cost of a salary (for this position) is nothing compared to what a lawsuit would be if there ever was a problem," said Lyle Gennett. "I think we need to move forward with this."

The group's recommendation, which will be considered and likely voted upon at the Dec. 13 meeting, is to hire an HR assistant under terms of a 20- to 24-hour work week for 50 weeks per year, with evaluation every year or two years. Straebel's initial recommendation was to contract the position for two years and re-evaluate the need for it at that time, but discussion led to the decision to make it known to the hire the position may not be long term.

"It is already in the contract for every city employee to be evaluated at budget time each year. If the position isn't needed or there isn't money for it, it is eliminated," said Mayor Norman Carlson. "I think it would be fair to let the person know that (will be the case)."

Straebel and others agreed there could be a greater need for the position — potentially even a full-time HR position — in two years, or there could be no need for it at all. The need for the position initially lays heavily upon updating city policies regarding compensation, hiring procedures and other personnel matters, updating policy language to comply with state and federal regulations, establishing and maintaining employee evaluation procedures, and creating and maintaining job descriptions for all city positions. Once that is "brought up to speed," Straebel said, the position could have little to do or be kept busy, depending on how state and federal laws change.

Straebel offered pros and cons to each of his three options, noting expense as a major con to hiring an outside consultant. After "looking around," he found the average cost is $75 to $150 an hour,

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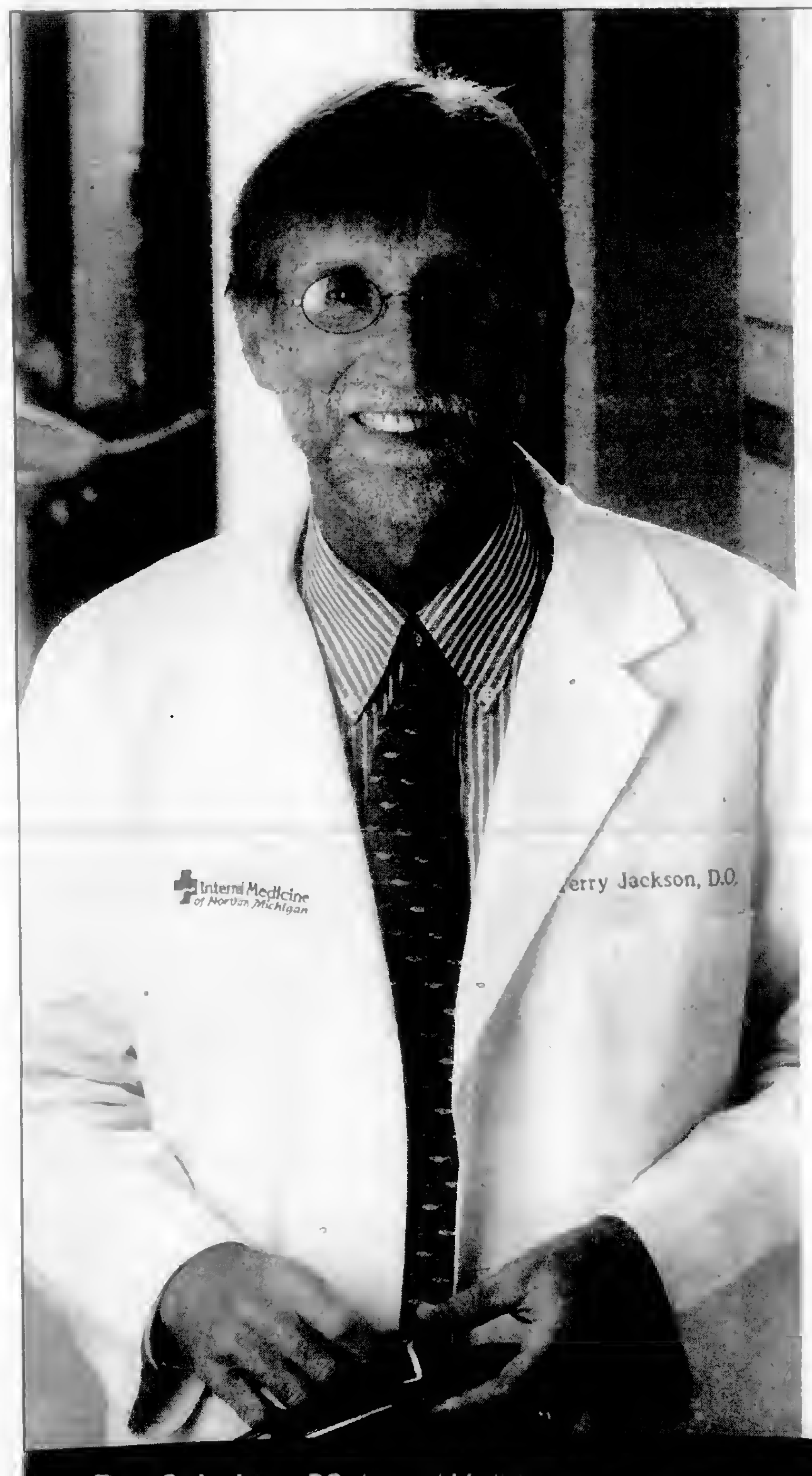
At a glance...

City Manager Rob Straebel presented three options to city council members regarding HR issues: hire outside consultant, hire part-time HR assistant, or do nothing.

Council members are leaning toward creation of the position on a temporary — likely two-year — position and will vote at a special meeting at noon, Thursday, Dec. 13.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City considers hire of HR position

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which would not only be a financial burden but also limit the time that person could spend with city employees.

"The input I've gotten from department heads is the need to have someone on staff in the building to bounce ideas off and work with. This would limit the amount of time the HR person could work with our staff," he said.

Advantages to the approach are the strength of knowledge and experience in HR issues.

"To do nothing" was another option Straebel presented, an approach he said could lead to problems. Input from city employees as well as outside individuals, including representatives from Michigan Municipal League, suggested a liability risk if nothing is done.

"The report from MML summed it up very well: the city cannot afford to continue as-is," he said, noting such problems as out-of-date policies and time taken away from department heads, including himself, addressing HR matters.

"I spent two hours just in the last two days myself dealing with an HR issue. Department heads are spending a lot of time dealing with this, and it is taking away from their other duties," he said.

Updating job descriptions will become even more vital in coming years, Straebel added, due to the anticipated retire of "a lot of employees in the next few years." Baby Boomers are "a large percentage of our work force," he said, representing "pivotal" positions that will need to be filled.

"We need to plan ahead for that," he said.

The option to hire a part-time position would come with an anticipated $30,000 to $33,000 price tag for the city. Straebel said $32,900 is currently budgeted for the position, and the advantages likely outweigh the cost. The hope, he said, is to hire someone to work within the budgeted amount, work in-house to "interact with department heads and help with the issues that exist."

When questioned about partnering with another municipal entity, Straebel said he checked with Charlevoix County, but "there was no interest there," as county officials felt "county issues were not the same as city issues." County officials desired to continue having commissioners handle issues on a case-by-case basis. Other neighboring entities such as East Jordan and Harbor Springs have their own systems in place.

Straebel said working with such entities in an option in terms of developing HR procedures. Noting the "wheel does not have to be re-invented," he said the city could rely on other entities for developing and utilizing procedures.

Council member Jill Picha offered the suggestion of hiring an outside consultant just to "update the files, policies and other things," work with the department heads, and then leave the issues in the hands of in-house employees.

"In my experience (in business) once you have everything in order and trained all the department heads, you just have to keep the information on file," she said, adding if a problem arose, "you would have to ultimately hire an attorney anyway."

Carlson said he believed the need for an HR position would continue after paperwork duties, as "every month, every year something changes with state and federal guidelines." Picha added she is not against the part-time hire, but wanted to "put the idea on the table."

City Clerk Carol Ochs said an HR person could be kept busy with tasks such as public relations duties, employee moral and other things done "on a daily basis," also stressing the need for a pro-active approach regarding liability.

"Someday there could be something that could turn around and bite us. Wouldn't it be nice to head that off at the pass and not get to that point," she said. "The bottom line is you need to decide whether to make this position, then put it in the hands of the city manager, let him manage and decide how to best implement (the position)."

Ochs also noted the city paid for an HR audit this year "and failed badly," stressing the $33,000 cost of an HR position would be worth it considering the potential cost of such failed audits.

Carlson noted other benefits as well.

"The legal stuff is very important but an HR person also creates an atmosphere that is good to work in. They do the PR stuff, work to promote the city, and pat everyone on the back for doing a good job," he said. "They can keep morale up and keep that 'city first' attitude."

Thursday's special meeting begins at noon, and Straebel expects to be prepared to begin the hiring process if council approves the recommendation. Advertising has already begun for the airport manager position, and Straebel said the city could begin scheduling interviews after the holidays, depending on the quality and number of applicants received by that time.

> "The report from MML summed it up very well: the city cannot afford to continue as-is..."
>
> **Rob Straebel**
> CITY MANAGER

Family physician comes to Charlevoix

Mark Smith, M.D.

The Charlevoix area has gained a new family practice specialist. Mark Smith, MD, has opened a practice at 14730 Park Avenue, on the Charlevoix Area Hospital campus, where he will see patients every Wednesday. Dr. Smith also staffs the hospital's emergency department several days a week.

A Michigan native, Dr. Smith studied at Aquinas College, earned his medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine, and served his residency at Grand Rapids Family Medicine. He is certified by the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Area residents may remember Dr. Smith from the East Jordan Family Health Center, where he was on staff in 2003. Prior to coming to Charlevoix with his family, he practiced for four years in Manistee.

Dr. Smith is married to Mary Ivy, MD, an OB/Gyn specialist who recently joined Charlevoix Women's Health Care. The couple, along with their two young children, is making their home in Charlevoix.

"This was such a wonderful opportunity," Dr. Smith said. "Both of us love this area and we're happy to be back."

For the time being, Dr. Smith will be in his office only on Wednesday, although he looks forward to building a practice and expanding office hours as time and space become available. With a focus on comprehensive, preventive health care, his practice will include people of all ages—from kids to geriatric patients.

Those who would like to make an appointment with Dr. Smith may do so by calling his office any day of the week, at (231) 547-6510.

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CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Monday, November 3, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street,
Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving a letter of support for the Charlevoix Senior Citizens' Center's request for a grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.
- Motion passed approving the Phase 3 change order request #15 for the East Park/Marina project in the amount of $179,532.11
- Motion passed approving the Michigan Public Power Agency Delegation Agreement
- Motion passed approving the licensing agreement with WCCW Radio Inc. for telecommunications services

Council adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

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YAC gives youth chance to meet area needs

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

In 1990, the Kellogg Foundation had a vision — to establish a community-minded, community-funded endowment entity in every county in Michigan.

Before the turn of the century, the vision had become reality and now, among the 83 county foundations, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has nearly $22 million in net assets to its name, more than 200 charitable funds, and ambitions to continue its trend of growth.

"Our growth is a testament to the generosity not only of those who live in Charlevoix year round but also to the summer residents," said Community Foundation President Bob Tambellini, noting the more than $1 million distributed to local organizations and programs each year.

While proud of the foundation as a whole, Tambellini digressed to congratulate one of the organization's proudest endeavors— the establishment of the Youth Advisory Committee, often known as YAC, which invites students from five area public high schools and two charter schools to "work together intelligently to decide how to distribute $50,000 in funds each year."

"It is a real unique experience. How else would ninth through twelfth graders have the opportunity to work with these kinds of resources in an intelligent way and work with others to meet the needs of the community?" Tambellini explained.

Sixteen area students are YAC members this year, coming from Beaver Island, Charlevoix, East Jordan, Boyne City and Boyne Falls schools as well as Northwest Academy and Boyne Concord Academy charter schools. The students work collectively to distribute up to $25,000 in each of two grant cycles each year, in March and October, offering grant support to local programs they believe meet local needs.

It can be a challenge at times, Tambellini said, to get youth, especially those in the freshman and sophomore age range, to "change their way of thinking," and focus on others instead of themselves.

"I think it is perfectly natural for young people to be somewhat self-absorbed, especially at younger ages, and an experience like this gives them the opportunity to learn about other people's needs and the kinds of services available to meet those needs," he said.

For many youth involved, YAC is the first connection to needs such as training for at-risk youth, gathering warm winter clothing for children without hats, coats or gloves, or programs that help families needing food or shelter. Other programs such as those supporting school programs, craft programs or music and dance may not be as foreign, but remain important in their efforts to help the Charlevoix community, Tambellini said.

In the fall 2007 grant cycle, YAC members supported these and other needs, awarding 9 grants totaling $23,350. BASES Teen Center, the Blissfest Music Organization, Child and Family Services of Northwest Michigan, Jordan Valley District Library and the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan were some of the organizations students deemed worthy of their financial backing, decisions made following a very involved and professional process, Tambellini said. Reviewing formal proposals from the organizations, listening to presentations and visiting the organizations to get a first-hand view of the programs made YAC members aware of and familiar with many programs in the area.

"They come in as freshmen cold to all the nonprofit organizations in the area, but by the time they are seniors they have worked with and know all about the organizations. They come to be opinionated about the services offered and learn a lot about them," he said.

Youth — and adults — are often unaware of the services provided by organizations such as United Way, the American Red-Cross, the Salvation Army, the Women's Resource Center, area libraries and area art organizations "until they need them," Tambellini said. Involvement in YAC, and the Community Foundation in general, can help people "see how these nonprofits touch the lives of themselves and their loved ones and see what connections are there."

Tambellini said the legacy of community foundations throughout the state began when the Kellogg Foundation offered $35 million to the Council of Michigan Foundations, the "umbrella" organization for foundations throughout the state, hoping to encourage growth in philanthropic giving in Michigan. An incentive to create community foundations came in the form of a promise to give 50 cents for every dollar raised by communities that agreed to pursue the idea. In 1991, Charlevoix County accepted that challenge, and had 5 years to raise $50,000. The goal was met and, like others that met the challenge, the $1 million base was put into a fund designated to support a youth program. Hence, the YAC group was formed.

The Community Foundation as a whole is supported by three larger foundations — the Kellogg Foundation, the Malpass Foundation and the Frey Foundation — as well as community funding support offered through contributions to the 200 charitable funds that have been established since 1991. Managing funds and distributing grants is done by the 15-member Board of Trustees, a group Tambellini said creates and maintains the reputation of the foundation.

"The trustees have offered the greatest amount of credibility. They are local people, highly thought of, well-known, and they provide a sense of comfort," he said.

Current Board of Trustees members are Bill Aten, Rhea Dow, Bruce Herbert, Mike Hinkle, Kay Heise, Tom Irwin, Kirk Jahara, Pat O'Brien, Mark Penzien, Barb Pritchard, Jeff Rogers, Don Spencer, Nancy Wright, Sally Fogg, Pat Poineau, Laura Hansen, Maureen Radke, Sarah Allen and Tambellini.

In its 15-year history, the foundation has developed a credible reputation, a system for developing and maintaining the six types of funds available to donors, and met the wishes of all donors in terms of what services should be supported in the community. The growth and success of the foundation is something Tambellini, who has been involved since the beginning, is proud of.

"One of the greatest measures of our success is the extent of participation we've received," he said.

What has YAC and Community Foundation done?

YAC has awarded $593,000 to local programs since it began distributing grants in 1994

Each year YAC distributes $50,000 to programs, split between two grant cycles

In the last 15 years, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has awarded $7.5 million to local programs

The Community Foundation awards $1 million annually in support of nonprofit organizations

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New drivers' licenses aimed at boosting security

At a glance...

- Optional "enhanced" driver's license can be used at border crossings, making travel easier, reducing the need for passports
- Only Michigan residents who are also US citizens will be eligible
- Standard licenses could also be upgraded to help prevent fraud

The Drive for a safer Michigan

Secretary Land proposes enhancing security of driver's licenses, adding convenient option.

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land recently announced an initiative to provide Michigan residents with another layer of protection by enhancing the security of driver's licenses.

"Our world continues to change and Michigan must keep pace," Land said. "This plan ensures the integrity of state-issued licenses and helps to secure American's borders. Of course, our customers' needs are always important to us. That's why we crafted our initiative to provide residents with a convenient option depending on their travel needs. Bolstering the security of our licenses is good for families, good for Michigan and good for America."

Land's proposal contains two packages of bills. One deals with upgrading Michigan's "standard" driver's license and the other creates an optional "enhanced" driver's license that is suitable for border crossing under the federal Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI).

The upgraded "standard" driver's license and state issued identification card will have added security features to prevent fraud. Only people who are Michigan residents and legally present in the United States will be eligible for the license. The upgraded license also can be used by residents for domestic air travel where the federal REAL ID-Act takes effect. Without these upgraded documents, all Michigan residents will need a passport to board even domestic flights. Primary sponsors of these bills are state Sen. Alan Sanborn and Tony Stamas and state Reps. Phillip Pavlov and Mike Nols.

The optional "enhanced" driver's license and state ID card can be used for travel to and from Canada and other Western Hemisphere countries once the more stringent policies under WHTI take effect. Only Michigan residents who are also U.S. citizens will be eligible for the enhanced license. Residents who do not have an enhanced license or ID card will need a passport to visit Canada. Land first introduced the concept of an enhanced license in 2005 as a way to prevent the new federal requirements from negatively impacting commerce and inconveniencing residents who visit Canada. This plan has been supported by many in the business community including the Detroit Regional Chamber. Primary sponsors of the WHTI bills are state Sens. Judy Gilbert, John Pappageorge and Cameron Brown, and state Reps. Steve Tobocman, Ed Clemente and Bill Huizenga.

"Southeast Michigan, particularly tourist destinations like downtown Detroit and Mexicantown, and our entire state have strong economic ties to Canada," said Tobocman, D-Detroit. "The enhanced license will protect that vital relationship by keeping border crossings convenient without sacrificing homeland security."

"Nothing is more important than the safety of Michigan's residents," said Gilbert, R-Algonac. "By enacting these changes, we will take a critical step in ensuring a secure future for our state and nation."

Both the upgraded standard and enhanced versions will comply with REAL ID Act requirements, a national effort to prevent terrorism, reduce fraud and improve the reliability of identification documents issued by states. Only the enhanced documents, which are optional, will comply with WHTI.

In addition to the latest security features, the upgraded standard license will contain bar code technology similar to the one on current Michigan driver's licenses and ID cards.

Cost of the new licenses and ID cards will be slightly higher than the current versions due to the enhanced security features and additional required document checks. The actual amount will not be determined until all components of the law are finalized.

The federal government has yet to release final rules for the REAL ID Act.

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Residents unite to push Boyne City Road repairs

BY STEVE ZUCKER NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

HORTON BAY — Although there are bound to be some bumps along the road, a group of Charlevoix County citizens say there ought to be far fewer as they travel one of the busiest roads in the county.

Bay Township resident Jerry Matelski, who lives on Boyne City-Charlevoix Road (also known as C-56) said around Oct. 1 he was talking with his neighbor Bill Winn about the bad condition of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road — the county's main east-west road.

Their conversation led to action. They've formed a group — the Concerned Citizens of Charlevoix County — put up signs at either end of the road to alert motorists to their cause, set up a Web site, called elected officials, attended township board meetings, circulated surveys and now they want the rest of the community to come to a road funding meeting later this week and share their views about the condition of the road.

Matelski and his group say the road is a safety hazard and in need of a complete overhaul. Matelski says the edges of the road in many places are so rough that it not only causes excessive wear and sometimes damage to vehicles traveling the road and it can cause people to have difficulty keeping their vehicles under control. He said some people straddle the centerline as they travel in search of a smoother ride — which is also a hazard.

Where's the money going?

Charlevoix County Road Commission Manager Pat Harmon, whose crews are responsible for maintaining the road, couldn't agree more.

The problem, Harmon says, is finding the money for what he estimates will be at least a $5 million project.

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Boyne City City Hall, Harmon will meet with officials from the cities of Boyne City, Charlevoix and East Jordan for an annual meeting at which they will decide how to spend the federal and state road funding allotment for the county for the coming year.

Actually, there won't be much to split up.

That's because the roughly $400,000 in road construction funds the county is projected to receive for 2008 is already spoken for. In fact $266,000 of it was spent last year to pay for the Thumb Lake Road reconstruction project. The rest is to be socked away until 2010 when it will be used with money from 2009 to pay for a project to reconstruct Division Street in Boyne City. Right now, Harmon said the earliest money might be available for work on Boyne City-Charlevoix Road is 2011 or 2012. And even then it won't come close to paying for fixing the entire length of the road.

Matelski said he's had conversations with leaders of the three townships in which the bulk of the road runs — Bay, Evangeline and Hayes — and said those leaders have expressed an interest in providing some money from their respective road improvement funds to help pay for the project.

Another option, Harmon said, would be another attempt to pass a county-wide road millage. In 2006 Charlevoix County voters defeated a request for a five-year one-mil levy by about 150 votes. Officials estimated the millage would have raised about $1.87 million per year.

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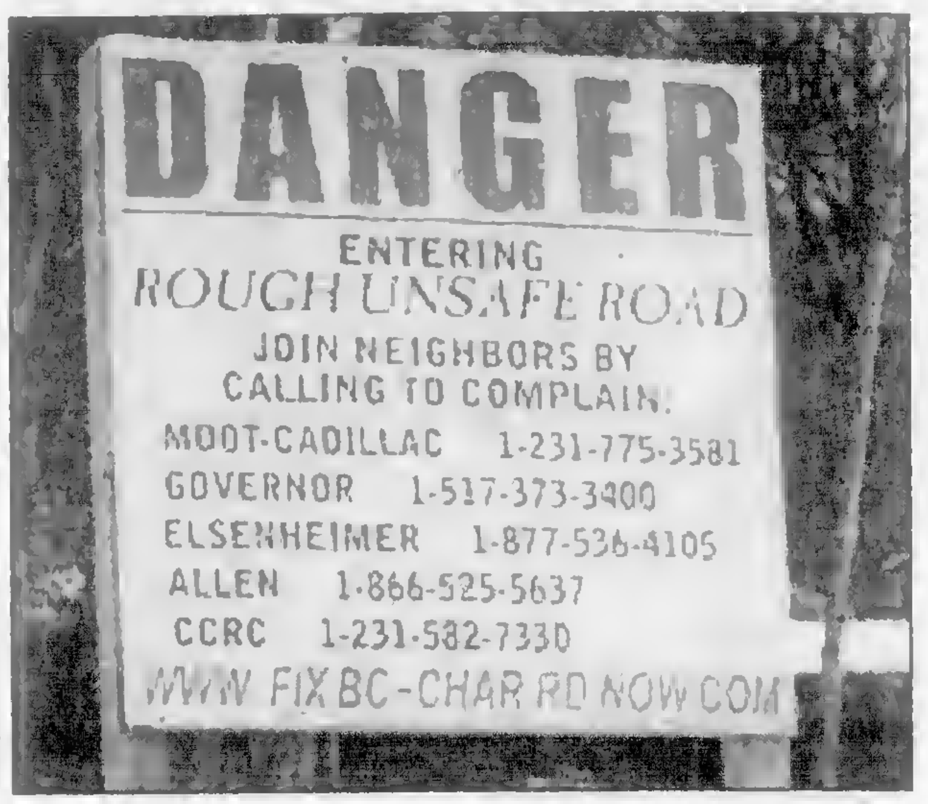

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A resident group called the Concerned Citizens of Charlevoix County put up signs at either end of Boyne City-Charlevoix Road to alert motorists to their cause. They want to see improvements to the road and have attended township board meetings, circulated surveys to achieve that goal. Now they want the rest of the community to come to a road funding meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Boyne City City Hall, and share their views about the condition of the road.

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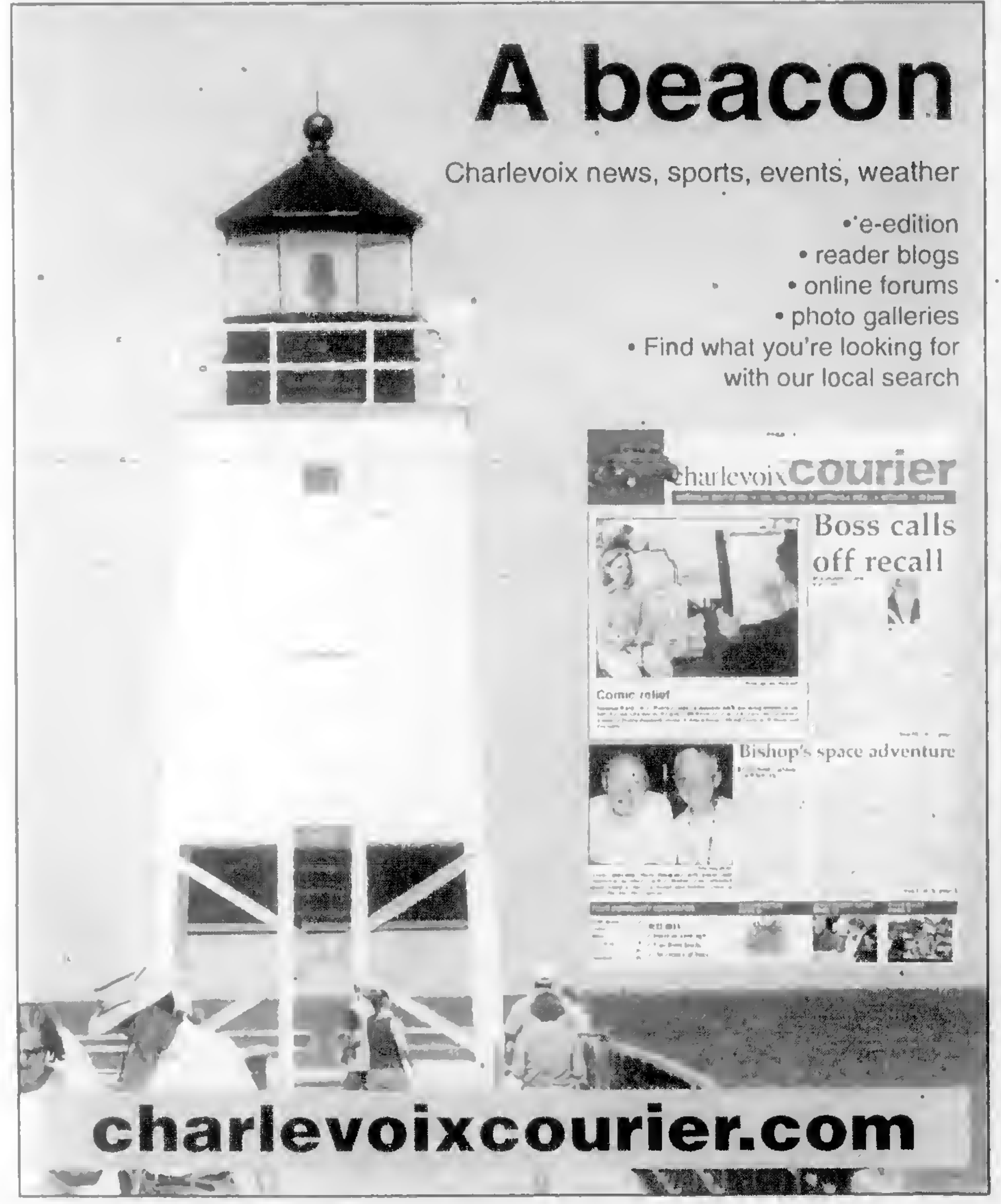
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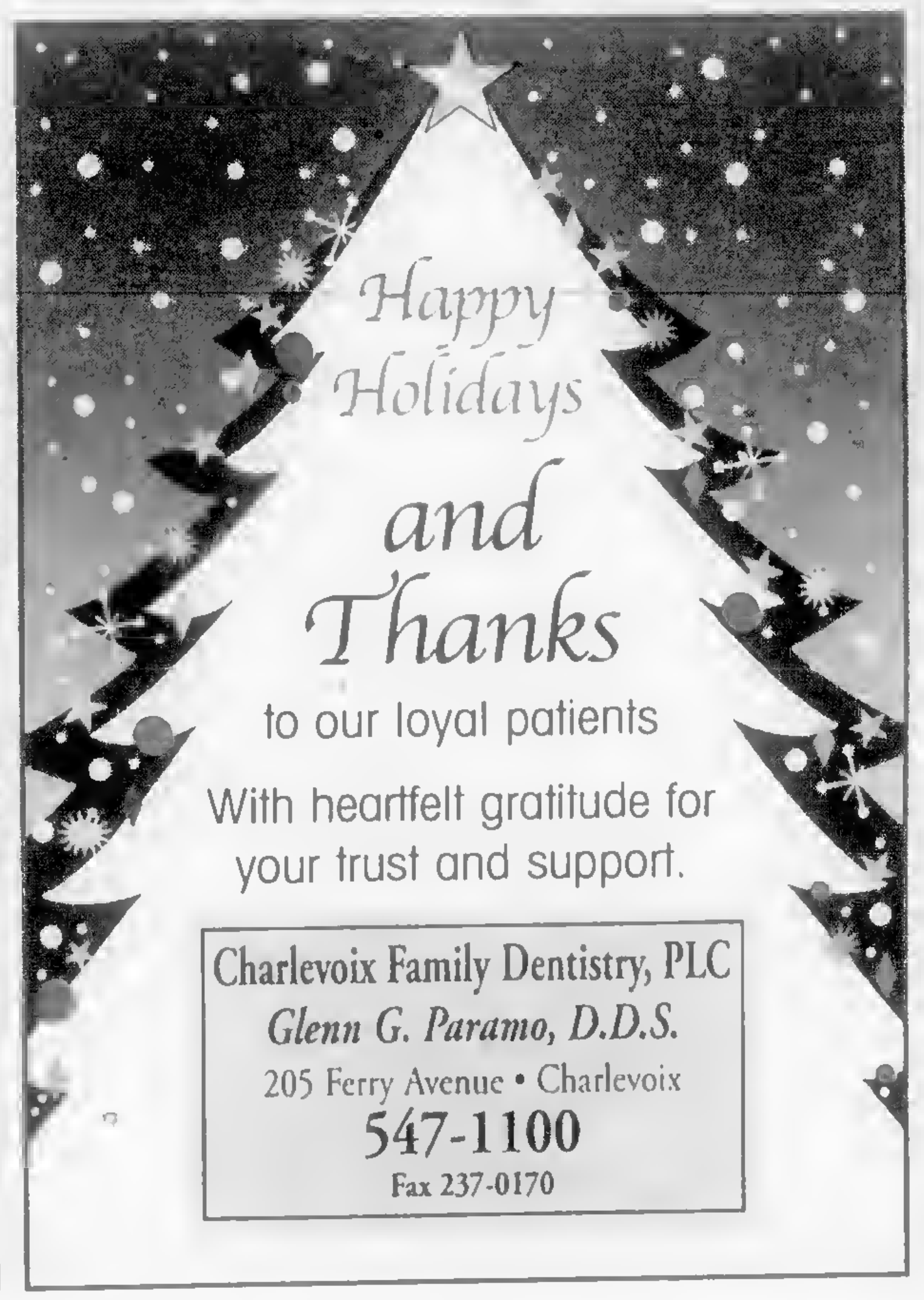
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Christmas Project gets boost from area churches

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Photo by Erica Goff

Giving Tree Coordinators (far left) Beckie Wimmer and Rebecca Jeakle stand next to the Giving Tree in St. Mary Church in Charlevoix. Also pictured (right of tree, from left) are Bethany Lutheran Church representative Mary Fikes, Christmas Project coordinator Dianne Coolman, First Congregational Church representative Marty Trubilowicz, and Christmas Project coorinator Bev Boss pose for a check donation — $1,600 from Bethany Lutheran Church and $160 from the First Congressional Church — in support of purchasing Christmas books for area families.

Twenty-four years ago, the idea to expand the food pantry organized through the First Congressional Church in Charlevoix into a Christmas gift-giving project to help area families arose, serving13 families on a budget of $300.

Last year, 175 local families were helped with the Christmas Project, which now encompasses community members as well as the First Congregational Church and other area churches, businesses and organizations, on a budget of $6,500. In 2007, 204 families have signed up and the financial demand continues to grow.

"I don't even want to think yet about the budget for this year, but we're pulling together," said Bev Boss, one of a number of dedicated volunteers bringing together the community effort that aims to make Christmas a little merrier for families facing financial struggles.

The growth of the Christmas Project has brought a variety of facets into the mix, creating a number of vital community partnerships such as that of the Marine Corps with their Toys for Tots campaign, the St. Mary Church of Charlevoix with its Giving Tree campaign, and separate collections such as food, winter clothing, toys and books for area families. Christmas Project coordinators faced a challenge in 2007, wondering, with the increase in families needing help, how to find funds to purchase Christmas books for every family with children of elementary school age or younger. Boss said 100 books are usually purchased, but funds were tight, numbers were up, and the group was unsure of where to turn.

But the community stepped up, Boss and fellow Christmas Project Chairperson Joan Lemerand said. The Charlevoix Public Library offered an in-kind service, volunteering to order the books through the library, reducing the expense. Also two area churches — the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix and the Bethany Lutheran Church — donated funds for the book purchase.

"We (Bethany Lutheran Church) contribute in some way every year, either donating coats and hats or some other thing, and we decided this year money was needed more," said Mary Fikes of the Bethany Lutheran Church.

Boss and Lemerand said they were excited about the support, but even more excited — and surprised — at the news of the $1,600 donation the church was making. Fikes said the congregation raised $800 through a silent auction and dinner at the church, and a national organization known as Thrivent matched the amount through its Caring in the Community program.

The First Congregational Church got its youth involved with fundraising, holding a number of "noise offerings," said member Marty Trubilowicz, which raised $160 in change to donate to the cause. Together, the donations will cover the cost required to provide every family with a Christmas book.

Another facet of the Christmas Project has also felt the burden of tough economic times this Christmas season. The annual Giving Tree project, organized by the St. Mary Church of Charlevoix, invites families to fill out a tag, which is placed on the Giving Tree in the church, with Christmas wishes and needs for families and children.

"This one is for a two-year-old boy and has his clothing size on it, some clothes that he needs, and an idea for toys for Christmas," said Giving Tree Coordinator Beckie Wimmer, explaining church members can then take a tag and fill the wishes, and items are distriubted to the families at the Christmas Project distribution.

This year 240 names were placed on the tree, with a backlog of names piling up when there was no room left. The St. Mary Church alone "can only handle so much," Wimmer said, and about 25 names remain on the tree. Any one interested in making some Christmas wishes come true can pick up a name by Dec. 16.

Items from the Giving Tree project, Toys for Tots, the Christmas books and all other items collected during the Christmas Project campaign will be distributed to families Dec. 21 at the VFW Post # 1153, located at 12735 U.S. 31 in Charlevoix.

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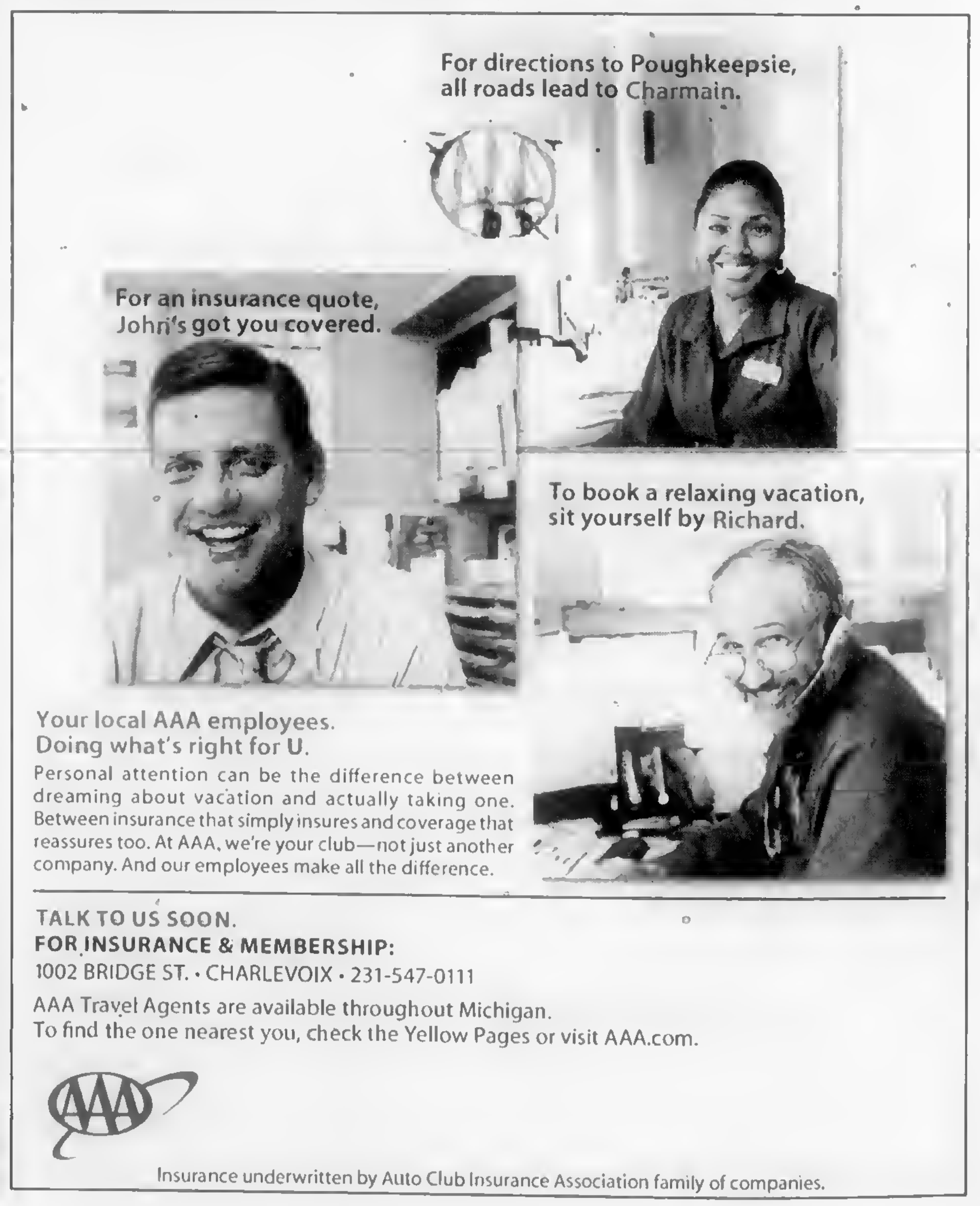
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DISHEARTENED BY GOHS

Editor,

In reading the once again, poorly penned Ben Gohs article "Before peace first must come truth," (Nov. 14th page 4) I am outraged that something so insensitive, so biased (Anti-Israel, Pro-Palestine) and so disturbing would be published in our hometown newspaper. Two nights before that release, the Community Room at the Library was filled with concerned people from Charlevoix, Petoskey, Traverse City, and other areas gathered to hear the presentation, "Paths to Peace: Palestinians, Jews & Americans Speak Out." That presentation provided valid viewpoints to consider and resources to help educate ourselves more fully with information and writings from both sides to help better project a future where peace is a possibility. As Rabbi Chava Bahle pointed out, peace will happen when we can see past the point of "sides" or "my story vs. your story" and we come to a place where there are no sides, where we are beyond sides ... there we will have a chance for peace.

Why couldn't a positive article summarizing what occurred that evening be published? A long time ago Gohs wrote an article about "writing about nothing to write about" –guess he's back at it again.

Disheartened,
Trudi Rightsell
Charlevoix

SUPPORT FOR ENERGY BILL

Editor:

On Dec. 6, Congressman Bart Stupak took a very important step in addressing the threats that global climate change presents by joining 234 other members of the U.S. House of Representatives in passing the bipartisan Energy Bill. This bill includes a national renewable electricity standard and better vehicle fuel economy standards which represent a serious down payment on comprehensive climate change legislation.

I am very grateful for Congressman Stupak's support of the Energy Bill, and urge him now to keep the momentum going by becoming a co-sponsor of one of the two comprehensive global warming bills currently under consideration in the House. To date, 170 of his colleagues have signed on to co-sponsor the Safe Climate Act or the Climate Stewardship Act. Each of these pieces of legislation include provisions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, encourage innovation in new and renewable energy technologies and provide funding to protect wildlife and their habitat. These bills meet the standard most scientists say is needed to avert catastrophic climate change, which is cutting global warming pollution by 2% per year.

A federal legislative solution can truly drive American's great ingenuity, create a "green" generation of jobs, and meet our responsibility to confront global warming for the sake of our children and generations to come. I encourage your readers to learn more about this issue by visiting www.targetglobalwarming.com and to contact Congressman Stupak's office at (202) 225-4735 or www.house.gov/stupak to voice your concerns about climate change and what must be done to arrest its advance.

Carol Moncrieff Rose
Hillman, MI

ROAD COMMISSION: RECONSIDER

Editor:

The decision and rationale to NOT plow roads in this county is absolutely ludicrous and dangerous. Whomever is holding the population of Charlevoix County hostage so you people can prove a point needs to be exposed for the moronic short-sighted management strategy that it is.

This decision needs to be reversed-NOW!

You are crippling the business community, area tourism, using the area law enforcement unnecessarily, and posing a life-threatening situation to anyone who cannot get out, anyone who has a fire, or anyone who is on life support is having their very existence jeopardized by you so you can create a demand for a tax increase to operate.

Frankly, the Charlevoix Courier and Petoskey News Review need to be brought into this situation and the management of the road commission and it's aloofness to the citizens who pay their taxes to allow you to operate the commission is really the issue here. YOU WORK FOR US!!!! You are public servants.

I have sat through presentations on why you are allowing major roads to fall apart-like the Boyne City Road-to tick off the populace in order to raise road taxes. Government bodies have two reasons for being in existence: to provide safety to the citizens, and to allow free and safe transportation to occur. You are doing neither. Holding the citizens hostage by endangering their lives could result in a massive lawsuit and then you would jeopardize the secufrity of the county finances.

Frankly, maybe we need to see that the road commissioners become an elected office and take care of two problems at once.

This is an outrage to the good citizens of the County. You must be stopped and this all needs to be exposed for the cheap political circus that it is.

We have enough people in Lansing damaging this State without you people turning around and repeating their mistakes. Stop. Wake up. Plow the roads and start managing to a productive end, not a political end.

Steven W. Seely
Charlevoix

HELP FOR SENIORS

Editor:

In 2006 my wife, Helen, and I moved from Central Lake to the East Jordan Housing Commission Apartments (Lakeview Manor) under the director Ginny Carey. We were having trouble understanding the new prescription drug Part-D Plan. We were totally confused about my wife's medication. I asked Ginny for help and she referred me to the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, under the director Susan Bergmann. I called her and she gave me an appointment. I met Mrs. Bergmann, explained our situation and she in turn introduced me to Marge Krehak, the office manager. Marge was able to correct Helen's problem. Those two ladies, Mrs. Bergmann and Mrs. Krehak, came to our rescue for which we are so thankful. Along with other valued advice, they are doing us seniors a great service. We also find the Charlevoix County Senior Centers are very good to us seniors. The good food, entertainment and services; our wonder is why more seniors don't take advantage of these centers and services to be had.

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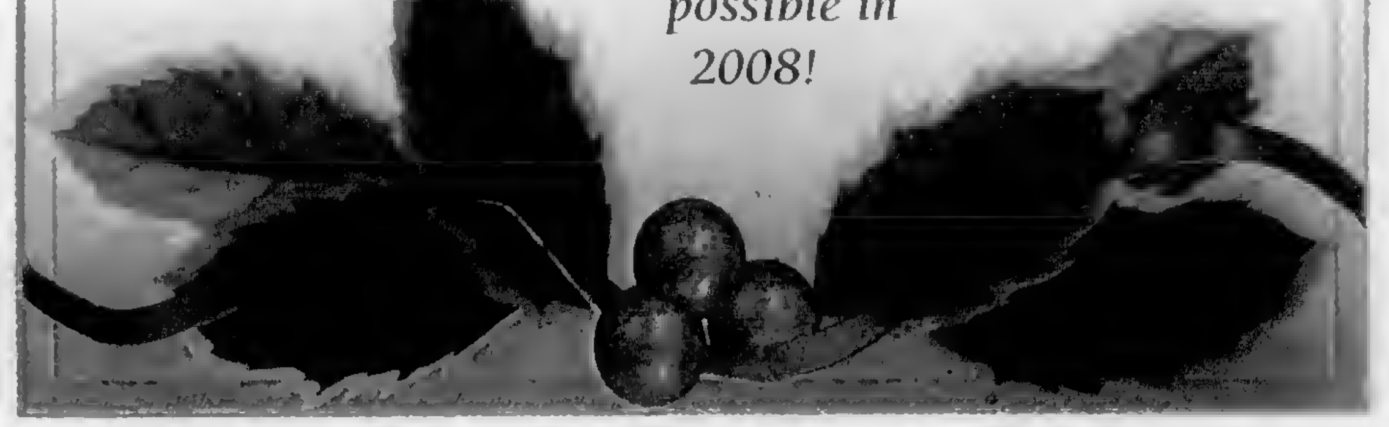

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Michigan behind on healthy targets for youth

Unless Michigan acts more decisively in the next few years, the state will fail to meet many national standards for healthy children, families and neighborhoods. Fewer Michigan teens are binge drinking and smoking but more children are overweight and exercising too little, the 2007 Kids Count in Michigan report concludes.

The report examines 18 wide-ranging health goals for children and teens that are set by the Healthy People (HP) 2010, a national initiative to advance health and well-being. Michigan is making progress, but it is not fast enough to meet the goals in many areas, and minority children and youth are further behind in meeting most of the targets.

"Being healthy is about much more than just making sure a child gets adequate medical care. The health of our children reflects the conditions in which they live in our communities, such as housing, and the resources in their families and neighborhoods," said Jane Zehnder-Merrell, senior research associate at the Michigan League for Human Services and project director.

The report includes detailed profiles of child well-being for the state, each of its 83 counties, and the city of Detroit.

According to the report, Michigan achieved the HP 2010 targets for three indicators by 2005: immunization for toddlers, teen pregnancy and physical fights among high school students.

The state rate for fully immunized toddlers reached the HP 2010 target of 80 percent by 2002. In 2005, the state pregnancy rate of 28 per 1,000 teens, ages 15 – 17, was well below the HP 2010 target of 43 per 1,000, and the 30 percent of Michigan high school students who reported having been involved in a physical fight in the previous 12 months fell below the target of 32 percent.

"This good news didn't hold true for everybody," said Michele Corey, Community Advocacy Director at Michigan's Children, a partner in the project. "These achievements mask substantial disparities by race. Rates on these measures are much worse for African American children who are three times more likely to live in poverty than white children. Unless we change our strategies dramatically, African American children will not meet the target goals by 2010."

Striking racial disparities persisted on most of the indicators with African American children having roughly triple the rates of infant mortality, and double the death rates for young children and early elementary children, hospitalizations for asthma among young children, and low-birthweight babies. An overarching goal of the Healthy People 2010 is eliminating disparities in health outcomes, according to the report.

Four areas where the state experienced worsening rates included low-birthweight infants, child abuse or neglect, overweight high school students, and a companion problem of too few youth exercising vigorously on a regular basis. The roughly 11,000 Michigan babies born weighing less than five and one-half pounds in 2005 suffer from elevated risk of developmental delay, chronic health problems, and even death. The 2005 state rate of 8 percent of low-birthweight babies remains well above the HP target of 5 percent.

"These trends are particularly troubling as these childhood conditions elevate the risk of latter physical or emotional health problems as these children and youth become adults," noted Zehnder-Merrell.

The most dramatic improvements reflected declines in substance abuse among teens. Binge drinking among Michigan high school students dropped by 23 percent, and tobacco use by 22 percent between 2000 and 2005. In 2005, 23 percent of high school students reported using tobacco during the previous 30 days, compared with 30 percent in 2001. The rate of students who reported consuming five or more alcoholic drinks within a couple of hours dropped from 29 percent to 23 percent over the same period. However, in order to meet the Healthy People 2010 target of 11 percent of high school students binge drinking, Michigan's 2005 rate would have to drop by half in the last five years of the decade.

Kids Count in Michigan, a collaborative project of the Michigan League for Human Services and Michigan's Children, regularly collects and publishes information about child well-being as a basis for public policy development and community action. The project is part of a broad national effort to improve conditions for children and their families. Funding for the project is provided by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Detroit-based Skillman Foundation, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation, the local United Ways. The annual data book is available from the Michigan League for Human Services and on the web at HYPERLINK "http://www.milhs.org" www.milhs.org

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Citizens work for fountain

FOUNTAIN

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At a glance...

The Fountain of Youth Committee must raise $100 000 for the interactive water fountain hoped to be included in the East Park Project

Charlevoix DDA will contribute to the $280,000 expense

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DDA. The private donations Winn and his committee hope to gather account for 26.32 percent, with the remaining 21 percent, or approximately $80,000, coming from the Marina Fund, raised from boater fees.

The idea was investigated by the DDA, "to see if it was at all affordable," Winn explained, and the proposal was then approved by the Charlevoix City Council. Now the Charlevoix Community Foundation has come on board, hoping to use its 501(c)3 nonprofit status save grief and time in the fundraising process, offering to act as feduciary for the fundraising efforts to offer tax exemptions to donors. Members of the Charlevoix Fountain of Youth Committee, as they have come to call themselves, then set forth with efforts to raise their part of the bargain, requesting community support.

Just over two weeks ago committee members sent nearly 1,000 letters to "friends of Charlevoix," explaining the project and requesting help with funds to construct and maintain an interactive water fountain "as the final and crowning enhancement of East Park." Winn described the fountain as a segmented area with spring-like fountains in which children "of all ages" can play in the water as their movements and/or remotes can trigger springs of water. The concept, he said, is similar to the traditional practice of running through a yard sprinkler, but on a larger, more interactive scale.

"It is so fun to watch. The kids have a ball with it (as the water turns on and off and they run through.) I don't know who has more fun — the kids or the parents," he said.

Committee members — Mary Adams, Dan Barron, Linda Boss, Norman Carlson Jr., Kirby Dipert, Hal Evans, Robert Hoffman, Denise Sandison, Gina Whitney and Winn — worked to put together a fact sheet that answers any questions and concerns citizens may have, including the size of the fountain. The committee assures the fountain will not reduce the outdoor usable area of the park, expected to be about 95 percent of the total park. Outdoor usable area in the old East Park layout was 92.5 percent.

The committee also addressed weekly operational costs, broken down as:

- Electricity usage: $112
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While expected to offer asthetic benefits to the park, Winn said the project as a whole is something that speaks to the character of the Charlevoix community.

"This would be frosting on the cake (for the East Park project.) It would separate us from other communities of this size and it could really define us by saying something (positive) about our community coming together to support something like this," he said.

A $250 donation is needed to be a bronze medal donor, a status that puts a name on the memorial wall planned for the project. While donations of all sizes are welcome, that is the minimum donation required to have a name added to the wall that could help "leave a legacy" behind in Charlevoix.

"People could look at that years from now and say, 'see, my parents helped build this.' It is a way to leave a legacy," Winn said.

Bronze, silver, gold and platinum donors are welcome, with costs ranging from $250 to $4,999. "Further levels of donations will be accepted and acknowledged," the committee stated. The donor wall will be constructed near the fountain.

The pressure is on for the committee, Winn said, because "projects of this size usually take six months or more and we don't have that." In order to plan construction, schedule construction and order materials, the group has until January to meet its goal.

"We want to have this in schedule with the rest of the park project," Winn explained, meaning the hope is to have the fountain complete by Memorial Day 2008.

Hoping to convince residents their investment "in this exciting project will benefit our community for generations to come," Winn and the rest of the committee invite anyone interested to contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231)536-2440. Inquiries can also be pursued by calling (231)920-1351.

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Charlevoix High School held its annual Holiday Concert, conducted by Jane Bennett, Dec. 4. The program featured the Charlevoix High School Band, the Rayder Jazz Band, and individual solos and ensembles, the Pine Lake Winds and the Charlevoix Bell Choir. Pictured above is the Rayder Jazz Band (top) and the High School Concert Band.

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Official Notice

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Synopsis – November 28, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7 00 p.m in Charlevoix All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved minutes of the November 14, 2007 meeting as corrected
Ron Harris, Harris Group, presented the 2006 County Audit Report. Charlevoix County finished the 2006 year in sound financial condition.

Motion approved to have the Commission on Aging conduct a feasibility study to figure out the economic viability for each senior center to have and operate their own van

Motion adjourned the meeting at 11 25 a m.

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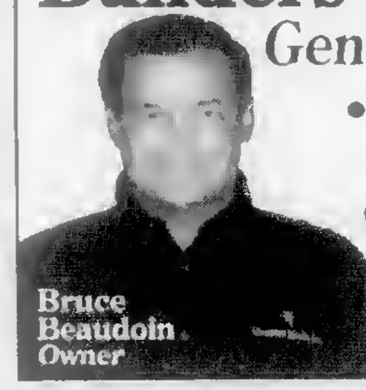

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Charlevoix Area Community Pool announces improvements

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool (CACP) would like to let the public know about some repairs and improvements that will be made over the next few months, which will require that the pool be closed one full day and part of another.

Swimmers may have noticed some construction that started Nov. 19. The pool will be closed while some repairs are made to one of the pool's exterior trusses that span the pool. The pool will be closed while the workers are in the attic. One of the walls has shifted over time and needs to be straightened, then secured into place. The pool will need to be closed while this wall is moved back to its proper position. This should only take one day and will be announced when the schedule is firmed up (weather). Site Planning Development Co. of Charlevoix was awarded the bid for this project.

The pool's Ethel Coeling Fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation will provide about $23,000 of a $26,000 project to add an ultra violet disinfectant system to the pool's filtration system. Chlorine is the main disinfectant used in the pool. The ultra violet light system will be a secondary system which will allow the chlorine level to be lowered (reduced cost and may help those allergic to chlorine) and it also kills viruses sometimes found in pools that chlorine has trouble killing. The ultra violet system explodes the DNA of these viruses as the water passed thru the system, rendering them harmless.

The pool's staff and board strive to keep the pool up-to-date with current swimming pool technology, as well as to keep up with the repairs that need to be made on the 10-year-old building. The project completed this past spring of replacing the old air conditioning type of dehumidifying system with newer technology has worked out very well. The air in the pool space is replaced very 6-10 minutes, depending on the level of humidity. Fresh air, as needed, is heated with natural gas. This system costs more for natural gas but uses much less electricity than the compressor system and is a lot less costly to maintain. This system, which also improved the air quality of the pool, cost $111,000 and was paid for by contingency funds set aside for the past three years from the Recreational Authority taxes.

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Open house held

Northwestern Bank of Charlevoix held an open house Dec. 5 to thank its customers and welcome them to its new location at 1425 Bridge St. The bank opened at the new location Nov. 17, having moved from its location on M-66 next to Glen's Market. Food, drawings and a poster contest were included in the event. Pictured are employees (front from left) Zane Carter, vice president; Colleen Darrah, senior customer service representative; Fran Marsh, assistant manager; (back row from left) Jessica Whaley, mortgage loan officer; Dave Taylor, vice president; Jessica Johnson, customer service representative; and Tammy Ranger, mortgage loan officer and assistant vice president.

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Charlevoix wrestler take first in Mancelona

Charlevoix Wrestlers Take 1st at Mancelona Tournament

The Rayders of Charlevoix competed against four teams in the Mancelona Tournament held Dec. 1, consisting of: Petoskey, Kalkaska, Frankfort, and Mancelona.

Undefeated wrestlers were Woody Nitchman, Clinton Longley, and Zeke Daman. Other medalist include: Greg Bishaw, Brandon Darrah, and Mat Golovich.

Wrestler of the Week goes to Clinton Longley, who defeated his opponent from Mancelona. He had been pinned by this opponent during Thursday nights home meet. This match was truly a thriller, which decided the teams overall victory.

In futher action, the Charlevoix wrestlers were on the attack during the Manton Invitational Saturday, Dec. 8.

Entering the final round was Junior Zeke Daman, 119lbs. and Senior Clinton Longley, 125lbs.

Daman placed 2nd after defeating Avery Coon from Holt in a 13-4 decision, and in the championship round, lost in a thrilling match to Rogers Citys' TJ Sobeck 8-12.

Longley placed 3rd after pinning Ricky Grice from Kent City in 53 seconds, and in his final match, beating out Robin Taylor from Hart in a 9-2 decision.

Senior Woody Nitchman was on his way to the finals after pinning his first opponent, Ben Tugestke from Rogers City in 2:58 seconds. Woody was enjoying a comfortable 7-1 lead over an opponent from Elk Rapids when he suffered an unfortunate injury.

Other winners of the day were Tony Cepada-Mulholland, 160lbs, who went 3-2 defeating opponents from Rogers City (11-5), Hart (by pin), and Elk Rapids (7-0). Sophomore Chris Levins, 189lbs. went 2-2, defeating Manton (15-0), and Coopersville (by pin). Senior Trevor Cole, Hwt., pinned Kyle Davis from Manton in 1:28 secons, and Junior Mat Golovich, 130lbs, pinned Duane Hollen from Elk Rapids in 1:19 seconds.

Coach Craig Golovich commented on the effort put out by the entire team, "Everyone worked their tails off today, the competion was fierce!"

Schools competing were Rogers City, Grayling, Kingsley, Coopersville, Kent City, Manton, Holten, Hart, Charlevoix, and Boyne City.

Area VB players' honors

Six area players were named to various All-State teams by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association.

Boyne City's Amber Kotalik was named to the Class C All-State third-team, while Charlevoix's Murphy Gillespie received honorable mention.

In Class D, Pellston's Katie Dzedzie and Harbor Light Christian's Kaylee Hewitt were named to the All-State second-team, and Pellston's Kasi Fyke was named to the All-State third-team. Pellston's Kelsey Kirsch received honorable mention.

Several area players were named to the All-Region teams, selected by Northern Michigan coaches.

Kotalik, Gillespie and Hewitt were named to the All-Region Dream Team along with Petoskey's Andi Gasco, Charlevoix's Aubrey Way, and Harbor Springs' Hannah Brogger.

Petoskey's Abbi Carlisle, Tori Premo and Jen Fettis were named to the All-Region Class B team.

Earning a spot on the All-Region Class C team were Brittany Loca and Joran Smeltzer of Inland Lakes, Desi Faust adn Tammy Potter of Charlevoix, and Lyndsay Clemens adn Trisha Tomkins of Boyne City.

Fyke, Kirsch, Dzedzie and Harbor Light Christian's Christina Johnson were named to the All-Region Class D team.

Charlevoix's Liz Grunch was named the region's Coach of the Year after leading the Rayders to a 41-8-8 record and their fourth Lake Michigan Conference championship in the last five years.

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Area rec volleyball standings

Charlevoix Women's Volleyball

Waterfront Salon - 3, 0
Spikers - 2, 1
Diggers - 1, 2
In Stitches - 0, 3

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Waterfront Salon - 3 (25-17) (25-16) (25-22)
In Stitches - 0

Spikers - 2(25-23) (25-21)
Diggers - 1(25-21)

Charlevoix Coed Volleyball
Life's Short-Play Hard - 8, [illegible]

Townhouse - 5, 1
Lakeview Maintenance - [illegible]

BG's - 4, 2
A Touch of Spring - 5, 7
Radio Shack - 3, 6
Charlevoix Hospital - 2, 4
Teamo Supreamo - 2, 7
Misfits - 1, 5

Wednesday, Nov. 28, and Wednesday, Dec. 5

Life's Short-Play Hard - 3 (25-18) (25-15) (25-23)

Lakeview Maintenance - 2 (25-9) (25-7)
Misfits - 0

Misfits - 1 (26-24)
Townhouse - 3 (27-25) (25-15) (25-21)

BG's - 3 (25-23) (26-24) (25-20)
A Touch of Spring - 0

Radio Shack - 0
Lakeview Maintenance - 3 (25-13) (25-13) (25-[illegible])

Life's Short-Play Hard - 3 (25-16) (25-6) (25-22)
Charlevoix Hospital - 0

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Teamo Supreamo - 2 (25-11) (25-16)

A Touch of Spring - 1 (26-24)
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Charlevoix Hospital - 2 (25-14) (25-19)

Thursday, Nov. 29

Townhouse - 2 (26-24) (25-18)
BG's - 1 (26-24)
Life's Short-Play Hard - 2 (25-16) (25-22)
Lakeview Maintenance - 1 (25-2[illegible])
Radio Shack - 2 (25-[illegible]) (26-24)
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SPORTS reviewing the action

Charlevoix steals show at Petoskey tourney

BY ANDY SNEDDON
NEWS-REVIEW SPORTS EDITOR

It only seemed like March.

Then again, it was Petoksey and Charlevoix, and there were enough pre-game storylines to fill a short novel. And enough intensity, excitement and physical play to make it seem as if it was a win-or-go-home scenario.

In the end, it was Charlevoix's wisp-thin Nate LaBlance who put his signature on it, hitting five 3-pointers Saturday en route to a career-high 26 points as the Rayders held off a late Petoskey charge to beat the Northmen, 59-54, in the championship game of the 7th annual Petoskey Boys' Basketball Varsity Invitational.

"Our coach said whenever we're playing for hardware, it just takes it to the next level, makes everyone play a little harder," said LaBlance, who led the Rayders with 14 points in a 54-46 semifinal win over Marquette on Friday and earned the tournament most valuable player award.

It was LeBlance's shooting — he made 10 of his 16 field goal attempts including an efficient 5-of-8 from 3-point range — and a stifling press that carried the Rayders, who once again appear to have the talent, depth, experience and chutzpah to make a legitimate run in the Class C state tournament in less than three months.

"The last two years when we played Petoskey, they were two games that I didn't feel like we showed up and played at all," said Charlevoix coach Keith Haske, whose team had lost its last two meetings with Petoskey by an average margin of 23.5 points. "I really felt our kids came to compete, and the last two years we didn't."

The Rayders employed an aggressive, stifling press, making the Northmen work hard simply to get the ball past halfcourt. And eventually, it took its toll.

"Pressure was the key, we didn't handle it very well," Petoskey coach Dennis Starkey said. "It took us out of our offense. Took us out of what we wanted to do."

Charlevoix opened the tournament with a 54-46 win over a good, albeit short-handed, Marquette team, while Petoskey ran by Kalkaska, 72-48.

"I'm excited about the fact that we've come out against two very good teams that are physical, fast, strong — all the things you want to go against," said Haske, whose team plays Bellaire in a non-leaguer on Tuesday, then opens Lake Michigan Conference play on Thursday at Grayling. "For us, it's a great learning experience, particularly for our big kids because those are the two most physical teams we'll play all year."

And it was exactly that Saturday as neither team backed down in a game that at times more resembled football. The Rayders broke away in the fourth quarter with a 17-5 run after which they led, 57-44, with under three minutes left.

But the Northmen responded with 10 straight points, eight of which came from Dustin Dibble, to claw within three, 57-54, with 34.2 seconds remaining.

"We didn't do well finishing the game," Haske said. "They're such a well-coached team that I knew something was coming. I tried to tell the kids ... and we didn't handle it well. That's a tribute to them doing something a little different, trying to get back in the game. But (we) found a way to pull it out."

Dibble and Steve Behan finished with 21 points apiece for Petoskey, but both had to work very hard for everything they got.

"I don't know how he got them because we did everything in the world not to let him get the ball," said Haske of Dibble, who played at Charlevoix for two years then transferred to Petoskey before last season. "He's amazing. We have athletic, quick kids and he still was giving us tronble."

Weston Bryan, the player who bird-dogged Dibble for most of the game, hit a free throw with 21 seconds left to extend Charlevoix's lead to 58-54, and Cliff Jones added a free throw with 7.6 seconds remaing to ice it.

Playing against Dibble, and beating Petoskey, made the win all the more satisfying, LaBlance said.

"We play a lot of basketball in our spare time," he said. "(Dibble) either comes over to Charlevoix or I come up here. Just playing against one of my friends is kinda fun. We talk to each other during the game, give each other a hard time a little bit. Just have fun. Last year they beat us pretty bad and it was fun to come over here and return the favor, I guess."

Jones, Justin Friske and Corey Gotshall added eight points apiece for the Rayders, while Bryan grabbed seven rebounds.

LaBlance and teammate Corey Gotshall were named to the all-tournament team along with Dibble and Behan, and John Kasza of Kalkaska and Joe Simon of Marquette.

Cliff Jones had eight points and Justin Friske added seven in the Rayders' win over Marquette, which was playing without four players due to suspensions. LaBlance also had five steals, while Weston Bryan and Austin Wilhelm had four rebounds apiece.

Joe Simon led Marquette with 18 points, while Antone Ramos added 12.

Marquette built a 23-13 lead early in the second quarter, but the Rayders whittled away and tied it, 28-28, by halftime.

The Redmen then took a brief four-point lead, 34-30, early in the third quarter, but Charlevoix surged -- keyed by back-to-back Jon Putman 3-pointers -- to an eight-point lead, 47-39, early in the fourth. Marquette eventually got to within three points, 49-46, with 2:26 to play, but the Rayders outscored the Redmen, 5-0, down the stretch to nail it down.

Simon scored 29 points to lead the Redmen to an 81-40 victory over the Blazers in the consolation game. Kasza scored 17 to lead the Blazers, while Schuba added 11.

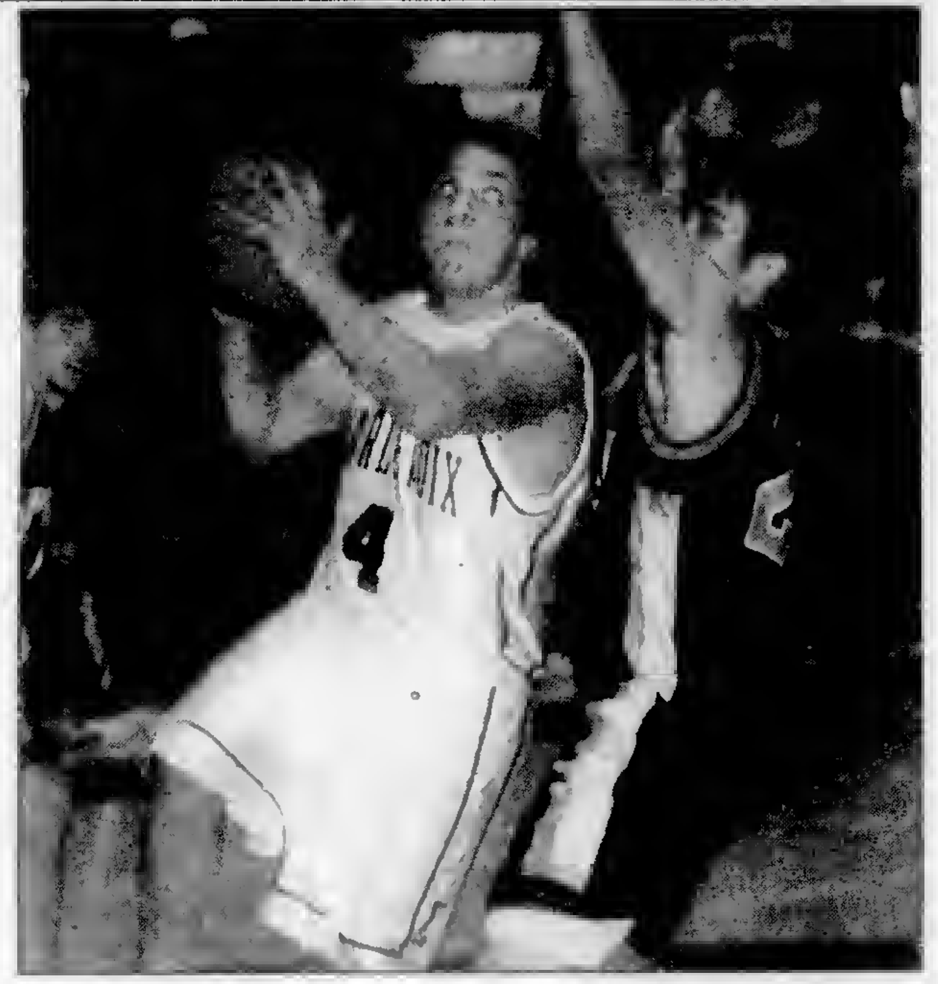
JV BASKETBALL

Rayder finish 0-2

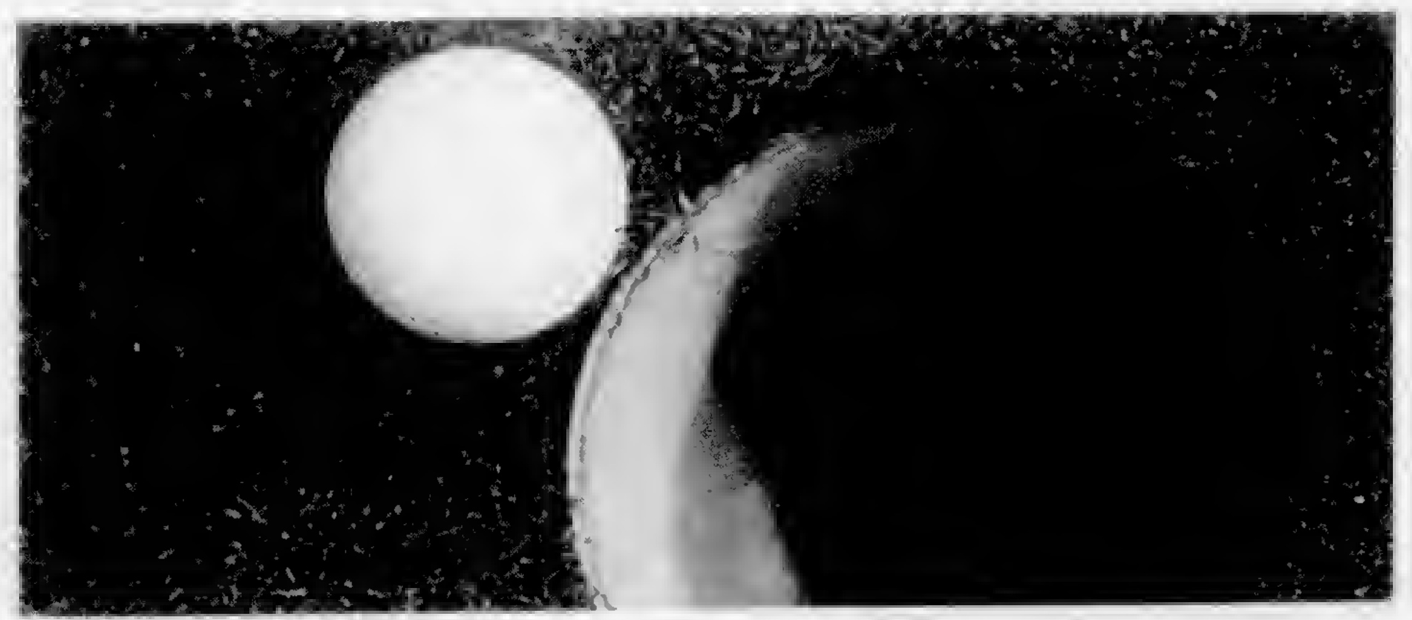
Charlevoix finished 0-2 over the weekend at the 7th Annual Petoskey Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Invitational.

The Rayders opened the tournament with a 60-45 loss to Marquette, then fell to Kalkaska, 64-50, in the consolation game.

Bill Ivan had 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Rayders against Marquette. Clayton Mitchell and Casey Helstrom scored 14 points each for the Rayders against Kalkaska.



Charlevoix senior guard Cliff Jones (4) drives to the basket by Petoskey's Tim Bellmer Saturday in the championship game of the Petoskey Invitational. The Rayders won, 59-54.



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Charlevoix woman gives birth in car

BY LOUISE NELLE NEWS-REVIEW STAFF WRITER

Photo by Louise Nelle/Petoskey News-Review

Breann and CJ Winnell of Charlevoix gave birth to a daughter, Claire, at 3:18 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, in the parking lot of the Charlevoix Family Video.

At 3:18 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, while most were sleeping in their beds, Breann Winnell was giving birth in the parking lot of the Charlevoix Family Video.

One moment, Breann and her husband, CJ, were driving from their home in Charlevoix to meet their midwife when she felt the baby coming faster than expected. CJ said he had just passed the Charlevoix airport when he heard his wife grunt and say, "The head is out." He immediately made a U-turn and headed back toward Charlevoix Area Hospital.

"I'm just glad it was three in the morning and there was no traffic," he said.

But the Winnells never made it to the hospital. With no time to spare, CJ — an EMT specialist — pulled into the driveway of Family Video, jumped out and ran to the passenger door to his wife. Standing in a snow bank with snow falling down around him, he helped his wife deliver from the front seat of their car. Moments later, his baby girl fell into his hands weighing 6 pounds and 13 ounces.

"It happened really fast, neither of us expected it to be that fast," he said.

Looking back on that night, when CJ pulled over Breann said she was not thinking about where she was or that she was not going to make it to the hospital.

"We didn't really have time to think because it was so quick," she said. "I just remember pushing and seeing sparkles of snow floating in the air."

Her delivery went smoothly, though. Three pushes and her daughter, Claire Anne, was born.

CJ said when he first saw Claire the umbilical cord was wrapped around her neck. He removed it, heard her cry and knew everything was fine. After wrapping her as warmly as possible, the couple continued on their way to the hospital to follow the normal procedure of cleaning and weighing the baby.

Twelve hours later, Breann was back home introducing her first daughter to her sons, Grant and Harrison. The boys immediately took to their sister, who is doing well.

"She's doing wonderful. She's nursing good, eating and sleeping like newborns do," Breann said. "We'll have a great tale to tell her of how she came here."

Louise Nelle can be contacted at 439-9339, or lnelle@petoskeynews.com.

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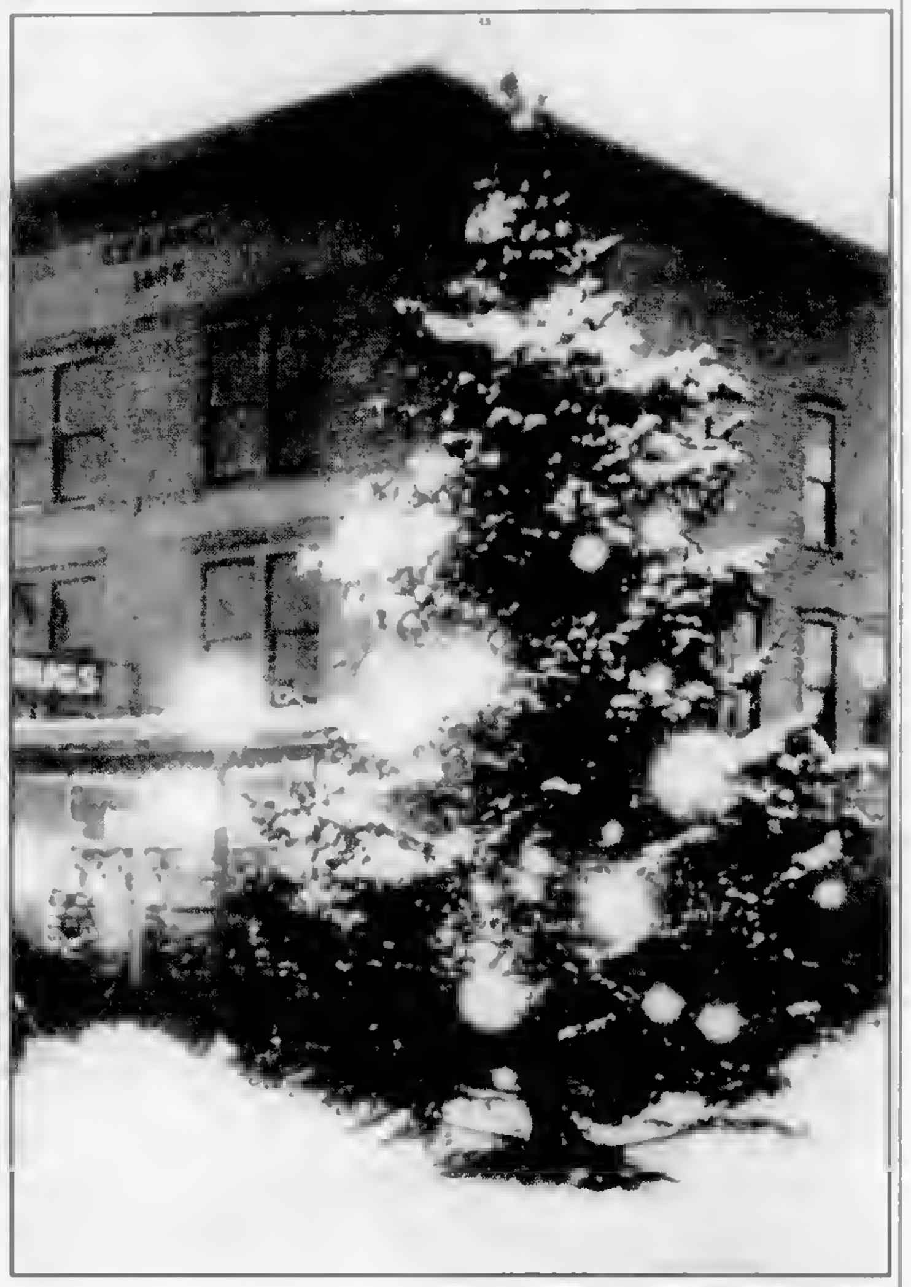

Photo courtesy of Historical Society

The City of Charlevoix used to put the community tree smack dab in the middle of the Bridge-Clinton intersection every year in the 1930s and 1940s. Pictured above is a tree, with the old Central Drug Store in the background. The picture is from the archived files of the Charlevoix Historical Society.

Monthly health screenings offered

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital will be holding its monthly, 15 minute screening for heart-healthy factors from 8 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6. As a special feature for the holidays, Betsy Pollack, registered dietician, will be on site from 8 – 10 a.m. to serve a heart-healthy Holiday Coffee Cake and answer questions about healthy eating for the holidays. Free heart-healthy cookbooks will be available to all participants.

Monthly screenings are held at the Community Health Education Center, 360 Connable Avenue, across the parking lot from the main entrance of the hospital. Healthcare professionals measure height, weight, body composition (body fat content), good and bad cholesterol levels, blood sugar and blood pressure. Based on same-day screening results, participants receive follow-up recommendations.

The fee for the health screening is $20 per person. Fasting is not required and no registration is necessary. For more information about the health screening or other services at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, please call HealthAccess at 800-248-6777.

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CHARLEVOIX MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

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To apply, submit City employment application, background waiver, and resume, to Robert Straebel, City Manager, City of Charlevoix, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. A complete copy of the job description, application and background waiver may be obtained on the City of Charlevoix's website at www.cityofcharlevoix.org. EOE Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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Seeking full or part-time office/legal assistant for Law Firm in Petoskey/Harbor Springs area. Experience in Word and Outlook required. Competitive wage and benefit package. Resumes held in strict confidence. Send resume and wage requirements to File 700, c/o Petoskey News-Review, 319 State St., Petoskey MI 49770.

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FOR SALE
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CHARLEVOIX THE BEAUTIFUL!

The City of Charlevoix, located in the northwest part of the lower peninsula of Michigan, has 2 full-time position openings in the Electric Dept. This area is famous for its lakes, sunsets, beaches, shops, wooded trails, golf, hunting, fishing, snowmobile trails and skiing. Charlevoix County's water resources comprise more than 104 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, 215 miles of rivers and streams and more than 23,000 acres of lakes.

The **Journeyman Lineman** is responsible for working systems voltages up to 15kV, hooking up of metering devices, maintaining all electric distribution lines and facilities, and must be able to be on standby for emergencies an estimated 24-hours a day, for 1 week at a time, on a 3 or 4 week rotating schedule. The candidate must possess a journey lineman's certificate from a qualified college or major utility, or electric lineworker union, and a minimum of 2 years experience in constructing, maintaining and repairing overhead and underground electric distribution facilities. She/he must be able to obtain a Michigan Driver's license and CDL license. Wages are currently at $23.50 per hour plus extra $1.00 per hour for substation/switching certification.

Contact the City Manager's Office at (231)547-3270 for more information and a complete list of job duties. Submit application to the City Manager's Office, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applications and background waiver form available at: www.cityofcharlevoix.org. EOE.

1400 SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT

SNOW BLOWER 59" and back blade for 955 John Deere tractor. $1,800. (989)732-6546.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS DECEDENT'S ESTATE

Deceased: Ralph Marcus Cross
Date of Birth: 07/22/1934

TO ALL CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

The undersigned assumed the duties as Personal Representative and of the above captioned estate, and is serving without bond.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PERSONS: The decedent, **Ralph Marcus Cross**, who lived at 12339 Cottage Avenue, Charlevoix, Michigan died on October 27, 2007.

Creditors and interested persons of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust, or interest in the matter, will be forever barred unless presented to **Larry Cross,** named successor trustee within four (4) months after the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: December 12, 2007

Christopher T. Turkelson, Esq.
Attorney for Estate
1404 Bridge Street, Ste. 101
Charlevoix, MI 49720
(231)547-1111

Larry Cross,
Personal Representative
103 E. Lincoln
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
(L-12/12)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

PURSUANT TO 15 USC §1692 YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Varice E. Bourdo and Ruth A. Bourdo, Husband and Wife to HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III by a mortgage dated August 13, 2004 and recorded on August 18, 20004 in Liber 632 on Page 519, Charlevoix County Records Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Three and 74/100 Dollars ($130,733.74) including interest at 8.48% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, main lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, Charlevoix Michigan at 11:00 am on December 21, 2007. Said premises are situated in the City of East Jordan . County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning at a point 115.0 feet East of the Southwest corner of Government Lot 2, Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 7 West thence North 214 feet; thence East 50 feet; thence North 20 feet; thence East 82.5 feet; thence South 234 feet; thence West 132.5 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of Government Lot 2, Section 22, Town 32 North, Range 7 West.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241 a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 14, 2007

Michael M. Grand, Esq.
GRAND & GRAND PLLC
31731 Northwestern Hwy.,
#151 Farmington Hills, MI
48334 (248) 538-3737 71772
ASAP# 936289
(L-11/21/2007, 11/28/2007,
12/05/2007, 12/12/2007)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: John Spieth and Rebecca Spieth, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2005 and recorded August 22, 2005 in Liber 700 Page 328 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Resmae Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, by assignment dated June 11, 2007 and recorded June 26, 2007 in Liber 808, Page 690, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents ($196,571.86) including interest 8.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on Friday, December 28, 2007. Said premises are situated in Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 7, Pineridge Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 339 and 340, Charlevoix County Records Commonly known as 12938 Pine Ridge Drive, Charlevoix MI 49720.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: NOVEMBER 21, 2007

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Resmae Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:

Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123 Our File No:
07-82908 ASAP# 940397
(L-11/28/2007, 12/05/2007,
12/12/2007, 12/19/2007)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Albert G. Eiben III and Jacqueline D. Eiben, husband and wife, to Wright-Way Homes, Inc., dated October 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on December 9, 1998, In Liber 352, Page(s) 994, et. seq., and which Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), by Mortgage Assignment dated October 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on December 9, 1998, in Liber 353, Page(s) 001, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $52,153.39, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Albert G. Eiben III and Jacqueline D. Eiben, husband and wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), together with interest at 6.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on January 18, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ARM, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL I:

A PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 2 WHICH IS 314.00 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION, AS MEASURED ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 2, FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WEST 270.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 130.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 270.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE SOUTH, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SECTION, 130.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL II:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION AND THE CENTERLINE OF ADVANCE BOYNE CITY ROAD, NORTH 00 DEGREES 00° 00" WEST 444.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" WEST 33.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID ROAD; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 33" 42' WEST 237.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00' 00" WEST 193.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" EAST 237.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID ADVANCE BOYCE CITY ROAD; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" EAST 33.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2 AND THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ADVANCE BOYCE CITY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID SECTION LINE AND THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00' 00" EAST 193.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a. in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: December 7, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
Green Tree Servicing LLC
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FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE OF SALE

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ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus Interest.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Goike, a married man, Mortgagor, to Corporate Title Exchange Services, Robert Sherman, and William Sherman; Mortgagees, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Pages 30-32, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $613,746.22 of December 6, 2007, with including interest therefrom accruing at $91.59 per day.

The interest of Corporate Title Exchange Services in and to the above-referenced mortgage has been assigned to Sherman Exchange, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, at Liber 710, Page 33. The interest of Sherman Exchange, LLC, in and to the above-referenced mortgage, has been assigned to Theodore Sherman, a/k/a Theodore Sherman, Sr., pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Page 34, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan.

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the said mortgage or any part thereof.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by public auction of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2008, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid under the Mortgage, together with interest thereon, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses of sale, including attorneys fees allowed by law. (The successful bidder is required to provide cash or certified funds.)

Said premises are described as:

Unit 2 of Lake Shore Drive Condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof recorded in Liber 422, Pages 893 through 950, Charlevoix County Records, as amended, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 132, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements a set forth in the above Master Deed and as descried in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned In accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 25th, 2007

KENNETH GOIKE,

Mortgagor,

THEODORE SHERMAN,
a/k/a THEODORE
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
90TH DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE/PUBLICATION
File No. 07-1287-SP-1

Honorable:
RICHARD W. MAY

LARRY SPENCE, PATRICIA SPENCE AND LINDA SPENCE
Plaintiffs,
v
TIMOTHY DAVIS
Defendant,

Plaintiff has filed a Complaint to Forfeit the Land Contract of TIMOTHY W. DAVIS, an action pending in the District Court to forfeit the Land Contract.

Defendant, TIMOTHY DAVIS, his heirs, successors or assigns will be defaulted and the Land Contract forfeited if the Defendant, TIMOTHY DAVIS, does not file an Answer to the Plaintitt's Complaint by December 31, 2007, or an Order Forfeiting the Land Contract will be entered by the Court.

A copy of this Order will be served on the Defendant by registered mail, return receipt requested, at the Defendant's last known address of 236 South Elizabeth Street, Lawrence, Michigan 49064.

This Order shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in a Charlevoix County newspaper.

Dated: December 3, 2007

Richard W. May,
District Judge (P23180)
(L-12/12, 12/19, 12/26)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Joel F. Wasylewski and Kimberlee Wasylewski, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Bank, f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated December 27, 2001, and was recorded on January 10, 2002, in Liber 452 on pages 977 through 983 of the Charlevoix County records. The mortgage is subject to a Mortgage Extension Agreement dated January 8, 2007, and recorded January 26, 2007, in Liber 787, Page 301. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is $39,691.32, including interest at 8.125% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, January 11, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Hudson, County of Charlevoix, Michigan and is described as:

Beginning at a point 491.4 ft North of the center 1/4 corner of Section 33, T32N, R4W on the North and South 1/4 line; thence continuing North on said 1/4 line 436 ft; thence SE'ly 407 ft, more or less, to the centerline of Hoffman Lake Road; thence SW'ly along the centerline of said road 430 ft, more or less, to a point East of the Place of Beginning; thence West to the Place of Beginning; being a part of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 33.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

Dated: December 7, 2007

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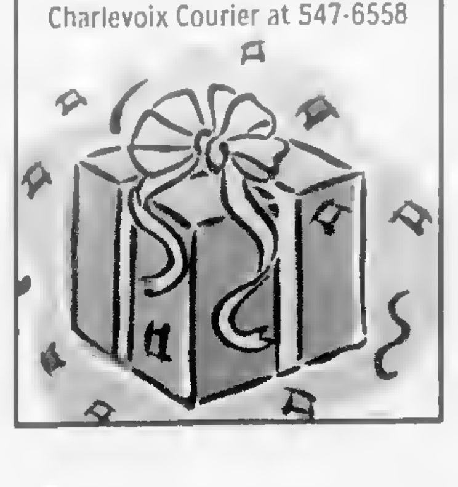

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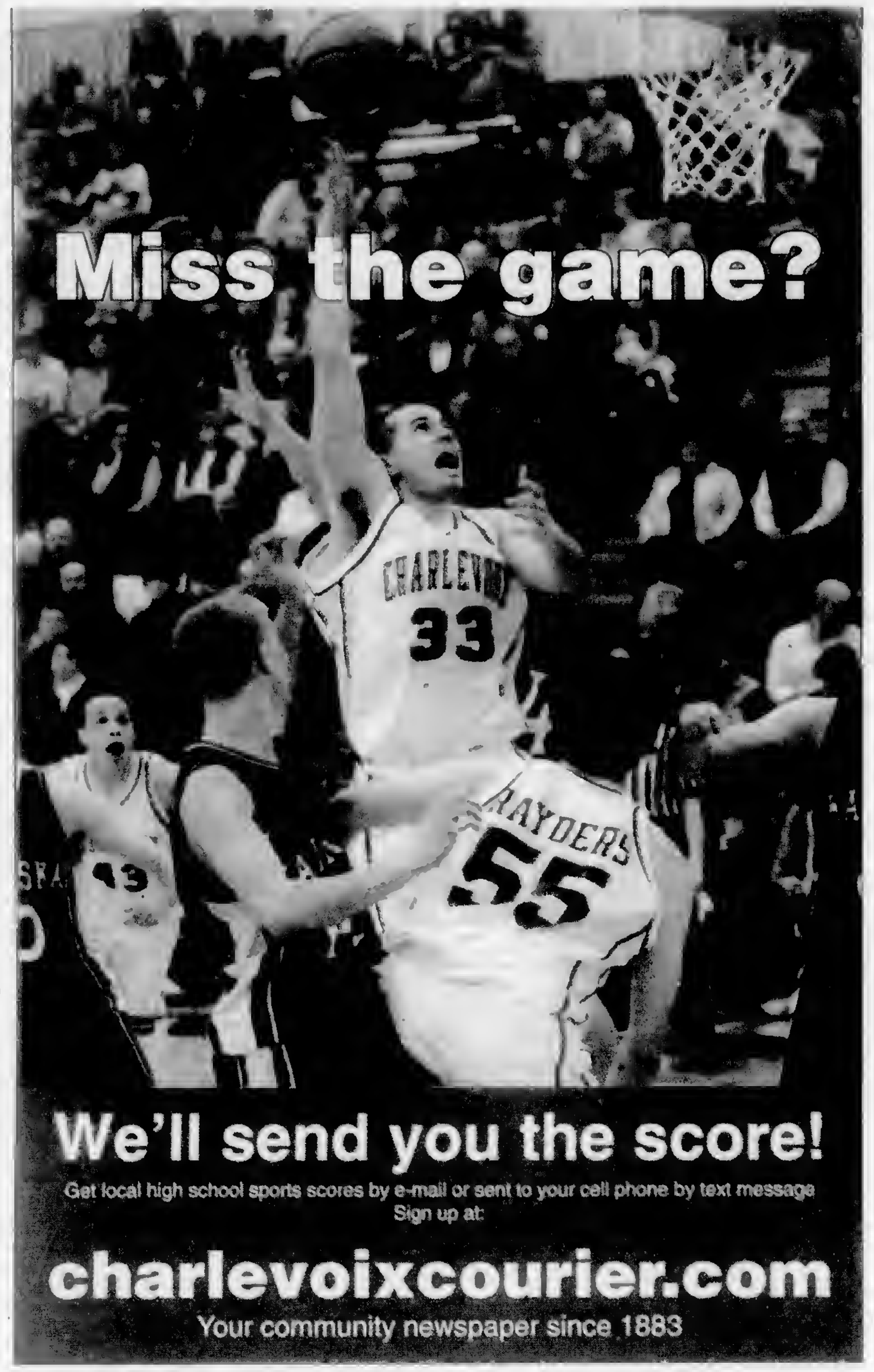

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Holiday survival guide: Be merry not weary this Christmas season

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

They arrive hours ahead of time, elbowing their fellow man to be the first in line before a frantic stampede for holiday victuals and this year's hot toy...

Is this really Christmas?

With all the goodness the holidays represent, people still find themselves slaving away in the kitchen, distraught over what to buy who and bogged in weight gain and even depression, but with some help from local businesses, everyone can breeze through this busiest time of the year.

HOLIDAY HEALTH

"We encourage people not to forget about taking care of themselves," said Candy Smith, manager of Harbor Health and Fitness. "Even though they may think baking something or buying something for someone is the fit they want, that person really wants them to be in good spirits and good health."

She added, "If you ignore your own well-being, you may be grumps or suffer ill health."

Smith's tips for good physical health:

- Drink plenty of water — sugared and alcoholic drinks tend to dehydrate a person
- Eat plenty of fruit — substitute an apple or orange for that Christmas cookie
- Get plenty of exercise — physical activity is a natural appetite suppressant
- Eat balanced meals — heading into a buffet situation ravenous is a sure-fire way to over-eat

Harbor Health and Fitness, open seven days a week: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday; and 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, is currently holding drawings for those who work out at the gym nine times each month.

"Even if they don't win a free massage or time with a personal trainer they will win by taking care of themselves," Smith said.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Mike Felix of Charlevoix County pumps iron at Southside Gym In the weeks leading up to Christmas. The 66-year-old said there is no good excuse not to take care of yourself no matter what time of year it is.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Take a break from shopping and let the sweet holiday sounds of local musicians soothe your stress.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 in the high school auditorium, Charlevoix Middle School will host its Christmas concert.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18 at the First Congregational Church of Charlevoix, Northwest Academy will host its Christmas concert. A reception with refreshments will follow.

At 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19 the kindergarten through second grade will perform their sing along concert. Beginning at 2:45 p.m. the same day the third and fourth grade classes will perform their sing along Christmas concert at Charlevoix Elementary School.

CHRISTMAS BREAK = IDLE HANDS

When you're not building snowmen, skating or sledding at Mt. McSauba, here are a few ways to keep the youngsters from climbing the walls with anticipation and going Christmas crazy:

Visit www.dltk-holidays.com for hundreds of free decoration templates the kids can print out and color, Christmas cards they can personalize and other crafts they can make.

www.kidsdomain.com has detailed instructions for making decorations, gifts and Christmas cards for children of all ages. The website also contains puzzles, games and holiday stories guaranteed to keep the little ones entertained.

Www.childfun.com has plans for dozens of activities including parties and singalongs, hundreds of free print and color Christmas themed pages and even some Christmas tongue twisters.

OH TANNENBAUM

A holiday tradition for many will come to an end this year as Brooks Hill Tree Farm will be no more in 2008. So, if the thought of driving through snow-covered woodlands looking for just the right tree appeals to you, Brooks Hill is the place to go.

Faith Brooks, co-owner of the farm, said the operation, located at 8773 Maple Grove Road in Charlevoix, is still do-it-yourself.

Trees are $5 per foot and saws are provided at the plantation.

Call 347-8319 for more information.

If playing Clark Griswold is not your idea of a good time, you can go to Van-Houten tree farm where the staff will do all the work for

See HOLIDAYS, page 33

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Mike Gauthier, a sales associate with ACE Hardware of Charlevoix, demonstrates one of the steals of the season by taking this Huffy brand first bike which is currently on sale for $20. Ace has dozens of gifts for under $25 and they will be open right up to, and including, Christmas Eve.

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Gohs' guide to surviving the holidays

HOLIDAYS

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you.

The farm, open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or later 7 days a week, is located at 7912 North US 31 in Ellsworth and offers everything from fraser and Douglas fir to blue spruce, concolor and cork bark as well as garland, wreaths, centerpieces with candles and swags which adorn doors inside and out.

Trees start at $25 depending on size and style.

Warm up with cocoa, coffee and cookies. Van-Houten's is open until Dec. 23 or as long as they have trees.

Call (231) 599-2817 for more information.

HOW-TO TREE CARE

- Shake a tree before purchase — a few falling needles is normal, but excessive green needle loss indicates a dried out tree
- Avoid a pale tree with significant needle loss
- Use a tree stand with a water reservoir — cutting 1/2 inch off the trunk will facilitate water absorption
- Get the tree in water within six to eight hours — do not bruise or dirty the cut surface
- Maintain adequate watering — the general rule is one quart of water per inch of trunk diameter
- Keep the tree away from sources of heat — turning your thermostat down a few degrees will slow the effects of drying out
- Inspect lights before use — throw away damaged or old lights; small lights produce less heat
- Do not overload electrical circuits — turn Christmas lights off before leaving home or bedtime

OTHER FUN CHRISTMAS TREE FACTS

- One acre of Christmas trees on a farm creates enough oxygen for 18 people
- Christmas trees filter dust and smog and help prevent soil erosion
- Christmas trees provide habitat for a variety of wildlife
- Christmas trees can be recycled for uses including: Bird feeders and shelter, fuel chips and mulch

(tips courtesy of the National and the Michigan Christmas Tree Associations)

GIFT IDEAS FOR ALL AGES

• ACE Hardware of Charlevoix offers gifts for toddlers and teens on up to grandmas and grandpas.

Snap-On flashlights $19.99

Ergonomic gardening kit $19.99

Windup emergency radio and flashlight kit— never needs batteries only $18.79

Huffy has your child's first bike on sale for $19.99

Screamer sleds for those who like to go fast are $20 to $30

YakTrax slip-on traction enhancers allow anyone to walk safely even on pure ice for $17 to $24

ACE has dozens of stocking stuffers for under $2

Udderly Smooth Cream and Monkey Butt Powder, two bestsellers, are $1.99 and $4.99 respectively

Tired of getting up to turn off the light, plug any lamp into this portable switch for $14.99 and turn it on and off from up to 60 feet away.

Mini wet and dry vaccum for $9.99

For elderly loved ones you might consider purchasing a life alert style emergency calling system. For $175, with no monthly fees ever to buy, you can own the Guardian Alert 911 which can be used up to 600 feet away. When you need help you simply hit a button and 911 is contacted.

• The Rocking Horse Toy Company offers unique gifts for all ages:

My First Dollhouse is $79.95; assorted room furnishings are $15.95 each

Camp Game, a board game for ages 4 to adult—developed by a local Charlevoix man—is winner of the prestigious Dr. Toy award

Seven different Rubik's Cube games available

A board game for adults called Man Laws and Woman Rules: The game of life's unwritten laws can be had for $25.95

If nostalgia is your thing, Fisher Price has brought back a slew of toys from yester-year including the happy-faced phone for $15.95

Rocking Horse is open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Open Christmas Eve and gift wrapping is free.

• Pine River Books offers vintage to newer used books, many of which are priced less than $10

"Books are a terrific lasting gift," said Tony Duerr, owner and operator. "I have a large selection of children's books at prices well below those of new books."

Pine River Books is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

MEALS MADE EASY

• With the deli at Glen's Markets, your days of sweat and toil in the kitchen are numbered.

Choose a precooked turkey or ham dinner for $44.95 which comes with your choice of 6 side dishes including: Mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, yams, green bean casserole, baked beans, cranberry relish, bread pudding and apple or pumpkin pie.

Be sure to order your dinner by Sunday, Dec. 23 at the latest.

Glen's also offers dozens of party trays from traditional lunch meat and cheese to shrimp cocktail and a watermelon basket.

Call 547-4223 to place your order.

• Take a break and treat yourself with Stafford's Weathervane's Little Big Party which begins at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Weathervane located at 106 Pine River Lane in Charlevoix.

The deal, for parties of 8, costs $28 each and offers a four-course meal with dishes including: escargot, prime rib, soup and salad and desert.

Entertainment will be provided by Marty Ward on saxophone.

Call 547-4311 for more information.

Be sure to contact the Charlevoix Courier with information on your business' or group's New Year's events by Thursday, Dec. 20 to have them included in the next holiday feature.

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Above, this clock, which many parents will remember from their youth is part of a move by Fisher Price to bring back classic toys for this Christmas season. The Rocking Horse Toy Company of Charlevoix carries this item and hundreds more which you will not find anywhere else around.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Glen's Market Deli Manager Bethany Stackus preps for the lunch rush at the Charlevoix branch of the chain. Glen's offers everything from relish trays to fully prepared meals to help ease your workload for the impending holiday season.

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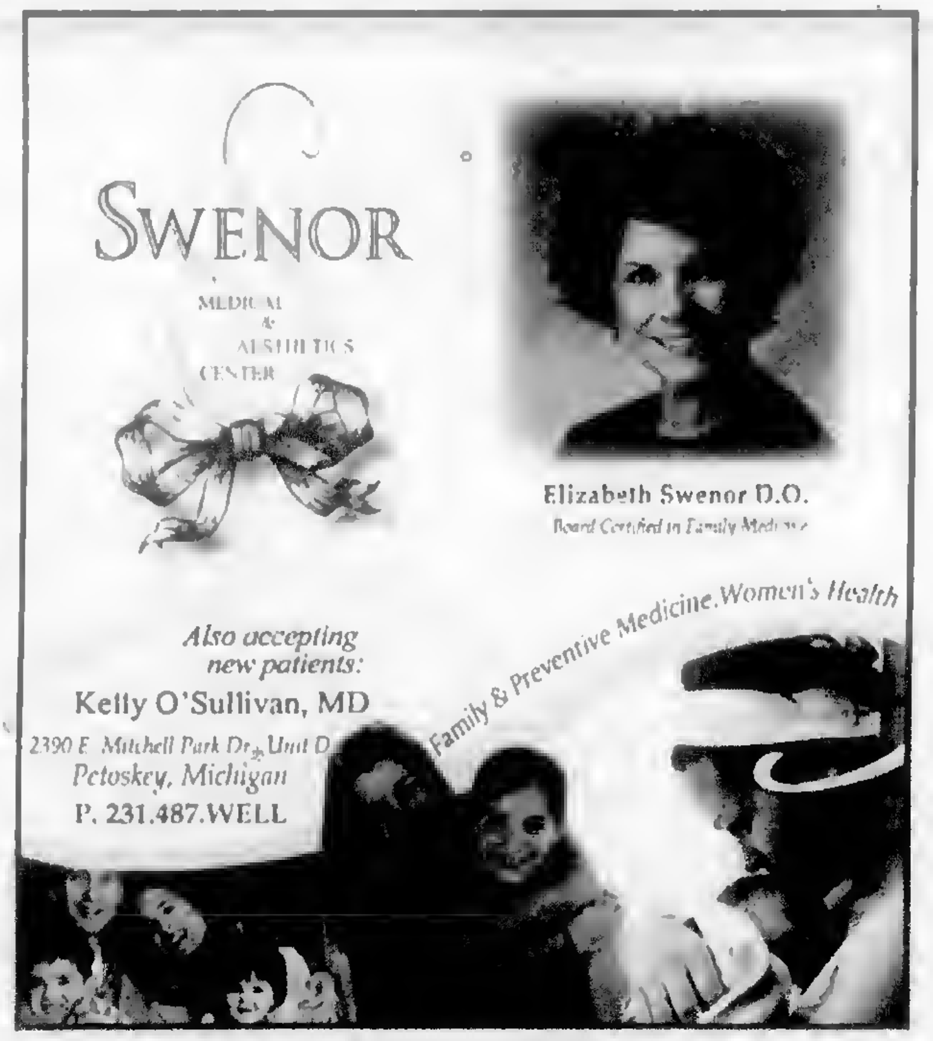

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DEC. 12
COMPUTER TIDBIT: INTERNET TRICKS

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Beginning at 1 p.m. Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

DEC. 12
PEACE MEETING

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom welcomes everyone interested in the group to attend its next meeting, at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12 at Giuseppe's on Petoskey Avenue in Charlevoix. RSVP to Phil at (231) 547-2465 by Dec. 11.

DEC. 12
JATL: HOLIDAY JAZZ CONCERT

Join the fun and festivities for a holiday jazz concert extraordinaire! Beginning at 7 p.m. in the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

DEC. 15
CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

Zion Lutheran Church, 500 W. Mitchell Street, will have a community Christmas Cookie Walk from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 15. Cost is $3 a plate or $5 for two plates. Great gift ideas.

DEC. 15
SINGLES FOR CHRIST

Singles for Christ invites all singles over 40 to the annual Christmas Potluck at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Charlevoix Estates Clubhouse, 6685 M-66. Bring a $10 gift to exchange, a dish to pass and a beverage of choice. RSVP soon as seating is limited. Please call Frieda at (231) 347-5747.

DEC. 16
FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

Beginning at 4 p.m., the Jordan Valley Chorale, under the direction of Ellen Addington, will present a "Festival of Carols" at the United Methodist Church at 201 Fourth Street, East Jordan.

DEC. 17
CHARLEVOIX COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEETING

The Charlevoix County Republican Women welcome the public to their annual holiday reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at the Weathervane Restaurant on Bridge Street in Charlevoix. Light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar will be available for $5. Featured speaker will be June Jackson, president of The Republican Women's Federation of Michigan.

As always, men are included in CCRW events and colleagues in Antrim and Emmet Counties are also encouraged to attend. Memberships will be available but not required. For questions or more information, contact Margo Johnson (547-0866) or Susan Flanders (547-4887).

DEC. 19
FIBER DESIGN GROUP

The Fiber Design Group will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 19. The group meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month when a new surface design technique will be introduced. Each technique is applicable to art quilts and other fiber art projects. These meetings are free and open to the public. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

DEC.19
FIBER DESIGN GROUP

Bring your project and join other fiber artists for a work session, 1 p.m. in the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

DEC. 20
QUILTERS AND FRIENDS

Join fellow quilters for a work session, 10 a.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St.

DEC. 20
STORY-TIMES

Lap-sit (birth-3), 10:05 a.m.
Pre-k (3-5), 10:30 a.m.

Stories, songs and crafts for young children.

Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

DEC. 20
TEEN GAMING NIGHT: GUITAR HERO

All teens (13 and up) are invited to join in a fun evening of Guitar Hero on the big screen in the Community Room, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT DONATIONS

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project committee is preparing for another holiday season.

Last year, the project committee helped 175 families including 352 children and 254 adults with a budget of approximately $6,500.

The committee's stated goal is the same as when the program started in the early 1980s. "Every child in the Charlevoix School District will have a good Christmas and receive a new article of clothing, a toy or a fun gift along with new mittens, hats and socks."

The project group has also found many needy senior citizens who live alone and would not have a good Christmas dinner without their help.

To donate, send checks made payable to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project to our treasurer Carolyn Batdorf, 04903 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, MI, 49720.

For more information, call Bev Boss, chairman of the Community Christmas Project at (231) 547-2078.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at (231) 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark, located at 401 West Carpenter St., is closed for the season. The park will reopen in May 2008. For more information, call 675-4505.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

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Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

DIVORCECARE

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Food pantry I

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

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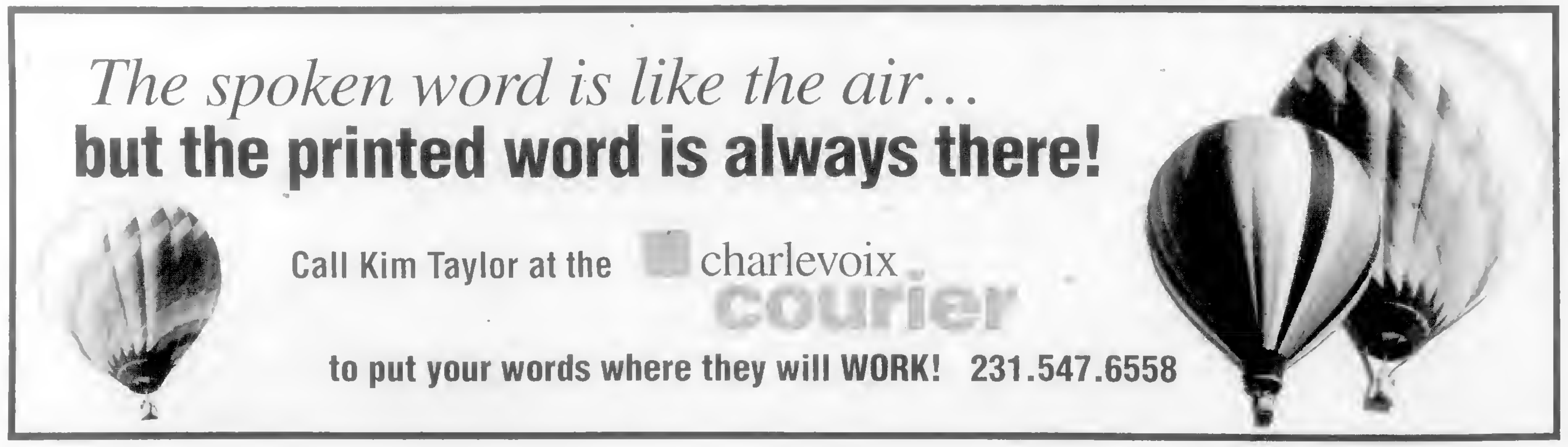
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Dec. 20, Charlevoix Area Hospital, 14700 Lakeshore Dr, Charlevoix, 10 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Dec. 24, American Red Cross Petoskey, 2350 Mitchell Park Drive, Petoskey, 9:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

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The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

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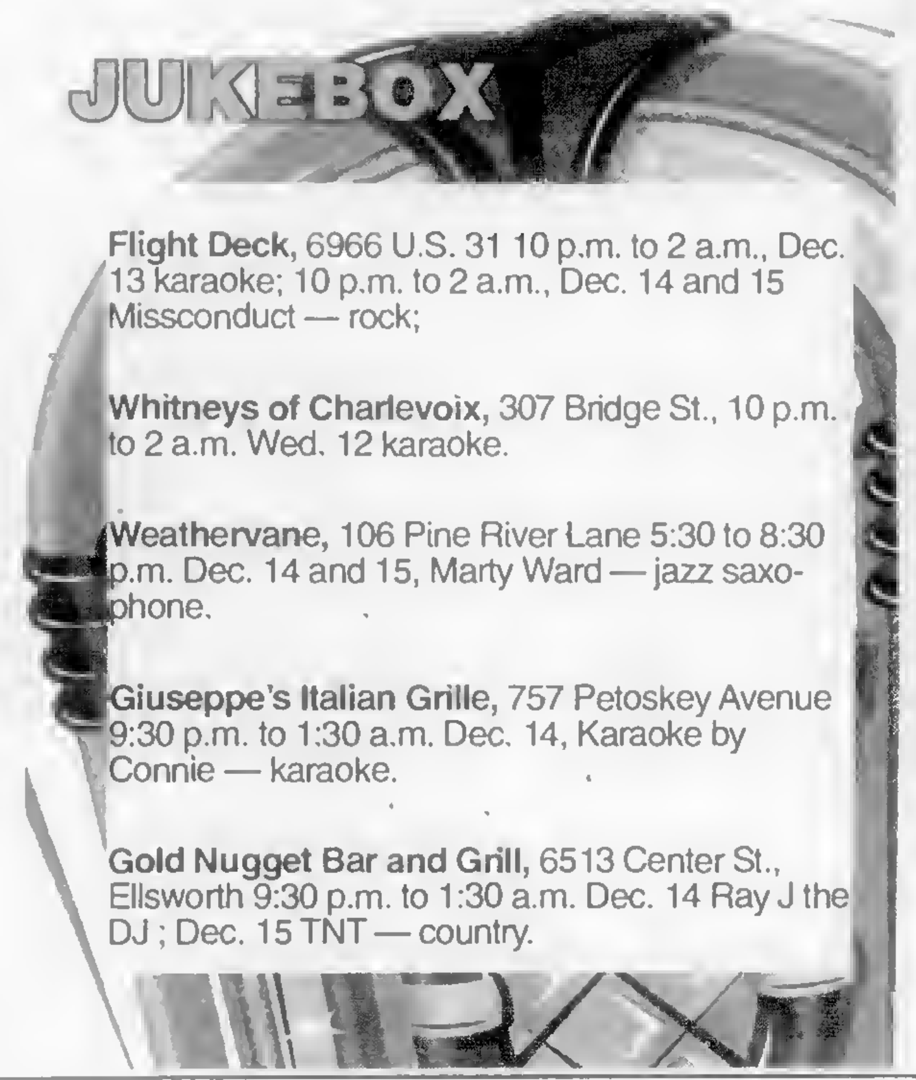

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Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St., 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wed. 12 karaoke.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 14 and 15, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone.

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Dec. 14, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

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New fun at Mt. McSauba

Opening a month earlier than last year, Mt. McSauba began its season over the weekend, also opening its new ice skating rink for the first time. Above (left) eight-year-old skating prodigies Breeanna Ross (front) and Kassey Wojan show off their talent Saturday afternoon. Above (right) Josh Wojan, 12, also skates with the girls. The trio was joined throughout the day by fellow skaters and skiers, as the facility offered free ski rentals in honor of its first weekend open.

Land OK'd for wind test towers

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Thousands of acres of local land have already been designated as potential sites for wind turbine generators.

Representatives of Heritage Sustainable Energy, pleased the Marion Township Planning Commission approved two special use permits to allow anemometer towers used to test wind speed, must now await final approval from Marion's zoning board.

"We hope to go before the zoning board in January and get them (meteorological towers) installed in mid- to late- January," said Heritage project manager Rick Wilson.

The two 197-foot tall wind testing towers, one approved for Marion Township Supervisor Wilson Boss' property and the other on Marion resident John Frey's land, cost approximately $20,000 each and will remain there for one to two years.

"We've acquired somewhere around 3,500 to 4,500 acres of wind energy leases in Marion and a little bit in Norwood," Wilson said.

Wilson said the reception by locals has been positive so far.

"We really seek to achieve a level of enthusiastic support from the community and don't have any intent of developing a project that isn't compatible with what the community wants to see done in that area," he said.

The reason the zoning board must make a determination on the anemometers is that the zoning ordinance does not address the use of guy wires intended to keep the towers erect.

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New Chamber director chosen

Courtesy photo

Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce President Tom Conlan stands with newly-appointed Chamber Director Erin Bemis. The Charlevoix native will take the place of out-going director Jacqueline Merta as of Jan. 2, 2008.

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

The search is over.

Having narrowed down the playing field from 40 candidates to 6 in the quest for a new leader for the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce just a few short weeks ago, the Chamber Board of Directors made their choice. Charlevoix native Erin Bemis was named the new executive director Dec. 10, taking the place of out-going director Jacqueline Merta as of Jan. 2, 2008.

"The decision by the board was unanimous. Erin stood head and shoulders above the rest," said Chamber Board President Tom Conlan.

One of a five-member selection committee involved in the hiring process, Conlan said the group had "a good kind of problem" when they sat down to review and interview the six finalists for the position. Five of the six candidates could, the group felt, "step in right away and do a good job." All five committee members however — Conlan, Chamber member Kirby Dipert and Chamber board members Jay Bingham, Patt Blanchard and Linda Bradley — agreed Bemis stood apart from the rest.

Interviews were held Dec. 5 and 6, and the group "decided to let the decision sit for the weekend," Conlan said, agreeing the following Monday to recommend Bemis to the Board of Directors, who accepted the recommendation. Bemis, already involved in a number of community activities, said she is excited to begin her new role.

"I see this as an extension of the volunteer work I was already doing," she said.

The Charlevoix High School graduate earned her bachelor's degree from Hillsdale College.

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DISTRICT COURT

The following cases were recently decided in Charlevoix County's 90th District Court:

Gregory Paul Cherniak, 56, Boyne City. Assault and battery. Pay $500 in fines and costs or serve 25 days in jail.

Mark Ray Scott, 34, Boyne City. Operator license suspended/revoked/denied/allow; Improper use of license plate. Credit for two days in jail; to serve 58 days in jail; released after 30 days; $600 in fines and costs.

Sarah Elizabeth Massey, 26, Boyne Falls. Driving while impaired. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; to serve six months probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $780 in fines and costs.

Nicholas J. Diller, 29, East Jordan. Weapons — improper possession — motor vehicle nongame. Credit for one day in jail; 89 days held in abeyance; to serve six months probation; not to possess any firearm; must obtain a psychiatric evaluation; $200 in fines and costs.

Ben Andrew Johnson, 25, East Jordan. Attempted fleeing and eluding—fourth degree. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 20 days in jail; 144 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve one year probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend Impact Weekend within 90 days; $800 in fines and costs.

ASSUMED NAMES:

Frank's Lawn Care, 2525 Center St., Boyne Falls, by Frank Turrigiano

MHCFA, 4185 Beishlag Road, East Jordan, by Gregory L. Niewendorp

CDC, 1275 Alpena St., Gaylord, by Carey Charboneau

TMS Services, P.O. Box 1315, 06391 Behling Road, East Jordan, by Tina M. Stark

Joe's Snow-Plowing, 04775 Boyne City-East Jordan Road, by Joseph Ignatowski

BIRTHS

Austin Jayson Rayl, weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces, was born to Joan Margaret Scott and Jayson Timothy Rayl of Charlevoix Dec. 9 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. He has one sibling, Cheyenne Lauren Scott. Grandparents are the late John P. Tobin and Janet Tobin of Gaylord and Tim and Elizabeth Rayl of Boyne City. Great grandparents are Walt and Delia Rayl of Snover, Mich.

Josie Lynn LaCombe, weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces, was born to Crystal Pung and Josh LaCombe of Boyne City Dec. 5 at Charlevoix Area Hospital. She has a sister, Cadence Pearl. Grandparents are Karen and Victor LaCombe of Boyne City, Ruth and Tim Welch of Boyne City, and Douglas Pung of Gaylord.

Charles Richard Kelly, weighing 8 pounds 5 ounces, was born Dec. 10 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Brian and Laura Kelly of Charlevoix. His siblings are Jane and William. Grandparents are Anne Kelly of Charlevoix and Bill and Pat Kelly of Swartz Creek.

Maddison Lee Burns, weighing 8 pounds 1 ounce was born Dec. 11 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Erica Lee Burns of Charlevoix. Her grandparents are Kathy and Pat Rajewski of Charlevoix and Dennis Burns of Muskegon. Her great-grandparents are Jan and Joe Marcelino of Ontario, Canada and Doris Boerema of Bradenton, FL.

Nicholas David Brennan, weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces, was born Dec. 13 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Thomas and Tina Brennan of East Jordan. His brother is Tommy. Grandparents are Mike and Mary Brennan and Bill and Gloria Parshall all of East Jordan. Great-grandparents are Lillian Martinek of East Jordan and Joe and Linda Solis of Three Rivers, MI.

Mackenzie Grace Smith, weighing 6 pounds 7 ounces was born Dec. 12 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Sarah Smith of Charlevoix. Her sister is Destiny Smith. Grandparents are Darlene Simpson and Mark Simpson both of Charlevoix.

Kaden James Czarnecki, weighing 6 pounds 7 ounces, was born Dec. 13 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ryanne and James Czarnecki of East Jordan. His brother is Jaylan and sisters are Mya and Alana. Grandparents are Lennie Miller, Randy Miller, Patricia McClung and Rodney McClung all of East Jordan.

Elaina Jo Cebulski, weighing 6 pounds 14.6 ounces, was born Dec. 14 at Charlevoix Area Hospital to Tamatha Cebulski of Charlevoix. Her brother is Bryce Cebulski. Her grandparents are Randy and Joanne Cebulski of Charlevoix. Great-grandparents are Archie & Louise Potter of Charlevoix.

Voters: Get absentee ballots for Primary

Charlevoix City Clerk Carol Ochs wants to remind residents needing absentee ballots that formal requests must be made before an application or ballot can be obtained.

With the Jan. 15 presidential primary approaching, Ochs said voters should consider potentially delayed mail due to the holidays, and said any absentee voters should get a jump on preparing to vote.

To request an application or to get information about a local clerk to provide the application, contact Ochs at (231)547-3250.

S.A.N.E. arrests

The Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement Team (S.A.N.E.) recently made the following arrest:

Nov. 11 - A 39 year-old mail Charlevoix resident was arrested for one count delivery of marijuana and one count maintaining a drug house. The subject was lodged at the Emmet County Jail.

Those wanting to report narcotics activity are encouraged to call S.A.N.E. at 1-800-621-8651. For details contact:

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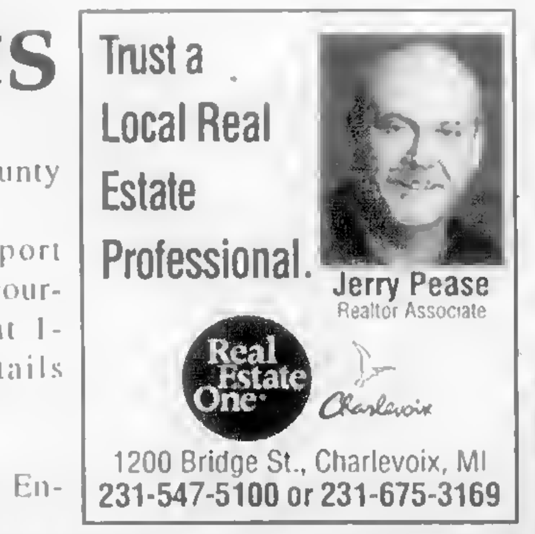
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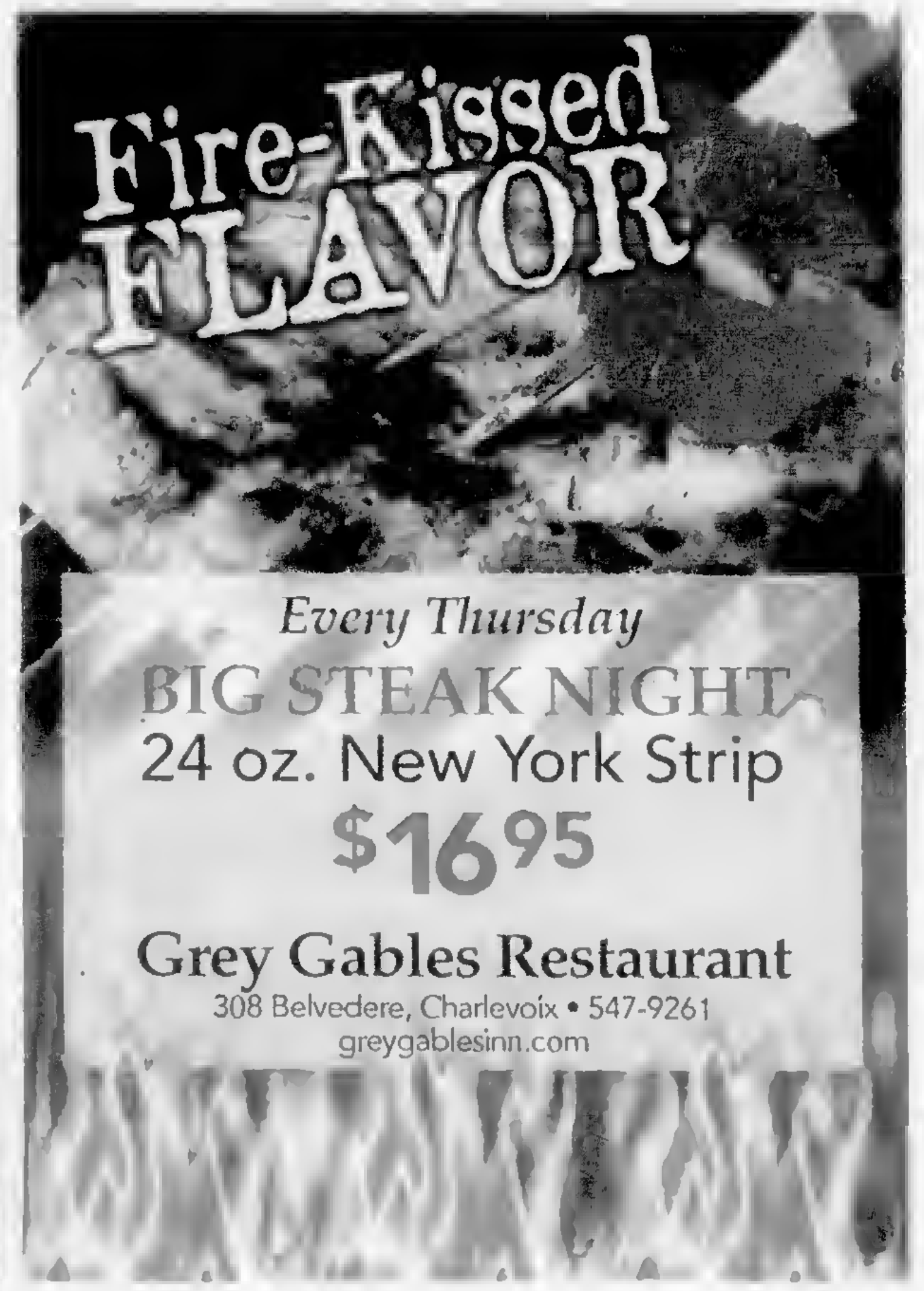
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Wind test towers could get final OK by January

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"The base sits on the ground with no foundation and the guy wires support it on four sides," Wilson said.

Wilson said he isn't sure how many citizens have signed contracts with his company.

"I would stress that the met(eorological) towers are temporary to get a good sample of the wind energy for that region," he said.

Heritage Sustainable Energy, in Traverse City for four years, is an off-shoot of energy company Rock Management.

Marion Township Board Member Joe Seidel, who attended the meeting as a concerned citizen, has several questions about how the wind turbine generators, if eventually installed, will affect present and future property values and why he, as a township official, had not been informed of the plan until recent days.

"Since nobody actually told me about this I am concerned that the rest of the township officials seemed to be fully aware of the matter even though it has not been brought up until 10 days or so ago," Seidel said. "There seems to be a lot of people who know a whole lot about it all of a sudden."

He added, "It seemed that the neighbors had some questions about the sizes of towers and their effect on properties and those transactions and company representatives kind of hedged on that; it didn't seem like a lot of questions were answered there."

Seidel said considering the township has little or no experience in dealing with wind energy issues, he hopes officials are not moving too fast.

"I'm just a little concerned that the due process has not been necessarily followed—curiouser and curiouser [sic]," he added.

Marion resident Josh Dhaseleer concurred with Seidel's sentiments.

"They kept saying, 'We need to put up towers and study for a year, year-and-a-half before we can put up the turbines,' so it wasn't super informative," he said. "But it sounds to me like they already know where they want to put up the towers."

Dhascleer alo expressed concern that at the meeting Tom Cooper, a Heritage representative, "would not give out any concrete numbers on how many there will be. They wouldn't commit to anything."

While the standard offered by Heritage states the primary contract is for five years, it appears that it can be renewed at Heritage's pleasure in perpetuity.

"I was originally told it was for 20 or 30 years, but Tom (Cooper) told me it's forever," Dhaseleer said. "And they told us the royalties are like $15,000 to $18,000 a year, but the guy I talked to at the Michigan Land Use Institute told me to realistically expect more like $3,000 to $8,000."

He added, "It felt kind of like the same kind of pitch you get from a used car salesman—I'm not sold on it."

Wilson said the negative feedback has been minimal and that the economic and environmental boons from wind energy far outweigh any negatives.

"You have issues with greenhouse gas emissions from the burning of coal, which is our primary electrical source, so we're trying to move in the direction which decreases greenhouse gas emissions or Co2," Wilson said. "In addition to providing clean, renewable energy for the state of Michigan, it also provides benefits to the community both from land owners getting paid a royalty for the electricity generated by the turbines and the creation of new jobs in the area for the installation and construction process and during the operations and maintenance there will be a handful of skilled individuals to maintain the machines."

He added, "And then there are the obvious taxes assessed on the equipment and that will be a significant benefit to the local tax base." Wilson said 80 percent of Michigan's energy is purchased from outside of the state and the more energy created from within, the more Michigan utility customers and workers will have to gain.

New Director to start Jan. 2

CHAMBER

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studying business administration, marketing and French. Bemis said she is committed to the Charlevoix community and civic involvement, currently acting as president of the Keep Charlevoix Beautiful Board, a member of the St. Mary School Marketing Committee and a member of the Belvedere Club Community Relations Committee.

"I am ready to jump right in. I am already involved (in the community) on many levels, and taking this position was a natural appeal for me," she said.

Conlan said the Chamber Board shares Bemis' enthusiasm.

"We are excited to have a new director with the qualifications and energy that Erin will bring to the job. A new generation of leadership is emerging in Charlevoix and that is as it should be," Conlan stated, adding Bemis has "demonstrated in the past and will continue to work together well with our Mayor Norman Carlson, the DDA director Keith Cary and the City staff."

Bemis said she understands she will have "hig shoes to fill" taking the place of a 30-year veteran in the director position, adding her predecessor Merta was "a cornerstone in the Chamber's history." Among her first goals is to meet and get to know all Chamber members, and she encourages anyone to "stop in" and get to know her as well.

Bemis said she is a "detail-oriented person," a characteristic she expects to boost her success in all projects in her new job.

"I believe details make or break a project," she said, adding her pro-active approach and natural ease with people will also benefit her in the position.

Excited about the period of change Charlevoix is currently in, Bemis said she looks forward to being a part of the trend.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce during such an exciting time," she stated. "With the new marina and reconstruction of East Park, our strong school system and new leadership, the possibilities are endless for positive enhancements."

Bemis made a public appearance Tuesday at a reception held in honor of Merta, who resigned after 30 years with the Chamber. Another public appearance will be made at the annual Chamber Dinner, expected to be held in late January.

In addition to the announcement of the new director, the Chamber board announced election results for 2008 board members:

- Tom Conlan (Belvedere Club and Golf Club) Chair
- Patricia Blanchard (Shop of the Gulls) Vice Chair
- Jay Bingham (Bingham Insurance Services) Treasurer

Other Board members are:

- Linda Bradley (Charlevoix Manufacturing Company)
- Steve Bennett (MacDougall House)
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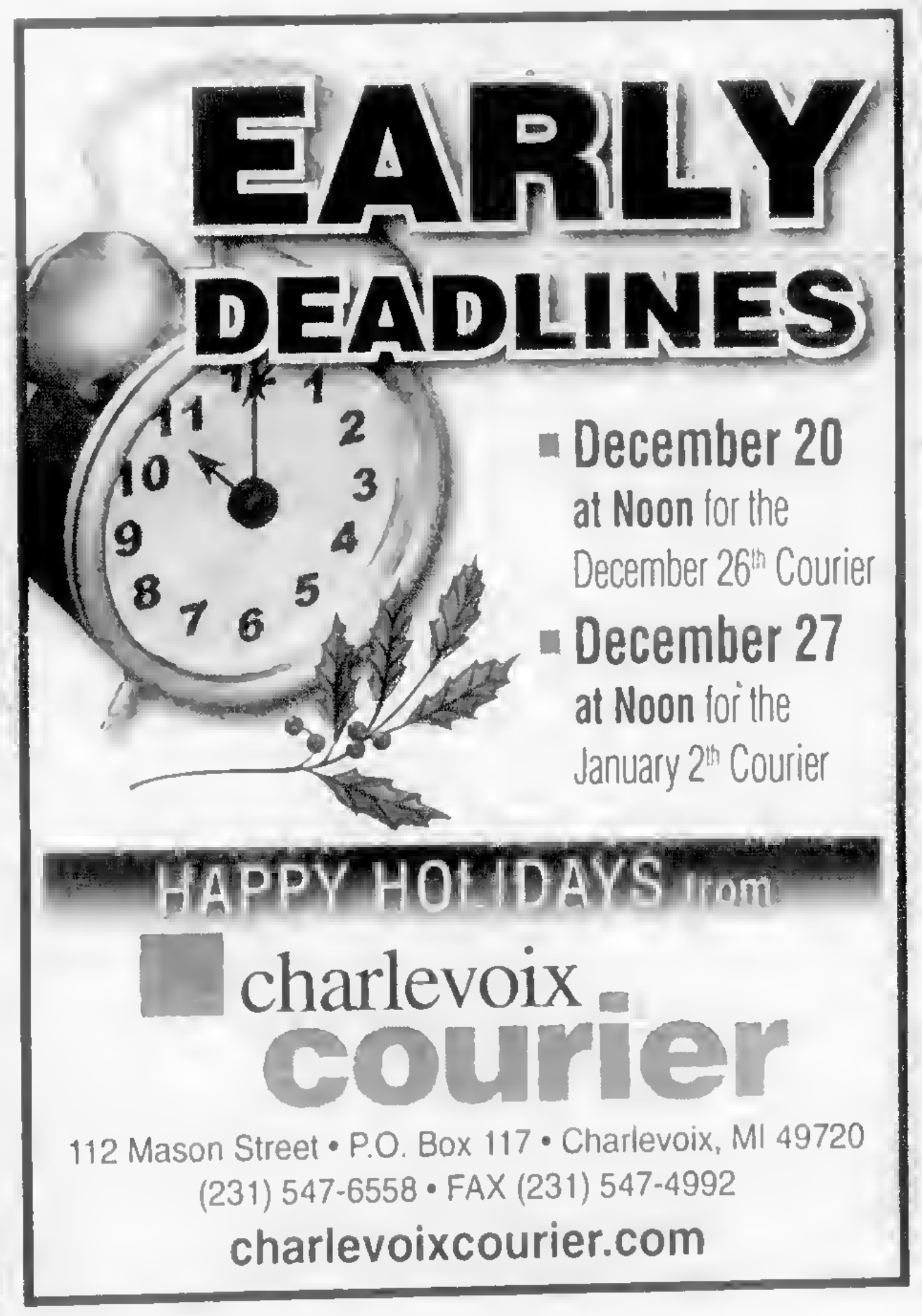
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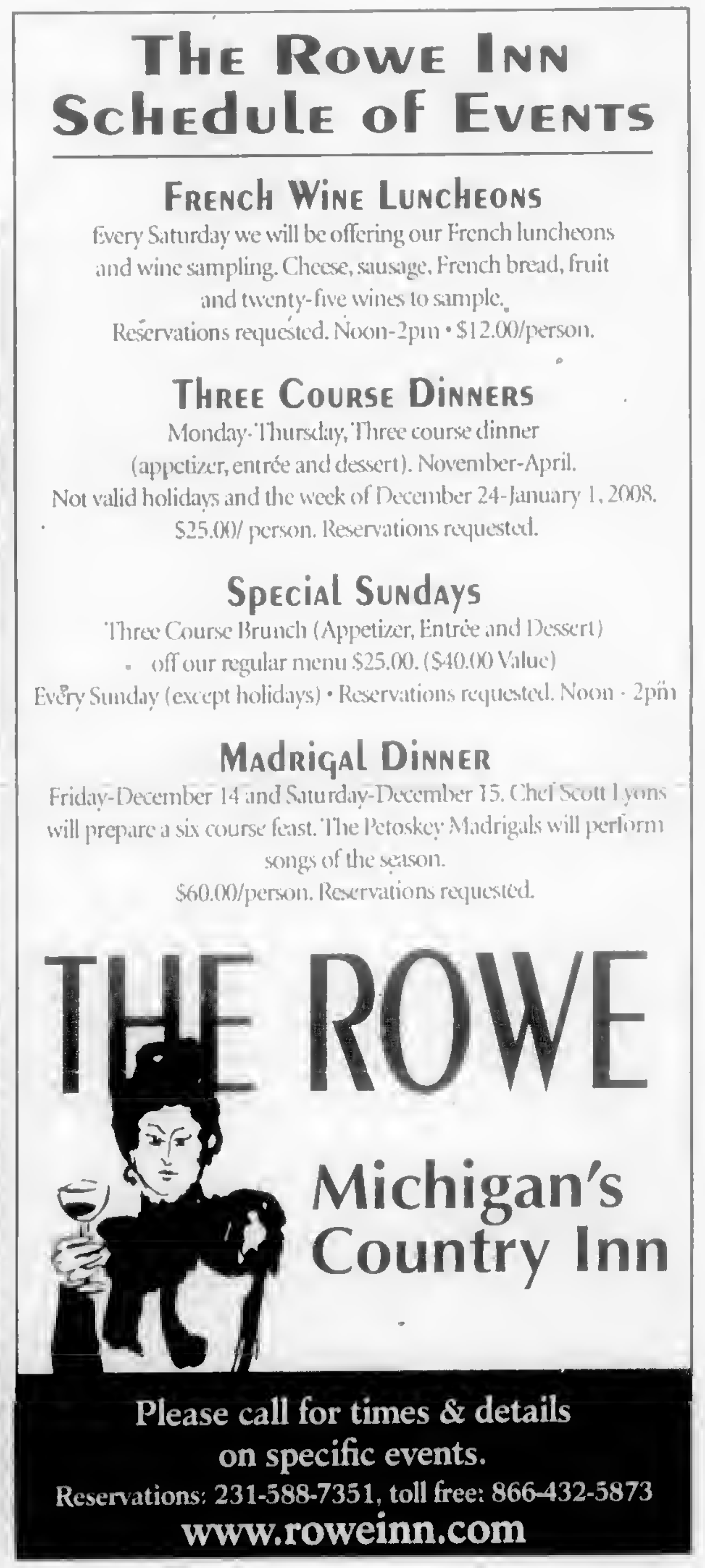
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The Crying Towel gets down and dirty

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

My new editor probably should have thrown this work of filth at my feet and asked why I was trying to get her fired, but she didn't.

However, the nail biting legal department with their thinning hair and palpitations urged me--and by "urged" I mean jabbed at me with sharp sticks while grunting menacingly in what I'm pretty sure was Latin—that I must, at the very least, forewarn my readers that treacherous content lies ahead.

So, if you pronounce schedule "shejwool," faint at the site of luncheon meat, subscribe to the New Yorker, lift your pinkie while drinking or get your wine out of a bottle instead of a box, you might want to pick up a copy of Dog Fancy or watch a rerun of the McLaughlin Group 'cause the Crying Towel is going to the loo.

My news junkie pal, who sends me so many column ideas, gave me a double whammy this week: Not only did Mr. (please don't squeeze the Charmin) Whipple pass away, but a Pennsylvania woman recently won a lawsuit against Kmart after they illegally taxed her on bath tissue.

I know what you're thinking, and you're right: Lazy writers (like me) and overworked editors DO wait for this kind of story to come along so we can print headlines like "Woman Flushed Over Swirling Controversy." and a quick check online revealed the punsters going to town on these stories.

All this bathroom oriented discourse got me thinking about my own sordid childhood.

My father's sense of humor ranged somewhere between Red Foxx and Lenny Bruce. Bodily functions were his obsession and nothing was taboo.

Dad spent so many years telling us to pull his finger I'm convinced he inadvertently conditioned himself to the point where tugging his digit is now a physical necessity, and until I was 11 I thought our home was overrun by barking spiders, greased elephants and that the house only settled on days mom made chili.

To those of you who feel this column is going downhill fast, I say: What, Dog Fancy didn't do it for you?

Our white trash circus was worsened by the fact that nine of us shared (unless you count that Folger's coffee can by the sump pump in the basement) one restroom complete with half-dollar-sized mushrooms growing between the bathtub and floor; and we routinely went sans paper, though there's nothing funny about making the mad dash while scrounging for a sock or book with pages no one would miss—sorry, David Copperfield.

In my defense of the aforementioned unconventional implements, I should point out that people have historically used everything from corncobs (which I can only assume is akin to shaving with a cheese grater) to rag on stick, silk and—allow me to pause for hecklers—yes even newsprint.

Looking back, the only humorous thing associated with a bathroom that I can remember, aside from watching a one-armed man scream at a drunken 15-year-old who proceeded to befoul every porcelain receptacle in the man's cabin during my friend's '92 graduation party (a series of stories best saved for the Townhouse some Saturday evening), was when I was 13 and my mother summoned me and my brother Hammy to the outer door of her sanitary sanctum sanctorum—some of the most meaningful conversations between mom and me were had through that old pine door.

By the time I knocked to see what was the matter, she was sobbing. She cracked the door, regained her composure and from her throne told us to listen as she read aloud the blueberry pie eating contest from Stephen King's "The Body" (I implore you to read it.), a story of an obese young man named David Hogan who exacts revenge on the cruel townsfolk by initiating a pastry puke-fest of old Roman proportions.

Mom kept herself together up until Davie, with queasy gullet, opened his mouth with a great blue smile before belching an inhuman amount of castor oil and pie on the previous year's champion hence setting off a chain reaction.

I remember blowing snot bubbles, crying great hot tears and shaking while fighting for air and trying not to fall down as she told of poor Miss Norman who, exhibiting good manners to the bitter end, upchucked in her own purse.

To news junkie I say: Keep sending these strange news bits. To anyone I may have offended I say: Pull my finger.

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Weekly Poll

Has Christmas become too commercialized?

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Of those polled, 70% do not want an interactive water fountain in East Park!

The meaning of light and life, to a bontanist

EAR TO THE GROUND

Roger Knutson

To a botanist like me who identifies closely with the growing plants around me, green is the color of life and light can be seen as life itself. Both light and green are hard to come by at this darkest time of the year. Even though we have in downtown Charlevoix those new, energy efficient "green" lights on our street trees. Thank goodness for the Christmas tree tradition, which brings a little green and even some light into the house: Never mind that the tree may be artificial and the lights not yet "green" ...

One the few days at this time of year when we see the sun at all, it seems so far away. It is not difficult to understand how northern people, in the centuries before clocks and calendars, felt that the sun was abandoning them, and that they had to do something in order to lure it back. This certainly explains why a lot of religious tradition, mostly from Northern Europe, concentrates the most important festivals at this time of year. We seldom dance around large bonfires built on the highest available hills any more, or sacrifice virgins, but we still participate in festivals with their roots in the urge to lure the sun back from its apparently far away travels.

We did have a day of sunshine last week, which made it perfectly clear just how far away the sun was. My shadow at midday on our flat driveway was more than 15 feet long, and the sun itself was nearly hidden behind trees two houseboats to the south. Within a few days, the earth, with or without our celebratory assistance, will begin to tilt us northern people toward the sun, and the tropical plants in my little greenhouse will begin to breathe the same sigh of relief that we people do.

Plants are easier to fool about the movement of the seasons than are people. I have been giving the tropical greenhouse residents the illusion of equatorial days by providing them with four hours of extra light each day. It is not enough to help their growth, but it convinces them that they live somewhere south of Florida. The total hours of light and darkness, rather than the amount of light, is what tells most plants when and where they are in the world. Without the green in my greenhouse and the ease with which I can fool my tropical charges, time around the Winter Solstice would be even gloomier.

Enjoy the season and give some thought to both the people and the plants that suffer from too few hours of daylight.

> "Thank goodness for the Christmas tree tradition, which brings a little green and even some light into the house..."
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LETTERS to the editor

WYNKOOP NOT MISTREATED

Dear Editor,

Well, Mr. Wynkoop is at it again! In the Charlevoix Courier's article of Dec. 5, as well as in his letter of resignation as the Supervisor of Norwood Township, Wynkoop plays the victim. Now, according to Wynkoop, the court has joined the Norwood Township Citizens Group (NTCHS) in an effort to deprive him of his just rights to develop an industrial limestone quarry in an agricultural and rural residential zone of the township. Mr. Wynkoop, and the township planning officials who support his cause, need to wake up. The Wynkoops and the township have now lost two court cases in this matter because they broke the law.

In one case, the zoning administrator and zoning board of appeals improperly and illegally declared that Wynkoop had a non-conforming use right to mine free of township regulation. The court disagreed. In the most recent case, the court said that "there is the appearance of impropriety" on the part of the township's planning commission members. The court also voided the special use permit as a matter of law under the precedent set in Barkey v. Nick, 11 Mich app 381:161 NW 2d 445 (1968) and Abrahamson v. Wendell (On Rch), 76 Mich app 278, 282; 256 NW 2d 613 (1977). The SUP was voided because Supervisor Wynkoop abused his position and his powers of appointment and removal, actions that went "beyond what case law permits." Wynkoop, as well as the chair of his planning commission, Tom Mielke, have repeatedly tried to trivialize the court's verdict by saying that Judge Power withdrew his SUP because of a "possible" appearance of impropriety. In fact, Judge Power ruled that the supervisor committed unlawful actions and that the planning commission's actions gave the appearance of impropriety.

Actually, the appearance of impropriety does not come close to describing some of the doings in Norwood Township. What about recent township contracts with the Charlevoix County Road Commission to gravel certain township roads? Mr. Wynkoop discussed and recommended these contracts to the township board, but never revealed that the taxpayers' money would go to him in a pass-through contract. Would this be a "possible" appearance of impropriety?

So what was the response of the Norwood township board to the most recent court decision? At their meeting of Dec. 3, (see Charlevoix Courier December 12) the board voted to repeal the township's code of ethics. How's that for bolstering the public's confidence in the honesty of township government?

Sincerely,
Charles Cleland

SUPPORT FOR FOOD PANTRY

Editor:

The Charlevoix Community Food Pantry would like to thank the employees at the Charlevoix plant and at their corporate office for their generous contribution to the food pantry. The demand on our resources is greater than ever this year. This donation will go a long way toward providing food for our local families in need.

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Behind the News: wait service 101 for restaurants

BEHIND THE NEWS

Edith Gilbert

BY EDITH GILBERT SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

There's a new approach that food writers are taking when they review restaurants. For example, the New York Times columnists used to only describe the food that was served--if it was spicy, juicy or crunchy. Then gradually critics started to mention the décor or ambiance of the restaurant. Recently, I have noticed that some attention is given to the service provided. And high time!

I recall the day when friends told me while ordering at one of our better restaurants in Charlevoix that the waitress said, "Everyone who wants fish, raise your hand!" Things may have gotten better since then, but not much. Staff is still asking, "You guys ready to order?" or "Are you still working on that?" The only food that deserves the latter comment in my opinion is crah legs!

Sure, restaurant managers stop by your table and ask, "Is everything all right?" and diners politely nod and say, "Yes", but later they complain bitterly to me as we walk to the parking lot: "Why do they fill my glasses and coffee cups to the brim? How can you keep from spilling the drink in your lap?" Or "I wish they didn't clear plates before EVERYONE has finished. It makes a slow eater like me feel rushed!" Which reminds me of the time a waiter took my dinner plate away--while my fork was still in my mouth!

Why is it OK for wait staff to constantly interrupt a lively conversation or the closing of an important business deal with, "Is everything all right?" No, my dear, everything is NOT all right—you are interrupting and that is rude! Instead stop by the table, pause and make eye contact and then your guest will be free to nod or ask for more rolls or whatever.

I know that it is not easy to run a restaurant and summer resorts have a heavy turnover in staff. That is why many places feel the need to hire trained help from Argentina, Poland or Jamaica instead of local college kids. Unfortunately many of our American youngsters are used to eating on the run. No more Sunday family sit-down dinners at Grandma's, because she is now living in Florida or Arizona or is off on a cruise. The only restaurants they have time to attend after soccer or basketball practice are fast food restaurants like McDonalds or Pizza Hut. Nor do restaurant owners have the time to train these busy kids beyond taking orders, handing them in to the kitchen, remembering who ordered what, and making out the bill. These kids are never told that, "We eat from the left, and drink from the right!" Coffee cups are set down on the table on either side instead of on the right. Baked potatoes and salads are set down anywhere there's room and it is up to the diner to guess whose salad belongs to whom.

We're proud that Charlevoix has been named a Cool City! Now it's time for restaurant owners to get together and give us some Cool Service! I understand that our Chamber of Commerce is planning to help promote this new Cool Service project for the benefit orflocal restaurant owners and their clientele. They deserve three cheers for planning to tackle this challenging project.

State to groom ski trails

State Representative Mike Lahti recently announced the House and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources have reached an agreement to continue grooming 16 cross country ski trails that were not scheduled to be maintained this year.

Lahti, the Chairman of the Natural Resources Subcommittee, worked closely with DNR Director Rebecca Humphries to secure funding which will ensure winter recreational trails will be groomed and parking lots will be plowed for the holiday season.

The DNR announced previously that 16 trails throughout Michigan would not be groomed this winter, due to a cut in funding. The trails will now remain groomed until at least mid-January, when Lahti hopes that a supplemental bill will be approved providing additional funding for grooming.

"In anticipation of a supplemental bill package, immediate funding of winter recreation areas until a Jan. 15 vote on the supplemental budget was necessary to prevent them from closing," Lahti said. "We need to keep these valuable resources open for the enjoyment of our residents and tourists."

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Wojan – Laciak Wedding

Marcy Wojan, daughter of Dennis and Florence Wojan of Charlevoix, and Brian Laciak, of Chicago, the son of Joseph and Barbara Laciak of Highland, Indiana, were united in marriage on Aug. 4, 2007 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Charlevoix. The Rev. Jerry Hunko officiated at the afternoon nuptial Mass.

Jennifer Wojan of Chicago, sister of the bride was the Maid of Honor. Bridesmaids were Katie Flavin of Bolingbrook, Illinois; Kathy Heron of Columbus, Ohio; Suzann Hummer of Chicago; and Katie Vales of Chicago.

Geoff Laciak of Chicago served as his brother's Best Man. Groomsmen were Mark Connelly of Hanover Park, Illinois; Steve Fiamingo of Evanston, Illinois; Kevin Weitzke of Chicago and Michael Wojan of Charlevoix.

Ushers were cousins of the bride, Ron and Shawn Videan of Alto, Michigan.

Following the ceremony an evening reception hosted by the bride's parents was held at the Charlevoix Country Club. The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner at the Bay Harbor Golf and Country Club.

The newlyweds honeymooned on the Hawaiian Islands of Maui, Kauai, and Oahu and will reside in Chicago.

Marcy is a graduate of Charlevoix High School and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana and a Master of Education from DePaul University. Marcy is currently a fifth grade teacher in Oak Park, Illinois.

Brian is a graduate of Bishop Noll Institute and received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame and a Master of Business Administration from Northwestern University. Brian is currently Senior Producer Controller with UBS Alternative and Quantitative Investments in Chicago.

Jordan Valley Chorale presents Festival of Carols

The Jordan Valley Chorale, under the direction of Ellen Addington, will present a "Festival of Carols" at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30 at the United Methodist Church at 201 Fourth Street, East Jordan. Singers from Charlevoix, East Jordan and Central Lake join in presenting a program of works including Palestrina, Grotenhuis, Reger, Marshall, Rutter and Darke.

Featured soloists are Barb Dowty, soprano and Ron Klooster, as well as Pam Luce, contralto, who will be introducing a composition by local composer Elizabeth Humphrey, written for the occasion. Hand bells will accompany the Jane Marshall number and maracas on the rhythmic, playful Walter Grady's "Sing Joyously". Elizabeth Humphrey, pianist and accompanist for the chorale, will offer her "Christmas Potpourri", which has become a highlight of the program.

The audience will be an important part of the "Festival of Carols", joining with the Chorale in singing many of the favorite carols and ushering in this joyous time of Advent/Christmas with happy sounds of the seasons. There is no charge, but contributions will be gratefully accepted and donated to the Community Food Pantry.

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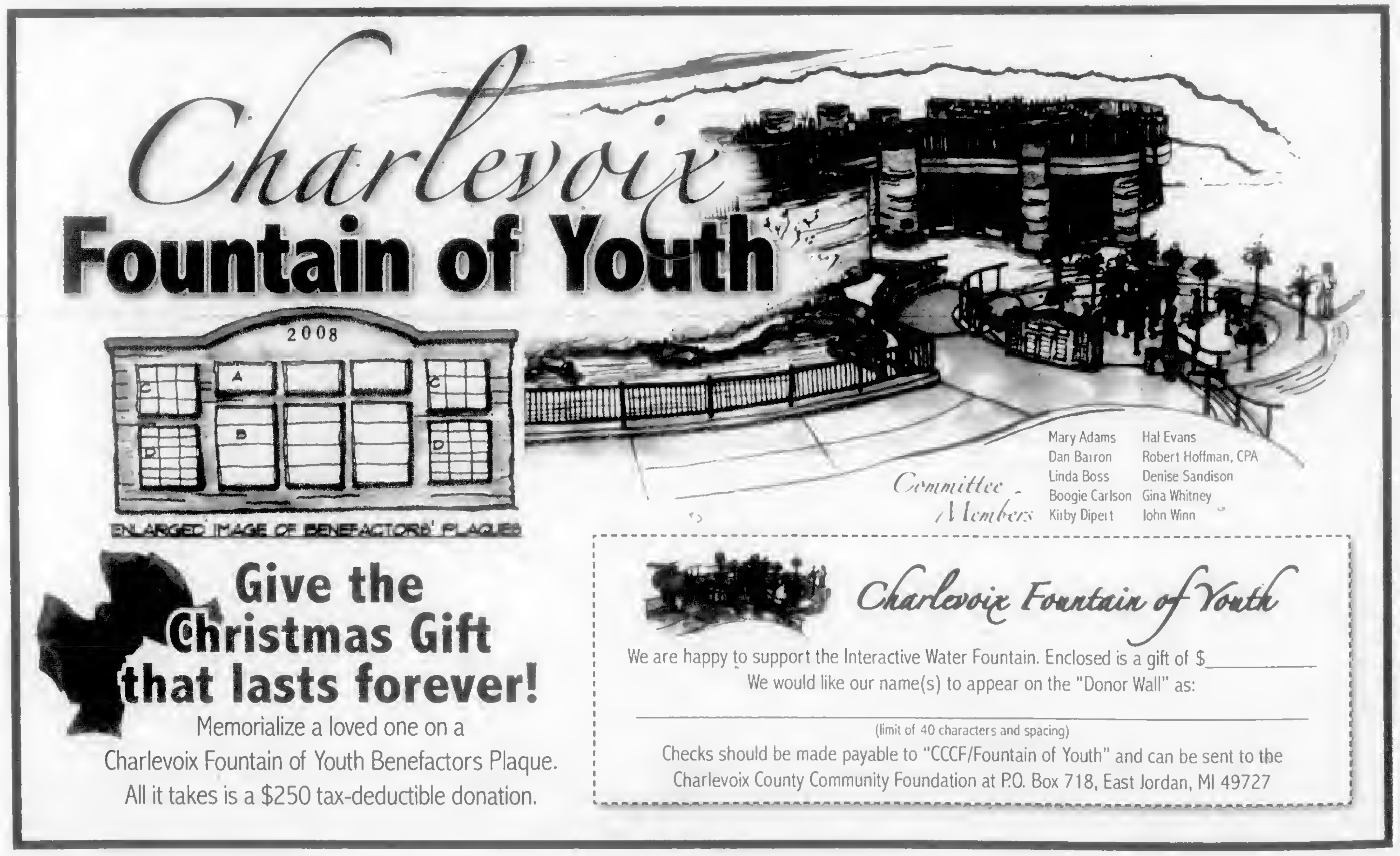
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FOUR GENERATIONS

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Pictured are four generations of a local Holtzman family. Bob Holtzman, son and grandfather; Lily Elizabeth Curtis, age 6, great granddaughter; Stella (Holtzman) Pearl, great grandmother; Tobi Curtis, mother and granddaughter; and Chloe Belle, age 1, great granddaughter.

Local Knights of Columbus to sponsor free throw contest

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2008 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5. at the Charlevoix Middle School gym.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. International championships are announced by the K of C International headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions.

Last year more than 179,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,000 local competitions. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or addition information contact Ed Linse at 547-4526 or Gabe Campbell at 547-9739.

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Coloring contest results

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Isabella Baum holds her first-place winning poster.

The Charlevoix Community Tree Lighting coloring contest, sponsored by Charlevoix Chamber and Charlevoix DDA, received over 125 entries. The entries were displayed at the community ornament making and photo with Santaduring the tree lighting celebration held Nov. 23. First place winners received $25 in Charlevoix Chamber certifichecks, second place winners received $15 and third place received $10 to spend at a participating Charlevoix business.

3-6 yr old group winners:
- 1st: Isabella Baum-Charlevoix Elementary School
- 2nd: Elisabeth Petroskey--Charlevoix Elementary School
- 3rd: Tyler Ostrum-Charlevoix Elementary School

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- 2nd: Natalie Nesburg-St. Mary School
- 3rd: Emily Sabsook-Charlevoix Elementary School

What's happening at the Library this week?

Quilters and Friends
Thursday, December 20, 10:00 am
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Story-time
Thursday, December 20
Lap-sit (birth-3), *10:05 am*
Pre-k (3-5), *10:30 am*
Stories, songs and crafts for young children.
(No Story hour on December 27)

Teen Gaming Night: Guitar Hero
Thursday, December 20, 6:00 pm
All teens (13 and up) are invited to join in a fun evening of Guitar Hero on the big screen in the Community Room.

Regular Weekly Meetings: Newcomers Welcome!
French Conversation Circle:
Tuesdays @ noon (No meetings on December 25 and January 1)
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Edith M. Balch

Edith M. Balch of Charlevoix passed away Dec. 7, 2007 at Bortz Health Facility in Petoskey. Edith was born in Charlevoix Feb. 10, 1919, the daughter of Eleanor (Gravelin) and Amos O'Neil.

On October 17, 1936, Edith Married Kenneth A. Balch of Charlevoix and they continued to make their home in Charlevoix for more than 69 years. Kenneth preceded her in death in June, 2006.

Edith was retired form Dockside Pharmacy in Charlevoix (formerly Schroeder's Drug Store) where she enjoyed visiting with the people who would stop in daily for coffee. She also enjoyed a rapport with the local teenagers who would visit the soda fountain for lunch or a Coke after school. Over the years, many of those teenagers continued to stop in for a visit with Edith when they would return to Charlevoix.

Edith enjoyed camping, bird watching and following the local football and basketball teams. She also was an avid hunter in her younger days.

Edith is survived by her three sons, Kenneth (Kaye), Ronald (Deanne) and Gary (Teresa), five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. In addition to her busband, Edith was preceded in death by her parents and her sister and brother-in-law, Freda and Glenn Pemberton of Charlevoix.

Cremation has taken place and a graveside memorial service for Edith will be held in the spring. The family suggests that donations in Edith's memory be made to the Charlevoix-County Humane Society or the charitable organization of your choice. Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handing the arrangements.

Red Cross: blood needed for winter months, holidays

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- Donors may give whole blood up to 6 times per year or every 56 days.
- Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE or visit www.redcrossmichigan.org for an appointment or more information.

Youth perform at Christmas concert

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

A full house of friends relatives and students packed the auditorium at Charlevoix High School to watch the annual Charlevoix Middle School Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 13.

Make Time to Worship

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CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	**547-6430**

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

BELLFLOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Adult Sunday School	9:[illegible]
Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Pastor Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -5168**

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	**547-6322**
Rev. John S. David	

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
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Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
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President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
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12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
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Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
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Church Office	**547-9482**

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9321 Main St., PO Box 217 • Ellsworth

Sunday School	11:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	**588-7805**

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Corner of Elm & Park • Ellsworth

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
201 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4221**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort	**547-4121**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US-31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	[illegible]:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 11:15 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9122**

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**237-0800**

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07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:[illegible]
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-1899**

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	**582-9262**

IRONTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Ironton

Sunday Schoole	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-3008**
Pastor: Harold L. Kruse	**599-2321**

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:10 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

PETOSKEY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
1404 Howard Street

Sabbath School	9:20 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue 10-2pm
Pastor Duane O'Ffill	**231-347-6651**

SAFE HARBOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
US-31 & Old US-31

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	**547-6283**

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
1003 Bridge Street

Saturday Night Mass	5:00 p.m.
Faith Formation: Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.
Evening before Holy Days	7:00 p.m.
Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Father Jerry Hunko	**547-6652**

TEMPLE B'NAI ISRAEL
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Hidden pump causes spill at area landfill

Spill poses no human health risk, officials say

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

At a glance ...

700 gallons of 'chemical tea' spilled at the Cedar Ridge Landfill, owned by Waste Management of Michgan, Inc.

Spill is believed to have contaiminated 1,600 square feet

Four to six inches of topsoil removed to prevent hazard

WMI has spent nearly $10,000 on clean up so far

A pump designed to prevent rainwater from collecting in an Ironton landfill transfer station caused a 700-gallon leachate spill this autumn.

The transfer station's pump fed rainwater into a landfill leachate tank—When rainwater flows over garbage it creates leachate which pools at the bottom of a landfill and is later pumped using an above ground tube and hauled away—causing the contents to overflow from the above ground tube.

"There wasn't, in any of the documentation on the site, anything that showed that tank was connected to the leachate tank," said project manager Phil Mazor of Waste Management of Michigan Inc., the company that owns the Cedar Ridge Landfill located at 11633 Saunders Road. "That tank has been disconnected so it can't pump into that leachate tank anymore and I have scheduled it on a regular basis to be pumped to remove the rainwater."

This spill is thought to have contaminated nearly 1,600 square feet of the 40-acre site, and though the site with the 15,000-gallon leachate collection tank has been closed since 2002, maintenance is an ongoing process.

When operational, Cedar Ridge Landfill accepted what is considered non-hazardous solid municipal waste which is a mixture of household and commercial garbage.

Mazor, who said the leachate only poses a health concern if ingested, said with the previously unknown issue of the transfer station pump fixed, there should be no similar problems in the future.

The analysis, which was found by TestAmerica Labaratory in North Canton, OH, to be "well below the reporting limit for samples" and showed ethylbenzine, naphthalene, trimethylbenzene —components of fossil fuels and certain types of ash—and various inert constituents according to Mazor.

Four to six inches of soil over the contaminated area were removed to prevent any possibility of environmental hazard to remain.

"The important part is they notified us right away and they got it cleaned up," said Waste and Hazardous Materials Division lead worker John Ozoga III of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. "They are very compliant on this issue as far as the spill goes. We have not been able to determine fines or penalties at this point but there will probably not be any fines."

The cleanup, including leachate analysis and preparation of the incident report has cost WMI nearly $10,000.

Though compliant on most of the issues, Ozoga said he was concerned about the MDEQ's ability to enter the landfill.

"Their company has been a little restrictive on our access to their site and I've taken exception to that," he said. "We literally have a right to go there anytime we choose. Scheduling an appointment is not conducive to us."

He added, "We're not adversarial on this thing, this is just my job to make sure they clean this up."

In Ozoga's letter of warning he stated that WMI was in violation of three sections of environmental law: Failing to ensure all leachate is disposed of properly; causing a discharge of leachate; and for discharging into the waters of the state a substance that is or may become injurious to the public health.

Unless test results determine otherwise, Ozoga said he has no anxiety over the possibility of the leachate entering nearby waterways.

Landfill neighbor Wayne Saunders said he knows of no problems on his property due to the landfill.

"Tanker trucks go by maybe once or twice a week," he said. "But I have my well checked every year and it always checks out great."

The landfill site is naturally geologically protective due to all the clay below the ground, according to Ozoga.

"It's sitting on 40 to 50 feet of clay," he said. "It is impermeable and it doesn't pass water like some of the other landfills around which are on sand. If those have a spill it leaks right into the ground."

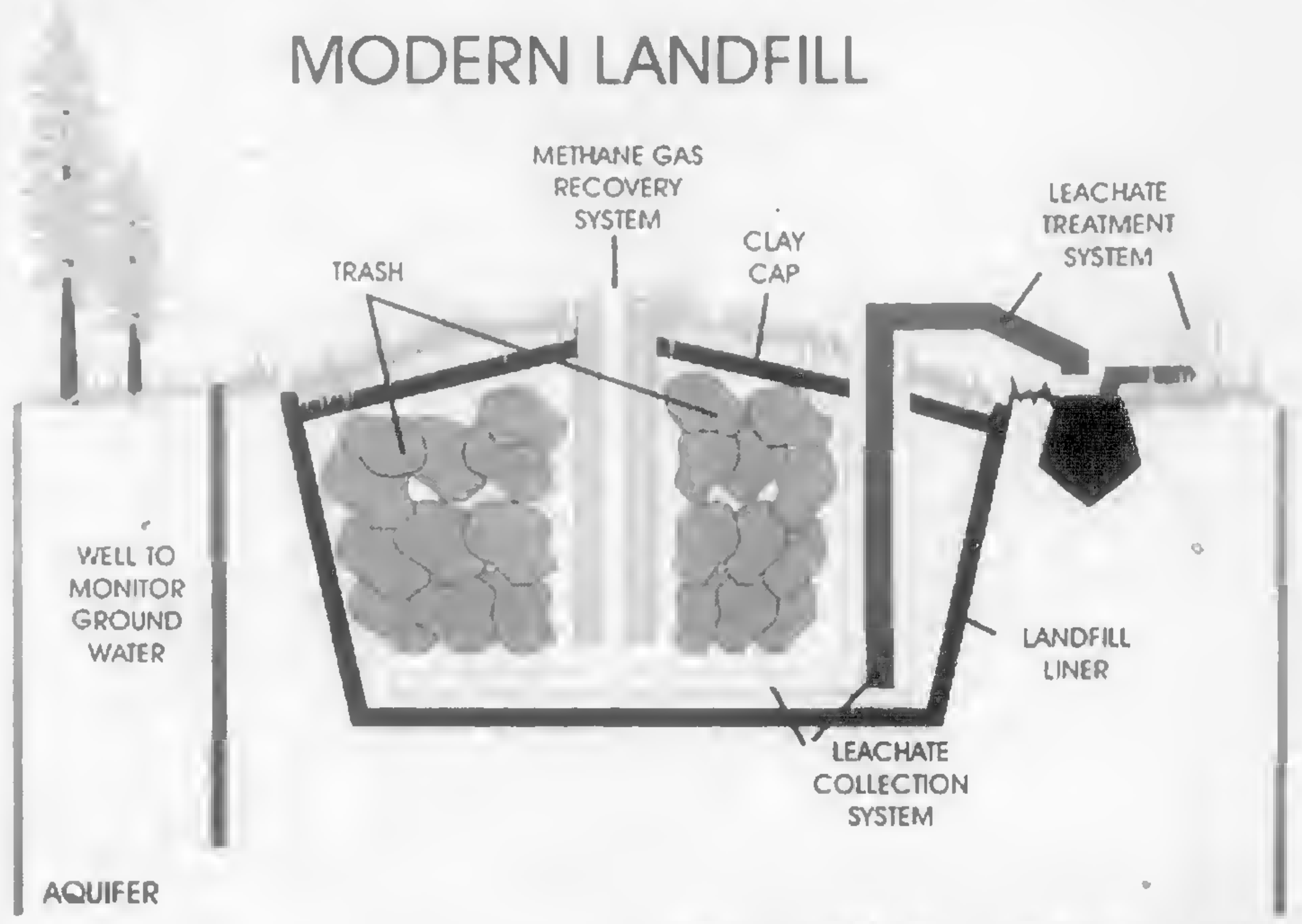
Leachate from Cedar Ridge is pumped into an injection well, or underground void, in Johannesburg.

A report has been submitted by WMI and is currently under review to verify compliance.

"I won't be sure until I (look at) the final report that the dirt and water was removed," he said. "It will be taken care of and I think we'll also resolve the access problem."

A typical landfill, Ozoga said, may gross $12 million a year, but a $1 million a year of that income could go to pumping and hauling leachate on a regular basis.

Newer landfills— Michigan no longer has operation dumps where litter is simply piled on the ground or in holes — are constructed like bathtubs with lids and pumping stations which remove the rainwater that enters them and collects at the bottom.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Graphic courtesy the U.S. Department of Energy

This graphic of a modern landfill shows the differences from the old style garbage dump where trash was simply piled on the ground or pushed into a hole and covered. The two major differences between this landfill and the Cedar Ridge Landfill which recently experienced a several hundred gallon spill of landfill leachate is that the methane produced by decomposing garbage is burned off instead of recovered for future energy usage and the leachate collection system is pumped into trucks and shipped to an underground cavern instead of being treated on-site.

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HOLIDAY Worship Directory

These local houses of worship welcome you in this holiday season.

Alanson

Alanson United Methodist Church

Corner of Chicago and North Street
(231) 548-5709
Kathy Cadarette, Pastor
Dave Cadarette, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 23 - 9 a.m. Worship

Monday, Dec. 24 - Candlelight Service at 5 p.m. Scripture lessons, music and a message by Pastors Kathy & Dave Cadarette of Hilltop Fellowship of Petoskey. Service will end with lighting of candles. A special offering will be taken to support the Methodist Children's Home.

Boyne City/ Boyne Falls

Boyne Valley Catholic Community

St. Matthew, Boyne City

St. Augustine, Boyne Falls

Christmas Masses

- ST. MATTHEW, BOYNE CITY
  Monday, Dec. 24 - 6:00 pm
  Monday, Dec. 24 - Midnight Mass (12 midnight)
- ST. AUGUSTINE, BOYNE FALLS
  Tuesday, Dec. 25 - 9:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family

- ST. MATTHEW, BOYNE CITY
  Saturday, Dec. 29 - 5:30 pm
  Sunday, Dec. 30 - 11:00 am
  ST. AUGUSTINE, BOYNE FALLS
  Sunday, Dec. 30 - 9:00 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- ST. AUGUSTINE, BOYNE FALLS
  (Holy Day of Obligation)
  Tuesday, Jan. 1 - 10:00 am

Charlevoix

Charlevoix United Methodist Church

104 State Street (231)547-2654

Sunday Dec. 23:
4th Sunday of Advent 11 am Worship
Monday Dec. 24:
7 & 11 pm Christmas Eve Candle Light **Service**

Christ Episcopal Church

200 State Street (231)547-6322
Fr. John David officiating

Sunday, Dec. 23 - 10 am service with Christmas pageant followed by potluck with decorating for Christmas Service
Monday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service with Carols at 6:30 pm, Holy Eucharist Rite II at 7 pm followed by a gathering in the Fellowship hall

No 10 am Worship service Dec. 25th

First Congregational United Church of Christ

101 State St., corner of Park and State
(231) 547-9122

"Arise, shine; for your light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you." Isaiah 60:1
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services;
Informal Family Worship, 7 pm
Lessons and Carols, 11 pm

St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

1005 Bridge Street (231)547-6652

Monday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass at 4 pm and 10 pm , Christmas Carols begin at 9:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Mass at 9 am

Monday, Dec. 31 - Mass at 6 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 1 - Mass at 10 am

Harbor Springs

Harbor Springs United Methodist Church

Corner of Main and Gardner Sts.
(231)526-2414
Kathy Cadarette, Pastor
Dave Cadarette, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 23 - 11 a.m. Worship

Monday, Dec. 24 - Candlelight Service at 7 pm. Scripture lessons, music and a message by Pastors Kathy & Dave Cadarette of Hilltop Fellowship of Petoskey. Service will end with lighting of candles. A special offering will be taken to support the Methodist Children's Home.

Indian River

Cross in the Woods

7078 M-68 Hwy. (231)238-8973

Saturday, Dec. 22 - 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, Dec. 23 - 8:30 & 10:30 am Mass

Monday, Dec. 24 - 8:30 am & 6:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass; 12:00 am Midnight Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 25 - 10:00 am

Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 1 - 8:30 am & 12:00 pm
New Year's Day Mass

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These local houses of worship welcome you in this holiday season.

Ironton

Ironton Congregational Church, U.C.C.

03582 Washington St. off Hwy M-66
(231)237-0270
Pastor Michael Smith

Sunday, Dec. 23 - 11 am Service (10:15 a.m. Bible Study)

Monday, Dec. 24 - 7 pm Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Levering

New Hope United Methodist

4516 US-31 (231)537-2000

Monday, Dec. 24 - 9 am Service
6 pm - Christmas Eve Service

Petoskey

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

1450 E. Mitchell Rd. (231)347-5448
crossofc@sbcglobal.net
Sherry McGuffin, Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 23 - 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Communion Services

Monday, Dec. 24 - 7:00 & 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Holy Communion candlelight service. Special music will be at both services.

Cross Pointe Christian Fellowship

600 N. Division Rd. (231)548-3448
Bayview/Petoskey Area
Richard Vance, Sr. Pastor

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Sunday, Dec. 23 - 10:00 am

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Sermon-"Come, Worship the King"

6:00 pm Christmas Movie Night - "The Nativity"

Petoskey

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

1020 E. Mitchell St. (231)347-2350
eecpetoskey@yahoo.com
Rev. Gregory Brown, Rector

Monday, Dec. 24 - 4 pm
Prelude Christmas music

4:30 pm Family Christmas Liturgy
10:30 pm Prelude Christmas music
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Liturgy

Tuesday, Dec. 25 - 11:00 am
Christmas Day Service

Epsilon United Methodist Church

8250 E. Mitchell Rd. (corner of Silver Creek)
(231)347-6608

Monday, Dec. 24 - 11:00 am Service
8 pm - Christmas Eve Service

First Presbyterian Church

501 E. Mitchell (231)347-4792
Monday, Dec. 24 - 10:00 am Worship with Rev. Robert Lueck, Pastor

7:30 pm Christmas Eve Service with Candlelight Benediction "Christ in Christmas"

11:30 pm Candlelight Communion Service

Landmark Baptist Church

1182 Kemp Road, US 31 South
(231)347-2654
Dr. Gary Biggs, Sr. Pastor
John Harwood, Asst. Pastor
Ryan Rauhaus, Asst. Pastor

Sunday, Dec. 23 & 30 - 10:00 am
Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Service

6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Wednesday, Dec. 26 - 7:00 pm
Prayer & Bible Study

Monday, Dec. 31 - 7:30 pm Watch Night Service

Petoskey

New Life Anglican Church

619 Waukazoo Avenue,
Corner of Grove & Waukazoo
(231)347-3448

Monday, Dec. 24

5:30 pm Christmas Eve Early Service

10:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

St. Francis Xavier Parish

513 Howard Street (231)347-4133

Monday, Dec. 24 - 5 p.m. & 10 p.m.

Christmas Eve Mass with special music 1/2 hour before.

St. Francis Solanus - Bay Shore
7 pm Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 25 - 8 am & 10 am
Christmas Day Service

Walloon Lake

Walloon Lake Community Church

04320 M-75 North (231)535-2288
www.walloonchurch.com

Sunday, Dec. 23 -

Worship Services: 9:00 am & 10:45 am

Monday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service: 6:00 pm

St. Mary students share their giving spirit

**BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR**

The spirit of giving.

Christmas is a time to give, not receive, and that is the message members of the Fun and Fellowship Committee of St. Mary Parish shared with St. Mary School students, parents and parish members during the first Christmas Social Dec. 6. The message was received loud and clear. Committee Chair Kelli Kwapisz said while preparing for the delivery of 110 crafts made at the Social for area home-bound senior citizens.

"The idea was to emphasize the sense of community giving," Kwapisz said.

Sue Cook of the Charlevoix Area Commission on Aging, said the gesture is one that will bring some much-needed smiles to some very special people this Christmas.

"I am getting goosebumps just thinking about it," Cook said in reference of the pending arrival of the crafts at the homes of seniors throughout Charlevoix that participate in the Meals on Wheels program. "This will really make our homebound seniors very happy and will brighten their day."

More than 100 St. Mary students from pre-kindergarten to sixth grade spent the evening singing Christmas carols, led by Pastor Jerry Hunko, talking to Santa and making Christmas ornaments and other crafts to donate in the spirit of giving. Fun and Fellowship Committee member Nancy Day said the goal of the Social and the craft project was to parallel the idea of giving during the holiday season and "to promote the sense of community partnerships."

"It was so fun to watch the children, their parents and parish members working together on these crafts," Day said, noting the range of ages involved, working together on a common goal.

"It really brought the kid out in everyone," Kwapisz said.

Homebound seniors are not the only members of the Charlevoix community to receive crafts from the social. Kwapisz said more than 150 crafts were made in addition to the 110 ornaments given to the Commission on Aging, and the other crafts will be sent to patients at Charlevoix Area Hospital Christmas morning. Patients will receive decorated placemats and other crafts from the students.

The Christmas Social is just one of what the Fun and Fellowship Committee hopes to become a variety of fun and functional events. The committee, newly formed in September, aims to hold fun events every month and find ways to connect St. Mary School and Parish with the community.

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Photo by Erica Goff

Pictured, (front) Sophia Thompson, Joey Wingo and Annie Joy, all six years old, hold ornanments they helped make at the Fun and Fellowship Christmas Social held Dec. 6. Joining them are (back from left) Sue Cook with the Charlevoix Area Commission on Aging, Keisha Veryser, St. Mary School Principal, Nancy Day, Fun and Fellowship Committee member, Pastor Jerry Hunko, and Committee Chair Kelli Kwapisz.

MAMSE announces new director

The Michigan Association of Middle School Educators (MAMSE) is pleased to announce the appointment of Joe Somerville as Director of Region 13 (this includes Cheboygan, Otsego, Presque Isle, Alpena, Montmorency, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Iosco, Emmet, Charlevoix, Antrim, Leelanau, Benzie, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Manistee, Wexford and Missaukee counties). The Michigan Association of Middle School Educators, composed of teachers, administrators and parents of middle school students, is the oldest middle school organization in the United States, tracing its history back to 1969. It is a recognized affiliate of the National Middle School Association (NMSA). Sommerville lives in Gaylord with his wife Kristy, daughters Maggie and Bridget, and his son, Luke. He is beginning his second year as assistant principal at Gaylord Middle School. Prior to this position, he taught Spanish for 13 years at Gaylord Middle School. Joe earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Central Michigan University. He is excited for the opportunity to serve

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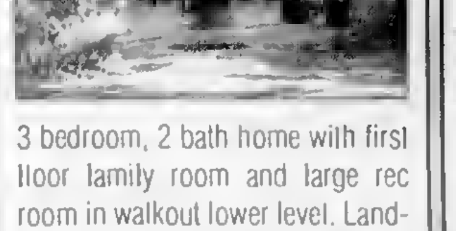

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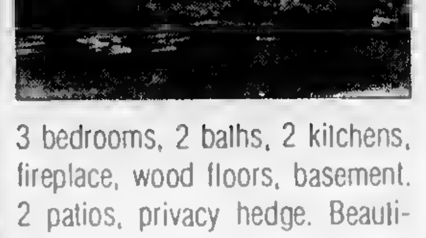

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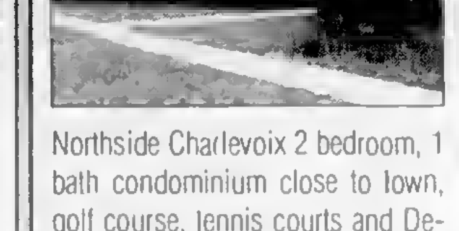

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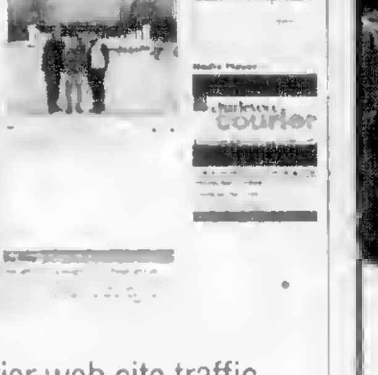

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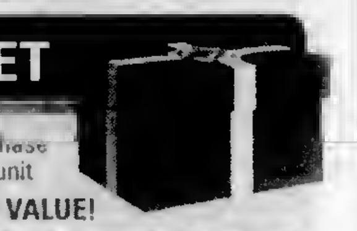

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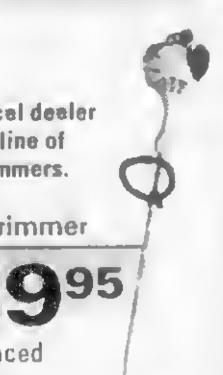

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COA responds to community feedback

**BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER**

The Charlevoix County Commission On Aging wasted little time before beginning work on the oversights and shortcomings identified in the countywide senior satisfaction survey.

In light of the less-than-desirable outcome the Commission On Aging added staff, implemented services and set committees to work on preventative rather than reactionary measures.

"We knew we had some work to do and we knew the public was demanding more services, but we didn't know where their priorities were," said Commission On Aging director Susan Bergmann. "This was our opportunity to increase or expand services where needed and to create new services."

She added, "We've increased staff to meet the needs of senior citizens, we've increased servers per client as needed and we've increased the mailing of our newsletter circulation, which has doubled, and added liquid meals if needed—I think we're getting there."

The commission has eliminated the ceiling on the number of hours seniors may utilize personal care and on the number of hours for caregiver relief services.

"I think we've gotten a lot of support from clients with their letters to the paper and we get a lot of positive feedback from seniors who attend the centers and in-home services," Bergmann said. "I feel very positive and optimistic things are improving."

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> COA DIRECTOR

She also said staff's work is "definitely making an effect on seniors to their benefit."

Some policy and staffing actions taken so far include:

- Implemented an emergency assistance program for seniors in financial distress
- Brought adult daycare center up to five days a week
- Monthly Sunday dinners on Beaver Island to provide nourishment and fellowship for island seniors
- Plan to renovate East Jordan Senior Center -- air-conditioning, kitchenette, miscellaneous upgrades
- Working on a plan which may amend current transit services to allow senior friendly transportation out of county
- Implemented an honor system for sliding scale services such as snow plowing
- Eliminated any requirement for social security numbers to help prevent identity theft
- Hired a full-time data base coordinator to implement software and create a database to meet census and reporting needs while streamlining processes

"We have a lot more work to do of course. This is just the beginning," she said. "Most of these are short-term fixes that will be accomplished within six months, but it may take up to a year or two to address all the issues. We're just getting busy on newly established subcommittees and task force work groups to look at everything."

Bergmann said the increase in services and staff will likely force the COA to revisit their 2007-2008 budget and dip into their fund balance to make it whole.

"Our budget is about $1.4 million," she said. "We should be OK to meet our budget, but we may need to increase our budget next year and we will be using some fund balance to supplement our budget for this year."

One of the major costs is services to Beaver Island.

"Beaver Island is really coming up in that they want to be equal with what we provide on the mainland," Bergmann said. "Nearly 20 percent of Beaver Island residents are seniors (age 60 and up) and we're optimistic about increasing the services we provide to them."

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City: Authorities could help save money

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Story Highlight

City exptected to approach Charlevoix Township Board in the spring to guage interest in developing Fire Authority

Mayor Norman Carlson says school-district wide Recreation Authority could "spread costs" of recreation among various entities, reducing financial burden on city

Cost saving potential and pressure from the state were cited as influence for the Charlevoix City Council to "look into" the feasibility of developing two authorities, potentially collaborating with the county and other area municipalities, to provide services.

Charlevoix Mayor Norman Carlson told council members at a special meeting last week he was interested in approaching Charlevoix Township and Charlevoix County boards sometime this spring to see if any interest exists in developing a Fire Authority and a Recreation Authority to "help spread costs around" as well as eliminate duplication of services. Carlson said he envisions the Fire Authority, if it were to develop, as a coordination between the Charlevoix City Fire Department and the Charlevoix Township Fire Department, governed by a board with representatives from both municipalities.

While this is not the first time the city has approached the township with the idea — Carlson said he made a similar request to the township about two years ago and "there was no interest at the time," he is hopeful times have changed enough to create a different response now.

"We (as a city) are now in a different situation (with a new City manager and new council members) and I hope to re-approach the Township in the spring," he said.

Charlevoix City Fire Chief Paul Ivan supported the concept, noting money and personnel issues as reasons to support an authority. Both departments have "hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of equipment," he said, and eliminating duplication of equipment purchases and services would save tax payers money and provide "a more efficient way to service" both city and township residents. He also noted the average age of firefighters available is climbing, and there may simply not be enough young, eligible bodies to staff two departments.

"I am of the opinion the day is coming we won't have enough people to staff two departments. Also the amount of money spent on training and equipment could be saved (with an authority.)" he said.

Charlevoix Township Fire Chief Curt Thompson said while he is "more than willing" to work with individuals to look into the feasibility of such an idea, he will not actively pursue it on his own because "my (township) board is happy with the way things are." He also said City residents stand to save money with an authority more so than township residents, noting his budget is around $90,000 while the city's is around $400,000.

"When it gets all said and done if we joined into a a district it would cost the township residents more," he said, although no research has been done on actual costs involved.

Both Thompson and Ivan noted past animosity as the reason the township branched off, and formed its own department in the early 1970s, they agreed those feelings are now gone and the departments could, personnel-wise, work well together. Ivan said he believes "we could start tomorrow if we had to." Thompson, though, said a lot of work needs to be done before any such collaboration could happen.

"If they think this can happen overnight they are mistaken. There are a lot of things to think about," he said, noting the need to decide what to do with equipment and buildings owned by each department.

"You would have to either sell it all and buy new (collaboratively) or decide what you would keep and what you would sell. This isn't something that would happen quickly," he said.

Ivan noted much discussion still lies ahead for both groups before any decisions are made. The idea is in early stages and Carlson has not yet officially approached the Township board, which would be a first step in the process.

Carlson noted pressure from state government to collaborate with other government entities, stating such efforts increases chances as grant opportunities.

Ivan emphasized the idea is not to advocate one department taking over the other but a collaboration between the two that would involve representation from both sides. He also noted his position woul be the one most threatened (a chief) and he would be mor than willing to compete for th role of chief if it came to that.

Thompson said he is "no saying it is a bad idea," bu that it will be a "hard sell" i the township.

"I would be more than willing to sit down on a committee and figure out the nuts an bolts to see what would mak this work," he said, adding however, he is not convince it would necessarily provid better service.

Carlson's other suggestion in regard to authoritie is establishment of a county-wide recreation authority an idea that would likely b even further out in the city' timeline than the fire authority. Carlson's concern is tha currently city tax payers fun all the beaches, Mt. McSauba boat ramps, walking and biking paths and water accesses. Those amenities are use not only by city residents bu visitors and many resident county wide. By establishin a county-wide or school district wide authority, the expense of such amenities coul be spread out among a grou of municipalities. He also intends to approach neighborin municipal boards about the idea, possibly as early as thi spring.

No action was taken by the city council on these items a this time.

Human resource position OK'd

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Little discussion occurred last week when Charlevoix City Council members unanimously approved City Manager Rob Straebel's request to hire a part-time Human Resources assistant.

The concept was discussed in detail at a regular council meeting last month and again at a work session Dec. 5, with council pondering the concept of creating a position for two or three days a week to handle such human resource tasks as developing job descriptions, updating policies and procedures, boosting City staff morale, and handling public relations issues. The group suggested at the work session that developing a part-time position to be re-evaluated every year was likely the best option, and the suggestion was formally approved last week, authorizing Straebel to begin advertising for the position.

Among the major concerns in regard to the position was the City's lag on updating personnel and other policies and keeping up with changing state and federal regulations. City Clerk Carol Ochs advised council Dec. 5 that lack of action could "come back to bite you" if any type of lawsuit was filed against the city for any policy related complaints, such as harassment issues, compensation issues, or hiring procedures. The anticipation is, Mayor Norman Carlson and other council members agreed, the position may not be needed after a year or two if all job descriptions, policies and procedures are updated as necessary.

Council's approval of the request authorized hire of an assistant with a yearly salary cost of no more than the $32,900 available in the budget for the position, with the employee working two to three days a week with specific, established office hours. An hourly rate will be established based upon qualification of the successful candidate, with proposed payment at $25 to $30 per hour. No benefits will be included but the City will offer the opportunity for employee contri-

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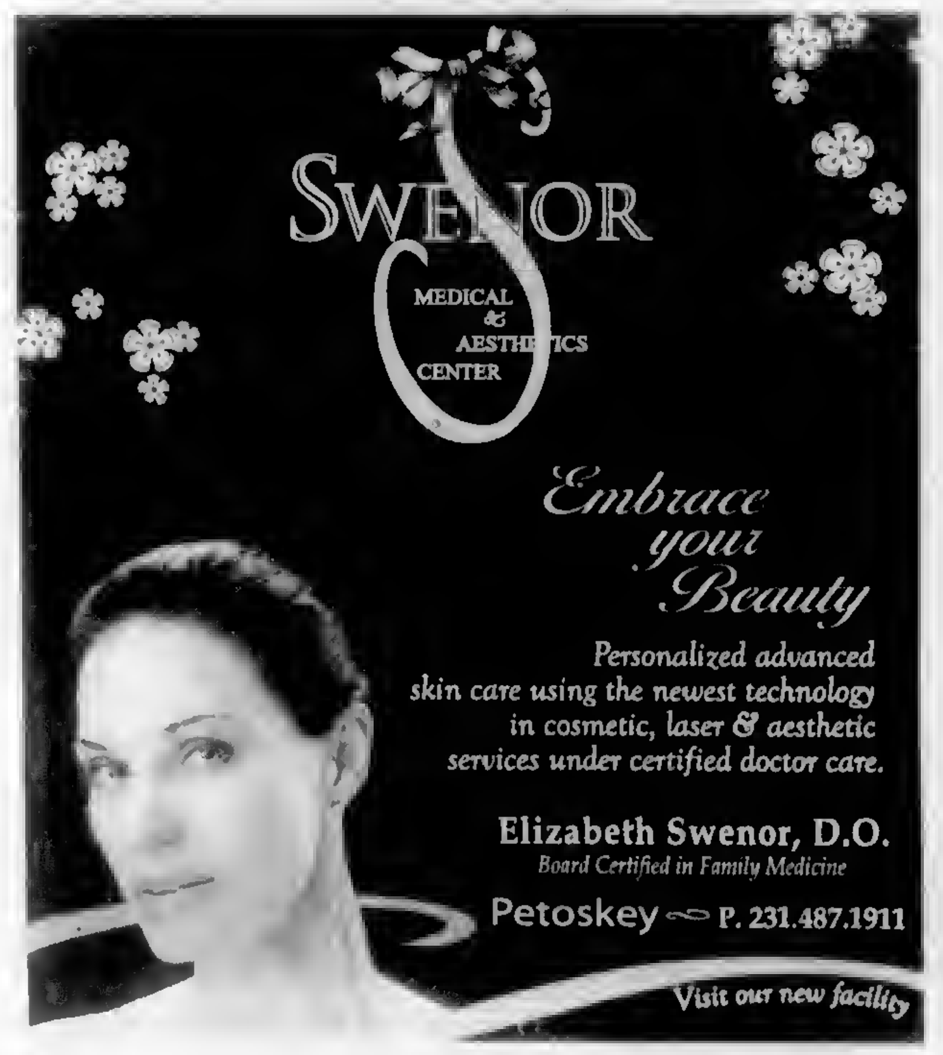
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Forum educates about historic preservation

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

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Richard Karp, founder of Karp Associates Inc., an historic rehabilitation organization, describes the economic aspects of historic rehabilitation and potential development of a local historic district. Karp was one of three presenters at the Charlevoix Historic Commission's educational forum held last week.

"This is just the first step."

That is what Charlevoix Historic Commission CO-Chair Bob Heath told the audience at the Commission's educational forum at the conclusion of nearly six hours of informational presentation last Tuesday.

"This was a good start. This is a seed we're planting today," Heath said, taking the spotlight following a number of presentations and question-and-answer sessions led by three visiting professionals with varied historic preservation experience.

A wealth of information regarding the importance of historic preservation, the "blueprints" regarding how it can be done and potential steps involved, stories about other communities already taking those steps, and information regarding the economic impacts and benefits of historic preservation was provided by the forum's three speakers: Kristine Kidorf, owner of Kidorf Preservation Consulting; Richard Karp of Karp and Associates historic preservation consulting and construction firm; and Michael Matts, Director of Historic Preservation and Planning, Gray & Pape, Inc. The trio provided varied information and interacted with an audience of nearly 60 community members to offer as much information as possible.

While concerns were raised, as well as acknowledgment that "you will never get 100 percent of people on board" with the idea of developing a Local Historic District in Charlevoix, support for the concept, which could potentially provide Charlevoix with access to a variety of grants as well as state and federal tax credit programs for facade and building improvement projects, was expressed.

"We've all seen what doing nothing can do," was one comment that stirred applause, followed by the belief "we're going in the right direction" with the attempt the Historic Commission is currently making to establish one or more downtown historic districts in the city.

"I think we should do what we can to restore the buildings downtown and save the Earl Young homes, but we should go beyond that. The houses we have in downtown Charlevoix are getting fewer and fewer, and all of them, not only the Earl Young homes, have historic value," commented resident and City Council member Lyle Gennett.

Much of the discussion centered around the concept of a downtown historic district which would, ideally, protect and enhance the historic integrity of buildings in the downtown. Historic Commission members invited the trio of speakers to discuss downtown district issues because that is the first focus of their plans to establish local districts. Heath told those present the Commission, following the formal establishment of Study Commission within the Historic Commission, named the east side of Bridge Street downtown as a focus for a district. A "very involved" survey was done to gather information about the history of the buildings, their historical integrity, and the potential benefit of a district. That information was used to develop a preliminary report, which the Study Commission sent to three state agencies: The State Historic Preservation Office, the Michigan Historic Commission, and the State Historic Preservation Review Board.

Currently waiting for a response from those agencies, Heath said the Study Commission is working to develop a similar preliminary report regarding the west side of Bridge Street, hoped to become its own historic district

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City to begin search for new human resources assistant

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butions towards health insurance and retirement funds. As requested by council, it will be communicated during the interviewing process that the position will be evaluated each year, with no guarantees for long-term employment.

Essential job functions as defined in Strachel's proposal include strategic management to identify needs, develop strategies, goals, etc.; recruitment and staffing duties; hiring and orientation of new employees; serving as a member of the collective bargaining team; work on language of contracts; employee counseling and discipline; terminations; organizational development and employee morale; training and professional development; safety; and other items.

In other news, Strachel said 38 applications have been submitted for the part-time airport manager position, and he expects interviews to begin after Christmas.

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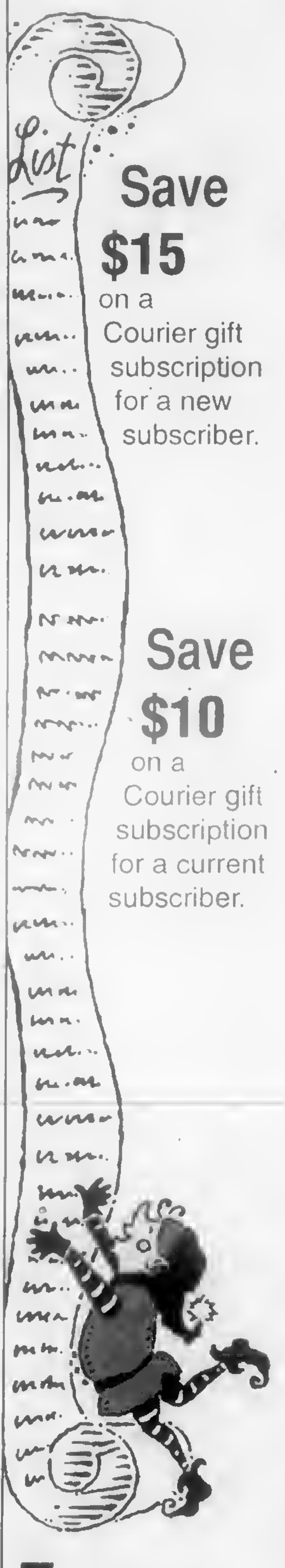

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Food program 'best kept secret' in area

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Pastor Dan Gilmore and Melissa Lucas volunteer their time Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Charlevoix Church of the Nazarene to help the Angel Food Ministries project deliver and take orders for it's food program. More than 30 people turned out to pick up their food order and place orders for future delivery dates. The next opportunity to participate in thls program, which is open to all people, is scheduled for Jan. 5, 2008: Call 547-9346 for more information.

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Rich or poor, young or old, Angel Food Ministries offers high-quality groceries for low prices to a half a million families each month.

The cooperative food program, formed in 1994 by a pastor concerned with the large number of families in Monroe, GA who were struggling to put food on the table, may be the best kept secret in Charlevoix.

"Anyone can do this, and actually, we've been in town for two years now," said Charlevoix branch Director Robert Fales. "There are no qualifications for anyone who decides they would like to maybe have a chance to buy a few groceries at a cheaper price."

The groceries, sold in units for $30 each, come in the form of a different menu each month and there is no limit to how many units may be purchased.

A sample menu provided by Angel Food Ministries includes: Four pounds of chicken leg quarters, 24 oz. of beef back ribs, 1 pound of 80/20 lean ground beef, 2 pounds of breaded chicken tenders, 24 oz. of pork chops; 1 pound of ground turkey, 18 oz. stuffed manicotti, 12 oz. of smoked sausage, 1 package of seasoned potatoes, 7 oz. Cheeseburger Dinner, 16 oz. Green Beans, 16 oz. Baby Carrots, 2 pounds of onions, 1 pound of pinto beans, 1 pound of rice, 7 oz. blueberry muffin mix, 10 waffles and a dessert.

"They (people) can sign up by coming down to the Church of the Nazarene on the day we take orders and pay their $30 and we deliver it 2 weeks later," Fales said.

Orders, which can be made every month or only once in awhile, are both made and picked up at the church, located at 12023 Waller Road in Charlevoix.

"You can buy it once or you can buy 50 units, it's all up to you," Fales said. "We've had someone buy four or five units and feed their family for a whole month."

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Charlevoix Public Schools BOE

The following business was conducted by the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education during their Monday, Dec. 10 meeting:

Item: Meeting location

In brief: Resolution to retain the Charlevoix High School media center as the monthly meeting area.

Board action: Approved, 4—3 vote with members Christine Michaud, John McLean and Larry Levengood the three nay votes

Item: Volleyball coach appointment

In brief: Resolution to appoint Chris Way as the eighth-grade volleyball coach to replace Jessa Martin.

Board action: Approved, unanimously

The board also unanimously approved the following resolutions: Summer tax collection; participation in the Michigan School Readiness Program; the board's retreat date and a minor budget amendment.

The next meeting of the Charlevoix Public Schools Board of Education is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14 in the Charlevoix High School media center.

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"Happy Anniversary and Farewell"

by Jacqueline Merta, President

In March 1958, the articles of incorporation were signed to form the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce. These founders and the first Board of Directors were Norm Ance, Frank Boss, Dick Edwards, Richard Fochtman, Walter Hoffmann, Max Hosmer, Bob Lieberman, Bob Miles, Lee Moerland, Bob Neff, Fred Willis, and Earl Young. Prior to our present day Chamber of Commerce, in the 1920's and 1930's there were similar organizations that didn't survive. This one has survived, and thrived, for 50 years.

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In addition to working with Chamber members, it has also been an honor to work with elected officials and staff at the City of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Charlevoix Township, Charlevoix Public Schools, Northwest Academy, St. Mary School, Charlevoix's churches and non-profit organizations, the Coast Guard, North Central Michigan College, Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, other chambers of commerce, and federal and state elected officials and staff. Thank you to all the Chamber staff members, who through the years have provided direct services to Chamber members and the general public. I especially want to thank Judy Corley, my friend, who has generously volunteered her time for the past two decades to the Chamber.

A lot of things have changed since I started working at the Chamber. For example, our annual budget has increased more than ten-fold in that time frame making us a much stronger Chamber of Commerce.

The idea of making a long career with one organization is not as orthodox as it used to be. It is bittersweet to end my career with the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce because, frankly, I will miss everyone who I have worked with, but I will remember the pleasure. It's been a wonderful experience working for the Chamber for all these years. It has been personally rewarding to watch Charlevoix grow and know that I've been instrumental in helping it do so. My career with the Charlevoix Chamber is ending, but I will still be contributing, competing and doing.

I wish the Charlevoix Area Chamber of Commerce the very best in 2008 and in the many years to follow as the Chamber forges forward for the next half-century. To each and everyone, I wish you a "Merry Christmas" and a New Year filled with happiness, good health, and prosperity!

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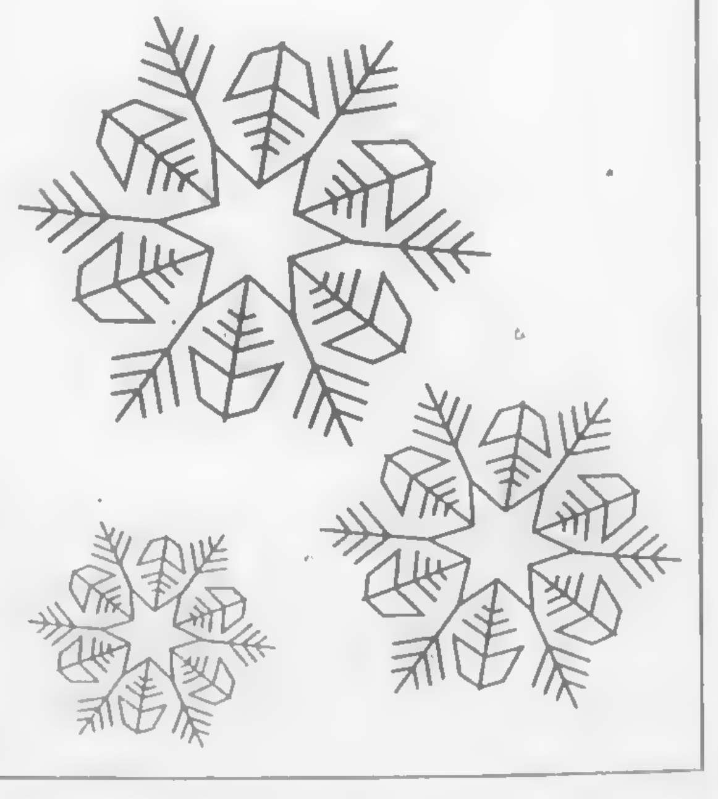

No child left behind? Area educators question

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

While these eighth-graders of Kay Wasilewski's Charlevoix Middle School math class will graduate before the 100-percent success rate requirement is implemented on graduates in 2013, they will face more stringent rules and regulations under the No Child Left Behind Act when it is likely reauthorized sometime in the upcoming new year.

A 100-percent success rate for all pupils may be an unreachable goal, but it may not stop the federal government from demanding it.

It could be up to a year before the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) is reauthorized, but that isn't stopping educators from discussing its ins and outs nor has it stopped more than 120 legislative tweaks to the program from being proposed.

"It has made districts more accountable and it has made us all focus on what the end result will be," said Superintendent of Charlevoix Public Schools Chet Janik. "But it also has its challenges, for instance, 100 percent of students must pass a proficiency test by 2014 (and) because there are so many variables, I just don't think that's realistic."

Northwest Academy Chief Executive Officer Gary Stutzman concurred with Janik that "it's a lofty goal, but is it so lofty it cannot be achieved?"

Janik said he is unsure whether those who made the ruling took high school dropout rates, special needs students and other variables into consideration.

He added, "A lot of factors play into that, and while we should strive for that goal, I'm just unsure how we will accomplish it."

Passed into law in January, 2002, NCLB is, according to the U.S. Department of Education intended to ensure, "accountability and flexibility as well as increased federal support for education."

NCLB has several main components including the Title I program, which supports educational services, supplies and teacher training for special needs or at-risk children.

The department of education estimates 15 million students at a cost of $13.3 billion are served by NCLB's Title I program.

"Money is so tight at the federal level that the government is very closely scrutinizing every state's programs," Stutzman said. "We use these at-risk funds for those kids who are at risk of not being able to meet the standards of No Child Left Behind and they will get extra help in reading or math."

He added, "The biggest challenge I see is in reading. If a child has issues in reading, it makes everything more difficult."

Northwest Academy ($14,000 from NCLB), similar to Charlevoix Public Schools ($200,000 from NCLB), receives approximately two percent of their budget from Title I funds.

NCLB also requires all teachers to be highly qualified in their educational field.

"Studies have shown the single greatest effect on student achievement is teacher quality," stated on the U.S. Department of Education website.

Highly qualified is defined as a teacher who holds a bachelor's degree, is certified or licensed to teach in their state and has proven knowledge of the subjects taught.

NCLB allocates $5.1 billion annually to training, recruitment incentives, loan forgiveness and tax relief.

"I think there is good and bad in the whole thing. I think we have more professional development and teaching methodologies coming to the surface," said Charlevoix Elementary School Principal Dick Swenor. "The good thing is the MEAP (test) and I think school districts pay a lot more attention to curriculum than ever. I think education is operated like industry now where you research best practices and then use those, so I think there are a lot of positives."

He added, "I think some of the negatives are some of the local control we lost. I don't think there is a one-size-fits-all solution to kids and to education. Some kids need different things."

Swenor said Charlevoix Schools have always done well.

"Personally, I think No Child Left Behind was designed for inner city schools and districts that are struggling," he said. "But, our philosophy is: this is the game we're in and we have to do the best we can with what we have to meet everything (standards) we have to do."

NCLB provides $681 million to help students who do not possess proficient English language skills in addition to doling $504 million to help the schools of choice program to ensure no child is stuck in a school wrought with under achievement.

Lawmakers, who expect NCLB's reauthorization to be tackled after the November, 2008 election, are currently compiling related bills.

The 124 proposed NCLB amendments include the Student Breakfast and Education Improvement Act intended to improve student health; the Public School Repair and Renovation Act which would give $1.6 billion to schools for renovations and repairs; Providing Resources to Improve Dual Language Education Act to, "enhance the biliteracy, bilingualism, and multicultural skills for children in impoverished communities, including limited-English-proficient and minority children, through the use and longitudinal evaluation of dual language

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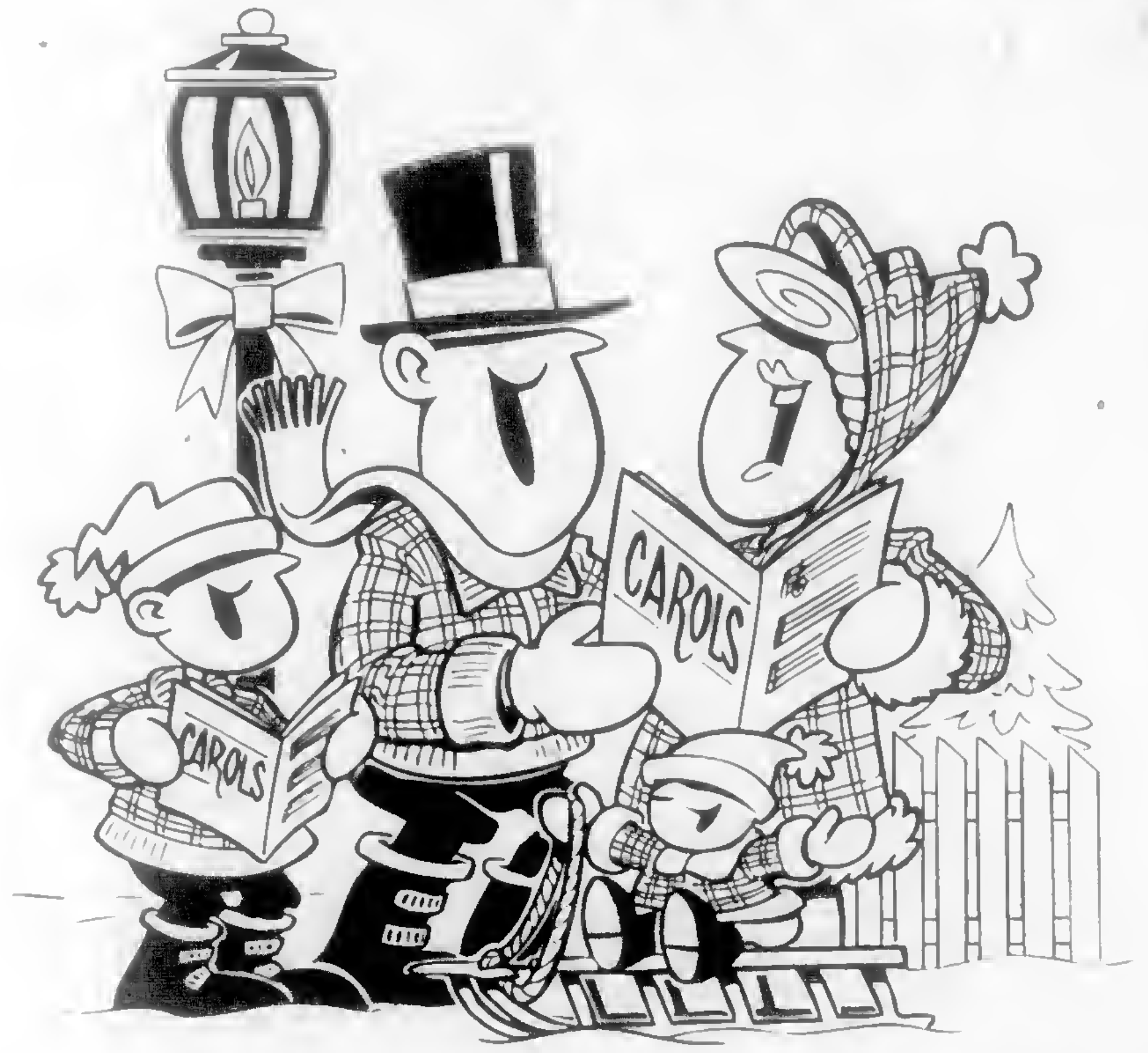

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Special moment captured in national publication

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Photo by Erica Goff

Keith Haske, Charlevoix varsity girls' and boys' basketball coach, looks at the 2007 National Federation High School Basketball rule book, which shows on the cover a photo of Haske's 2004 state semi-finalist team from Charlevoix.

2004 is a year residents of Charlevoix and staunch supporters of the lady Rayder varsity basketball team remember well. It was a year when the lady Rayders broke a school record, taking the team — and its fans — to the state finals at the Breslin Center, the first time the girls' basketball team had advanced so far in tournament action.

It was an experience those involved will never forget.

Now, thanks to what came as a surprise to varsity basketball coach Keith Haske who led that 2004 team through its successful year, that year and the feelings felt at the time were brought back through a picture; a picture on the front cover of the 2007-2008 National Federation for High School Basketball rule book, a document distributed throughout the country that displays very prominently a shot of team members from the day they defeated Saginaw Novel in the semi-final game.

"It was really a special moment. Seeing that picture really takes me back to that moment," said Rayder supporter Chuck Jadwin whose daughter, Elizabeth Jadwin, is at the center of the photo.

Jadwin, who heard about the photo on the book from a friend while at church, was excited and extremely proud that his daughter and her former teammates "got their 15 minutes of fame, just like Andy Warhol claims everyone does." Haske, who was surprised when he received his copy of the basketball rule book as he does every year only to see his former players on the cover, said he is proud about the picture.

"I had no idea that was going to happen. It is really flattering to think every high school basketball coach across the country will see this," Haske said.

In the last few years, Haske has taken five teams to the finals at Michigan State University, and is always excited about such success stories. He said he is happy to see a team so documented, and he hopes

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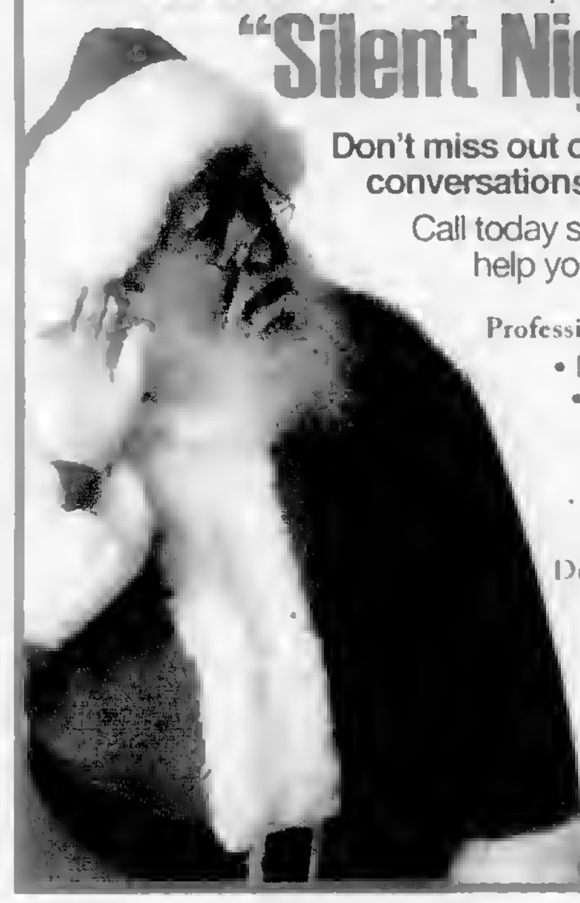

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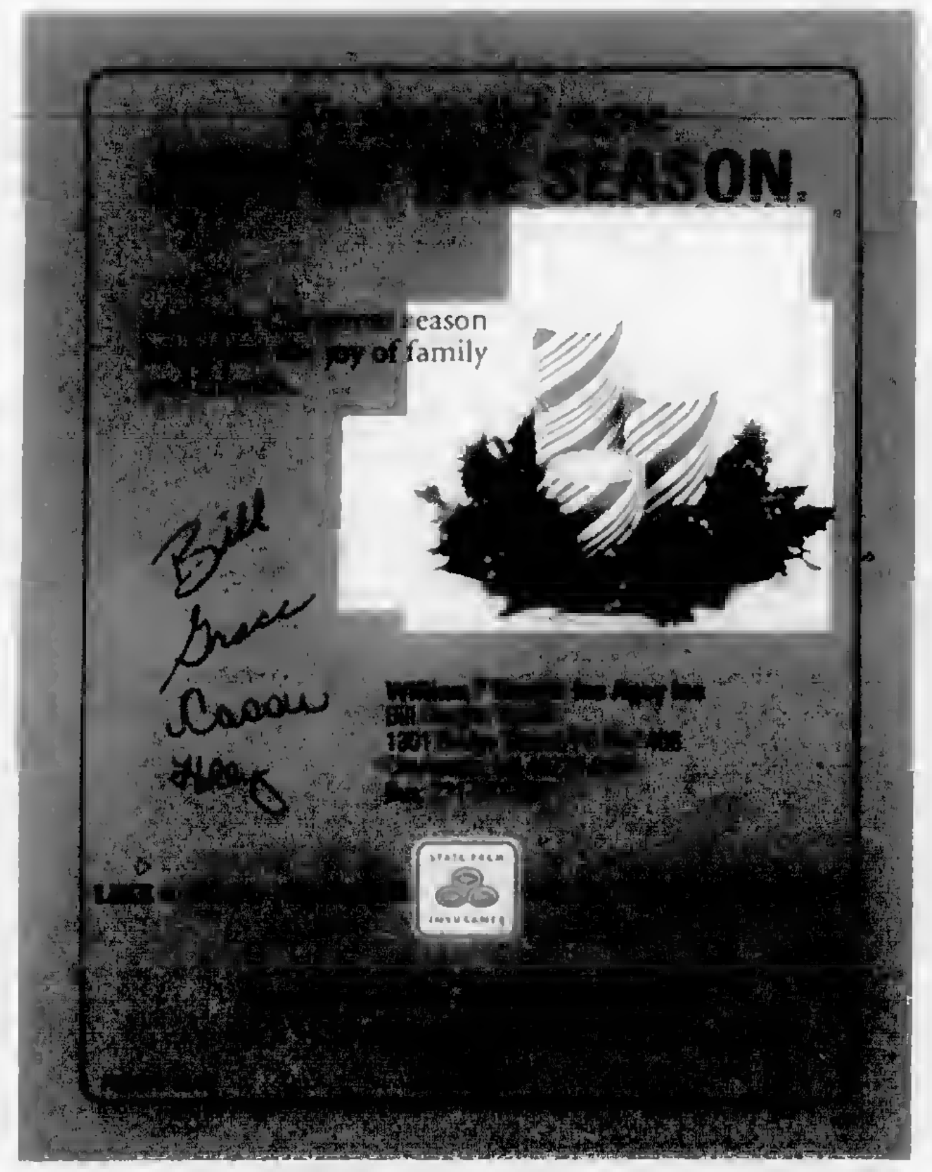

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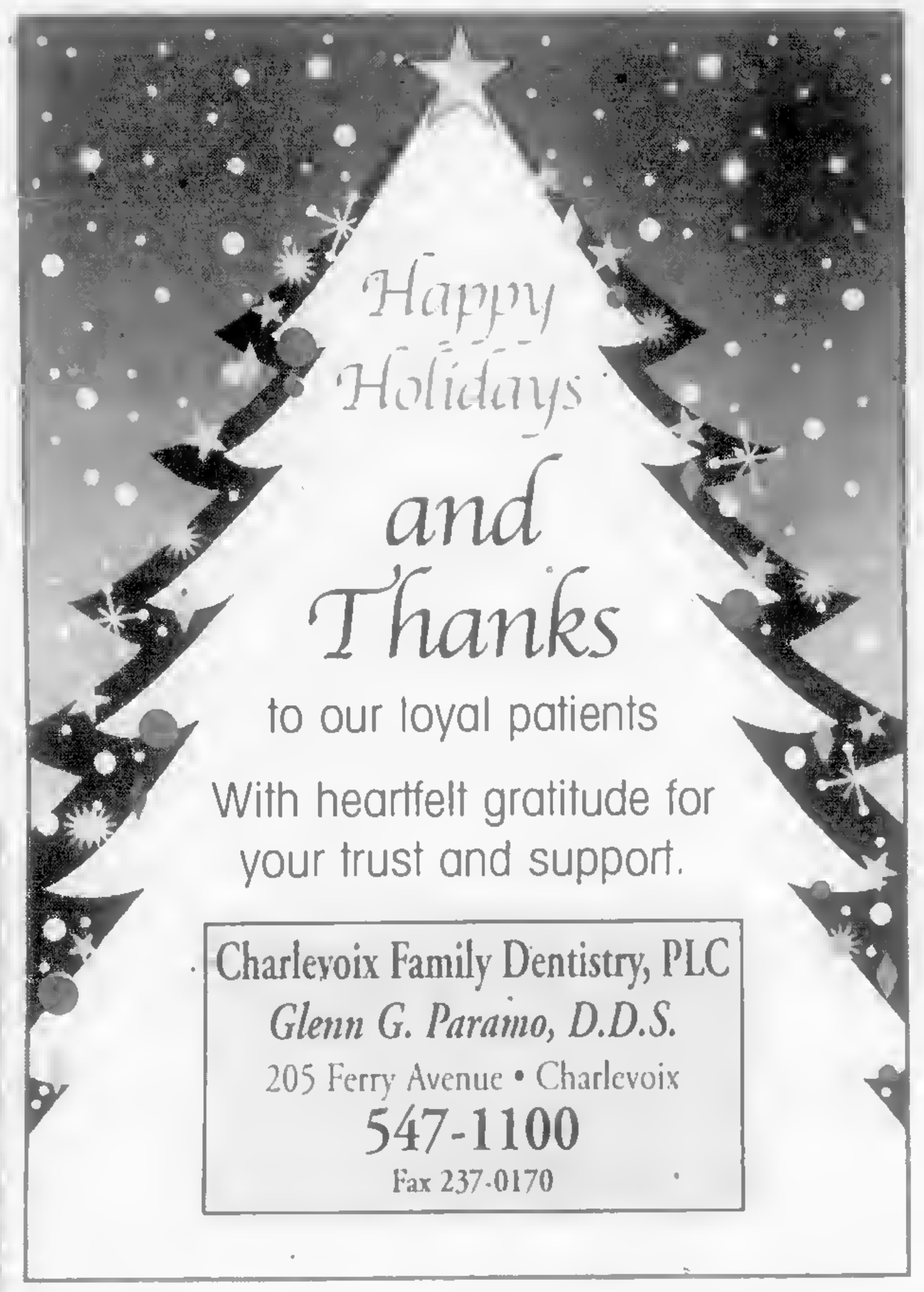
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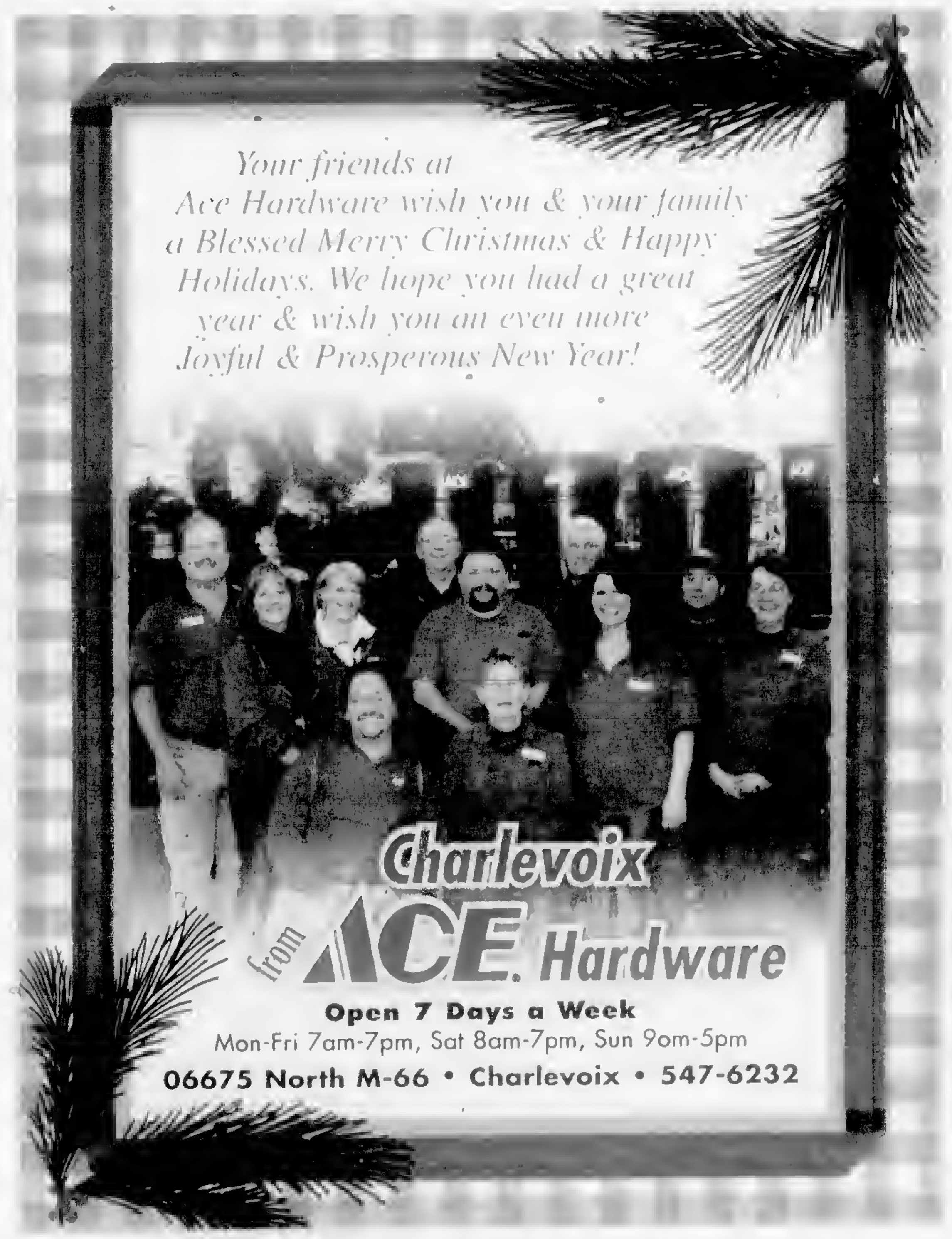
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City council sets goals for upcoming year

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Charlevoix City Council members were joined by department heads and City Manager Rob Straebel at a special meeting last week to discuss and set goals for the upcoming year, extending many ideas from goals identified in 2006-2007 and intending to do what is possible maintain or increase services without increasing expense.

"This past Monday the (city) staff had a two-hour meeting and we looked at the goals established during the 2007-2008 budget (process.) We reviewed all 36 goals the city council and Mayor established last year," Straebel said, opening the table to discussion about a list of goals he and staff came up with.

Among the most pertinent action items, Straebel said, is to develop a Master Plan for the City's Parks and Recreation Commission, a move that could open the door to more grant dollars. Such a document would establish "an overall vision for Parks and Recreation, which many grants are often dependent upon," he said.

"Often our grants (for Parks and Rec) come from the DNR and the DNR often requires a Master Plan to be in place," he said. "We need to ask the question, what do we want to see with our recreation in the area, and what do we want to do (in upcoming years.)"

Discussion of other Parks and Recreation goals also included mention from Mayor Norman Carlson that establishment of a county-wide recreation authority could be a beneficial endeavor for the city (see related story, page 10.)

Straebel said "overall vision" is also a focus for the electrical department, whose goals include prioritizing infrastructure needs with associated costs, hiring two journeyman linemen due to two upcoming retirements, and prepare for unknown issues related to deregulation law changes.

Straebel presented goals in categories, which, in addition to recreation and electrical, included:

Personnel

- Hire a part-time Human Resource Assistant (see related story, page 14.)
- Hire part-time Airport Manager (see related story, page 14.)

Municipal Airport

- Complete airport landscaping
- Purchase airport equipment utilizing FAA grants.

Planning

- Complete Smart Growth Initiative with surrounding Townships and County
- Revise sign ordinance and City Comprehensive Plan

Streets/Water/Sewer

- Complete infrastructure improvements - Chicago Avenue
- Prioritize infrastructure needs with associated costs
- Plant between 100-125 trees

Marina

- Complete marina project
- Establish City Marina with Michigan Clean Marina designation
- Implement new DNR reservation system

DDA

- Continued implementation of Charlevoix Downtown Blueprint 2007
- Active recruitment and retention of businesses

Computer Network

- Develop GIS Plan-Continue with GIS work, implement preplanning efforts
- Continued computerization

Also presented were ongoing construction projects, such as a new pole building at the golf course and infrastructure improvements on Chicago Avenue. Future construction projects presented are:

- Depot beach improvements (sprinklers)
- DPW site
- Michigan Beach Development
- Sidewalks on Park from grant Street to city limits

City Council members expressed appreciation for department heads contributing input to the goal-setting process.

Does federal act help kids?.

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programs beginning in preschool through the fifth grade."; The Expanded Learning Time Demonstration Act, which would give funding to schools to, "improve student achievement through longer school days, additional school days, or a combination of longer school days and additional school days, as well as other methods."

While some hope to fortify NCLB, as many as 12 states are considering opting out of the voluntary program.

"I think it comes down to local control," Swenor said. "They don't want to have to do what the government says and I don't know that I agree wholeheartedly with that, but we have lost some things (due to NCLB)."

Swenor cited control over curriculum as one of the biggest issues.

Janik said another downside of NCLB is that it forces teachers to spend time teaching to tests, a move which puts a strain on the already limited amount of instruction time.

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'Smart' technology brings fun to area classrooms

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

The days of chalk boards and dry erase markers are over

At least they are in the math classrooms of Charlevoix Middle School.

What has taken the place of the now considered 'old-school' teaching methods — chalk, dry erase markers and boards — is a new "SMART" technology that Principal Keith Haske couldn't be more impressed with.

"This is the best piece of technology I've ever seen," Haske said, watching math teacher Steve Hopkins demonstrate some of what the new technology can do.

SMART boards, a new piece of technology available to schools that allow for a more interactive teaching approach, have brightened the learning environment of Hopkins' room, he said, allowing him to use the Internet, a touch-screen, graphs, graphics, colors and visual affects — all at the touch of a finger — to teach his students in a new and "exciting" way.

"It gets things done faster and easier, and it really helps communication," Hopkins said.

Hopkins' room is one of four classrooms, all math rooms, that received a SMART board this fall. The technology was purchased, Haske explained, through state funding garnered after 98th District State Representative John Moolenaar, R-Midland, sponsored legislation to offer extra funding per student for math-related teaching materials.

"As I understand it, he and his children always struggled with math, so he sponsored this legislation to get kids more help with math," Haske said.

The legislation provided Charlevoix Middle School $15,000 to use as it saw fit to boost math programs. Haske credited Hopkins and others in the math department for "doing their homework" to find the best way to use the money.

"The math teachers did a great job researching what could enhance the technology and teaching here," he said.

Hopkins said SMART boards were an easy fit in the classroom, especially after he and other teachers started getting over the "learning curve" necessary for them to learn how to use and apply the technology. The potential functions are seemingly endless, he said, demonstrating just some of the many: Students can use markers to do math problems on the board, writing and erasing in an instant; teachers can use a finger to place number lines, graphs and graphics on the board, switching screens instantly, and use various colors to demonstrate things like counting on a number line; teachers can even show three dimensional dice graphics and make them spin on the screen to demonstrate visually the probability of rolling a certain number, putting a new 'spin' on a statistics and probability lesson.

"It really grabs the kids' attention. They like to come up to the board and write on it, and it is fun for them and me," he said. "They're not the only ones that have learned from these."

Haske said he has been impressed with the boards, and feels a great benefit is they teach students, who are of the technological age, on a level they are comfortable with.

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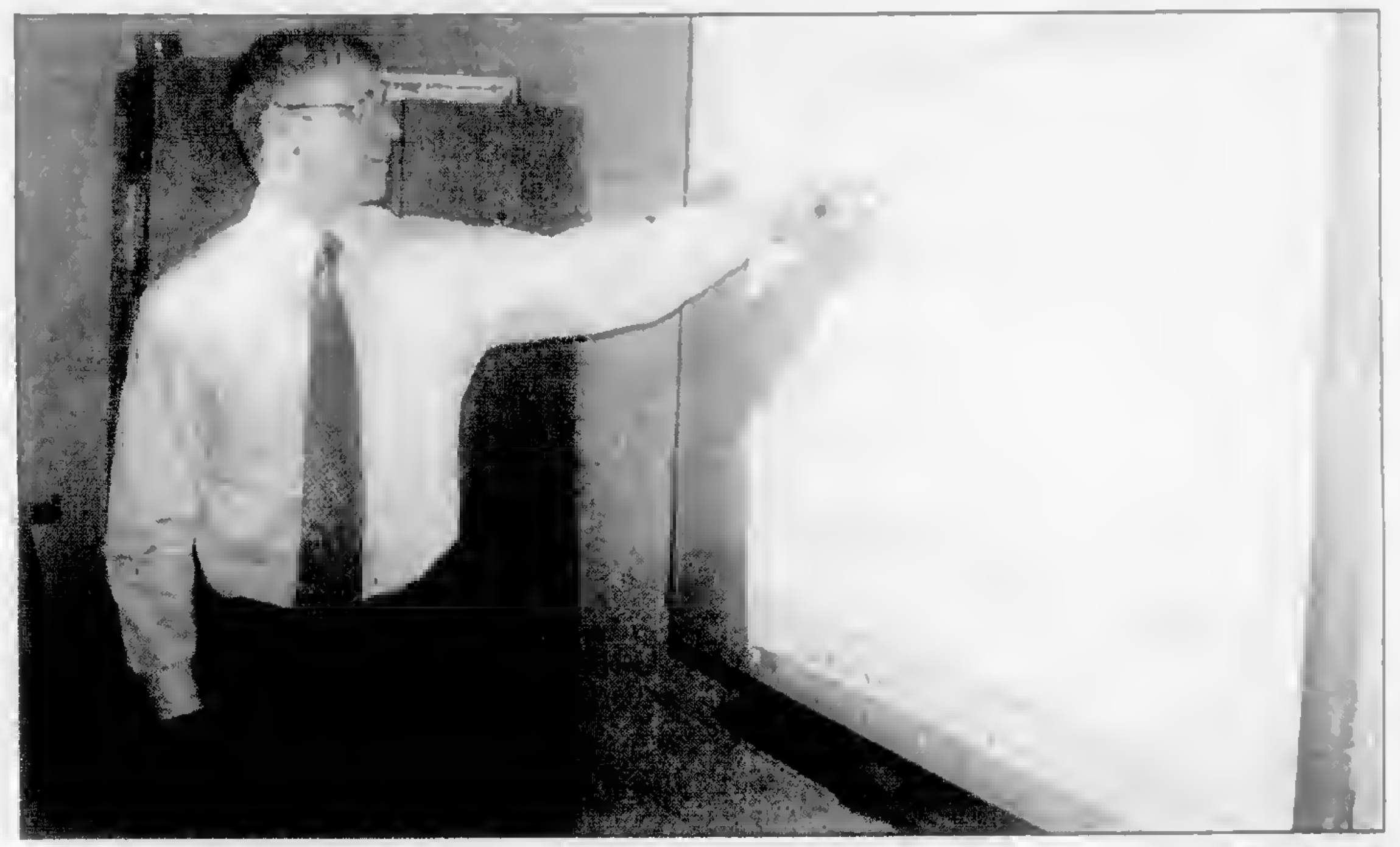

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Steve Hopkins, math teacher at Charlevoix Middle School, demonstrates what his new SMART board can do.

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Love, Nathan

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Love, Addison

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Love, Joey

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Love Rylynn

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? How are your reindeer?
Love, Bryna

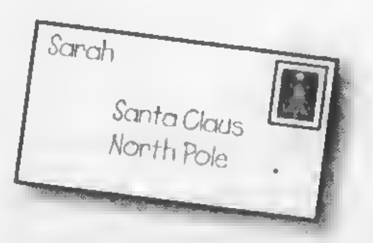
Dear Santa Claus.
How are your rein deer. Ples bring me a hrmitcrab. How are you. I will lev you cooces.
Love, Payton

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? Reindeer Rudolph Christmas I wot a elves elf
Love, Allison

Dear Santa Claus
How are you? Can you breing me to the nopol? Are you my friend Santa? Can you breing me a pupe?
Love Bab

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? It is Christmas. I wooe like a dog.
Love, Bryana

Dear Santa Claus,
how are you Santa? Are your elves bece? How are the reindeer! It is 20 days til Christmas! I want the Wii pleese. I want a Star wars achunficer! I want 6 things!
love Trever



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how are you dooing? what was miss claus dooing? How is Miss claus feling? How is your rain dear dooing?
love Hailey

Dear Santa Claus,
I have ban good. How are you Reindeer? how are the Elves?
Love,? Robby

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I hope your reindeer are feling food. Dus Rudolph led the way. How do your elf's make the kiching for tow twein's Mable and Bram. Bram won's a toy mastr truk? I won't a makup dreser? I won't a pink char? Malbe won's tun's uv pisses stuf? I won't a Pink dest?
Love Ellie

Dear Santa Claus,
how are you? how are your reindeer. For Christmas I want a ben bag char. And I want a barbe.
love Madison

Dear Santa Caus,
How are you? How are your elves? I'll lev you cookes. I ban a good boy. Can you bring me a webkins turtle?
Love Wil

Dear Santa Claus
How is Rudophe? How is Mrs. Claus tosqs
Russell

Dear Santa Claus
how is Mrs Claus? how is rudolph? how are the elves
Lufv Ryan

Dear Santa Claus
May I have to new puppys and to new beds and a new colur. Ples may I have a new lesh.
Love Jaden

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Dear Santa Claus,
how are you? Are the reindeer oh cay? Will you mac it here? Wuod you bring me lots of cool toys. Dont forget Christmas is amost here.
Love Tristan
ps can I have a cow webckins

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you the North Poll? How do the reindeer fly? How are the reindeer? How are your elves? I love you! Can I have a Hors Videy gaem? Can I have 18 Hors toys? Can I have a dog toy? Can I have 4 brobea toys?
Love, Morgan

Dear Santa Claus,
how are you doing today? How are you reindeer like Rudolph and Dasher? Hare are the elves doing today? I love Christmas. Chismas is my favorite holudae. Can you bring me a talking Chiamahr.
Love William

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? How much fun are you haveing? How are your elves? Can I have a book? Can I have a kayg for Jack?
love Nicolas

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? How is Rudolph? How are the reindeer? can I have a Pukcho key chan?
Love Nathan

deer Santa
I like your reindeer. I like your elvs lots! can I ples have a game boy. then I wont a litning Mc Quen 2.
Lov Hank

Muere CHRisTMAS.
I love you santa clause. How are you dooing" Hay ar you having fun? thank you for the presints that you giv us. I wont a STAR Wars belt.
your friend Thomas

How are your doing? how are reindeer? thank ya for toys. I lik you I like you, best budy. and you are cool and you are nice.
Love Danzelle

Der Santa
I hop you come cum soon. I hop you giv me lots of toys. I hop I get lots of clos.
frm Chloe

Dear Sata
Can your elfss make a submrene. that shoots misals and mak it hav camrus on the symrene sides.
Luv Max

Der Santa
I wont a snobord. I wont a toy. I wont a box of lagor. I wont a skat bord.
love Jacob

Dear Santa,
please can I have some new clos. Please can I have a kgroo stuft anmol. Please can I have a new dag. Please can I have sum toys. How is yor wf and your reindeer? Have a god CHRISTMAS! SANTA!
LOVE Isabella

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How are you santa? I hope you drive your sled safely. Have a grate Christmas. How are you elves? Santa how is your mom.
love Cheyenne

Dear Santa
You have dun sow gud for us and you no evrebude luvs you. I wont a str wrs moove and i wont a bur be dol that sings and is Santa.
Love Angelina

Dear Santa
I love your voes! I love haw you say hoho marecritms. I love you. I love Santz Claus.
Your Friend MacKenzie

Dear Santa
How are your elves dowe? I like pony that you got me last christmas. the pony dusnt buc. but I will get a new brbe cast thia christmas. I wont to get lots of toys.
love Adrianna

Dear Santa Claus
May I have a diskoball and a reeie selpone 12 packits of gum and 10 webknse. Whou are your Reindeer are thay hethee and Mrs Claus is she hethee well probley she is . mareychristmas
Love Emily

Dear Santa
Thank you for the presents last yaer. I please want some new clos. And a barbee.
Love Jaidyn

Der Santa
I will poot reindeer food ot. please land yuur reindeer on the grond.
Your friend Ana

Dear Sant
How are your reinbeer? Thank you ror the toys. How are your elves? I hop you have nis tree. Do you have a horse? How is Mrs. Claus? How is prsr? Is he gud? I hop he is gud!
Love Hannah

Dear Santa,
How are you reindeer santa? Are you having a good winter? what abowt your elves? Can I have a christmas bare please? Can I have a frog please? Can I have a puppy please? Have a good Christmas!
Love Marissa

Dear Santa
Can I please have a chrampoleen. please Santa can I dve a gam of yotsee. please Santa can I have Oqwadots.
your friend Emily

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Scta
how are yor elves? are thea good? How are yoy? I bet you are good. can I have a play stasnin 2. plesce. Be cas you are my best fret. so I hop you have a good crismis. have a good day.
Love Isaac

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? How are your reindeer? You are vary nois for bring call the boys and girls presents. The carits are for the reindeer! The cokis and milk are for you.
Your frend Andrew

Hay santa clas
How are your rardeer? Chrismis is coming up. You betr get rede. I want a dvd playre pleys. Can I have a de coy deer pleys.
Love, Ronnie

Dear Santaus,
I hop that yory raders ar ver happe. I hop roodrf si ver nois. I hop you have a good Christmas. Can you git me a wepkins. Please. And can you git me a gameboy.
Love Christina

DreSata
How are yor reindeer doweing? I wed like sam klos ples and I wed radeow. and I wed like a new bar and sum sox.
Selena

Dear Santa
How your reindeer? How is mrs.claus? Is it fun at the north pole? can I have a set uv toys?
Love Tylan

Dear Santa
I want uno attack and a ipod and star wars lagos and soob doo moves and the swet lif of sack and cody and the swet lif of sack and cod catbc
Love Lily

Dear Santa
1 tommy 20 3 toycar 5 starwars 4 mp3 plaer 5 books 6 spider-man toy 7 spider-man vido game
Tristan

Dear Santa
I want one of the puppy diaries. en tendow.
Love Alex

Dear Santou
I wish that I had a hol pak of Brown legos. I wish I had heles.
love Santou. Katie

Dear Santa,
I hav been goud. this year. I wont a ipod. and a pear of sceys. and a... fan. and a...camru. and that is it.
Love Rilyn

Dear Santa
I hve been very good. So may I ples have a ipod and a lot of presintes and a puppy diaries.
Love Caroline

Dear Santa,
I've been very good. I want littleist pet shop. I want an ipod. I want a rudolf snowglobe. I want a real conpter.
Love, Elyssa

Dear Santa,
I wish for a pathop diary. I wish for a pathop piey hos. I wish for a snowboard. I wot you to get a prast. I wot a gingpig. I wot a vsp. I wot a tano ds.
Love Haley

Dear Santa
I bin good. Dear Santa I want a ipod
Love Trever

Dear Santa
I been gud. Dear Santa I want a PSP.
Love Logan

Dear Santa.
I want a pet shop diary ipod. a present for puff.
Love, Devin

Dear Santa
tarrow gun. I been gun santa.
Love Braeden

Deer Santa,
I am bing so good. I want a Hannah Montana wig and my oan papy dog.
Love Lilly

Dear Santa,
I been vaery good. I want a pet shop diary. and a flare. Thaec you for the hoot.
Love Libby

Dear Santa
I wish for a ipod. And my one puppy. And a present for my puppy.
Love Emma

Dear Santa
I was good this year. I want lot's of books. I want a hannah montana doll. I want a pet shop.
Love, Megan

Dear Santa,
I was good. I want for a snowboard and a ipod and a fowh.
Love Haley

Dear Santa.
I have been very good this year. I would like a puppy - a snowglob-pet shops-and a secrit diary.
love, Julia

Dear Santa,
I wish you could give me a snowboard and a snowglobe.
Love Isabella

Dear Santa,
I wot a secret diary. And a puppy and a cat. ps. I ben good. And spris me on the rest.
love Bailey

Dear Santa,
I was good. and I wish you could give me a pet shop and a reel puppy ples Santa. I would like books.
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Dear Santa
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love santa Gabriel

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I wot a snowboard rudoif stuf anmel mor littlies pet shop and ihas it.
Love Kaitlin

Dear Santa,
for Christmas I want a buttr skoch pony. How do your reindeer fly? dose the north pole reely have a pole for its name. I hop youv been good I have a preset for you
Love Maddie

Dear Santa,
I want a PSP. I want a sel fon to. How dus Roodof's now's glow? My familey has ben nis to me and I have ben nic to. Is it kold up in the north pol? Hav you sen ene polr bars or a Pagwens? Hav fun!
Love, Payton

Dear Santa, how are the penquins doing? when you write me back tell me! please get us a wii! how do you fly?
Love, Max

Deer Santa Claus,
How is rodof? Hay can you smit hup sum exra gogls plees? woch lak frost. Have a mare cismis.
Love Levi

Dear Santa Claws,
-I love you. -you are cool. -do you now that I want a minnicher dirt bike. -how do you fly in the sky? -I never got a minnicher dirt bike befour. -can you rite me a not so I can see if I ben good or not. -I like you Santa Claws.
Love your freind Prestyn

Dear Santa,
This yer I want a green sel phon. Thak you for giving me presins. My brutere ben men. How do you fly? I like you. Ples leve me a note. Ples give me presins not cole.
Love Jenna

Dear Santa,
can you plese git me a BRATZ Horses. Have a grat Christmas. I am a gud girl.
Love, Rani

Dear Santa,
Can yoow get me a rascrr trak ples? I ben good. How do yoow fliy? I love yoow Santa.
Love Noah

Dear Santa,
I am thring to b gud. I wont a gtor and drums and a muecrpon.
Sincerly, William

Dear Santa Claus,
al I want is a behlo viteo gam for pae statuin 2. I love Sants. Santa daoo you pat magic dust on the reideer?
Love, Carson

Dear Santa Claus,
I love you. Have a happy christmas. I ben good. How do you fly? you are the best. How did rudolph get his red noss? I what a p-tendo DS. I love my sidtr. She is nice. please rit me back.
Love, Emily

Dear Santa,
How do the reindeer fliy? I hop you can tell me. Ples ples ples ples, tell me. Wil you?
Love Raven

Dear Santa,
Please can I have a toy rejstr and all cindse of pet shops and all I want for crismis if you to come to my house and I trie my best to be good.
Love, Halal

Dear Santa,
I wont the bionkle named boe lecone. Becaus he is cool. And I thinkgc yuo are cool too.
Love, Eric

Dear Santa,
You can give me wat ever you like. How do you fly? was I bad are good? I got a prezit for you. I cant tell you what it is. Ples riyt me back.
Love, Maddie

Dear Santa,
I waut a sllfone. I bn ptie gud. I hop you bring me suthin.
Love Riley

Dear Sant C,
Can I have a mllen strvoe toes? I tri to be gud but I have ben trien to be gud but I have ben both bad and gud.
Love, Owen

Dear Santa Claus,
why do yuo go down the chiney. how do yor reinbeer fly. Ds have a happy christmas.
Love Evan

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Santa Claus
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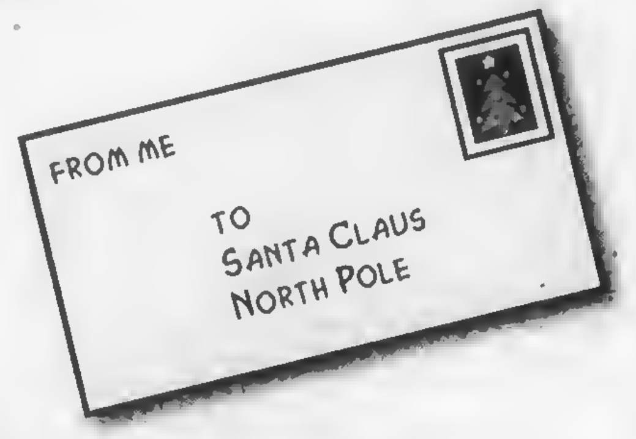
Kelly & Terry
Mr. Claus.
The North Pole



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Community Foundation awards $449,000 in grants

Recent grants from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation are helping support a variety of worthy projects in the Charlevoix County area—from a ceramics art exhibit and orchestra performances to an updated trail map and emergency heating fuel.

The new awards bring the community foundation's grantmaking total to over $7.9 million in its 15-year history. Programs chosen for foundation support and the amounts of their grants are:

From the Adams Fund: $1,185 to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center to support the hospice program

From the Beaver Island Enrichment Fund: $2,500 towards video conferencing and digital transmitting equipment for the Beaver Island Rural Health Center;

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From the Canine Project Fund: $2,880 towards various expenses for the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Canine Project

From the Charlevoix County Community Fund: $700 to support a parenting communication series at Boyne City Public Schools;

$2,000 for a backup power generator at the Charlevoix County Humane Society;

$1,070 to Good Samaritan Family Services to provide emergency heating fuel for low income families in winter;

$1,300 to purchase adaptive equipment for the Senior Aid to Computers project at Grandvue Medical Care Facility;

$2,915 to Hospice of Northwest Michigan for two ThinkPad computers to serve hospice patients;

$500 towards the Jordan River Arts Council Kidz Create youth art projects and exhibit;

$650 to support Jordan River Arts Council ceramics exhibit and artists workshops;

$500 for an early childhood education program for educators and caregivers through Char-EM ISD.

From the Charlevoix Fund: $1,000 to purchase and install siding for the B.A.S.E.S. Teen Center building;

$900 for a backup power generator at the Charlevoix County Humane Society;

$500 to support Perspectives: Understanding through Education community forum series;

$2,180 to Good Samaritan Family Services to provide emergency heating fuel for low income families in winter;

$900 to support the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra performance at the Charlevoix High School Auditorium;

$500 to Hospice of Northwest Michigan for two ThinkPad computers to serve hospice patients

From the Coeling Fund: $6,442 to design and publish a brochure for the Charlevoix Public Library;

$25,300 to purchase and install an ultraviolet disinfecting system at the Charlevoix Area Community Pool

From the East Jordan Enrichment Fund: $7,736 towards new dugouts at the City of East Jordan Men's/Women's Softball Field;

$850 towards a theatre experience for East Jordan Elementary School students;

$4,900 for East Jordan Public Schools to continue staff training in reading tutorial methods;

$1,135 to purchase musical instruments and accessories for the East Jordan Public School Music Department;

$1,750 to Good Samaritan Family Services to provide emergency heating fuel for low income families in winter;

$900 to support the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra performance at the East Jordan High School Auditorium;

$800 to Jordan Valley District Library for calculators and movable wall panels for the after school teen program;

From the Environmental Fund: $250 to support the annual Jordan River cleanup day for National Honor Society students;

$2,250 towards Friends of the Jordan River Watershed purchase of multimedia equipment for environmental programs and presentations;

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$2,000 to republish the Top of Michigan Trails Council's trail map and guidebook

From the IMI Community Fund: $300 to purchase winter clothing and boots for students at Boyne City Public Schools

From the SOAR Fund: $5,321 to Raven Hill Discovery Center for various program related expenses

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From the Towsley Fund: $1,815 to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center to support the hospice program;

$985 to Hospice of Northwest Michigan for two ThinkPad computers to serve hospice patients

From Donor Advised Funds: $353,860 to a host of nonprofit organizations and charitable initiatives, in accordance with the wishes of those who established a donor advised fund and help direct their own grantmaking;

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in the area, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses, and organizations and manages them as permanent endowments. Every year, a portion of the endowment's investment income is used to support programs in education, the environment, the arts, human services, health and wellness, youth activities, community development, and various civic projects.

Through careful investment, the principal of the endowment continues to grow, providing perpetual charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County residents and local nonprofit organizations.

Since it was founded by a group of local citizens in 1992, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's net assets have grown to more than $21.8 million.

The Community Foundation will review grant requests again this spring. The deadline for applications is March 3, 2008. For more information about grant opportunities, or the Community Foundation, call 231/536-2440, or visit the foundation's website: www.c3f.org.

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SPORTS reviewing the action

Charlevoix girls undeafeated, but to be challenged

Photo by Erica Goff

The Charlevoix varsity girls' basketball team is (front, from left) Ericka Faust, Alyssa Smith, Marnie Greene, Olivia Catt, Meridith Rich, (center, from left) K.C. McCary, Emily Foster, Brooke Whittaker, Desi Faust, Shauna Spencley, (back, from left) Kandis Way, Bridget Peters, Becca Madison, Murphy Gillespie, Tammy Potter and coach Bret Erskine.

Undefeated, yes.

But the road promises to get more difficult, quickly, for the Charlevoix High School girls' basketball team

Emily Foster came off the bench to score 15 points and lead a balanced attack Friday as Charlevoix rolled to a 65-19 Lake Michigan Conference victory at winless Grayling.

The Rayders improved to 5-0 overall, 3-0 in the league. Grayling is 0-6, 0-3.

Meredith Rich added nine points, and KC McCary and Brooke Whittaker had eight points apiece for the Rayders. Tammy Potter and McCary grabbed seven rebounds apiece, and Potter added seven points.

The Rayders play two league games this week: At Traverse City St. Francis on Wednesday, Dec. 19, and at Kalkaska on Friday, Dec. 21.

St. Francis is 1-2 overall and in the league, with losses to East Jordan and Elk Rapids, and a win over Grayling.

Kalkaska poses perhaps Charlevoix's most difficult test to date. The Blazers entered the week 5-0 overall and 2-0 in the league. One of their wins, a non-leaguer, came over Traverse City Central, 59-51. The Blazers have also posted relatively convincing league wins over Elk Rapids and East Jordan.

Kalkaska was scheduled to play at Boyne City, 3-2, 2-0, on Wednesday.

Sarah Potter scored 19 point to lead Charlevoix to a 76-19 win in the JV game. Hannah Hyhl scored 20 points as the Rayders won the freshman game, 53-29.

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Wrestlers take 2nd

Charlevoix Wrestlers place Second @ Rudyard Bridge Brawl

Charlevoix wrestlers were on the move again on Friday night during the annual Bridge Brawl. Ten teams participated in this Upper Peninsula vs. the Lower competition. Manistique, Rudyard, Norway, Newberry, and St Ignace, competed against Charlevoix, Alpena, Cheboygan, Mancelona, and Frankfort. Overall winning team was St. Ignace.

Undefeated wrestlers from Charlevoix were Greg Bishaw, 112lbs, who teched Marks from Manistique (21-5), and defeated Petena from St. Ignace (17-7 major decision). Zeke Daman, 119lbs, pinned Perry from Rudyard(1:08seconds). Schemke from St. Ignace (1:38 seconds), and Krehbiel from Manistique (20 seconds). Mat Golovich, 130#, pinned Rodigues from Manistique (44 seconds). Brown from St Ignace (30 seconds), Buzzo from Norway (15 seconds) and defeated Paulson from Newberry 4-2.

Other big winners of the day were: Ryan Penfold pinning Kokko from Rudyard (5:07 seconds). Clinton Longley pinning Martz from Manistique (26 seconds), and Williams from Norway (1:08 seconds). Tony Muskhmanun pinning Looby from Newberry (39 seconds). Mike Berry defeated Hunter from Norway. Brandon Darrah pinning Edwards from Manistique (1:48 seconds). and Shultz from Norway (33 seconds). Tony Cepada Mulholland pinning

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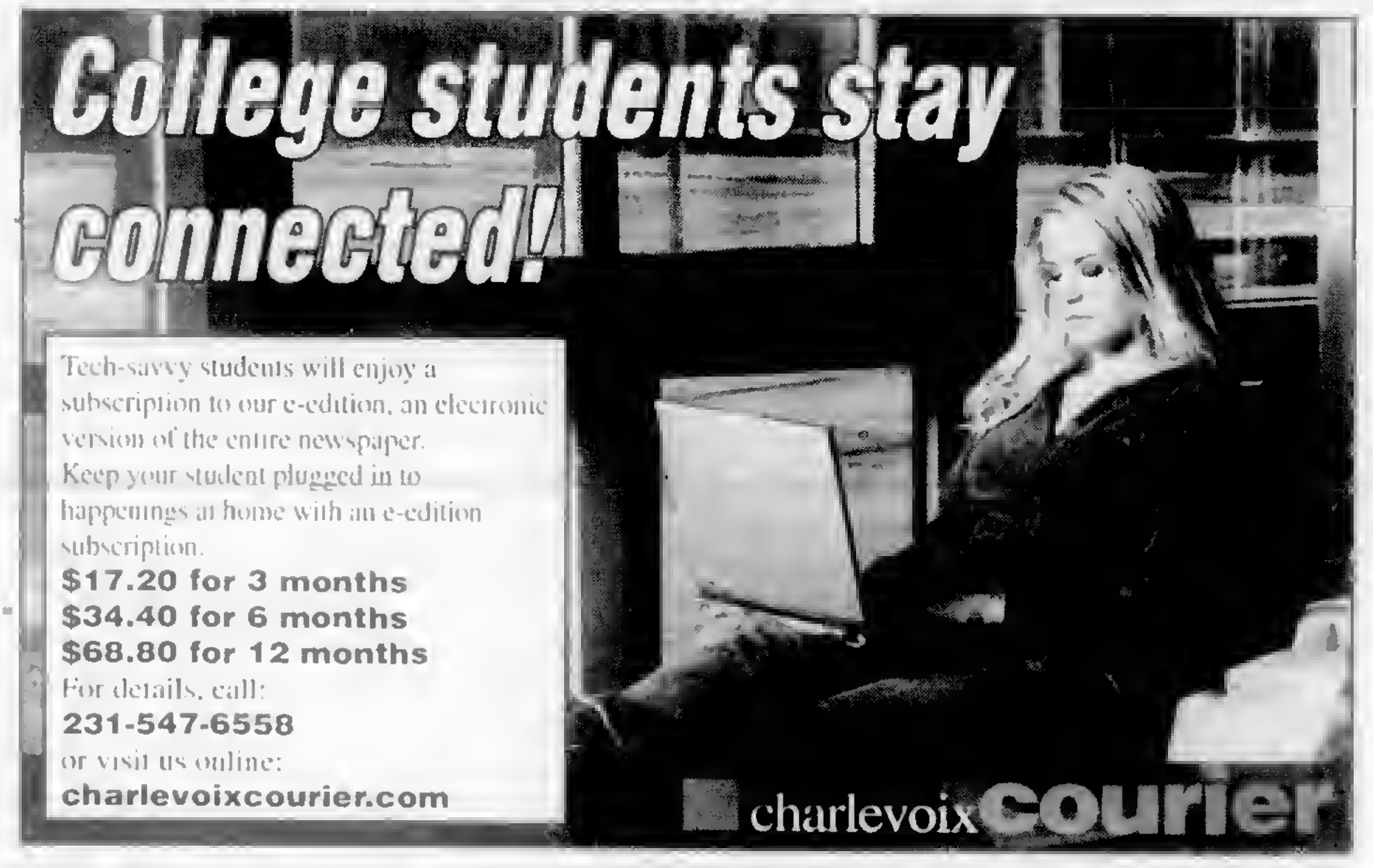

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Rayders take conference and non-conference wins

BY ALLEN TELENHOF
SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

The Charlevoix Rayders boys' basketball squad opened its season with a 4-0 mark with a Lake Michigan Conference opening victory, a win over a tough non-conference foe and a tournament championship.

The Rayders defeated Grayling, 77-44, Bellaire, 72-71, Petoskey, 59-54 and Marquette, 54-46.

Against Grayling, the Rayders' pressure defense was the story as Charlevoix raced out to a 39-23 halftime lead and never looked back.

"Our pressure got to Grayling," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said. "They turned it over a lot and didn't shoot very well. That hasn't happened much down there (at Grayling) so we're just happy to get the win."

Corey Gotshall led the Rayders with 23 points and eight rebounds. Nate LaBlance had 15 points, four steals and six rebounds. Kyle Jones tallied 13 points.

Cliff Jones contributed six assists and Justin Friske grabbed seven rebounds.

The Rayders won an exciting one at home against Bellaire, keyed by Cliff Jones' steal and ensuing three-point play.

Weston Bryan hit a three-pointer to tie the score at 68-68 and as the Eagles attempted to play for the last shot, Cliff Jones picked the pocket of the Bellaire point guard, drove in for a layup, was fouled and hit the key free throw to give Charlevoix the lead.

"Cliff made a couple of key plays down the stretch that really made the difference for us," Haske noted. "Corey Gotshall also stepped up and played a great game. He was seven for ten from the free throw line and that means he is getting the ball and taking it to the basket, drawing fouls."

Gotshall finished with a double-double, 23 points and 13 rebounds. LaBlance added 12 points while Cliff Jones finished with 11 points and seven steals. Bryan had eight rebounds.

"I really thought Bellaire played an outstanding game against us," Haske noted. "They shot the ball well and handled our pressure."

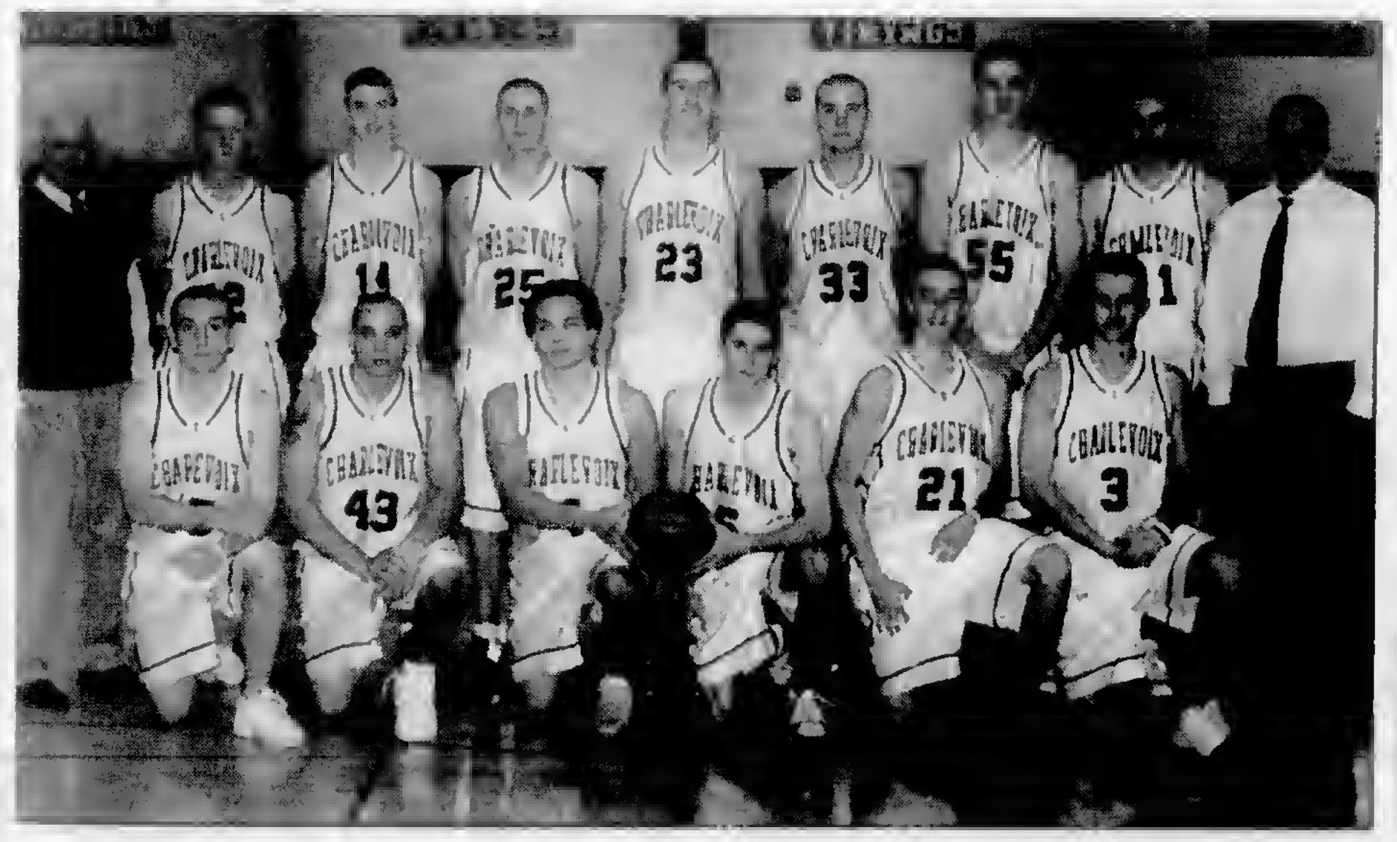
Charlevoix opened the season winning the Petoskey Invitational, defeating Marquette in the first round and Petoskey in the championship. The Rayders led the Northmen 26-24 at the half and led by as many as thirteen in the second half, at 57-44 before holding on for the victory.

LaBlance, named the tournament's MVP, finished with 26 points, including five three-pointers. Cliff Jones, Friske and Gotshall each scored eight points. Bryan pulled down seven rebounds. Gotshall was named to the all-tourney team.

Dibble finished with 22 points.

Against Marquette, the Rayders shrugged off an early 10-point deficit and battled back for the victory. LaBlance again was leading scorer with 14 points and had five steals. Jones had eight points and Friske scored seven.

Charlevoix (4-0 overall, 1-0 conference) plays its first home Lake Michigan Conference game Thursday hosting Boyne City. On Tuesday, Dec. 18, the Rayders played at rival Traverse City St. Francis. Results were unavailable at press time.



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The Charlevoix varsity boys' basketball team is (front, from left) Jake Hunter, Kyle Jones, Cliff Jones, Nate LaBlance, Jon Putman, Weston Bryan, head coach Keith Haske, (back, from left) assistant coach Dr. Jim Gels, Collin McDonough, Thomas Parrish, Austin Wilhelm, Justin Friske, Corey Gotshall, Brock Yenglin and Tyler Munroe. Scott Silberhorn is not pictured.

Bridge Brawl success for wrestling Rayders

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LaPlaunt (5:20 seconds), Arnold from Norway (1:18 seconds), and defeateing Lewis from Rudyard in a major 9-1 victory. Nate Tripplehorn pinned Maurafas from Rudyard (1:15 seconds), Chris Levins pinned Perry from Rudyard (30 seconds), Jewwitt from Manistique (2:48 seconds), and Thoresen from Norway (46 seconds), Jacob Roach pinned Robinson from Newberry (44 seconds), and Trevor Cole pinned Foster from St. Ignace (1:42 seconds). Freshman Chris Keie contibuted 2 wins from Newberry and Norway.

"These kids really worked hard today, it's great to see them gaining skills and confidence, and coming together as a team," Coach Craig Golovich said.

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that and a more local project production of a 30-minute video with highlights from that game and other state finals games — will help boost morale and team support, as well as finances. He said the videos will be available for sale at upcoming home basketball games.

Jadwin, who recently ordered his own copy of the rule book, said he is "a typical proud parent," noting how special that day and his daughter's whole basketball career was, and how fun it is for him to remember.

"Those girls played together since the fifth grade. All of their friends were there with them and they were really supporting each other," he said, noting other players in the photo are Stevie Murry and Jennifer Kochanny.

Jadwin shared Haske's excitement about the book and the photo of local girls being distributed throughout the country.

"The neat part is that that book will be in the hands of every high school basketball coach in the country. They'll say, 'I wonder who those girls are?' and at least 3,000 of us here in Charlevoix will have the answer," he said.

SMART boards in middle school

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dium they are used to using," he said.

Having witnessed the success of the SMART boards in the classroom, Haske said his hope is to have one in every classroom, noting the potential for application in every subject.

"In Social Studies, you can stream right into video of something related to a history lesson, and the possibilities are endless for science," he said.

Hopkins said he has been using the SMART board in his classroom for just over a month, and is excited each day to consider, 'How can I apply this to what I'm doing today?' He said he can use it to plan lessons, save work done in the classroom, and even use graphics to tell his students they've done a "GOOD JOB!!"

Courtesy photo

Char-Em ISD AmeriCorps member Ellen MacDonald (center) and Charlevoix Elementary fourth grade teacher John Haan (top, right) are surrounded by students who collected a total of 314 items for the Women's Resource Center Safe Home, making them the highest donating class in the school.

Charlevoix Elementary project helps WRC

Charlevoix Elementary School students collected more than 2,400 food and supply items to donate to the Women's Resource Center through a drive organized by AmeriCorps member Ellen MacDonald.

The class that donated the most items – John Haan's fourth grade class with 314 items – was allowed to help load the supplies onto a trailer for delivery to the WRC, and later treated to a movie and popcorn.

Between November 12-30, MacDonald, a Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District AmeriCorps member, provided each classroom an empty box and a list of needed items that was sent home with the students.

"When a class filled a box, I emptied it and kept track of the number of items collected. The empty box was returned to the classroom to wait being filled again," MacDonald explained.

In total, the elementary students collected more than 2,400 items which were delivered to the WRC on December 7 for use at the safe home for women and their children.

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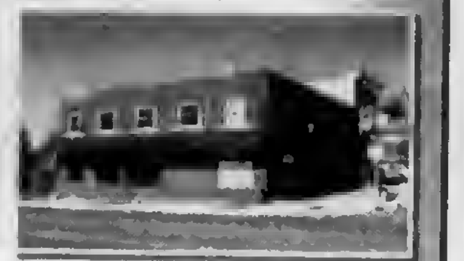

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
90TH DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE/PUBLICATION
File No. 07-1287-SP-1

Honorable:
RICHARD W. MAY

LARRY SPENCE, PATRICIA SPENCE AND LINDA SPENCE
Plaintiffs,

v

TIMOTHY DAVIS
Defendant,

Plaintiff has filed a Complaint to Forfeit the Land Contract of TIMOTHY W. DAVIS, an action pending in the District Court to forfeit the Land Contract.

Defendant, TIMOTHY DAVIS, his heirs, successors or assigns will be defaulted and the Land Contract forfeited if the Defendant, TIMOTHY DAVIS, does not file an Answer to the Plaintiff's Complaint by December 31, 2007, or an Order Forfeiting the Land Contract will be entered by the Court.

A copy of this Order will be served on the Defendant by registered mail, return receipt requested, at the Defendant's last known address of 236 South Elizabeth Street, Lawrence, Michigan 49064.

This Order shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in a Charlevoix County newspaper.

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Dated: December 3, 2007

Richard W. May,
District Judge (P23180)
(L-12/12, 12/19, 12/26)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: John Spieth and Rebecca Spieth, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Resmae Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2005 and recorded August 22, 2005 in Liber 700 Page 328 Charlevoix County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Resmae Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, by assignment dated June 11, 2007 and recorded June 26, 2007 in Liber 808, Page 690, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents ($196,571.86) including interest 8.99% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Charlevoix County at 11:00AM on Friday, December 28, 2007. Said premises are situated in Township of Charlevoix, Charlevoix County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 7, Pineridge Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 339 and 340, Charlevoix County Records Commonly known as 12938 Pine Ridge Drive, Charlevoix MI 49720.

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The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: NOVEMBER 21, 2007

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Resmae Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-1, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:

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Rochester Hills, MI 48307
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07-82908 ASAP# 940397
(L-11/28/2007, 12/05/2007,
12/12/2007, 12/19/2007)

2100 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

EVELINE TOWNSHIP
Seeks Public input on Recreation

Eveline Township Planning Commission is seeking public input at a public hearing, which will be held as part of their regularly scheduled meeting, to accept input regarding recreation needs in the Township, on Wednesday, December 19, at 7:00 pm at the Eveline Township Hall, 08525 Ferry Rd.

Please plan to attend!

Copies of the draft Recreation Plan can be reviewed at the Township website: www.charlevoixcounty.org/eveline.asp, the Charlevoix Public Library, Jordan Valley District Library and the Boyne District Library and hard copies of the will also be available for review at the meeting. Written comments may be sent to: Eveline Township Planning Commission, c/o Eric Beishlag, 1265 Sequanota Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727. Questions regarding the Recreation Plan should be directed to Eric Beishlag at 231-547-2666.
(L-12/19)

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Albert G. Eiben III and Jacqueline D. Eiben, husband and wife, to Wright-Way Homes, Inc., dated October 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on December 9, 1998, in Liber 352, Page(s) 994, et. seq., and which Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), by Mortgage Assignment dated October 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on December 9, 1998, in Liber 353, Page(s) 001, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $52,153.39, which amount may or may not be the entire Indebtedness owed by Albert G. Eiben III and Jacqueline D. Eiben, husband and wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), together with interest at 6.50 percent per annum.

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NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on January 18, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ARM, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL I:

A PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 2 WHICH IS 314.00 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION, AS MEASURED ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 2, FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WEST 270.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 130.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 270.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE SOUTH, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SECTION, 130.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL II:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION AND THE CENTERLINE OF ADVANCE BOYNE CITY ROAD, NORTH 00 DEGREES 00° 00" WEST 444.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" WEST 33.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID ROAD; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 33" 42' WEST 237.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00' 00" WEST 193.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" EAST 237.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID ADVANCE BOYCE CITY ROAD; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" EAST 33.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2 AND THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ADVANCE BOYCE CITY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID SECTION LINE AND THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00' 00" EAST 193.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

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Dated: December 7, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
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FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE OF SALE

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ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Goike, a married man, Mortgagor, to Corporate Title Exchange Services, Robert Sherman, and William Sherman, Mortgagees, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Pages 30-32, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $613,746.22 of December 6, 2007, with including interest therefrom accruing at $91.59 per day.

The interest of Corporate Title Exchange Services in and to the above-referenced mortgage has been assigned to Sherman Exchange, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, at Liber 710, Page 33. The interest of Sherman Exchange, LLC, in and to the above-referenced mortgage, has been assigned to Theodore Sherman, a/k/a Theodore Sherman, Sr., pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Page 34, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan.

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No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the said mortgage or any part thereof.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by public auction of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2008, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid under the Mortgage, together with interest thereon, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses of sale, including attorneys fees allowed by law. (The successful bidder is required to provide cash or certified funds.)

Said premises are situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as:

Unit 2 of Lake Shore Drive Condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof recorded in Liber 422, Pages 893 through 950, Charlevoix County Records, as amended, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 132, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements a set forth in the above Master Deed and as descried in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 25th, 2007

KENNETH GOIKE,

Mortgagor,

THEODORE SHERMAN, a/k/a THEODORE SHERMAN, SR., ROBERT SHERMAN, and WILLIAM SHERMAN,

Mortgagees.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Joel F. Wasylewski and Kimberlee Wasylewski, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Bank, f/k/a First National Bank of Gaylord, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated December 27, 2001, and was recorded on January 10, 2002, in Liber 452 on pages 977 through 983 of the Charlevoix County records. The mortgage is subject to a Mortgage Extension Agreement dated January 8, 2007, and recorded January 26, 2007, in Liber 787, Page 301. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is $39,691.32, including interest at 8.125% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, January 11, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Hudson, County of Charlevoix, Michigan and is described as:

Beginning at a point 491.4 ft North of the center 1/4 corner of Section 33, T32N, R4W on the North and South 1/4 line; thence continuing North on said 1/4 line 436 ft; thence SE'ly 407 ft, more or less, to the centerline of Hoffman Lake Road; thence SW'ly along the centerline of said road 430 ft, more or less, to a point East of the Place of Beginning; thence West to the Place of Beginning; being a part of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 33.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

Dated: December 7, 2007

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.

Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, NPB Mortgage LLC may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Alan D. Taylor and Marli C. Taylor, husband and wife, to NPB Mortgage LLC, dated October 1, 2004, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on October 7, 2004, in Liber 641, Page(s) 388, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $49,056.68, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Alan D. Taylor and Marli C. Taylor, husband and wife, to NPB Mortgage LLC, together with interest at 9.94 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on January 25, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BOYNE VALLEY, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS:

UNIT 32, PINE VALLEY, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED AS RECORDED IN LIBER 634, PAGES 615 THROUGH 668, INCLUSIVE, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND DESIGNATED AS CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CONDOMINIUM PLAN NO. 146. TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE MASTER DEED AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

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The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: December 17, 2007

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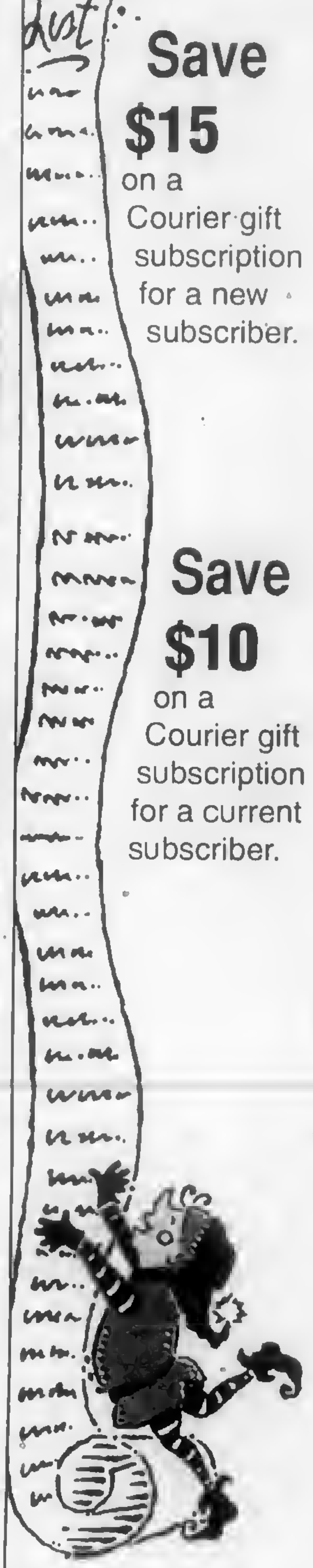

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Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Pinochle 1.00 p.m.
Cribbage 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 21
Sit & Be Fit 10:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Ladies Cards 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 17
Sit & Be Fit 10:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Aktion Club 11:30
Woodcarving 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 18
Computers 9:00 a.m.
Acrylic Painting 9:30 a.m.
Crafts 10:00 a.m
Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Ladies Cards 7:00 p.m.

The Charlevoix Senior Center will be closed from December 24 thru January 1.

All events listed above take place at the Charlevoix Senior Center, located at 06906 Norwood Road in Charlevoix unless otherwise noted. For more information, call 547-5361.

Hey Jane!

M.J. Cargill

Hey Jane! I'm 65, retired, and have been the primary caretaker of my elderly dad for almost a year. He is active and alert by 90-year-old standards but needs somebody around for most of the time. I was a wild kid and gave my parents untold grief during my youth which caused years of estrangement. I eventually straightened out, became a professional and had a family of my own. Now I am retired and able to devote my time to my dad. My mom is gone and I was never able to reconnect with her and I am cherishing this time I have with him. Both of us are thriving. However, there is an ugly problem … my two brothers. They resent the dickens out of me! They never miss an opportunity to complain and criticize. They can do this separately or in pairs or even in a gang with their wives. They have a ridiculing opinion about everything from major to minor. From the brand of socks he wears to the number of doctor appointments. When I see their faces they are on the ready to tear me apart! For most of the time my dad and I enjoy a quiet, idyllic life. He is healthy and happy but after a visit from the siblings he can be upset for hours. This is not a good thing. I am writing to you because I know "the brothers" read this column. Give us a good opinion.

Siblings at war.

Dear Sibling

Wow! When sibling rivalry rears its ugly head late in life the results are seldom pretty. Long held negative attitudes have had lots of time to become works of art. If you are being treated as the "fair-haired child" despite your rebel past, watching the growing affection growing between you two could be making your brothers feel abandoned by him. The rebonding between you and your dad may be emotionally painful for them and so you become target practice. Your dad, 90 years or not, still has some parenting to do. He needs to make absolutely sure that his economic affairs are in order, that they are balanced and fair, and that there will be no changes. Then, there needs to be a plan developed where each of his children spend time with him alone. You might even find that a couple of family therapy sessions might give some insight. It sounds like you came home to do some emotional healing with your dad and found that parents come with families. Safe sailing and speedy healing. Hey Jane.

Address your questions and comments to "Hey Jane" P.O.Box 117, Charlevoix, MI 49720 or e-mail to: heyjane@heyjaneonline.com.

I did my usual polling. I asked 17 people about the story of the Prodigal Son. Most had heard of it but, surprisingly, only a few (3) could really give any details about the story. But this is a small town and one of the 'brothers' from above, unaware at the time, gave a good summation. The Prodigal Son, according to him, is all about…forgiveness.

(Retold with permission)

Enlightened Elder

Keeping your holidays heathy, happy and memorable

Sue Bergmann

Although the holidays are supposed to be a time full of joy, good cheer and optimistic hopes for a new year, many people experience emptiness and solitude. The holiday season is a time full of parties and optimistic hopes for a new year. But for many people it is also a time of self-evaluation, loneliness, reflection on past "failures" and anxiety about an uncertain future.

The following are some suggestions to keep your holidays healthy, happy and memorable:

Keep expectations for the holiday season manageable by not trying to make it "the best ever."

Be realistic about what you can and cannot do. Prioritize most important activities, do not spend too much time preparing for just one day (Christmas).

Remember that the holiday season does not automatically banish reasons for feeling sad and lonely, that there is room for these feelings to be present, even if the person chooses not to express them.

Let go of the past. Don't be disappointed if your holidays are not like they used to be. Life brings changes. Each holiday season is different and can be enjoyed in its own way. You set yourself up for sadness if everything has to be just like the "good old days". Look toward the future.

If you are suffering a recent loss, do what feels comfortable.

Do something for someone else. It is an old remedy but it can help.

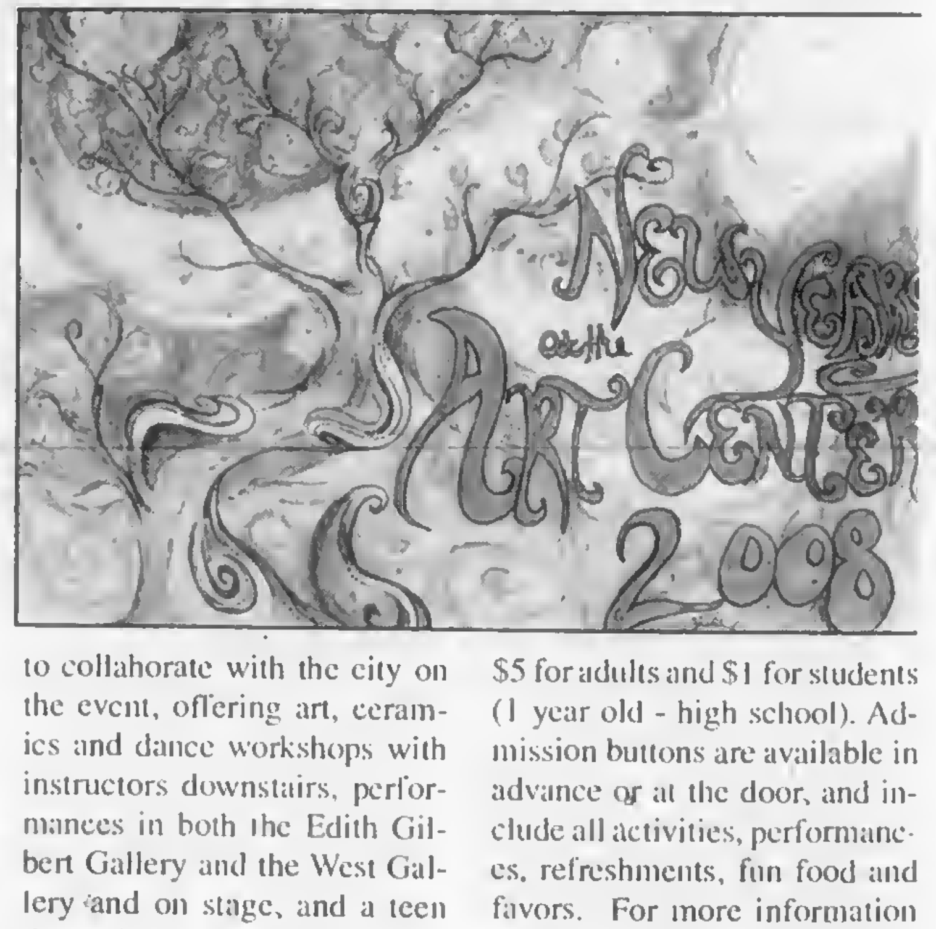
Enjoy holiday activities that are free such as driving around to look at Christmas decorations. Go window shopping without buying anything.

Don't be afraid to try something new. Celebrate the holidays in a way you have not done before.

Spend time with people who are supportive and care about you. Make new friends if you are alone during special times. Contact someone you have lost touch with.

Find time for yourself. Don't spend time providing activities for your family and friends. Remember that holiday celebrations are opportunities to share time with the people you love. Make them easy on yourself and the person you are caring for so that you may concentrate on enjoying the holidays together.

Spend New Year's Eve creatively


New Years at the Art Center 2008

Come to Crooked Tree Arts Center for a creative celebration of New Year's Eve from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, 2007. Join us for experiences in music, theatre, art and dance all under one roof. Take a workshop in art, ceramics and dance with Crooked Tree instructors. Enjoy live performances with Blissfest Music Organization and Laugh and Disorder: a Special Comedy Unit of the Little Traverse Civic Theatre, the Petoskey Public Library, and a Teen Dance with YMCA at the Carnegie Building are planned.

Becky Goodman, Downtown Director at the Petoskey Area Chamber of Commerce, said she is "thrilled" to have the event.

Event Coordinator Cindy McSurely said she is excited to collaborate with the city on the event, offering art, ceramics and dance workshops with instructors downstairs, performances in both the Edith Gilbert Gallery and the West Gallery and on stage, and a teen dance in the Carnegie Building.

The event is open to all ages, $5 for adults and $1 for students (1 year old - high school). Admission buttons are available in advance or at the door, and include all activities, performances, refreshments, fun food and favors. For more information please contact Crooked Tree Arts Center (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org

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Program offers food at discount

FOOD

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He added, "And this is not secondary stuff, this is top quality stuff that comes from regular companies like Betty Crocker or Tyson Chicken, but because Angel Food Ministries buys so much of it, you're getting it for a lot less—A guy who is here from Georgia that runs the warehouse was saying when Tyson Chicken has a sale they call him first. They said he buys more chicken than Wal-Mart."

Aside from doing their buying in bulk, Angel Food Ministries offers low prices by employing volunteers to distribute the goods and host distribution sites.

"It's been a difficult thing to sell to people in Charlevoix because they're kind of looking at it as a welfare program, but you pay for what you get. It's just a chance to buy this food at a cheaper prices," Fales said. "We get all kinds of questions from people and we tell them, 'Hey, if you don't want to save money on your groceries, then don't do it. But, if you're looking to save a little money, here's your chance.'"

While the program is intended for everyone, the obvious boon to those in need has been recognized by several area business which have purchased nearly two dozen units of food to be delivered to needy area families.

"If you wanted to help somebody you could donate the money and we can send a letter to the recipient telling them they have a gift from a friend," Fales said. "We give them all the paperwork so when they come to pick up the food nobody knows how it was paid for to avoid embarrassment."

People on the state aid EBT card, formerly known as the food stamp program, are also eligible.

"The only thing we won't take is a check because they could bounce," Fales said.

The next opportunity to take advantage of the program is scheduled for Jan. 19 at the Church of the Nazarene.

At a glance ...

Angel Food Ministries purchases food in bulk to offer at a cheaper price.

The next opportunity to participate is Jan. 19 at the Church of the Nazarene

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Rotary luncheon

The Rotary Club of Charlevoix's annual holiday luncheon to present their Service Above Self Award was held on Thursday, Dec. 13 at Pine River place apartment complex. Rotary members (from left) Kirby Dipert, Chet Janik, guest Rotarian Emmett Lippe, Jim Berlage and Pine River Place resident Carolyn Hickman converse just before a Thanksgiving style dinner was served. Phil Martin, unable to attend the luncheon, was the recipient of this year's award.

Feasability of historic district discussed at forum

FORUM

Continued from page 11

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

"This is just the first step."

That is what Charlevoix Historic Commission CO-Chair Bob Heath told the audience at the Commission's educational forum at the conclusion of nearly six hours of informational presentation last Tuesday.

"This was a good start. This is a seed we're planting today," Heath said, taking the spotlight following a number of presentations and question-and-answer sessions led by three visiting professionals with varied historic preservation experience.

A wealth of information regarding the importance of historic preservation, the "blueprints" regarding how it can be done and potential steps involved, stories about other communities already taking those steps, and information regarding the economic impacts and benefits of historic preservation was provided by the forum's three speakers: Kristine Kidorf, owner of Kidorf Preservation Consulting; Richard Karp of Karp and Associates historic preservation consulting and construction firm; and Michael Matts, Director of Historic Preservation and Planning, Gray & Pape, Inc. The trio provided varied information and interacted with an audience of nearly 60 community members to offer as much information as possible.

While concerns were raised, as well as acknowledgment that "you will never get 100 percent of people on board" with the idea of developing a Local Historic District in Charlevoix, support for the concept; which could potentially provide Charlevoix with access to a variety of grants as well as state and federal tax credit programs for facade and building improvement projects, was expressed.

"We've all seen what doing nothing can do," was one comment that stirred applause, followed by the belief "we're going in the right direction" with the attempt the Historic Commission is currently making to establish one or more downtown historic districts in the city.

"I think we should do what we can to restore the buildings downtown and save the Earl Young homes, but we should go beyond that. The houses we have in downtown Charlevoix are getting fewer and fewer, and all of them, not only the Earl Young homes, have historic value," commented resident and City Council member Lyle Gennett.

Much of the discussion centered around the concept of a downtown historic district which would; ideally, protect and enhance the historic integrity of buildings in the downtown. Historic Commission members invited the trio of speakers to discuss downtown district issues because that is the first focus of their plans to establish local districts. Heath told those present the Commission, following the formal establishment of Study Commission within the Historic Commission, named the east side of Bridge Street downtown as a focus for a district. A "very involved" survey was done to gather information about the history of the buildings, their historical integrity, and the potential benefit of a district. That information was used to develop a preliminary report, which the Study Commission sent to three state agencies: The State Historic Preservation Office, the Michigan Historic Commission, and the State Historic Preservation Review Board.

Currently waiting for a response from those agencies, Heath said the Study Commission is working to develop a similar preliminary report regarding the west side of Bridge Street, hoped to become its own historic district as well. The process will also involve a review and follow-up when the agencies respond to the preliminary reports, public education and more information, which will lead into another public event similar to last week's forum. Heath said the next step would then be for the Study Commission to set up a public hearing with the Charlevoix City Council, requesting them to establish the downtown districts.

"Initially we envisioned one downtown district, but that would have been a very large, tedious process," Heath said in reference to the plan to develop the two districts separately.

He also emphasized the establishment of any downtown

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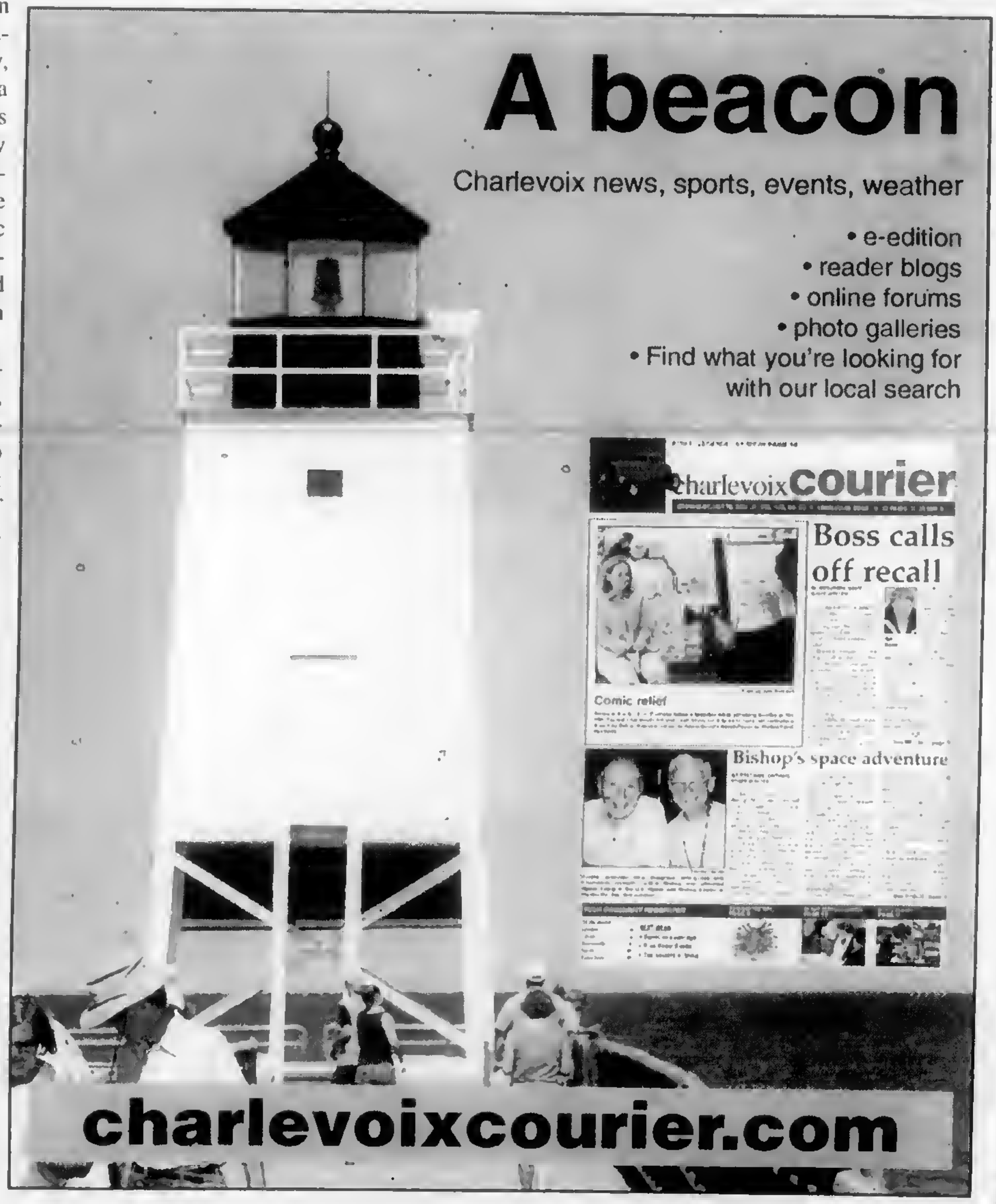
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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

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FIBER DESIGN GROUP

The Fiber Design Group will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19. The group meets monthly on the third Wednesday of each month when a new surface design technique will be introduced. Each technique is applicable to art quilts and other fiber art projects. These meetings are free and open to the public. Charlevoix Public Library is located at 220 West Clinton St.

DEC.19
FIBER DESIGN GROUP

Bring your project and join other fiber artists for a work session, 1 p.m. in the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

DEC. 20
QUILTERS AND FRIENDS

Bring your project and join other quilters for a work session, 10 a.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St.

DEC. 20
STORY-TIMES

Lap-sit (birth-3), 10:05 a.m.

Pre-k (3-5)-10:30 a.m.

Stories, songs and crafts for young children.

Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St.

DEC. 20
TEEN GAMING NIGHT: GUITAR HERO

All teens (13 and up) are invited to join in a fun evening of Guitar Hero on the big screen in the Community Room, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Charlevoix Public Library, 220 West Clinton St.

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QUILTERS AND FRIENDS

Bring your project and join other quilters for a work session, beginning at 10 a.m.

Charlevoix Public Library, 220 W Clinton St.

DEC. 31
NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The Charlevoix Asssembly of God church will hold a New Year celebration beginning aat 8 p.m. including a time of prayer, proclamation and fellowship, at the church, 0529 M-66 North. For more information call 547-6430.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT DONATIONS

The Charlevoix Community Christmas Project committee is preparing for another holiday season.

Last year, the project committee helped 175 families including 352 children and 254 adults with a budget of approximately $6,500.

The committee's stated goal is the same as when the program started in the early 1980s. "Every child in the Charlevoix School District will have a good Christmas and receive a new article of clothing, a toy or a fun gift along with new mittens, hats and socks."

The project group has also found many needy senior citizens who live alone and would not have a good Christmas dinner without their help.

To donate, send checks made payable to the Charlevoix Community Christmas Project to our treasurer Carolyn Batdorf, 04903 Marion Center Rd., Charlevoix, MI, 49720.

For more information, call Bev Boss, chairman of the Community Christmas Project at 547-2078.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 103 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

SKATEPARK HOURS

The City of Charlevoix Skatepark, located at 401 West Carpenter St., is closed for the season. The park will reopen in May 2008. For more information, call 675-4505.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" at the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

MEDUSA RETIREES

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at the Flap Jack family restaurant at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

FEDERAL RETIREES

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon on Tuesday, June 19 at the Petoskey Friendship Center. All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome.

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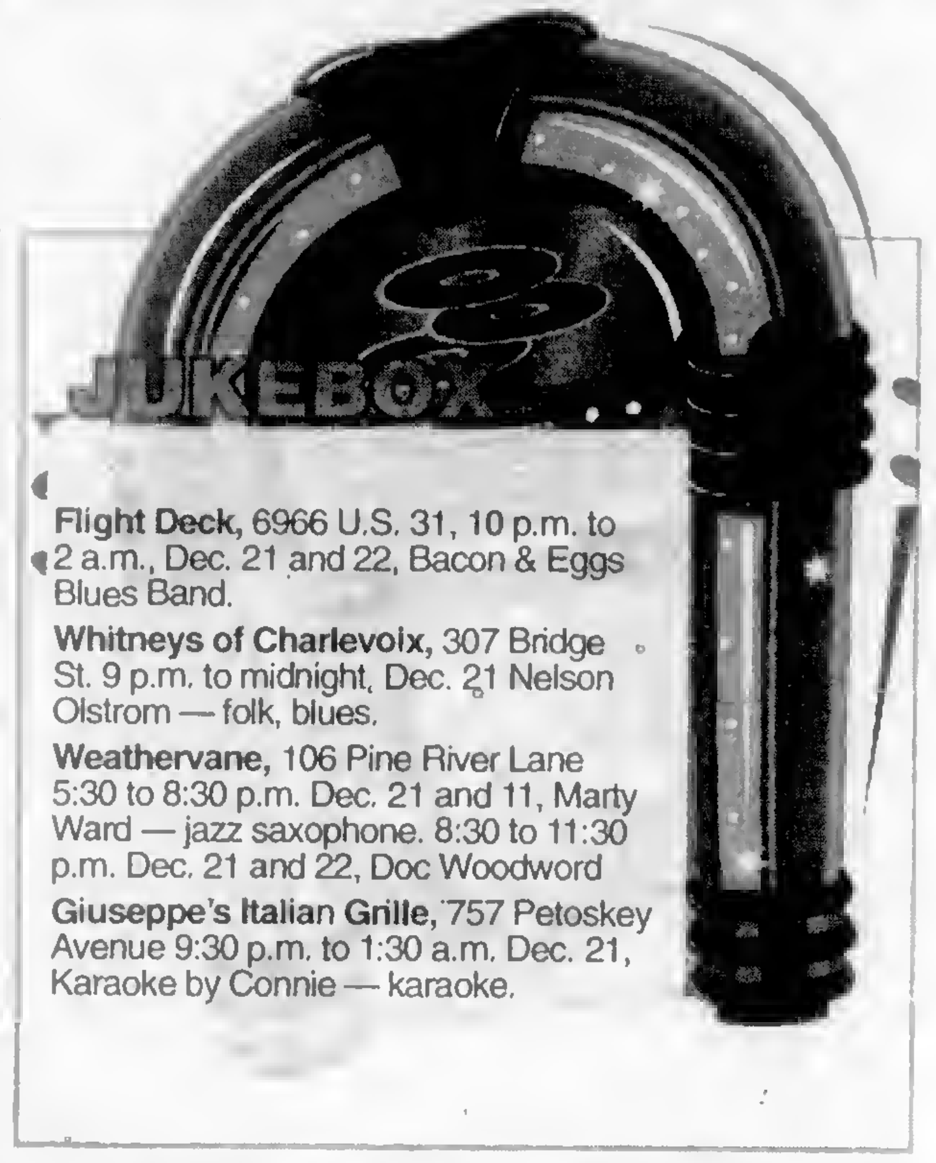

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Whitneys of Charlevoix, 307 Bridge St. 9 p.m. to midnight, Dec. 21 Nelson Olstrom — folk, blues.

Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 21 and 11, Marty Ward — jazz saxophone. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Dec. 21 and 22, Doc Woodword

Giuseppe's Italian Grille, 757 Petoskey Avenue 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Dec. 21, Karaoke by Connie — karaoke.

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Help children remember the spirit of giving

No matter what holiday children and families celebrate, it's easy for children to get a case of "the gimmes." Parents often hear "I want this" or "I want that". It can be difficult to look beyond the holiday advertising and encourage children to embrace what the season is all about.

"Whether you celebrate Kwanza, Chanukah or Christmas, parents know it's not the actual gifts but what's behind the gifts that are important," said Steve Pastyrnak Ph.D, division chief, psychology, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. "Helping children learn the fun of giving, and how rewarding it can be to select and wrap something special for someone they care about can be challenging but it is possible."

Four-year-old Michael and six-year-old Hannah Redmond of Ada benefit from a parental philosophy that places the emphasis on traditions rather than gifts.

"Our family looks at this time of year as an entire season rather than just one day," said Coleen Redmond, Michael and Hannah's mom. "We take advantage of local seasonal offerings, many of which cost little or no money. From watching the Santa parade and drinking hot chocolate to making gifts for family members, we are trying to teach the children to focus on others. It's not always easy but as a family we're really focused on the spirit of giving."

Pastyrnak encourages parents to help decrease materialism and increase a focus on the meaning of the season.

Teach Children to Question Advertising Messages

- Explain that commercials are designed to create demand for things people don't necessarily need. Talking to kids about what things are like in reality can help put things into perspective.
- Ask thought-provoking questions to get children thinking about the products they see advertised.

- "Do you think you need that product? If so, why?"

- "Do you think that product will make you happy? If so, why?"

- Limit your child's exposure to TV commercials by following suggestions from the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Encourage children to watch public television
- Tape programs and watch without commercials
- Buy or rent children's movies

Focus on Family Traditions

- Talk about which family traditions your family loves the most and find a way to put emphasis on them. If you love the tradition of lighting the menorah, get together as a group to make your own candles.
- Find out what the holidays mean to others. Have your children talk to a grandparent or aunt about how they spent the holidays growing up.
- Create new traditions. Ask your children what they would enjoy doing every year and make an effort to do it. If you can't all decide on one thing, create several traditions so everyone feels like part of the festivities.

Give Gifts with Meaning

- Gift giving will likely always be a large part of the holiday season and with good reason. It can teach children to understand what makes others happy and what's important to people they care about. Watching loved ones' faces as they open presents that your children put a lot of thought into can make the holidays more worthwhile for your kids.
- Teach your children how to put real meaning into their gifts. Making their own gifts can make the experience of giving so much more rewarding for both parties.

Be a Role Model

Show your children that the holidays can be joyous and fulfilling, not just a stress-ridden time that revolves around marathon shopping trips. Emphasize that it's not about getting piles of presents but giving and receiving a few heartfelt gifts.

"By starting early with traditions that emphasize the true meaning of the holidays, parents can help to frame a child's perspective," added Pastyrnak. "Values emphasized during the holiday season often apply, and benefit, children all year long."

Al-Anon meetings in Northwest Michigan

MONDAYS:

Noon, Charlevoix Area Hospital, basement meeting room

7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Harbor Springs

8 p.m., St. Luke's Catholic Church, Bellaire

TUESDAYS:

7 p.m., Church of Christ, Petoskey

WEDNESDAYS:

6:30 p.m., Alano Club, back building, Charlevoix

THURSDAYS:

6:30 p.m. St. Mattew's Church, Boyne City

FRIDAYS:

Noon, First Preshyterian Church, Harbor Springs

8 p.m., EMS Building, behind Fire Hall, Eastport

For more information call the Addicton Help Groups section for Al-Anon at (231)675-7044.

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Charlevoix Roads: Worst yet to come

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

> Already strapped, the Charlevoix County Road Commission faces another 4% cut from the state

Crumbling and snow-covered roads will worsen before they get better, according to Charlevoix County Road Commission manager Pat Harmon.

And, while Harmon sympathizes with people like Barbara Goschy, who recently sat in an ambulance stuck on Townline Road in snow because side roads are not plowed under a new road commission policy.

"If we can figure out a way to pay for this, I'm not opposed to providing that service (weekend road maintenance)," Harmon said. "I'd be more than happy to make sure it gets done, but we've got to be able to find a happy medium where the road commission can survive and at the same time the public can be happy."

The problem comes, Harmon said, when weekend snow removal could cost around $100,000 that he simply doesn't have to spend

"They (state officials) told me to plan on reducing my budget by four percent in 2008 and four percent of my Michigan Transportation Fund is about $120,000 or so," he said. "And, that's if the price of diesel don't go up or if gas doesn't top $4 a gallon."

The majority of road commission funding comes from the fixed gas tax.

When gas prices increase, Harmon added, people drive less and therefore less revenue is generated to fix and maintain roads.

"Gas sales were down eight percent in October across the state," Harmon said. "The same amount of tax is collected whether the price of gas goes up or not."

The technical aspects of this whole issue mean nothing to Goschy who proved the worst case scenario is more than a possibility.

"It was on the day of the bad storm, I think on the first (of December). I started having heart pains and after about two hours I thought 'I better call an ambulance,'" she said. "They got me and she (driver) became stuck because the snow was so very deep."

She added, "It was very uncomfortable and I was very afraid."

Luckily for Goschy, who said she would support an operational millage for the road commission, the driver managed to rock the ambulance back and forth until she freed

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City council: 'Plow roads'

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

Who will be held accountable?

That is the question Charlevoix City Council member Gabe Campbell presented to fellow council members at a recent meeting while expressing angst about the Charlevoix County Road Commission's recent decision not to plow secondary roads on weekends and holidays.

Admitting it is "not a city issue" directly, Campbell stated — and others agreed — an official statement should be made from the city on the issue.

"Somebody has got to tell them to get off their dime and do their job," Campbell said, strongly opposing the supposed money-saving move announced by the Road Commission last month.

A hot topic in the area, the decision has sparked anger and annoyance from many county residents, not just those living on the side or secondary roads that won't see plows or salt on weekends or holidays. Mayor Norman Carlson, council members Lyle Gennett and Greg Stevens and audience members shared stories of how they have already been adversely affected by the Road Commission's decision.

"My wife coaches in Harbor Springs, and those roads were bad enough (before)," Carlson said, noting travel for his wife when her basketball team

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The Christmas spirit of giving

Photos by Benjamin Gohs

Jill Washburn works in the final hours in the early morning of Friday, Dec. 21 at the Charlevoix VFW hall to ready toys and food for the Charlevoix Christmas Project and the Toys for Tots annual giveaway. More than 220 families, for a total of more than 450 children, were helped thanks to the generosity of local businesses and citizens. A number of businesses in the area such as area banks and churches have contributed to elements of the project in the form of Mitten Trees, Giving Trees and donating money to puchase children's books.

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The following cases were recently decided in the 90th District Court of Charlevoix County Michigan:

Michael William Ennik Jr., 25, Pellston. Controlled substance: Possession of marijuana; driving while license suspended, first offense; credit for six days in jail; to serve six days in jail; 348 days held in abeyance; serve 15 days of community service work in lieu of 15 days in jail; to serve one year on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; $1,005 in fines and costs.

Rosemary Sue Egan, 17, East Jordan. Failure to stop/ID at a personal injury accident. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve 11 days in jail.

Gail Lee McClintock, 30, Boyne Falls. Harboring a minor. Pay $250 in fines and costs or serve 10 days in jail.

Tyler Franklin Rose, 21, East Jordan. Disorderly person/drunk. Pay $500 in fines and costs or serve 20 days in jail.

Darin William Moyer, 27, Boyne City. Obscenity. Serve 365 days on an electronic monitoring device; to serve nine months on probation; $400 in fines and costs.

Kevin Lee Swanson, 55, Charlevoix. Disorderly person/drunk. Credit for one day in jail; 30 days held in abeyance; serve five days of community service work in lieu of five days in jail; to serve four months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; to attend substance abuse classes; $800 in fines and costs.

John Russell Herring, 48, Schoolcraft. Disorderly/obscene conduct. To serve four months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; not to enter Boyne USA properties; $500 in fines and costs

David Matthew Burns, 46, East Jordan. Impaired driving. Thirty days held in abeyance; serve 10 days of community service work in lieu of 10 days in jail; to serve nine months on probation; submit to PBT/urine test; not to consume/possess alcohol/controlled substances; to attend substance abuse classes; to attend Impact weekend within 90 days; $1,030 in fines and costs.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following cases were recently heard in Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court:

John Henry Cottman, 43, East Jordan. Operating while intoxicated, third offense; Police officer assault/resist/obstruct. Sentenced to 365 days in jail with credit for five days; to serve 365 days in jail; to serve 24 months on probation; $1,480 in fines and costs.

Danny Lee Russell, 46, Charlevoix. Attempted larceny by conversion: $1,000 or more, but less than $20,000; Occupation code: Performing without a license; State construction code: Code violation. Sentenced to 30 days in jail; credit for one day; to serve 30 days in jail.

Richard James-Duane Leigh, 37, East Jordan. Domestic violence. Sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for 53 days; to serve 93 days in jail.

Ted Goins Rosencrants, 29, Boyne City. Controlled substance: Possession of marijuana--second or subsequent notice. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 90 days in jail; $120 in fines and costs.

Timothy Herman Wiltjer, 49, Petoskey. Controlled substance: Delivery/manufacture marijuana. Credit for one day in jail; to serve 60 days in jail; to serve 18 months on probation; $470 in fines and costs.

Stephanie Mae Grounds, 24, East Jordan. Controlled substance: maintaining a drug house. Sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 14 days in jail; to serve 14 days in jail; to serve 24 months on probation; $720 in fines and costs.

Nathaniel Jamal Burks, 22, Boyne Falls. Two counts of attempted police officer resist/obstruct/assault. Sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for 137 days; to serve 180 days in jail.

ASSUMED NAMES

The following businesses recently filed for an assumed name with the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

R. G. Smith Construction, 542 North East St., Boyne City, by Russell G. Smith

Chateau Boyne Valley Farms, 00551 Snyder Road, Boyne City, by John E. Vrondran

Rustic Ballroom, 02454 North Shore Drive, Walloon Lake, by Karl R. Gilewicz

Leyna's Nails Salon, 5951 M66, Charlevoix, by Leyna Tran

Sweetgrass LLC, 114 East Main St., by Jack Lawrent

Stackus Painting, 673 Pine Point Trail, Unit #7, Boyne City, by Jimmy E. Stackus

DIVORCES

The following people were recently granted Judgments of Divorce in the 33rd Circuit Court for Charlevoix County:

James D. Pop vs. Melinda Rake

Jill Alyne Shaler vs. Steven Shaler

MARRIAGES

The following people were recently granted marriage licenses by the Charlevoix County Clerk's office:

Jordan Carey Garwood, 31 and Melanie Marie Fox, 30, both of Maumelle ,AR

Nathan Charles Vaughan, 20 and Kimberly Leeann Silva, 18, both of East Jordan

Donovan Michael Duran, 21, Cherry Point, NC and Nean Christine Lewis, 21, East Jordan

BIRTHS

Garrison Lowell Sudderth, weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces, was born at the Charlevoix Area Hospital to Ronald and Tina Sudderth of Boyne City. His siblings are Justin, Collin and Jordyn. His grandparents are John Sudderth of Fredric and Janice Miller of Bridgman, Mich. His great grandparents are Leonard Smith and Trudy Smith of South Carolina.

Little damage in chimney fire

At 9:54 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, firefighters were called to a chimney fire at 1936 U.S. 31 South, the Mary Faculak residence. When firefighters arrived, firefighters discovered a plugged chimney that did not allow adequate draft to a woodstove in the basement. No active chimney fire was found, but firefighters found traces of some burning that apparently had self extinguished before firefighters arrived on the scene. Firefighters were able to clear the plug in the chimney.

No one was hurt, and property damage was minimal. Firefighters were on the scene for about one hour.

Three-car accident

At approximately 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, a three-car accident occurred on US 131 near the entrance to Boyne Mountain Resort. The accident occurred when a motorist attempted to miss a deer by hitting the breaks. This caused a chain reaction of vehicles slowing to avoid the cars in front of them. The last motorist was unable to stop his car and rear-ended the vehicle directly in front of him pushing that car into yet another vehicle.

One driver, Kayla Hawk, 17, of Petoskey, did receive minor injuries including a complaint of soreness in her neck. Hawk was transported to Otsego Memorial Hospital for treatment and observation. All other occupants were unharmed.

This incident was handles by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department as well as EMS and Fire first responders from Boyne Valley and Boyne City.

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Road Commission argues against 'misconceptions'

ROADS

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it minutes later.

Harmon said he dislikes taxes as much as the next person, but feels it may be the only way to get things done.

"There are a lot of people who believe we're way overtaxed right now and you can't argue with that, but this stuff costs money and I have been told by the state that no help is coming," he said. "If I spend all the money I have for next year on keeping the roads clear on the weekends, I won't have any way of patching roads or mowing or brining (dust control) next summer and then people will be complaining about that."

While things may seem bad now, Harmon said he remembers a time when the road commission had to shut down for two months in 1988 due to budgetary woes.

"Until that revenue problem is fixed, I'm afraid it's going to get a lot worse before it gets better," he added.

A couple of misconceptions Harmon has recently heard are that plowing will never be done on weekends or holidays, which he said is untrue.

"This policy is not etched in stone. If we have an emergency and fire, ambulance, law needs to get through we will send somebody out," he said. "And as far as not plowing on holidays, I don't know where they got that because Christmas and New Year's don't fall on weekends this year."

Through a contract with the state, Harmon also has a man stationed on both Saturday and Sunday nights to be ready to clear roads like M66, US 131, US 31 and so on.

Charlevoix City Councilman (Second Ward) Gabe Campbell is less than thrilled with the way roads are being handled.

"I think it's ridiculous to say you're not going to plow on weekends," Campbell said. "If an ambulance or firefighters are sent out then you are putting them at risk."

Campbell wants to make the road commissioners, currently appointed by the county board, elected officials.

"We need to make it an elected position so they will be held accountable for their actions," he said. "The county could be in for a huge lawsuit if somebody is killed or hurt because some clown decided we shouldn't plow."

Campbell said he knows a school bus driver who became stuck when he turned on to a road which had been neglected.

"I've just had enough," he said.

Charlevoix County Board Commissioner Chris Christensen said he will not push for road commissioners to be elected officials, but he would like to see their term reduced from six to two years.

"That's ludicrous. Even mine is a two-year term," he said. "As the public in general, we need to get better control on what is going on."

Christensen, who feels the move not to plow on weekends was not the best idea, questioned how or if the road commission scaled back on services this summer to plan for the winter need.

"We need to be responsible across the board, but we can't have one bad weekend and say the road commission sucks," he said. "I give them the benefit of the doubt, but they had to have known they were going to be coming up short with funding."

Harmon said he could cut back on services and employees, but that it would not solve a thing.

"When you take away bodies, things don't get done like they have been done in the past," he said. "I don't know what the answer is; it's going to be a tough one to figure out."

He added, "I can't do more on less."

Christensen questioned Harmon's ability to stagger shifts so the snowplow drivers could work Saturday and Sunday as a regular day instead of collecting overtime.

Harmon said the union contract prevents him from taking a weekday away from a worker with the intent of denying them overtime on the weekends and that no matter what the circumstances, Sunday always requires double time pay.

While some criticize Harmon for not making ends meet on his nearly $3 million budget, he said people do not realize how much labor, materials and fuel cost.

"We spend roughly 1/3 of our budget on winter maintenance," he said. "So, when May gets here, and the white stuff is all gone, we have nothing to show for it—absolutely nothing."

He added, "I can't keep spending on services like in years past knowing I've got to reduce my budget by four percent."

For more information on how road commissions are funded, Harmon suggested people visit www.micountyroads.org.

City weighs in on road woes

CITY

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holds Sunday night practices can be "really treacherous."

"There is a distinct difference (in the roads) when you cross the county line. As soon as you get to Charlevoix County, they look terrible. It is an embarrassment," Carlson said.

But Charlevoix County Road Commission is not alone in its financial woes. Road Commissions throughout the state have faced tight budgets due to rising fuel costs and unstable — at best — funding from the state, and all were hit with an additional hit recently with a four percent cut to the Michigan Transportation Fund. The fund provides a substantial contribution to road commissions in the state, and the extra cuts are forcing some, including Charlevoix, to make some drastic decisions.

Last week the Mason County Road Commission opted not to clear the roads after a Dec. 15 snow fall of about three to five inches, waiting until Monday to get to work. Saving money was the goal, as Charlevoix County Road Commissioners have said is the goal with its recent decision.

However many in the area are not buying it.

Public safety and economic impacts were noted by the group as major reasons to write a "strongly worded letter" stating the City's official stance against the decision. Campbell noted tourism is vital to Charlevoix County and the City of Charlevoix in winter months as well as summer months, and lack of road care on weekends could pose a problem.

"If people come up here on the weekends and get snowed in, they're not coming back," he said. "That could hurt us."

On the public safety side, council members swapped stories of ambulances getting stuck and concerns about citizens that reside on the secondary roads as well as emergency personnel that could be called out to such areas.

"Our firefighters, ambulance drivers, policemen and others that respond to those roads are in danger too," Carlson said.

Stating funding woes similar to those many other road commissions in the state are currently facing, the Charlevoix County Road Commission is expected to approach the County board next month to request more funding to handle the cost of continued road clearing. The issue is one that has stirred a public outcry the City of Charlevoix will now weigh in on.

"No one can predict the weather but you can't bottle up (funds) and save them for a rainy day. The rainy day is now," Carlson said.

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The Crying Towel joins the War on Christmas

THE CRYING TOWEL

Benjamin Gohs

Knowing millions of people believe in aliens because a UFO may have crash-landed in New Mexico 50 years ago, it doesn't much surprise me that the latest hoax turned moneymaking machine is thriving.

Fox News' John Gibson even entitled his book "The War On Christmas: How the liberal plot to ban the sacred Christian holiday is worse than you thought"—no doubt Fox's relentless terror-casts telling Americans their most sacred beliefs were under attack helped Gibson's book sales.

Gibson, who gives seven examples of schools which limited or prohibited certain religious phrases or items, then goes on to extrapolate from those few incidents that, "Millions of Americans ... feel that Christmas is under attack in such a sustained and strategized manner that there is, not doubt, a war on Christmas. It's no longer permissible to wish anyone Merry Christmas."

Seven separate incidents constitute a "sustained and strategized" war? See also the Twilight Zone episode "The Monsters are Due on Maple Street" wherein unwarranted mass hysteria yields death.

Private business owners and citizens have the right not to say "Merry Christmas," but there is no pending legislation to remove Christmas from any facet of your life, and when I checked last Friday, the county building and at least one school were each sporting an angel among their many Christmas symbols.

The religion that permeates most public entities will not soon diminish, but if congress may not establish religion, why may the city, county and state?

Gibson and other aggressors playing the victim support tyranny of the majority when they justify theocracy because America is primarily a Christian nation.

If anything, the founders looked to philosophers like John Stuart Mill who understood that might does not make right: "If all mankind minus one were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind."

Governments must levy taxes to build roads, raise armies and provide education, not proselytizing in the public square.

Another favorite though false argument of these charlatans is that the founding fathers intended Americans to live by Christian values, a notion which conflicts with the ability to be free and pursue happiness.

Those who invoke our founders' intentions should read the words of Thomas Jefferson who wrote, "Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legislative powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between church and State."

Or perhaps you were thinking of Thomas Paine, who wrote, "Whenever we read the obscene stories, the voluptuous debaucheries, the cruel and torturous executions, the unrelenting vindictiveness, with which more than half the Bible is filled, it would be more consistent that we called it the word of a demon, than the word of God. It is a history of wickedness, that has served to corrupt and brutalize mankind."

And, let us not forget John Adams, who signed the Treaty of Tripoli in the late 1790s which stated, "As the Government of the United States of America is not in any sense founded on the Christian religion; as it has in itself no character of enmity against the laws, religion, or tranquility, of Musselmen; and as the said States never have entered into any war or act of hostility against any Mehomitan (Muslim) nation, it is declared by the parties that no pretext arising from religious opinions shall ever produce an interruption of the harmony existing between the two countries."

The truth is Christmas did not become a federal holiday until 1870; certainly it was not imposed by the founders, many of whom were deists who believed religion was an abomination on mankind.

Furthermore, the word "god" was not forced onto money 'til the 1860s and did not appear in the pledge until the witch hunts for communists in the '50s.

I am no Grinch. I observe Yuletide gluttony and say "merry Christmas," and I do not fear holiday symbols, but rather the underlying tyranny wrought upon this continent by the oppressive zealots who determine, largely based on sin as defined in their bible, I'm not privy to many civil liberties.

By the way, did you know there is a war on humanity and it's being led by little green men? Read all about it in my new book "The War on Mankind: How Gohs' plot to get your hard-earned money by playing on your fear and anger is worse than you thought"—I can only hope John Gibson will write the foreword.

Weekly Poll

Going out for New Years Eve?

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A whopping 94% of those polled believe Christmas has become too

A New Year brings new beginnings

A LOOK AT LIFE

Gayle Gennett

My mind becomes more fuddled these days with age and menopause. Yesterday while getting my regularly scheduled "female" medical check up I received a telephone call from the Assisted Living complex to verify my 91-year-old dad's pedicure.

Mind you, I am displayed like a turkey on a padded stainless steel tray and have a doctor at the helm so to speak. I answer my cell phone and listen to the sweet sounds of a young woman reminding me that dad's appointment is scheduled for 9:40 a.m. My response was September 40th? Did I say that aloud? After she carefully reiterated "nine forty in the morning ma'm" did I realize my mistake. It's time to talk with the man in charge of my hormones about upping my estrogen intake.

This scenario was a good follow-up to the beginning of my morning when I carefully placed my hormone replacement therapy pills into my purse so I wouldn't forget the name of the medicine or how many refills were left. Two questions usually asked and I struggle for the answer as if I were a Jeopardy contestant. "I'll take 'medical history' for $50, Alex." To my surprise the lid had come off in transit and a myriad of little yellow pills scattered throughout my purse like tic tacs on a school field trip. It's going to be a long day today.

Saying the wrong word, repeating incorrect information, and losing things were not part of my plan in the aging process. "This will never happen to me," I would retort as a 20-something when I viewed similar situations with my own mother. Well, it is happening to me and each day I try to find new ways to cope. I am hopeful no will notice that I've forgotten about a project I thought I hadn't started and much to my amazement I had already completed it. Or on the other hand a project I thought I had completed hut actually never started. Mom did warn me there would be days like this but I didn't listen. A comment I hear much too frequently from my own family members. Yes, I'm listening but my mind changes it around to how I would like it to he said or done.

Along with the aging process comes the flurry of ads to lift, tuck, exfoliate or color various parts of your body as if you were a mistake. At first I fell prey to the glamour and excitement colorfully displayed on the shiny pages of the magazine. All the beautiful 50 and 60-year-old women in the ads were staring back at me with the enticement of a miracle product to make me look younger even though my mind was turning to the likes of cooked squash.

I've decided my new beginnings for the New Year will include worry less, enjoy more, and accept aging gracefully. That graceful part came from perusing the article by Anne Kreamer entitled: "Sex and the Gray-Haired Woman." Ms. Kreamer ran an experiment by posing as an interested client on one of the many internet love connections available. She posted a picture of herself as a brunette and again as the gray haired woman she truly is. The information she shared about herself was identical. The response came as a surprise when she received more attention from the gray haired photo. After meeting with various gentlemen who responded to her posting, she realized being true to herself is what men found attractive. This information should give a new level of confidence about going gray. Aging naturally lets others know we've lived and are confident with whom we are.

So as the New Year is soon to begin, it's time for me to accept the fact that I can't be right about everything, I need to write more information down and refer to it occasionally. It's okay that my hair is changing its color and my youthful glow is dimming. The important thing to remember -no one can take away my engaging laugh lines and quick smile that melts away the years and helps to soften the hearts of those who are trying to understand me.

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LETTERS to the editor

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Editor,

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Debbie Dirker
Charlevoix

OPPOSITION TO HR BILL 1955

Editor:

Fellow Michiganders, I would like to ask a question. Do we need to start a recall on 14 of our U.S. House Representatives that voted yes on HR Bill 1955? If your not familiar with this bill, I implore you to look it up! The vague language and "life-time appointments" to its commission, desecrates 250 years of sacrifices made by our ancestors. This bill takes our Freedom of Speech and Rights of Assembly away.

Imagine the context of a message being determined not by the author, but by the received. Say, for example, some author says, "it looks like rain today." The receiver of the message determines the context of the message to mean, "you are threatening my parade?"

If that sounds unacceptable to you, than you need to look up HR Bill 1955. The language of the bill is so vague that the government has a right to arrest you if it feels that you are planning or thinking about planning to use "force" or violence. If you picket against a war, that can be considered a "forceful act." " Planned use" or "threatened use" of "force" or violence all puts you into the category of a "Homegrown Terrorist" under HR Bill 1955 passed by The US House of Representatives. You don't have to act on it, they just has to have "reason" to "think" that you "might" be thinking about performing a "forceful" or violent act.

We need to act and we need to act now! We need to recall the 14 Michigan US House of Representatives who already voted yes on HR Bill 1955! This bill is currently in Senate Committee under SB 1959. We need to let our US Senators know that if they vote yes on this bill they too will be subject to recall. Michiganders, it is our time and duty for all those who gave their lives, to those who gave their sons and daughters for our blessed freedom to recall the US House of Representatives who voted yes on HR Bill 1955. Remember freedom is not free and we all need to step up and start recalling our US House of Representatives!

Matt Van Horssen
Grand Haven

Hello from the new name in town

Erica Golf
Editor

So by now I am sure the faithful readers of the Courier, those I have met and those I have not, have noted their local paper has a new face, a new name among its pages. That name is mine and, like many of you, I am learning to get comfortable with that name printed in what is for me a new paper.

I come to Charlevoix from Ithaca, a place some of you nice folks I have met have driven through and have an inkling of why I left: someone forgot to put water in the middle of Michigan. Before Ithaca I called the Ludington area, aka Custer, my home, having grown up on a dairy farm there. I loved the area, loved the lakeshore, and am more than happy to once again call myself a "westerner."

Despite my jokes, I grew to appreciate and enjoy Ithaca during my time there. I worked for the Gratiot County Herald, serving a county of approximately 4,000 residents, none of whom I was acquainted with before starting my stint with the publication. Three years later, however, I had many friends, many wonderful "contacts" as we call them in the journalism world, and had grown to know the community well. The community, in turn, grew to know me, and threatened to drive up to Charlevoix to inform my new employers I was not allowed to leave the Herald.

While that reaction from my readers, contacts and friends made the decision to leave not a little harder, it also made me feel good about what I had done in my time there. Like most small communities, many of the people living in Gratiot County now have lived there for all or nearly all their lives. I was a "newby," a non-native, nearly viewed as a foreigner. But, in what now seems like such a short period of time, they came to think of me as one of them, a natural fit to the area. Such is the kind of "fit" I hope and expect to find in Charlevoix.

The introduction said, I now feel it fitting to offer more information about who I really am. I could tell about where I went to college and all that boring stuff but that doesn't tell much about the person I am. So I will start by talking about some beliefs that are very important to me. One that is pertinent to my role as editor is my belief of what a community newspaper is and what role it plays in a community. Such a newspaper is one that includes the community — pictures of dedicated volunteers wrapping Christmas presents to donate to area families, stories and pictures of a school project that taught children they can help others in their community or an announcement of a 100th birthday — and shares the news that community is interested in. A story I heard a few years ago stated it best: If there is a woman in town that has a goat, and every one in town knows the woman and the goat, and the goat dies, you write a story about the goat. That is what a community newspaper does.

This second one is a little off-topic, but I also believe in family time. I believe parents should take their children sledding on snowy days, read books to them at night, eat dinner at the table together, and be present for such milestones as tying shoes for the first time and using the potty for the first time (or any time really; the alternative is something parents may prefer not to be around for.) This kind of togetherness is unfortunately too often lost in today's world of video games, DVD's in the car and fast food restaurants.

I believe reality TV represents the downfall of our society. American Idol, Survivor, The Biggest Loser: These and other similar shows have become a cult-like fad in our society, pouring such information as who lost the most weight, who can better survive public humiliation and who can dive into a pool of fame with very little talent and even less effort onto a willing and captivated audience. I may be outvoted on the issue, and I know I cannot bring myself to spend time listening to Simon Cowell, Donald Trump or any other figure-head for this unfortunate form of so-called entertainment.

I think time spent outdoors is a cure for any ill. The sunshine, the breeze, the waves: The presence of nature cannot be duplicated. Any activity outdoors — snowshoeing, jogging (I'm not very fast so I don't call it running) swimming, hiking, hunting, sunbathing — can make any stress a little more bearable.

In lieu of embarking on a Gospel - O - Erica tangent, I will stop my ravings here. I do, however, encourage anyone wanting to hear more, or just wanting to say hello, to do so at the Courier office. I have had the pleasure of meeting a number of warm welcoming people, and perhaps some that only pretended to be warm and welcoming, and look forward to meeting many more of both category, as well as those not so welcoming, if there are any. I look forward to feeling at home here, and hope others can feel I am "at home" too.

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The children are Susan Mabee of Empire, Jacqueline Dipert of Charlevoix, Judith Hitz of Petoskey, and Jim Mabee of Charlevoix. They have seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

101ST BIRTHDAY

Norma Cunningham

Normal Cunningham's 101st birthday celebration was held Friday, Dec. 21 at the Bortz Health Care in Petoskey, Mich., where Norma resides. Her birthday was hosted by her daughters and sons-in-law Joyce and Deano Davenport and BJ & Bill Steffens.

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Spreading Christmas cheer

Harbor Industries' annual tradition of spreading Christmas cheer in the community brought Mr. & Mrs. Claus (and lots of helpers) to Boulder Park Friday, Dec. 14 for some caroling. The holiday spirit was contagious; young and old alike got caught up in the celebration and big smiles and yule tide merriment were in abundance.

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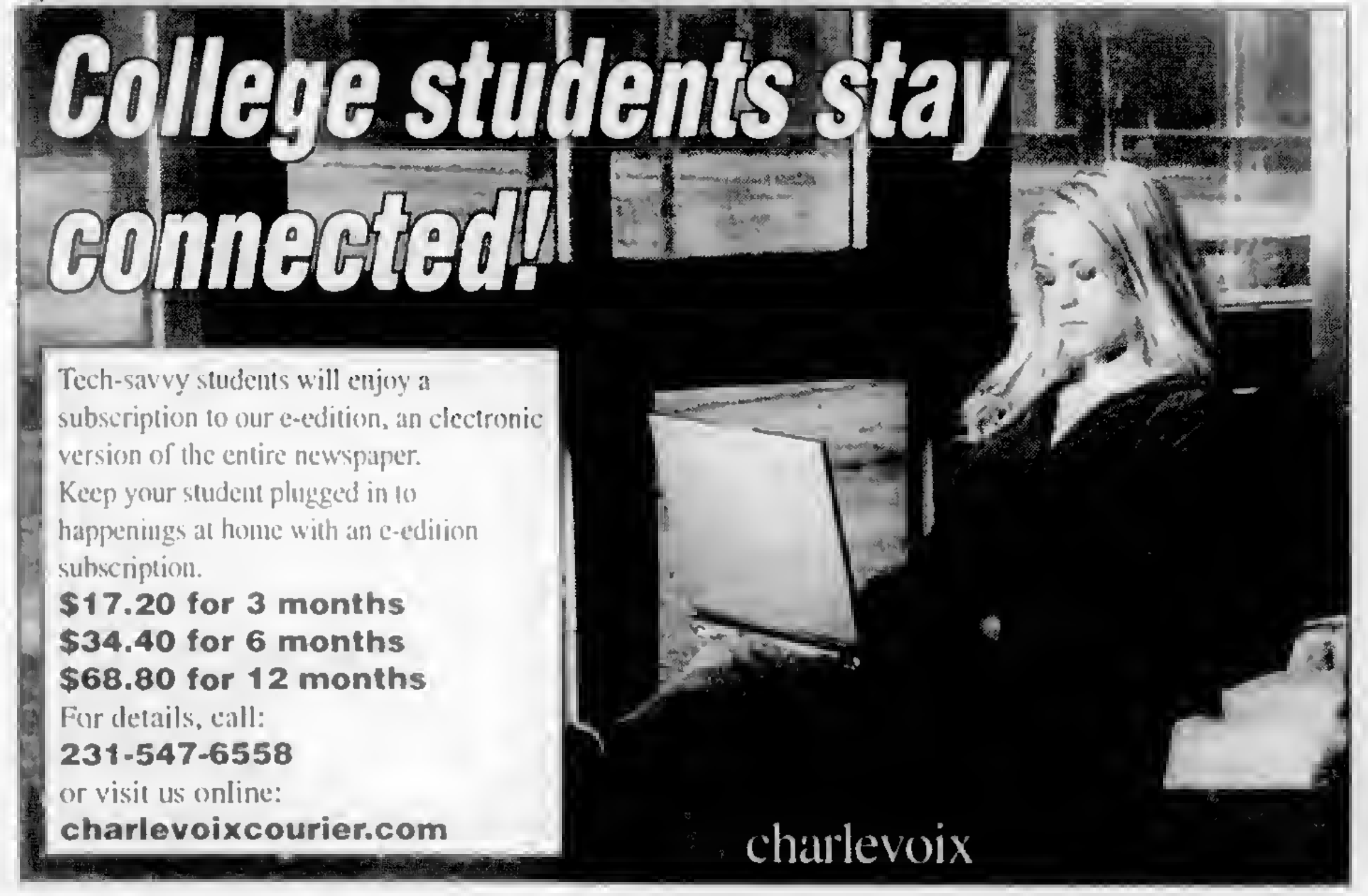

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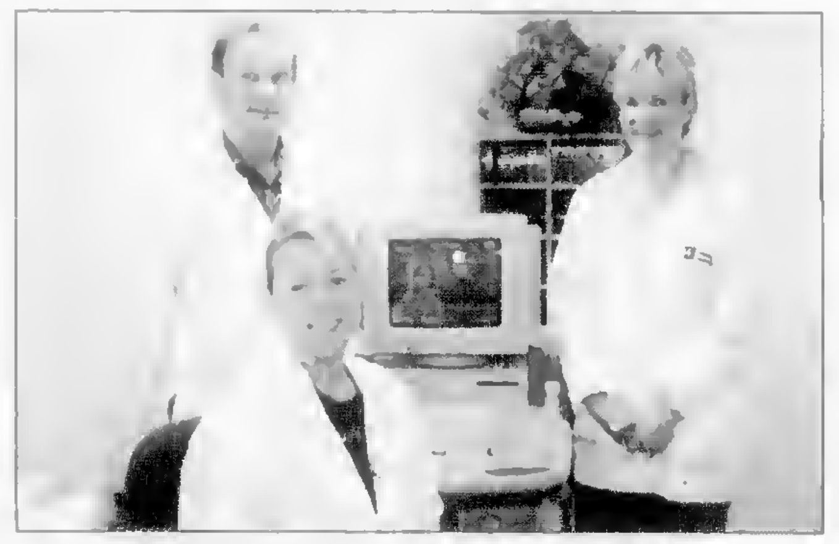

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Trebilcock - Duerr engagement

Christopher M. Trebilcock and Susan E. Duerr, together with their parents, announce their engagement. The couple will marry on June 7, 2008 at Castle Farms in Charlevoix, Michigan.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jane and Charles Duerr of Ypsilanti and Charleviox. She is a 1997 honors graduate of Ypsilanti High School, and a cum laude graduate of Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti with a bachelor in the science of nursing degree in 2002. She recently received her masters in science degree with honors from the University of Detroit Mercy. Currently she is employed as a nurse anesthetist at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

The groom-to-be is a 1993 honors graduate of Rapid River High School. In 1997 he received his bachelor of arts degree from Alma College, cum laude. Wake Forest College of Law awarded him a doctor of laws degree in 2000. He is an attorney in the Detroit office of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone. He is the son of Leanne C. Trebilcock of Owosso and the late Frank B. Senger.

United Way spreads Christmas cheer with toy bus donations

Nearly 300 toys taken to various local locations. Local agencies will disribute the toys throughout the Christmas season.

Courtesy photo

Steve Andreae, Vice-President, Joanne Curtis, Vice-President, and Martha Lancaster, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way play with some of the toy school busses which are being distributed to local children this season.

Local children will enjoy a gift of toy school husses this holiday season, thanks to the Association of Plastic Engineers, Char-Em United Way, and several community agencies.

"We learned that the Association of Plastic Engineers was donating 15,000 toy school busses through the Michigan Association of United Ways for local distribution, and decided to get as many as we could for our community," explained Martha Lancaster, Executive Director of Char-Em United Way. "I contacted several agencies with whom we work and arranged to distribute nearly 300 of the toys to the Women's Resource Center, Manna Food Pantry, and the Department of Human Services."

These three agencies will distribute the busses to children during the upcoming holiday season and throughout the spring. All are also seeking donations of additional toys, food, coats and household items to provide to families in Emmet and Charlevoix Counties.

"We were very happy to serve as an intermediary for this donation," Lancaster said. "Most people know that United Way raises funds to distribute to area agencies, but many don't know that we also help support local non-profit agencies in other ways, as well."

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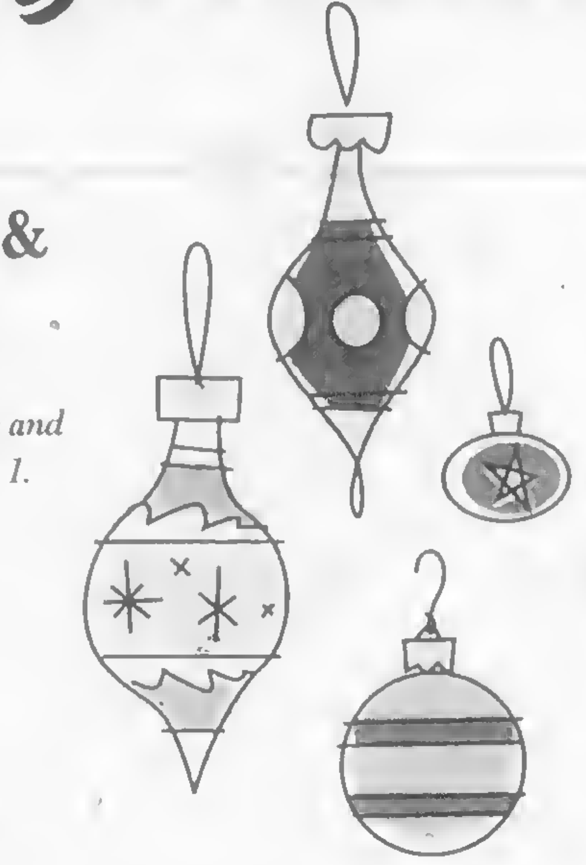

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OBITUARIES

Pastor William Henry Armstrong

Pastor William "Bill" Henry Armstrong, age 79 of White Cloud, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2007 at the Gerber Memorial Health Services in Fremont. Bill was born June 16, 1928 in Wyandotte, Michigan to Jack and Dorothy (McClanathan) Armstrong and moved to the Charlevoix, Michigan area at an early age. Bill joined the United States Army Air Force where he served in Guam during World War II. After his return from the war, he met and married Alma Powell Nov. 9, 1947 in Charlevoix. Bill had been a woodworker for Freedman's in Charlevoix for 20 years and then started his 2nd career in the ministry after he attended and graduated from the Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music. Bill served the First Baptist Church in Newberg, Michigan for 20 years until 1990 when he retired from the full time ministry, but continued his ministry in mission work throughout the United States. Bill was serving as the interim pastor at the Blue River Valley Church in Muscoda, Wisconsin at the time of his passing.

Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, mules, model railroading, woodworking, collecting various things over the years and was an avid western novel reader.

Bill is survived by his wife of 60 years, Alma of White Cloud; his daughters, Toni James of Virginia City, Montana; Teri (Dave) Wright of White Cloud; Trudi Spinner of Richland Center, Wisconsin; Tami Boelman (Scott Walmer) of Muscoda, Wisconsin; Terese Armstrong of Asheville, North Carolina; 12 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; his sister, Donna (Tom) Morrison of Charlevoix; his brother, Joe (Annette) Armstrong of Marcellus, Michigan; several nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his foster son, Randy; his granddaughter, Becky Spinner; his sister, June Pagel and brothers, Jack, James and George Armstrong.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007 from the Crandell Funeral Home White Cloud Chapel with Rev. Harry Bultema of the Croton Community Church presiding. Friends may consider the Gideon's Bible Program for memorial contributions in memory of Bill. Friends may send a condolence or share a memory online with the Armstrong family at www.crandellfh.com. CRANDELL-WHITE CLOUD 1109 Court Street, 231-689-1492

Thomas Wesley Louiselle

Thomas Wesley Louiselle, 87, of Charlevoix, died Friday, November 30, 2007, at his home. The funeral was held Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church. Pastor Rip Hankins was officiated, and burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Tom was born Sept. 6, 1920, in Charlevoix to William Thomas and Minnie Jane (Routley) Louiselle. He married Janet M. Webster on October 2, 1943, in Charlevoix. During WWII, Tom served in the US Army in the Philippines and Japan. Tom was a farmer most of his life, and was an owner-operator long haul truck driver. Locally he drove for Hotchkiss and Douma, and his work contributed to the construction of buildings and roads in this area. He was a member of the Charlevoix Assembly of God Church, Street Legends Car Club, and VFW Post #1153, Charlevoix.

Tom is survived by his wife, Janet; sons, Thomas A. (Linda) Louiselle, Dan Gene Louiselle; daughter, Joan L. (Jerry) Balch all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Scott, Nancy, Karl, Kevin, Brad, and Andy; great-grandchildren, Josh, Jake, Sierra, Michalla, Katie, and Kyle. Tom's brothers, Frank, Bill, George, Niley, Floyd, Ted, and Paul; and sisters, Lena, Emma, and Stella preceded him in death. Tom's family will meet friends at the Assembly of God Church on Tuesday, from noon until the time of the service on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Assembly of God Church Food Pantry. The Winchester Funeral Home in Charlevoix is handling arrangements.

10 things you never knew about a third grader

Bringing you closer to your neighbors ...

This month's "10 Things" caught up with third-grader Emily Sabsook, a Charlevoix Elementary student who moved to northern Michigan from Texas a couple years ago. Emily has one sister, named Sara, and is the daughter of Jennifer and Trevor Sabsook. The outgoing 8-year-old is a student of Eric Lundteigen's.

Q 1. What is your favorite food?

A: I'd say top Ramen Noodles are the best.

Q 2. What do you do for fun?

A: I'm in basketball camp with my sister.

Q 3. What is your favorite toy?

A: I have a St. Bernard I named after my grandma's St. Bernard Charlie. I cuddle with him at night.

Q 4. If you could change one thing about yourself or your world what would it be?

A: No fires allowed.

Q 5. If you could meet anyone, who would it be?

A: The cast from High School the Musical.

Q 6. What is something nobody knows about you?

A: My mom doesn't know I accidentally watched part of the hills eyes (The Hills Have Eyes, a horror movie) by accident when my friend Bobbi accidentally turned to the wrong channel.

Q 7. What makes you special?

A: I don't smile at home, but I smile a lot at school. And, I used to scream when I got excited, but now I don't.

Q 8. If you could do anything in the world right now, what would it be?

A: Go to a huge waterpark.

Q 9. What do you like best about school?

A: Math: It gets me really active and into it. It's my favorite thing to do.

10. What do you want to be when you grow up?

A: A principal like my mom used to be.

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Emily Sabsook practices her jump shot on the last day of school before Christmas break at Charlevoix Elementary School on Friday, Dec. 21.

Make Time to Worship

Area Church Services

CHARLEVOIX ASSEMBLY OF GOD
05291 M-66 North

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship (excluding the 1st Sun. of the Month)	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Intercession	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Ryp Hankins	**547-6430**

BARNARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Barnard at Klooster Road

Church School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship	10:15 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

BELLTOWER REFORMED CHURCH
8033 Church Road, Ellsworth

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Reverend Kevin Karhoff	

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11906 US-31 North

Sunday School/Bible Classes	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Rev. Michael L. Teuscher	**547-9446**

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
05855 M-66

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Thursday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: James D. Green	**547-4300**

CHARLEVOIX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
104 State Street

Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Youth Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Todd Thompson	**547-2654 or -5168**

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
State Street at Clinton

Women's Bible Study	Tuesday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Child Care Provided	
Church Office	**547-6322**

Rev. John S. David

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
205 Clinton Street

Sunday Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Reading Room ~ Wednesday	2:30-6:30 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
6429 N. M-66

Sunday Sacraments	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:25 a.m.
Priesthood & Relief Society	12:15 p.m.
Wed. Young Men/Women	7:00 p.m.
President Michael Robbins	**588-2112**
or Missionaries	**547-6159**

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
12023 Waller Rd. (Corner of U.S. 31)

Morning Worship	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	11:00 a.m.
Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Dan Gilmore	**547-5711**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
202 W. Hurlbut

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Pastor: Neil Turner	**547-2875**

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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Rev. Carl Afman	**588-7805**

ELLSWORTH WESLEYAN CHURCH
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Chris Wallace	**588-7455**

FAMILY OF FAITH MINISTRIES
203 E. Upright

Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.
Pastor: Michael Arp	**547-4221**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
M-66 (across from Post Office)

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: James R. Mort	**547-4121**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BAY SHORE
US 31 North

Worship & Children's Worship	9:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
101 State St. (At Park Ave.)

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday 10:15 a.m.
Church Office	**547-9122**

FREEDOM HOUSE
12705 US-31

Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 a.m.
Senior Leader: Paul Bradley	**237-0800**

GOLDEN RULE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
07444 Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Service	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Cosie Allen	**347-3899**

GREENSKY HILL INDIAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Old U.S. 31 North

Sunday Worship	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Timothy Wright	**582-9262**

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Ironton

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
June, July & August	10:00 a.m.
Pastor: Michael C. Smith	**547-3008**
Pastor: Harold E. Kruse	**599-2321**

NORWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Norwood

Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:30 a.m.
Pastor: Michael Maurer	**536-2161**

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1404 Howard Street

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Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Adventist Community Services	Tue. 10-2pm
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Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Services	6:30 p.m.
Pastor Carroll (Pete) Aronson	**547-6283**

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Norwood Mine issue not dead yet, Wynkoop says

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Following a Dec. 19 court hearing in Bellaire to tie up a few legal loose ends, Norwood Township's former supervisor Wayne Wynkoop intends to exercise several options.

In addition to plans for at least one appeal, Wynkoop took the opportunity the day before his most recent court date to apply once again for a special use permit.

"I'm definitely appealing them (lawsuits), we were just waiting for this hearing to get the final paperwork," Wynkoop said. "He (Judge Thomas Power of Traverse City) told me to get a special use permit and then when I got it he took it away from me, so what other choice do I have?"

Wynkoop said he has a few options and he must explore them.

"I hand delivered it (special use permit application) to the zoning administrator. It's just like starting all over again," he said. "This is just one of my options and, until this type of option is completely gone, I plan on doing this as long as I can."

Norwood Township Planning Commission Chairman Tom Mielke said when the application comes before him, he will follow his obligation to due process.

"I think we'll have a public hearing on it and, though I haven't seen it yet, we'll go over it and go through the process of review and vote on it," he said. "We'll do what we're supposed to do."

Wynkoop is asking Power to reconsider his decision to void Wynkoop's special use permit on his Norwood Limestone Mine LLC. The date and place for a hearing where Power will decide whether to change his mind or keep his original decision intact has yet to be determined.

Wynkoop's most recent application for a special use permit, other than a change in the date submitted, remains identical to the first.

"There is no new stuff for anybody to wonder about," Wynkoop said. "If they approved it once and it met the ordinance, they should approve it again."

He added, "I'm no longer supervisor, so he can't throw it out on that reason."

Wynkoop said if he does someday sell, he will not likely remain in the area.

He added, "If I get to the point where I can no longer pursue it, then I will have to look at doing a sale and be done with it."

Courtesy photo

Giving Christmas wishes

Connie Smith, from Northern Michigan Sports Medicine Center (right) delivers gifts for families in need to Ruth Goldsmith, principal at Ottawa Elementary School in Petoskey. This is the 6th year Sports Medicine Center has adopted families from Ottawa school. Each year staff members and patients pick an ornament from their tree and fulfill the holiday wishes for those families in need.

Safeguard your home

While home safety is a year-round concern, it is especially critical during the holidays. Focusing on home protection, both inside and out, is an important part of preparing for a happy and healthy holiday season.

"Home safety should be top-of-mind for all homeowners," said Mark Greyerbieh, owner of Charlevoix Ace Hardware. "We take great pride in helping our customers make their homes as safe as possible for their families."

A proper security system is the first step toward maintaining a safe home during the holidays since many people are traveling this time of year. Indoor and outdoor lighting can be set up with timers that turn lights on and off to create the appearance of an occupied home. Additionally, the following tips will help protect the people inside your home during the holidays:

Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, fires will injure approximately 2,600 people during the holiday season, and cause close to $930 million in damage. These two inexpensive devices save lives, especially with the risks associated with festive lights and candles lit for long periods of time.

"Every floor of your home should be equipped with one smoke detector and one carbon monoxide detector, or a combo unit," says Greyerbiehl. "This is especially important near bedrooms, and well within earshot." The rule of thumb is to change the batteries when you change your clocks, twice per year. The average cost is between $2-$5 – a small price to pay for peace of mind.

Safeguard your fireplace

Your fireplace is the perfect centerpiece where you can entertain guests and keep warm. Without proper maintenance and cleaning, however, fireplaces turn into safety hazards. Call a professional to inspect and clean your chimney once a year. You can also keep birds and other small animals out of the chimney by installing a

See SAFETY, page 10

Retirement reception planned

The City of Charlvoix wishes to invite the public to attend a retirement reception for Diane Manore, city zoning administrator.

A small reception will be held Monday, Dec. 31 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the second floor City Council Chambers, 210 Stte Street, Charlevoix.

Mayor Norman Clarson, Jr. wil be making a persentation at 4 p.m.

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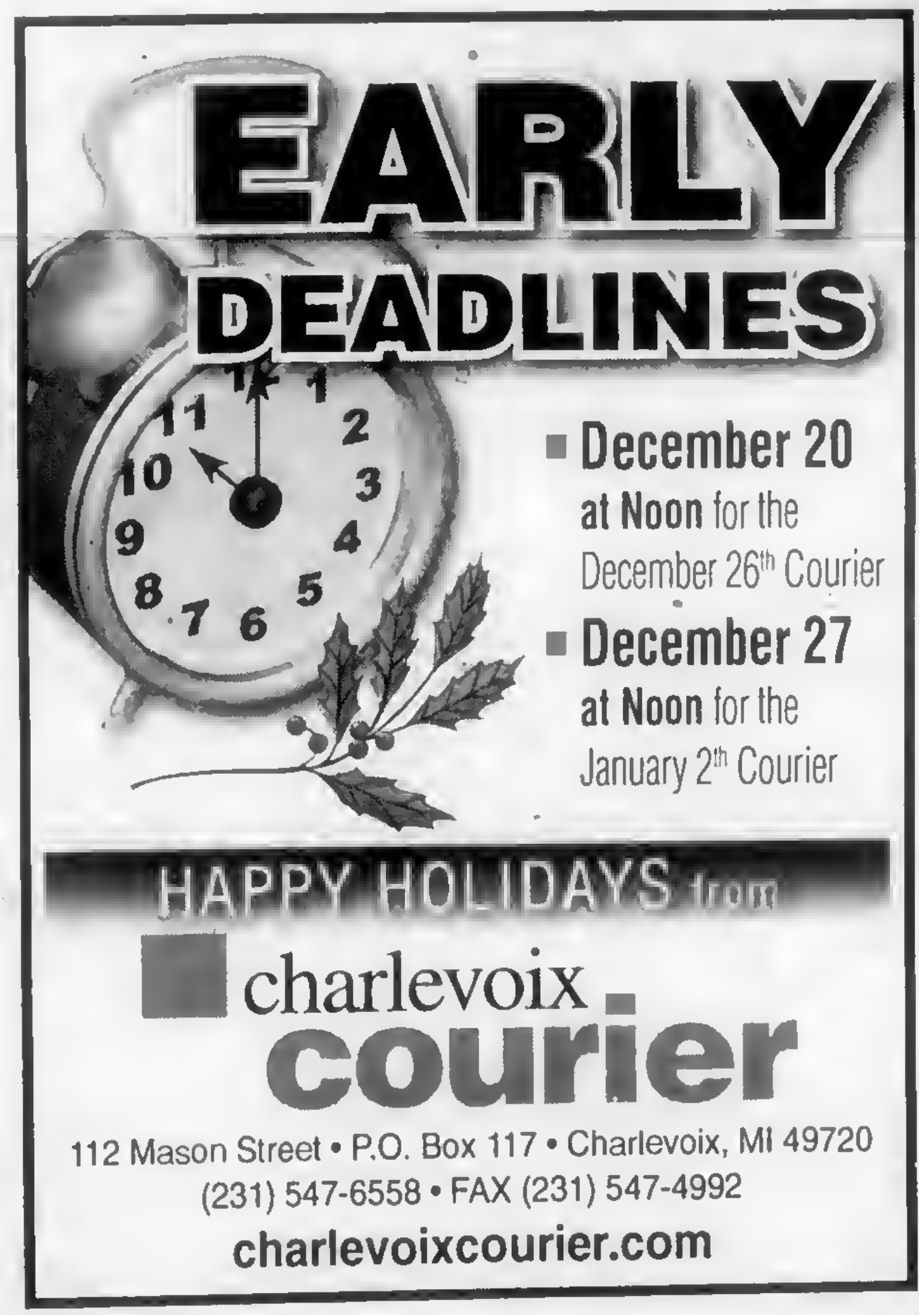

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What's up in Charlevoix?

The City of Charlevoix is under snow but not idle, noting the following activity:

Personnel

Charlevoix recently welcomed a new Planning and Zoning Administrator, Mike Spencer, who arrived from Montana. He began duties earlier this month, replacing Gary Harsh who resigned this fall.

Long-time city employee Diane Manore announced her retirement, and a reception will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 Dec. 31 at City Hall in her honor.

Recreation

Mt McSauba opened its ski and sledding hills Dec. 15, nearly a month earlier than last year. The date also served as the grand opening of the new ice rink located at the facility, which will be open throughout Christmas break as well.

Department planning

City Council members partnered with department heads within the city to set goals for the upcoming year, an early step in the budget planning process. Mayor Norman Carlson said the new process went well, and he appreciated the opportunity for department heads to connect with council members.

Carlson also said "no surprises" are expected in regard to the upcoming budget, which "looks good so far."

Construction

The East Park construction project is re-gaining ground with the recent good weather, having fallen about two weeks behind schedule during more blustery weather early in the month. Much of the stone work has been completed on the Harbor Master Building, paving for walkways has begun and about 90 percent of the stone work on the Performance Pavilion building is complete. If the good weather holds out, Carlson said, the Park should be done by Memorial Day 2008.

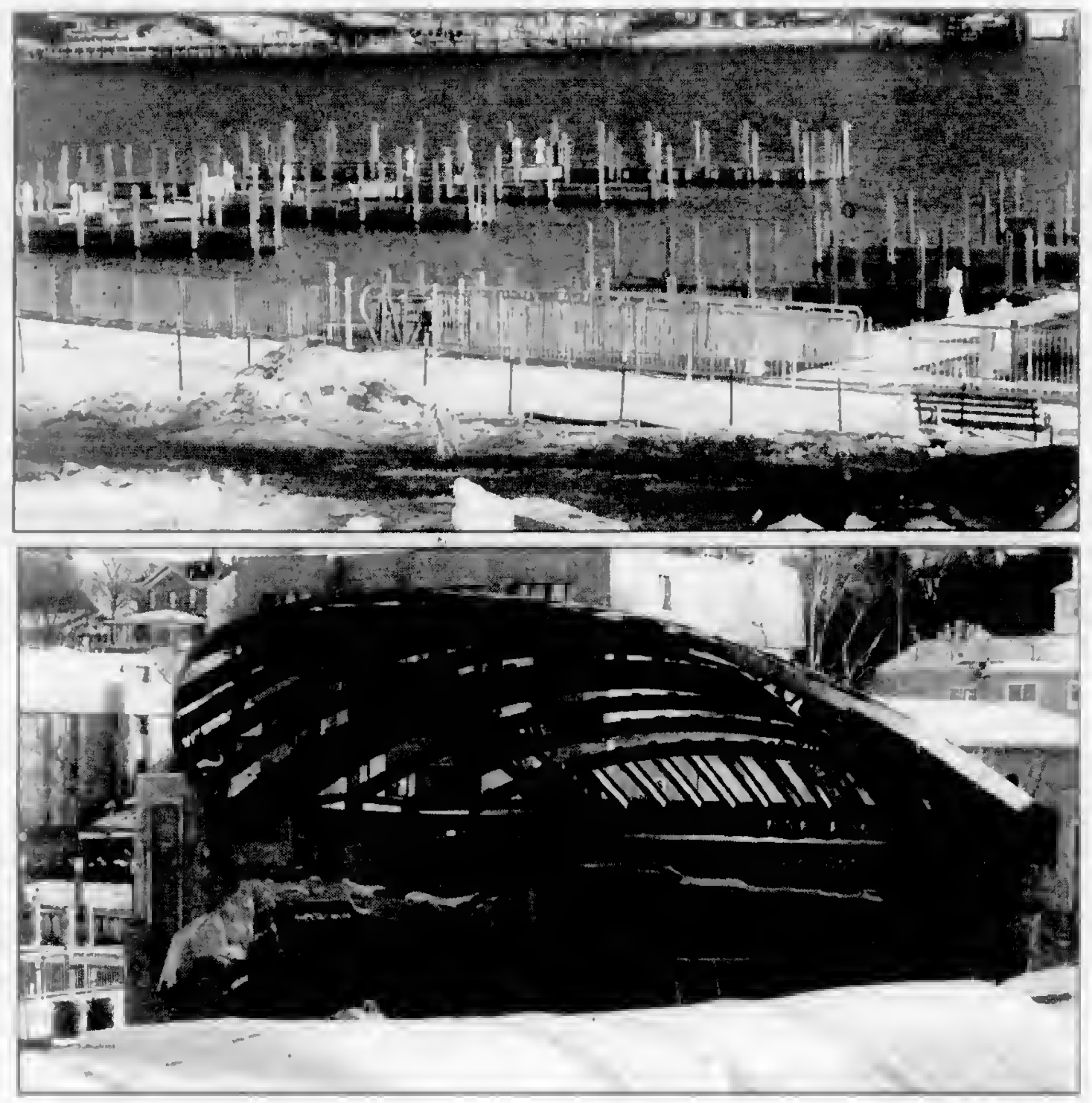
The Ferry Beach Boat Launch project is set to be complete this week, as planned.

Miscellaneous

A Court of Appeals judge has ruled in favor of the city in regard to a suit filed against the Zoning Board of Appeals. Earlier this summer, an individual applied for a permit for a boat house on Round Lake, and it was granted. Subsequently an individual approached the ZBA with a complaint about the permit, but because the complaint came after the 30-day period allotted for such input, the permit remained intact. Carlson said the ZBA was found to have acted in accordance with the law on the issue, and its decision stands.

Carlson noted road maintenance within Charlevoix city limits will continue, and the city will plow and provide salt on city roads on weekends and holidays.

Carlson encourages anyone with questions, concerns or ideas about city issues to contact him either by e-mail at boogie@chartermi.net or his e-mail listed on the city's website. He also said he can be reached by phone any time at 547-1938, and he invites input and involvement from residents.



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Work at East Park is on schedule, thanks to recent favorable weather, to be complete by Memorial Day 2008.

Tips for keeping homes safe

SAFETY

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Additional safety fixes

Ensure your area rugs have anti-skid tape or padding to keep them sure-footed, and always have a strong step stool on hand to reach items or seasonal decorations that are too high to reach in closets, cabinets or storage units.

"One quick safety fix for wobbly chairs and tables is simply a couple of wood screws and some carpenter's glue," advises Greyerbiehl. "Your guests should be able to practice 'safe seating.'"

By following these easy safety tips this holiday season, you can rest assured you'll have a safe and pleasant holiday. For more information on home safety, take a trip to your local Ace Hardware store or visit www.acehardware.com.

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Northwest Academy plans for the future

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

What will Northwest Academy of Charlevoix look like in five years?

That is the question school officials hope to answer as they begin their strategic planning sessions.

"Growth requires reorganization and this process they (Northwest officials) have chosen to embrace is a very participatory process," said consultant Dale Hull of Dale Hull and Associates. "Gary Stutzman (Northwest's Chief Administrative Officer and school leader) called me some time ago and said they are ready to take a good hard look at the next five years of their future and they are doing the right thing by planning for it."

Stutzman said an internal Strength/Weakness/Opportunity/Threat (SWOT) analysis was performed, the strategic planning sessions will yield the most unbiased and accurate results if facilitated by a third-party.

"It's important for every school to have a defined mission and vision that is very well articulated to every person involved with the school," Stutzman said.

A curriculum review was recently conducted by Northwest's charter holder Saginaw Valley State University in mid-Michigan.

"Our biggest challenge is that we have to develop a clear and consistent curriculum and have that stated in our board policies," Stutzman said. "And, we also have to put into place a long-term plan for regular maintenance and update of the building."

Strengths that have been identified include happy students, small class size and a safe school environment.

Threats included the need for a clearly defined organizational system.

"We've come from a co-directorship with two individuals leading the building to having one individual designated as the school leader," Stutzman said. "We have done that and now it's in place and we have a clear and concise organizational system so everyone knows who to go for and for what."

Opportunities identified include the long-term planning process, searching out new means of funding and planning for new and improved facilities.

Both Hull and Stutzman agreed it is important that students, parents and the community in general, even those with no affiliation to the school, are involved in the strategic planning process.

"I'm a real believer in the phrase 'it takes a village to raise a child.' I don't think the responsibility is just those of us who are parents, but everybody's responsibility to make sure we do the best for young people in the community," Hull said. "I think people should look forward to hearing from us, and if they do not, I encourage them to call Gary and say they would like to get involved with the process."

Photo by Benjamin Gohs

Dale Hull, of Dale Hull and Associates, gives a presentation to the staff of Northwest Academy of Charlevoix regarding their upcoming strategic planning sessions. The three to five-year plan comes on the heels of a Strenght/Weakness/Opprtunity/Threat or SWOT analysys performed by Northwest's charter holder Saginaw Valley State University.

As far as the specific needs and goals the school has, Hull said it is far too early to tell.

"There is a danger in predicting what you want the outcome to be, that is when you start to focus on what you personally want to happen, you lose areas which do not fall in to your wants," Hull said. "We are beginning this process with our eyes wide open and our ears wide open and we hope to learn as much as we can about what our constituents, in this case the students, want."

He added, "We need to learn what teachers and students are willing to do to get us there."

For more information on how to be a part of the planning process, call Stutzman at 547-9000.

Never too late to do good

BY BENJAMIN GOHS
STAFF WRITER

Who cares about another teenage dropout?

Kevin Kreiser, the Northwest Academy student who left school last year to begin a life of uncertainty cared. In fact, he cared enough to return, graduate and join the Army.

"I just wanted to prove I am something," Kreiser said. "I want to be an engineer and I couldn't do that without finishing school."

The 19-year-old had too bright a spark to let hope die out, according to Chief Administrative Officer and school leader Gary Stutzman.

"He is a tremendously talented young man that has had a lot of experiences in his life," he said. "He left school last winter term thinking if he moved to another community he would be able to finish school and when that didn't work out he ended up dropping out of school."

But, Stutzman added, "Instead of accepting the GED routine, or worse, he came back to school this fall and fulfilled his requirements to graduate."

Kreiser

Kreiser's mother Brinda

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Cold weather increases fire and other risks

Winter weather brings more than colder temperatures, snowstorms and holiday celebrations. It also brings a significantly higher number of residential fires and accidental carbon monoxide (CO) poisonings, tragedies that can be prevented if appropriate safety precautions are in place.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), home fires are most prevalent in December and January and the number of CO related injuries and deaths increase in winter months when furnaces, space heaters and other fuel burning appliances are in use.

"There are several reasons for the increase in fires and CO accidents in winter months," said Debbie Hanson, director of external affairs for BRK Brands/First Alert, a leading manufacturer of fire extinguishers, smoke and CO alarms and other home safety products "Candles and holiday decorations such as Christmas trees and lights, along with increased use of kitchen appliances for holiday cooking all contribute to the higher incidence of home fires," Hanson said. "Storm-related power outages and the improper use of supplemental or alternative heating sources play a big role in the number of CO poisonings. The consequences are often tragic and our goal is to help folks protect themselves during this critical time of year."

Winter Fire Safety Tips

Hanson said there are simple steps people can take that will greatly reduce the risk of fire-related injury and property loss, which is especially important in cold weather months.

Install smoke alarms with both Photoelectric and Ionization sensing technologies on every level of your home and in all sleeping areas for maximum protection.

Test smoke alarms at least once a week.

Change the batteries in smoke alarms every six months or when the low battery signal is heard.

Create and practice a home escape plan at least twice a year, making sure everyone is involved from kids to grandparents.

Keep a fire extinguisher or fire extinguishing spray in your kitchen and near other areas where a fire could occur, such as in a workshop, garage or near a fireplace.

Winter Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips

Often referred to as the silent killer because you can't see, smell or taste it, CO is the leading cause of accidental poisoning in the U.S. It is a by-product of combustion produced by cars, stoves, water heaters, fireplaces, gas grills and a number of other appliances. The following safety tips will help residents avoid CO and other dangers associated with power outages and changes in seasonal temperatures:

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DDA seeks grants to help fund East Park attractions

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

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Despite the current appearance, East Park is on track for a Memorial Day grand opening. Keith Carey of the Downtown Development Authority is in the process of seeking grants to fund the potential interactive water fountain and trout ecosystem in the park, attributes he said will be "unique" to Charlevoix.

Efforts are continuing to bring some aqua-related fun to the new East Park, expected to be unveiled in May, with work currently revolving around grant applications and fundraising.

"There are a few foundations we are seeking gr ts from and will be submitting them (soon.) So far I am pleased with how the idea has been received from the stand point of downtown businesses," said Keith Carey of the Downtown Development Authority, adding many downtown businesses have become "heavily involved" in the project.

Partnering with the city and the recently-formed citizens' committee, the Fountain of Youth Committee, Carey said fund raising efforts are currently focused on garnering the $280,000 necessary to construct an interactive water fountain in the new park. Grant application ill go to the Frey Foundation, the Dow Foundation of Midland and the Grand Traverse Band of Odawa and Chippewa Indians to help "whittle down" the $100,000 the citizens' group needs to raise per the partnering agreement with the other entities. Carey said the DDA has agreed to contribute $100,000 and the city will contribute $80,00 rom the Marina Fund.

"We are working to reduce the amount needed from private donations," he said. "As I understand it, whatever we raise over that $100,000 will be taken away from what the City and DDA have to pay."

As of last week, fundraising efforts had brought in between $30,000 and $35,000 in private donations in support of the fountain project. Time is of the essence, Carey said, because if the interactive fountain is to be complete by Memorial Day 2008 — the scheduled grand opening of the new park plans for construction including bidding out work for the project and ordering materials must begin next month.

The limitation of time has put another aspect of the park — a trout stream ecosystem habitat — on the back burner in terms of fundraising. Carey said the old East Park was home to a "very basic" trout pond, maintained by the city, and was identified by citizens as a priority in the new park design.

"We wanted to replicate the old pond in the new park. It was a top priority for citizens and we were interested in bringing the old design back," he said.

Initially the proposed design involved a simple, oval shaped pond that would draw water from Round Lake, and drain back into the lake, a process deemed illegal by state standards. The new plan, Carey explained, became to incorporate a more complex, "visually attractive" component that creates a simulated trout habitat. Carey said the stream will utilize the natural landscape of East Park to create "rapids and waterfalls" and "replicate a natural stream."

"It is something that will be very attractive for someone who has never been in the woods to see a real (trout) stream," Carey said. "It will also help support a thriving trout population."

Several collective pools and shaded areas will add to the natural appearance, which will maintain the ecosystem year-round, Carey said. The educational opportunities are an extra benefit, he added.

"This is such a novel idea. Both the trout stream and the water fountain are things that no other downtown in our area has," he said.

While the water fountain is currently more of a priority for fundraising, Carey said the stream will be included in the park plans in some form, but design and scale will depend on available funding.

"The level of sophistication of the stream will depend on the money available. The good news is the educational component creates the perfect opportunity for environmental and educational groups to partner with us," he said.

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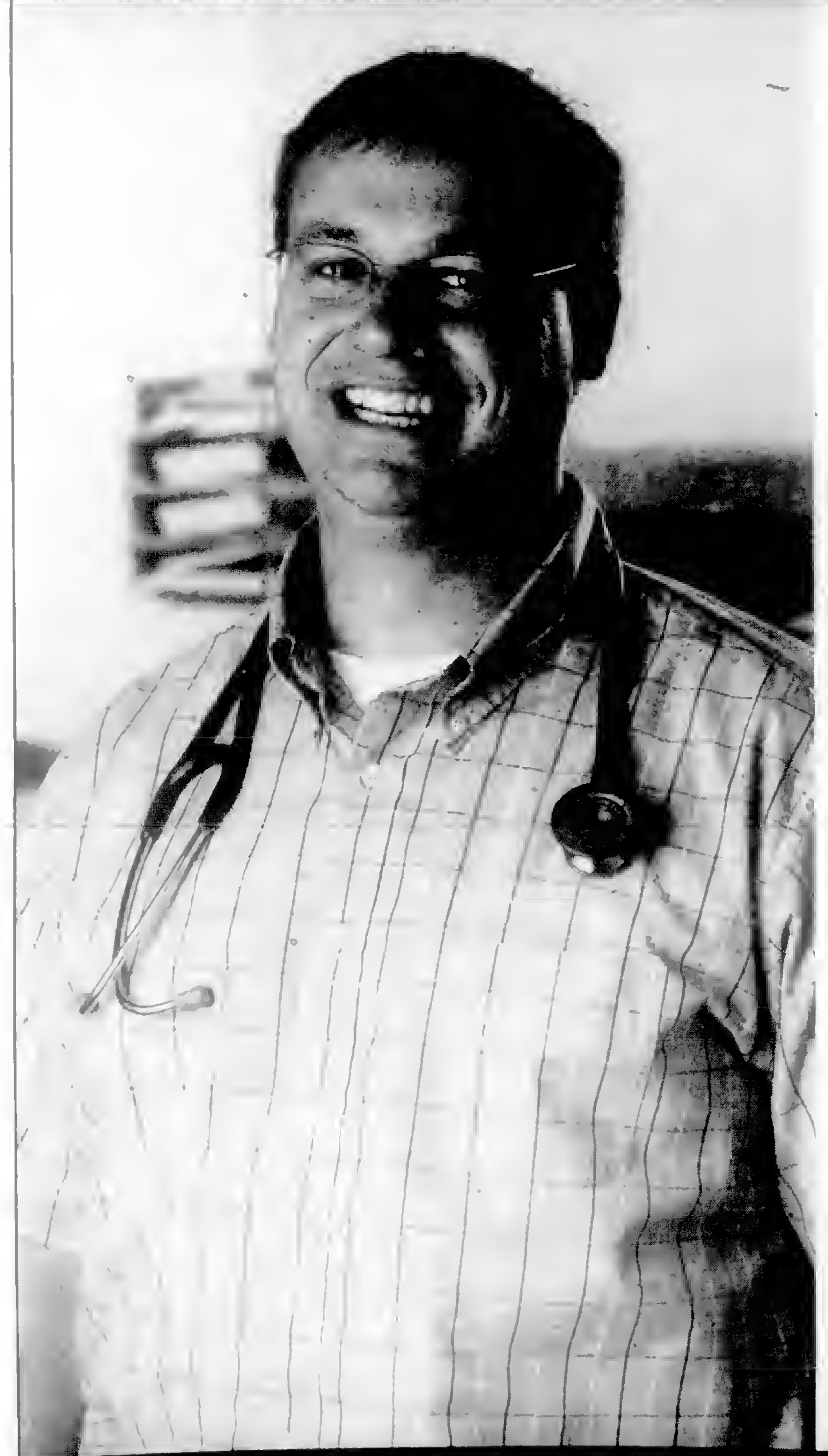

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Holidays + alcohol + driving = a bad recipe

BY ERICA GOFF
EDITOR

It's the holiday season: time to visit old friends, get to know new ones, reminisce, entertain, and be merry.

This time of year, such is the common pasttime for many, and, for many a common ingredient in such plans is alcohol. Is that wrong? No, so say area law enforcement. But the ingredient that should not be added, they said, is driving.

"This is the holiday season, a recreational season, a time when many families and friends are together out on the road. Do you really want to place them in that kind of situation?" commented Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater.

While Lasater has had his fair share of dealings with drunk drivers, as have many law enforment officers in the area, he believes the frequency of such experiences has decreased. In recent years increased fines, license suspensions and threats of jail time have made many drivers more conscientious about making the decision of who will drive.

"I think the laws and public attention (on the issue) have really promoted the designated driver philosophy," Lasater said, noting also the number of civil suits filed in the area in relation to alcohol-related crashes and a judge — 90th District Court Judge Richard W. May — that takes drunk driving related incidents "very seriously," have also helped send a strong message.

Charlevoix City Police Chief Gerard Doan agreed area residents, and society in general, have become more aware of and less accepting of drunk driving. The potential costs involved — fines, loss of driver's license, potential jail time, fees from the Secretary of State, mandatory counseling programs and boosted insurance costs — are some of the things that catch people's attention, and they have helped make people stop and think before getting behind the wheel.

The pressure on law enforcement to take the issue more seriously than was common in years past has also affected the relationship between drivers and officers.

"The days of officers taking a driver home are long gone," he said.

Doan also noted there is no "typical" stop or typical situation when dealing with drunk driving. Some circumstances could be similar — went to the bar with some friends, went to a Christmas party, didn't plan ahead for a ride home or "wasn't that drunk" — but, he asked, who is a typical drunk driving offender? Despite the increased laws and pressure to enforce drunk driving laws, the perception that a drunk driver is a criminal, an alcoholic that cares nothing for others is false. A drunk driver can be someone who had no intentions of hurting others or themselves. They are often just out to have a good time.

"The thing is, I'm not a criminal. Not everyone that gets a DUI is a criminal," said Ben, a 21-year old college student, wanting to remain anonomous, who learned that fact the hard way.

Ben will soon graduate from college with an engineering degree. He carries a 3.0 grade point average in school. He also has an Operating While Visually Impaired conviction on his driving record, a charge that came with 12 months probation, 50 hours of community service, attendance to 2 instructional classes, and more than $3,500 in fines, court costs and other expenses.

But Ben said he thinks he is lucky. His luck, he said, is related to what he now knows could have happened that night in August when he lost control of his truck on a back road after he swerved to miss a deer. His truck hit a bank on the side of the road, rolled and skidded more than 15 feet on its side.

"I was only doing 35 miles an hour," he recalled.

Ben also remembers not feeling drunk despite blowing well over the legal limit when law enforcement officials who arrived on the scene gave him a breathalizer. Ben's blood alcohol content was .127, well above the .08 limit for driving. Despite the costs he's had to pay for the incident, Ben

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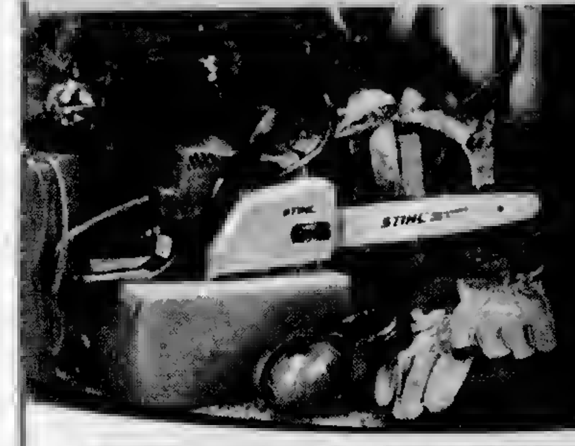

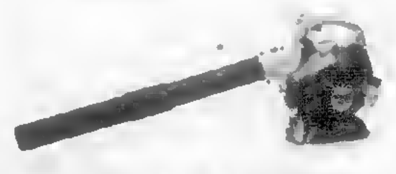

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Senate Bill includes millions for Michigan projects

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Michigan, and Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, announced recently that H.R. 2764, the Consolidates Appropriations Act — 2008, which the House and Senate passed last week, contains millions of dollars for projects across Michigan.

"Communities across our great state will benefit from the funding provided in this legislation," Levin stated. "This bill addresses some of Michigan's crucial needs such as protecting the Great Lakes from invasive species, improving our transportation infrastructure, enhancing our health care system, and supporting our educational institutions. These projects contribute positively to the quality of life in Michigan."

"This funding is an investment in our state's continued and future success," Stabenow said. This bill also includes language recognizing the importance of the Great Lakes and the unique role they play in Michigan, the nation's economy and our environment. ."

The Michigan projects to receive funding are cited according to the bills they fall under. Areas cited for funding include:

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Synopsis – December 12, 2007

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. in Charlevoix. All Commissioners were present.

- Motion approved minutes of the November 28, 2007 as corrected.
- Resolution #07-076 Bank Depositories tabled
- Motion approved Resolution #07-077, 2007 Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund Budget as presented.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-078, Application for Funds and authorized Chairman Rololf to sign any necessary documents for these funds
- Motion approved Resolution #07-079 Marine Grant and authorized the Fiscal Officer to sign.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-080, Bryne Memorial Formula Grant Application and authorized Chairman Rolotf to sign said document.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-081, Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant Application and authorized Chairman Rolotl to sign said document.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-082, Remonumentation Grant Application for 2008 and authorized the Clerk as Grant Administrator to sign said application.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-083, Surveyor Contracts and authorized Chairman Roloff to sign said contracts as soon as notification from the State is received.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-084, Amended Subsidiary Fund Budgets.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-085, 2008 Subsidiary Fund Budgets.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-086, 2007 General Fund Deficits.
- Motion approved Resolution #07-087, Section 5311 Operating Project Authorizations.
- Motion adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

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NCCMH recognizes employees for service

North Country Community Mental Health recently held its annual Employee Recognition event at Boyne Mountain. Andrew Sahara, Ph.D, was presented with the highest form of recognition, the Achievement Award, which recognizes exemplary service or extraordinary performance. Their peers nominate staff and a committee reviews the nominations and makes a selection based on established criteria. Dr. Sahara has worked for NCCMH for seventeen years and is Director of Community Consultation and Treatment Services.

The Team Award went to the Petoskey Outpatient Team. The team was recognized for great team work, excellent services and meeting goals. The members of this team are: Alan Scott, Natalie Weber, Geri DeYoung, Karleen Sekulski, Dan Taylor, John Thorp, Kathy Cheshire, Danelle Paul, Julie Hopkins, Christina Taylor, Trish Harrington, and Amy Carey.

· Donna Wheeler, Finance Director, was recognized for thirty years of service. This is the first time in the history of the agency for a thirty year award.

Other employees recognized: 25 years of service Susan Blasius, Linda Passmore, Andrea Sarto, and Mary Beth Wakulat, Gaylord Developmental Disabilities Services Office; 20 years of service – Kathleen Poirot, North Country Residential and Teresa Thompson, Petoskey Office; 10 years of service – Linda Brown, Cheboygan Office; Kristie Luff, Gaylord Alpine Workshop; Michalene Wright, Charlevoix Office; and Christine Gebhard and John Thorp, Petoskey Office.

Those staff receiving Certificates of Merit Awards were: Stacie Augsburger, Cheboygan Office; Mike Lucido, Bellaire Office; Alexis Kaczynski and Patti Cosens, Petoskey; Christine Lennon and Sue Smith, Gaylord Developmental Disabilities Services.

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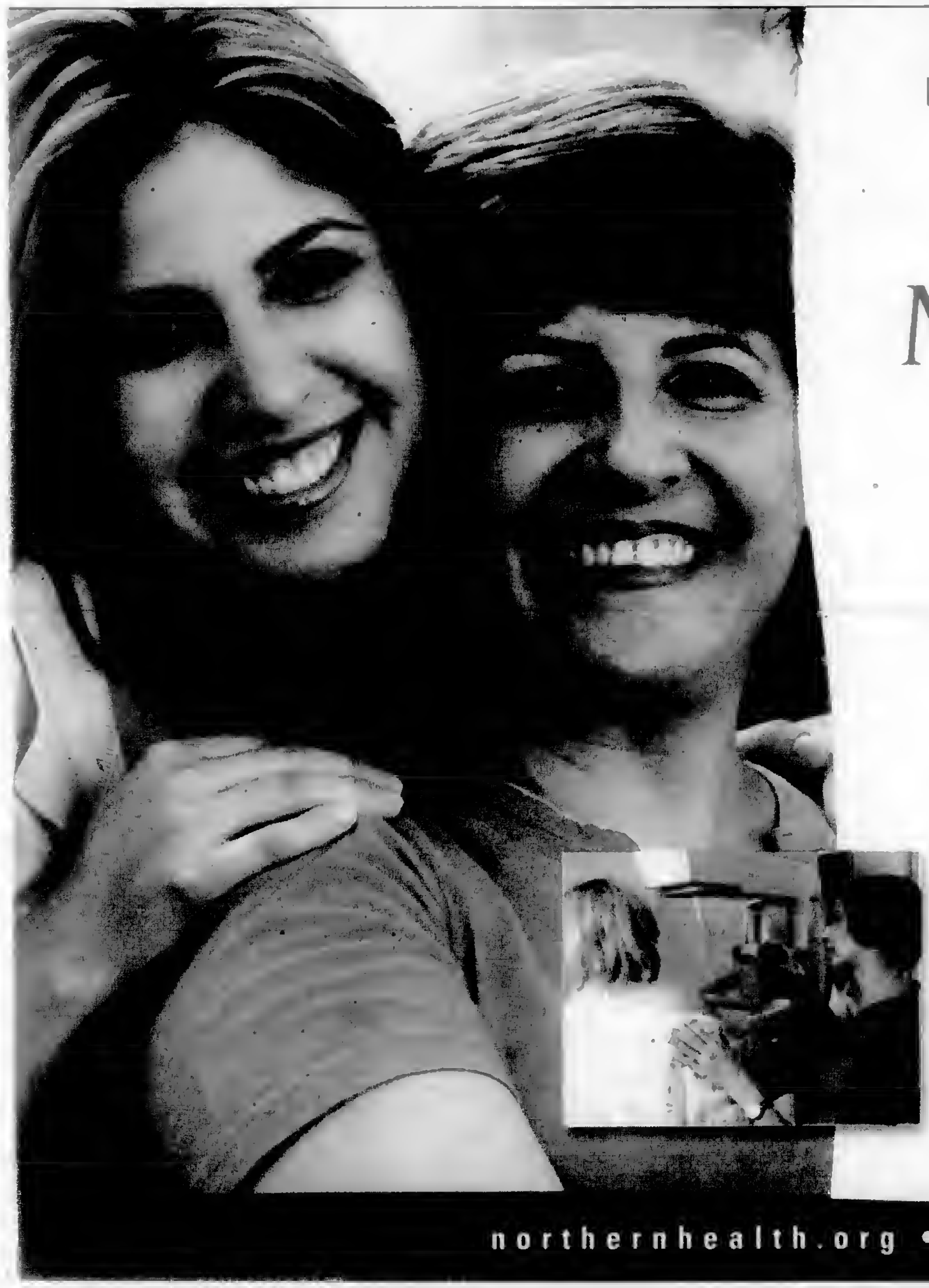
Above, (from left) Susan Blaslus, Linda Passmore, Andrea Sarto and Mary Beth Wakulat were recognized for 25 years of service. Far left, Donna Wheeler was recognized for 30 years of service. Kathleen Poirot and Teresa Thompson (not pictured) were recognized for 20 years of service. Right, Alexis Kaczynski, Director of North Country Community Mental Health, presented the Achievement Award to Andrew Sahara, Ph.D.



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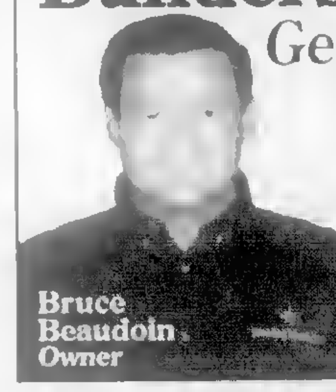

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Rayders charge over Traverse City St. Francis

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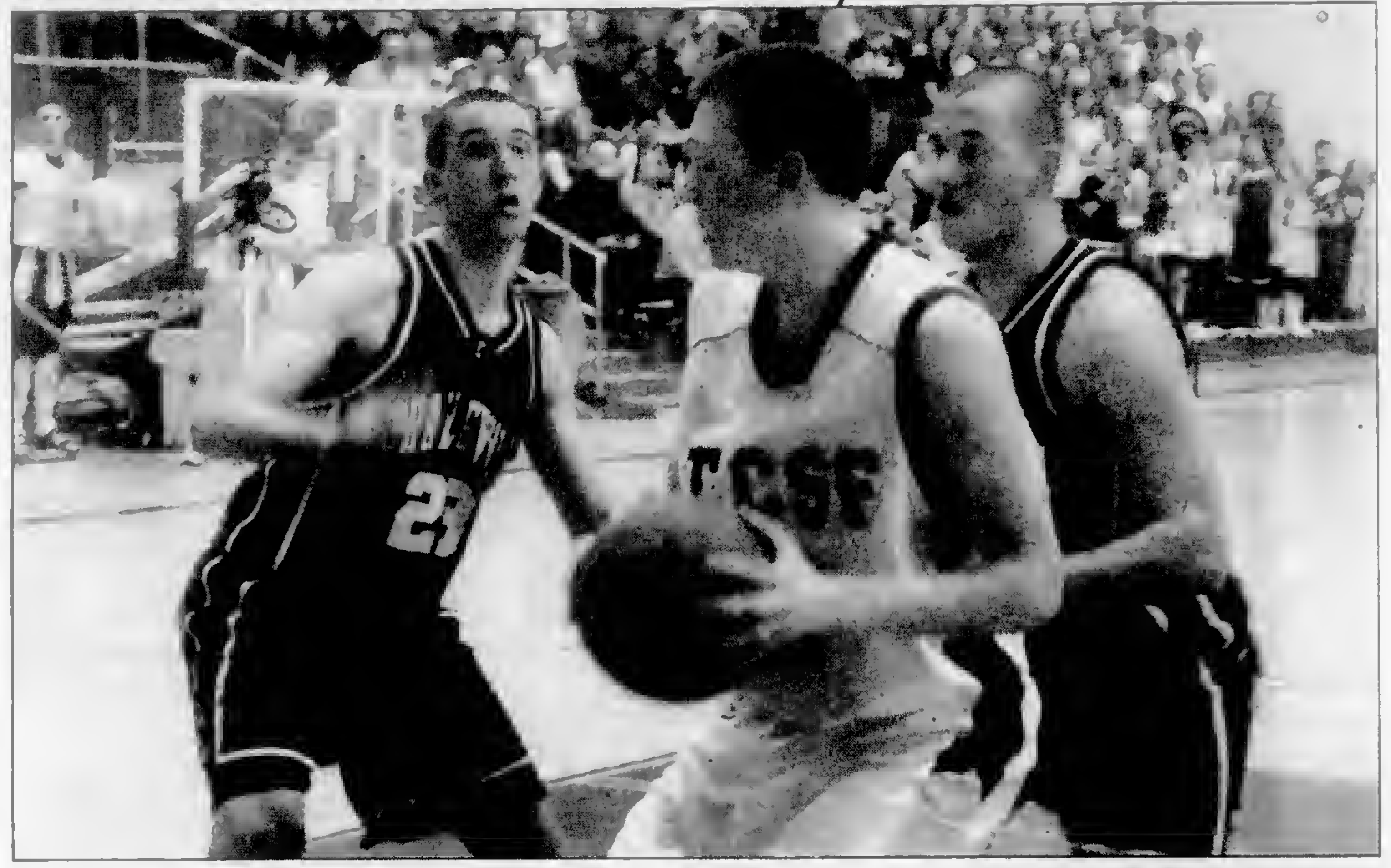
NEWS-REVIEW SPORTS WRITER



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Charlevoix's Justin Friske (left) and Corey Gotshall (right) surround Traverse City St. Francis' Holden Greiner Tuesday in the Rayders' 55-46 Lake Michigan Conference victory.

Traverse City St. Francis, with some remnants of a football hangover, shot 32 percent from the floor. Charlevoix, which has yet to click offensively, survived a major first-half scoring drought. So it wasn't exactly March-caliber basketball in Traverse City on Tuesday. But it was another hard-fought game between the Lake Michigan Conference rivals, the first of three likely meetings this season, with the Rayders prevailing, 55-46.

Charlevoix is 5-0, 2-0 in the league, while the Gladiators took their first loss and are now 3-1, 1-1.

"This was typical of how Charlevoix-St. Francis games have been recently," Charlevoix coach Keith Haske said. "It was a physical game and it was tough to get open looks because they really played some great defense."

Not at first. Four different players scored Charlevoix's opening 10 points, and Cliff Jones' 3-pointer gave the Rayders a 13-4 lead through the opening quarter. But then came a scoring lull that typified the game for both teams, and carried over until the second quarter, a period in which Charlevoix didn't score until more than midway through on a turnaround 15-footer from Austin Wilhelm. He made the Rayders' next two buckets, then Collin McDonough, bumped up in the rotation with Thomas Parrish and Jon Putman out, nailed a 3-pointer from the right wing with 18 seconds to go, sending Charlevoix into the break up 24-23.

"Austin kind of bailed us out, then Collin hit the 3," Haske said. "All those little things add up, and it was a great team win."

Charlevoix led throughout the sometimes-sloppy second half, by as much as 10 early in the fourth on a sweet left-handed half-hook by Corey Gotshall. He was one of three Rayders with 10 points, along with Nate LaBlance and Justin Friske.

"Corey and Justin both played well; it was so physical inside," Haske said. "They were concentrating on Nate, so we were able to get Corey the ball in the seams. And we made a concerted effort to get it to Justin down low."

This was the first game where Charlevoix had the two-headed post threat it had hoped for in Gotshall, a 6-foot-3 senior who has already twice topped 20 points, and Friske, a 6-5 junior who finally hit double figures. Gotshall can score down low with either hand, or from the elbows as a shooter or driver. Friske, with point guard Jones running plays specifically for him, was able to show off his smooth post moves in the eye of the storm.

St. Francis got within three points, 46-43, with 2 minutes to play when Holden Greiner stole the ball and got it ahead to Jacob Schell for the score. But Gotshall, playing with four fouls, answered with two quick buckets.

The Gladiators chose the wrong guys to foul in the game's final minute, as LaBlance and Jones, who scored nine, made two free throws apiece to ice the game.

St. Francis was led by Corey Williams' 13 points, while the 6-8 Greiner had 11. Charlevoix was the first team this season to hold Greiner under 20 points.

"We shot awful," St. Francis coach Pat Cleland said. "We still haven't got our legs."

They should be back under them by the time the two play again, Jan. 30 at Charlevoix. A likely third meeting looms in the Class C district at St. Francis.

The Gladiators won the JV game, 62-26.

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said he considers the end result positive.

"My cousin was in the car with me," he recalled. "I could have hurt him or myself."

The 14 hours he spent in jail after his crash made him feel like a criminal, he said, and gave him a better understanding of what "safe fun" is.

"You can't take that approach of pushing the limits with alcohol (as you can with things like riding dirt bikes). You can't break the rules," he said.

Ben said $3,500 later, he knows "the money isn't the problem" as long as he learned his lesson.

Tim, another DUI offender wishing to remain anonomous, said he also learned he is not invincible after a night out at a bar. He was on a date, he said, and was too embarrassed to admit he shouldn't drive.

Tim said he made it most of the three mile distance to his home before his vehicle crossed the center line "just a little bit" and he was pulled over. His first thought: "I'm going to jail."

"Then I thought I was going to lose my job and wondered what I was going to do," he said.

The night that started as a celebration for him – "I hadn't been on a date in a long time," Tim said – ended with a night in jail, two years probation and a first offense impaired driving conviction. Tim was also ordered to attend two Alcohol Anonymous meetings every week, go to counseling sessions four days a week, and his driver's license was restricted. He also had to pay about $1,073 in court costs.

Now Tim has little time for dates, he said, because he works until about 6 p.m., goes to counseling four days a week, AA meetings at 8 p.m. twice a week and "can't even drive to church" on Sundays.

Tim's BAC was .16 when he was pulled over. He said he is now "so thankful nothing worse happened."

Tim has two prior convictions, incurred 17 and 18 years ago, and knows he could have gone to prison if those convictions had stayed on his driving record and his third arrest had led to a third offense conviction. Like Ben, this father insisted he is not a criminal.

"I am not a hoodlum, I'm not in and out of trouble," he said.

The situation was "ironic," Tim said, referring to the conception he and many others have, he believes, about DUI convictions. He doesn't go out much, hadn't spent much time at the particular bar he visited that night – "I hadn't been there in 15 years," he said – he has a good job and does not get in trouble. He has, however, paid nearly $6,000 total because of what he said was a bad decision.

Tony, a 25-year-old college student, said it took him two DUI convictions to fully accept that bit of advice.

"The first time it wasn't as much of a punishment so it didn't sink in. It was just money I had to pay and things I had to do," he said. "There weren't really any privileges taken away."

What really "made it sink in" was a second offense, incurred during Tony's "celebration" of the end of his first probation period. The second offense was more costly, he said, and left him without a driver's license for one year, three months of vehicle immobilization, one year of probation, about $1,700 in fines, and nine days in jail.

There was "a lot of fear" involved in going to jail, he said, given the image of "hardened criminals" often associated with being locked up. Many of the individuals also housed in the facility were there for the same reason – drunk driving – and some were there for assault and battery and other charges. While having the privilege to leave the jail for work every day was a relief, Tony said returning when the work day was over was difficult.

"Every day I had to go back brought this sick feeling to my stomach. It was the only time I've wanted the work day to last longer," he said.

The humiliation of that sentence was not the worst part of his experience, he said. Nor was the $6,000 shelled out for six months of counseling sessions or the time or money spent in mandatory Alcohol Anonymous meetings. The worst part, Tony said, was the affect on his family.

"They've been extremely supportive and I'm very lucky but to have to tell them the truth, to humble yourself that much for making such a horrible mistake, that was the worst," he said. "The effect it has on the family lasts much longer than time in jail."

Tony's BAC was .16 – twice the legal limit – both times he was pulled over. He said he'd driven after drinking many times before and always felt "if I didn't look drunk I was ok."

"I thought if I drove well enough and had never gotten caught, I was ok," he said, adding that although he felt "worse off" the second time he was pulled over he "was still in the state of mind that I was ok to drive."

He has since changed his mind.

"I used to think I was ok, that I was careful enough but now that I've been to jail and spent more than $10,000, I know its not worth it," he said.

These three men were lucky, however. Lasater said he knows of too many cases that brought far more troublesome costs, ones that ended with him "knocking on a door and delivering a message that a loved one has passed away."

"I have had to knock on 75 doors. When an officer deals with that and knows alcohol was a factor in the situation, it sticks with you," he said.

One night in particular, Lasater said, has remained with him throughout his career, one that for him started with a call to respond to an accident on the corner of U.S. 31 and Bay Shore. The night ended with him knocking on four doors, telling four sets of parents their teenage child had been killed.

"After something like that, I would go home and sit with my own children, watching them and wanting to protect them," he said.

Of course the situation is not always that dramatic. Drunk driving stops often begin with a quick assessment, Charlevoix City officer Matt Umulis said, checking three areas: speech, eyes and attitude.

"The speech is often slurred, and the eyes can be bloodshot or watery. The smell can be a giveaway too," he said.

Having spent just four-and-a-half years with the department, Umulis said he can see the difference in the number of drunk driving incidents, and is happy to see the numbers go down.

"It is not all about the arrests. That's not what we like to do and that's not what we like to see," he said.

Officer Pete Shrift, a 17-year veteran to the force, said just in the past five years the numbers have seemed to decrease significantly.

"You just don't see the traffic late at night like you used to," he said. "I think people are much more aware."

Lasater, agreeing the decrease in frequency is good to see, said it only takes one story to change the lives of many.

"This story is one that will always stayed with me," he said, telling of two high school seniors he referred to as 'Tom' and 'Tom's friend.'

Tom and his friend has been best "buddies" since kindergarten and made plans to go to a party during their senior year, Lasater said. Tom's father had a rule: if you drink, call for a ride. Tom did not drink at the party, but his friend did. Believing his friend would never put his life in danger, Tom didn't call his father for a ride, instead choosing to ride with his friend. The truck made it about a mile down the road.

"He rolled the truck, and it crushed Tom. Tom didn't make it," Lasater recalled.

During the holiday season, Lasater and other officers reminded it is a time for joy, a time for family, and a time to make wise decisions.

The prices paid

Ben: first offense, Operating While Visually Impaired
$3,500 in fines
12 months probation
50 hours community service
2 alcohol classes
14 hours in jail

Tim: first offense, Operating While Impaired
$1,073 in court costs
Restricted driver's license
AA meetings and counseling
1 night in jail
2 years probation

Tony: first and second offense, Driving While Impaired
+$10,000 total in fines, court costs and counseling
1 year and 6 months probation
1 year revocation of driver's license
AA meetings and counseling
Alcohol classes and Impact Weekend
9 days in work release jail

Official Notice

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH is the public mental health agency serving the counties of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties.

The agency will hold a hearing on its 2008 Annual Needs Assessment and Program Plan as submitted to the Department of Community Health, on Thursday, January 3, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Public Hearing will take place in the Board Conference Room located on the second floor at One MacDonald Drive, Suite A; Petoskey, Michigan.

Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities. Anyone who has a special need should contact Joan Booth at (231)347-9605 Ext. 3017

Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

Monday, December 17, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

The following proceedings took place:

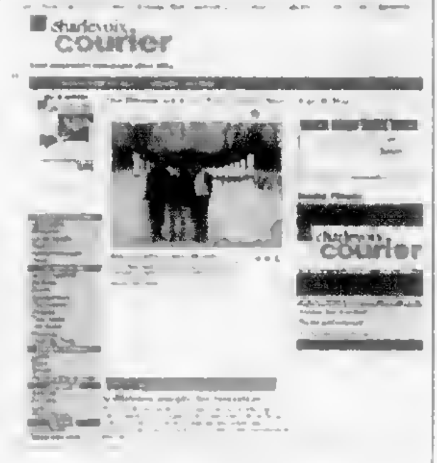
- Motion passed approving the DNR contract for the marina reservation system.
- Motion passed authorizing payment of $14 184 27 to Sleuer Excavating Inc. relative to the snowmaking pump house building.
- Motion passed approving the audit contract extension with Rehmann Robson.
- Motion passed authorizing the Mayor to sign letters of support for any grants applicable to the interactive fountain or trout pond
- Motion passed for the City Council to send a letter to the Charlevoix Road Commission stating that the City disagrees with their current snow plowing policy.

Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk   Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor

Despite higher gas prices our traffic is up!



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Officials encourage caution when decorating

The holiday season is traditionally a joyful time of the year, but Consumers Energy and the State Fire Marshal warn that it can also be a dangerous one if caution is not exercised with Christmas trees, holiday lighting, candles and cooking.

"We should all pause in the hectic rush of getting ready for the holidays to make sure we are preparing and decorating safely," said Michigan State Fire Marshal Andy Neumann.

In 2006, there were 189 candle-related fires reported in Michigan, resulting in 33 injuries, and more than $7.1 million in property loss. Christmas trees and holiday decorations were involved in 34 reported fires, resulting in one injury and more than $6 million in property loss and damage.

According to Neumann, the risks for a fire in the home increase significantly during this time of year for a number of reasons. Increased cooking, unattended candles and decorations and careless use of smoking materials make this a dangerous time for fires in the home. However, if people practice fire-safe behaviors and use a little common sense, home fires can be prevented.

To greatly enhance your chances of surviving a home fire, have at least one working smoke alarm on each level of your home, especially near sleeping areas. Test your smoke alarms monthly and replace the batteries at least once a year. Have an escape plan showing two ways out of every room with a designated meeting place outside and PRACTICE it with your entire family.

According to the State Fire Marshal's office, smoke alarms, batteries and carbon monoxide detectors don't just make great stocking stuffers, they save lives.

Consumers Energy and the State Fire Marshal offer these safe holiday suggestions:

Choose a fresh Christmas tree and water it frequently. Place the tree in a stand that will not tip over and keep the tree away from heat sources and exits.

Keep burning candles away from decorations and other materials that can catch fire. Do not leave children unattended in a room with lighted candles. Remember to keep matches and lighters out of children's reach.

When decorating with lights, purchase only those labeled by a testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Check for frayed or damaged cords and replace them. Don't overload electric outlets and always unplug all decorative lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Never leave the stove unattended while cooking. Keep cooking areas clean, wear clothes with tight fitting sleeves, and turn pot handles inward on the stove and out of children's reach.

Special care should be taken around fireplaces during this season. Make sure the flue is open before starting a fire. Never burn wrappings or a Christmas tree in the fireplace.

When hosting holiday parties, provide guests who smoke with large, deep ashtrays. After the party, remember to check around furniture and in trash cans for smoldering cigarettes.

Always keep a fire extinguisher handy.

Consumers Energy, the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy Corporation, provides natural gas and electric service to nearly 6.5 million of Michigan's 10 million residents in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties.

For more information regarding Consumers Energy, access our website at www.consumersenergy.com or contact Timothy J. Pietryga at (616) 774-2329 or (800) 542-1195.

Charter to offer new Business Telephone Service

Charter Communications, a Wired World Company, cited community commitment and involvement, service efficiency and cost effectiveness as benefits it will bring to Northern Michigan with the arrival of its commercial division Charter Business Telephone Service.

Charter Business telephone provides commercial clients with the same service as other telecommunications companies, including the most popular features like hunting, which searches for an open line and automatically rolls over the call, and unlimited long distance calling, the company stated. Director of Business Development for Charter Business Joni Brengman said other telephone services may send calls over the public Internet, but Charter Business Telephone sends calls over its own state-of-the-art network which eliminates most bandwidth issues and improves the quality of calls. With the introduction of telephone service, Charter Business offers small businesses in Northern Michigan an opportunity to consolidate providers. Charter already serves the commercial market with commercial broadband service, offering extremely fast downloads and reliable high speed Internet service. When paired with other Charter Business services such as broadband high-speed Internet and video service, customers can take advantage of 'bundled discounts,' which often result in bottom-line savings, the company stated.

Bundled discounts refer to the cable industry's ability to provide cost savings to customers willing to consolidate their telephone, broadband high-speed Internet and video services with one company. Customers generally see substantial savings when bundling, compared to paying several different companies for multiple services.

Cities included in this launch are: Traverse city, Petoskey, Cadillac, Gaylord, Manistee, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix, Boyne City, Elk Rapids, Frankfort, Kalkaska, Bellaire, Beulah, Interlochen, East Jordan, Mancelona, Onekama, Lake Leelanau, Central Lake, Northport, Manton, Clam River, Williamsburg, Alden and Fife Lake.

For more information on Charter Business Telephone or any other Charter Business service call 888-340-9399 or visit the website at www.Charter-business.com.

History

Charter Communications was founded in 1993. Today it is among the largest broadband companies in the United States, serving approximately 6.3 million customers in 37 states.

Within Michigan, Charter Communications serves over 830 local communities and operates over 20,000 miles of cable plant. Charter is the largest rural cable operator in the state, and the vast majority of Charter's systems are offering advanced video and broadband services. Charter has over 1,400 dedicated employees serving Michigan customers.

Michigan community involvement

Ongoing support of educational and government access channels in the community, including support of Michigan Government TV

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Official Notice

CITY OF CHARLEVOIX
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS
Thursday, December 13, 2007 – 12:00 Noon
Council Chambers, City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI

The Charlevoix City Council met on the above date with Mayor Norman L. Carlson, Jr. presiding. All Council members were present.

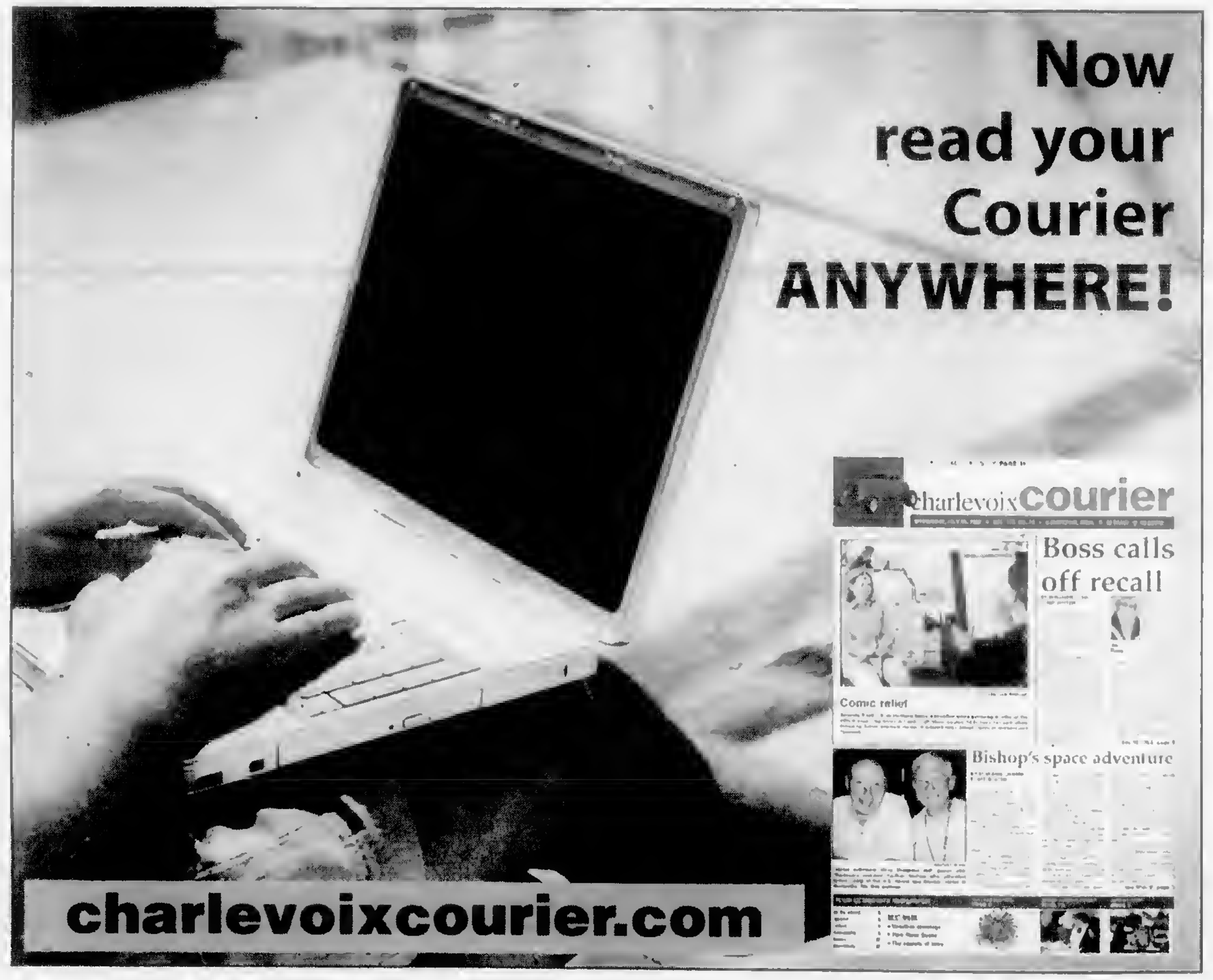
The following proceedings took place:

- Motion passed approving the job description for a Human Resources position and authorizing the City Manager to advertise for the position.
- Council discussed and set goals for the upcoming fiscal year.

Council adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

A complete copy of the Council minutes is on file at the City Clerk's Office, 210 State Street.

Carol A. Ochs, City Clerk
Norman L. Carlson, Jr., Mayor



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0760 SPECIAL NOTICES

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A Scion Society
of the B.S.I.
Coming in about
a fortnight.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform Debbie Drost, last known address: 8289 9th Street, Beggs, OK 74421, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #133. Contents include furniture, tools & gun safe. You have until January 18, 2008, to re-claim the goods at:
Charlevoix Mini Storage
06795 US 31 Highway South
Charlevoix, Michigan 49720
(231)547-5838

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform Farron Bondie, last known address: 4679 Sherwood Drive, Indian River, MI 49749, of the disposal of stored goods at the Charlevoix Mini Storage, Unit #076. Contents include a computer, heater and generator. You have until January 18, 2008, to re-claim the goods at:
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If you are interested in this part-time opportunity, call the Petoskey News-Review circulation department for details:

231-439-9315

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0860 HELP WANTED MISCELLANEOUS

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HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT
CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

Part-time position (approximately 20-24 hours per week) with a competitive hourly rate of $25 to $30 per hour. Applicants should possess strong written and oral communication skills. Excellent public relations skills a must, management experience preferred. Position reports to the City Manager.

To apply, submit City employment application, background waiver, and resume, to Robert Straebel, City Manager, City of Charlevoix, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Complete copy of the job description, application and background waiver may be obtained on the City of Charlevoix's website: www.cityofcharlevoix.org. EOE. Applications will be accepted until January 18, 2008.

0880 SALES HELP WANTED

Sales

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Network card. Enclosed base. Never used. Purchased December 2006. Paid $4,656. Make an offer. Please call Gaylord Herald Times, (989)732-1111, Marilyn.

1340 MISC. ITEMS FOR SALE

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1350 SUPER SAVERS ITEMS UNDER $1000

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Is it a secret?

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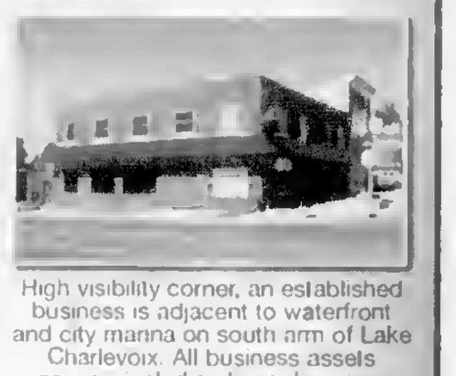
1550 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Commercial

Historical inn in prime location downtown Central Lake. Unique offering for commercial development. Current use is dinner club and inn. Class B hotel license and SDM and business assets ARE included.
$599,000 MLS #245648



High visibility corner, an established business is adjacent to waterfront and city marina on south arm of Lake Charlevoix. All business assets convey, including liquor licenses, Class C and SDM.
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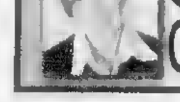

Cindy Clark ABR
e-mail: cindyclarkred@charter.net
Call 989-350-5520 Office: 989-732-4569

1550 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

New Today!
VERY NICE QUALITY STORAGE BUILDING and airport hanger at the East Jordan airport, 50x50. Heat, insulated, water and concrete floor. $79,880. Carol Franklin (231)633-3672 or GREENRIDGE (231)947-8200.

1570 LOTS & ACREAGE

New Today!
BEAUTIFUL WOODED LOT
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$101 - $300	**$10**
$301 - $600	**$14**
$601 - $1,000	**$18**

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Call by 12 p.m. Friday for following week advertising.

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1570 LOTS & ACREAGE

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1610 LAKE HOMES & FRONTAGE

New Today!

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1620 MOBILE HOMES/SITES FOR SALE/RENT

CHARLEVOIX

3 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home. Includes washer and dryer. Garbage removal and snow plowing. Has attached porch. $450 per month plus utilities and deposit. References required. (231)547-4046.

1680 BUSINESS PLACES FOR RENT

CHARLEVOIX

LUXURY office suite facing round lake for rent. $1,500 NNN per month. Call Amy at (231)547-7916.

CHARLEVOIX NORTH SIDE

Commercial space, 1,300 sq. tt. $800 per month plus utilities. 12705 US-31 North. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One (231)547-5100.

1800 APARTMENTS/ DUPLEXES FOR RENT

AVAILABLE FOR Immediate Occupancy at Pine Cove & Charlevoix Apartments: 1 bedrooms starting at $440 or $240 per month, depending on income. Only 3 units are available so Apply Soon! We are also accepting applications tor our 2 bedroom waiting list. Call (231)547-5202 for details or stop by 1001 May Street. TDD (800)649-3777.

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Classifieds Ads Work

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1700 HOUSES FOR RENT

RENT A LOG HOME

On Susan Lake In Charlevoix. Weekend rate $1,000. Weekly rates available. Call (989)463-3937 and ask for Linda.

1740 STORAGE SPACE FOR RENT

SELF STORAGE UNITS

50 to 1,000 sq. ft., drive-In units, heated areas, Charlevoix northside. Call Bob Kern, Real Estate One, (231)547-5100.

STORAGE UNITS. Charlevoix Mini Storage, (231) 547-5838, closed Thursdays.

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2005 TRAIL Blazer LT 4x4. Silver with charcoal leather interior. Sunroof. All power options plus XM satelite radio and on-star. 65,000 highway miles. Super clean. Dealer price $18,500. My price $16,500. Must sell. (989)348-3570.

1940 HEAVY TRUCKS

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CAR HAULER

open. Diamond plate, 7,000 pound load. Like new. $2,200 or best. Cost new $3,500. (231)587-9597 or (313) 408-0154.

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1988 ARCTIC Cat Eltigre 6000 with trailer. $850/best. (989)429-6292.

1997 MACH I with A.D. Bovin suspension. $2,000/best. (231)585-7525.

2020 SNOWMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

2000 ARCTIC Cat ZR600, $1,600. **1999 Z370**, $1,100. **1996 Puma** 340, $600. All run great. (231)838-2966.

2007 POLARIS 600, HO clean fire, 700 miles, new condition, stored inside, with cover. $5,500. (231)526-2512.

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2100 LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
90TH DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX
ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE/PUBLICATION
File No. 07-1287-SP-1

Honorable:
RICHARD W. MAY

LARRY SPENCE, PATRICIA SPENCE AND LINDA SPENCE
Plaintiffs,
v
TIMOTHY DAVIS
Defendant,

Plaintiff has filed a Complaint to Forfeit the Land Contract of TIMOTHY W. DAVIS, an action pending In the District Court to forfeit the Land Contract.

Defendant, TIMOTHY DAVIS, his heirs, successors or assigns will be defaulted and the Land Contract forfeited if the Defendant, TIMOTHY DAVIS, does not file an Answer to the Plaintiff's Complaint by December 31, 2007, or an Order Forfeiting the Land Contract will be entered by the Court.

A copy of this Order will be served on the Defendant by registered mail, return receipt requested, at the Defendant's last known address of 236 South Elizabeth Street, Lawrence, Michigan 49064.

This Order shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in a Charlevolx County newspaper.

Dated: December 3, 2007

Richard W. May,
District Judge (P23180)
(L-12/12, 12/19, 12/26)

Call Lisa at (231) 547-6558 For All Your Classified Needs In the Courier or PNR

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN CONTROL OF BANK HOLDING COMPANY

Richard M. Hodgson of Charlevoix, Michigan, Richard M. Hodgson II of Charlevoix, Michigan, Eric J. Hodgson of Beaver Island, Michigan, Mark E. Hodgson of Fox Point, Wisconsin, Elizabeth M. Hodgson of Charlevoix, Michigan, and Laurie Lesser Hodgson of Charlevoix, Michigan, collectively intend to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to retain more than 25% of the shares and thereby control of Charlevolx First Corporation, 111 State Street, Charlevoix, Michlgan 49720. Charlevolx Flrst Corporation controls Charlevoix State Bank, 111 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720. The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the notice.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this notice to Burl Thornton, Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60604. The comment period will not end before January 16, 2008 and may be somewhat longer. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262.25: To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the notice, contact Alicla Williams, Vice President and Community Affairs Officer at (312) 322-5910; to request a copy of the notice, contact Burl Thornton at (312) 322-5628. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the notice if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

(L-12/26)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation) may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, it any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred in the conditions of a certaln Mortgage made by Albert G. Eiben III and Jacqueline D. Eiben, husband and wife, to Wright-Way Homes, Inc., dated October 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevolx in the State of Michigan on December 9, 1998, in Liber 352, Page(s) 994, et. seq., and which Mortgage was assigned to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), by Mortgage Assignment dated October 28, 1998, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State of Michigan on December 9, 1998, in Liber 353, Page(s) 001, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $52,153.39, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Albert G. Eiben III and Jacqueline D. Eiben, husband and wife, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Financial Servicing Corporation), together wilh interest at 6.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby glven that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on January 18, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described In sald Mortgage as follows, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ARM, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

PARCEL I:

A PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 2 WHICH IS 314.00 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION, AS MEASURED ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 2, FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WEST 270.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 130.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 270.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE SOUTH, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE SECTION, 130.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL II:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 7 WEST; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION AND THE CENTERLINE OF ADVANCE BOYNE CITY ROAD, NORTH 00 DEGREES 00° 00" WEST 444.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" WEST 33.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID ROAD; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 33" 42' WEST 237.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00' 00" WEST 193.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" EAST 237.00 FEET TO A T IRON STAKE ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID ADVANCE BOYCE CITY ROAD; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33' 42" EAST 33.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 2 AND THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ADVANCE BOYCE CITY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID SECTION LINE AND THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD, SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00' 00" EAST 193.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property Is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: December 7, 2007

BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.
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FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE OF SALE

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ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosIng mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE

Detault has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kenneth Goike, a married man, Mortgagor, to Corporate Title Exchange Services, Robert Sherman, and William Sherman, Mortgagees, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Pages 30-32, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereot the sum of $613,746.22 of December 6, 2007, with including interest therefrom accruing at $91.59 per day.

The interest of Corporate Title Exchange Services in and to the above-referenced mortgage has been assigned to Sherman Exchange, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, pursuant to an Asslgnment of Mortgage and Note dated October 3, 2005, and recorded on October 12, 2005, in the Office ot the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix, at Liber 710, Page 33. The interest of Sherman Exchange, LLC, in and to the above-referenced mortgage, has been assigned to Theodore Sherman, a/k/a Theodore Sherman, Sr., pursuant to an Assignment of Mortgage and Note, dated October 3, 2005, and recorded October 12, 2005, at Liber 710, Page 34, in the Otfice of the Register of Deeds for Charlevoix County, Michlgan.

No suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the said mortgage or any part thereof.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be toreclosed by public auction of the mortgaged premlses, or some part of them, at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720 (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Charlevoix is held), at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2008, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid under the Mortgage, together with interest thereon, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses ot sale, including attorneys fees allowed by law. (The successful bidder is required to provide cash or certified funds.)

Said premises are situated in the Township of Eveline, County of Charlevoix, State of Michigan, and described as:

Unit 2 of Lake Shore Drlve Condominium, according to the Master Deed thereof recorded in Liber 422, Pages 893 through 950, Charlevoix County Records, as amended, and designated as Charlevoix County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 132, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements a set forth in the above Master Deed and as descried in Act 59 of Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 25th, 2007

KENNETH GOIKE,
Mortgagor,

THEODORE SHERMAN, a/k/a THEODORE SHERMAN, SR., ROBERT SHERMAN, and
WILLIAM SHERMAN,

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Detault having occurred in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servicing Corp.), dated October 31, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix in the State ot Michigan on November 7, 2001, in Liber 442, Page(s) 423, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $76,200.34, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Christine M. Hayden and Derby A. Hayden III, wife and husband, to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Conseco Finance Servlcing Corp.), together with interest at 12.50 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on February 1, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the County of Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, descnbed In said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

COMMENCING AT THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 33 NORTH, RANGE 6 WEST; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 29' 43" EAST 1393.05 FEET TO THE WEST 1/8 POST; THENCE SOUTH 03 DEGREES 28' 42" WEST 726.00 FEET, ALONG THE WEST 1/8 LINE (AS MONUMENTED), TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 06' 01" EAST 391.10 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF FERRY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY SOUTH 25 DEGREES 19' 59" EAST 105.00 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT OF WAY NORTH 89 DEGREES 01' 06" WEST 439.21 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST 1/8 LINE OF SAID SECTION (AS MONUMENTED); THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 54' 01" EAST 100.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 19.

which also includes any interest Green Tree Servicing LLC (t/k/a Conseco Finance Servlcing Corp.) may have in the 2001 Patriot Mobile Home, Serial Number VP9744BAIN.

The redemptlon period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: December 20, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Joel F. Wasylewskl and Kimberlee Wasylewski, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Bank, t/k/a Flrst National Bank ot Gaylord, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated December 27, 2001, and was recorded on January 10, 2002, in Liber 452 on pages 977 through 983 of the Charlevoix County records. The mortgage is subject to a Mortgage Extenslon Agreement dated January 8, 2007, and recorded January 26, 2007, in Llber 787, Page 301. The balance owing on the Mortgage as ot the date of thls Notice Is $39,691.32, including interest at 8.125% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owlng.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Friday, January 11, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Charlevoix County Court Facility, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michlgan, 49720, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Charlevoix County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of Hudson, County of Charlevoix, Michlgan and Is described as:

Beginning at a point 491.4 ft North of the center 1/4 corner of Section 33, T32N, R4W on the North and South 1/4 line; thence continuing North on said 1/4 line 436 tt; thence SE'ly 407 ft, more or less, to the centerline of Hoffman Lake Road; thence SW'ly along the centerline of sald road 430 tt, more or less, to a point East ot the Place of Beginning; thence West to the Place of Beginning; being a part of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of said Section 33.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days atter the date of the toreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) explres, whichever is later.

Dated: December 7, 2007

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL PURCHASERS AT FORECLOSURE SALE: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, NPB Mortgage LLC may rescind this sale at any tlme prior to the end of the redemption period. In that event, your damages, If any, shall be limited to the return ot your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Default having occurred In the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Alan D. Taylor and Marli C. Taylor, husband and wlfe, to NPB Mortgage LLC, dated October 1, 2004, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Charlevoix In the State of Michigan on October 7, 2004, in Liber 641, Page(s) 388, et. seq., on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this Notice the sum of $49,056.68, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by Alan D. Taylor and Marli C. Taylor, husband and wife, to NPB Mortgage LLC, together with interest at 9.94 percent per annum.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on January 25, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., held in the front lobby of the Charlevoix County Courthouse, that being the place tor holding the Circuit Court and/or tor conducting such foreclosure sales tor the County ot Charlevoix, there will be offered at public sale, the premlses, or some part thereof, described in said Mortgage as follows, to wit:

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BOYNE VALLEY, COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX, STATE OF MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS:

UNIT 32, PINE VALLEY, ACCORDING TO THE MASTER DEED AS RECORDED IN LIBER 634, PAGES 615 THROUGH 668, INCLUSIVE, CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RECORDS, AND DESIGNATED AS CHARLEVOIX COUNTY CONDOMINIUM PLAN NO. 146. TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS IN GENERAL COMMON ELEMENTS AND LIMITED COMMON ELEMENTS AS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE MASTER DEED AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND AS DESCRIBED IN ACT 59 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978, AS AMENDED.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is found to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or tifteen (15) days trom the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: December 17, 2007

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Home repair tips: New paint, new look

A new coat of paint can easily turn a dark dull room into a bright and inviting one. Fresh colors add a new look to any room, and doing it yourself can save a lot of money. However, before you roll up your sleeves and lay down the drop cloth, it is important to prepare the surface properly.

"The surface to be painted must be clean, smooth, dull, dry and sound," said Shane Cole, paint manager of Charlevoix Ace Hardware. "Surfaces that are damaged or covered with grease, wax, oil, dirt and soap film will prevent the paint from applying evenly and adhering properly."

Preparing the surface before painting also allows for repair of damage and imperfections, and helps prevent the need for repainting. What follows is some advice to make properly prepared surface to paint:

Test any brown spots on the surface to determine if they are mildew or dirt. Dab the spot with household bleach, and if it disappears, it is mildew, not dirt. To remove mildew, mix a solution of one part bleach to three parts water and apply the solution to the mildewed area. Allow it to stand for 20 minutes, then scrub with a stiff bristled brush.

Scrape off any peeling paint, which is often caused by moisture. Be sure that plaster is thoroughly dry and cured before applying paint. Patch any cracks or holes with spackling compound, allow them to dry, then sand them smooth. Be sure to remove sanding dust.

Lightly sand the surface to be coated. Glossy paint will go on more evenly and adhere better to a sanded surface. Again, be sure to remove sanding dust.

Wash the walls from the bottom up, rinse from the top down, and allow them to dry thoroughly.

Once walls have been cleaned and are thoroughly dry, prime them with a high-quality paint primer so the paint has something to adhere to.

For more painting tips or detailed advice on home improvement, visit your local Ace Hardware store or log on to www.acehardware.com and click "Projects and Solutions." This section provides detailed, step-by-step instructions on common home improvement projects for do-it-yourselfers.

For further information, contact Mark Greyerbiehl at 547-6232 or fivestar@chartermi.net.

Sec. of State's dedication to customers noted in 2007

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land continued the dedication to excellent customer service in 2007 that Michigan residents have come to expect from her administration.

For the fifth consecutive year, striving to use every tax dollar wisely and drawing on the power of innovation and technology, Land guided the Michigan Department of State to a number of advancements for millions of state residents.

"From day one, our philosophy at the Department of State has not changed," said Land. "We seek to provide the best possible service to our customers. When budget realities limit our resources, we find a way to do more with less. This year, once again, we are pleased to have achieved solid results for taxpayers."

Expanding the number of SUPER!Centers and PLUS offices, taking cost-effective steps that save tax dollars, implementing a new voter ID safeguard in elections, providing a new curriculum for driver education, and issuing heart stickers for driver's licenses that will help save more lives through organ donation are just some of this year's achievements.

Highlights of the department's 2007 accomplishments include:

- Enhancing customer service. Opening a new SUPER!Center in Oakland County and seven PLUS offices statewide in 2007 to offer enhanced services as part of Land's Branch Office Modernization Program.
- Offering document certification at all SUPER!Centers, as well as the Marquette County PLUS Office, so residents can avoid having to travel or mail to Lansing for help.
- Processing more transactions for customers online. There were 912,000 online registration renewals in fiscal year 2007 -- 55,000 more than fiscal year 2006. From 2003 to 2007, online renewals have jumped 230 percent.
- Launching the MIFleet pilot program with Consumers Energy, with plans to expand statewide. The program involves the issuance of special fleet license plates that save companies the trouble of putting new registration tabs on hundreds of vehicles each year.
- Recording the 175,000th transaction in the Dealer Direct Program, in which customers can purchase plates and tabs when buying a new car at participating dealerships.
- Strengthening the elections system. Successfully implementing the voter ID requirement upheld by the Supreme Court, which adds another layer of protection against fraud and ensures the integrity of elections.
- Creating a new version of the Qualified Voter File (QVF) software that allows clerks of smaller jurisdictions to directly access QVF records online rather than having to obtain the information from the county clerk's office.
- Completing the digitized signature project, which integrated 618 million signatures into the QVF to provide expedited and more accurate verification for local election officials. This new safeguard is especially helpful in the processing of absentee ballots.
- Harnessing the power of technology
- Increasing Self-Service Station transactions, where customers print their vehicle tabs in minutes, to more than 165,000 since inception, up 52 percent from fiscal year 2006.
- Using broadcast e-mail, a much more cost-effective method, to provide thousands of dealers repair facilities and mechanics with newsletters, training announcements and other important information over the Internet rather than mailing the materials to them.
- Saving money, spending smartly
- Providing campaign finance manuals, forms and instructions on CD rather than paper, a move that is expected to save the Bureau of Elections more than $100,000.
- Upgrading to high-speed cable rather than conventional data lines in branch offices, which provides faster processing and annual savings of $30,000.

Striving to ensure safety

- Implementing a model curriculum for students and instructors and other changes to the state's driver education program, making Michigan's roads safer.
- Promoting motorcycle safety by purchasing 24 training motorcycles with grant money, revising motorcycle knowledge tests and expanding the number of motorcycle training providers in the state to 31, up from 19 in 2004.

Helping communities succeed

- Distributing heart-shaped stickers to those willing to be organ donors for placement on their driver's licenses, a better donor identification system expected to save more lives.
- Recording the 200,000th abandoned vehicles cleared from roads and communities under the Abandoned Vehicle Law, which Land championed.

Land earned the Mayor's Cup, given by the Michigan Boating Industries Association in recognition of outstanding contributions to the recreational boating industry.

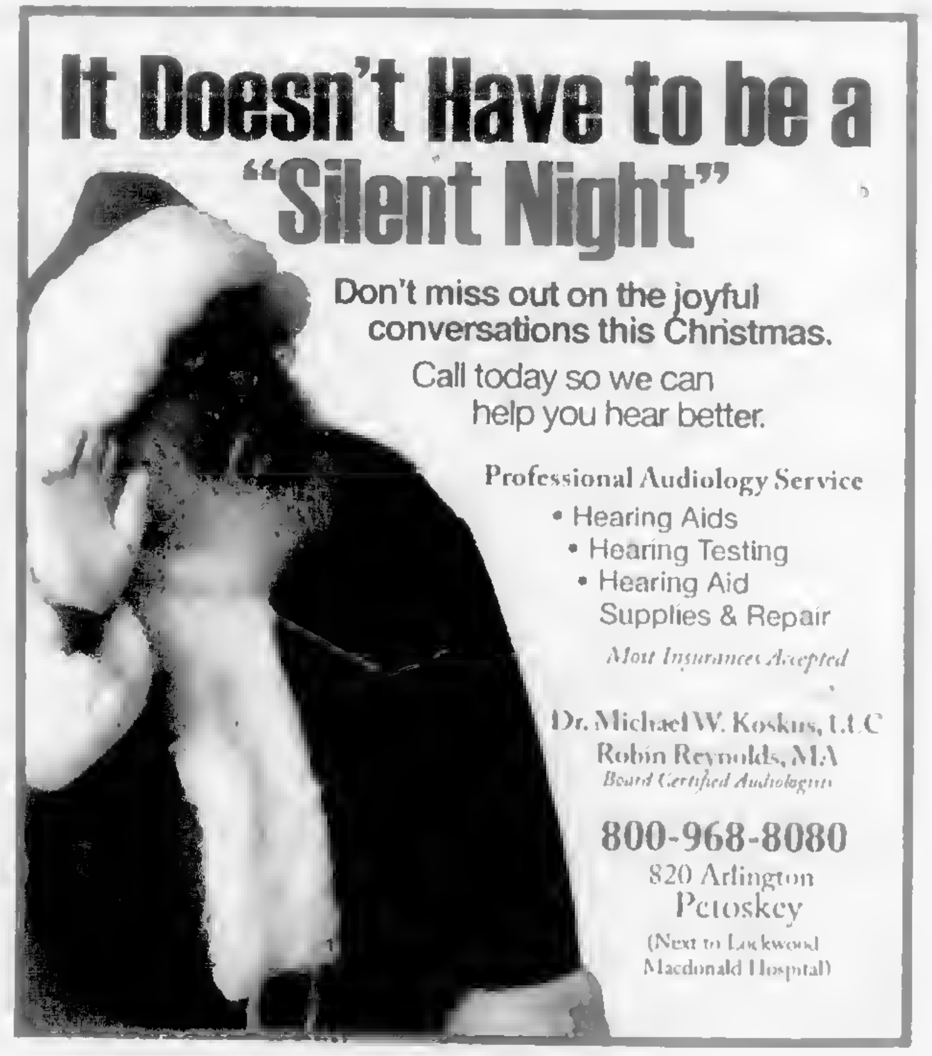
DTE Energy employee fund drive raises more than $206,000 for Michigan charities

DTE Energy employees and the DTE Energy Foundation gave more than $206,000 to Michigan charities during a six-week holiday fund-raising drive. DTE Energy employees donated $103,677, which the Foundation matched with an additional $102,477. The funds were distributed in December to a variety of nonprofit human services organizations.

The DTE Energy Foundation matched employee gifts dollar-for-dollar, up to $1,000 per person. Fifty-four nonprofit organizations statewide benefited from the fund drive, including:

- Salvation Army, multiple locations statewide. ($40,000)
- Capuchin Community Center, Detroit. ($26,200)
- Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, Detroit. ($19,300)
- Coalition on Temporary Shelter, Detroit. ($13,800)
- St. Martin's Lutheran Church Mid City Nutrition Center, Port Huron. ($12,000)
- Forgotten Harvest, Oak Park. ($5,100)
- Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County, Ann Arbor. ($4,370)
- Turning Point, Inc., Mt. Clemens. ($3,300)
- Monroe County Food Bank, Monroe. ($2,300)

The DTE Energy Foundation is the philanthropic arm of DTE Energy, continuing the legacy of community support and involvement of its principal operating subsidiaries, Detroit Edison and MichCon. The Foundation directs its contributions to nonprofit organizations under its "LEAD" guidelines: leadership, education, environment, achievement, development and diversity in the DTE Energy service territory, which includes southeast, western and northern Michigan. These guidelines are extended to include matching gifts to human services organizations during the company's annual holiday gifts program.



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NWA grad heads to the miliary

KREISER

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Weltback could not be prouder of her son.

"I think it's great. I think Kevin is going to excel," she said. "With his strength and knowledge, I think he's going t be a leader and I think this (Army) will be something he'll end up making a career out of."

Stutzman said he is happy to have Kreiser back as an alumnus.

"He will be one of these guys who climbs up the ladder," he said. "He's the kind of guy that would give you the shirt off his back and he has many talents. He sat in (Northwest Academy Christmas concert) and played even though he hadn't touched his instrument in a year. It was like he never stopped playing."

Weltback added, "I'm just so proud because he didn't give up. He had the opportunity not to go back (to school) but he came back and didn't let anything stop him. I love him and will miss him."

Following basic training at Fort Sill in Oklahoma, Kreiser is scheduled to attend Advanced Infantry Training at Fort Leonardwood in Missouri.

"This is giving me a jump-start on life and it will help pay for college," he said. "I'll be operating heavy machinery like backhoes and cranes."

Kreiser said he will miss the classmates and staff of Northwest Academy.

"Mrs. (Sue) Metzger has been supportive of me all year," he said. "If I ever get stuck, she is always there to help me."

Winter risks

RISKS

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Install one battery-operated CO alarm (or AC-powered alarm with battery backup) on every level of the home and one in each sleeping area.

Ensure that CO alarms have working batteries installed.

Never burn charcoal or other outdoor cooking appliances indoors or in the garage.

Inspect and clean any soot and debris, such as bird nests and paper, out of the chimneys, flues and stacks.

Carbon monoxide is difficult to detect without the help of CO alarms. Outward physical symptoms of CO poisoning include headaches, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain and confusion. To learn more about protecting your family from carbon monoxide and other home hazards, visit www.firstalert.com.

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Official Notice

Charlevoix City Council 2008 Meeting Schedule

The Charlevoix City Council will hold regular meetings on the following dates in 2008. Council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month. When a holiday falls on a Monday, the meeting moves to Tuesday, as noted below. Meetings will be held in Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 210 State Street and begin at 7:00 p.m. unless posted otherwise.

January 7
January 21

February 4
February 18

March 3
March 17

April 7
April 21

May 5
May 19

June 2
June 16

July 7
July 21

Aug 4
Aug 18

September 2 (Tuesday)
September 15

October 6
October 20

November 3
November 17

December 1
December 15

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DEC. 31
NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The Charlevoix Asssembly of God Church will hold a New Year celebration beginning at 8 p.m. including a time of prayer, proclamation and fellowship, at the church, 0529 M-66 North. For more information call (231)547-6430.

JAN. 15
LTLPF WINTER FILM SERIES

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom will show the award-winning hour-long film "Unconstitutional: The War on Our Civil Liberties," at 6:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library. The film is free and all are welcome. Refreshments served.

JAN. 19
CHRISTIAN MUSIC REVIVAL

Local church members are invited to express ther beliefs musically from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Emmet County Community Center Building, located at the Petoskey Fairgrounds. Anyone intersted in singing can call (231)668-3360. Also Pastor Pete Kroll of Liberty Baptist Church can be contacted for more information at (231)548-5836.

JAN. 29
LTLPF WINTER FILM SERIES

The Little Traverse League for Peace and Freedom will show the film "Outfoxed: Rupert Murdoch's War on Journalism," at 6:30 p.m. at the Charlevoix Public Library. The film is free and all are welcome. Refreshments served.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The band program at Charlevoix Public Schools is seeking instrument donations. To donate, contact Jayne Bennett, director of bands, at (231) 547-3234.

LIONS COLLECT GLASSES

Year-round, the Lions collect used eyeglasses for distribution in third world countries. Any Lion will take used glasses. Currently used glasses can be dropped off at Charlevoix Public Library, Charlevoix State Bank, optometrist Steve Voci's office at 403 Clinton St. and Dr. Reed Freidinger's office at 14730 Park Ave.

WOMEN'S SWIM NIGHT

The Charlevoix Area Community Pool Women's Swim Night will take place from 7:45 to 9 p.m. on Thursday nights. The cost is $3.50 per swimmer. The first time is free. For more information call 547-5190.

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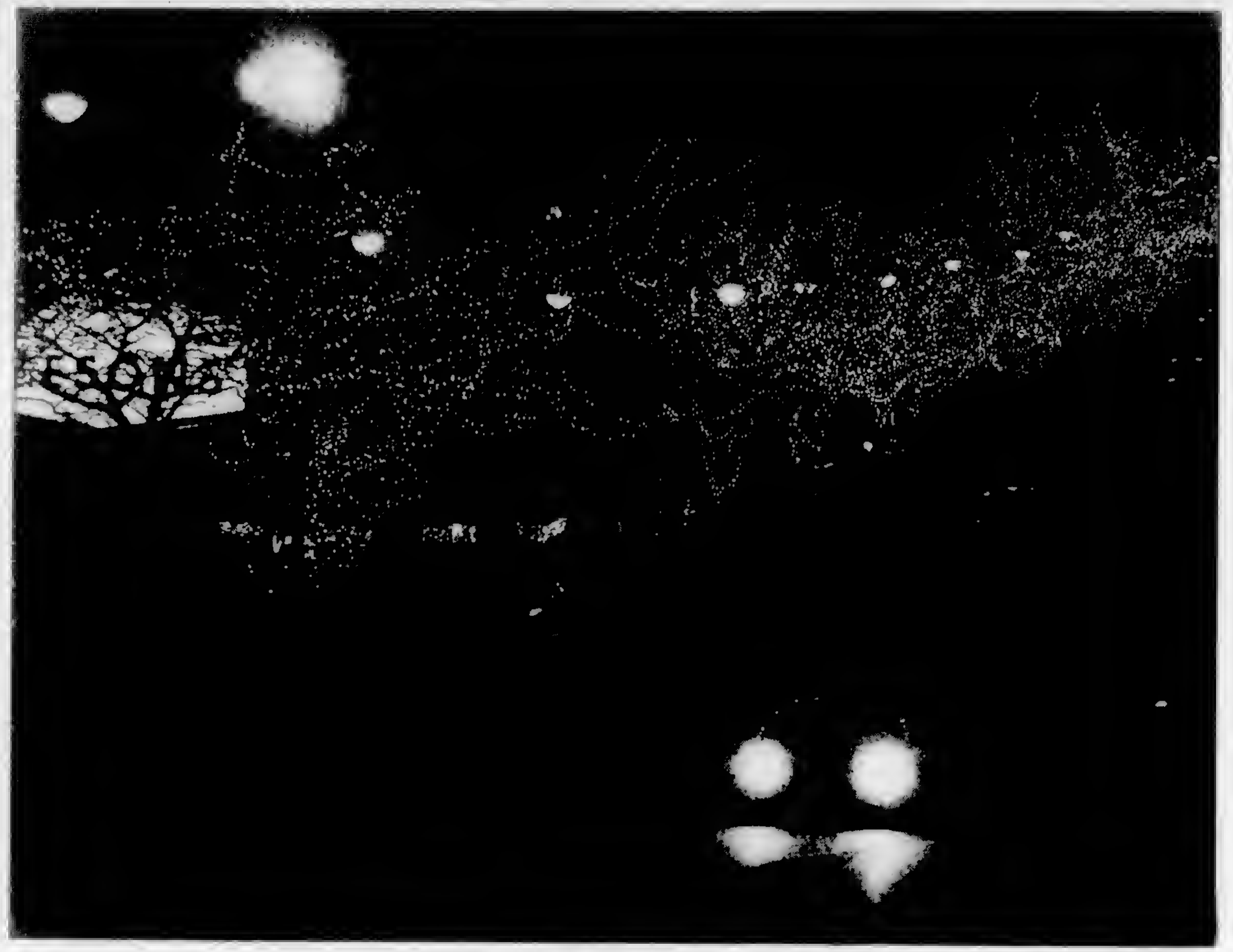

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The new LED lights great comers and goers as they pass through Charlevoix downtown.

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STEPPING OUT in Charlevoix

Festival of Carols rescheduled

Is the third time a charm? The Jordan Valley Chorale hopes so. It's Festival of Carols Concert has been rescheduled to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30 in the sanctuary of the East Jordan United Methodist Church at the corner of Fourth and Esterly streets.

The program will include numbers written by Pergolesi to the contemporary composers Grotenhuis and John Rutter (assisted by handbells, maracas and chimes) and featuring Barb Dowty, soprano and Ron Klooster, tenor. The audience will join the chorale in many of the beloved carols of the season.

There is no charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted and contributed to the community food pantry. A reception will be held in the undercroft following the program and the audience is cordially invited to join the singers in fellowship.

Things to do in Charlevoix

EVENTS

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BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Heidi McCree of Charlevoix is organizing a baby blanket project that will provide hand-knit blankets to infants born at Charlevoix Area Hospital. To volunteer to knit or donate yarn, contact McCree at 237-0185.

BERGMANN CENTER SEEKS DONATIONS

Bergmann Center Inc. of Charlevoix is looking for donations of stained glass scraps of all colors, shapes and sizes and old blue jeans in good condition to be made into a quilt. For more information, call Gail at 547-2979.

DIVORCECARE

The Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix offers DivorceCare recovery support groups that meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the "Servants Quarters" at the Community Reformed Church, located at 100 Oak St.

COMMODITY PICK-UP

The Bergmann Center of Charlevoix will pick-up commodities in Boyne City on the first Thursday of every month and deliver them to homebound senior citizens across Charlevoix County. The number of boxes of commodities the center can deliver is limited.

Those interested in the service should call Marge at the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging office at 237-0103.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantry

The Charlevoix Assembly of God Church offers a food pantry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment only.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the church office at 547-6430.

Food pantry II

Charlevoix Community Food Pantry is open from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday and Thursday at the First Congregational Church located at the corner of Park Avenue and State Street in Charlevoix.

Anyone who needs assistance and lives in the Charlevoix Public School District is welcome to come.

Food pantry III

The Bible Baptist Church offers a food pantry. To make an appointment, call the church at 547-4300 or visit the Bible Baptist Church located off M-66 one half mile south of Kmart.

MEDUSA RETIREES

Medusa retirees meet for breakfast at the Flap Jack family restaurant at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

FEDERAL RETIREES

The local chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association will meet at noon on Tuesday, June 19 at the Petoskey Friendship Center. All active and retired federal employees and their spouses are welcome.

Sunday hours to begin at library

In order to better meet the needs of the community, the Charlevoix Public Library will be extending its hours of service to include 1:00 to 5:00 pm on Sundays, beginning January 6, 2008.

65% of the 2005 strategic planning committee requested more weekend hours. Upon opening the new library, the board added two hours of operation on Saturday. Due to the unknown utility and operating costs in the new facility, the board chose to wait a year to expand the hours further. "Now that we have seen what a year in the building costs, the library board unanimously agreed to expand the operating hours to include Sunday," stated board president Mary Ann Chew.

Historically, in libraries throughout the country, Sundays are the busiest per hour day of the week. "Sundays will provide a wonderful opportunity for families to visit the library together, explaimed library director Val Meyerson. Although there will be limited programming provided on Sundays, it will be another day to visit, meet, and enjoy the facility." For further information about the library and its programming, visit the library web site at www.charlevoixlibrary.org.

Happy Holidays

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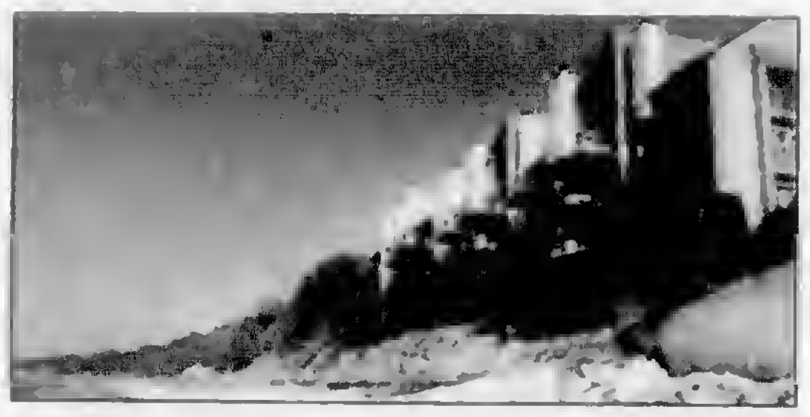

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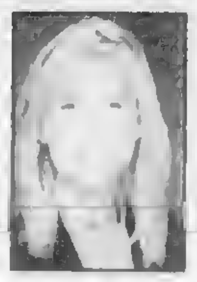

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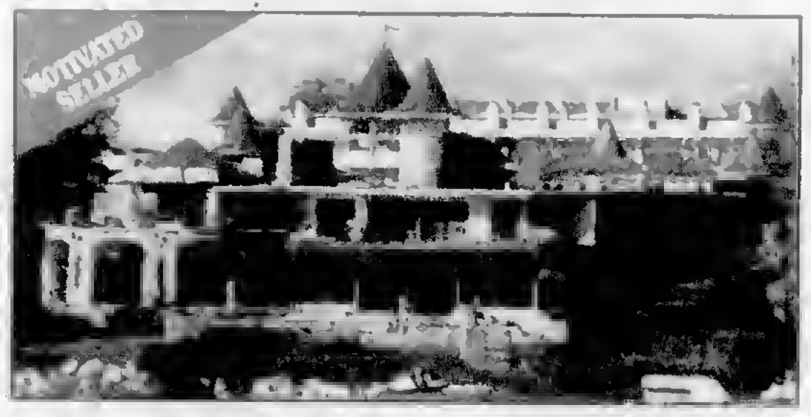

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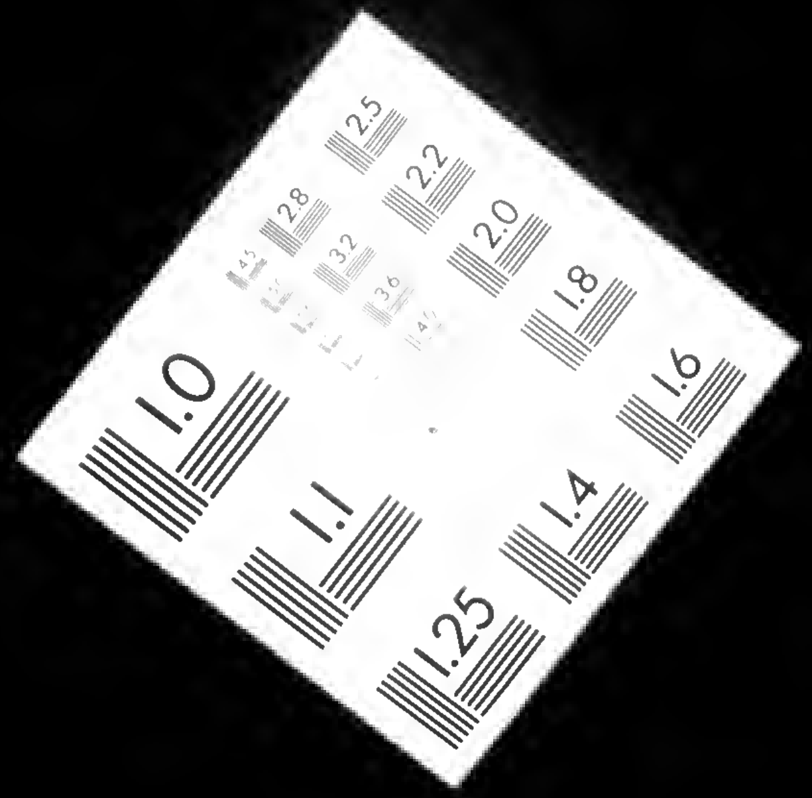

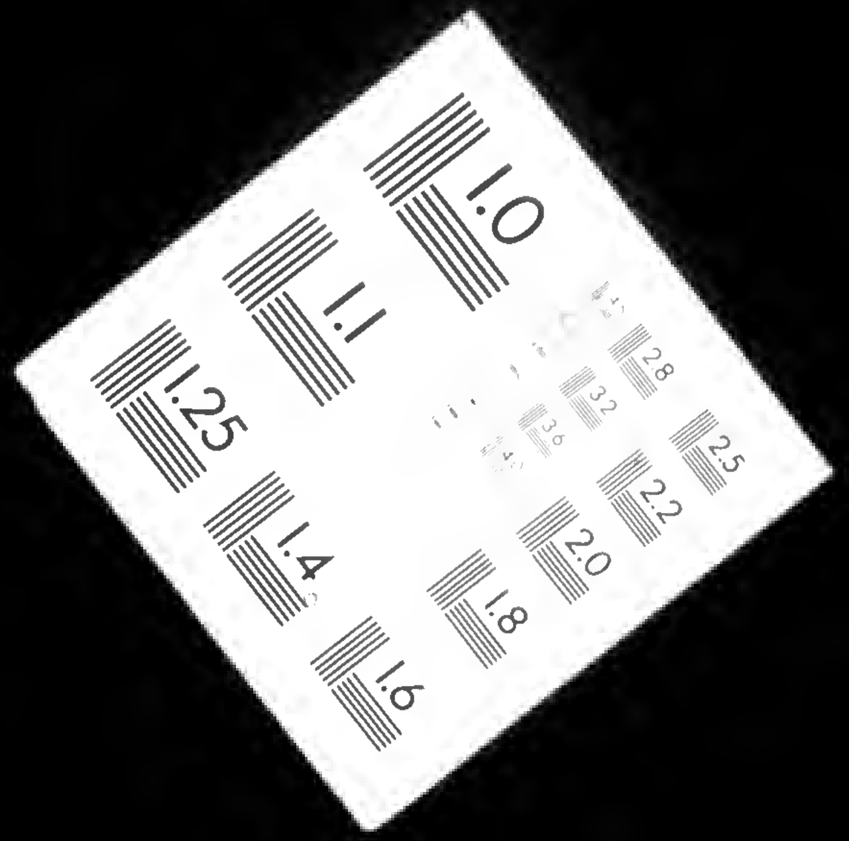

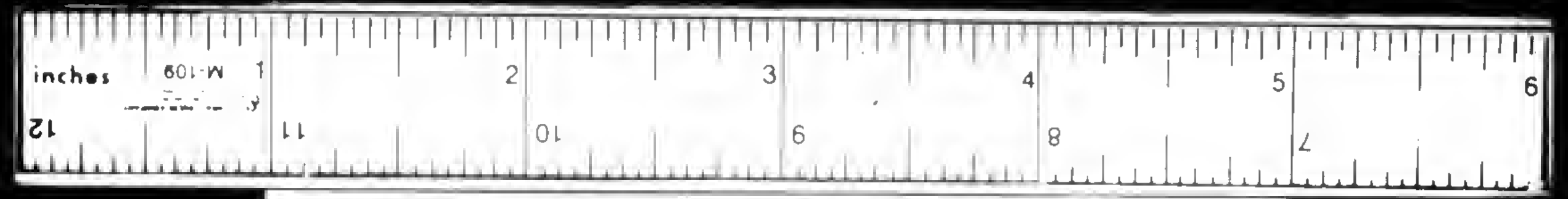
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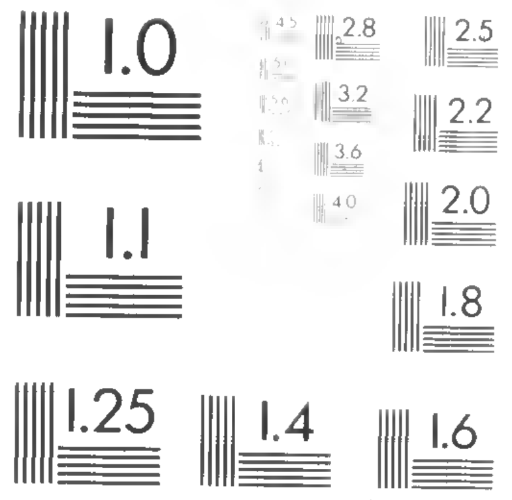
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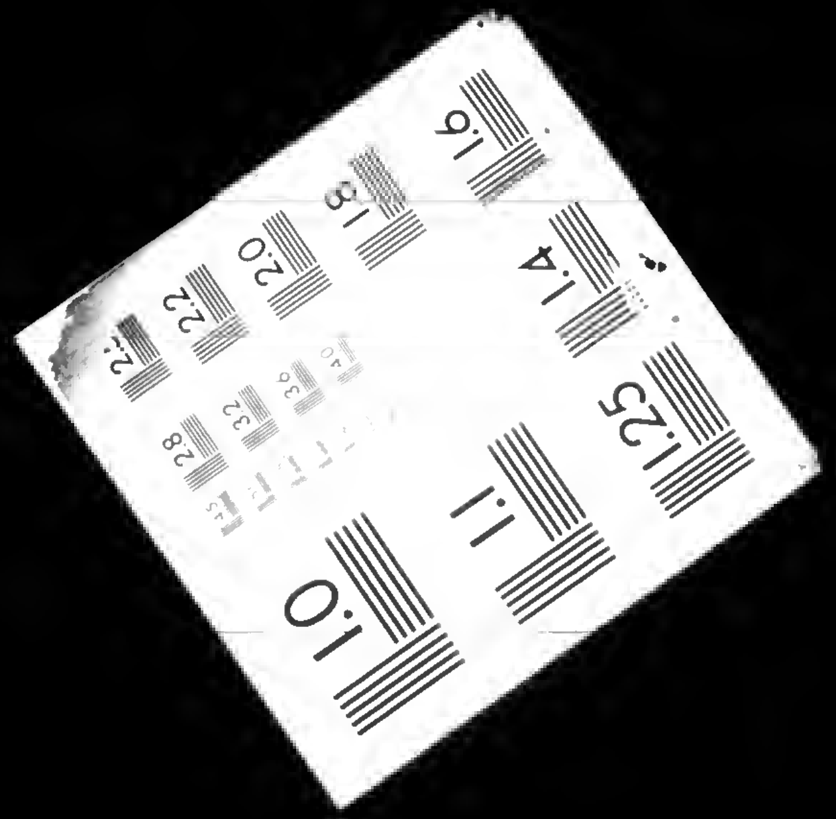

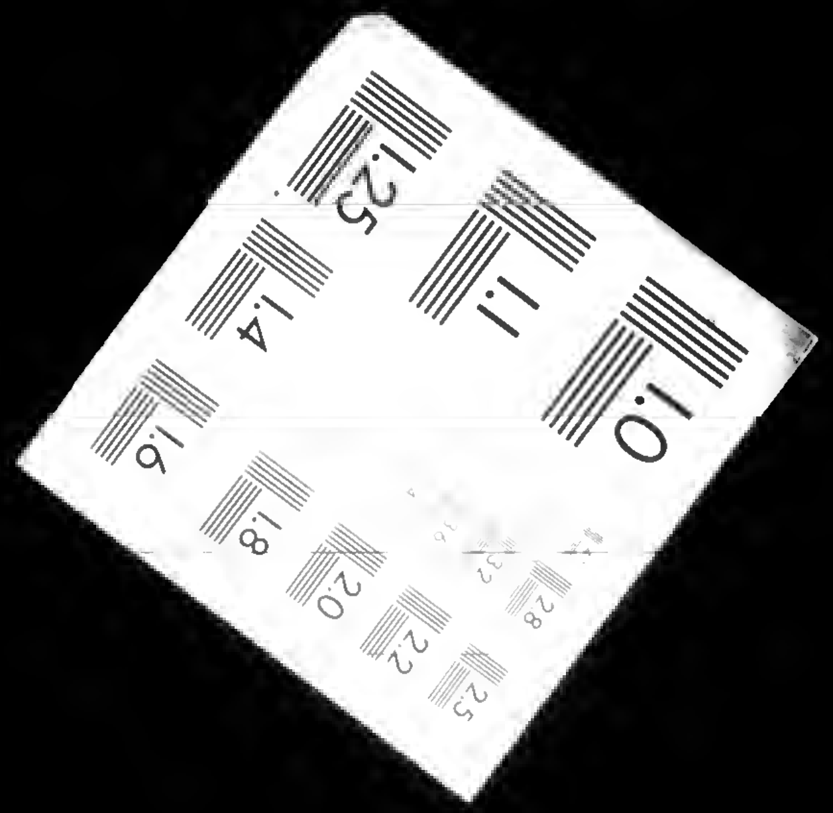

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